



# *A Letter from St. James*

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

*November, 2016*

## ***Rector's Ramblings . . . Bazaar, All Saints', Thanksgiving, & THE ELECTION***

In any given year, the great annual Fall Litany of our parish of St. James' is a combination of craft sales, baking and meal preparation, special worship services, and family and church gatherings of Thanksgiving. It's a lot to squeeze into any one month. It's a good thing that we get one extra hour every November (see the reminder below about the end of Daylight Savings Time). We can certainly use it!

This year there is one more November event to soak up our energy: the quadrennial Presidential Election. No matter whom you might be supporting this time around, honestly, won't you be glad when it's all over? I find it hard to believe that anyone has been inspired or had their spirits uplifted by the length and overall tone of this election season.

So, what is inspiring for us? Well for me it's the way that so many people in this parish pull together to attend to the work at hand, and then take the time to remember what is really important. And what is that? That we are a community of followers of Jesus Christ. That we take the time to praise God and offer our gifts and

thanksgivings to something greater than us. We may not all share the same political views. We may hold a wide range of opinions on any given topic. In the end, however, we find the way to regularly gather and worship and pray together. This is foundational to a healthy and balanced life of faith. But it is not all.

We must always strive to look beyond our own interests or preferences and to seek common bonds with other people in spite of any differences which might be political, religious, cultural, or anything else. One lesson my father learned and taught me about his upbringing in a mixed neighborhood in the lower eastside of New York City is that life is too precious to spend time finding ways to live separately from people different than yourself.

We share this life, this planet, our neighborhoods with a humanity that God has created in all its diversity of appearance and opinions. May this be the season to embrace what is good, and let go of the rest.

*The Rev. Jim Bimbi*

***Don't Forget to set your clocks BACK 1 hour:***

*Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00am, Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, so set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night!*

## **ST. JAMES' 2016 ANNUAL BAZAAR**

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

*There are several opportunities for you to contribute to the success of your Bazaar, Luncheon, and Turkey Dinner.*

*Sign-Up sheets are posted in the Great Hall in the Parish House.*

- Make a dessert for the Luncheon.
- Donate food items for the Turkey Dinner.
- Volunteer to cook a turkey.
- Make something delicious for the Bake Shop.
- Help with set-up and clean-up.

**Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> (4 PM – 7 PM)**

**The Bazaar Ladies need help setting up the Bazaar Shops.**

- Bring tables & lattices up from the basement
- Put wall coverings up in the Bazaar Shops
- Hang lattices in the shops & hallway
- Set the tables up in the shops

**Any amount of time you are available to help will be greatly appreciated.**

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> (After the 10:15 Service)**

**All the items made for the Bazaar need to be brought up from the Bazaar Room in the basement and distributed to the various Shops.**

**Thursday Evening, November 5<sup>th</sup> (5:30 PM – 7:30 PM)**

- Set up for Friday's Luncheon.

### ***Bazaar Bake Shop***

**Please plan to bring your baked goods, jellies, jams, pickles, candies, etc. to the Parish House at the following times:**

<b>Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>5:30 pm - 7:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am - 2:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am - 12:00pm</b>

***This is a wonderful opportunity to support your church and spend time with family and friends.  
Everyone working together will make this a successful event.***

## **2016 BAZAAR LUNCHEON**

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 11am to 1pm.**

**Come shop and enjoy a delicious lunch.**

### **Menu Meals**

<b>Pulled Pork on Roll</b>	
with Cole Slaw and Chips .....	<b>\$6.00</b>
<b>Chicken Salad on Romaine</b>	
with Broccoli Salad and Corn Muffin .....	<b>\$6.00</b>
<b>Father Jim's Vegetable Soup</b>	
with Corn Muffin .....	<b>\$4.00</b>

### **a la cart'**

<b>Pulled Pork .....</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>Chicken Salad .....</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>Smucker's Uncrustable .....</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Cole Slaw .....</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Broccoli Salad .....</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Chips .....</b>	<b>\$0.75</b>
<b>Roll .....</b>	<b>\$0.50</b>

### **Drinks**

<b>Soda/Water .....</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Coke, Diet Coke</b>	

### **Desserts**

<b>Assorted Pies, Cakes, Brownies .....</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
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**The Bazaar Luncheon Committee respectfully requests donations of funds to support our event. This enables us to maintain consistency in our ingredients and to present a delicious and well-received luncheon for over 150 hungry shoppers.**

**Please plan to be part of the fun! Donations of funds, desserts, and, most importantly, your time, are most sincerely welcomed!**

**Sam White - Cook**

## There will be Something for Everyone



Bring your friends & family members for a day of shopping and good food.

### ***Bazaar Shops & Raffles***

***Christmas Shop*** - Everything you need for the holiday: ornaments, wreaths, wall hangings, decorations, snowmen, angels, etc.

***Petal Alley*** - Beautiful arrangements & wreaths; we have seasonal pieces and many other decorative items.

## Annual Bazaar



***One Fine Yarn*** - The best handmade items you will find anywhere. The ladies have been busy quilting, knitting, crocheting and sewing.

***Unique Gifts*** - This is the perfect shop for that special gift. The selection includes gift baskets, cross-stitch, many new hand crafted jewelry items, and much more.

***ABC*** – You will find many items for children in this shop. There are knitted and crocheted afghans, sweaters, hats and assorted accessories. Jewelry, books and stuffed animals will be available too.

***The Raffle Table*** - You will be pleased with the items we have this year. Don't forget to stop at the Raffle Table.

***The Bake Shop*** - We have everything for the sweet tooth: Pies, cakes, cookies, breads, preserves, and candy. This is the tastiest corner of the Bazaar.



***Quilt Raffle*** – The St. James' Quilters have created beautiful hand quilted items for this year's Quilt Raffle.

***Door Prizes*** – There will be Door Prizes. Be sure to enter for a chance to win a Door Prize.

***LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU  
ON NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup>***



**Gobble, Gobble, Gobble....**it's that time of the year and what a great way to start off the holiday feeling by getting involved with your fellow parishioners for our biggest fundraiser of the year!!...Come out and join the fun. There is plenty of opportunity to get involved. Signup sheets are posted in the Parish Hall so please sign up for a task that your talent may draw you to and/or a donation of items needed. Also, monetary donations are greatly appreciated. We look forward to making this year the best year yet!

Seating is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available now in person after services in the office during regular office hours or on line at [www.td2016.eventbrite.com](http://www.td2016.eventbrite.com). Credit card payment is an option. Credit Card and online purchases will incur an additional fee per ticket. This year we are offering an early bird special for the 3:30 seating with discounted pricing. Get your tickets early to be sure of getting your preferred seating time!

	3:30pm	5:00 & 6:30 pm
ADULTS	\$14	\$15
Seniors (65+)	\$13	\$14
Child (5-10)	\$ 7	\$ 8

All take-out tickets are \$15.00.



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

**On Sunday, November 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](mailto:sisterbjbrown@gmail.com)**

## 2017 Pledge Campaign Currently Underway

The 2017 Pledge Campaign launched on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> with preaddressed pledge packets available to be picked up in church. Those not picked were put in the mail on Tuesday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> with first class postage. If you have not received a pledge packet they can be picked up in Church or the Parish House, or by calling the office 302-994-1584.

Please take the time to read and consider the material in the packet. Then, in order to help the Vestry complete next year's budget in a timely fashion, everyone is asked to return their 2017 financial pledge **no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**A little incentive:** To encourage the early return of pledge cards the members of the Vestry have dug into their own pockets and purchased one \$50 gift card and two \$25 gift cards. The gift cards will be awarded by a random drawing from among those people who have submitted their 2017 pledge by **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**.

## November 6<sup>th</sup> - All Saints' Sunday

The Feast of All Saints is a time of remembrance of the steadfast witnesses of the Christian faith who have passed through this life to the next. While this feast day was originally associated with the LARGE "S" saints like Saint James or Saint Paul, it has come to be a time when we remember the SMALL "s" saints we have know in our lives. These saints are the family members, friends, teachers, coworkers, neighbors and others who have touched upon the fabric of our lives. We will remember them all this year on All Saints' Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> with the opportunity for each of us to remember some of the small "s" saints we have known. In preparation for worship on that day, spend some time in prayer giving thanks to God for the people who have a special place in your heart and memory. When you come to church, may the grace you have received from their lives bring you thankfully before God, the One who has given us to each other in love.

## November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm - Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service of the Mill Creek Ministerium

On Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm, the churches of the Mill Creek Ministerium will gather for their annual Thanksgiving Eve Service, this year to be held at the new St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 5320 Limestone Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808. Participating churches are Marshallton United Methodist, Limestone Presbyterian, St. John the Beloved Roman Catholic, St. James' Episcopal Mill Creek, St. Philip's Lutheran, St. Mark's United Methodist, and St. Barnabas' Episcopal. Following the tradition of this service, the choir members of all of the churches have been invited to sing an anthem in a combined choir.

# #EpiscopaliansVote

[advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/episcopal/EpiscopaliansVote](http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/episcopal/EpiscopaliansVote)



*If we who are Christians participate in the political process and in the public discourse as we are called to do — the New Testament tells us that we are to participate in the life of the polis, in the life of our society — the principle on which Christians must vote is the principle ‘does this look like love of neighbor?’*

*Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, March 2016*

On Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, our nation will head to the polls to decide who will be the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States and to set in motion the peaceful transition to a new administration on January 20, 2017. While much of the media focus is on the presidential election, there are important state and local elections that command our attention as well including the election of the next Governor of Delaware and the next Delaware State Representative to the Congress of the United States.

For Christians the faithful commitment to political participation aligns with our Baptismal Covenant’s promise to “strive for justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human being.” In line with our faith, and in dedication to the integrity of our democratic system, we are also called support all of our newly elected leaders and to work together for the common good of our country.

## Capital Campaign Projects in October



Back exit platform and stairs of Parish House completely rebuilt and open for use



Regrading of landscape and raised window wells to eliminate water in basement

## ***Your Donations at Work!***

## EMMANUEL DINING ROOM~

### SHARING OUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS

**Thank you! Thank you!** to all who have worked to make our Emmanuel Dining Room lunches so tasty and filled with tender loving care! For the October 31st, Halloween, our youth worked hard stuffing bags of goodies for a special "take away" bag with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich (made by many parishioners' hands) for our guests. Thank you to all who helped in making and serving the lunch of meatball subs, banana, chips, milk, and dessert. Many hands make light work! And, sharing God's bounty with each other and those in need is a blessing for one and all.

#### Thinking ahead to December 31<sup>st</sup> – Please consider hosting a table of 8 for \$15

For our final lunch of 2016 is Saturday, 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 Friday, December 30th 10 am to 11:30 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 lasagnas, 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 Friday, December 30th.

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## View from the Road....

### Thoughts from your Journey Team



- Two sayings came to mind during the preparation and actual October 23rd Morning Prayer services and breakfast "between the services": **"Many hands make light work"** and **"If you feed them they will come!"**

- We are/were blessed with an abundance of good food, fellowship, and people stepping forward to help. There are so many to thank and we do not want to miss anyone. But, we'd be remiss if we did not give a special thanks to Sister BJ Brown for



her reflective mediation during both services, Sister Julian Wilson and Elinor Knodel for serving as officiants, Keith St. John and the choir for their music ministry, those who read the lessons and offered special prayers~our youth and young at heart: Lynne Baker, Karen Shogan, Faye Hart, Gwen Gerety Hays, Nancy Patterson, Holly Brennan, Elizabeth Chance, Donald Chance, Justin Dunford, Steve Prescott, Carolyn Mack, Susan



St. John, and Daniel Townsend, and to the members of the Journey Team and Vestry for providing the breakfast and members of the parish who worked behind the scenes~our parish secretary Genia and the Altar Guild, Flower ministry, Ushers, and Father Jim and the Worship Team and those who saw an opportunity to "jump in and help". So, really thank you, one, and ALL!

- The view from the road is extraordinary because of each one of us~we bring our God given gifts and talents together and that's what the St. James' family is all about. So, whether you "have more days ahead of you than behind you" or "fewer days ahead of you than behind you" make each day a blessing to someone else and thank God that He has given us the gift of the St. James' family~those that came before us and those we nurture for the years ahead.
- **"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."**

# Looking Ahead:

## To Advent 2016

**The Start of a New Church Year** – The First Sunday of Advent, which this year falls on November 27<sup>th</sup>, marks the beginning of a new Church Year. Advent, from the Latin word *adventus*, means ‘coming’ or ‘emergence’ and is the season during which Christians prepare for the coming of Christ, most notably observed with the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Since Jesus has already been born, however, it also carries the call to prepare for when the Risen Christ will come again in power and great glory.

**November 27<sup>th</sup> – Make an Advent Wreath for Your Home** – Continuing a Saint James’ Church tradition, we will be making Advent Wreathes in the Great Hall of the Parish House on the First Sunday of Advent. Straw forms, fresh greens, floral pins and candles will be available (donations kindly accepted), but feel free to bring some of your own materials. The activity takes place between 9-10am. This year Fr. Jim is asking that all of the Advent Wreathes be brought to the 10:15am service so they might be blessed in the Church. Come and join the fun and fellowship, and make something special to take home.

## To Christmas 2016

**It might seem a little early to be thinking about Christmas,** but the Worship Life Ministry Team and Fr. Jim want to begin to get the word out concerning the schedule of services around the yearend holidays. Needless to say, a few things will be different this year. For Christmas Eve, Saturday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, the number of services will be reduced from three to two in consideration of our available resources and service attendance in recent years. Then, since both Christmas Day and New Year’s Day fall on Sundays, on both of those days there will be one service only at 9:00am.

**So, the holiday schedule will look like this:**

- **Saturday, CHRISTMAS EVE, Dec 24th, 2016**
  - ~ **7:30pm**, Youth Led Service with Holy Eucharist
  - ~ **10:00pm**, Candlelight Service with Holy Eucharist
- **Sunday, CHRISTMAS DAY, Dec 25th, 2016**
  - ~ **9:00am**, Quiet Holy Eucharist
- **Sunday, NEW YEAR’S DAY, Jan 1st, 2017**
  - ~ **9:00am**, Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist

# To Epiphany 2017

**A Weekend Retreat in Rehoboth Beach** – Sign up now for **The St. James' Retreat Weekend, February 10-12, 2017**, at the diococesan operated A. Felix DuPont Memorial House, nestled among pine trees just two blocks from the Atlantic Ocean in Rehoboth Beach. **This retreat for both Men and Women** begins with dinner on Friday and concludes on Sunday morning, and includes lots of free time and opportunities for socializing. **Cost is \$165/person.** Space is limited. Contact Sam White or Fr. Jim today!

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## November Birthdays

- 1 Shannon Mooney
- 2 Claude White
- 4 Leah Burns  
Brent Hall
- 5 Mark McGee
- 7 Kelsey Hall  
Christopher Jessup
- 8 Jacqueline Gillespie  
Ray Arzinger
- 9 Tyler Cormier
- 11 Holly Barnes  
Will Patterson III
- 12 Shawn Patterson Jr.
- 14 Kate Brewer
- 15 Ed Clark
- 17 Kathy Kwiatkowski  
Molly Taylor
- 18 Jerry Clark
- 20 Matthew Aichele
- 21 Helen Hickam
- 22 George Sukeena
- 23 Scott Miller
- 24 Joan Swider  
Kay Sykes
- 25 Jim Burns
- 26 Susan Mooney  
Michael Patterson  
Eleanor Shaffer



## November Anniversaries

- 10 Jerry & Ed Clark
- 11 Mell & Manny DelleDonne
- 20 Lisa & Mark McGee
- 23 Evelyn & Claude White
- 24 Helen & Frank Hickam



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Tuesday – Thursday  
Closed Monday and Friday

**Service Times**

**Sunday –**

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
10:15am Family Worship

**Wednesday**

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



**NOVEMBER 4**

**10am – 3pm**

**Luncheon:**

**11am – 1pm**



**NOVEMBER 5**

**10am – 7pm**

**Annual Bazaar**

**Turkey Dinner (tickets required):**

**3:30, 5:00 & 6:30pm**

**Turkey Dinner tickets  
available NOW!**



**Parish Life  
Day Nov. 19**