



A Letter from St. James'

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in Mill Creek Hundred, Wilmington, Delaware*

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VESTRY

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The vestry would like to make everyone aware that for the months of July and August, we have decided to move to one service at 9am. We took many reasons into consideration for this change:

- This will bring the parish family closer together by having ALL parish members join together in worship
- It will allow us to gather together for a single larger service at a time when many people are away.
- As we communicate progress about our transition, we will all be together to hear the same message.
- It will help us more easily discuss and explore how St. James' will move forward.
- It will help us support and better utilize our volunteers (ushers, acolytes, lay readers, etc.)
- While this will save us a modest amount of money, it may also make it easier to schedule supply priests.

Attached is a survey that was spoken about and passed out in church on Sunday. There are a variety of services on different Sundays that are possible, and thus we seek your opinion. Please complete the survey and either email it or bring it to church on Sunday.

There are two celebrations that the parish will be hosting. On Sunday June 30th (Fr. Jim and Cynde's last Sunday), there will be a luncheon after the 9:30 service. Then on Saturday, July 13th from 7-11pm, we will have a Dinner Dance at the White Clay Creek Country Club. Invitations were mailed to all parishioners this week. We hope you will join us as we celebrate Father Jim and his ministry.

Respectfully,

The Vestry of St. James.

Congregational Preferences for Summer Service

The vestry that you have elected to lead you through this transition period wants to know what you would like the summer services to be. This information will guide the vestry and worship committee to support your spiritual needs this summer.

We will be changing to one service at **9AM** on Sunday for July and August as we begin the process of calling a new Rector. There are many reasons we have decided to do this:

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Over the summer, we will have a variety of types of services on different Sundays, and thus seek your opinion.

Which Sunday service do you normally attend?

8am 9:30/10:15am Both

Would you attend the service if it were to be a Morning Prayer service (no Eucharist)? Yes No

Would you attend the service if it included hymns plus service music? Yes No

Would you attend the service if the music was hymns only? Yes No

Would you attend the service if it had no music? Yes No

Tell us some of your favorite hymns.

Is there any other information that you would like to share with the vestry?

Thank you for letting us know your views. Please drop this in the basket marked "Survey" in the entry way to the church.



We are proud to honor our 2018 Graduates and we wish them all the best in their next steps along life's road!

KATIE JOYNT

Katie is graduating with honors from Appoquinimink High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and President of Best Buddies. Katie was a competitive gymnast for several years, however for the past 3 years, she has been working as a gymnastics coach.

Katie has been attending St. James since she was 4 years old. She has served as an acolyte, and is an active member of the Youth Group. This year she had the honor of giving the sermon at youth led service at 8:00pm on Christmas Eve.

Katie will be attending the University of Delaware this fall with a major in Early Childhood/Elementary Education focusing on Special Education. She has been accepted into the World Scholars Program and will spend her first semester studying abroad in Rome, Italy.

JUSTIN COLE MCGEE

Justin McGee is graduating from Delaware Military Academy this spring. While at DMA Justin earned the rank of lieutenant commander and earned distinguished honor role. In his junior year, Justin founded the DMA ping pong club and served as master of ceremonies at the senior class' graduation. Justin was a member of the soccer, golf and ice hockey teams. In his senior year he was named second team all-conference for soccer, and first team all PLC for hockey. Additionally, in Justin's senior year he was the captain of the ice hockey team that won the Delaware state championship. This fall, Justin will study marketing and philosophy at St. Joseph's University.

SHANNON TAYLOR MCGEE

This spring Shannon McGee graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science in Cognitive Science, Speech-Language Pathology concentration and minors in Disability Studies, and Human Development and Family Science. While at UD, Shannon was a Dean's List student, and is a member of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association. She was a four year member of the UD Club Field Hockey team, serving as Scheduling Officer in her junior and senior year. Shannon participated in UDance, serving as the Club Field Hockey team representative in her senior year. UDance is a dance marathon benefiting the B+ Foundation that provides support for childhood cancer research, and assists families impacted by childhood cancer. Shannon will spend the summer teaching at The Goddard School. This August she will start a four year Doctor of Audiology program at the University of Connecticut.

MORIAH BRYN NIEHAUS

Moriah Niehaus was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on May 29, 2019. She graduated with a degree in International Studies from the United States Air Force Academy on May 30, 2019. Her first assignment in the Air Force will be for technical training as an intelligence officer at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas.

Mark Your Calendar!

Farewell luncheon for Fr. Jim and Cynde

On June 30th, there will be one service of Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. followed by a farewell luncheon for Fr. Jim and Cynde in the Parish Hall.

Ham, chicken, and dessert will be provided.

If you are able, please bring a salad, vegetable, or other side dish.

If you have any questions, call Nancy Prettyman 366-1971.

There will be Retirement Party for Fr. Jim and Cynde

Saturday, July 13, 2019

White Clay Creek Country Club

777 Delaware Park Blvd.

Dinner and Dancing

More information to follow

June Birthdays

- 1 Barry Coverdale
- Brooke Taylor
- 4 Sandy Cornelia
- 5 Susan St. John
- 9 Harry Garraway
- 10 Marlene Jackson
- 14 Kevin Heinold
- 15 Elaine Negley
- 18 John Nuss
- 19 Kimberly Staub
- 20 Colleen Elder
- Megan Joynt
- Ally Markham
- 21 Kim Simpson
- 22 Rebecca Manthorpe
- Steve Coverdale, Jr.
- John Handlin, Jr.
- 24 Cathy Brown
- 25 Erik Hollstein
- Taylor McCracken
- Susan Miller
- 27 Ellen White
- Athena Krikelis
- 28 Megan Hollstein



June Anniversaries

- 4 Dorothy & Edward Loveland
- 5 Donna & Joseph Valiante
- 6 Tracey & James McCracken
- 7 Michelle & Kevin Minor
- 12 Kathleen & George Elliston
- 15 Valerie & Brian Hall
- 17 Dorianne & Bill Short

- 20 Jenny & Bruce Vrana
- 21 Deb & John Nuss
- 23 Sue & Paul Haefner
- 26 Kay & Bob Meckelnburg
- Doris & Ralph Stampone
- 27 Laura & Borden Adams
- 29 Eileen & Doug Marvel

