



A Letter from St. James'

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

December 2019

A Message from our Interim Rector

Dear friends,

With joy and anticipation on the first Sunday in Advent we begin the journey towards Bethlehem. All those we meet along the Way are part of our individual path. We prepare our homes with decorations, Christmas trees, and holiday cheer. We are about the holy process of making a place, not only in our homes but in our hearts, for the baby Jesus to be born anew. Each Sunday in Advent we pause briefly to celebrate where we've been and where we are headed. Together, we will move ever closer to that oh so special night and that oh so holy temple - amid shepherds and barn animals - with hope upon hope that we might come to the manger and gaze into the eyes of God! I look forward to seeing you there. May God's Peace be with you on the journey.

Blessings, Fr. Kim Capwell



Advent Wreath Making

All are welcome to make an Advent Wreath at 9:00am on Sunday, December 1, the First Sunday of Advent. Please join us in the Parish Hall!

Prayer Team



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

On Sunday, December 1, at 11:30am members of the prayer team will hold a short prayer service in the church **following the second 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 second 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

December 15, at 9:00am – Stewardship Celebration Breakfast

The 2019 Pledge Campaign for 2020 officially ended on November 30, but additional pledges are still being sought. Even so, to celebrate all that we have to offer from what God has blessed us with, the Vestry will host a free breakfast for everyone in the parish on Sunday, December 15. Please plan to join them at 9:00am in the Parish House for a little pre-Christmas joy, feasting, and fellowship.

Advent and Christmas 2019

This year the holiday schedule will look like this:

- Sunday, December 22, 2019**

Services mark the 4th Sunday of Advent

~ 8:00am Holy Eucharist and 10:15am Holy Eucharist with Choir

- Tuesday, December 24, 2019**

Evening Services celebrate Christmas Eve

~ 7:30pm, Youth-Led Service with Holy Eucharist

~ 10:00pm, Candlelight Service with Holy Eucharist

- Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

~ 9:00am, Quiet Holy Eucharist

- Sunday, December 29, 2019**

~ **ONE SERVICE at 9:00am, Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist**

Christmas Memorials

Making a donation for Christmas flowers not only beautifies the church as we rejoice in the birth of our Savior, this is a fitting way to remember loved ones who have passed on and/or to celebrate the people and events in our lives.

Below you will find a form for your use in making a memorial contribution. Envelopes will also be inserted in our Sunday service bulletins for the first three Sundays in December. Contributions may be mailed or placed in the



offering plate. Please note that they must be received by Monday, December 16, to be listed in the Christmas bulletins. Thank you!

Christmas Flower Memorials

Please PRINT the information below, then place this form and your donation in an envelope and drop it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 15.

Envelopes may also be mailed to St. James Church, 2106 St. James Church Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, to be received no later than Monday, December 16.

Given in Memory of: _____

Given in Thanksgiving for: _____

Given by: _____

_____ **Phone:** (_____) _____



EMMANUEL DINING ROOM SHARING OUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS AND SOME ACTIVITIES TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

Our final lunch of 2019 is Tuesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve). Again this year, we will serve what our guests have called their "favorite meal"~lasagna, green beans, roll, fruit (bananas and clementines), and homemade desserts.

- **We hope you will consider offering a donation of \$15 (to cover the cost of a table of 8 guests).**
 - Donations for the lunch can be made by check to St. James' or cash (please indicate EDR on your check or envelope) and will be used to purchase the lasagnas, green beans, milk, and bread/rolls in bulk.
- And, if you are looking for some fun activities and sharing time together baking: feel free to make some homemade cookies, cupcakes, or cakes and bring them.
 - Baked items can be brought and put in the parish hall freezer by Sunday, December 29th. Please label your items EDR.
- And, join us for a fun fellowship activity of making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on Monday, December 30 from 9-11am.

- And, if you'd like to join us in serving the meal on New Year's Eve Tuesday, 12/31, 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 pm.

If you have any questions or want to join us on Monday or Tuesday, 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 to support the Emmanuel Dining Room ministry 

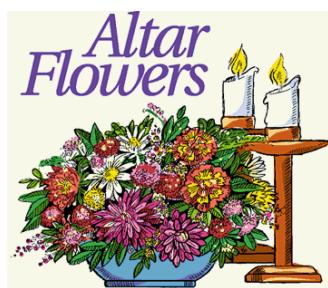
Soup and bread luncheon



PUT JANUARY 26 on your calendar!

Once again the wonderful cooks at St. James' will prepare soups and breads to share. Watch for more information and sign-up sheets in January. 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!

Reserve your dates for 2020



We do not carry over dates for memorials from year to year. Placing flowers on the altar and or supplying the sanctuary candle for the week are wonderful ways 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. The cost of the Sanctuary Candle is \$10 for the week.

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.

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.

In case of emergency, please contact Fr. Kim at 973.945.4293.

2019 BAZAAR – A Very Successful Bazaar!!!!

The Bazaar, Luncheon, and Turkey Dinner were a success again this year. The shoppers were pleased with the variety of hand crafted items, the goodies in the Bake Shop, and all the choices on the Raffle Tables. Friday's Luncheon was well attended and everyone enjoyed their meal. The Turkey Dinner was enjoyed by all. There were many compliments. Many said it was the best dinner we've had. Congratulations to the Luncheon Committee and the Turkey Dinner Committee.

The Bazaar Ladies extend a big **“THANK YOU”** to everyone who helped. Those who donated craft supplies during the year, donated their hand crafted items, supplied the Bake Shop with their homemade goodies, and donated items for the Raffle Tables, and Door Prizes. Those who sold Turkey Dinner Tickets, organized the seating, everyone who donated food, cooked turkeys, prepared and served during the Luncheon and Turkey Dinner. Those who filled in and helped in the shops, the volunteers who helped set up and clean up. We appreciate everything that was done and we thank everyone. We couldn't do it without your help. **Job Well Done!**

A special **“Thank You”** to the **St. James Youth Group** for bringing items up from the Bazaar Room, helping during the Bazaar on Saturday, serving during the Turkey Dinner, and taking items downstairs after the Bazaar. All of those tasks are very important to the success of the Bazaar. The help the youth provided is greatly appreciated.

Crossroads Restaurant donated the coleslaw mix for Carol Harrold and Carolyn Mansk to make the coleslaw. **Zingo's** donated the stuffing mix, and **Headquarters II Hair Salon** donated a gift card for the Raffle Table. St. James is fortunate to have the support of local businesses

CONGRATULATIONS to THIS YEAR'S WINNERS:

Raffle Table Items:

Red Work Quilt & Pillow	Kathy Kwiatkowski
Embroidered Tablecloth & Napkins	Karen Alexander
Firebirds Gift Card	Joyce Taylor
Framed Cross Stitch Picture	Chris Piwinski
Headquarters II Hair Salon Gift Card	Polly Brown
Over the Door Santa & Eight Reindeer	Debbie Hale
Taste of Italy Gift Basket	Nancy Patterson
Money Tree	Victoria Mynuk
J B Dawson's Restaurant Gift Card	Shirley Alexander
Fleece Blanket	Val Brunson
Framed Jewelry Christmas Tree	Chris Piwinski
Philadelphia Eagles Dog	Yvonne Woodside
Philadelphia Eagles Cat	Elizabeth Stirk
Philadelphia Phillies Dog	Phyllis Alexander
Picture with Gaelic Blessing	Nancy Patterson
YoYo Dogs	Fran Mayhew
Zippered Cooler	Margaret Madden
Crocheted Santa Tissue Holder	Max Wilson

Door Prizes:

2 WAWA Gift Cards	Carol Caldwell & Charlotte Ewold
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A MESSAGE FROM THE BAKE SHOP:

THANK YOU for all the goodies. As always, you provided enough items for us to fill our tables both days. Your delicious homemade items are the reason the Bake Shop was successful again this year.

Thank you,

Shirley Alexander & Carolyn Eldridge

The Workshop is taking a break. The Bazaar Ladies will be back the beginning of February with many new ideas for the 2020 Bazaar. **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

White Elephant Room Announcement

Until further notice, please do not 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 all your support.

The St. James' Bazaar Ladies

St. James' Churchyard

The task of recording all of the tombstones and their information that are in our churchyard has been completed.

The churchyard is divided into four sections: OLD North, OLD South, East, and West. Each section has its own notebook containing that section's tombstones' information and location of each gravesite.

These notebooks will remain locked in the Parish Office. If you wish to look at them, feel free to do so, but please do not remove them from the office.

A big thank you goes out to Henry Woolen and Shirley Adams, former members of St. James', and to Pam Smith. Without their help with searches and documentation, this project would have taken much longer to compile.

Dave Perry

In Remembrance – Your Help is Needed

St. James' has memorial books, "IN REMEMBRANCE". These books are to document the items that are given as memorials to the church.

The books have not been updated since 2002, and we would like to update them to present day. If you have given a non-monetary memorial to St. James' from January 2002 to the present, please document the memorial's information on paper and leave it in my mail box in the Parish Office.

Please include the following: memorial given, name memorial was given in memory of, who gave the memorial, and the date memorial was given. Once the information is received, it will be verified and transferred into a Memorial Book.

Thank you,

Dave Perry

December Birthdays

- 1 Sherrie Bond
- 2 Perrie Carrow
- 3 Carole Leach
- 5 Kathryn Jackson
Paul Haefner
- 6 Daniel Bowser
Joyce Luff
Zachary Patterson
- 7 Edna Haywood
- 8 Hayden Fauerbach
- 12 Robin Taylor
- 13 David Niehaus
Marion Phillips
- 14 Andrew Dennis
Kurt Lichtenstein
Jeremy Ruff
- 15 Bryce Malusa
- 16 Ginny Dennis
Stefanie Moyer
- 17 Bryan Adams
- 18 Allison Jessup
- 19 Wyatt Herring
- 20 Donald Chance
Lauren Deibert
- 21 Melissa DelleDonne
- 22 Kathy Elliston
Hollie Gonce
Esther Insigna
- 25 Susan Winward
Sue Haefner
- 28 Tracey McCracken
- 29 Shawn Patterson



December Anniversaries

- 21 Fran & Eric Mayhew

