

# *A Letter from St. James*

*Mill Creek Hundred*

*June 2016*

## ***Rector's Ramblings . . . Speed up? Slow Down? Or just pull over?***

Last week while driving on Interstate 95, I witnessed an interesting thing. It was a car going 55 miles-per-hour in a 55 MPH speed limit zone! I know – Crazy, right?

I was in the middle lane heading south from the Philadelphia Airport. Keeping up with the flow of traffic, I was unmindful of the speed we were all traveling until approaching a car on my right hand side. As the whole center lane of cars and trucks went streaming past this vehicle I wondered what could the driver be thinking? Doesn't this person know how dangerous it is to him/herself and to others to be going so slow on a major highway?

Glancing at my speedometer, I saw that I was going 65. The realization struck me that the driver was probably thinking that staying within the posted speed limit was the right thing to do. Me, on the other hand? I'm just mindlessly going along with the pace of the crowd.

How often we allow ourselves to be influenced by others without so much as a thought to the potential consequences to our own life. Looking back on my younger days, I can recall some awfully stupid things I did or exposed myself to in those moments I acquiesced to the circumstances or the people around me. Did I know better? Not always. Maturity does come from accumulated life experience. But during those times when I knew that what I was doing was wrong, or at least ill advised, why did I not stop myself?

Now before you call or drop me a note with your explanation of my actions (or inactions), let me just say that I'm not asking for you to explain me to me. I'm working on that myself, thank you very much. And if you should tell me that you've found yourself in situations similar to what I've described, I promise to refrain from diagnosing your problem and prescribing the ultimate cure. What I offer, however, are a few observations from my own reflections:

- Keeping ourselves within proper limits is probably a good thing in the long run.
- Always rushing to the next "must-do" item does not make us better persons.
- Allowing others to pass ahead of us does not detract from our self-worth as individuals.
- Slowing down can conserve energy we'll need later.
- We should occasionally stop to see if where we're headed is where we want to end up.

Our faith informs us that sabbath rest is an important component to keeping our lives in balance with God and one another. Summertime is a good time to remind myself, and all of you, to slow down and reconnect with the Lord of Life.

*The Rev. Jim Bimbi*

# Summer Schedule of Worship & Study

June 5<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY WORSHIP                      8:00am & 9:30am

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP                      9:30am

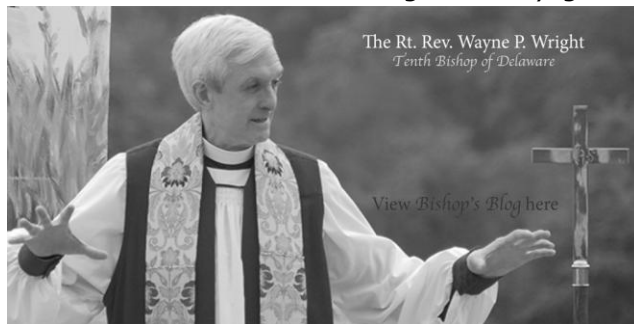
Wednesday Bible Study                      10:15am

## Bishop Announces plans for retirement

In a letter dated April 27, 2016, The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright, announced his plans to retire as the Bishop of Delaware in 2017. The following is his letter in its entirety:

*Dear Friends:*

*In June I will begin my nineteenth year as your bishop. From the day Holly, Parker, and I arrived in Delaware we have been blessed. Seeing so many good things happen is a source of great satisfaction to me. Today all of our congregations are served by a remarkable and faithful group of clergy. Our Episcopal schools, Memorial House, Camp Arrowhead and our many other ministries are also doing well. Our diocese rests on a sound financial and administrative foundation. There is a genuine sense of unity among the lay leaders, clergy, and staff who do so much to support and guide our diocese.*



*With so many things going well I believe that this is the right time for me to move toward retirement and for the diocese to begin planning the election of your next bishop. Responsibility for overseeing the election of a new bishop rests with the diocesan Standing Committee. I met with the Standing Committee last week to share my decision. In mid-May the Standing Committee will meet with Bishop Clay Matthews. He has the specific responsibility for advising dioceses during a transition. Together they will begin laying out the steps and a specific timeline for nominating and electing a new bishop. I have great confidence in their ability to lead this process.*

*We are at the beginning of a transition that will take some time to unfold. I plan to continue in office until early next year. Before I leave there will be opportunities to celebrate all that we have accomplished and time to say goodbye. I love being your bishop and it is an honor to serve with you. I will always be grateful for the friends we have made, the challenges God has offered us, and the accomplishments we have shared. These have been the best years of my ministry.*

*As always, I ask for your prayers just as you will be in mine.*

*Faithfully,*

*Wayne Wright,  
Bishop of Delaware*



*Bishop Wright visited St. James' on May 15<sup>th</sup>*

## **How does a Diocese receive a new Bishop?**

With Bishop Wright's announced plans to retire, the question has been asked as to how the diocese will receive a new bishop. The responsibility falls to the Standing Committee of the Diocese which consists of four lay persons and four clergy, all of whom were elected by the delegates from each congregation at the annual diocesan convention. (In case you were unaware, Bruce Vrana, a member of St. James' Church, is one of the elected lay members.) The President of the Standing Committee, The Rev. Patricia S. Downing, has to date issued two letters to the diocese, and for your information are reprinted on the following pages.

## **May 11<sup>th</sup> Letter from the President of the Standing Committee**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*Bishop Wright sent a letter to the diocese on April 27<sup>th</sup> letting us know that he plans to retire in early 2017. Bishop Wright has served faithfully as our bishop for the past 19 years. His prayerful leadership has seen us through good times and difficult decisions. His prudent oversight of the diocesan finances helped us weather the recession. I am personally grateful for his attention to the health and wellbeing of the clergy and lay leaders of the diocese. He leaves a diocese that is strong, vibrant and ready to meet the challenges and opportunities to come.*

*As President of the Standing Committee, I want you to know what happens next. When a bishop retires, the diocese enters a search for a new one. That search is similar to one that a parish goes through. A search committee will be appointed by the Standing Committee. They will be representative of the diversity of this diocese. Once appointed, they will work with a consultant to draft a profile of the diocese that highlights who we are and what we seek in our next bishop. The process for crafting this profile will most likely involve meetings throughout the diocese as well as surveys to receive input from as wide a group as we can gather. The search committee will then solicit applications, interview prospective clergy and choose a slate of candidates which the Standing Committee presents to the diocese for election. A special convention of the diocese will be held to elect the next bishop.*

*The time line for all of this is still to be determined. The Standing Committee of the diocese is meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> with Bishop Clay Matthews who is in charge of bishop elections for the Episcopal Church. He will recommend a process and time line for us. Once we have that information we will pass that along to you. If you have thoughts or ideas of folk who would be good candidates for the Search or Transition Committees please feel free to send them to me. These names should be submitted by May 16<sup>th</sup>.*

*I ask you also to pray for the Standing Committee, this diocese, for the committees charged with this important work and for those who will be discerning a call to this new ministry.*

*Faithfully,*

*The Reverend Patricia S. Downing  
President, Standing Committee of the Diocese of Delaware  
[patricia@trinityparishde.org](mailto:patricia@trinityparishde.org)*

## **May 18<sup>th</sup> Letter from the Standing Committee**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*The Standing Committee intends to keep the diocese informed about the process to elect our next bishop. We plan on having a dedicated web site where all of the information, calendar, forms and anything else we craft will reside. That is in process. Until that is up and running we will continue to use The Net and other means to communicate.*

*Yesterday, the Bishop and the Standing Committee met with the Right Reverend Clay Matthews, the bishop in charge of episcopal elections. Bishop Matthews walked us through the best practices that are suggested for a diocese as they enter into a search. The most basic tasks are to create a timeline, ask members of the diocese to serve on the Search and Transition Committees and engage a consultant to help us with this process. We are currently working on all three. Thank you to everyone who submitted names for consideration. From your suggestions, we have come up with a list of individuals that we feel represent the diversity, in all its forms, of the diocese. Those individuals will be asked over the course of the next few days to serve. Once the committees are formed, we will let you know their contact information.*

*The work of the Search Committee is to:*

- A. Develop and oversee a process for creating a Diocesan profile;*
- B. Receive nominations;*
- C. Review the qualifications of those being considered;*
- D. Conduct interviews and a retreat as a means of getting to know the potential candidates;*
- E. Prayerfully select and present to the Standing Committee a slate of nominees (number to be determined) who have consented to stand for election and whose background checks have been approved.*

*The work of the Transition Committee is to:*

- A. Publish complete profiles of the candidates and any other educational material deemed helpful;*
- B. Provide for the "walkabout" opportunities for all nominees to meet with as many members of the Diocese as possible;*
- C. Provide hospitality for the candidates and their families;*
- D. Help in the planning for the ordination and consecration of the new Bishop;*
- E. Assist the Bishop in adapting to and being introduced to the Diocesan Community;*
- F. Provide for the transition of Bishop Wright from office.*

*We are delighted that the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, is planning to be with the Diocese of Delaware on December 9, 2017 for the ordination and consecration of our next bishop. We have begun to plan out the course of the process. Here is the timeline we developed yesterday:*

*May 2016 – Search and Transition Committees are formed and a consultant is chosen*

July 2016 – A retreat with the consultant for the Standing Committee, the Search Committee and the Transition Committee is held Search committee begins its work reviewing previous profiles, crafting surveys and designing ways to engage the members of the diocese

August 2016 – Surveys are conducted

September 2016 – Diocesan conversations regarding drafts of the profile

Early-Fall 2016 – The profile is published and potential candidates' names submitted

Mid-Fall 2016 – Goodbye parties begin for Bishop Wright and Holly

January 27-28, 2017 – Diocesan Convention

Early-Winter 2017 – Bishop Wright's last day

Winter 2017 – Screening of candidates

March 2017 – Retreat for the candidates

Spring 2017 – Slate of candidates is announced

Summer 2017 – "Walkabouts" (times to meet the candidates) and electing convention

December 9, 2017 – ordination and consecration

*This timeline enables us to do the work we, as a diocese, need to do to prepare for the election, ordination and consecration of the XI Bishop of Delaware. The diocese is healthy, stable and prepared to move forward with good momentum. We are in a good place and poised for an intentional and prayerful transition.*

*This is an exciting time. It is for celebration, reflection, dreaming and rejoicing. We hope that you will join us in this holy work as we thank and say goodbye to Bishop Wright and Holly, and then turn toward the future and embrace its opportunities and challenges. Thank you for your prayers and for your willingness to engage this process with faithfulness.*

*In God's Peace,*

*The Rev. Patricia S. Downing, president*

*The Rev. Mary L. Allen*

*The Rev. Paul W. Gennett, Jr.*

*Ms. Teri Quinn Gray*

*Mrs. Carol H. Kunz*

*Mr. Jon Rania*

*Mr. Bruce Vrana*

*The Rev. Max J. Wolf*



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Graduates June 4th from John Dickinson HS. She was a member of the Robotics team, that was 1st to win 1st place for her school, a member of the TSA team, animation club and has won several art awards over her school years. She is going to Delaware College of Art and Design this fall and wants to major in Animation.



On Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Trinity Sunday) we recognized our SMACA youth. They were presented with certificates of participation by their teachers and Father Jim. We want to thank our teachers for providing our youth with a wonderful, fun learning experience throughout the year. Please take a moment and thank them when you see them.

Eileen Alexander      Susan St. John      Carolyn Joynt

We also want to thank Kelsey Hall who kept our youngest children in the nursery. She is pictured below with the nursery children.





Family Promise®

Building communities, strengthening lives

Our next host week begins on Sunday June 12.

There are several volunteers opportunities available; the signup sheet is posted in the great hall. We need dinner hosts for Sunday, Monday and Friday, overnight hosts for Sunday, Monday, Friday and Saturday. Thank you for supporting our ministry to help homeless families in our community. Questions: contact Susan Winward 302-354-4440 email [susanwinward@comcast.net](mailto:susanwinward@comcast.net)

## ST. JAMES' VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Join us at  
Vacation Bible  
School!

*Music, Dancing,  
Crafts, Games,  
Snacks, Bible  
Adventure & Fun!!*

**WHEN:** July 18<sup>th</sup> through July 22, 2016

**TIME:** 9:00AM - 12:00PM

**WHERE:** St. James' Episcopal Church

2106 St. James Church Road, Wilmington, DE 19808

**COST:** \$25.00 per Child (financial assistance available - check with church office)

Please register in advance so that we know how many to expect and how many supplies we will need.

**Ages:** 4 to 12

Call (302) 994-1584 with questions

Put this fun event for your children and grandchildren on the calendar. Their friends are welcome to attend. It's a great mid-summer experience for the children.





God Hears and Answers Prayers

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

**On the first Sunday of each month** (June 5th is our next prayer service- **NOTE: new time 11:30 am**), members of the prayer team hold a short prayer service **in the church** (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 continue collecting prayers at the end of the 2nd service and lifting them up during the week. All are welcome.

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)



## June Birthdays

- 1 Barry Coverdale
- 4 Sandy Cornelia
- 5 Susan St. John
- 14 Kevin Heinold
- 15 Elaine Negley
- 17 Jonathan Burns
- 18 John Nuss
- 19 Dawn Behulak
- 20 Paula Green
- 20 Alexandra Markham
- 20 Megan Joynt
- 21 Kim Simpson
- 22 Rebecca Manthorpe
- 22 Stephen Coverdale, Jr.
- 22 John Handlin, Jr.
- 24 Catherine Brown
- 25 Erik Hollstein
- 25 Taylor McCracken
- 25 Susan Miller
- 27 Athena Krikelis
- 27 Ellen White
- 28 Dolores Hamilton
- 28 Margaret Hollstein



*Happy Anniversary!*

## June Anniversaries

- 4 Dorothy & Edward Loveland
- 5 Donna & Joseph Valiante
- 6 Tracey & James McCracken
- 7 Michelle & Kevin Minor
- 8 Robin & Cory Brennan
- 15 Val & Brian Hall
- 17 Dorianne & Bill Short
- 17 Christie & Derrick Hale

## July Birthdays

- 1 Janice Sukeena
- 4 Jesse Taylor
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- 4 Jesse Taylor
- 5 David Cernos
- 5 The Rev. A.W. Archer
- 5 Ethan DeCostanza
- 7 Brian Hall
- 9 Karl Alexander
- 12 Carolyn Joynt
- 15 Cynthia Fauerbach
- 15 Ralph Stampone
- 15 Emanuel DelleDonne
- 22 Charles Haywood
- 24 Kerri Fauerbach
- 26 Callinda Taylor
- 26 Daniel Townsend
- 27 David Perry
- 30 A Joseph Atz

## July Anniversaries

- 2 Georgine & John Sukeena
- 3 Arwen & John De Constanza
- 14 Kathy Kwiatkowski & Jim Craig
- 18 Jessica & Wes Loveland

# In my FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



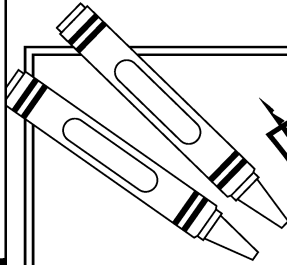
Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

### What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

### What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

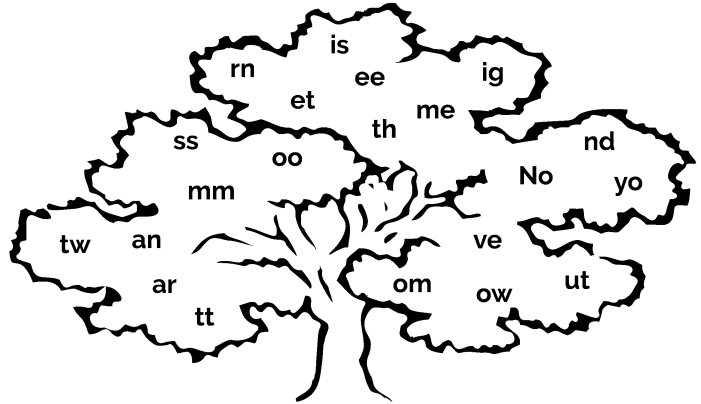


# PUZZLE

## Signs of summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

*Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.*



“ \_\_\_ w lea \_\_\_ th \_\_\_ le \_\_\_ on  
fr \_\_\_ the f \_\_\_ tr \_\_\_: As s \_\_\_ n  
as its \_\_\_ igs g \_\_\_ te \_\_\_ er \_\_\_ d  
its lea \_\_\_ s co \_\_\_ o \_\_\_, \_\_\_ u  
kn \_\_\_ \_\_\_ at su \_\_\_ er is ne \_\_\_.”

Ma \_\_\_ hew 24:32, NIV

Answer: “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.”  
Matthew 24:32, NIV

*A Letter from St. James'  
Early Summer 2016*

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Tuesday – Thursday  
Closed Monday and Friday

Service Times

Sunday –

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
9:15am Nursery & Christian Education  
for all ages.  
10:15am Family Worship

Wednesday

9:30am Holy Eucharist  
10:15am Bible Study  
6:30pm Holy Eucharist – Contemplative  
7:15pm Adult Study



**Summer  
Worship  
Schedule**

**Beginning June 5  
Sunday Services  
8AM & 9:30AM**

**Wednesdays Beginning June 1  
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
Bible Study 10:15AM**



**Vacation  
Bible  
School**

**July 18-22  
Surf Shack**

**Bible, Snacks, Music,  
Games FUN!**