



A Letter from St. James'

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

October 2019

A Message from the Vestry

As our search for an interim continues and our search for a new rector begins, the Vestry would like to thank all of you who are doing so much to maintain the vibrant life of St. James'.

So many thanks go out to the acolytes, readers, ushers, choristers, musicians, and members of the worship committee, altar guild, and flower guild for making our Sunday services so meaningful.

Big thanks also go to everyone who works on any of our parish committees — this work is often unseen and unnoticed but is greatly appreciated.

And heartfelt thanks to all of you who volunteer in different ways: working towards the bazaar and turkey dinner, providing hospitality on Sunday mornings, preparing and serving food for the Emmanuel Dining Room, delivering Meals on Wheels, and all the other work you undertake.

Your faithful service and caring hearts are keeping the St. James' family together and we appreciate it.

Faithfully,

The Vestry

2020 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 2020 in a timely fashion, the Stewardship Committee is kicking-off the pledge campaign in October.

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

The campaign will launch with preaddressed pledge packets available to be picked up in church. Those not picked up will be mailed. Everyone is asked to return their 2020 financial pledge no later than November 30th.

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 6th



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In remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi, there will be a **Blessing of the Animals** on Sunday, October 6th. 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.

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 then a plush toy animal or even a photo may be brought to the service instead.

Youth Mission Project

The Youth will be assembling blessing bags for the homeless over the next few weeks and are asking for donations from the congregation. The items needed are:

- 10 ounce bottles of water
- Hand sanitizer (Dollar Tree has two for \$1)
- Sandwich crackers
- Tissues (Dollar Tree has three for \$1)
- Tooth brushes and toothpaste (Dollar Tree)
- Chap Stick
- Gum and Life Saver mints

Thank you in advance for your support!

The Youth Group

Emmanuel Dining Room Ministry

Our next lunch is Thursday, October 31, 2019 — Halloween and the day before the St. James' Bazaar!

Along with lunch (meatball subs, chips, bananas, and cookies), each guest will receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and 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 by Sunday, October 20th. 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, October 27th.

- Make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Join us in the parish hall kitchen on Wednesday, October 30th, 9-11 am.
- Serve lunch at Emmanuel Dining Room on Thursday, October 31st - 10:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m..

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

From the Prayer Team...



“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” – [Matthew 18:20](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+18:20&version=NIV)

On Sunday, October 6th at 11:30 a.m. 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 the 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 email Sister BJ Brown at: sisterbjbrown@gmail.com

2019 BAZAAR & TURKEY DINNER

Friday, November 1st 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 2nd 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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. You can find just the right gifts for those on your gift list. There is something for everyone.

Bazaar Preview

Samples of this year's 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 them.

Please Sign Up To Help

Sign-Up sheets are posted on two of the bulletin boards in the Dining Hall in the Parish House.

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

The Bazaar Ladies need help with several tasks.

Friday, October 25th

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Move furniture out of the Lounge

Take items off the walls in the hallway

Bring items up from the basement

Hang lattices in the shops & hallway

Set tables up in the shops

Sunday, October 27th

After the 10:15 Service

Items in the Bazaar Workshop need to be brought upstairs

There Are Many Ways You Can Help

- *Food preparers and servers are needed for Friday's Luncheon and Saturday's Turkey Dinner.*
- *Relief workers are needed in the shops during lunch and dinner breaks Friday and Saturday.*
 - *Donate food items for the Turkey Dinner.*
 - *Donate beverages and desserts for the Friday Luncheon.*
 - *Make something delicious for the Bake Shop.*
 - *Help with set-up and clean-up.*

Bazaar Bake Shop

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

Thursday, October 31st	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, November 1st	8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 2nd	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

There is Something for Everyone
Enjoy two days of shopping and good food.

Bazaar Shops, Raffle Table & Door Prizes

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.

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

**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.

Without your support we couldn't accomplish all that we do.

THANK YOU!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON NOVEMBER 1st AND 2nd

November 2nd is our annual Turkey Dinner Fund Raiser!

Tickets are now on sale and sign-up sheets are in the great hall.

Let's all work together to make this year's Turkey Dinner a huge success! Ticket sales are underway after both services and in the church office Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please also consider donating a turkey or other requested items listed on the sign-up sheets in the hall. We are also gratefully accepting cash/check donations to help offset the cost of purchased items such as eggs, dinner rolls etc. There are numerous ways you can help during the dinner, such as food prep,

steam table server, dishwashers, clean-up crew. Please be sure to check the sign-up sheets for available time slots.

Jennifer Idell, Allison Jessup, Sam White, Susan Winward: Coordinators

Bill Short: Ticket Sales

Carolyn Joynt: Dining room servers

Eileen Marvel: Dining room setup

Ticket prices are the same as last year \$15 adult \$14 senior (65+) and children (5-10) \$8 4-under free.

Please contact Susan Winward at susanwinward@comcast.net or Jennifer Idell at Jennifer.idell@foxroach.com if you can assist this year.

HELP NEEDED: SOMEONE WITH A TRUCK AND A FEW HOURS TO SPARE

Kathy and Marlene Jackson have been hard at work in the St. James' Cemetery-- cleaning out branches, brush and some old tree limbs. Kathy is requesting help from someone with a truck and one to two hours to help her load up the branches, brush, and a few tree limbs and logs that have accumulated and take them to the Polly Drummond Yard Waste Recycle.

If you can help, please call or text Kathy at 302-690-3513.

St. James' Pastoral Care Team

St. James' Pastoral Care Team is here and wants to help.

If you or someone you know is in need, we send cards, make phone calls, will pray with you and/or for you, make home and hospital visits, and make Eucharistic visits.

Also, during this time of transition, if you need a priest we will help with that, too.

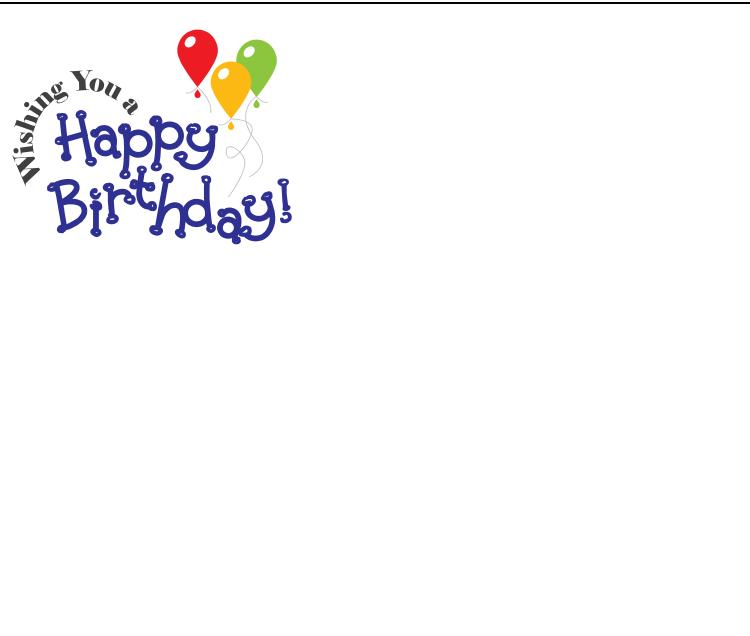
Please call the office (302-994-1584) and leave a message. Someone will get back to you. Messages are retrieved daily, seven days a week. Or, on Sundays there are forms and envelopes labeled "Pastoral Care" next to the prayer requests in the church entrance. Please place your request in the offering plate or the prayer basket.

Please let us know if you need us, or someone you know needs us, we won't know if you don't tell us.

The Pastoral Care Team, Sr. Julian Wilson, Sr. BJ Brown, Cindy Fauerbach, Nancy Patterson, Deb Nuss

October Birthdays

- 1 Robert Vrana
- 2 Christopher Elder
- Craig Galante
- Marsha Cauthen Wilson
- 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
- Benjamin duPont
- CJ Elder
- 16 Doug Marvel
- Richard Aichele
- 18 Steven Tuhy
- 19 Beth Acton
- Madelyn Sandlhauser
- 22 Alexander Galante
- 23 Alan Cascino
- Trevor Dennis
- 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 Annmarie & Shawn Patterson
- 30 Jennifer & Darren Cormier

