



St. James Matters

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The Rector's Whatnot

Father Kelly Marshall

I'm writing these words just the day after the first Bicentennial Liturgy at our historic 1829 house of worship in Boardman Park. Nearly 90 folks gathered in that small, sacred space. How important from time to time, just to touch the places and objects which have shaped us! And how important also to recall that those places and objects are not where we live. Our Bicentennial Year is a time to pause briefly, and to recall God at work in the lives of our Episcopal forbears at St. James' Church. And it's a time also to remember that St. James' Episcopal Church in Boardman isn't about the past. *It's about today and tomorrow--about the next decade and the next 200 years.*

The month of February brings for our new Vestry and me the challenge of seeing what we need to be about, and crafting a plan for doing it. I look forward to sharing all this with you, so that you can be hearing God's call to you to join in the ministries of our parish family in 2009 and beyond. God's deep love enfolds us, as we celebrate, as we listen, and as we serve.

Your Rector and friend,

Zeke, Russia and Lent

Be alert for some presentations in early Lent from Zeke Coughlin, our seminary intern, about his recent studies and experiences in St. Petersburg. We'll do this after Coffee Hour on several Sundays – more to come!



Zeke contemplates his next move. See photo on page 4 to learn more.

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At St. James'
Episcopal Church
ALL Are Welcome!

A Sunday 8 a.m. Eucharist (no music) is celebrated in the Mary Magdalene Chapel each week. This is a way to encourage weekly Eucharistic devotion for those who cannot attend the 10:00 liturgy on any particular Sunday.

NEW VESTRY MEMBERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING
Sharyn Fees

ANNUAL MEETING



The annual meeting of St. James' Episcopal Church was held following the liturgy on Sunday, January 18. Reports were received, and three new members were elected to the vestry to serve a three-year term. The new class of vestry members is Mark Scheel, Paula Ulicny, and Paul Van Devender. Biographical information for each follows.

Mark Scheel is married to Kathy. They have two daughters Gretchen (16) and Lydia (13) and live in Canfield where they enjoy the company of two dogs in their house near the fairgrounds. The Scheel family has attended St. James for the past 14 years, so their girls have truly grown up at St. James' Church. Mark previously served on the vestry under Fathers Shiley, Townsend, and Blewitt, and was junior warden for many years. He also served on the Shared Ministry Council of New Song during our partnership with St. Augustine's. Mark has been involved with many other activities at the church including the Men's Group and the Fundraising Ministry Team

Mark is a chemical engineer by education and works at Delphi Packard as a supervisor of a materials engineering group. When he is not taking his girls to their many different activities he enjoys running and timber management activities at his family's farm near Lisbon. Mark is active with the Canfield Soccer Club, now serving as its former President and also coaching teams there.

Paula Ulicny is married to Joe and has two grown children and two grandchildren. She has been a member of St James all her life and has held almost every position, including Senior and Junior Warden, and Treasurer.

Paula is retired from the Topfer Oil Company where she was the bookkeeper and office manager for 25 years. Paula currently sings in the choir, chairs the Finance Ministry Team, and works very hard on the ECW rummage sales.

Paul Van Devender, is married to Julie with a daughter Olivia (9) and a son Aiden (1). The Van Devender family moved to Canfield in August 2008, from Alexandria, Va., where they were members of Christ Church for the past 12 years. Paul had served on the Welcoming Committee for several years and was involved in the Children of Chernobyl Program, where they hosted a young girl from Belarus for the summer of 2007.

Paul is currently starting up a consulting firm, Strategic Growth Solutions, LLC, assisting commercial real estate companies grow through mergers and acquisitions all over the country. ~

St. James' Church
Vestry Members



Class of 2009
 Jeff Downey (Sr. Warden)
 Rod Hosler

Class of 2010
 Kurt Hilderbrand (Clerk)
 Bob Maruschak
 Liz Myer

Class of 2011
 Mark Scheel (Jr. Warden)
 Paula Ulicny
 Paul Van Devender

Ex-Officio Members
 Jody Musitano, Financial Officer
 Chris Belvedere, Treasurer
 Rose Bissett, Financial Secretary

If you were not able to attend the annual parish meeting, extra copies of the 2008 annual report are on the table in the parlor. You can also access the report from our website. Just click the link at the bottom of the home page.

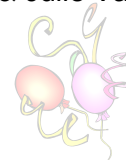
February Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3 Cheney Morgan
- 6 Karri Tufaro
- 12 Andrea Dixon
- 17 Lisa Coughlin
- 19 Kelly Marshall
- 21 Dave Adair

Anniversaries

- 3 Tom & Wendy McQuiston
- 14 Mel & Fran Hixson
- 14 Paul & Julie Van Devender



ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Fr. John Wigle



Mark your calendar now for the following opportunities for adult Christian formation:

Semester 1

The Season of Light

“Passionate Practical Prayer”

Tuesdays—Jan. 13- Feb. 17
7—8:30 p.m.

John Hamel, world traveler, director of Christian ministries and seasoned student of meditation and prayer, will be our “guru.” Fresh from presenting this series at St. Luke’s, Niles with rave reviews, John will guide us to develop modern adaptations of ancient spiritual disciplines including Centering Prayer, Meditative Readings, Mantra, and Prayer of Imagination. Reach out—invite your friends and neighbors.

Semester 2

The Lenten Semester

“More of Nooma”

Tuesdays—March 3-31
7—8:30 p.m.

By special request, more of this series of short DVDs to stimulate discussions that change and challenge the way we experience spirituality. We will begin with a simple meal of soup and bread. The word Nooma is a playful englishing of the Greek word for *spirit* or *breath*—*pneuma*.

Semester 3

The Easter Semester

“The Bible from A to Z”

Tuesdays—April 14-May 26
7—8:30 p.m.

A spiritual journey through scripture guided by the delightful cartoons of Episcopal priest Jan Sidebotham. A humorous educational approach to The Bible.

SUPER SATURDAY EVENT RESCHEDULED

Barbara Wigle

Our second Super Saturday Event, originally scheduled for November 8, 2008, has been rescheduled. The event will take place at St. James’ Church (Jones Hall) on **Saturday, March 14, 2009**, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. As originally planned, the theme of the day will be “Learning to be Grateful and Generous.” There will be storytelling, games, crafts, music, and a free lunch.

Children who are in kindergarten through grade six are welcome. To register, call the church office at 330/758-2727 by March 10. If you are able to help with this event, please contact Barbara Wigle (babswigle@zoominternet.net).

This activity is open to children in the community, so please invite your friends to register their children grades K-6.☺

First Bicentennial Liturgy Celebrated at Historic St. James—January 25, 2009



On January 25 we returned to our historic 1829 house of worship to begin officially the celebration of our 200th anniversary. Four of our young musicians played *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* as the prelude. Thanks to Lydia Scheel (flute), Gretchen Scheel (oboe), Jamie Vanden Bosch (flute), and Kasey Vanden Bosch (cello) for sharing their musical talents with us. Pictured above are several members of our parish family who attended historic St. James many years ago. L-R, Doug Hotchkiss, Paula Ulicny, David Ulicny, Wealthie Prince, Ann Sitler, Jim Shurtleff, and Sharyn Fees.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR REHEARSAL REMINDER

Julie Van Devender



The Children’s Choir began just a few short months ago, but already has enhanced our liturgy. Weekly rehearsals are held following the Sunday service (approximately 11:15-11:45). The children will be singing at the 10 a.m. service on February 8 and 22.

Choristers are asked to arrive promptly at 9:30 a.m. on those days in order to get robed and ready. New members are welcome to join at any time. Parents are invited to contact Julie Van Devender for more information.☺

ZEKE TAKES A PLUNGE!

Photo appeared in the *St. Petersburg Times*, January 20, 2009



Epiphany Blessing of the River Tosna—where the waters are blessed as the River Jordan and believers may be cleansed in the waters of Christ's baptism.

LENTEN FREE COMMUNITY MEAL PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 28

Liz Myer

The extra-cold weather really helps us to appreciate how fortunate we are to have safe homes and plenty of food to eat. We have another opportunity to share our blessings with our neighbors, at our Lenten Free Community Meal, on Saturday, February 28. Anyone in the community who is hungry, or would simply like to share a meal in the companionship of others, is welcome. We hope everyone will participate in some way in the preparation and sharing of this meal. Please contact Florence Hosler or Liz Myer to see how you can get involved. ☚



Membership at St. James' Episcopal Church

If you wish officially to become a member of our parish family and faith community, we encourage you to speak with Father Marshall, Father Wigle, or any member right away. Membership forms are available on the table in the Narthex.

We will welcome our newest members on February 22 at the Festival Eucharist. An 8:45 breakfast for new members and their families is hosted by our Vestry and the Membership Ministry Team.

DIRECTORY UPDATES



Please note the following additions/corrections to the parish directory:

Addition:

Alan & Sandra Baxter
6775 Steeplechase Drive
Canfield, OH 44406

Change:

Paul Van Devender's email address:
paul.vandevender@yahoo.com

Tonya Weaver's email address:
Tonya.Weaver@comcast.net

MINISTRY NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Ministry Coordinators at St. James' Church are the point persons for a particular area of ministry and feel drawn to this area of service. They meet at least monthly with the Rector and other Coordinators, to help craft a collaborative approach to our several program ministries. **Key qualities** for a Ministry Coordinator are the ability to be a team player, to recruit and equip others for the ministry area, and to delegate responsibility. At present, these areas of ministry are without a Ministry Coordinator. Will you explore with Father Marshall your possible service in one of these areas?

Parish Life Ministry Coordinator

The coordinator of this ministry area will organize and oversee the multiple opportunities present already at St. James' Church for members of the parish family and others to come together for the purpose of friendship-building, food and fellowship.

Stewardship Ministry Coordinator

The coordinator of this ministry area will build a team of parishioners whose ministry is to interpret Christian Stewardship to all members of the parish family. **Stewardship** is the grateful response of a Christian to God's generosity to us, as we return thankfully our time, our abilities, and our material resources for continuing God's work.

Youth Ministry Coordinators

At St. James' Church, we define "youth" as our young people in Grades 6-12. Last summer, we gathered them into a group for the first time in many years and began to meet the fourth Monday of each month. In addition, our young peo-

ple have participated in several missions here in Boardman and in Salineville. What we need is a point person who feels called to work with our youth and is willing to learn how to do parish youth work in the 21st century. ***This is perhaps our most critical need at St. James' Church right now.*** Both Father Marshall and our seminarian, Zeke Coughlin, are willing to work closely with this individual (or pair of individuals!) to make this happen.

Office Ministry Help Needed Also!

The Vestry and the Rector currently are assessing our needs in the parish office. In January 2007, we went from having a paid secretary for nearly 20 hours a week to having multiple volunteers for 12 hours a week. *At present, we're only getting the mere basics done each week—and the parish family is growing.* We anticipate having our assessment complete by the end of February, with recommendations in place to remedy the current situation. **In the meantime, do you have three or four hours a week which you can give to the office ministry at St. James' Church?** If so, please speak with Father Marshall or Florence Hosler, our Administrative Ministry Coordinator. ☺

ST. JAMES' YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Activities

February 1 after church
Bakesale—Breads & Cupcakes

February 12 @ 6 p.m.
Bowling @ Boardman Lanes

February 15 after church
Bakesale—Cookies & Brownies

February 21
Ski Trip—Peak 'n Peak
\$55



LYDIA SCHEEL WINS GOLD KEY AT SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

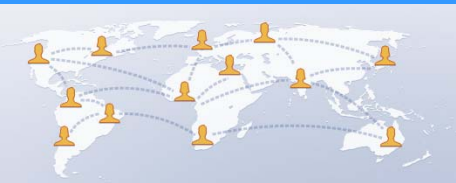


Congratulations to Lydia Scheel who won a gold key (highest level) for her oil pastel artwork entitled *Winter Chills* in the Scholastic Art Competition at Youngstown State University. Her artwork has been digitally photographed and will be sent to the Scholastic Artwork national office in New York City where it will be judged there. Lydia was one of fourteen other students in her age bracket to receive a gold key award.

The Scholastic Art Awards program is the most prestigious arts recognition and scholarship program of its kind in the country. This program is administered nationally by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc. Since 1923, the Awards have encouraged more than 13 million student participants; recognized more than 2.5 million young artists and writers and distributed more than \$25 million in awards and scholarships. The McDonough Museum of Art is the regional affiliate for this national program. For more information, visit: <http://mcdonoughmuseum.ysu.edu>. ☺

WORDS OF WISDOM FOR FACEBOOK USERS

Sharyn Fees



St. James launched its Facebook page in November of 2008 and already we have 25 members! It's a great way to stay connected with members of our parish family; however, there are a number of hackers who seek to do us, and our computers, harm. The following article is from ABC News and provides several good strategies for steering clear of scams while using Facebook. Take heed—one of the viruses circulating on Facebook is likely responsible for the problems I experienced with my computer last November. The issue was not easily resolved and required the expertise of a "computer doctor."

As social networking sites continue to gain in popularity, so do the numbers of hackers, scam artists and ID thieves using them to disseminate viruses and steal identities. The Better Business Bureau outlined some common social networking schemes:

Friend in Distress Scam. Facebook users may receive a message in their inbox from a friend saying that they are in a dire situation—such as stranded in a foreign country—and need money wired to them. The recipient of the message doesn't realize that their friend's account has been hacked and that the message was actually sent by scammers. If the Facebook user does wire money to the scammers, they have no way of recovering the money after they learn that their friend is actually safe and sound.

Phishing Friends. One particularly virulent computer virus, called Koobface, has made the social networking site rounds via MySpace and most recently on Facebook last

December. In Facebook, the victim receives a message from their friend saying "You look awesome in this video" or "You look funny in this video" and includes a link to an outside Web site to view the video. Clicking on the link will open a window that claims the victim needs to download an updated version of Flash Player. Agreeing to the update actually installs the virus onto the victim's computer. The virus is designed to monitor the user's Internet activity and potentially steal personal information. Victims of Koobface have had a particularly difficult time removing the virus and in some extreme cases just decided to scrap their computers completely.

Viral Wall Post. Another recent Facebook scam takes advantage of a social networker's fears that the pictures and information they post on Facebook could be made very public. The user receives a post on his or her wall from a friend saying something like, "hey do u realize your face book picture is all over." The wall posts vary, but all invariably link to an outside Web site that supposedly has the user's photos. Facebook warns that clicking on the link will allow hackers to gain access to the user's personal account and post the same message - seemingly coming from

the victim—on their friend's walls.

BBB offers the following advice for staying safe on social networking sites:

- ◆ Be extremely wary of messages from friends or strangers that direct the user to another Web site via a hyperlink.
- ◆ Before wiring money to a friend in a jam, users should attempt to contact their friend outside of the social networking site, to confirm the situation. If that's not possible, BBB recommends asking them a question to which only they would know the answer.
- ◆ Social networking sites are about sharing information, but BBB recommends that users take steps to keep important information private. While some social networking web sites do allow for the user to share phone numbers and addresses, it's best to keep such information private.
- ◆ Be selective when choosing friends. While a user might not want to be rude, BBB recommends that it's best to decline a request for friendship if the user doesn't actually know the person.
- ◆ Users should always make sure their computer's operating system and antivirus and firewall software are up to date.

For more advice on staying safe online go to bbb.org.

Web Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/consumer&id=6619888>.

The Ash Wednesday Liturgy February 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.



"Return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from
punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and
relent, and leave a blessing behind him?"

LETTERS OF THANKS

To Our Friends of St. Andrew's Church,

We would like to express our gratitude for the many gifts we have received that will enhance our worship at St. James' Church for years to come. We were pleased to use a set of green hangings from St. Andrew's at our first Bicentennial Liturgy at historic St. James' Church on January 25 and will be incorporating many more items into our worship at St. James.

The Congregation of St. James' Church

Dear Members of St. James,

We would like to express our thanks to the St. James' congregation and Fr. Marshall for your cards, calls, and memorial contributions at the death of William Rupp (Linda's father). Your concerns and support were greatly appreciated.

*Jim & Linda Shurtleff
Bruce & Megan Hamilton
Steven & Emily Shurtleff*

Dear Ladies,

Much appreciation for the hand-knitted scarves, hats, and vests that were sent to us this holiday season. The crew loved them, and they came at a time of blustery weather. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers.

*Capt. Fred Weber & Crew
Tug Christian Reinauer*

BUDDY BLANKETS FOR KIDS

Sponsored by the Pastoral Ministry Team, this program provides fleece blankets for children who are undergoing surgery in a local hospital. Children are given a fleece blanket to take into surgery and to take home. No sewing, knitting or crocheting is involved. Fabric will be provided. All ages are welcome!

Saturday, February 21, 2009, 11:00 a.m.

To sponsor and/or make a blanket, see any member of the Pastoral Ministry Team (Ann Sitler, Florence Hosler, Clare Julian, Mary Ellen Maruschak or Cindy Simerlink.) Or, contact the parish office by calling 330-758-2727, or emailing office@stjamesboardman.com. The cost of sponsorship is \$17.00 per blanket. Light refreshments will be served.

Gospel Readings for February

February 1
Mark 1:21-28

February 8
Mark 1:29-39

February 15
Mark 1:40-45

February 22
Mark 9:2-9

February 25
Ash Wednesday
Matthew 6:1-6,16-21



To access the week's Bible Readings online, go to <http://www.io.com/~kellywp/index.html>.

THE COOKS' CORNER

This recipe is from the kitchen of Mary Ann Fees and was served at coffee hour a few weeks ago.

Biscotti

- 6 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 2-½ tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. anise oil
- 3 cups flour

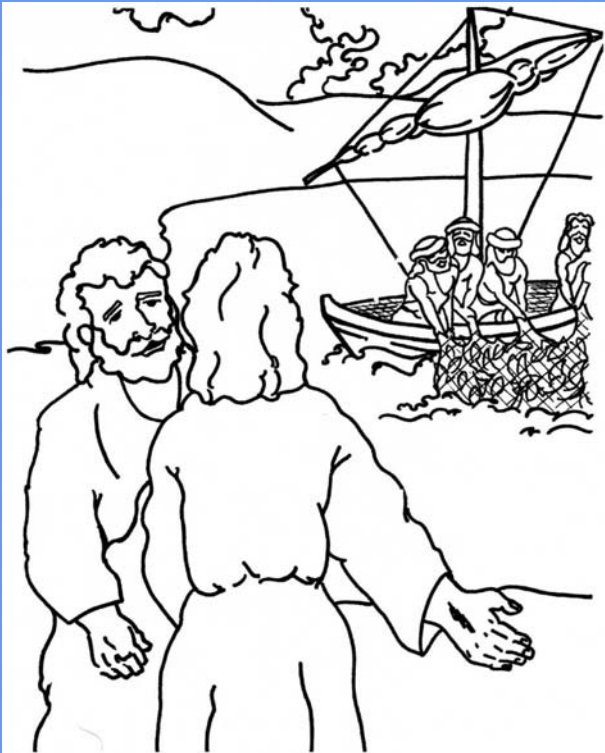
Mix in order given. Pour into three aluminum foil pans*. Fill pans to 1/3 height of pan. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 12-16 min. Slice in ½ inch slices and place on a baking sheet and toast until golden. Dip in melted chocolate. Vanilla, lemon, or almond flavoring may be used as well. Store in air tight container.

*Foil pans:

Cut foil length of 12x15 baking pan. Fold lengthwise into three equal parts. Turn up sides and ends to form a pan. Do not grease.

Instead of slicing and toasting, frost loaves with butter cream frosting and then cut into slices. Frosted loaves can be frozen.





"Jesus said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Then they immediately left their nets and followed Him." *Matthew 4:19-20*

March Events

Singles & Couples

Host TBA

March 6, 7 p.m.

Super Saturday for Kids

March 14, 9:30 a.m.—1:15 p.m.

Seraphim Choir Concert

When In Our Music God is Glorified
A Concert of American Sacred Music

March 15, 3 p.m.

Lenten Quiet Day

March 28, 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Quarterly Parish Family Potluck Lunch

March 29, 11:30 a.m.

"We always can afford to be generous. Always."



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