



## The Parish Papers

October, 2011



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. James',  
And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east... *Genesis 2:8*

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun... *Ode to Autumn*, John Keats

Genesis, Autumn & Shaw's Apple Orchard: For Preschool Chapel today, the children processed into the church through the big red doors. One child, Shannon Vahey (Kelly's daughter) was crucifer. Other children turned on the lights, rang the bell, lit the candles. All of us sang, with gusto, the song, "This is the day the Lord has made." The children talked about their recent trip to Shaw's Apple Orchard and how they loved seeing and eating the apples, riding the tractor, and taking home a bag of apples they had picked. So, with this in mind, we read one verse from Genesis (above) and talked together about Eden, autumn, apples, acorn aquash, aourds, Indian corn, pumpkins, and friendship. If they had been older, I might have read them the beginning of John Keats' poem, "Ode to Autumn." No need. The children caught the spirit of it all.

The Children: Now that October is here, the children lead the way with their delight in leaves, colors, acorns, spiders, and fall mists. We can always learn something extraordinary about the wonder of life from our four year olds!

Parish Beginnings: And the spirit is here with us as we carry on in the Pentecost season and begin a new autumn at St. James'. For the last two Sundays, Phil Jeffery has trained 5 acolytes, 6 bell ringers, and 5 crucifers. We say hurrah for our kids and for Phil's ministry to them. We're also delighted that Jennifer Dameron, a member of the Parish Life Committee, could sponsor a wine and cheese reception for newcomers at her barn (with members of Vestry attending). We're also grateful to Susan Walters and our youth for sponsoring a "100 Mile Coffee Hour" with locally grown food! On the following Sunday—October 9<sup>th</sup>—Doug Harbit and the Environmental Committee will sponsor "Green Sunday" (please bring your own coffee mug). People are encouraged to wear green and to hear brief presentations about energy saving ideas at the coffee hour. Our kids can win prizes that day for 1) best dressed up in green, 2) best drawing of St. James' as a green church, and 3) best "green" song or rhyme! Genesis ideas are in the wind!

### Organists, Preachers, & Patronal Feast:

Our parish is looking for a new organist and choirmaster. In the meantime, we have some excellent musicians helping us out: Jack Lauderdale, Ruth Williams, George Sack, and Henry Chen. While we continue to interview candidates, let us enjoy the fine musicianship of our guest organists. Please express your warm welcome to them; they enjoy getting to know you.

The Rev. Mary Davisson, Director and Chaplain of the International Seafarers Center in Baltimore, will preach for both services Sunday, October 16. She will make a presentation (with a short video) about the mission of the Center at the coffee hour that day. Since the parish has already made a number of contributions (mostly knitted items) to the Seafarers group, this will help deepen our understanding and appreciation of their ministry.

The Rev. Joe Pagano, Associate Rector at St. Anne's, Annapolis, will preach for us (both services) at our Patronal Feast, October 23. I hope everyone can attend! For this service, we will dedicate a blue sanctuary set for Advent and Howard Canoune's newly crafted cornice for the icon along with Paula Jeffery's blue design for the hanging. A special reception will be given afterwards in the Parish Hall with a highly decorated St. James' cake.

*May this spirited beginning deepen our faith & bring us closer to our gracious Lord.*

Blessings, 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.



### Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, October 9th, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Sign-up in the Parish Hall

### Birthdays in October

2- Jeff Smith  
Corinne Sommer  
11- Mel Hellert  
16- Leonard Pieper  
21 Ricky Moffett  
22- Lauren Snyder  
24-Elizabeth Orens  
25-Steve Fox  
26-Sandy Wallis



### Anniversaries in October

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

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival

Please join us for the St. James' 9<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Festival on Saturday, November 5 in the Parish Hall. Admission is \$1 plus a non-perishable food item for the Hereford Food Bank. Our 17 Juried Vendors and the St. James' Table offer many wonderful gift items and decorations for the holidays. The Tea Room features both a gourmet breakfast and lunch.

This is our last big event for the year and we need your support. Come join in the fun and fellowship as we work together.

Business Card ads \$15 due October 10<sup>th</sup> (Beth Kilgore)  
Greeters at the door (Chuck Schomann)  
Bake table goodies (Barbara Moffett and Ruth Dorsey)  
Items for the Basket of Cheer: Deliver by Fri., Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> (Sharon Tillman)  
Hand crafted items to sell at St. James' Table (Ann Herring)  
Help decorate and set up on Friday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> (Dottie Arthur)  
Help take down the preschool, Thursday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. (Jeff Smith)  
Help set up preschool, Sat. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 (Jeff Smith)  
Join us on the 5<sup>th</sup> for fellowship and a breakfast/lunch (Emilie Pieper)



Dottie Arthur and Beth Kilgore

### United Thank Offering

We are pleased to announce that the Maryland Diocese received a 2011 UTO grant for **The Samaritan Women Faith Market: Bringing Healthy Foods to the Urban Desert** in Baltimore City. The proposal was submitted by St. John's Ellicott City.

It is important for us to continue filling our Blue Boxes as a reminder as we pray and give thanks each day. I am thankful for many things, for life itself, for my family, for my parish, and all its work, and for the work of the UTO in our country and in the world. You can pick up your Blue Box in the Parish Hall.

The next Ingathering is Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at St. James' Church, Lafayette Square, Baltimore.

Come join us!

### Yes, There is Still Pit Beef!!

Enjoy a delicious lunch of Pit Beef or Ham on Saturday, October 8th from 10:30 am 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 September  
The Bents, Krafts, Whitakers, Kathy Waugh, Vicki Kowalewski, Doug Harbit and David Dahbura.

Please consider signing up for the month of October.



### Outreach Committee Update

#### Coats for Kids

We just experienced two of the worst winters on record. The Fund for Social Welfare, supporting Baltimore County Department of Social Services sponsors a “Coats-4-Kids” campaign which provides new warm coats for area children in need.

No one wants a child to go without a winter coat. If you wish to help, it’s easy. We are seeking donations of \$20 per coat. You will see a tree and little cut-outs of “coats” in the Parish Hall. Simply write your name on one of the cut-out “coats” and hang it on the tree provided and place a check in the basket made out to St. James’ Episcopal Church and write “Coats-4-Kids” in the memo line. The deadline is Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas child:

As we approach this time of year and the upcoming holidays, many children are less fortunate than ours. Operation Christmas Child provides us the opportunity to share God’s love by providing gift-filled shoe boxes which bring smiles to hurting children in places around the world. With the donation of filled wrapped shoe boxes and as little as \$7:00, we can help bring smiles to these children.

If you would like to support this effort, you can support it in these ways:

- Drop off your empty (unwrapped) shoe boxes to the Parish Hall and deposit them in the box labeled for this project.
- Purchase and drop off small new items to be included in the shoe boxes such as school supplies, small toys, and hygiene items. Please keep in mind we are unable to accept the following items: toy guns, knives, military figures, food, candy, liquids, lotions, breakable items or aerosol cans.
- If it is easier for you to provide a monetary donation, please place a check in the offering made out to St. James’ Episcopal Church with “Christmas Child” in the memo line.

The deadline for this ministry is Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.



#### **Mary Davisson**

On Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>, Mary Davisson will preach at the 8:00 and 10:15 service. Mary Davisson is the director and chaplain of The Seafarers Center. The Center’s volunteers visit over 70 ships most months and offer a listening ear, low-cost phone cards, cell phone loans and free Bibles, magazines and newspapers in several languages to the men and women of the crew.



There will be a short video during the coffee hour.

## 2011 Stewardship Campaign

By Jeffrey Smith, Finance Committee Member

In the fall of each year, Episcopal Churches throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland have their Stewardship campaigns. Their goals, like our goal, are to gather pledges from the congregation to support the Church's ministries. These stewardship campaigns support big churches and small churches, big ministries and small ministries, through pledges from their congregation.

St. James' ministries of Christian Formation, Worship, Education, Outreach, Environment, Parish Life, and more are all ministries supported by the congregation and help St. James' in fulfilling its mission to the world in Jesus Christ's name. These ministries reach out to the local community, the Diocese of Maryland, and the world.

The goal of the Stewardship campaign is to receive 55 pledges from those who have pledged in the past and those who might be pledging for the first time. Through pledges, a budget can be determined and the funds can be allocated to the ministries about which the congregation is most passionate. How much you pledge is up to you just like the ministries are determined by the congregation. The ministries we support should make you feel good and the amount of your pledge should make you feel good.

Through the month of October and part of November there will be reminders in the bulletin about the Stewardship campaign. There will be members from the congregation speaking about St. James' ministries throughout the month of October. At the end of October, each member of the congregation will receive a pledge card, an estimated budget, a few charts about pledging amounts and St. James' stewardship goals. In mid-November, the pledges are due and a celebratory coffee hour sponsored by the members of the Finance Committee is scheduled.

Please contact me or any member of the Finance Committee if you have any questions. My home phone number is 410-239-2680.

### **Green Sunday**

The Environmental Committee will be hosting a "Green Sunday" on October 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be green food, green balloons, and some energy saving devices for your home.

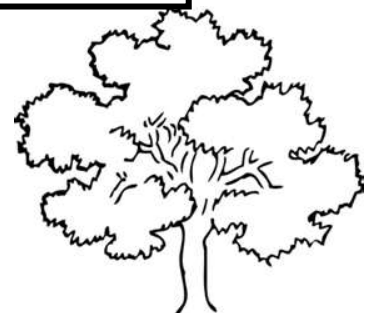
#### **Please join us that day-**

Wear green –ties, hats, socks, scarves.....

Bring "green" mugs or cups for coffee hour

Enjoy green food

There will be prizes for kids-Best "greenly" dressed, Best Green drawing, Best original green song.



**Community News and Events**

**Neighborhood: Hunt Valley Area**  
**University of Maryland Extension is offering a 10-week master gardener program.**  
**Fridays: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (ends November 11)**  
**Phone: 410-771-1934**



**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**



**The Ferris Lecture 2011**

**Emmanuel Episcopal church  
811 Cathedral Street  
Saturday, October 15-two o'clock in the afternoon**

**The Reverend 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**

**On the Light Side**

A father was approached by his small son, who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"  
His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"  
The son replied, "I do know!"  
"Okay," said his father. "So, Son, what does the Bible mean?"  
"That's easy, Daddy. It stands for 'Basic Information Before leaving Earth'"  
Author Unknown



**Important Dates**

**Pit Beef-Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>-starts at 10:30**

**"Green Sunday"-October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Spaghetti Dinner- October 9<sup>th</sup>-5:30-7:00**

**The Rev. Mary Davisson of Seafarers Center-Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> Both services**

**Patronal Feast- The Rev. Joe Pagano preaching-October 23<sup>rd</sup> (special reception)**

**Children's Sabbath- October 30th**

