



The Parish Papers

September, 2011



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. James'~

We have come full cycle, from Pentecost to Pentecost, to our opening service and picnic-- Sunday, September 11th. I know many of you have found rest and refreshment by the sea, along lakes, in deserts, and visits with family and friends. Whatever respite you've enjoyed, time away from the hurly-burly of life is vital for our health—it revives our spirit, clarifies our perspective, resets our compass, and influences our direction for the coming year.

I am particularly grateful for my time away at sea and southwest England. Our trip was marked by sacred sites: visits to the Cathedral of Exeter, the parish church of St. Ia, the Cathedral of Truro, the Cathedral of Salisbury, Stonehenge, and a Sunday service (BCP 1662) led by the Commodore of the Queen Mary. The services we attended reminded me of those sacred essentials of our lives that help us to understand more deeply and to respond more fully to the unsettled world around us--the riots in the cities of England, our weakened economy at home, the recent racial tensions in Mississippi, the critical problems of poverty in Baltimore. In a recent article in London's *Sunday Telegraph*, the Bishop of Manchester, Neil McCulloch, responded to the riots by remarking: "...where are the systematic building blocks for life that can replace the Beatitudes and the New Testament's teaching about the values of love, peacefulness, compassion and care for one's neighbor? To sideline religion in nurture and education is foolhardy. Theological insights about justice and respect, exercising discipline with mercy, and the knowledge that everyone is redeemable, are of proven worth and pertinent to any intelligent exploration about how we can become a better society." The bishop condemned the vandalism, the theft, the setting of fires, but had the wisdom to speak about the complex reasons that lie behind such rioting. What must we do besides sentencing these young people to jail? he asked. What can our schools, our families, our society do better? The bishop's remarks were directed to a British audience, but they speak to the erosion of morality in this country as well. With the teachings of Jesus in mind, how can we in America, in Parkton, build a better society? What must our schools, our families, our churches, our society do to improve the quality of life in this country?

We begin our journey this fall with such questions in mind and the sacred essentials for sustaining and building up our life together. For worship, remember that we hold two services (8:00 and 10:15) starting September 11th—a day set aside for remembering the 10th anniversary of the attack on the Twin Towers. We shall commission our Vestry at the 10:15 service that day.

Afterwards, Rebecca Kraft will hold a sign-up for Sunday School; heads of church committees will welcome new members. Our Preschool begins Tuesday, September 6th. Ingrid Carr, our Preschool head, Carol Whitehurst, and Tracy McGuigan (new this year), our Preschool teachers, will join us for worship Sunday, September 18th.

Please mark your September calendars for our guest speaker, Dr. Gay Hanna, Executive Director of the National Center for Creative Aging, Sunday, September 25th (after the 10:15 service). Dr. Hanna's talk is entitled: "The Gift of Creativity in Later Life." She speaks nationally and internationally on this topic and will come to us, with her husband Phil, from Washington, DC.

I look forward to my 5th year with you--the remarkable community of St. James'!

Blessings Always, Elizabeth

Parish News and Events

SAJAPAY NOTES AND NEWS

The members of SAJAPAY would like to thank everyone who helped us with the Great American Bake Sale on August 13th. Through your generosity we were able to raise \$600.00 for Share our Strength and their crusade to end childhood hunger by 2015.

Thank you!

Kathy Walker



Birthdays in September

3-Laiza Braine
8- Lucy Bents
9- Chris Snyder,
Bonnie Wilhelm
14-Marin Wilhelm
16-Alden Pickering
23 -Rebecca Pickering
24- Trevor Kilgore



Anniversaries in September

20-Chris & Sharon Tillman
25-Jeff & Nancy Smith

9th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival

Please join us in planning for our Holiday Festival on November 5th. Juried crafters, handmade gifts and treasures from talented hands of St. James' Church, the Tea Room featuring a gourmet breakfast and lunch. This is an event not to be missed!

We need your support to make this an event to remember...More information to come.

Dottie Arthur and Beth Kilgore



Opening Services and Picnic

Sunday, September 11, 8:00-10:15

Sign-ups for Sunday School
Sign-ups for church committees



Picnic: Sign-up for contributions of food in the Parish Hall before the 11th

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Yes, There is Still Pit Beef!!

Enjoy a delicious lunch of Pit Beef or Ham on Saturday, September 10th from 10:00 until the food is gone.

Tell your friends and neighbors!! Bring your friends and neighbors!!

Nothing better than Pit Beef on a fall Saturday!!



Thank YOU



A big thank you to those who sponsored our coffee hour during the month of August---
The Bents, Krafts, Whitakers, Kathy Waugh, Vicki Kowalewski, Doug Harbit and David Dahbura.

Please consider signing up for the month of September.

Outreach Committee Update

Our meeting for the fall will be Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m.
Shoe Boxes Needed: Please consider saving and bring in your shoe boxes as you purchase new shoes for the fall and school year. A collection box will be placed in the hall for your convenience.

Thank you!
Outreach Committee
Debbie Bundra, chair



Community News and Events

Saturday, September 17th 2011

09:30 AM - 02:30 PM

Event Name:

Tour of Historic Churches

Event Description:

The Church Club of the Diocese of Maryland is sponsoring its 10th tour of Historic Churches of our Diocese again this year led by Mr. James Wollen, renowned architect and historian. The tour this year will focus on the Catonsville - Ellicott City areas of the Diocese starting at St. Timothy's Church, Catonsville, at 9:30 am and returning to St. Timothy's around 2:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Club member: free. Guest: \$25.00



The Ferris Lecture 2011

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

811 Cathedral Street

Saturday, October 15, 2 pm

The Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr. will speak on the topic:

“Courage to risk Justice, Compassion and Peace”

A reception for Dr. Forbes follows the lecture

Bishops' Cup Charity Golf Tournament

The purple golfer October 14, 2011
11:30 a.m. Registration
12 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Shotgun Start
Buffet Dinner follows play
Wetlands Golf Club, Aberdeen, MD

In support of Harford Family House; join the Bishops of Maryland for a day of fellowship and great golf

Beverages and Lunch
19th Hole Banquet following play
Door Prizes and Raffle
Team and Individual Prizes
Sponsorships Available
\$125 per Player
\$450 per Foursome

Visit www.EpsicopalMaryland.org to register or sponsor this event.



A SERVICE OF PRAYERS AND REMEBRANCE ON THE TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF 9-11

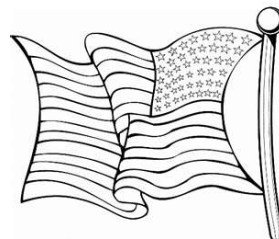
St. James' will hold a Holy Eucharist service Sunday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. with special hymns, prayers, and reflections using Eucharistic Prayer D. Please let the office know if you would like someone remembered for our prayers that day.

Remembrance & Hope: A Gathering to Commemorate 9/11/01 Through Music and Song

A Day of Remembrance & Hope
Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Shamrock Park
(behind Town Hall) 39 N. Hickory Ave., Bel Air, MD 21014

Join the Center for the Arts' presentation: Remembrance & Hope - a Gathering to Commemorate 9/11/2001 through music & song. 91.5 fm wbjc is the media sponsor for this event that will be hosted by Jonathan Palevsky, Program Director & on-air host. The Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra & the Deer Creek Chamber Choir will be performing "Just Before Autumn", an original piece written especially for this event by musician, teacher and composer Benny Russell, Harford County Community College Adjunct Professor. Price: free



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