



The Parish Papers
St. Jamesø Episcopal Church, Parkton, Maryland



July and August, 2011

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Jamesø

“Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.” ~ Sam Keen

“Summer is the topsy-turvy season when the goldfish have to be boarded out while the family goes on a fishing trip.” ~ Unknown

So many of you have terrific travel plans for the summerø Yellowstone Park, Nova Scotia, Gettysburg Camping Grounds, Cape Cod, Maine, the deep South. How good it is to breathe new air, enjoy new places, see new vistas! Summer is a season to be lazy, not rushed, not stressed, and if possible--near a beach, a lake, a mountain trail! On the other hand, some of you find life at its best on your porch or deck, looking out over your own backyard (where no goldfish need to be øboarded outø).

Summer is a øGenesisö timeø genesis meaning, beginning, birth, dawn--a time to experience a øgenesisö of the spirit. The opening of the Book of Genesis celebrates creation itselfø light, darkness, seas, sky, earth, vegetation, trees, night, day, sun, moon, stars, birds, wild animals, cattle, sea creatures, fish, human beings. And after all was created, God said it was goodø all good! And this is exactly what we celebrate in summer. Itø a lazy, topsy-turvy season that allows us to see life anew and know that we were made to be connected to the world in simple, life-affirming ways. øAnd on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.ö God rested; we need to do the same.

Summer is a time to rest, to find refreshmentø it is our øseventh day.ö And as we welcome this time of year in all of its beauty, remember that the seventh day is also the Sabbathø a day of thanksgiving. Wherever you may beø Prince Edward Island, the Bahamas, Hawaii, Ocean City, the White Mountains, the Black Forestø find a church nearby for the Sabbath. And if you remember, send postcards back home (even from a delightful day trip), so that we can display them for all to see.

John and I are off on an adventure this yearø we shall be going to Cornwall, Englandø visiting Exeter Cathedral, Stonehenge, St. Ives, St. Michaelø Mount, and Tintagelø the legendary home of King Arthur and his knights. We hope to visit with some new clergy friends while traveling. Geoffrey will join us for a few days.

Adventure, rest, refreshmentø a genesis of the spirit, a genesis of the soul!

Blessings Always, Elizabeth+

Birthdays in July

3-Martha Canoune
5- Paula Jeffery
8- Bart Herring
11-Andrew Kilgore
13 óWill Kraft
22- Chris Tillman
23-Nora Talbott
24- Brookie Kilgore
26- Emilie Pieper



Anniversaries in July

3- Bud and Ann Herring
4- Chuck and Barbara Schomann
16- Fred and Joyce Ferry
18-Tim and Wendy Pickering
23- Craig and Barbara Moffett

Anniversaries in August

9- Will and Debbie Somerville

Birthdays in August

2- Debbie Sommerville
10- Bradley Swartz, Vicky Kowalewski
15- Anita Fogle
 Lincoln Pickering
16- Kimberly Fairbend
24-Molly Somerville
 Lindsey Fox
 Wayne Townsend
29- Blake Moffett



Sing Praises to the Lord!!

Join our Adult Choir for the 2011-1012 Season!

The music is new and easy to learn. It is sung with keyboard and organ.

The first rehearsal is August 30th, 8:00 p.m.

Speak to Christine Johnson, Martha Canoune or Elizabeth Orens.

You will enjoy the experience!!



Children's Choir

Come one, come all--6-12 years old.

Let your voices be heard!!

Join the St. James' children's choir!!

The first rehearsal is Sunday, September 18th after the 10:15 service. The rehearsals will last only 15 minutes.

Sign-up in the Parish Hall on the Sunday School bulletin board.

The Pumpkins have Sprouted!!

Success!! All 25 hills of pumpkins have sprouted and are growing like weeds (I mean pumpkins) Here is a picture of one of the hills. Let's start thinking about what we can do with them all when they mature in mid-October.



Summer Worship Schedule

Starting on **Sunday July 3rd** and continuing until September 4th, there will be only one worship service. This service will be at 9:00 a.m. There will be organ music but no choir. On September 11th, we shall hold our opening service with picnic. We shall resume our usual schedule with services 8:00 and 10:15



Second Saturday Pit Beef Sales

July 9 ó Pit Beef and Ham from 10:30 a.m. until the food is gone. Proceeds benefit the Building Fund. Features Car Wash by SAJAPAY, benefiting our Youth Group.

Aug 13 ó Pit Beef and Ham from 10:30 a.m. until the food is gone. Proceeds benefit the Building Fund. Features the Great American Bake Sale that benefits the hungry across the country.

Help publicize our Second Saturday Pit Beef Sales: Share the flyer on Facebook, E-Mail, or post where you can. Find the flyer online!

Creating a Wildlife Habitat

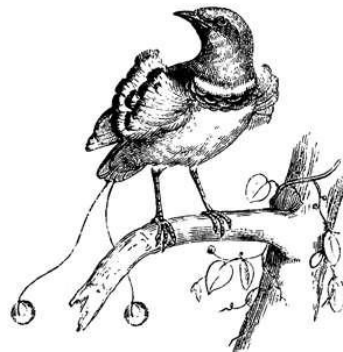
The idea to create a wildlife habitat which can be certified by the National Wildlife Federation crystallized around the time Calder Estates put up their sign. Protecting and creating space for wildlife fits in with our environmental efforts and, more importantly, with our mission as Christians.

In order for our church grounds to become certified by the NWF, we must provide four basic needs:

1. Food sources
2. Water sources
3. Cover from predators and bad weather
4. Places to rear young

More information will be available as plans are further developed. This will be an ongoing project and opportunities for all to participate will be announced.

Paula Williams



3rd Annual Yard Sale
August 27, 2011
Vendors Application

The Yard Sale will be held at St. James Church on Saturday, August 27, 2011 from 8AM to 3PM. Cost per space(10 x 10) is \$20.00. All vendors are responsible for cleaning their area before leaving. No items are to be left after 3PM.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Tables: \$5 each

Enclosed: Space: _____
 Tables: _____ (maximum 2)
 Total: _____

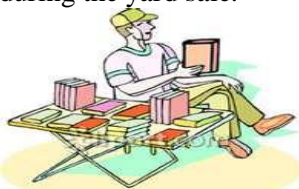
Signature: _____ Date: _____

To guarantee your space and/tables, please return this application with the total remittance. Make checks payable to St. James' Church. Your cancelled check will guarantee your space. Mail to:

**St. James Church
PO Box 420
Parkton, MD 21120
Attention: Dottie Arthur**

**Third Annual Yard Sale
August 27**

Join us for our Annual Yard Sale by renting a space for \$20 or donating household items, and children's toys/games in good working condition. No clothing or furniture. Drop off starting the beginning of August in the Parish Hall where it is marked Yard Sale. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be for sale during the yard sale.



Wise Advice about Perspective in Life, from Mother Teresa
(do it anyway, because it was never between you and them)

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind,
people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway

If you are successful,
you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building,
someone could destroy overnight.
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today,
people will often forget tomorrow;
do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough;
Give the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis
it is between you and God;
it was never between you and them anyway.

This poem (a "final analysis" prayer, putting things in proper perspective) is engraved on the wall of Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta.