



A Letter from St. James

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in Mill Creek Hundred, Wilmington, Delaware*

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Rector's Ramblings . . . Big Happenings Around the Church

July 10-14—Aly Hall attends the Episcopal Youth Event 2017

Aly Hall, daughter of Val and Brian Hall, was one of two teenagers from Delaware to attend the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) in Oklahoma City. *(See a related article on page 3 of this newsletter.)* As reported by the Episcopal News Service: *Thirteen hundred youth from 90 of the Episcopal Church's 109 dioceses attended the 13th annual Episcopal Youth Event from July 10 to 14 at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, a 20-minute drive from downtown Oklahoma City. The Beatitudes, particularly Matthew 5:9 – "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they will be called children of God," – inspired EYE17's theme, "Path to Peace." (Absent were some youth from Province IX, the Latin America- and Caribbean-based dioceses, who were denied visas into the United States.)*

On Sunday, July 16th, Aly took to the pulpit at the 9:30am service to give a brief account of her experience. She has also talked to senior warden David Niehaus and will making a report and presentation to the Vestry on her hopes for implementing at St. James' and in the diocese some of what she learned. I anxiously await hearing more from her.

July 15th—A New Bishop for Delaware

It was a joyful gathering at St. Anne's Episcopal School on Saturday, July 15th, as clergy and lay delegates from around the diocese gathered for the special convention to elect our next bishop. The Rev. Kevin S. Brown was chosen from the slate of five candidates. *(The notice issued by the diocese following the election is on page 2 of this newsletter.)*

July 23rd—Celebrating our Patron Saint, James the Apostle

The Feast Day of the patron saint of our parish, Saint James the Apostle, is Tuesday, July 25th. This year we will be observing our patronal feast on **Sunday, July 23rd**. Two of the symbols used for Saint James the Apostle (also known as James the Greater) are a sword and a seashell. On July 23rd, if you have a seashell or two I'm asking that you bring them to church with you (leave your swords at home) as we contemplate the various meanings of sea shells in Christian symbolism and art.

Blessings, Fr. Jim Bimbi



On Saturday, July 15, 2017, The Rev. Kevin S. Brown of Charlotte, N.C., was elected to become the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware.

The Rev. Brown, currently rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter in Charlotte, will be ordained and consecrated on December 9 by the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Delaware State University in Dover will be the site of the service.

He was elected on the fifth ballot, and clergy and lay delegates cheered the announcement. The Rev. Patricia Downing of Wilmington, one of the five final candidates for bishop, moved that the election be declared unanimous.

Contacted at his home in Charlotte, the Rev. Brown said he and his wife, Caroline, were following the balloting on Twitter while working on a 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle to distract them.

"It's humbling and inspiring," he said, describing his election as "a moment when time seemed to stand still."

He quickly acknowledged the other four candidates on the slate. "I have heard time and time again that Delaware was graced with a remarkable slate of candidates," he said, citing the "brilliance, energy and the spirit of all the candidates."

The Rev. Brown grew up in Asheville, N.C., and studied mathematics and psychology at Duke University. He completed his M.B.A. while in the United States Air Force, worked in finance and marketing at FedEx, and launched an investment firm before his call to the priesthood.

At Holy Comforter, he 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. He previously served as rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Paris, Tennessee.

His education includes an M.B.A. from the University of West Florida and a Master of Divinity from The General Theological Seminary in New York City. His wife, Caroline, is an accomplished artist and they have two daughters in college in North Carolina.

The Rev. Brown will succeed the Right Rev. Wayne P. Wright, who retired in February 2017. He will shepherd 9,300 Episcopalians in 34 congregations throughout Delaware. He also will serve as chief pastor to the diocese's clergy and deacons and often takes a leadership role in social justice issues on a statewide level.

The search process began in the summer of 2016, with the appointment of lay and clergy search committee members. The Rev. Martha Kirkpatrick, rector of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church in Wilmington, and Steven Boyden of Christ Church Christiana Hundred in Wilmington, co-chaired the Search Committee. The search team considered more than 50 applicants who had responded to the diocesan profile.

“EYE...the best thing The Episcopal Church does”

(from an online blog post by Andrea, Ministry Developer for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina)

I had heard that before, that the **Episcopal Youth Event** was the best thing The Episcopal Church does but I am not sure I really believed it. Why would we save the best thing for our youth and not let everyone else be a part of it? Why would we only do it three years if it was so amazing.

But then I had the privilege of chaperoning a group from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina this past week. What I learned is that we don't save the best thing for our youth, they create it and we, the adults, only let them have it every three years.

Some random thoughts:

- EYE is awesome because of the youth. They plan it, they bring their unique energy and loving spirit, they are their best selves in this place, and they speak up and speak out in this comfortable space.
- The adults keep their mouths shut as much as possible (this may have been hard for me). The adults who work with youth in The Episcopal Church have trained them to be leaders. And in doing so, they can be there to support them without speaking for them. I loved being in praxis sessions where no adult would ask a question or volunteer to be part of the activity so the youth could have their space.
- I loved having people from such diverse geographic areas and backgrounds. My youth loved worshiping in Spanish and meeting people from all over. We collected buttons and bracelets, necklaces and Tabasco bottles, and clothespins from Western New York that would appear on our bags spreading love. Diversity was celebrated in all of its many forms.
- The youth want to change the world. I already had one of mine email me about getting a speaker about refugee ministry to come to her school this fall. They were inspired by the stories of Kids4Peace and New Hope Oklahoma and want to know how we can start groups like that in our diocese.
- Youth are resilient. We had church services that were 2 1/2 hours long and they loved every moment of it. We took them on bus trips for hours having them get on and off to see museums and they wish they had had more time. We exposed them to some really difficult things and they responded with gratitude and love. Whether it was the heat, long lines, or flight delays, I never heard a single complaint from the youth. Put adults in the same situation and the snark factor and whining would have been through the roof.
- We, the adults, need to support initiatives like EYE that empower our young people. These are the kids that will be the next generation of clergy and General Convention deputies and vestry members (some of them already are the last two). The ones that realized they wouldn't be able to come back in 3 years were excited to hear about the Official Youth Presence, young adult programs, Episcopal colleges, and other ways that they will be able to connect with Episcopalians as they grow older. This has to be the beginning, not the end.

I am so glad that I got to experience EYE as an adult and a little sad that I didn't as a youth. I will pack up my stuff in another year to go to General Convention and it will be great. I will love seeing lots of friends and making a difference in our church as we make decisions for our future but it won't be able to capture the spirit that was in a fieldhouse in Oklahoma last week.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Prayer Team

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

Through the summer, at the end of the second service, a member of the prayer team collects the prayers left in the basket in the entry way of the church. The team lifts up these prayer requests during the week. If you are not able to come to church or have an immediate prayer need, please email Sister BJ Brown at: sisterbjbrown@gmail.com. In the fall, in addition to the weekly prayer collection and daily lifting up of these prayer requests, we will resume the short prayer service following the second service on the first Sunday of the month.

Emmanuel Dining Room Ministry July 31st and August 31st

Our summer lunch dates for Emmanuel Dining Room are July 31st and August 31st. Menu: tuna subs, salad, fruit, chips, and dessert.

Donations: Thanks to your ongoing generosity and support, we are grateful that there is no need to ask for donations for the: 1200 ounces of tuna, 10 large containers of mayo, 10 jars of relish, 10 jars of Dijon mustard, 400 sub rolls, 4 five-pound bags of shredded lettuce and 30 pounds of tomatoes, 400 bags of chips, 160 pounds of bananas, 800 cookies, 34 loaves of bread, 20 jars of peanut butter and 30 jars of jam, and 10 gallons of milk! Those we serve at Emmanuel Dining Room thank you for your generosity!

However, please mark you calendar for Sunday, July 30th and/or Wednesday, August 30th. We'd love to have your help with the food preparation in the Parish Hall kitchen on Sunday, July 30th following the first service and going until about 11 am preparing tuna salad, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and baking cookies (August date: Wednesday, August 30th)

Food delivery and serving: Monday, July 31st (Thursday, Aug 31st) meet at the Parish Hall at 10:00 am to load and deliver food to EDR East, 226 North Walnut St, Wilmington and serve from 11:30 to 1.

We hope you will join us for some or all of these opportunities for fellowship and outreach to those in need. If you have questions or are able to join us, please contact Pat Minor 302-738-3753.

MANY thanks, Pat Minor, Ginny Dennis, Gail Coverdale, and Cindy Fauerbach

Bazaar News – The White Elephant Room is Returning Nov 3 – 4

There hasn't been a **White Elephant Room** at our annual bazaar for many years. It will return to the **2017 Bazaar**. The room will be downstairs and open both days of the Bazaar. Jerry Clark has volunteered to organize the room.

Donations will be appreciated. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT: Encyclopedias, Computers, TVs, Electronics, Clothes, and Stuffed Animals. We will Accept: Gently Used Household Items, Appliances, Toys, Hardback and Paperback Books (fiction & non-fiction), and Jewelry. If you have any questions or would like to help during the Bazaar please contact one of the Bazaar Ladies.

Family Promise at St. James' August 20th to 27th



St. James' is proudly providing hospitality to families experiencing homelessness in our very own community. We have committed to offering our parish house to provide meals, food and sleeping areas to families for three weeks separate each year.

During our most recent host week we provided awesome hospitality to 4 wonderful families! We served five grateful adults and eight very young energetic children. We would like to acknowledge the following people for their tremendous volunteer support:

Dinner hosts: Jennifer Idell, Andy Taylor, Jeff Wright, Margaret Russ, Lisa Blitzter, Dorianne Short, Gail Coverdale, Carolyn Mack.

Saturday Morning Breakfast: Cindy Fauerbach

Overnight hosts: Val Brunson, Mike Aiken, Bill Short, Dave Winward, Elinor Knodel, Jennifer Idell and Gail Zimmerman

Setup volunteers: The August Family, Valerie and Ally Hall, Daniel Townsend, Dave Niehaus and Dick Prettyman

Laundry Volunteers: Lynn Baker, Gail Zimmerman, Val Brunson, Susan St John, Carole Leach, Nancy Patterson, Kathy Jackson, Gwen Gerety, Nancy Hayes, Nancy Prettyman.

Thank you also to those who provided breakfast and lunch items, Fran Mayhew for the adorable flannel pillowcases for each child, and Tracey McCracken for preparing the classrooms as temporary sleeping rooms for the families, and the members of Marshallton United Methodist Church serving as our support host on Wednesday and Thursday each host week.

Our next and final host week for 2017 will begin on August 20, 2017, and the sign-up sheet will be in the church starting July 16th. If you would like to learn more about how you can serve as a volunteer, please speak with Val Brunson, Jennifer Idell, Dave Perry, Nancy Prettyman, Eileen Marvel or Susan Winward. Thank you from your St. James' Coordinators!

The Property Committee Needs You!

Our property needs support! We are looking for volunteers to help out with the property committee. Most of this work involves meeting with contractors, getting estimates, etc. It's not actually doing the work, for the most part. Please see either Sr. Warden David Niehaus or Father Jim if you are possibly interested.



Super Successful Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School had a Super Hero theme, and took place July 17th through 21st, 2017. It was a super success with 35 children participating!



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

Also, many congratulations to those who celebrated July wedding anniversaries!

July Birthdays

1 st	Janice Sukeena
4 th	Alexis Rawding
	Jesse Taylor
5 th	David Cernos
	Ethan DeConstanza
	Fr. Bill Archer
7 th	Brian Hall
	Jason Elliston
9 th	Karl Alexander
11 th	Eric Dunford
12 th	Carolyn Joynt
15 th	Cindy Fauerbach
	Ralph Stampone
	Manny DelleDonne
16 th	Mason Rickey
17 th	John Gannett
21 st	Liliana Garcia
22 nd	Chuck Haywood
24 th	Kerri Fauerbach
25 th	Victoria Loveless
26 th	Calinda Taylor
	Daniel Townsend
27 th	David Perry
28 th	Laura Adams
30 th	Joe Atz
31 st	Colton Morris

July Anniversaries

2 nd	Georgine & John Sukeena
3 rd	Arwen & John DeConstanza

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August Birthdays

1 st	Eileen Alexander
2 nd	Olivia Jessup
5 th	Lisa August
6 th	Holly Brennan
7 th	Caroline Cook
	Gail Hughes
8 th	Ava Bentzinger
10 th	Joel Harrold-Mansk
	Kelby Sikes
11 th	Travis Deibert
	Peg Lange
13 th	Samuel Craig
	Joanna DeCostanza
16 th	Evan Seward
17 th	Sarah Dennis
	Kayleigh Dennis
18 th	Carl Page
19 th	Alissa Bradbury
	Peter Chrisbacher
20 th	Hayley August
24 th	Robert Mooney
25 th	Aly Hall
26 th	Sally Logue
	Katherine Hoppenjans
28 th	Bob August
29 th	Borden Adams
	Emma Fauerbach
30 th	Tracy Burns
	Skip Cook

August Anniversaries

1 st	Kathy & Peter Chrisbacher
12 th	Lisa & Bob August
15 th	Sandy & Dick Cornelia
17 th	Erin & Marc Sandlhauser
21 st	Allyson & Larry Heinold
26 th	Edna & Chuck Haywood
28 th	Pat & Jim Minor

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

14th Kathy Kwiatkowski & Jim Craig
18th Jessica and Wes Loveland
29th

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SUMMER Sunday Service Times
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8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:30am Family Worship

Wednesday

9:30am Holy Eucharist

10:15am Bible Study



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