



A Letter from St. James'

*The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church
in Mill Creek Hundred, Wilmington, Delaware*

December 2018

December 9th at 9:00am – Stewardship Celebration Breakfast

The 2018 Pledge Campaign officially ended on November 30th, but additional pledges are still being sought. Even so, to celebrate all that we have to offer from what God has blessed us with, the Vestry and the Journey Team will host a free breakfast for everyone in the parish on Sunday, December 9th. Please plan to join them at 9:00am in the Parish House for a little pre-Christmas joy, feasting, and fellowship.

Christmas Memorials



Making a donation for Christmas flowers not only beautifies the church as we rejoice in the birth of our Savior, this is a fitting way to remember loved ones who have passed on and/or to celebrate the people and events in our lives.

Below you will find a form for your use in making a memorial contribution. Envelopes will also be inserted in our Sunday service bulletins for the first three Sundays in December. Contributions may be mailed or placed in the offering plate. Please note that they must be received by December 16th to be listed in the Christmas bulletins. Thank you!

Christmas Flower Memorials

Please PRINT the information below, then place this form and your donation in an envelope and drop it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 16th.

Envelopes may also be mailed to St. James Church, 2106 St. James Church Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, to be received no later than Saturday, December 15th.

Given in Memory of: _____

Given in Thanksgiving for: _____

Given by: _____

_____ **Phone:** (_____) _____

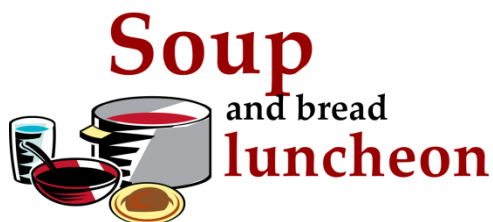
Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Worship Services

- **Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23rd**
Special reading/chanting of the Magnificat (The Song of Mary)
~ 8:00am Holy Eucharist and 10:15am Holy Eucharist with Choir
- **Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th**
~ 7:30pm, Youth-Led Service with Holy Eucharist
~ 10:00pm, Candlelight Service with Holy Eucharist
- **Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th**
~ 9:00am, Quiet Holy Eucharist
- **First Sunday after Christmas, December 30th**
~ ONE SERVICE at 9:00am, Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist
- **Feast of The Epiphany, Sunday, January 6th**
~ 8:00am Holy Eucharist and 10:15am Holy Eucharist with Choir

Looking Ahead To Epiphany 2019

A Weekend Retreat in Rehoboth Beach – Sign up now for **The St. James' Retreat Weekend, February 8-10, 2019**, at the diococesan operated A. Felix DuPont Memorial House, nestled among pine trees just two blocks from the Atlantic Ocean in Rehoboth Beach. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday and concludes on Sunday morning, and includes lots of free time and opportunities for socializing. **Cost is \$175/person.** Space is limited. Contact Sam White or Fr. Jim today!

PUT JANUARY 27th on your calendar!



Once again the wonderful cooks at St. James' will prepare soups and breads to share after the 10:15am service on the last Sunday of January. Watch for more information and sign-up sheets in January. It's always a great time of fellowship & delicious food.

There's always plenty to share, so if you don't cook or don't have time, plan to come!



EMMANUEL DINING ROOM SHARING OUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS

New Year's Eve 2018 - Please consider hosting a table of 8 for \$15

Our final lunch of 2018 is Monday, December 31st (New Year's Eve). Again this year, we will serve what our guests have called their "favorite meal" ~ lasagna, green beans, roll, fruit (bananas and clementines), and homemade desserts.

We hope you will consider offering a donation of \$15 (to cover the cost of a table of 8 guests), making homemade cookies, cupcakes, or cakes, and/or **joining us on Sunday, December 30th 9 am to 11 am in the Parish Hall to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches** (a fun activity for the whole family.)

- Donations for the lunch can be made by check to St. James' or cash (please indicate EDR on your check or envelope) and will be used to purchase the lasagna, green beans, milk, and bread/rolls in bulk.
- If you are donating cookies or cake, please wrap and mark them EDR and place them in the St. James' kitchen freezer by Saturday, December 30th.

And, then....in the New Year 2019 - Mark your calendars

Our first lunch for Emmanuel Dining Room will be **Thursday, January 31st**. We hope you'll join us in the St. James' kitchen on **Wednesday, January 30th from 9 am to 11 am to make cookies and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.**

Thank you for your support of our brothers and sisters in need.
Pat Minor, Ginny Dennis, Gail Coverdale, and Cindy Fauerbach

2018 BAZAAR - Another Successful Year!!!!

The Bazaar, Luncheon, and Turkey Dinner were a success again this year. The shoppers were pleased with the variety of hand crafted items, the goodies in the Bake Shop, and all the choices in the White Elephant Room. There were many compliments about the Luncheon and the Turkey Dinner.



The Bazaar Ladies extend a big **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who helped. Those who donated craft supplies during the year, donated their hand crafted items, supplied the Bake Shop with their homemade goodies, and donated items for the

Raffle Table, Door Prizes, and the White Elephant Room. The work done by those who sold Turkey Dinner Tickets, organized the seating, everyone who donated food, cooked turkeys, prepared and served during the Luncheon and Turkey Dinner, those who filled in and helped in the shops, the volunteers who helped set up and clean up. We appreciate everything that was done and we thank everyone. We couldn't do it without your support. **Job Well Done!**

A special **"Thank You"** to the **St. James Youth Group** for bringing items up from the Bazaar Room and taking everything downstairs after the Bazaar. Another special **"Thank You"** to Fran Mayhew's grandson's **Scout Troop** for helping set up the five Bazaar Shops. Those tasks are very important to the success of the Bazaar but the ladies are unable to do them. All the help the two groups provided is greatly appreciated.

Crossroads Restaurant again donated the coleslaw for our Turkey Dinner. **Zingo's** and the **Pike Creek ACME** donated the stuffing mix. **Quinn's Café** in Hockessin donated two gift cards for Door Prizes. **Headquarters II Hair Salon** donated a gift card for the Raffle Table. St. James is fortunate to have the support of local business.

CONGRATULATIONS to THIS YEAR'S WINNERS:

Raffle Table Items:

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| Quilt & Two Pillow Shams | Deb Nuss |
| Embroidered Tablecloth | Janice Baldwin |
| Fleece Comforter | Annamarie Patterson |
| "Home Sweet Home" Cross Stitch | Barbara Graham |
| "Puzzle" Needlepoint Picture | Nina Urban |
| "St. James" Needlepoint Picture | Kathy Jackson |
| Firebirds Restaurant Gift Card | Dottie Brabson |
| Headquarters II Hair Salon | Joe Ellis |
| J B Dawson's Restaurant Gift Card | Pam Jalbert |
| Antique Quilt | Dottie Brabson |
| Italian Dinner Gift Basket | Diane Beyers |
| Money Tree | Nancy McKenny |
| 2 Eagles Patchwork Dogs | Laura Gracie, Gigi & Lexi Deitrick |
| Eagles Pillow | Sue Dixon |
| Quilted Table Runner | Janice Baldwin |
| YoYo Dog | Marion Pollack |

Door Prizes:

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| 2 WAWA Gift Cards | Marty Spector & Elizabeth Price |
| 2 Quinn's Café Gift Cards | Virginia Parker & Talley Brown |

A MESSAGE FROM THE BAKE SHOP:

THANK YOU for all the goodies. Our tables were filled at the start of both days. Your delicious homemade items are the reason the Bake Shop was successful again this year. **HAVE A GOOD YEAR,** Shirley Alexander & Carolyn Eldridge

The Workshop is taking a break. The Bazaar Ladies will be back after the first of the year with many new ideas for the 2019 Bazaar.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



God Hears and Answers Prayers

**For when two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them. (Matthew 18:20)**

On January 6th, members of the prayer team will hold a short prayer service in the church **at 11:30 am** (focusing on the prayer requests left in the basket in the entrance to the church and other concerns of the parish, community, and world.) Then throughout the month, we will continue collecting prayers at the end of the 2nd service and lifting them up during the week. **All are welcome to participate in this monthly service-usually held on the first Sunday of the month.**

For those who are not able to come to church or have an immediate prayer need, we invite you to email Sister BJ Brown at: sisterbjbrown@gmail.com



Reserve your dates for 2019

We do not carry over dates for memorials from year to year. Placing flowers on the altar and or supplying the sanctuary candle for the week are wonderful ways of remembering our loved ones who have passed or celebrating important events in our lives.

Call the office and let us know the dates you would like to reserve in 2018! The cost of Altar Flowers for a week is \$46. During Lent we use dried arrangements and the cost is \$23. The cost of the Sanctuary Candle is \$10 for the week.



December Birthdays

- 1 Sherrie Bond
- 2 Perrie Carrow
- 3 Cynde Bimbi
Carole Leach
- 5 Kathryn Jackson
Paul Haefner
- 6 Daniel Bowser
Joyce Luff
Zachary Patterson
- 7 Edna Haywood
- 8 Hayden Fauerbach
- 12 Robin Taylor
- 13 David Niehaus
Marion Phillips
- 14 Andrew Dennis
Kurt Lichtenstein
Jeremy Ruff
- 15 Bryce Malusa
- 16 Ginny Dennis
Stefanie Moyer
- 17 Bryan Adams
- 18 Allison Jessup
- 19 Wyatt Herring
- 20 Donald Chance
Lauren Deibert
- 21 Melissa DelleDonne
- 22 Kathy Elliston
Hollie Gonce
Esther Insigna
- 25 Susan Winward
Sue Haefner
- 28 Tracey McCracken
Susie Ohlandt
- 29 Shawn Patterson



December Anniversaries

- 21 Fran & Eric Mayhew