



A Letter from St. James'

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

January/February 2020

Message from the Vestry

The Vestry would like to make the congregation aware of an important upcoming event.

On Saturday, February 8, Bishop Brown will be visiting us to present a Growth and Vitality Workshop. The purpose of the workshop is "to help parishes make the best decisions about their future growth by studying and discussing essential data."

Basic facts include:

- Studying the nature of growth and vitality
- What are the essential vital signs at every parish should know about themselves?
- What are the vital signs for the Episcopal Church overall?
- What are the models of "being church"?

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We want to show the Bishop that we are a vital congregation and have important ministries to share with each other and the community.

When: Saturday, February 8

Time: 10:00am-2:30pm (with 30 minutes for lunch)

Where: St. James' Parish House

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Please RSVP to office@stjamesmillcreek.comcastbiz.com or call the church office at (302) 994-1584 so we can plan accordingly for lunch.

Put January 26 on your calendar!



Once again the wonderful cooks at St. James' will prepare soups and breads to share. If you are able to bring some soup or bread to share, the sign-up sheet is on the notice board in the lobby of the Parish House. It's always a great time of fellowship & delicious food. There's always plenty to share, so if you don't cook or don't have time, plan to come!

Adopt-a-Family 2019 Wrap-Up

Thank you for your loving generosity to our needy families. You donated \$1,835! All three of our families responded, as follows: "Thank you so much for helping us for Christmas. I am so grateful and appreciate it so much." "My family and I are truly thankful for what you have done for us." And "On behalf of myself and family, we are forever grateful for what you have done for us." Their cards of thanks are on the notice board in the lobby of the Parish House.

Heartfelt thanks for being Christmas angels! God Bless You!

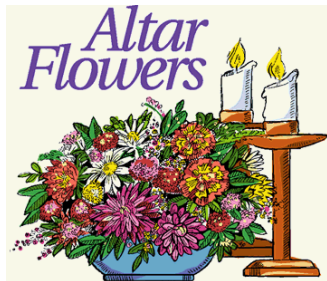
Mission/Outreach Committee



Cemetery Decorations

Please remove any Cemetery Christmas decorations that you would like to keep no later than February 15th or they may be thrown away. Thank you!

CEMETERY



Reserve your dates for 2019

We do not carry over dates for memorials from year to year. Placing flowers on the altar for the week is a wonderful way of remembering our loved ones who have passed, or celebrating important events in our lives.

Call the office and let us know the dates you would like to reserve in 2018! The cost of Altar Flowers for a week is \$46. During Lent we use dried arrangements and the cost is \$23.



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

On Sunday, February 3, 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 second 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

Emmanuel Dining Room – Sharing Our Gifts With Others

AND SOME ACTIVITIES TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

January 31st is our next lunch at Emmanuel Dining Room
Our winter menu: meatball subs, chips, bananas, and cookies, and of course
our signature item for each guest to take away--a peanut butter and jelly
sandwich or two.

- Join us for a fun fellowship activity of making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on Thursday, January 30th from 9-11 a.m. in the parish Hall kitchen.
- And, if you'd like to join us in serving the meal on Friday, 1/31, we'll leave the church parking lot at 10:15 to drive into Wilmington and get ready for serving this wonderful meal from noon to 1 p.m.
- If you enjoy baking at home, please make some homemade cookies, cupcakes, or cakes and bring them to the parish hall. Baked items can be brought and put in the parish hall freezer by Sunday, January 26th. Please label your items EDR.

If you have any questions or want to join us on Thursday or Friday, please call Pat Minor (302)738-3753 or Cindy Fauerbach (302)239-8336.

Thank you to all who are so generous with your time and dedication in supporting the Emmanuel Dining Room ministry ❤️

2020 Bazaar News

Weather Permitting, the Bazaar Ladies will be back the first Tuesday in February. **During their winter break they were busy finding new creations to make and are anxious to start making them for the 2020 Bazaar.**

If you are looking for something to do on Tuesday mornings, consider joining the Bazaar Ladies in the room at the bottom of the stairs in the Parish House. Newcomers are always welcome. Even if you think you aren't crafty there will be something you can do. We meet every Tuesday morning from 9:00 – 11:30.

The dates for the 2020 Bazaar are:

Friday, November 6th & Saturday, November 7th – Be sure to mark your calendars.

Nancy Patterson and Shirley Alexander are the co-chairs again this year.

Remember to save your Zingo receipts. Zingo's reimburses us 1% of the total receipts we submit to them. We average about \$130 yearly from Zingo's. The funds are used to purchase supplies for the projects the ladies make. There is a container marked "Zingo's Receipts" in the foyer closet of the Parish House.

Thank you for your continued support.

White Elephant Room Announcement

Until further notice, please don't bring any items in for the White Elephant Room.

The White Elephant Room will no longer be part of the annual Bazaar. The Bazaar Ladies appreciate all everyone has done to contribute to the success of the room. Unfortunately it is too much work for the ladies to handle along with the other responsibilities associated with the Bazaar. Thank you for your support!

The St. James' Bazaar Ladies

January Birthdays

- 1 Jonathan Llaca
Sebastian Llaca
Richard Toplos
- 2 Elizabeth Chance
Michael Smith
- 3 Elizabeth Joynt
Frances Kershaw
Lynn Morgan
- 8 Ruth Etheridge
Evelyn White
- 13 Andrew Idell
Catherine Pomeroy
- 14 Jeremiah Clark
Mary McCauley Prescott
Mason Lichtenstein
Peyton Sanders
- 15 Annmarie Patterson
- 16 John Sukeena
- 19 Nancy Prettyman
- 20 Keith St. John
- 21 Cory Brennan
Ryan Cascino
- 22 Dorothy Loveland
- 25 Brenden Haywood
Elinor Knodel
- 26 David Winward
Kathy Chrisbacher
- 27 Emma DelleDonne
- 29 Donna Simpson
- 31 Karly Cernos
Ryder Kauffman
Ian Prescott
Steve Prescott

January Anniversaries

- 19 Kerri & Matthew Fauerbach



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st Maddy Burns
nd Joan Jennings
5th Robin Brennan
6th Elinor Tuhy
8th Carolyn Mansk
9th Helen Balchan
Paul Pomeroy IV
13th Edward Loveland
14th Allyson Heinold
Amy Taylor
16th Aurora Taylor
Deb Grello
17th Debbie Dunford
Amy Haywood
Gail Zimmerman
18th Evelyn Kyritsis
Wendy Manthorpe
19th Kandice Dill
21st David Cernos, Jr.
23rd Liz Lichtenstein
Shannon Dill
Jason Rose
24th Stephanie Adams
25th Ben Cook III
27th David Metcalfe Jr.
28th Thomas McCauley
29th Wilma Toulson

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

19th Barbara & John Bowser