



THE PARISH PAPERS

St. James' Episcopal Church, Parkton, Maryland



September 2009

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. James',

September is a fabulous month bringing new life, new energy. The fall season begins with a subtle change in light, a deep blue sky, and nights that are clear and chilled. And then there is the harvest moon (sometimes called the wine moon, the singing moon, the elk call moon) that we see in September about the time of the autumnal equinox. Big, red and full, it hovers over the horizon.

As with the harvest moon, the bright spirit of September hovers over our life together at St. James'! The Vestry, the Worship Committee and the Parish Life Committee have made exciting plans for the beginning of the year. On the first Sunday of the month, September 6, we will begin a new Sunday schedule: an 8 a.m. service (as usual) followed by a second service at 10:15. The fifteen-minute time change is significant; it will allow us to hold speakers' forums from 9-9:45 throughout the year. This will affect—to some degree—our Sunday School schedule (see the announcement in the newsletter).

Our opening service (with registration for Sunday School, committees and activities) will take place Sunday, September 13. We will hold a light breakfast after the 8 a.m. service and a potluck PICNIC after the 10:15 (no forum that day). Sunday School will begin the following Sunday, September 20, at 10:00 for Middle and Upper School, and at 10:15 for Godly Play. Babysitting will be provided for families who would like to attend the forums. (The Choir will rehearse from 9:45-10.)



To introduce the forums this year I will begin Sunday, September 20 with "The Sacred Three: The Creed at the Heart of Our Life Together" for three sessions. On October 11 our guest speaker will be Debi Frock, executive director of The Ghanaian Mothers' Hope. Next, Beverly Braine will offer a series of lectures on Paul's Epistle to the Thessalonians (November), and John Orens will present three lectures, "The Anglican Adventure" (February).

The Thursday morning Café Theology group will meet for the first time September 17 to discuss Esther De Waal's "The Celtic Way of Prayer: The Recovery of the Religious Imagination." All are welcome.

For the young people, we will offer an acolyte training evening (with pizza of course) Sunday night, September 20. We also hope that many acolytes (and would-be acolytes) will sign-up for the all-day special event at the Washington National Cathedral "The Acolyte Festival," Saturday, October 10. Please sign up for the festival on Sunday School registration day—the 13th. The Children's Sabbath Service will take place on Sunday, October 11; the Crop Walk on October 18!

The St. James' Preschool opens on Tuesday, September 8 for children ages 2-5. We are ever so fortunate to have Ingrid Carr returning as our director. Both Carol Whitehurst and Trina Carroll, our talented teachers, will also be with us to form a strong educational team. The Preschool plans to host a folk-song evening sometime this year for the families of both Parish and Preschool. Do look for announcements of that event.

I will be celebrating my 30th year to the priesthood on October 18. My first assignment was assistant rector at St. Andrew's Church, Belmont, Mass., and I left that calling for an associate rector position at Grace Church, Amherst. After 20 years at the Washington National Cathedral and School, I arrived here—the most beautiful place of all. I hope you can help me celebrate the day by your presence and at the reception afterwards. (No gifts!) Remember the CRAB FEAST—Saturday, September 12!

Blessings,
Elizabeth +

Sunday, September 13

Opening Services Schedule for 8 & 10:15 a.m. Services

We will offer a light breakfast after the 8 a.m. service (with registration for activities and committees) and a Pot-Luck Picnic after the 10:15 a.m. service (with registration for Sunday School, activities, and committees). No forum that day!

Stewardship/Finance Committee

Dottie Arthur

Where did the summer go?

It was wonderful to see people at church from both the 8 and 10 services. Unfortunately, our pledge income has fallen behind but we still had to pay salaries, etc. (The church never takes a holiday.) Sound familiar! Please submit your summer envelopes or commitment ASAP.

The fall is busy with lots of exciting events. Here's what's coming up:

August 29	Yard and Pit Beef Sale 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
September 12	Crab Feast/Pit Beef & Live Music 6 p.m.
September 27	Stewardship Kick Off
October	Mortgage Meal (date to be announced)
November 6	7th Annual Holiday Festival

Memorials are still available. These gifts in "thanksgiving" or "remembrance" will help reduce our mortgage on the Education Wing. Dedication of these gifts will come in the fall. See Chuck Schomann or Steve Fox.

Parish Hall Rental: Are you planning an event and need to have a place to hold it? Call the church so we can help solve your problem.

Tuesday Guild

Dottie Arthur

Now that the summer is almost over, we are busy preparing for our annual Holiday Festival on Saturday, November 7. If you knit, sew, embroider, crochet, do wood working, make Christmas/fall decoration, we need you to donate items for the St. James' table.

At our last meeting, we discussed the possibility of meeting an extra time in September on a Sunday afternoon to make applesauce/cinnamon ornaments. Watch for date and time.



Mortgage Meal

Crab Feast & Live Music. Saturday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. on the church lawn. \$40 per person. Tables of 10 available. See Chris Tillman for tickets. 410-357-5011. Door Prizes.

New Sunday Schedule Beginning Sunday, September 6

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday School Program

10 a.m. Middle School & Upper School Classes
10:15 a.m. Godly Play
10:50/10:55: At the Offertory: Church for All Youth

Choir Rehearsal

In the Church with Dick North, director: 9:45-10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Forums Beginning September 20:

9-9:45 a.m.
September 20-October 4: The Rev. Elizabeth Orens
“The Sacred Three: The Creed at the Heart of our Life Together”

October 11: Debi Frock, executive director
“The Ghanaian Mothers’ Hope”

November 2-29 (excluding Nov. 22): The Rev. Beverly Braine

Choir

Dick North

SOKI DEO GLORIA

The reason for our music ministry at St. James’ is **SOKI DEO GLORIA** (To God alone be the glory).

Hopefully, the congregation is uplifted by the choir’s singing. Certainly the choir is uplifted as they present each weeks anthem, psalm and other musical settings that make up our liturgy. Presentations of the sung liturgy at St. James’ is primarily in four part harmony with organ accompaniment. This requires enough dedicated singers to become familiar with the music through weekly rehearsals in order to sing it properly and with feeling on Sunday morning, thus uplifting both the choir members and the congregation.

We all enjoy our times together with each other, and we invite you to join us in this rewarding endeavor. Some new music has been acquired and we look forward to learning and presenting it to God’s glory. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Please call me at 410-343-1640 or the church office and leave your name so that we can be in touch. Our first rehearsal is September 9.

Special Thanks

from Reyna Tillman

Honduras Mission

I would like to thank all the people of St. James’ for helping me get to Honduras. It was a really amazing experience and I could not have done this without your help, support and prayers. It would be awesome to see more youth from our church get involved with things like this. The work can be difficult, but the experience was well worth it!

September Birthdays

- 3 Laiza Braine
- 8 Lucy Bents
- 9 Chris Snyder
- 9 Anna Fairbend
- 16 Alden Pickering
- 23 Rebecca Pickering
- 24 Trevor Kilgore



September Anniversaries

- 18 Lin and Allen Wagner
- 20 Chris and Sharon Tillman
- 25 Jeff and Nancy Smith

News From the Diocese of Maryland

General Convention Meetings

The Bishops and Deputation of the Diocese of Maryland have scheduled three diocesan "Report-Back" sessions as follows:

Tuesday, September 15 @ The Cathedral of the Incarnation from 7:30-9 pm

Wednesday, September 16 @ St. Margaret's Church, Annapolis from 7:30-9 pm

Tuesday, September 22 @ St. Thomas' Church, Hancock from 7:30-9 pm

In addition, individual deputies are available to come to your church or organization at a mutually scheduled time and date. Stewardship, budgeting, health care, lay pensions, the Anglican Communion, a Strategic Vision for reaching Latinos/Hispanics, the Millennium Development Goals, battling domestic poverty, continuing our work on Anti-Racism, inclusive and emerging church, and the expansive role of the Church in the World plus much, much more were all part of the work done at General Convention. Come and hear first-hand, ask questions, engage in discussion and help us build up the Body of Christ!

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.

Bishops' Cup Charity Golf Tournament

In Support of Baltimore's Joseph Richey Hospice project "Dr. Bob's Place," the first children's hospice in Maryland.

Monday, September 14

Noon Lunch • 1 pm Shotgun Start

The Links at Challedon, Mt. Airy, Md.

Sponsored by the Diocese of Maryland. Join the Bishops of Maryland for a day of fellowship and great golf.

19th Hole Banquet following play

Door Prizes, Raffles

Team and Individual Prizes

Hole in One Prize - Volvo C30

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

\$150 per player • \$550 per foursome



For information contact Jim Knorr at tugknorr@aol.com.

Reserve your space or sponsorship at www.ang-md.org/bishopscup.php

