

Around St. James

For the Glory of God

2006

August

September

A Letter from the Rector

Can't tell you all how happy Doug and I are to be here with you. You have made us feel so welcome from our first day and it already feels like home. We are settled in at the rectory and our two cats Lem and Alex, have pretty much taken over the place as they have every where else we have lived. If you should need to reach me at home our number is (301) 743-7262. My e-mail address at the church is revcabana@verizon.net.

As I said in my first sermon, I want to do a lot of listening to you all, to learn your stories, who you are, your history, what is important to you and why. There are a lot of good things happening here and we want to build on them and grow them and invite others to join us in the life and work of St. James. There are new people coming in and we need to welcome them and listen to them as well. Not only do they have something to offer us, but if we want them to stay, we need to help them feel this is a place they can become a part of as well as becoming a part of us.

I am anxious to experience the Ham and Crab cake Dinner, the famous teas, work with the family service, get your committees active again, get to know our young people, get to know or not so young people and help this community live and grow into the people God is calling us to be. This is an exciting time for me and I hope for you, the future is unknown of course, but there is so much possibility as long as we put God first, we can't help but be successful in our efforts. Right now I am part time, roughly 25 hours a week there is lots to do in those few hours and I will be working with the Vestry to set priorities. My hours are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and part of Wednesday, but if there is an emergency, please call me at home on the days I am not in the church office.

This Fall I would like to offer some adult education and fellowship opportunities that I hope you will find helpful in your faith journeys. I am trying to offer a variety of experiences at a variety of times and hope that at least one will speak to you and you will join me. I just ask that you let me know either in person, call the church (301) 753-6255, or email me at revcabana@verizon.com to let me know if you will be attending either of the Monday Sessions so I know how many people to plan for.

Sunday Mornings: Between the services Bible Study. This session will focus on the Lectionary and will look more deeply at the Sunday readings. We will meet the first three Sundays of the month (the family service is on the fourth) from 9:00 - 10:00 in Parlor, starting September 10th.

Monday Morning Women's Group: This group will meet on Monday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m. beginning September 11th in the Parlor. It is a group for women of all ages to come for fellowship, Bible and book studies and support in living our faith in our everyday lives. Bring knitting, needle point or whatever you want to work on but don't let the fact that you are not "crafty" (I'm not either) stop you from coming. Please let me know if child care is an issue for you.

Monday Evening Adult Education: Starting Monday, September 11th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. there will be a Faith Formation session. This will explore the Bible, Church history including the Episcopal Church and St. James, worship, the Book of Common Prayer and prayer. We will meet in the Parish Hall. Please join us if you are new to the church, wanting to learn more about the church or just looking for a night of fellowship with other parishioners.

I hope one of these groups speaks to you and fits into your schedule. Please let me know if there is anything else you would like to see offered and if we can't do it this fall we can plan it for the spring.

Peace to you all,
Denise

Prayer List

There has been much conversation about the prayer list since my arrival and I thank you for your commitment to praying for those in need and for your input as to how to keep our prayer list current. After much conversation it seems like the following is going to be the way we will proceed until the end of this year and if it doesn't work, we'll try something else.

There will be two sections to the prayer list, divided just by a space on the bulletin. One list is for people who will need to be kept on the list indefinitely. These people have chronic conditions and need prayers for a long period of time. We will leave them there until the person who put them on tells us to take them off.

The second section is for people who are in need of prayer or a shorter period of time, a month or less. These name will go on the list for four weeks, after that they will come off unless the person who requested them, lets us know to keep them on for another four weeks.

We would also like to acknowledge with prayers of thanksgiving when someone has recovered, so we would like to add a section in our prayers of thanksgiving for the healing that takes place and move people who go off the prayer list to this list for the first week they are off the prayer list.

We will start this new system September 1st so please let Elizabeth know if you have someone to stay on the prayer list indefinitely.

Denise

GREETINGS FROM THE ECW

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is an active part of St James' Parish; we're here for you. We invite all women to join us for our monthly meetings. We've seen a large increase in attendance since we changed the meeting time to the Coffee Hour. We're still trying to tweak other details (like the location) to make the monthly meetings productive and worthwhile for everyone. ECW meetings and activities aren't set in stone; they can flow as your ideas and inputs inspire.

Bonnie Richardson

Help needed For the Annual Ham and Crab cake Dinner

We're looking forward to our annual Ham and Crab cake Dinner on Saturday, 9 Sep, from 3 to 6 pm. With carrots marinated the week before by the "ladies", the potato peelers start at 9 am. We always have room for more folks on the cleanup crew. Please attend to eat, or help, or both. You may have noticed, I didn't say "work" because we don't ... we catch up with each other, tell stories, laugh and before you know it, the task is done. They say "many hands make light work". The dinner and your efforts are for a good cause ... the Parish.

Bonnie Richardson

Greetings from the Junior Warden!

A lot of folks may not know me; I've been an 8 o'clocker since about 1997 (lived in Arizona from '99 to '01). My mother and I have been part of the "hearty bunch" of 8 o'clock folks since she moved here in 2004. I've met many folks I knew by name since I became more involved with the Parish through the ECW, Vestry and more recently, the choir.

A few weeks ago Linda, our musician, asked everyone to come to choir practice and bring somebody. So I invited my mom, who enjoys singing. Some folks say they can't sing; I'm a testament that you don't have to be certified as a singer to be in the choir. So if you feel called, come join us.

I'm learning about the Vestry and Junior Warden Contributions and responsibilities. As they say, communication is the key to success. I invite you to, per the Word, "gently correct" me and guide me as needed. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. If I forget the first time (sometimes I have a lot on my mind), hand me a note.

As the Junior Warden, I appreciate all who attend, especially those who generously contribute their time and efforts in numerous ways. We're all an essential part of this Parish.

St. James' Parishioners bless each other and the community; keep doing what the Lord would have you do.

Bonnie Richardson

A letter from Joan Shelton

Dear Friends at St. James':

By the time you receive the next Newsletter, my last Sunday service and the party you gave me will be long past.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful send off:
To Lynda and the choir for the special music that morning; To the Vestry and congregation for the lovely glass plaque with my favorite Bible verse on it, John 3:16; To Tom Peterson and his reading of Donne's poem, A Valediction Forbidding Mourning; To Jackie Vos and Karen Burroughs for organizing and presenting the scrapbook; To the kitchen committee for the wonderful feast and the pretty decorations; To the Ways & Means Committee for their gift of a china bathroom set; To all those who added a wind chime, a special blessing, cards, and notes, which meant more than I can say; And a special thanks to the ECW for their thoughtful contribution to the Haiti Fund.

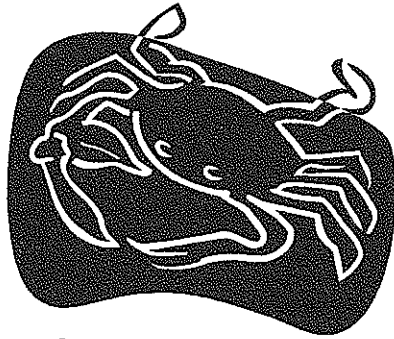
My daughters Alison and Eleanor, their husbands and my two grandchildren were on hand to enjoy it. As for me, I was on air all week long as I remembered the glorious ninth of July.

Know that you are in your prayers as you move forward with Denise to do great things. May God be with you all,

Joan



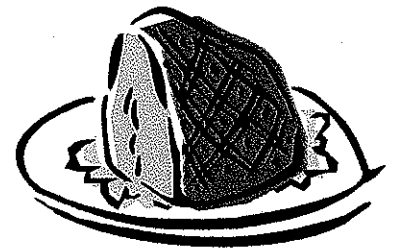
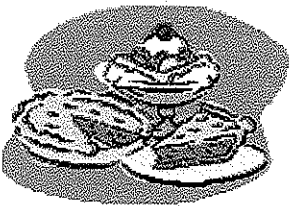
Sunday School
September 10, 2006
9:15 a.m.



ANNUAL CHURCH HAM AND GRAB CAKE DINNER

Saturday September 9, 2006
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Price
Adult \$16.00
Children 12 and Under \$8.00
Desserts \$1.00



Parishioners Corner

This page is opened to the whole congregation, you can place thank you's, congratulations, stories, poem etc... that you would like to share with the church. If you would like to put something here see Michelle Prasser or email her at ShelleyP65@comcast.net.

Websites to check out:

www.dayspring.com You can find nice Christian gifts, cards, books, collections and Artwork that can help you share your heart and Gods Love with their inspirational items. They even have free E-cards for different types of occasions.

www.christianbook.com is another website that is Christian based where you can find Bibles, fiction and non-fiction books, music and movies at decent prices.

You never hear in church

Hey! It's MY turn to sit in the front pew!

I was so enthralled; I never noticed your sermon went over time 25 minutes.

Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.

I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.

I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!

Rector, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.



Visit St. James website by going to <http://www.stjamesindianhead.org/index.php>

Kids corner

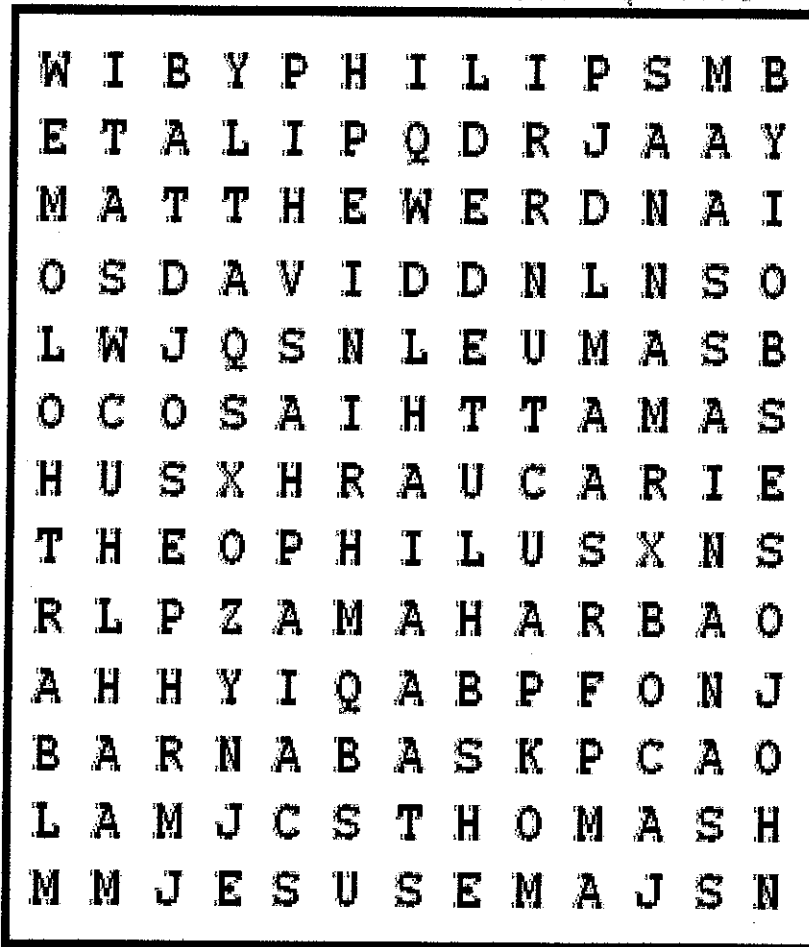
Kids Bible Wordsearch

People in the
book of Acts
Puzzle #4

Fill the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward,
backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

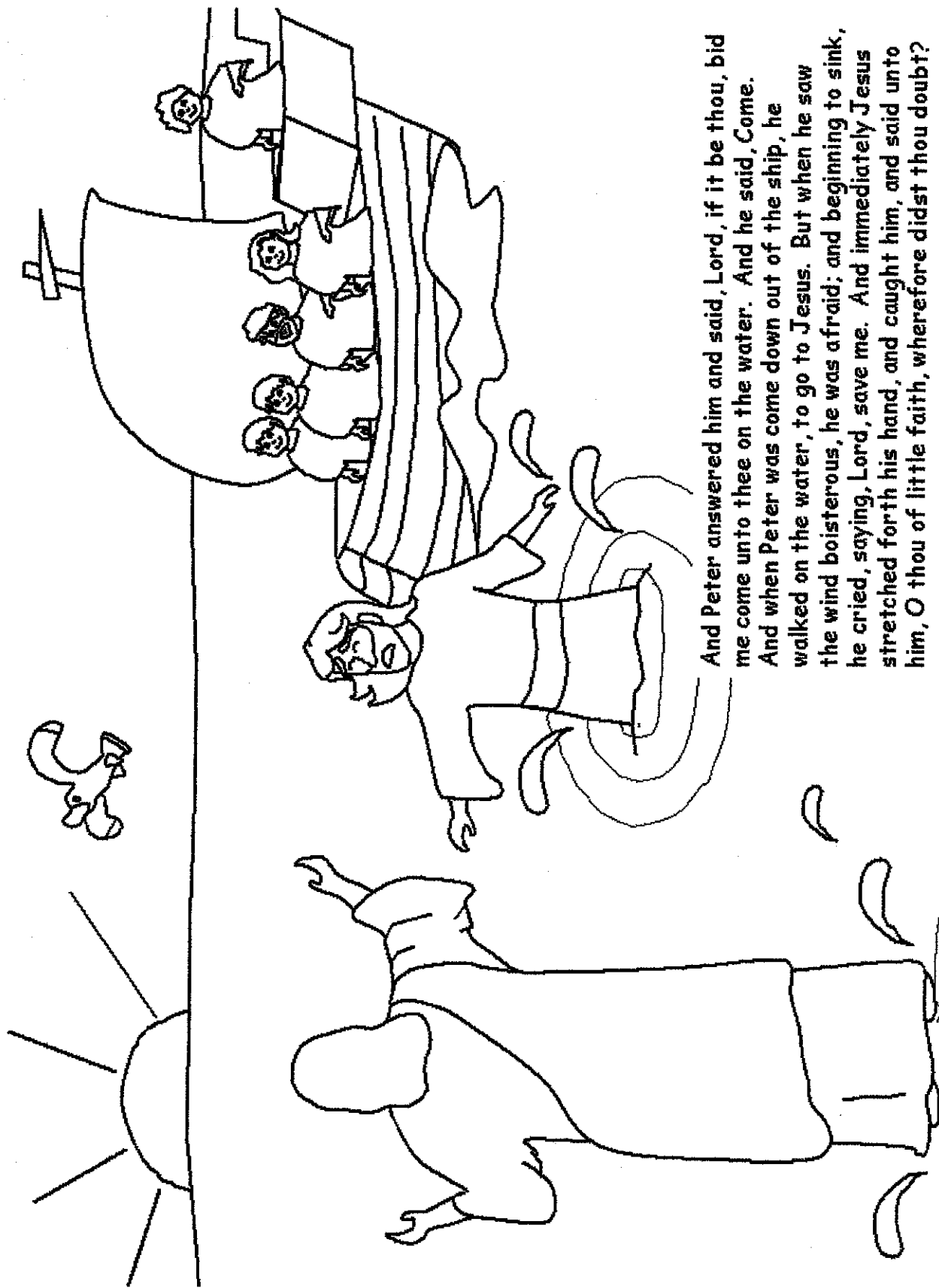
Acts Chapter 13-17

ABRAHAM
ALEXANDER
ANANIAS
ANDREW
ANNAS
BARSABAS
CAIAPHAS
DAVID
ISAAC
JACOB
JAMES
JESUS



JOHN
JOSEPH
JOSES
MARY
MATTHEW
MATTHIAS
PHILIP
PILATE
SAMUEL
SAPPHIRA
THEOPHILUS
THOMAS

BARTHOLOMEW
BARNABAS



And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

Matthew 14:28-31



DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

SAVE THE DATES – OCT. 19-20, 2006

Dear Friends in Christ:

The Rt. Rev. John B. Chane, Bishop of Washington, joins me in inviting you and members of your congregation to save the dates of Thursday, October 19th and Friday, October 20, 2006 for the Diocese of Washington's Second Annual "WORD TO THE CITY" Revival at the Washington National Cathedral (Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenues, NW). The Revival Preacher will be The Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, IL. Worship will begin with opening devotions each evening at 7 pm.

We hope you will join us for this great worship event. More detailed information will be provided early Fall, but we wanted you have this advanced notice.

Faithfully,

Barbara C. Harris

The Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris
Assisting Bishop

*ask Karen Baumgartner & her husband
who want to this -*



**DOCC (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST IN COMMUNITY)
AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL, Fall, 2006**

You are invited to take part in DOCC (the Disciples of Christ in Community), a Christian formation program, at Washington National Cathedral this fall, on Tuesday nights from September 19th through the middle of December, with one retreat day, on Saturday, September 30th. We will begin at 7:00 pm and end by 9:00 pm, with an optional supper at 6:00. Dean Sam Lloyd and Canon William Barnwell will give the presentations and afterwards the participants will respond in small groups.

Up until recently DOCC was sponsored (along with Education for Ministry) by the School of Theology at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. Washington National Cathedral is now the national sponsor. Over a hundred people completed our first DOCC program last spring at the Cathedral. There was such enthusiasm for the program that we are offering it again.

Our hope is that participants from various churches who take DOCC will take what they have learned back to their own churches and maybe offer a full DOCC program in their churches. Dean Lloyd says of DOCC:

DOCC offers a step-by-step journey into the heart and soul of Christianity along with a community of fellow-explorers to travel with.

The DOCC journey depends to a large extent on the quality of the small-group experience, and the small groups depend on the regular attendance of the participants.

If you think you may be interested, at your earliest convenience, please contact Ms. Sheri Jackson at 202- 537-6222 or Canon William Barnwell at 202-537-5522

Stop and Smell the Roses

So often we're just in a big hurry to get there. Let's see, Raystown Lakes is 135 miles from here, so, if we can average 60 miles per hour, it should only take us 2 hours and 15 minutes to get there. Assuming, of course, that traffic on the beltway and 270 happens to be behaving. We should have enough gas to get there, so we won't even have to bother stopping for that. And oh yeah, make sure you go to the bathroom before we head out!

Our route took us through Breezewood, Pennsylvania. I've always wondered what the deal is with Breezewood. Seems like just a major arterial blockage in the flow of human traffic, all trying desperately to get somewhere in so many minutes averaging 60 mph! So much for stopping to smell the roses; at 60 miles per hour you can't even tell that was a rose you just passed!

Ever get off the highway around Breezewood and check out Bedford County? On our way home, I happened to pick up a map and headed off to find some covered bridges. First of all, there's no way you can make any time on those back roads; they don't seem to go anywhere but up, down, and around. The farms seem misplaced too. Aren't they usually located on rich alluvial bottom land, next to quiet running streams? Guess not; that's where the mills sit to this day alongside a covered bridge. The mills are quiet now and speak of a different, slower paced life. The handcrafted covered bridges are a testament to the ingenuity and resourcefulness of our forefathers.

The county widened the road and took out the curves, so we totally missed Felton's Mill as we crossed over Brush Creek. We went back and turned onto a little dirt track to take a peek; after all, you'll find a mill alongside a creek, right? So we got out of the car and walked a bit. Well sure enough there it was; standing just as proud as the day it was built, Felton's Mill. Not 100 feet away was the covered bridge we sought, hiding in the trees. As we approached the mill, a lean, scruffy looking guy came making his way towards us. That's when we noticed the old mill house that looked like it hadn't seen any paint in over 60 years. Brenda commented, "Where's your shoes?". "Don't need 'em, just out looking for that ol' sow, seeing if'n she wondered down this way", was the reply. Never did get his name, but we sure did get to hear some stories and opinions about what's going on in the world.

I told Brenda I want to buy a covered bridge with a mill sitting idly by. As usual, she thinks I'm weird. Maybe so, but there's just something alluring about being able to go to a place and listen to the echoes of our past.

Tom



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