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St. James' Episcopal Church, Parkton, Maryland



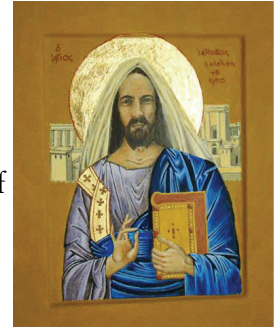
St. Michael and All Angels (*Michaelmas*), October 2009

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. James',

October's the month when the smallest breeze gives us a shower of autumn leaves.

Bonfires and pumpkins, leaves sailing down/October is red and golden and brown. (Can Teach Songs)

Today is one of those extraordinary autumn days with a blue sky, wind, and red, golden leaves sailing to the ground. Before Morning Prayer, two Preschool children chased a chipmunk that came to church for a visit. During the service, I prayed for us and for the celebrations ahead.



Special October Feasts: As we continue the Pentecost season, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis' (Sunday, October 4) and St. James' of Jerusalem (Sunday, October 25). Please plan to be present for both celebrations. I shall offer a special children's sermon for St. Francis Day and the Rev. Perrin Radley (from Washington and the Diocese of Europe) will be here to preach for our Patronal Feast.



October Outdoors: Our Preschool is learning about apples and leaves at this time of the year. One little girl made a bouquet of different colored oak leaves. Parents and children had a splendid field trip to Shaw's Apple Orchard. We shall hold a Blessing of the Animals service for the Preschool this week. Ingrid Carr, our preschool director, plans to bring her hen. Our teenagers and some adults are getting ready for the annual CROP walk (Sunday, October 11) to help the hungry in this world. A team of acolytes are planning to attend the grand Acolyte Festival in Washington D.C. (Saturday, October 10). The procession of acolytes from many different states begins outside the Cathedral and is so long, it extends to Woodley Road.

October/November Sunday Forums (9-9:45 a.m.): I am so grateful to those of you who attended the first adult forum: "The Sacred Three: The Art of Living the Creed." I never thought I would deliver a power-point presentation on the nature of the Trinity, but the opportunity to share some thoughts about the historical, spiritual, and social aspects of the Trinity has been meaningful for me and I hope for you. With Steve Bogucki's help and expertise, we finally managed to connect laptop to projector. The questions and engagement of the people at the forum made this a special time together. Do plan on attending the next adult forum when the Rev. Beverly Braine will enlighten us about Paul's Epistle to the Thessalonians (November 1, 8, and 15).

October Special Events: Barbara Dannettel has asked Debi Frock, president of the Ghanaian Mother's Hope project, to speak to us about her special ministry to the children of Ghana. Ms. Frock will be with us on Sunday, October 11 and will give her talk during the coffee hour. On Sunday, October 18, please gather round to celebrate my 30th anniversary to the priesthood. I began this journey at St. Andrew's in Belmont, Massachusetts, and then served at Grace Church, Amherst. It seems like yesterday! A simple reception will take place after the Sunday service that morning.

I am so grateful to you for your commitment, faith, and lively dedication to St. James'! What a blessing it is to gather together as a large family and, at the same time, reach out to those who need our help through such efforts as Coats 4 Kids, the Hereford Food Bank, Paul's Place, CROP, and New Life Community.

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye; Hide us under the shadow of your wings. (Compline)

Blessings,
Elizabeth +

Crop Walk

April Snyder

Join with friends, family and parishioners on October 11 for the Crop Walk to raise money to combat hunger in our region and the world. The walk, about a 4-mile hike from start to finish, will begin at 1 pm on the NCR trail at White Hall and proceed north to Parkton. Bring a bag lunch to the Parish Hall before the walk begins. Drinks will be provided. Please sign-up for the Crop Walk in the Parish Hall and pick up the forms for sponsorship.

This will be a healthy, enjoyable afternoon that will benefit you and those who are less fortunate. Mark October 11 on your calendar!



Stewardship/Finance Committee

Dottie Arthur

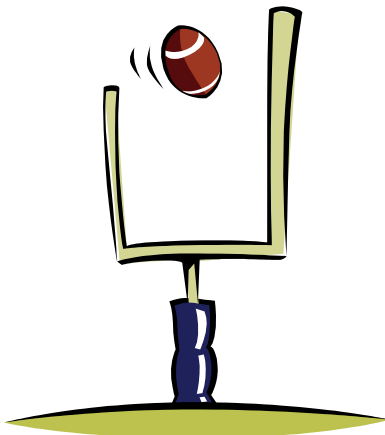
We want to thank everyone for keeping his or her pledges up to date during the summer. As you all know, with all the increases in fuel and electricity, expenses continue to come in just like at your house. Then there are always the unexpected bills to make it harder to balance the budget. Something you can't always predict.

How can we help to stay within our budget:

- We can begin by tightening our belt and watching our spending.
- Have a super Holiday Festival by getting friends and relatives out to support the event.
- Increasing our pledges by a few dollars every week.
- Encouraging new families to come and join us.

If you have any other suggestions, let us know.

The Vestry had a speaker come, the Rev. Charles Cloughen, to speak about stewardship. He said, "Stewardship is the management of time, abilities and money. The reason people should give money is to thank God for all he has given to them. Also, we give so people can come and worship. It is a gift to support God's work and ministry. No gift is too large."

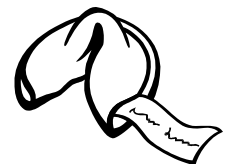


Things to look forward to:

- October: Stewardship Kick Off Month
- Each week look for more info about our campaign.
- October 25: Mortgage Meal – A Taste of the Orient (Hot Dogs and Macaroni for Kids)
- November 7: Holiday Festival
- November 15: Ingathering Sunday with a Celebration

**Mortgage
Meal**

A Taste of the Orient
Sunday, Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
Free-will offering.



~ A call to those interested in serving as
Eucharistic Ministers at St. James' ~

If you feel so called to a ministry of offering communion to the homebound and to those who are ill, please speak to the rector about your interest. A requirement is to meet with the rector Elizabeth three times to discuss the meaning of this ministry, to read and reflect on the *BCP* services, to talk about worship in a home or hospital setting, and to work

COATS FOR KIDS



You can provide a new winter coat for a child in a shelter. \$25 will provide a coat.

Please make your check to St. James' Church and write "coats for kids" on the memo line.
Thank you.

For Your Information

CONGRATULATIONS to Cam Snyder for making Hereford High's JV football team!

CONGRATULATIONS to Elizabeth Orens, our rector, who celebrates the 30th anniversary of her ordination this year.

Six acolytes attended the acolyte training in September.

St. James' Preschool visited Shaw's Apple Orchard.

The high school class is studying The Great Divorce by C. S. Lewis.

THANKS to:

Members of the Men's Group who stripped and waxed the floor in the education wing. The parish hall floor will be done next.

Jenny Hellert for repotting the church office plants.

Larry Gribble for mowing the grass.

Doug Harbit for repairing the squirrel that stands guard outside the parish hall doors.

The men who jumped in to cook and serve the pit beef at the yard sale.

Thanks to Donna Gribble who faithfully cleans the church each week.

The Building and Grounds group for completing these projects:

1. A major plumbing repair in the rector's office
2. Relocated dumpster to rear of the parking lot
3. Replaced defective smoke alarms in the parish hall
4. Cleaned the boiler room
5. Kitchen - new doors installed, ceiling tiles replaced, outside kitchen door threshold replaced, and wallboard and louvers replaced
6. Education Wing - overhead lights replaced, new electric switch for overhead light and fan installed, all hot water faucet washers replaced, and broken door knob repaired
7. Replaced defective main electric panel in the Rectory

October Birthdays

- 2 Jeff Smith
Corinne Sommer
- 11 Mel Hellert
- 16 Leonard Peiper
- 21 Ricky Moffett
- 22 Lauren Snyder
- 24 Ginger Somerville
Elizabeth Orens
- 25 Steve Fox



October Anniversaries

- 15 Alan and Karen Greeley
- 16 Steve and Lindsey Fox
- 28 Chris and April Snyder
- 30 Larry and Donna Gribble

Operation Christmas Child

We will be taking part in Operation Christmas Child again this year. The gift donation project of Samaritan's Purse delivers shoeboxes filled with everything from toys to toiletries to people in need all over the world. Watch for lists of recommended (and prohibited) items, box labels and other information in the Parish Hall in the next few weeks. National Collection Week is November 16-23, and a donation of \$7 or more per box covers project expenses like shipping the boxes.



The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Samaritan's Purse is a Christian relief and evangelism organization led by Franklin Graham. Learn more at samaritanspurse.org.

Preschool

Ingrid Carr, director

Hello from the Preschool

September was an exciting month. Transitioning from summer vacation and the comfort of home to school was very successful. Now the students have begun a very exciting new school year.



We just went on our first field trip to Shaw's Orchard to pick apples from their orchard. It was a beautiful day and the children learned lots of interesting facts about apples and had a fun hayride through the orchard.

In October we will have a field trip to Swamp Fox Farm to pick pumpkins. Also, the Baltimore County Fire Department, Parkton station, will come to our school for an in-school field trip to help our students learn about fire safety this month.

On October 28 the Pre-K class will be celebrating All Saints' Day. The students will be talking about someone in their family that they admire and they will present this person in chapel on that day.

The Sally Foster fundraiser has come to an end. I would like to thank the parishioners of St. James' Church and the parents of St. James' Preschool for their generosity in ordering the wrapping paper in support of the preschool.

Please mark your calendars for the evening of November 13. The preschool will be sponsoring a Spaghetti/Italian dinner. Thank you all for supporting this event. The parents and staff of the Preschool really appreciate your kindness.



7th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival

Please join us for the St. James' 7th Annual Holiday Festival on Saturday, November 7 in the Parish Hall. Admission is \$1 plus a non-perishable food items for the Hereford Food Bank.

Many of the items are one-of-a-kind and will make wonderful gifts and decorations for the holidays. The St. James' Table has a variety of new items made by parishioners throughout the year. Several new and returning vendors will be there with just the right gifts for sale.

Fred Ferry will be collecting Business Card Ads for our program This offsets the advertising in local papers, magazines and mailings. Deadline is October 15.

Emilie Pieper and her chefs are looking forward to creating and serving you a special breakfast and lunch in our Tea Room. Bring a friend and enjoy the delicious menu.

Barbara Moffett and Ruth Dorsey will coordinate the Bake Table with homemade pies, cakes, breads, cookies and candies.

Lucy Bents will be selling raffle tickets for a Basket of Cheer and 50/50. Chances are \$1 each.

Sharon Tillman is collecting donations for the Basket of Cheer. Please have donations to her by Nov. 1.

Susan Walters has taken care of our advertising in local papers and magazines.



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Place Your Business Card Ad in the Holiday Festival Program. Only \$15 per ad. Event date: November 7, 2009. Include you business card with the form below.* Your card will be scanned and placed in the program along with ads from merchants and service providers throughout the area!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Please make checks payable to St. James' Church with Holiday Festival in the memo line. * No staples, please. Deadline: October 15. Cut out this ad and return to St. James' Church.

News From the Diocese of Maryland

Find information about the diocese online at ang-md.org. Sign up at the Diocese of Maryland Web site for the **Parish Mailing**, with news and updates on diocesan events and programs.

Visit the St. James' Web site, stjamesparkton.org, for meeting information, forms and flyers, news and notes about the parish and all we do.