



A Letter from St. James'

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Rector's Ramblings . . . How Well Do You Know the Story of the Bible?

Have you ever tried to read through the Bible and found yourself getting lost somewhere along the way? ***The Path*** is the excerpted story of the Bible in 24 short chapters that is clear and easy to read. Follow the path of God's love all the way from the beginning to the end, from the story of creation in Genesis to John's revelation of the new heavenly Jerusalem. Copies of ***The Path*** can be purchased online, or on Sunday mornings for \$22.

You can easily read ***The Path*** on your own. You can also join the weekly gatherings that are discussing just one chapter per week. We began the week of October 1 with Chapter One – "God Saw That It Was Good." **You can join in on Wednesdays at 10:15am, or Sundays at 9:05am.** Also, you can view and/or subscribe to my online blog at ThePathWithFJ.blogspot.com. Here's a copy of my first posting for Chapter 1:

In the beginning . . . These familiar words open the biblical account of God's love affair with the entirety of creation and humanity. The account is not meant to be scientific, for that would be applying modern standards to our ancestors' observations and understandings of the world. However, might we not credit the ancients with sensing that God's work of creating took place with some logical order and progression? I once knew a bishop who had been trained in the sciences, and he could offer a fairly solid case for seeing within the biblical account support for the modern scientific theory of evolution. Whatever one's view of how the world came into being, we can agree that it is both wonderful and good.

The ancient storytellers also knew that deep within humanity is a rebellious streak: a desire to have things our own way, to compete for resources, and to believe that we can order and control life to our own liking. They knew how this destroyed trust and relationships between themselves, and also put them at odds with the created order itself. And if at odds with the created order, then certainly the relationship with the Creator was strained if not broken.

It had all started so "good," so "very good" indeed, and our place in The Story begins no differently than that of our ancestors. It is for every generation, every person of faith, to reflect on their place within it.

Blessings, Fr. Jim Bimbi

2019 Pledge Campaign

In order to help the Vestry complete the financial planning for 2019 in a timely fashion, the Stewardship Committee has planned to kick-off the pledge campaign beginning in early October.

Be looking for announcements in the October newsletter, weekly e-Epistles and Sunday bulletins. In addition, brief talks will be given at all services.

Campaign Period – Oct 14 to Nov 30

The campaign will launch on Sunday, October 14th with preaddressed pledge packets available to be picked up in church. Those not picked up will be mailed. Everyone is asked to return their 2019 financial pledge no later than November 30th.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR



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 7th at 11:30 am members of the prayer team will hold a short prayer service in the church following the 2nd service (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 each 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 these monthly services.**

For those who are not able to come to church or have an immediate prayer need, we invite you to call Sister BJ Brown at 302.420.7117 or email her at: sisterbjbrown@gmail.com

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 7th

In remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi, there will be a **Blessing of the Animals** on Sunday, October 7th. 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.



Blessing
of the Animals



Clean-up Day – October 13

Come on out at 9:00am on Saturday, October 13, as we do some clean-up around the churchyard and graves.
(John Handlin has promised to bring donuts.)

Emmanuel Dining Room Ministry

Our next lunch is October 31, 2018, Halloween

Along with lunch (meatball subs, chips, bananas, and cookies), each guest will receive a special Halloween treat bag prepared by the youth of St. James'.

What you can do to help:

- Donate snack sized candies for the Halloween treat bags prepared by the St. James' youth.
 - Please bring your bags of candy starting Sunday, October 7th-mark your bag EDR and leave in the parish house kitchen or in the box in the foyer of the church.
 - The youth will make up the treat bags on Sunday, Oct. 21st and 28th.
- Tuesday, October 30th 9-11 am in the kitchen join in making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.
- Wednesday, October 31st we'll serve lunch at Emmanuel Dining Room.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Cindy Fauerbach (302)584-8053 or cindyfauerbach@verizon.net.

Thank you,

Pat Minor, Ginny Dennis, Gail Coverdale, and Cindy



The 2018 St. James' Annual Bazaar is Rapidly Approaching

Friday, November 2nd and Saturday, November 3rd



Friday, November 2nd 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Saturday, November 3rd 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

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.

Bazaar Preview

Some Bazaar items are on display in the glass case in the foyer of the Parish House. We hope you will have time to stop by and see what the Bazaar Ladies have been making.

Quilt Raffle

Jerry Clark has hand stitched a beautiful Queen Size Quilt and 2 Pillow Shams.

They will be on display in the Parish House after both services.

Chances will be available for \$1.00 each, 6/\$5.00 or 15/\$10.00.

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 each year.

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

Thursday, November 1st 5:30 pm - 7:30pm

Friday, November 2nd 8:00 am - 2:30pm

Saturday, November 3rd 8:00 am - 12:00pm

Don't Forget to Sign Up to Help

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

Please stop by the Parish House to see how you can help make this year's Bazaar a success. Contact Shirley Alexander (738-5331) or Nancy Patterson (239-7649) if you have any questions.

THANK YOU!

Save the Date!
November 3rd, 2018
Annual Turkey Dinner Fund Raiser Event!



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

Please sign up for a task that your talent may draw you to and/or a donation of items needed. Also, monetary donations to purchase non-donated items are greatly appreciated. We look forward to making this year the best year yet!

Seating for the dinner is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Tickets will be available starting this after Sunday services, in the office Tuesdays-Thursdays 9am to 2pm, or online at www.td2018.eventbrite.com. Credit/debit card payment is an option. Card and online purchases will incur an additional fee per ticket.

This year we adjusted the seating times a little bit. Get your tickets early to be sure of getting your preferred seating time!

4:00pm 5:30pm 7:00pm

\$15 - ADULTS and TAKE-OUT Orders

\$14 - SENIORS (65 and over) - dining room seating only

\$ 8 - CHILDREN (5-10), under 5 free



October Birthdays

- 1 Robert Vrana
- 2 Christopher Elder
Craig Galante
- 3 Claire Chrisbacher
Jennifer Cormier
- 4 Brian Sheppard
- 6 Carina Garcia
- 7 Barbara Seddon
- 8 Gail Coverdale
- 9 Samuel Manthorpe
- 10 Laura Sheppard

- 12 Connor Deibert
Aaron Moyer
- 15 Chris Cook
CJ Elder
- 16 Doug Marvel
Richard Aichele
- 17 Amy Burns
- 18 Steven Tuhy
- 19 Beth Acton
Madelyn Sandlhauser
- 22 Alexander Galante
- 23 Alan Cascino
Trevor Dennis
- 24 Rev. Leona Brownell
- 26 Carl Elder
- 27 Irene Deibert
- 28 Billy Jennings



October Anniversaries

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



We have been blessed with the addition of three new voices to our choir! We are indeed making a joyful noise unto the Lord, and you can be a part of the praise and prayer.

Rehearsals are held Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. If you are interested in joining this rewarding ministry, speak to Keith St. John, our Director of Music. All that is required is a love of music and worship.