



## *A Letter from St. James'*

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

*September 2018*

### **Rector's Ramblings . . .**

As I enter my seventeenth September as the rector of St. James' Mill Creek, I have much to be thankful for both in the parish and my life. Since moving to Delaware I have been introduced to the marvelous mayhem of the annual Fall Bazaar and Turkey Dinner! The good-natured cooperation makes all the hard work seem like a joy. The planning and celebrations of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish in 2014 was an honor to be part of. On a week-to-week basis, the support of parishioners even when I've stumbled in one thing or another has shown me a lot about the love of God and personal forgiveness. Also, since moving to Delaware I have become a grandparent five times over, with number six due to arrive early in 2019. Unfortunately, only one is relatively close by, with the others in Colorado and Washington State. Hopefully Cynde and I can plan a few more trips before they all grow up.

But now begins September #17 for the Bimbi's at St. James'. Can't wait to see what lies ahead.

*Blessings, Fr. Jim Bimbi*

### **September 9<sup>th</sup> – Change in Worship Schedule**

On Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday morning worship schedule will revert to our normal pattern of a spoken service 8:00am, and a service with music & hymns at 10:15am.



Many thanks to Elaine Marvel for coordinating Lemonade-in-the-Circle again this summer and to all of you who hosted this year. Thanks also to Gail Zimmerman who coordinates our Coffee Hour throughout the rest of the year.

### **2019 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 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 14<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 2019 financial pledge no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>.

# A Thank You from Kathy Jackson to the Parish



On my way in !!



My nephew Luke won a medal for coming in First in his age group of runners at 21:33

Thanks again for supporting me in the Epilepsy 5K walk! Here are some pictures of me at the walk on June 2, 2018. With your help, I raised \$7,255.75 in my 26<sup>th</sup> year of participation in the walk. It was my best year yet! I'll be seeing you next year! 😊



After coming over the finish line at 49:42



Thanks Councilman Tim Sheldon for your generous \$1,000 donation for 2018

☆☆☆ ***Well done Kathy!*** ☆☆☆



## From the Prayer Team...

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

**On the first Sunday of every month** the members of the prayer team 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, they 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](mailto:sisterbjbrown@gmail.com)

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2018

Thanks to your efforts St. James'' was able to send \$350 in support of the Back-to-School effort to allow impoverished children to be provided with backpacks, uniforms, school supplies, shoes and haircuts so they have a fresh start to the new school year. The families of these children are unable to supply their children with the basics they need to return to school. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**





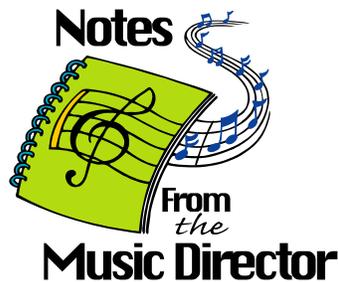
## Welcome Back Sunday!

**September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Schools are back in session, vacations have (mostly) been taken, and it's time to gather the flock of St. James' as we begin our fall worship, education, and fellowship.

**On SUNDAY, September 16th**, there will be a **free Continental Breakfast at 9:00am**, as well as a **Ministry Fair** to highlight and celebrate the life of the congregation.

Plan to come and see what's happening!



The choir returns to lead us in song on September 16<sup>th</sup> after a well deserved summer break!

Rehearsals are held 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.

We would love to have you join us!



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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**October 20, 2018**

An evangelism conference  
sponsored by  
**The Episcopal Church in Delaware.**

Hosted by Christ Church, Wilmington

**MORE INFORMATION TO COME**

# The 2018 St. James' Annual Bazaar

## Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>



Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.***

The Bazaar Ladies have been very busy creating many new items along with old favorites. Every year the ladies come up with new and unique ideas. You can find just the right gift for those on your gift list. There will be something for everyone.

### ***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 every Sunday starting October 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

### ***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.

### ***White Elephant Room***

We are no longer accepting donations for the *White Elephant Room*.

***Sign-Up sheets for helpers will be posted in the Great Hall in the Parish House.***

***Starting Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>***

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

### ***There Are Many Ways You Can Help***

- Kitchen helpers and servers are needed for the Turkey Dinner.
- Relief workers are needed in the shops during lunch and dinner breaks.
- Donate food items for the Turkey Dinner.
- Make something delicious for the Bake Shop.
- Help with set-up and clean-up.

### ***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 1 <sup>st</sup>	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Friday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Saturday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## ***There is Something for Everyone at the Bazaar!***

**Enjoy two days of shopping and good food with family and friends.**

### ***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.

**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 items, hand crafted jewelry, hand painted items, and a variety of gifts.

**ABC** – This shop has a variety of items for children. There are knitted and crocheted afghans, sweaters, hats and assorted accessories. Jewelry, books and stuffed animals will also be available.

**White Elephant Room** – The White Elephant Room will be located downstairs. There will be an assortment of gently used items.

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

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

***Starting in October watch for weekly  
Bazaar announcements in the e-Epistle and Bulletin.***

**If you have any questions about the Bazaar please contact:  
Nancy Patterson (239-7649) or Shirley Alexander (738-5331)**

**The Bazaar Ladies want to thank everyone for their donations throughout the year.  
Your continued support is greatly appreciated.**

***LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> AND 3<sup>rd</sup>***

## **Save the Date!**

### **November 3<sup>rd</sup> is our annual Turkey Dinner Fund Raiser!**



Turkey  
Dinner

Look for sign-up sheets in early September in the parish house for donated food items, kitchen helpers, setup helpers, and numerous other jobs. Please join in on this fun event that requires plenty of volunteers! Brought to you by the Turkey Dinner committee of Jennifer Idell, Allison Jessup, Sam White and Susan Winward.

## September Birthdays

- 3 Bob Sheppard, Sr.  
5 Kenna Harrold-Mansk  
Nancy Patterson  
6 James' Insinga  
8 George Elliston  
Peter Lichtenstein  
9 Moriah Niehaus  
11 John Bowser  
Isabella Garcia  
Nathan Minor  
12 Larry Heinold  
16 Les Cansler  
17 Dan Strecker  
18 David Coverdale  
Matthew Fauerbach  
19 Emma White  
Allyson Snyder  
20 Carol Harrold  
21 Donna Mosel  
Robert Haywood  
22 Paige Minor  
23 Mackenzie McCracken  
24 Elle Krikelis  
27 Olivia Elder  
28 Pat Minor  
Courtney Sheppard  
Hope Jennings  
29 Ruth Gooding  
Jim Minor  
Arwen DeCostanza  
30 John Miller

## September Anniversaries

- 1 Janice & George Sukeena  
10 Kathryn & Steve Coverdale  
19 Jennifer & Mark Idell  
28 Carolyn & Sean Joynt



We hope you enjoyed your summer vacation and are ready to join back into the active life of our parish.

Christian Education for all ages begins at 9:15AM on September 16<sup>th</sup>, and of course the bazaar and turkey dinner are right around the corner!

## MISSING!

**From downstairs White Elephant Room**

Four hand carved wooden snowflakes that were spray painted gold and silver.

They were left on the table to dry.

If found, please return to one of the Bazaar Ladies or to the Church Office.

Thank you!

The St. James' Bazaar Ladies