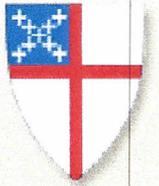




St. James' Episcopal Church Indian Head, Maryland



February - March 2013



Rector's Ramblings

Rev. Denise

This year's Diocesan Convention was probably the best one I have attended since arriving at St. James' Church. The theme was "Equipping the Saints" and the entire convention was designed to help do just that. The workshops, keynote speaker and even the Bishop's address all spoke to ways of helping us live and share our faith. Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile, whose address was titled "Joining God in the Neighborhood," gave us much to think about concerning the mission of the church.

He said that the church needs to, or rather we need, to go where people are to introduce them to Christ and invite them to join us as we can no longer assume that people will find us or that they are even looking for us for that matter. We need to identify the places where people who are among the "nones" gather in our communities. The "nones" are people who perhaps consider themselves spiritual but do not identify with a particular religious denomination. We need to identify these places and go there and engage them where they are. We need to listen to them, hear their stories, their struggles and see if we can offer something that responds to their needs. He says that the primary mission field today is in our own back yard.

He also spoke of how most churches use the mission model of "Mission as benefactors" meaning - giving out of excess from a place of privilege. But Dwight challenged us to consider what Jesus tells us in Luke 22:24-27 "A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.'" Dwight suggests that in this passage Jesus challenges us to imagine a different paradigm for mission than giving out of our excess, something more relational, more intimate. Something more than simply writing checks to organizations that do good work.

It is from this that we began to think that perhaps we too have been mostly doing mission out of a "mission as benefactors" model and that maybe there is another way. And so at our Missions Committee meeting we discussed how we might make our mission experience here at St. James more relational, more intimate. From this the idea of what is now being called for lack of a better title. Meaningful Mission Work or MMW, was born. We thought if we took our

missions money, that we usually send out to very worthy organizations, we could divided it up among all the members of the congregation who wish to participate and invite them to use this money for MMW. We would not abandon our very worthy organizations that we have supported in the past as we would use the Community Dinner offering for these and use the budgeted money for the MMW.

The only stipulation is that you cannot just put the money in your checking account and write a check that you then send in the mail. There has to be a relational experience to whatever you choose to do. This is also a per person experience so if 2 or 3 people in your family wish to participate, you all get money. You can join together with family or with other people in the congregation. You can involve your co-workers, neighbors or friends. You can engage the congregation in helping. You can do something local or far away. We are asking you to think about matching your money in some way either with matching dollars or by collecting something the person, group, organization needs. We ask that you pray, think, listen, talk about what God might be calling you to do. You have until Thanksgiving to do whatever you decided to do. We will gather on December 1st, which is the First Sunday in Advent when we do Lessons and Carols at 9:00, to talk about our experiences and see if this is something we want to continue, improve on or not do again.

I ask you to prayerfully consider joining us in this experience. We will gather on March 12th following Evening Prayer which starts at 7:00, in the parish hall to get started. There is a signup sheet on the board and we ask that if you want to participate but can't make the meeting you still sign up and put an* by your name so we know how many people to include. The vestry has given \$2000 to this. Of this money \$800 is left in the Missions line item of the budget after we take out what we need to honor commitments already made, \$500 was paid back to the church from a loan we made to help someone, and \$700 will come out of Memorials. We also have a very generous anonymous donor who is matching \$1000. So we have \$3000 for this work.

I can't wait to see how the Holy Spirit works among us as we faithfully seek to serve our risen Lord.

Peace,
Denise+



Bishop's Visit

The Bishop will be visiting us on Sunday, April 7th. She would like to worship with us as we usually worship so we will have our usual Sunday Schedule. We will dedicate the new brick memorial sidewalk on that day, time to be announced.

Senior Warden's Ramblings

"We live by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV

I was stunned last fall when Reverend Denise asked me to pray about becoming the Senior Warden. I remember asking incredulously, "You want me to follow Sheila, as Senior Warden?" I had never envisioned or considered becoming Senior Warden. Incredible!! I told Denise I would pray. Upon reflection, I thought about my gifted predecessors, Sheila, Brenda, Tom, and everyone else who came before them. How was I going to follow in their footsteps? I prayed, and the Lord put upon my heart to accept the position. I am truly honored and humbled to be the Senior Warden of our wonderful church.

St. James is blessed to have so many talented, diligent, faithful, and generous parishioners. There are many opportunities to be involved in the church. We have a delightful time, and enjoy fellowship while working our various fundraisers. If you have not dropped by and helped in the kitchen, please do so. I promise you will not regret your decision. Your next opportunities are at our annual Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner, or our community Spaghetti Dinner. We have a variety of committees, and ministries that are always looking for new members.

I love our church. Not only do we have a beautiful sanctuary and a wonderful congregation, but we are blessed to have an inspirational and loving rector in Denise. I hope to be a blessing to her and our church. Thank you for entrusting me with this position. I appreciate the words of encouragement that I have received.

I pray during Lent, as we follow Jesus' journey to the cross, that we all walk more closely with Him.

God's Grace and Blessings,

Linda Mohler

Senior Warden

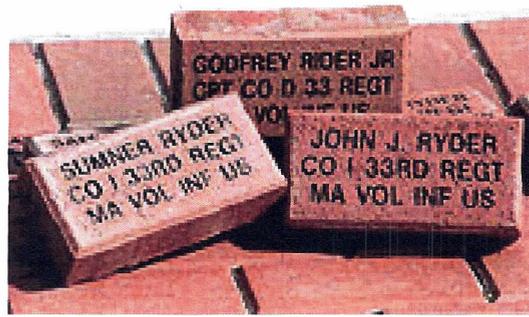
"Sometimes your only available transportation is a leap of faith." ~ Margaret Shepard

Junior Warden's Ramblings

The year has started with the new vestry. I am looking forward to our retreat and getting to know everyone better. We are always available. Please feel free to let us know what is on your mind. We care about your view of the future of St. James'.

In Christ's Love,

Adah



Memorial Walkway

If you haven't noticed, please take a walk on our new walkway that surrounds the St. Francis statue.

To each of you who purchased a brick, thank you for making this walkway possible. And an even bigger thanks to Denisons for installing it! We hope that the walkway will be a source of comfort, peace, and beauty honoring you and your loved ones.



Beads on Prayer

The On Beads of Prayer ministry continues to meet and prepare beads for the military. We meet on the 2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00. The dates in March are Friday the 8th & Saturday the 23th. In April we will meet Friday the 12th and the 27th Saturday. In May we will meet Friday the 10th & Sat the 25th. We will be stringing prayer beads for the military, and also packing some for shipment, so you don't have to string beads to participate in this ministry.

We welcome young and old experienced and newcomers. We have instruction sheets and diagrams as well as one on one help. You can choose color combinations and have fellowship while joining in a helpful work for those who are serving our country.



NETS (Neighbors Eager To Serve)

NETS is collecting food for Easter Baskets. They are in need of hams, canned sweet potatoes, greens, etc.

Free Community Spaghetti Dinner



Donations of \$174 were received at the free community spaghetti dinner held on January 28th. This money will be used to help the needy.

The next community dinner will be held on **Monday, March 25th**. We could use dressings - Italian, Ranch, French and Thousand Islands are the most popular; thin spaghetti and any kind of sauce.



Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner



On Saturday, March 16, the ECW will host its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner of corn beef and cabbage. The dinner will be from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Dear Friends: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4.11



FELLOWSHIP

If you were not able to attend, you missed a fantastic Super Bowl Party! How about that Hunter Paulin! Try to join us at one of our next events.

Some upcoming events are: Karaoke, Blue Crabs Ballgame, Game Night, Spring Flower Mart at the Cathedral, possibly a Dance Night, Kayaking. Look for announcements on the bulletin board for upcoming events.

As always, if you have any ideas, please let me know!

Love in Christ,

Adah

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Please make a note of the upcoming Sunday School events.

March 3	Pretzel Making Sunday (9:00 a.m.)
March 24	Children will Read the Passion at the 9:15 a.m. Palm Sunday Service
March 31	Easter Service Followed by the Annual Easter Egg Hunt
May 19	Sundae Making Sunday After the 9:15 a.m. Service
June 2	Sunday School Awards Day After the 10:30 a.m. Service

It is never too late for your children to join these activities. So, if you want to bring them to an event, or if they wish to attend the weekly classes, they are welcome. Sunday School classes start around 9:45 a.m., immediately following the 9:15 a.m. children's service.

Sheila Gray

USHERS NEEDED:

We are still in need of ushers at the 10:30 service. This is a vital ministry to our being a welcoming and hospitable congregation and we can't all think that someone else is going to do it. We need you! Please consider being an usher. If we have enough people it would be even less than once a month you would serve. Consider what Jim Weston shared after the need and importance of ushers was announced: Back in the seventies Piney made up a program for ushers to look at as to the success of its being. In fact there was a new attendant that started there and ended up an Episcopal Priest, then later a Bishop of the Church. One reason for these life decisions of his (he shared) was the way he was received upon his first and many attendances. See Denise or Diane Ryan if you are interested in becoming an usher.



St. James' Coffee Hour



You may notice a change in future St. James' coffee hours. Although you will still enjoy the company of your fellow church members, the diversity of the menu will change. Coffee hour hosts will now provide two snacks, along with coffee and juice. Enjoy!



St James' Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

The next ECW meeting is being held at 9:00 on Sunday, March 10.
All women in the church are welcomed!

In Christ's love and peace,
Sheila Gray



Parish Hall Rental

We are trying to promote the rental of the parish hall as it is a great source of church income. If you know of anyone that needs to use a hall for a wedding reception, dinner, birthday party, etc., please have them contact Karen Burroughs.



Rectory Party



Due to the remodeling of the kitchen at the rectory, the rectory party scheduled for March 3rd will now take place on April 21st.



Church



Picnic

Save the date: Our Church Picnic will be held on June 23rd on the Town Green.



Greetings from your favorite Treasurer!

I just wanted to let you know that the Pancake Supper brought in a net of \$798.43 to the Church. Also, I never reported back that I received a check for \$121.77 from Pampered Chef for the fundraiser that many of you participated in. Thanks to Erica Fecko for making this happen.

I have also been asked about the Brick Funds. At the beginning of the Brick Fund drive it was stated that the funds raised will be used for badly needed repairs to our aging rectory. So don't forget about the Open House at the Rectory coming up soon. You'll get to see first-hand how nice the floors look. And the tile work in the bathroom! And all the other neat stuff!! The Vestry has approved all the worthwhile investments in our Rectory. If you want a more detailed breakdown, like to the penny, of where the brick money is going, please see me. At a high level we took in \$8,400, incurred \$1,845 in expenses, and have spent roughly \$2,500.

Lenten Services:



Tuesday evenings at 7:00 there is Evening Prayer
Wednesdays there is a Noon Eucharist and a 7:00 Lenten Series at the Rectory

Holy Week and Easter – All evening Services begin at 7:00

Monday	5:00-6:30	Community Dinner 
Tuesday	7:00	Evening Prayer 
Wednesday	7:00	Tenebrae 
Thursday	7:00	Agape meal and Eucharist 
Friday	12 Noon	Stations of the Cross 
	7:00	Friday evening the Good Friday Service 
Saturday	7:00	Easter Vigil 
Sunday	8:00	Easter Service 
	9:00	Family Service starting at 9:00 (Easter Egg Hunt) 
	10:30	Easter Service 



"The Beauty of Spring"

May 11, 2013

The Pavilion
Indian Head



12:00 to 2:30 pm

Tickets \$15.00 per person (tickets available soon)

Bring your beautiful tea cups, teapots, and spring hats!



Hello St. James,

I am Amanda Sanchez. I'm sending an attachment with the information about the Spanish Classes (on the next page).

The Spanish Classes begin next week, and it will be in church in Indian Head, or in your home, or other place if you prefer.

If you are interested, please send an email for information about the hours, fee, etc.

God Bless you,

Amanda



*Want or Need
to Learn
Spanish?*

Spanish Classes all Levels

With our classes you
will learn:

- Reading
- Writing
- Grammar
- Conversation—good pronunciation
- etc

Courses for children, tutoring for middle, high school, or college students.

Courses for adults who need to learn Spanish for business, vacation, etc.

For more information send me an email: amandaandino@gmail.com

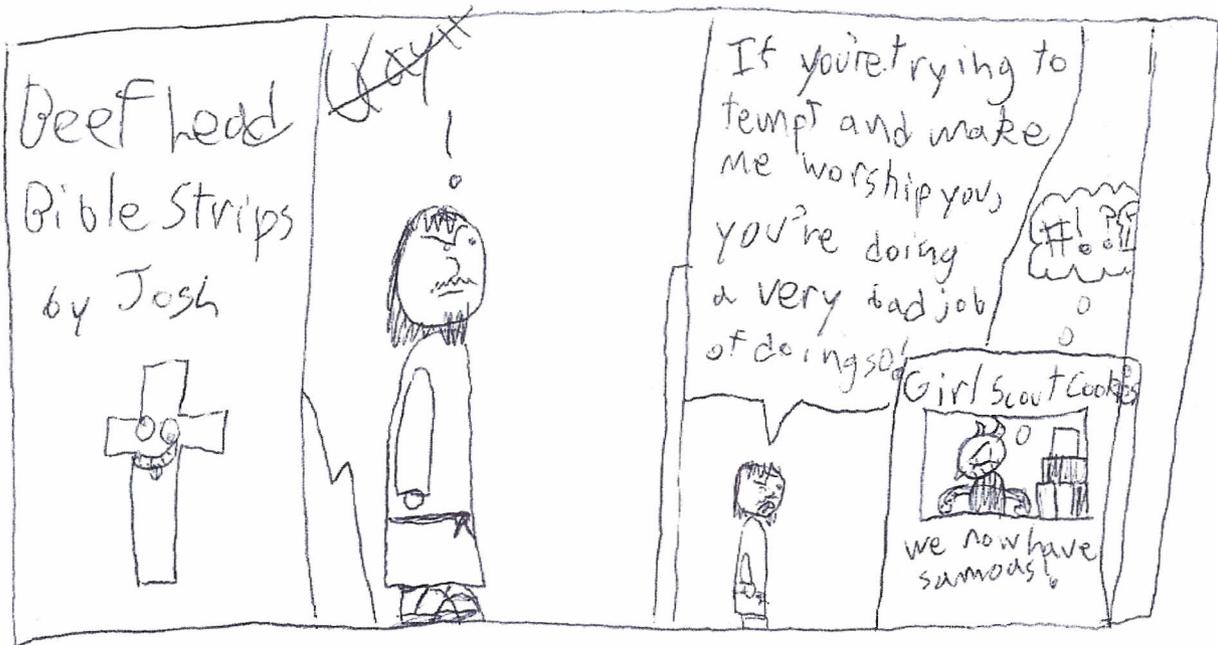
Phone: 301-848-2262

Spanish is my first language, I offer personal and small group classes, I was an educator in my native country (master degree level).

If you're serious about learning, I can teach you!

These classes are in la Plata, Waldorf and various places in the area





Our mission statement:

We generously share our blessings in the name of Christ with the hope of showing God's love to others.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26 7:00 PM Lenten Evening Prayer Service	27  Polar Bear Day 12:00 PM Noon Service during Lent 8:00 PM AA Meeting	28 8:00 PM NA Meeting	1	2
3	4	5 7:00 PM Lenten Evening Prayer Service	6 12:00 PM Noon Service during Lent 8:00 PM AA Meeting	7 8:00 PM NA Meeting	8  10:00 AM Beading	9
10	11	12  Girl Scouts Girl Scouts Day 7:00 PM Lenten Evening Prayer Service	13 12:00 PM Noon Service during Lent 7:00 PM Finance Committee 8:00 PM AA Meeting	14 8:00 PM NA Meeting	15	16
17	18 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting	19 7:00 PM Lenten Evening Prayer Service	20 12:00 PM Noon Service during Lent 8:00 PM AA Meeting	21  Fragrance Day 8:00 PM NA Meeting	22	23 10:00 AM Beading
24  Holy Week	25  Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 PM Community Spaghetti Dinner	26 7:00 PM Lenten Evening Prayer Service	27  12:00 PM Noon Service during Lent 7:00 PM Tenebrae Service 8:00 PM AA Meeting	28  7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service 8:00 PM NA Meeting	29  12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	30  Easter Vigil 7:00 PM Great Vigil of Easter
31  Easter Morning 12:00 AM Easter 9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt	1	2	3 8:00 PM AA Meeting	4 8:00 PM NA Meeting	5	6



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