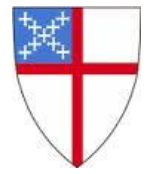




THE CHAPEL BELL

November, 2011



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Jamesø

The leaves of October are bright red and yellow; the leaves of November--brown and no more. November may not have the splendor of October, but it brings communities, like ours, closer together by offering the most meaningful feast and fest days of the year. Itø a month that brings us inside after the outside picnics and trail walks of earlier fall. We already feel it: winter is coming. Hunker down!

At St. Jamesø we hold our All SaintsøDay Service Sunday, November 6th where we remember the saints that have gone before us. It is one of the most beautiful services we celebrate in the Christian year in that it brings us closer to Godø presence as we remember that we are essentially one united community! How good it would be if all of us came to St. James' on this Sunday for this meaningful time together. How can we miss singing together Ralph Vaughan Williams famous hymn, *Sine nomine*: øFor all the saints.ö

And then there is the Fest! On November 5th, we invite parish and community to our spectacular Holiday Festival. St. Jamesøhas one of the most impressive fairs in the county--the quality of the artisans' work is exemplary. Many of us do all our Christmas shopping in one day. And the country kitchen food is first-rate. Come one and all to this popular St. JamesøDay Christmas Fair!

And November brings Thanksgiving. We have our Thanksgiving dinner as a parish Sunday, November 20th after the 10:15 service. Itø a family event enjoyed by everyone. Our Thanksgiving Sunday falls on the last day of Pentecost--Christ the King. The following Sunday, November 27th, is the first Sunday in Advent. And this year, we will deck our sanctuary with blue for the four-week season--a blue frontal, burse & veil, and pulpit hanging. The chasuble and stole are also blue. It is a color that encourages us to reflect more deeply on the meaning of patient, prophetic waiting for Jesus' birth.

The poet Thomas Hood spoke about November this way: "No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds--November.ö Too many noø! But what November brings us is a season of reflection on what is "yes," what is truly important. We are summoned to uphold those things we truly value--friendship, family, faith, kindness, generosity, patience, compassion. And then we ask ourselves: Beyond "upholding," how do we express, enjoy, live out those values each day of our lives?

Let us come inside where it is warm to celebrate all the good feast days that November brings--All Saints, Christ the King, Thanksgiving, the First Sunday in Advent! And let us come inside through those big red doors--with a contribution to the Hereford Food Bank--and celebrate our HolidayFest together!

Blessings Always,
Elizabeth+

Parish News and Events

Prayers in the Basket

A basket and form for prayer requests (prayers of intercession and thanksgiving) can be found in the church foyer and the Parish Hall. These prayer requests will be included in the Morning Prayer Services, Monday through Thursday and in the prayers for the following Sundays. Daily prayers are offered by individuals. If you would care to join in this ministry please sign the "Prayer Ministry" sheet next to the prayer baskets or contact Vicky Kowalewski at 410-357-5012



Altar Guild

There will be an Altar Guild Meeting on Saturday November 12th at 9:00 a.m.

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 6th, St. James will be observing All Saints Sunday. As part of this observation, the names of the recently faithful departed will be read at the 8:00 and 10:15 liturgies. Please join us for this very special service.

If you would like to have a loved one remembered, contact the office via email or phone or complete the form found in the bulletin.

Advent



Join us on Sunday Nov. 27th for the lighting of the Christmas tree.
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Songs and refreshments
Celebrate the beginning of Advent with the family!



Birthdays in November

1- Karen Greeley
11- Jack Arthur
13- David Dahbura
14- Gloria Whitaker
24- Zachary Kralec



Anniversaries in November

19- Paula and Phil Jeffery
24- Martha and Howard Canoune



9th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival

Only a few days to go before the Annual Holiday festival on Saturday, November 5th in the Parish Hall; and educational building. Admission is \$1.00 plus a non-perishable food item for the Hereford Food Bank. The Tuesday Guild has been working hard making wonderful items to sell at this event. Many of the items are one of a kind and will make lovely gifts and decorations for the holidays. We look forward to everyone joining us to help celebrate the beginning of the Holiday Season.

We are excited about our old and new vendors who plan to come, display and sell their creations, including pottery, baskets, etched glass, turned bowls, dulcimers, jewelry, soap, folk art, holiday decorations and more.

Emilie Pieper and her chefs are looking forward to creating and serving you special treats in our festive Tea Room. Both breakfast and lunch will be served.

Barbara Moffett will have assorted items throughout the day to satisfy your sweet tooth or give as gifts.

Silent Auction items will be on display including quilted items, baskets of cheer, Joyce's apple pies and more.

We need the support of everyone to make this another event to remember by assisting with the setup or/take down, by baking items for the Bake Table and adding to the Basket of Cheer-wines, crackers etc.

Look forward to seeing you there!!!

IT'S TIME TO PLEDGE

Last week, a pledge letter, with budget and pledge card, was sent to every member of Saint James. This year the goal of our Stewardship Campaign is to receive 55 pledges from those that have pledged in the past and those that may be pledging for the first time. If you have pledged in the past, thank you for helping with the ministries of our church. To continue with all our current ministries, the budget of the church must increase 7%. This can be achieved with your help. Please turn in your pledge cards on or before November 13. Updates on our pledge drive will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Thank you.

Please contact Jeff Smith or any member of the Finance committee if you have any questions. My home number is 410-239-2680.

Jeff Smith



“Formation of Christian Children”

Speaker: The Rev. Dan Meck, Associate Priest, Chaplain at St. Paul’s School

The Christian Formation Committee is pleased and honored to welcome *The Rev. Dan Meck, Associate Priest of St. Paul’s School,* who will speak to us about the ***“Formation of Christian Children,”*** a topic for which the congregation indicated a great deal of interest on the surveys completed earlier this year. Ideas/talking points that Fr. Meck might discuss:

- Nurturing children’s/young adults’ spirituality
- Sharing the faith with children/young adults
- Sharing any experience you may have had
- Nurturing young adults’/children’s spiritually within the family setting
- Morality
- Children and funerals
- Children and their questions about death and tragedy (e.g., Noah's flood, 9/11)
- Children and prayer
- Children and TV
- Children and communion
- Children and service--helping others

Please plan to join us at 11:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall for this important presentation and discussion!



Thanksgiving Dinner

November 20th

11:30

Parish Hall

Sign-up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall



Thank YOU

A big thank you to those who sponsored our coffee hour during the month of October: The Bents, Krafts, Kathy Waugh, Environmental Committee, Pickerings, Café Theology, High School and Middle School.

Please consider signing up for the month of November, especially All SaintsøSunday, November 6.



Outreach Committee Update

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It's easy to support Operation Christmas Child, simply:

- Pick up a shoe box in the Parish Hall along with a brochure on how to pack a box.
- Purchase and fill the box with small new items such as school supplies, small toys, and hygiene items. (When you are making your purchases, please keep in mind that we are unable to accept the following items: toy guns, knives, military figures; chocolate or food; candy; liquids or lotions, breakable items or aerosol cans.)
- Provide a check for \$7 to cover postage and shipping.

It's that simple!

The deadline for this ministry is Sunday, November 13.

Next Outreach Meeting: Sunday, November 6, at 11:30



Community News and Events

Many Christmas Bazaars will be in the area starting November 4. Please support the St. JamesøBazaar on Saturday, November 5, starting 9 am. Donate a can of food and \$1.

Be a part of the Bazaar Trail and visit other churches in the area that are also having bazaars. A listing of these can be found at our church bazaar on Saturday as well as a maps as to how to find the various churches.



Daylight Savings Ends on November 6th.

Change your clocks the night before.



On the Light Side

You know you are an Episcopalian when:

- It's 100 degrees, with 90 percent humidity and you still have coffee after the service.
- Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "andj also with you"
- And lastly it takes 10 minutes to say god-bye.

For more information on St. James Church, Parkton, please visit
www.stjamesparkton.org.