

# *A Letter from St. James*

*Mill Creek Hundred*

*October 2016*

## ***Rector's Ramblings . . . . . It's All About Showing Up***

That time has come once again.

Fall is officially upon us and so is one of the busiest seasons in the life of St. James' parish. For over 50 years the November Bazaar has been the largest annual fundraiser supporting our programs and ministries. It has also been the single event needing the greatest number of volunteers and supporters to make it a success. This year the event will be held Fri-Sat, Nov 4-5.

While the ladies of the bazaar craft workshop have been meeting weekly since February, it is now time for the rest of us to step up and become involved.

When I was interviewed for the position of rector of this parish in April 2002 neither the search committee nor I could have imagined what eventually would become the level of my involvement in the Bazaar weekend, especially the Luncheon and Turkey Dinner. I'm not sure how it happened, but it did.

Although it has often been a lot of work, I have to admit that I enjoy the challenge of helping put all the various pieces in place – from the securing of supplies, preparing the food, organizing the kitchen and workers, and surviving the four hours devoted to serving meals to 400+ diners. What I enjoy even more, however, is being around all those who show up to volunteer their time and efforts.

While it is true that the weekend provides the biggest fundraising boost of the year, without

which we would be hard pressed to meet our expenses, that's not what truly motivates me. What does is the spirit of camaraderie and fellowship that I witness as people pitch in to help set up, to drop off baked goods and food, to work the various shops, to carve turkeys, sell tickets, greet attendees, wait tables, wash an endless amount of dishes, and everything else that must be done.

If I were to express any disappointment, and I don't wish this to sound negative, it is the fact that in all the years I've been at St. James' there are some faces that I've never seen show up to help or to even buy tickets for the Turkey Dinner. There may be very legitimate reasons for this and hopefully not a passivity of letting others be the ones to step up and be involved. We truly need everyone who is able to show up and support the incredible event that the November Bazaar has been for more than five decades.

So, please check those sign-up sheets for food donations and volunteers; come and look for that special craft item for yourself or a gift; drop in and have lunch on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>; and buy a ticket for the Turkey Dinner on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.

And when you come, stop by the kitchen and say hello.

*The Rev. Jim Bimbi*

## From the Prayer Team...

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



On Sunday, October 2nd 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)

## 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**

The Bazaar Ladies have worked hard all year creating many new hand crafted items, beautiful wreaths and arrangements for this year's Bazaar.

### ***Items Needed***

The Bazaar Ladies need the following items:

***Sea Shells, Knitting Yarn, Artificial Christmas Trees,***

Your donations may be left outside the Bazaar Room

### ***Bazaar Preview***

**Prior to the Bazaar some of the items will be on display in the glass case in the foyer of the Parish House. We hope you will have time to stop by and see them.**

### ***Quilt Raffle***

This year there is a beautiful Green & Burgundy Star Pattern Quilt (48"x 58 ½"), Table Runner (12"x 43 ½") and a Framed Quilt Square for our Quilt Raffle.

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

**The Bake Shop is looking forward to your donations of baked goods, candies, and preserves. Your delicious homemade items are always a favorite with all our customers**

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

**Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 pm - 7:30pm**

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - 2:30pm**

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - 12:00pm**

**THANK YOU!!!**

## ***Luncheon***

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 11 AM to 1 PM**

Come shop and enjoy a delicious lunch

Watch for additional information in the weekly Bulletins in October and on our website.

### **PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP**

*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.*

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

- Move furniture out of the Lounge
- Bring tables & lattices up from the basement
- Put up wall coverings in the Bazaar Shops
- Hang the 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.

**Thursday Evening, November 3<sup>rd</sup> (5:30 PM – 7:30 PM)**

Set up for Friday's Luncheon

Desserts for Friday's Luncheon May be Dropped Off at the Parish House

**Friday Afternoon & Evening, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Set up for Saturday's Turkey Dinner.**

Kitchen helpers and servers are needed for the Luncheon and the Turkey Dinner.

Relief workers are needed in the Bazaar Shops during the Luncheon and Turkey Dinner.

Donate a dessert for the Luncheon.

Food donations for the Turkey Dinner are needed.

Plan to make something delicious for the Bake Shop.

***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.***

## There will be Something for Everyone



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

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

## **Annual Bazaar**



***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.

***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>***

## Turkey Dinner



**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.

## Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>



Blessing  
of the Animals

In remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi, there will be a **Blessing of the Animals** on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Saint Francis tamed a wild wolf, preached to the birds, and warned fish not to bite on any hooks. In a similar vein, we encourage peace among all our brother and sister creatures, and pray for all the animals that are entrusted to our care.

Fr. Jim, in his best Saint Francis mode, will attempt to lay hands on and pray for each animal that is brought in for a blessing. He has also declared that you are welcome to bring your pet into the church for the 10:15am service as long as it is properly restrained (leash, cage, etc.) and it generally plays well with other members of the animal kingdom. If an actual animated animal is not available, or it is not feasible to bring the animal in your care (sorry, no animals larger than Fr. Jim in the church), then a plush toy animal or even a photo might be brought to the service instead.

If you deem it more manageable (especially if your animal is larger than Fr. Jim) blessings will also be offered at 11:30am at the steps of the Parish House.

## Did you know . . .?



*View from the Saviak memorial bench looking up towards the Church from Old Capital Trail*

front of the bench there is a plaque that says: "In Loving Memory of John Saviak 1926-2015". It's a wonderful place to sit and be still, and to give thanks for the life that John so generously devoted to St. James' Mill Creek.

Down in the far corner of our property there is a clearing that was part of an Eagle Scout project completed years ago by Daniel Bowser, a grandson of a longtime member of the parish, John Saviak. After John passed away last year, Daniel contacted Fr. Jim with the offer to place a bench on the property under the tree along the fence by Old Capital Trail. This location was important to Daniel as it was near the site of his project.

With the Vestry's endorsement, Daniel purchased and installed the bench earlier this year on the day before Easter Sunday. On the

## 2017 Pledge Campaign

### Early Planning

The fall is a busy time in the parish as much time and energy is given over to the start of the new program year and to the annual November Bazaar, Luncheon, and Turkey Dinner. In order to help the Vestry complete the financial planning for 2017 in a timely fashion, the Stewardship Committee is planning an earlier kick-off and completion of the pledge campaign for support of the 2017 budget.

Beginning in early October, information on the 2017 Pledge Campaign will be included in the weekly e-Epistles and Sunday bulletins. In addition, brief talks will be given at all services.

### Campaign Period – Oct 16 to Nov 30

The campaign will launch on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> with preaddressed pledge packets available to be picked up in church. Those not picked up will be mailed. Everyone is asked to return their 2017 financial pledge no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>.

# Capital Campaign Projects



Church repairs and painting



Replacement of 27 windows in Parish House



Demolition and Reforming exit



Hauling in the concrete

## Your Donations at Work!

# View From the Road....Thoughts from the Journey Team

## **PARADOX BLESSING** *From the Celtic Daily Prayer Book 2*

*May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers,  
half-truths, superficial relationships,  
so that you will live deep within your heart.*

*May God bless you with anger at injustice,  
oppression, and exploitation of people,  
so that you will work for justice, equity, and peace.*

*May God bless you with tears to shed  
for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war,  
so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain to joy.*

*And, may God bless you with the foolishness to think  
that you can make a difference in the world,  
so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.*

## **DRAWING ON OUR TRADITIONS AND STRENGTHS**

***Before the Book of Common Prayer was revised in 1979, the Office of Morning Prayer used to be an “every Sunday” or “most Sunday experience” for some of our parishioners.***

For these folk, occasional Morning Prayer can bring back sweet memories of how we used to worship before the Holy Eucharist became the principal worship service on Sundays. Those who are younger or new to The Episcopal Church have little to no experiences of Morning Prayer at all.

***Please join us on Sundays October 9 and 16 between the services (from 9:15 am to 10 am) in the Parish Hall to explore the history and richness of Morning Prayer.*** Building on Father Jim’s brief Book of Common Prayer “tips” during the weekly Sunday services, these sessions will provide an expanded opportunity for better understanding of the various prayers and to ask questions. Light refreshments will be offered!

***And, then....on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, please come and join us to worship together using Morning Prayer Rite II*** (you’ll learn what that means on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>) and enjoy breakfast from 9 am to 10 am in the parish hall (following the 8 o’clock service or before 10:15 service.)





## **Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR) Ministry**

Again, we want to thank you all for the generous outpouring of food, donations, prayers, and time and energy in food preparation for the July and August Emmanuel Dining Room lunches. Your generosity enabled us to serve almost 400 men, women, and children a tasty, nutritious, homemade meal. We were fortunate that the extra food items from our August Family Promise week were shared with the guests of Emmanuel Dining Room. The need is great and the meals and service to those in need is very appreciated. **We could not do this ministry without your help!**

### **Next EDR Lunch, Monday, October 31, 2016**

**Menu:** Meatball sub sandwiches, bag of chips, piece of fruit, milk, and a special Halloween goodie bag. Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches are available for guests to eat at the dining room or take for later or to share with a friend.

#### **Opportunities to share in this ministry:**

**DONATE food:** We need **jars of spaghetti sauce, Parmesan cheese, creamy peanut butter, grape jam (*jam is much easier to spread*), zip lock sandwich bags, and individual snack sized candies.** (Please label items EDR and drop in the basket in the inside of the church or in the parish hall kitchen on the back table.) ***Please provide donations by Sunday, October 16th.***

**DONATE money to purchase needed items:** including meatballs, milk, and rolls/bread (we purchase it in bulk.)

**Join in the PREPARATION: Sunday, October 30, following the 10:15 service.** Please join us in the St. James' Parish Hall Kitchen following the 10:15 service to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

**Join in the DELIVERING and SERVING: Monday, October 31st,** load cars (10:15 am) and leave the St. James' parking lot (10:30 am), drive into Wilmington and prepare to serve from noon to 1:15 pm.

***Again, thank you,***

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

Questions: call Cindy Fauerbach (302)239-8336 or email: [cindyfauerbach@verizon.net](mailto:cindyfauerbach@verizon.net)

## October Birthdays

- 1 Robert Vrana
- 2 Christopher Elder
- 3 Jennifer Cormier
- 4 Brian Sheppard
- 7 Barbara Seddon
- 8 Gail Coverdale
- 9 Samuel Manthorpe
- 10 Laura Sheppard
- 12 Aaron Moyer
- 15 Chris Cook  
CJ Elder  
Benjamin DuPont
- 16 Doug Marvel  
Richard Aichele
- 17 Amy Burns
- 18 Steven Tuhy
- 19 Beth Acton  
Madelyn Sandlhauser
- 23 Mackenzie McCracken  
Alan Cascino
- 24 Rev. Leona Brownell
- 26 Carl Elder
- 27 Irene Deibert
- 28 Lee Jessup  
Billy Jennings
- 30 Stacy DuPont



## October Anniversaries

- 3 Perrie & Bob Carrow  
Kate & David Hoppenjans
- 8 Elizabeth & Kurt Lichtenstein
- 10 Amy & John Taylor
- 12 Karen & George Shogan  
Laura & Bob Sheppard  
Allyson & Christopher Snyder
- 19 Chris & Skip Cook
- 26 Annemarie & Shawn Patterson
- 30 Jennifer & Darren Cormier



**Diocesan Parish Life Day:** November 19 is the date for Parish Life Day, which is held at St. Anne's School in Middletown. This is a day of worship, celebration and learning. There are 15 different workshops including the ECW Annual Meeting, worship services, free children's program, continental breakfast and lunch. Bishop Wright refers to Parish Life Day as our second convention! This year's theme is "Be Still and Know," featuring workshops with the Delaware Twin Poets Laureate, Albert Mills and Nnamdi Chuckwuocha, and spiritual director Francie Thayer, whose offering is titled "Strengthening Spiritual Muscle Memory: Practices that can help us live from our spiritual hearts into our daily lives." It is a wonderful day that sets the stage for the fall and winter festival season. Brochures are available at the church. You can also register online at [DioceseofDelaware.net](http://DioceseofDelaware.net). Registration is \$20 per adult and \$15 for youth (ages 13-17).

# FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

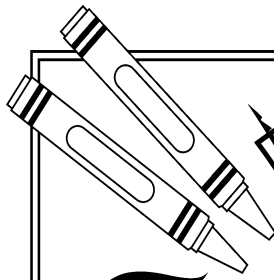
## What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend



## What you do:

1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
3. Fill in the heart "hole" with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend's hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
5. Write "FRIENDS" at the top.
6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.



# PUZZLE

## Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship.

What does he do for his friends?

*Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.*

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Opposite of hate: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Opposite of yes: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Three minus two: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Not \_\_\_\_\_ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: \_\_\_\_\_

6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Opposite of up: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Opposite of death: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Best buds: \_\_\_\_\_

" \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_: to \_\_\_\_\_  
one's \_\_\_\_\_ for one's \_\_\_\_\_."

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV

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**Service Times**

**Sunday –**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:15am Family Worship

**Wednesday**

9:30am Holy Eucharist

10:15am Bible Study



Blessing of  
the Animals

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**10:15am**



**Join us  
for  
Breakfast**

**Sunday October 23**

**9am – between  
services**

**Turkey Dinner tickets  
available NOW!**



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