



St. James Matters

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The Rector's Whatnot

Father Kelly Marshall

We see in this edition of *St. James Matters* our first of two annual two-month issues. As I think on this sunny morning in late April about the months of May and June at St. James' Church, I remember *what a truly exciting and good place this parish is!*

It's a place to worship God so that God is honored and my spirit is enriched. A place to be in community and to form friendships with Christians who care as much about the Church's mission as I do. A place to grow. A place to acknowledge God's generosity by becoming more generous myself. A place to call home.

In the very middle of our May-June calendar this year is the annual episcopal visitation on **Pentecost—Sunday, May 31 at 10:00**. Bishop David Bowman, former Rector of St. Andrew's Church, will be present to represent Bishop Hollingsworth on the Festival Day of God the Holy Spirit.

Whenever a Bishop visits an Episcopal Parish, it's a time for Baptisms, for Confirmations, and for the chance to Renew the Promises of Baptism. This is a perfect opportunity for adults to be confirmed (if you've not been confirmed by a bishop), to be received from the Roman Catholic or Orthodox Churches, or formally to renew the promises of your own Baptism in the Bishop's presence. Such periodic renewal of the Baptismal Covenant is *an intentional action to be considered*, especially when we've made a new start in one aspect of our lives or another.

I invite you to think about one of these opportunities because, whenever we make a new start in our lives, it's good to begin intentionally and formally, within the framework of the Church's liturgy and sacramental rites. *If you're thinking about one of these opportunities, I invite you to do two things:*

- Let me know you're considering this, and we can pray together and talk about your decision.
- Plan to attend *either* the entire Tuesday evening series entitled "Those Crazy Episcopalians" (see page 2) or, at least *the final two sessions*, which focus on the Sacraments and the Baptismal Promises we've made.

And if you wish to be baptized or have your children baptized, then call me right away so we can arrange adequate preparation.

Your Rector and friend,

Kelly +

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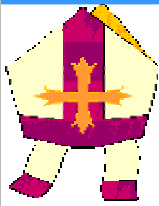
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At St. James'
Episcopal Church
ALL Are Welcome!

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.

**THE 2009 EPISCOPAL VISITATION OF BISHOP DAVID BOWMAN
PENTECOST — MAY 31, 2009—10:00 FESTIVAL EUCHARIST**



The Festival of Pentecost in this, our Bicentennial Year, will bring the visit of a Bishop to baptize, confirm, receive members from other Christian communions, and bless those who are reaffirming their faith.

As well, Bishop Bowman will bless our young people who are prepared to enter a program of preparation for their own confirmations several years from now.

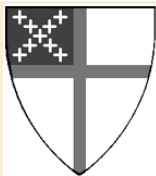
Any persons interested in being baptized or having their children baptized should speak with Father Marshall by May 6, so that we can plan adequate baptismal preparation.

If you are interested in being confirmed in the Episcopal Church, in being received from another Christian communion, or in reaffirming the promises of your baptism, please see Father Marshall right away. ☚



LET US WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED!

Emma and Lily Love, baptized on Easter Sunday, are pictured with their parents, Erin and Jason Thorne, grandparents, Chuck and Louise Thorne, uncle Charles Thorne, baby brother Benjamin, and Fr. Kelly Marshall.



THOSE CRAZY EPISCOPALIANS
A Series for Episcopal Christians New to the Church, or Not!

Five Tuesdays, April 28 - May 26, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
Led by Father Marshall



From Father Marshall: Back in 2004 when I first had arrived at St. James' Church, I led some discussions entitled *Those Crazy Episcopalians*. The series allowed persons who were rather new to the Episcopal Church, as well as those who have been around awhile, to think together about what makes us unique among the Christian churches.

It's time to think together, again, about who we are. Many new members have taken their places in the worship and mission of this parish family since 2004. In particular, it's a perfect opportunity for ***those who wish to be baptized, confirmed, or otherwise renew the promises of their baptism when Bishop Bowman visits on Pentecost—Sunday, 31 May.*** Do mark your calendars today for this important chance to explore who we are as Episcopal Christians—what makes our approach to the Faith unique.

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| Session 1 | April 28 | Looking Back: England and America |
| Session 2 | May 5 | People of Two Books: The Bible & <i>Common Prayer</i> |
| Session 3 | May 12 | Thinking Together: The Middle Way |
| Session 4 | May 19 | Baptism and Eucharist: Beginning and Continuing |
| Session 5 | May 26 | The Baptismal Covenant: Time and Again |



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS!

Mary Ann Fees

John & Twila (Ty) Frantz

John and Ty met on a blind date in 1954 and were married at St. Rose Church on February 12, 1955. That means they have celebrated 54 years of marriage! Both were employed at U.S. Steel McDonald Works and were blessed with two healthy boys, James and William, who were born two years apart. John worked at U.S. Steel for 30 years until the plant closed. A few years later he returned to employment at RMI Titanium where he worked for 12 years. Ty held various jobs during those years—Strouss, K-Mart, and the Dari Isle in Mineral Ridge. They have resided in Austintown nearly all those years. John and Ty became members of St. Andrew's Church when it was relocated from Oak Hill. Ty enjoys knitting in her spare time. Both enjoy lawn care and gardening and cared for the grounds at St. Rocco's for a number of years. They also enjoy playing 500 with their good friends, Jim and Jane Booth.

Michael & Lynnita "Lynn" Himes

Mike is a native of New Middletown, and Lynn is a native of Canfield. Mike attended Youngstown State University and earned a B.S. in Business Administration. Lynn graduated from Mount Union College with B.A. in Business Administration and a Spanish minor.

Mike and Lynn met Nov. 24, 1997, became engaged May 1, 1998, and were married on May 29, 1999. Mike is the Manager of American General Finance in Boardman. His interests/hobbies include hunting and golfing. Lynn is the Manager of the main office of Farmers National

Bank in Canfield. Lynn is involved with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Mahoning Valley and is a past "Big Sister of the Year." She is also involved with the American Heart Association's Annual Heart Walk.

Mike and Lynn reside in Canfield with their two daughters, Annabelle Morgan Himes (age 7) and Sherlyn Michele Himes (age 5). Both attend Willow Creek Learning Center where Annabelle

YSU, including 15 years as a full-service faculty member. Barb is currently the Coordinator of Graduate Administrative Affairs in the School of Graduate Studies and Research. She holds associate, bachelor's and master's degrees from YSU, as well as a Ph.D. in Business Administration from Kent State University.

Barb transferred to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Canfield, in the early 1980s. In addition to being a member of several parish organizations (including the Vestry) and a lector, she served as a delegate to several diocesan conventions and has also attended Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Province V regional meetings. She is a Companion of the Community of Celebration, a religious order in the Episcopal Church, located in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

Barb's brother, Brian, is a Lead Systems Specialist at the corporate headquarters of Valero Energy Corporation in San Antonio, Texas; he also holds a CPA license. Barb enjoys visiting him each fall.

Her father, Lester, worked for over 30 years at the former Potters Bank and Trust Company (now part of PNC Bank). Her mother, Dorothy, was a homemaker.

As a survivor of breast cancer, Barb is active in the American Cancer Society. She is a Reach to Recovery visitor and coordinates the Look Good, Feel Better program for Mahoning County. She has also been a member of several Relay for Life teams of breast cancer survivors.

Barb owns two cats (and is currently serving as a foster parent to a



Please make yourselves known to new members of our parish family, welcomed on April 19—Dolly & George Wagner, Rick & Kathy Rose, Barbara Jones, Laurel & Mike Conway, Nancy Ensley, and Irene Smart.

is a first grader and Sherlyn is a preschooler.

Barbara Jones

Barbara Jones was born and raised in East Liverpool, Ohio, and is a graduate of Beaver Local High School. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, East Liverpool, where her parents and both sets of grandparents were members for many years. After graduation, she enrolled at Youngstown State University; several years later, she became a full-time YSU employee. She has served in a number of positions at

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third); she enjoys sewing, reading, knitting, and quilting in her spare time. She is looking forward to retirement sometime in the next several years.

Chester & Jo-Ann Kaschak

Chet and Jo-Ann both grew up in Youngstown and moved to Canfield in their teens. They attended different high schools—Cardinal Mooney and Canfield—and met at Northside Hospital where Chet was an orderly and Jo-Ann a student nurse. They married while Chet was serving in the Marines and will celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary this coming August. After his tour of duty, Chet finished college under the GI bill. For 35 years, Chet worked in the steel mills in the Mahoning Valley and retired from WCI Steel as Director of Blast Furnace Operations. Chet is a member of the Tri-State Marine Corp League, and an avid golfer and gardener.

Jo-Ann's parents were members of St. Andrew's. While a member there, Jo-Ann helped with Vacation Bible School, was an officer of the ECW, a member of the St. Margaret's Altar Guild, and past president of the ECW deanery. Her interests include gardening, reading, and sewing. Jo-Ann is a member of the Holborn Herb Growers Guild, a volunteer for the Alzheimer's Referral Network, and past president of the Calon Lan Welsh Women's Club.

They have two children, Lynn and Michael, and four grandchildren. Their daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Mike Himes and their daughters, Annabelle and Sherlyn, have transferred from St. Andrew's. Their son, Michael, is a high school principal at Portage Lakes Career Center. His wife, Stacia Mather-Kascak, was a special education teacher in the Tallmadge School System before the birth of their children, Lydia (age 2) and Thomas

(age 1). Chet and Jo-Ann also have a dog named "Dazzle."

The Kaschak and Himes families are very happy to be part of St. James' parish family and truly appreciate the friendly welcome they have received. They plan to worship and continue their spiritual journey at St. James with many life-long friends from St. Andrew's and many new St. James' friends. Jo-Ann said "the sadness of St. Andrew's closing has been lessened, because of your enthusiastic, warm welcome, and many kindnesses. Thank you for helping us through this transition."

Stay tuned to the next edition of St. James Matters for more on our new members. ☺



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 today.

We officially will welcome new members again on
Sunday, July 26 at the
10:00 Festival Eucharist
on our Patronal Festival—
St. James' Day.

At St. James' Church, **all** are welcome. That means everyone, no matter what!

QUIET TIME BEFORE THE SERVICE

**"The Lord is in his
holy temple;
let all the earth keep
silence before him."**

When the organ prelude begins, it's fitting for Episcopal Christians quietly to be in their places for worship, to say their prayers, to find and mark the first hymn of the liturgy, and to prepare *in silence* for our worship of God. God is worthy of our full attention at this moment.

*Please save your
important visiting for the
Coffee Hour!*



DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please add information for these new members to your parish directory. A new directory will be published soon.

Additions:

Rick & Kathy Rose
3382 42nd Street
Canfield, OH 44406
330/270-0413
katspur@aol.com

Irene Smart
275 Parkgate Avenue
Austintown, OH 44515
330/799-2639



MINISTRY FAIRS: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Kathy Scheel

During the Easter, season we will have opportunities to continue our journey of discipleship. On May 10, 17 and 24 we'll hold a Ministry Fair during Coffee Hour. On these Sundays everyone will be able to see ways that members of our parish family use their gifts in the ministries of:

- Loving God (All Liturgical Ministries, Christian Formation for All)
- Loving Others (Outreach, Pastoral Care, Membership)
- A Loving Foundation (Buildings & Grounds, Finance, Office Support, Communication)

The events will include a table-top display illustrating the joy that folks receive from serving in these areas. We'll also have an opportunity to talk with leaders in each ministry area about opportunities for service to God and neighbor and be able to express our interest in joining with them. ☚

PASTORAL MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Cindy Simerlink



The Pastoral Ministry Team reaches out to others in times of crisis, celebration, or sadness, maintains

regular contact with those who have particular needs, and provides opportunities for all to become vehicles of Christ's healing. Team members maintain contact with members who are hospitalized, homebound or in nursing homes by visits, cards, calls, and the sharing of our altar flowers. We also assist the Rector with funeral service arrangements and provide bereavement assistance.

Our parish family has been blessed with many new members and we would like to make everyone aware of our presence. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the Rector at the church office or after hours at the rectory. If you desire a pastoral visit from a member of the team, or if you know of a member who is homebound or hospitalized,

please contact the church office or one of the team members.

We would also like to extend an invitation to join our team! If you feel called to this ministry, please contact one of the team members:

Cindy Simerlink (Coordinator)
330-788-4330
330-402-6312

Florence Hosler
330-788-3270

Clare Julian
330-270-0761

Mary Ellen Maruschak
330-707-1557

Ann Sitler
330-757-8826

Father Kelly Marshall
330-758-2727 (office)
330-965-3663 (rectory)

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP



In partnership with St. Paul's Church, Cleveland Heights,

some of our St. James' Youth (aged 14 and older) will travel to Harlan, Kentucky the week of July 5-11 to participate in a mission work trip sponsored by Christian Outreach with Appalachian People.

You'll soon be hearing lots more from our young people about this remarkable opportunity for all of us to pay attention to Jesus' words that we "love our neighbors as ourselves."

You can help by assisting one of our young people financially or by being one of the adults from the parish who go with them for the week.

Please contact Nancy Hilderbrand, Zeke Coughlin, or Father Marshall if you're interested in helping! ☚

The Parochial Register



Transferred from
St. Andrew's Canfield

Rick & Kathy Rose
Irene Smart

Registered as
Baptized Members

Mike & Laurel Conway



Burial
Ronald Bissett
April 30, 2009

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND NEEDS

To what ministry is God calling you at St. James' Church? Please visit our website (www.stjamesboardman.com) and see highlights of current ministry opportunities for you, as part of the St. James' parish family.

Among current needs are . . .

Caring for our Little Ones: The Nursery at St. James' Church;

Outreach Ministries: In service to our neighbors, near and far;

Ministries of Hospitality: Parish Life Ministry Coordinator Needed

Please contact Fr. Kelly if you are interested in serving in one of these ministry area.☞

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES WORKSHOP — APRIL 25, 2009



L-R: Paul Van Devender, Fr. John Wigle, YSU Counseling Faculty Caroline Perjessy and Dr. Jake Protivnak, Michele Mellor of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, and Fr. Kelly Marshall.

RUMMAGE SALE—MAY 14 & 15

Paula Ulicny



The ECW's annual spring Rummage Sale will be held on **May 14, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and May 15, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Please bring in items now and place them behind the double doors in Jones Hall. We accept all household items, such as kitchen items, working small appliances, bedding, toys and games, furniture, electronics (no computers, printers, fax machines, etc.), and spring and summer clothing that is clean.

We are pricing items on Thursday mornings and would love help from anyone who is interested. Contact Paula Ulicny or Wealthie Prince for specific times. Also, please keep the dates of the sale in mind, because we need lots of help the week of the sale to set up and arrange the merchandise. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Ulicny at 757-4557.☞

WE'RE
REACHING
OUR
GOAL

Attendance Report

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| Yearly Average, 2003—2007 | 60 |
| April 2008 Average | 52 |
| April 2009 Average | 108 |

May Birthdays

- 3 Adrionna Tufaro
- 10 John Wigle
- 13 Craig Harden
Kent Hilderbrand
- 15 Sally Moldovan
- 17 Debbie Yiannaki
- 18 James Tufaro
Connie Snyder
Carol Leach
- 28 Stan Jezior
- 29 Twila Frantz



May Anniversaries

- 3 Pat & Clare Julian
- 5 John & Barbara Wigle
- 21 Bob & Jean Calhoun
- 26 Rod & Florence Hosler
- 29 Michael & Lynn Himes
- 31 Frank & Michele DeRhodes

Taste of the Faiths Festival

St. Charles Church Hall
Monday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Support the outreach work of the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. *St. James' members are bringing cakes of the period of 1809.*

Tickets are \$15 at the door.

See **Florence Hosler** for more information.

June Birthdays

- 1 Jody Musitano
- 4 Louise Thorne
- 5 Tom Simerlink
- 6 Herb Olmi
- 8 Zeke Coughlin
- 9 Mildred Pollock
- 9 Dolly Wagner
- 11 Molly Galano
- 12 Bill Amendol
- 15 Rachael Hilderbrand
- 19 Louis Englehardt
- 24 Michael Conway
Dylan Reynallt
- 25 Ann Sittler
- 5 Sam Galano
- 26 Jane Booth
Rod Hosler
- 29 Andy Wittkugle



June Anniversaries

- 1 Sam & Karri Tufaro
Robin Baker-Miller & Daniel Miller
- 8 Sam & Mollie Galano
Clark & Nancy Dixon
Ray & Donna Speerbrecher
- 16 Dave & Sue Adair
- 26 Bill & Amy Amendol
Jeff & Sharyn Fees
Steve & Emily Shurtleff
- 27 Gary & Becky Borman
- 30 Butch Merrill & Jody Musitano

ANIMAL BLESSING TO TAKE PLACE MAY 17 @ 4 PM Sharyn Fees

It has become our tradition at St. James' Church to celebrate Rogation Sunday with a special "Blessing of Animals" liturgy. For hundreds of years in cultures around the world, humans have had a close association with animals. In the beginning we relied upon them to provide "horse power," food, and materials for manufacturing. But over time they have come to hold a special place in our homes and our hearts. Whether purebred or the "Heinz 57" variety, they are loyal companions who love us unconditionally as we are—faults and all—just the way God made us.

Mark your calendars now for May 17, 4 p.m., and plan to join us as we celebrate and give thanks to God for the lovable creatures with whom we share our homes. All critters are welcome—please bring them on leashes or in carriers. People and animal treats will be provided following the liturgy.

This event tends to draw a number of folks from the community. I would appreciate some help with



Fr. John Wigle pictured with one-year-old Stuart, a "pound puppy" who was rescued by Cindy and Tom Simerlink. He is most likely a golden retriever, and Cindy and Tom are grateful every day that they brought him home. For more photos from the Blessing of Animals events, visit our parish website: www.stjamesboardman.com, and click on the link for Blessing of Animals on the left-hand side of the home page.

greeting visitors, handing out service bulletins, providing refreshments (for humans and animals), taking photos, etc. If you would like to help, please call or email me (330/507-5515 or sfees@zoom-internet.net).

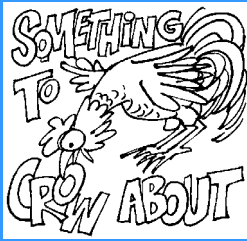
~SAVE THE DATE~

BUDDY BLANKETS—SESSION TWO

Saturday, May 9, 2009, 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

Several ladies met on February 21 and made two buddy blankets. These fleece blankets are given to children who are undergoing surgery in a local hospital. The children are permitted to take the blanket into surgery and then home with them. No sewing, knitting or crocheting is involved. If you can tie a knot, you can make a buddy blanket! Fabric will be provided. Please bring fabric scissors if you have a pair. This is a great way to get to know members of your parish family and provide a source of comfort to area children.

To sponsor and/or make a blanket, see Ann Sittler, Florence Hosler, Clare Julian, Mary Ellen Maruschak or Cindy Simerlink. Or just call the parish office at 330-758-2727, or email us at office@stjamesboardman.com. The cost of sponsorship is \$17.00 per blanket. Light refreshments will be served.



We've got lots and lots to crow about in this edition of *St. James Matters*. Congratulations to **Gretchen Scheel** for her first place win in the Candace Gay Memorial essay contest at YSU's English Festival. "It was a huge honor for me," said Gretchen. She also wrote a renga (a poem kind of like a haiku) with some team members and they won first place for it.

Rachael Hilderbrand won first place at the Optimist International Oratorical Contest for her local and zone competition and first in her district. She will compete next in Columbus on May 16 for the state title. If she wins there, she will receive a scholarship. Congratulations, Rachael, and good luck with the next round of competition. Rachael and a group of friends also placed first for their

exhibit on "Elizabeth Blackwell and Her Impact on Modern Medicine" at YSU's History Day.

Walter Hilderbrand and his friends participated in the Junior Division for History Day and placed second for their exhibit on Neil Armstrong!

Kasey Vanden Bosch received a superior rating for her cello solo and her string quartet performance. She was also on the Honor Roll two times and was principal chair cello for her performance with the Youngstown Youth Symphonette when they performed at Powers Auditorium. Way to go, **Kasey!**

Jaimie Vanden Bosch will be appearing with the Boardman High School marching band at the Indy 500. The band will be in the pre-race parade on May 23 and will play on the track prior to the race on May 24. Tune in to ESPN on May 23 to see the band in the parade. Jaimie will also be marching in the Memorial Day Parade and will be sporting her tuba. Congratulations, **Jaimie!**

Congratulations to **Julie Aromatorio**, as she graduates from Liberty High School on May 31. Julie will be attending Wellesley College in Boston in the fall. ♪

ANNABELLE'S FIRST COMMUNION

April 5, 2009



Annabelle Himes, daughter of Michael & Lynn Himes, made her first communion on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009. Annabelle's grandparents are Jo-Ann and Chester Kaschak.

A Piece of our History



You may have noticed this pewter service, some of which we use regularly. The pieces bear the stamp *H. P. Yale, Wallingford*. An internet search revealed that Mr. Yale was born March 27, 1799, in Meriden, Connecticut, and died July 21, 1831. He was a pewtersmith who apprenticed about 1815 to Thomas Danforth in Rockey Hill, CT. He was a partner with Charles Yale in Wallingford, CT around 1824, and was a master to Samuel Simpson in 1828. The service apparently was a gift to St. James' Church from members with Connecticut roots. ♪



Molly Galano Stars in the Oakland's Driving Miss Daisy

Review by Milan Paurich of *The Vindicator*

Winner of the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Alfred Uhry's "Driving Miss Daisy" is a work of such delicacy, soft-spoken restraint and unassuming artistry that it's a shock to discover what a powerful spell it weaves. The production that opened Friday night at *The Oakland Center for the Arts* magically transports its audience to a time and place—Atlanta, Georgia between 1948 to 1973—through the strength and unstinting professionalism of three extraordinarily gifted actors.

Who needs sophisticated optical effects or elaborately tricked-up production design when you have performers of the caliber of **Molly Galano, Johnny R. Herbert and Eric Kibler** to do the heavy lifting for you? The sweet, but never sticky tale of the evolving friendship between an elderly Jewish widow (Galano) and the black gentleman (Herbert) hired to be her chauffeur after an unfortunate accident with her beloved Chrysler, "Miss Daisy" speaks volumes about America's racial divide without ever raising its voice. Obstinate and prideful, Daisy initially balks at the idea of having to be driven anywhere ("I was brought up to do for myself," she insists), not even the local Piggly-Wiggly grocery store. Yet through a combination of Hoke's good-humored patience and her encroaching decrepitude, the arrangement eventually bears fruit.

Soon this unlikely couple--the retired schoolteacher who married well and the hard-working black man who doesn't know how to read--has formed a bond tighter, and infinitely more loving, than most marriages. Structured as a series of character-defining vignettes that span a quarter-century, the one act play effortlessly conveys the passage of time through the subtlest

and most economical of means. Notice the way Galano's purposeful stride in the earlier scenes eventually gives way to a more halting, tentative gait, or the way her facial muscles become increasingly tremulous. Like the finest actors, Galano totally inhabits her character, and Herbert and Kibler as Daisy's son Boolie match her every step of the way.

Herbert mines a rich vein of humor in his role without stinting on Hoke's dignity or humanity. It's a beautifully considered performance that, like the production as a whole, never descends into cutesy stereotype or counterfeit sentimentality. And the superb Kibler makes Boolie such an endearing audience surrogate—it's through his eyes that we watch the drama between Daisy and Hoke unfold—you'll wish that Uhry had beefed up the role just to allow him a little more stage time. Unlike some versions of "Driving Miss Daisy" I've seen where the pacing is deliberately slowed down to convey the unhurried pace of southern living, director Terri Wilkes brings such a crackerjack sense of timing that there are no lulls in the action.

Equally impressive were the relatively seamless transitions between scenes which complements the metronome-like precision of Wilkes' stellar achievement. Furthermore, the Oakland staff is to be commended for one of their most attractive sets to date, and Ellen Licitra's nuanced lighting design doesn't miss a salient detail in either performance or set design. If community theater at its best is truly a collaborative effort, Wilkes and company's "Driving Miss Daisy" is a triumph for all concerned.

Kudos, Molly!! Your St. James' family is so very proud of you!!!

—Mark Your Calendar—

Award Winning Southern Style B-B-Q Pulled Pork Dinner

June 20

AND

September 19

3—7 p.m.

Eat in or carry out



Slow cooked B-B-Q Pork
Homemade B-B-Q Sauce

Bush's Baked Beans

Cole Slaw

Cornbread

Dessert/Beverage

\$10.00/person

For tickets, see

Bob Maruschak

330/707-1557

or call the church office

at 330/758-2727.



GETTING THE WORD OUT Publicizing Your Event or Ministry Father Marshall

"How will anyone know, if we don't tell them?"

Echoes of St. Paul here! **Sharyn Fees** is our Communications Ministry Coordinator, and she's working with me right now to put together a pamphlet filled with helpful hints and some guidelines for getting the word out there, concerning your parish event or ministry. Letting everyone know about something generally involves **ALL** of the following, at one time or another in your timeline for informing folks about an event or ministry:

- **Bulletin and newsletter announcements;**
- **Large posters throughout the building and/or community;**
- **Newspaper, radio and TV announcements, if appropriate;**
- **Smaller flyers to distribute here and there;**
- **A small table, with you and/or others staffing it;**
- **Announcements at the end of the liturgy for events which are coming in the next eight days—except we're not going to sell things anymore during announcement time! If you need to make an announcement, always touch base with me or our Senior Warden at least 15 minutes before the liturgy begins—no surprises.**

So you have to plan well! Careful, in-advance planning will allow maximum publicity. And remember—one of these methods alone will hardly do the trick! Be creative, plan multiple means of getting the word out, and ask for the help you need. ☞

Lay Weeders Group Formed



A group of folks who are passionate about gardening has come together to beautify the church grounds, flower beds, and Memorial Garden. The *Lay Weeders* will meet each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. (weather permitting). If you are interested in helping, please contact Margy Loiselle or Regina Jenkins. ☞

AN EASTER SEASON STEWARDSHIP A Message from the Vestry



At St. James' Church, Easter is the time of the year when we place the spotlight on stewardship. For Episcopal Christians, this focus is grounded in the Biblical understanding of stewardship as a way of life, a way to live out our baptismal identities in the firm knowledge that we belong to God and to God's purpose.

Stewardship teaches that all that we have and all that we are is *a gift from God*. We are, therefore, stewards of God's gifts during our lifetime. When we accept our lives as sheer gifts, and all that we have as gifts, the Spirit of God leads us into a faithful response of how we use our gifts (our money, time, passions, and abilities) to grow God's reign.

Two hallmarks of the work of the God the Holy Spirit are *joy and gratitude*. As a community of faith, we gather to explore, discern, pray, and nurture one another in becoming joyful and grateful stewards. **More very soon, about our 2009 parish-wide focus on our lives as Christian stewards!** ☞

MAKING DISCIPLES: CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR TEENS



Father Marshall invites the parents or grandparents of any teenagers, grades six and up, to meet with him on **Sunday, May 17, in the Parlor at 8:45.**

We'll discuss the process we're putting in place this year for the eventual Confirmation of our baptized youth. We're currently looking at a two- to three-year discipleship journey, which will prepare teenagers for the *mature* affirmation of their Baptismal Covenant.

Please plan to participate in this important presentation and discussion.

Gospel Readings for May/June

May 3

John 10:11-16

May 10

John 14:15-21

May 17

John 15:9-17

May 21

Ascension Day

Luke 24:49-53

May 24

John 17:11b-19

May 31

The Day of Pentecost

John 20:19-23

June 7

John 3:1-16

June 14

Mark 4:26-34

June 21

Mark 4:35-41, (5:1-20)

June 28

Mark 5:22-24,35b-43



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

A Prayer for the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



THE COOKS' CORNER

Barbara Wigle brought this delicious soup to one of our adult Christian formation sessions.

Quick and Spicy Tomato Soup

Giada De Laurentiis
(Courtesy of Barbara Wigle)

Ingredients:

3 tablespoons olive oil
2 carrots, peeled and chopped
1 small onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1 (26-ounce) jar marinara sauce (recommend San Marzano brand)
2 (14-ounce) cans chicken broth
1 (15-ounce) can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1/2 cup pastina pasta (or any small pasta)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

Warm the olive oil in a large soup pot over medium-high heat. Add the carrots, onion, and garlic and sauté until soft, about 2 minutes. Add the jar of marinara sauce, chicken broth, cannellini beans, red pepper flakes, pasta, salt and pepper. Simmer for 10 minutes. Ladle into bowls and serve. Yields 4-6 servings.



ST. JAMES TRIVIA

How well do you know your parish family? What do the following St. James' members have in common?

Joe DiLoreto
Steve Shurtleff
Sandy Baxter
Regina Jenkins
Linda Shurtleff
Joan Keith
Janet Smart

The answer will be published in the next edition of *St. James Matters*.



"Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.'" *John 10:11*

Late May/June Events

Meal for the Community

May 30, 4-5:30 p.m.

Bishop's Visit followed by Parish Potluck

May 31, 10 a.m.

Vestry Meeting

June 1, 6:30 p.m.

Bi-centennial Task Force

June 3, 6:30 p.m.

Singles & Couples

Hosted by John & Barbara Wigle

June 5, 7 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

June 20, 8:30 a.m. @ Landmark Restaurant

Southern-Style Pork Pull Dinner

June 20, 3—7 p.m.

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



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