



# St. James Matters

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## THE RECTOR'S WHATNOT: Parish-wide Journey to Renewal The Rev. Fr. Kelly Marshall

I hope you've seen and begun to absorb the idea of *a renewed approach to evangelism* at St. James' Church. This is a primary focus of our Vestry for this year and next—and is the first focus of the work our Associate Rector is doing with us. At its heart is the concept that **evangelism is first and foremost about our relationships with God and each other.** The word is rooted in the idea that there's Good News about God, through Jesus of Nazareth. Those of us who are baptized have entered into a relationship with God, through being disciples (followers) of Jesus. We strive to love God with our entire being, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. **Love God. Love your neighbor. Change the world.**

It all has to do with the Covenant between God and us. We can see the promises we make in our Baptismal Covenant in the *Book of Common Prayer* on pages 302-305. Many of us first affirmed those promises when we were confirmed by a Bishop. All of us remember and repeat those promises every time we stand witness to a Baptism. From time to time throughout our lives, it is just the time, just the good thing to do, to reaffirm those promises. It's a statement that we *still intend* to follow Jesus.

One such occasion always is the visit of a diocesan Bishop to a parish. This year on May 8 Bishop Mark Hollingsworth will be with us. **On that day, I invite many to consider a formal reaffirmation of their faith in God's goodness and love, along with their determination to continue following Jesus.** It can be a *Journey to Renewal* for every member of our parish family. The journey this year coincides with Lent and the first few weeks of the Easter Season.

Beginning Sunday, February 27, a tract describing our *Journey to Renewal* will be available in your weekly service bulletin and on the various information tables throughout the church building. Look it over, and prayerfully consider whether you will join your leaders (clergy and lay) in this important, personal and communal aspect of *a renewed approach to evangelism.* Remember that evangelism is first and foremost about *our* relationship with God and with each other. Will you pay attention to these relationships this Lent and Easter? Will you reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant in the Bishop's presence in May?

If so, make a good start at the Ash Wednesday liturgy. I look forward to making this journey with you.

Your Rector and friend,

*Kelly +*

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At St. James'  
Episcopal Church  
**ALL Are Welcome!**

## COUGHLIN'S LOG: WHERE DOES THE BIBLE COME FROM? The Rev. Christopher Zeke Coughlin

Every once in a while, I hear some questions concerning what books made it into the Bible and what books didn't. As best as history can tell, this is the answer to the question: Within a hundred years (or so) of Jesus' death, some of the earliest respected church fathers were writing letters to their churches in much the same way St. Paul did. In these letters, the church fathers would often quote earlier manuscripts written by apostles and people whom they believed had seen the risen Christ. People who read these letters would then want to read the writings that were being quoted in them, and copies of the most often quoted manuscripts began to be passed around. These manuscripts would later become the books of our Bible.

By the second century, collections of these quoted manuscripts were already being circulated. By the third century, church scholars such as Origen were collecting what they felt were the most reliable manuscripts into single volumes. These scholars

created a sort of 'early bible' that contained only the books they felt were written by credible people. Many of these 'early bibles' contained all of the books that are in our modern bibles except for James, 2 Peter, 2 John, and 3 John; and included an additional book called *the Shepherd of Hermas*, which was later rejected.

In the late fourth century, after Christianity became an accepted religion in the Roman Empire, three different ecumenical councils agreed upon what books would be considered authoritative by the Christian Church. Surprisingly, the final list of books was not too terribly different from the original list of quoted manuscripts.

Today, our modern Bible is the product of four hundred years of evolution, a very organic process of prayer and study. Now all that's left to do is interpret what it means. :) Have at it!

Peace & Grace,

Zeke

### SAVE THE DATE — ZEKE'S ORDINATION!

God willing and the people consenting,  
the Rt. Rev. Arthur Williams,  
will ordain Christopher (Zeke) Coughlin  
to the sacred order of priests  
in Christ's one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic church on Saturday, the Sixteenth of April,  
in the year of our Lord Two-Thousand and Eleven  
at Ten-Thirty in the Morning  
at St. James Episcopal Church  
7640 Glenwood Ave,  
Boardman, OH 44512

Your prayers and presence are joyfully requested.  
Formal invitations are in the works, but please save the date. All are welcome.  
A light reception will follow the ordination liturgy.

### Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Liturgy March 9

Boardman Presbyterians and United Methodists will gather with the parish family of St. James' Church on Ash Wednesday to begin Lent together and to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the *historic King James Bible*. These congregations, all rooted in the British Isles, will hear a dramatic recitation of the first portion of Mark's Gospel from the traditional text by Dr. Allan R. Mosher of YSU's Dana School of Music. The Recitation begins at **5:30**. We'll share a simple bread and soup meal at **6:30**, and then gather in the Nave at **7:15** for the Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Eucharist from the *Book of Common Prayer*. On Maundy Thursday, the congregations will gather again at the Boardman United Methodist Church for the reading of the rest of Mark's Gospel and to share Holy Communion in the United Methodist tradition.

Dr. Mosher is an Associate Professor of Voice at YSU's Dana School of Music. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Theater Arts in addition to three degrees in music and has numerous theatrical roles to his credit. He has presented portions of the Gospel According to St. Mark in various churches in New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. ☞

### FINANCE TEAM UPDATE Rose Bissett

#### Report for the Period January 2011

Offerings Received ..... \$9,329  
Amount Budgeted  
for Offerings ..... \$119,800  
Budgeted Deficit  
For 2011 ..... \$5,000



Many thanks to all who helped in any way in preparing and serving the funeral dinner for our friend and sister Patti Opsitnik. She was an active member of both ECW and Church Women United along with many other activities here at St. James and will be deeply missed.

Sign up sheets will be available in the fellowship area in mid-March for those who wish to attend the spring gathering at St. Stephen's, East Liverpool on Saturday, April 9, 2011. Registration will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a time of sharing information and ideas and lunch. We will then move to the Museum of Ceramics down the street to tour and view the many beautiful items there. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9 a.m., and carpool together to St. Stephen's (of course, you can drive on your own if you wish). Cost for lunch will be \$6, and the museum fee is \$4. We need advance reservations for both by Sunday, April 3. See Janet Smart if you have questions. If you've not been to the Museum, you are in for a treat. You are welcome to invite friends along too.☺

Did you know that 2011 is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the printing of the King James Bible? There's hardly another event in the English-speaking world that impacted both religion and language as did this publication. It officially was called the "Authorized Version" because it was the only Bible authorized by the King to be read in the Church of England. It's associated in common parlance with King James I of England (and VI of Scotland)—the successor to Queen Elizabeth I and the son of the unfortunate Mary, Queen of Scots.

Those of us who are older than 50 and who grew up in Protestant Churches are familiar with its cadences. But its impact has reached far beyond the Church. Here are some familiar phrases that appear in English for the first time in this publication:

- Turned the world upside down - Acts 17:6
- God forbid - Romans 3:4
- Take root - 2 Kings 19:30
- The powers that be - Romans 13:1
- Filthy lucre - 1 Timothy 3:3
- No peace for the wicked - Isaiah 57: 21
- A fly in the ointment - Ecclesiastes 10:1
- The blind leading the blind - Matthew 15:14
- Feet of clay - Daniel 2:33

On Ash Wednesday, we will join our Presbyterian and United Methodist friends here at 5:30 p.m., to honor this important anniversary by hearing a recitation of the first chapters of the Gospel of Mark in the Authorized Version of the Bible (*see page 2 for details*). And we'll join them again on Maundy Thursday at Boardman United Methodist Church to hear the rest of Mark. Don't miss this unusual and significant devotional opportunity!

**~ SAVE THE DATE ~**

**St. James'  
Men's Breakfast**

**March 19  
@ 8:30 a.m.**

**Perkins, Rt. 224 in Canfield**

**~ SAVE THE DATE ~**

**St. James'  
Women's Breakfast**

**March 12  
9 a.m.**

**Perkins, Rt. 224 in Boardman**

**HELP NEEDED**



Are you available to assist with the reception for Zeke's ordination on April 16?

Help is needed with set up, clean up, kitchen, serving, food (we will be serving finger foods, fruit, cheese, etc.), decorating Jones Hall. If you can help in any way, please contact Rose Bissett. We want to make this a very special day for Zeke!

**Sunday Attendance Report**

February 2010 Average .....	78
February 2011 Average .....	78

## NEW MISSION AREA YOUTH MINISTRY

The Rev. Zeke Coughlin

We had our first mission area-wide youth ministry meeting at St. James on Sunday, February 27. It was a great success. There were seventeen youth there from four parishes, and all had a great time! We got to know each other a little better, played some games, worshiped together, and worked on an interactive homily (a game designed specifically to point out that day's gospel lesson). We'll be meeting every other week at rotating churches, and we are planning a lot for the upcoming months. Keep an ear to the ground for more information! If you think you may be called to this ministry, please contact me. We are always looking for adults who have a heart for leading the youth of our congregations into deeper relationships with Christ and each other. ☺

### EVERY KID TO CAMP!

2011 is a year in which we hope every young person from St. James' Church can take part in the life of Cedar Hills, our diocesan camp. Many of us know that our own spiritual lives were changed through participation in a Christian camp. As part of our ministry with children and youth, we invite every member of our parish family to help make it possible--EVERY KID TO CAMP--in 2011. For more about Cedar Hills and the 2011 camping schedule, see the Rev. Zeke Coughlin.

### SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

MAY 19 & 20



Items may be brought in now and placed in the storage closet in Jones Hall. Please do not bring televisions, computers, or printers. If you are available to price items, we would be happy to have your help. We usually meet on Thursdays at 9 a.m. Contact Paula Ulicny for more information.

### March Birthdays

- 1 Jim Booth
- 2 Sammy Merrill  
Irene Smart
- 4 Jaimie Vanden Bosch  
May Weaver  
Barbara Jones
- 5 Jeff Downey
- 6 Worthy Shomo
- 8 Bob Maruschak  
Barbara Wigle
- 9 Jesse Morgan  
Ben Vanden Bosch
- 11 Ellie Jezior  
Rick Rose  
Tonya Weaver
- 13 James Hixson
- 17 Mel Hixson
- 21 Lydia Scheel
- 22 Cindy Simerlink
- 31 Nancy Dixon

### Anniversaries

- 22 Herb & Becky Olmi



### Musical Tribute to Patti Opsitnik

On February 27, the choir sang the first of several anthems purchased in memory of Patti Opsitnik. Entitled *On Christ I Stand*, it was composed by Benjamin Harlan. The choir is rehearsing several more which you will be hearing soon.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Mardi Gras!**  
and  
**SHROVE  
TUESDAY  
Celebration**  
Tuesday, March 8th  
6-8 P.M.  
Live Jazz Band      Pancakes  
Activities for Kids

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

323 Wick Ave., Youngstown

For more information, call 330.743.3175

or email at [stjohnohio@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnohio@gmail.com)

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

### *Begin Your Week Well!*



**Monday Morning  
Devotions in the  
Mary Magdalene Chapel  
with the clergy**

**8:30 a.m. each Monday;  
on your way by 8:45 a.m.**



## NEW VESTRY MEMBERS ELECTED

Congratulations to the following vestry members who were elected to serve a three-year term at our annual meeting in January.

### **Rose Bissett**

I have been a member of St. James for approximately seven (7) years. Prior to my husband Ron's death in April 2009, we would have been married almost 46 years.

I have served as Office Ministry Team Coordinator as well as a member of the Finance Ministry Team and Membership Ministry Team. I am currently serving as Coordinator of the Parish Life Team and Financial Secretary. For a short time I served on the St. James' Vestry, resigning when my husband became ill.

I retired from H. M. Health Partners (St. Elizabeth Hospital) after 26 years of service. I began my career at the hospital working in the Patient Accounting Department and then became their legal clerk. Next, I was a manager in the Finance Department and also worked at their Home Care and DME as a manager. The last two years I traveled for the hospital working with Medicare and helping to implement new computer systems for the three entities.

Since joining St. James I have developed many lasting friendships with folks who have become more like family than just friends. St. James is a very family-orientated parish.

I look forward to serving on the Vestry and working with all the Vestry members and Rev. Zeke Coughlin and Father Kelly Marshall.

### **Becky Borman, Sr. Warden**

I was born and raised in a rural area of Jefferson County, West Virginia where my Dad was a farmer and my mother a nurse. I attended West Virginia University and Shepherd College (now Shepherd University) graduating with a degree in elementary education.

Married in June of 1970, Gary and I moved to Austintown, Ohio, where Gary began working for Jones and Laughlin Steel, and I began looking for a job in the teaching field. I found that job with what is now the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities and have continued my professional career with that agency. Currently I am serving as the Habilitation Coordinator for The Centre @ Javit Court, which is a specialized day program serving retirement-aged and medically fragile individuals with developmental disabilities.

We joined St. Andrew's in 1970 or 1971 and were members there until 1975, when our twin sons, Jay and Chris, were born and we moved to Haus Blvd. At that time we transferred our membership to St. James where our sons were baptized in 1976.

Previously an officer in the ECW and former Vestry member, it is indeed a privilege to be serving again on the St. James' Vestry!

### **Barbara Jones**

I have been a member of St. James for the past two years. I attended St. Andrew's from 1982 until it closed in December 2008. I was baptized and confirmed at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, East Liverpool, where my parents and grandparents had been members since the early 1900's.

At St. Andrew's, I served as a Vestry member for several three-year terms and was a delegate to our diocesan convention a number of times. I participated in ECW and Altar Guild, and I also served as a lector.

I have been employed at Youngstown State University since 1976 and will retire on February 29, 2012. I have held a number of positions at YSU, including 15 years as a full-service faculty member. For the past ten years, I have been the Senior Coordinator, Graduate Administrative Affairs, in the School of Graduate Studies and Research. I hold several

degrees from YSU and a Ph.D. in business administration from Kent State University. During my time at YSU, I served for several years on the Protestant Campus Ministry board.

Since joining St. James, I have been a reader and intercessor, and I have participated in several adult spiritual formation programs and Unbinding the Gospel.

I am currently the Resolutions Chair of the Diocese of Ohio ECW. I have attended a number of diocesan ECW conventions and Province V ECW conventions.

I am affiliated with two Episcopal religious communities: the Community of Celebration in Aliquippa, Pa., where I am a Companion; and the Community of the Transfiguration in Cincinnati, where I am an Associate.

I have felt very welcome at St. James and am pleased to serve on the Vestry of this growing, vibrant congregation. I believe that an effective Vestry is essential to life of the parish. ☞

### Gospel Readings for March

#### **March 6**

Matthew 17:1-9

#### **March 9**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

#### **March 13**

Matthew 4:1-11

#### **March 20**

John 3:1-17

#### **March 27**

John 4:5-42



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

## REBUILDING THE CHURCH IN HAITI

Michele DeRhodes



The Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) is raising money to rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, by selling bricks. Holy Trinity is the spiritual and cultural home of thousands of Episcopalians in Haiti.

The Diocese of Haiti is the largest diocese in The Episcopal Church and the poorest. In addition to the spiritual and pastoral care people expect from the Church, the Diocese of Haiti also provides many of the services generally provided by the government, including healthcare, education, and cultural resources.

The Rt. Rev. Jean Zaché Duracin, Bishop of Haiti, has asked for help. The Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) is coordinating a Church-wide appeal, and this month will be providing news, information, and resources so congregations and dioceses throughout The Episcopal Church can join in this fundraising effort. Even before the official launch, several dioceses designated their convention of-

ferings for this effort. Nearly half of the diocesan bishops are in the planning process for work in their diocese. The Diocese of Ohio will kick off its appeal the first Sunday of Lent.

In the meantime, individuals can be leaders in rebuilding the central pillar of support that once provided spiritual, educational, and medical care to hundreds of thousands of Haitians. Anyone can participate; just \$10 “buys a brick” to rebuild The Episcopal Church in Haiti. For more information and to donate, visit <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/haitiaappeal/>.

“The people of Haiti have lost the cultural symbol of their gathering place for the worship of God,” noted the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, speaking in support of this appeal. “It’s going to take the resources of the entire Episcopal Church to serve the reconstruction needs of the buildings of the diocese.”

Michele DeRhodes is our point person for this missionary effort, and will be sharing more information with us all via the Sunday bulletins. ☚

## First Holy Communion Recognition — Palm Sunday!

Lent will provide an opportunity for parents and younger children to think together about Holy Communion. On Palm Sunday, we’ll recognize those children who already are receiving Bread and Wine, and will celebrate with those who receive Communion the first time that day. If you are a parent and want to be part of this process with your child/children, please share your interest with Father Marshall or Deacon Zeke Coughlin.

A reminder that with the advent of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, all baptized persons—no matter their age—are welcome to share the Bread and Wine.



## PRESIDING BISHOP VISITS SOUTHEAST MISSION AREA



The Most Reverend Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church (right), pictured with Fr. Kelly Marshall, Olivia Van Devender, and Lydia Scheel, during her visit to the churches of the Southeast Mission Area on February 13, 2011.

## Fr. Jerry Townsend 1941—2011

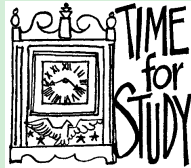
We were saddened to learn of the death of Fr. Jerry Townsend on February 26. Jerry served as interim rector of St. James’ Church from 2001-2002. His funeral will be Saturday, March 12, 2011, at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Gambier, with Bishop Mark Hollingsworth officiating and Ted Curtis of Chicago preaching. Memorial contributions may be made to Episcopal Relief & Development (PO Box 7058, Merrifield VA 22116-7058), The Bishop’s Annual Appeal (2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115-2499), or CARE (151 Ellis Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303-2140).

## MARCH ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

### *The News and The Good News* Sunday Mornings —9-9:45 a.m. in Jones Hall

Each Sunday morning, a discussion group meets informally in Jones Hall to share reflections and points of view on an article from the news which addresses contemporary issues within and beyond the Church. Our goal is to relate this to the Gospel; hence, “The News and the Good News.”

Find your copy of the article for next week on the table near the elevator.



*90 Minutes: 7-8:30 p.m. in the Parlor*

**March 15, 22, 29**  
*Journey to Renewal*

A Lenten and Easter Season preparation for renewing our Baptismal Covenant together at The Visit of our Bishop on May 8.

Will you join many others in our parish family on a journey together to prepare for this holy event? Details about how you can participate will appear in the Sunday bulletins.

Where do I find the promises of my Baptism?  
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 302-305.

## PEANUT BUTTER AND TUNA FISH

The canned goods we collected during January and February (Super Saturday mission project etc.) were distributed to families who came to the February Community Meal.

Many thanks to everyone who brought food, and especially to Carol Bigelow for heading up the distribution effort.

*Lent begins March 9  
with the  
Ash Wednesday  
Liturgy — 7:00 p.m.*

**Sunday, March 6**

*A Festival Eucharist for the Last  
Sunday after the Epiphany*

*A Celebration of Christ, the  
Light of the World, with many  
Alleluias*



## 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 or one of the other clergy.

We will recognize new members again in early Lent.

We encourage every new member to prepare with the entire parish family for the Renewal of our Baptismal Covenant with the Bishop on May 8.

## New Members Gatherings at the Rectory

Two Alternatives—Come to one or the other.

Sunday, March 20  
5-7 p.m.

Thursday, March 24  
6:30-8:30 p.m.



## WHO WE ARE

St. James' Church is a community of faith which embraces the richness of both the protestant and catholic traditions.

We are a home for *all people* who want to explore a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

## DESIGNING DIVINE DESIGNS

### SCRAPBOOKING/CARDMAKING/CRAFTS

Experienced and novice scrapbookers, cardmakers, and crafters are all welcome to join in a time of creativity and fellowship. We meet on the first and third Sundays of each month from 5 to 7 p.m.

March 6

March 20

Come and join the fun! For more information, contact Jo-Ann Kaschak or Sharyn Fees.

There is no fee for attending, but registrations are required. Register by emailing [kaschak7425@zoominternet.net](mailto:kaschak7425@zoominternet.net) or Sharyn Fees at [sfees@zoominternet.net](mailto:sfees@zoominternet.net).

## Looking Ahead



### *Zeke's Ordination*

Saturday, April 16 @ 10:30 a.m.

### *Palm/Passion Sunday*

Sunday, April 17

### *Maundy Thursday*

Thursday, April 21 @ 7 p.m.  
Boardman United Methodist Church

### *Good Friday*

Friday, April 22 @ 7 p.m.

### *The Great Vigil of Easter*

Saturday, April 23 @ 8 p.m.

### *Festival Easter Eucharist*

April 24 @ 10 a.m.

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**“We always can afford to be generous. Always.”**



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