



A Letter from St. James

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

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Rector's Ramblings . . . The Busy Month of June (but I'm not complaining)

It used to be that the month of June was a time to be busy with weddings and graduations. Well, nowadays graduations seem to be over by the end of the first week, and most weddings are scheduled in April and May. So, I guess I can look forward to a relatively quiet month.

Well, not so much.

Sunday, June 4th, will be a big day as the Church celebrates the Day of Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit. We will have a special observance at St. James' recognizing students, graduates, and those who will be confirmed later in the afternoon (see info on pages 2-5).

Also in June I've been summoned to jury duty, and while I am usually ready to perform my civic responsibilities, the timing is problematic if chosen to serve more than a day or two. An unexpected, but welcomed trip to Jerusalem has come up relating to my service on the board of directors of the North American Committee (NAC) for St. George's College in Jerusalem. The president of the NAC is unable to attend the biannual meeting with the Archbishop in Jerusalem, and as the secretary of the board I've been asked to go in the place of the president. It is quite the honor, and more than a little unsettling, to be charged with representing the concerns of the NAC to the Archbishop and the heads of the Regional Committees of Britain, and Australia/New Zealand. I will only be in Jerusalem for three days, arriving on June 6th and catching a midnight flight home on June 8th. It's a good thing that I can usually get some sleep on airplanes.

The month of June will also require that I spend some time with issues surrounding the election of the next Bishop of Delaware. On June 3rd I will not only be attending an orientation in Middletown for delegates to the special convention that will be voting for our next bishop, but as the Diocesan Liturgical Officer I will begin planning the worship activities that will be held during the convention. Then, at the end of the month, the five candidates for bishop will be in Delaware for a tour of the State as well as hold three public meetings, one in each of the Delaware counties. During the meetings the candidates will be answering questions that have been submitted by members of the Diocese, and my plan is to attend all three of the public meetings to try and gain as clear an opinion as I can about each of the candidates.

So, all in all, I look forward to an exciting month – one filled with new experiences and calls to look at the concerns of the broader church. Not such a bad way to begin the summer.

Fr. Jim Bimbi



June 4th, Recognition of Students, Graduates, and Confirmands!

At the 10:15 am service on June 4th we will recognize our Christian Education students, High School graduates, and those about to be confirmed. There will be a reception for them in the Parish House after the service, hosted by the Parish Life Committee. Please join us to celebrate with them!

We are proud to honor them all and we wish our 2017 Graduates all the best in their next steps along life's road! They are:



MADDY BURNS

Maddy is graduating from the Delaware Military Academy with the rank of Lieutenant. She is currently enlisted in the Delaware Air National Guard where she will train to be a Medical Technician. Her plan is to attend college upon completion of basic training.

A member of a family with a long association with St. James' Mill Creek, Maddy has grown up in the parish where she was baptized, confirmed, and participated as an acolyte, in youth programs, vacation bible school, and mission trips. During her senior year she was given the honor of preaching the sermon at the 8:00pm service on Christmas Eve.

Both in and out of the parish Maddy has given her time to serving others, volunteering with the Formal Dress Project, the annual Turkey Dinner, and helping families through Family Promise.

Active as a cadet at Delaware Military Academy, she enjoyed supporting her high school through sports & volunteerism. Over her four years there, Maddy held several positions:

- Freshman & Sophomore years: Platoon Awards, recording cadet volunteer/participation hours.
- Junior Year: Company Public Affairs Officer, reporting & photographing school events.
- Senior Year: Regimental Public Affairs Officer, School Announcements & Events
- High School Sports: volleyball, cheerleader, lacrosse & cross country



CAROLINE COOK

Caroline is graduating from the Sanford School, where she was a student leader, artist and athlete.

She was actively involved in revitalizing the school's Gay Straight Alliance, and served as the organization's president for multiple years. From 9th through 12th grade, she served on the school's Honor Council which adjudicates violations of the student code of conduct. She was President of the council her senior year.

She received regional and national recognition for her writing and studio art work, including a national Scholastic silver medal for a novel that she wrote. Caroline is currently working on writing and illustrating her second children's book that translates the research on the ocean's coral reefs conducted by Dr. Danielle Dixon, a faculty member in the College of Earth, Ocean and Environment at the University of Delaware.

Caroline was also an accomplished runner. Beginning in the eighth grade she competed in 5 consecutive DIAA state cross-country championships. She also served as team captain in both her junior and senior seasons.

Within the church, Caroline has served as an acolyte and crucifer and was involved in the youth group's efforts associated with St. James hosting the Diocesan Convention.

Caroline will attend Dartmouth College in the fall, where she hopes to develop a unique major that includes aspects of creative writing, arts and history.



TRAVIS DEIBERT

Travis has been coming to St James Church since he was 5 years of age. He is now 17 years of age. During that time Travis has been involved in St James with Sunday School, as an acolyte, as well as being a part of the youth group.

Travis has always been active in school clubs such as BPA of America, Mock Trail, FFA and Ski Club just to name a few. He was also inducted into the National Honor Society. Travis balanced his school life with not only clubs but sports like, Soccer, Indoor Track, and of course his favorite Lacrosse.

During the last (2) Summers Travis was accepted into a program called Upwards Bound at the University of Delaware and with that program he soared with achieving every award he could possibly earn. He was also chosen out of all the Seniors in the program to give the closing speech on how the program impacted him while giving advice to the underclassmen. *(continued next page)*

Travis has always loved volunteering, he especially enjoyed helping out with the Special Olympics during his school years. With all the events that go on at St James, Travis is always willing to lend a hand. He never gets tired of volunteering, due to seeing the enjoyment in everyone's face.

On May 20th 2017, Travis became a part of history with the First Graduating Class of Newark Charter High School. This fall he will be attending the University of Delaware, majoring in Electrical Engineering



JUSTIN DUNFORD

How is it possible that it's been 18 years since Justin was in the nursery with Ms. Val during church? It's been quite a journey.

Justin spent elementary school at Independence and then attended Cab Calloway 6th through 12th grade. He was an instrumental music major playing trumpet for Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble as well as tuba for marching band.

Justin enjoyed a wide variety of activities including lacrosse, wrestling, and Youth Group in addition to serving as an acolyte and a camp counselor at VBS. After multiple summers as a camper, he eventually spent a summer as a CIT at Camp Arrowhead.

Even though his senior year was interrupted by his ACL injury, he enjoyed the trip to NYC with Ms. Cynde and the other youth as well as a week in Atlanta competing with Cab's band.

In the fall Justin will attend the University of Delaware Associate in Arts program. Justin would like to extend a special THANK YOU to the Bimbis and the congregation for always keeping him and his family in their prayers.



ELIZABETH JOYNT

Elizabeth will graduate from Glasgow High School's REACH program on June 5th. She will continue at Christina School District's NETWORKS program until she is 21 years old. NETWORKS is a vocational program where she learns life and job skills.

For a week each summer Elizabeth attends Camp Fairlee Manor. This has allowed her to experience summer camp like typical teens, but at her own pace. She loves to go swimming, horseback riding, and doing arts and crafts.



REBECCA MANTHORPE

Rebecca Manthorpe is a member of the 2017 graduating class of John Dickinson High School. She is graduating in the top 10 of her class and was in the challenging International Baccalaureate program.

While at Dickinson she participated in Marching Band and was a member of the National Honors Society. She also played Field Hockey, was on the Swim team and Tennis team. During her junior and senior years she was captain for all three sports.

She is looking forward to relaxing this summer and working as a life guard at the Skyline Swim Club.

In the fall, she will be attending Drexel University as an undeclared Engineering Student. Although she has not yet declared a major, she is considering Environmental Engineering and minoring in Biology.

Six Young People and One Adult to be Confirmed on June 4th

A Regional Service of Confirmation and Reception will be held at 4:00pm on Sunday, June 4th, at Christ Church Christiana Hundred. The Right Rev. Bud Shand, retired bishop of the Diocese of Easton, will be on hand as approximately 60 candidates from six Episcopal Churches gather with their families and supporters. The regional service is being held because presently there is no diocesan bishop in Delaware since the retirement of Bishop Wayne Wright on February 28th.

Over the past several months, Fr. Bimbi has been meeting with six young people and one adult from our congregation, all of whom will be confirmed at the Regional Service. We congratulate the following members of St. James':

- **Kaitlyn August**
- **Elizabeth Chance**
- **Lauren Deibert**
- **Connor Deibert**
- **Travis Deibert**
- **Sam Manthorpe**
- **Lisa Lynn-Blitzer**

May Birthdays

1	Stephen Huhn
3	Kathleen Joynt
3	Kathryn Coverdale
4	Melissa Idell
4	Tyler Short
5	Sherry Cernos
6	Robert Carrow
6	Shannon McGee
6	Nathan Sandlhauser
9	Richard Prettyman
10	Rebecca Perry
11	Savannah Clark
12	Jonathon Packard
13	Cynthia McCauley
13	Deborah Meadow
15	Hannah Cormier
15	Deacon Herring
16	John Taylor
17	Edward Prettyman
17	Dustin Short
17	Christopher Snyder
18	Christopher Rose
19	Seth Malusa
19	Kay Meckelnburg
20	Peter Tuhy
21	John Clark
22	Fr. Jim Bimbi
23	Eileen Marvel
23	May Hindsley
24	Lois Kelley
24	Dorianne Short
28	Marie Strickland
30	Faye Hart
30	Jeffrey Loveland
30	Alexander Winward
31	Ariana Udinski

May Anniversaries

2 nd	Shirley & Karl Alexander
10 th	Elinor Knodel & Peter Tuhy
10 th	Diane & Richard Aichele
19 th	Carl and Colleen Elder

As there was no newsletter last month, we wish many happy returns to everyone who had a birthday in May.

Many congratulations to those who celebrated May wedding anniversaries!

*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know. **You** are an important part of our church family.*

June Birthdays

June Anniversaries ♥

1st Barry Coverdale
Brooke Taylor
4th Sandy Cornelia
5th Susan St. John
9th Harry Garraway
10th Marlene Jackson
14th Kevin Heinold
15th Elaine Negley
18th John Nuss
19th Dawn Behulak
Kimberly Staub
20th Colleen Elder
Megan Joynt
Ally Markham
21st Kim Simpson
22nd Rebecca Manthorpe
Steve Coverdale, Jr.
John Handlin, Jr.
24th Cathy Brown
25th Erik Hollstein
Taylor McCracken
Susan Miller
27th Ellen White
Athena Krikelis
28th Megan Hollstein
30th David Hoppenjans

4th Dorothy & Edward Loveland
5th Donna & Joseph Valiante
6th Tracey and James McCracken
7th Michelle & Kevin Minor
8th Robin & Cory Brennan
15th Valerie & Brian Hall
17th Christie & Derrick Hale
Dorianne & Bill Short
19th Sally & Raymond Logue
20th Jenny & Bruce Vrana
21st Debby & John Nuss
23rd Sue & Paul Haefner
26th Kay & Bob Meckelnburg
Doris & Ralph Stampone
27th Laura & Borden Adams
29th Eileen & Doug Marvel

We wish all our June-born parishioners
very happy birthdays.

Many congratulations to those celebrating
wedding anniversaries in June!



Pentecost Sunday - June 4th

**June 4th is the Day of Pentecost. Remember to wear red to
church to signify the work of the Spirit!**

Candidates for XI Bishop of Delaware



The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens presently serves as the Bishop Suffragan in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Laura's passion for the Jesus Movement is seen in her commitment to exploring creative, innovative, and life-giving ways to share God's reconciling love. Offering vision, energy, and faithful leadership, she works closely with the congregations, diocesan camp, Episcopal schools, deacons, and a variety of chaplaincies in Connecticut.

Participating in the Jesus Movement involves deepening our understanding of God's love for us as well as seeking to share that love in the world. Laura encourages participation by teaching about being a disciple (follower) of Jesus and an apostle (one sent) to share the Good News. She invites individuals and worshipping communities to deepen their discipleship by seeking to be formed and informed by the teachings of Jesus in worship, prayer, and development of Christian community. Laura shepherds communities as they try on new and collaborative ways of being apostles.

Laura holds degrees from Princeton, Yale, and Hartford Seminary. Her spiritual practices include daily prayer, retreats with the Society of St. John the Evangelist, and regular meetings with a spiritual director.



The Very Rev. Michael Battle was ordained by Archbishop Desmond Tutu in 1993, and has served as vicar, chaplain, priest-in-charge, rector, provost/dean of a cathedral center, and missionary. On two occasions, he moved churches located in ethnically changing neighborhoods (Asian in one and Hispanic in the other) to adapt and grow with these changing demographics. Currently appointed as the Herbert Thompson Professor of Church and Society and the Director of the Desmond Tutu Center at The General Theological Seminary in New York, Battle's education includes a B.A. from Duke University, an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, an S.T.M.

from Yale University and a Ph.D. in theology and ethics from Duke University. In 2010, Battle was awarded one of the highest Anglican Church distinctions as one of Canterbury Cathedral's Six Preachers by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams — a distinction given to only a few who demonstrate great dedication to the church that goes back to 16th century England and Thomas Cranmer. As theologian, Battle served as canon theologian, vice president, academic dean, interim dean, and professor. Battle has published ten books, including the book for the Episcopal Church's General Convention, *Ubuntu: I in You and You in Me*.



The Rev. Kevin S. Brown is a creative and energetic parish priest who knows first-hand that the love of Jesus Christ transforms lives. He is a trusted leader, skilled teacher and preacher, and compassionate pastor with a background in finance and administration and a knack for collaboration and innovative ministry.

Kevin's reputation for sparking new ministries is highlighted by two examples from his current parish, Church of the Holy Comforter in Charlotte. "Common Morning, Common Prayer" offers lay-led Morning Prayer daily throughout Lent in coffee shops and workplaces across the city. The groups are open and inviting, and opportunities to reach folks outside the church, which have been powerful. Also, Kevin led the merger of separate English and Spanish preschools into a single groundbreaking school focused on bilingual education and dedicated to access for low-income and immigrant families. La Escuelita not only educates, but it also actively unites children and parents across

linguistic and socioeconomic divides. Kevin's creative leadership spans congregations both large and small, and it reaches beyond the parish to convocational, diocesan, and national church levels. He recognizes the importance of community involvement, marked by his long commitment to ecumenical and interfaith groups and service on school and non-profit boards.

Kevin grew up in Asheville, North Carolina and studied at Duke University. He completed his M.B.A. while in the Air Force, worked in finance and marketing at FedEx, and launched an investment firm before his call to priesthood. His wife Caroline is an accomplished artist. They have two daughters, both in college in N. Carolina.



The Rev. Patricia S. Downing is the rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Wilmington, a diverse, vibrant community of faith that worships in two languages and in two locations. While she has served there, Trinity/Old Swedes Parish has continued to energetically engage the Gospel in its urban setting and undergone a \$2.5 million renovation, and Old Swedes Parish has become part of the First State National Historic Park. Before coming to Trinity in 2008, she was the rector of Good Shepherd Church in Silver Spring, Maryland for 12 years.

In addition to her ministry at Trinity, Patty has served as president of the Standing Committee, vice-chair of the Diocesan Council, and a member of the Finance Committee as well as other roles in the diocese. In the city, Patty serves on the boards of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow. In the wider church, she is a deputy to General Convention; a member of the Program, Budget and Finance Committee; and a trustee of The General Theological Seminary.

Patty received her B.A. from the University of Vermont and her M.Div. from The General Theological Seminary in New York. Patty has been married to Dickie since 1995. Patty enjoys golf, horseback riding, traveling, and good food.



The Rev. Canon Scott A. Gunn has enjoyed a fruitful ministry leading Forward Movement as its executive director for the past six years. As you may know, Forward Movement produces *Forward Day by Day*, digital offerings, and online resources. Serving in a church-wide ministry, he has preached and taught across the church, and he's witnessed congregations and dioceses of all kinds and sizes thriving with effective leadership focused on following Jesus.

Before his call to Forward Movement, Scott was a parish priest in the Diocese of Rhode Island, where he was curate in one congregation and rector of another. In

both congregations, he saw growth and transformation when scriptures were opened, liturgies were transcendent, joy was nurtured, and mission sent people out. Prior to ordination, Scott worked in technology for a nonprofit, a media company, and a university. He was educated at Luther College, Yale Divinity School, and Brown University. Scott's leadership and ministry are driven by broad vision, along with a passion for discipleship and evangelism. He looks forward to getting to know you better in the coming weeks, and he hopes that the Holy Spirit will guide the diocese toward becoming the Delaware branch of the Jesus Movement.

Scott is married to Sherilyn Pearce, also a priest who serves at Christ Church Cathedral in Cincinnati, where they live. They both enjoy traveling and dog walks. Scott loves photography, writing, and seriously good coffee.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR



Summer Service Schedule – June 11th

Looking ahead, we shall move to our summer service schedule on June 11th with services at 8:00am and 9:30am, followed by Lemonade in the Circle. This schedule will continue through August, 2017.



Lemonade in the Circle – June 11th

Our popular summer refreshment hour, **Lemonade in the Circle** begins after the 9:30 am service on June 11th.

Volunteers are needed to sign up to provide these refreshments. If you are interested in hosting a summer refreshment hour, please contact Eileen Marvel at 302-994-6803. Thank you for your hospitality!

Family Promise Week at St. James'

The Next Family Promise Week at St. James' is June 25th through July 1st, 2017.



Vacation Bible School - July 17th

This year's Vacation Bible School has a Super Hero theme, and will take place July 17th through 21st, 2017.

In this newsletter you will find a registration form for VBS. Please sign-up your children or grandchildren or pass it on to a friend with young children. It is a very enriching experience for the children. Encourage them to invite their friends to join them!

ST. JAMES' VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Super Hero Theme!



When: July 17th through July 21st 2017

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Where: St. James' Episcopal Church
2106 St. James Church Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808

Cost: \$25.00 per child (Financial assistance is available for those who need it. Please check with church office.)

Ages: 3-10 (Ages 11 and older can volunteer to help.)

Info: (302) 994-1584

Name of Child: _____ Age: _____

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Special notes: (allergies, conditions, dietary restrictions, etc.) _____

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Closed Monday and Friday

SUMMER Service Times starting June 11th

Sundays 8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:30am Family Worship

Wednesdays 9:30am Holy Eucharist
10:15am Bible Study

Website: stjamesmillcreek.org



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