



St. James Matters

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The Rector's Whatnot: All About David the King and Us Father Kelly Marshall

I truly don't know where to begin in sharing my thoughts about St. James' Church, as September approaches. Do we focus on the remarkable and *happy* transition we've had this summer in our Music Ministry? On the celebration of Our Three Summer Saints? On the first (annual, I hope) Summer Mission Trip? On the increasing activity among our children and youth, under the leadership of Nancy Hilderbrand, Zeke Coughlin, Barbara Wigle, Julie Van Devender and others? On the excitement building about the November celebration of our Bicentennial, with the addition of a St. James' Alcove and two new stained glass windows?

All that—and *David*, too! We've been focusing on him since late July on Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings—a good, old-fashioned Sermon Series and Bible Study on the life and times of David and his contemporaries. *I hope it's been as good for you as it's been for me!* We'll continue with David Stories all month long on September Sunday mornings, thinking now about his great sin and great confession, his dysfunctional family life (you think yours is bad?), and finally, a retrospective on David the Great on October 4. We'll finish our David Bible study on the first several Tuesdays in the month.

I hope you'll be *making connections* between this extraordinary biblical saga—God at work in David's life and times—and the equally exceptional saga of God at work in your life and times. God at work to choose *you* for a role you never would have imagined, in God's story. God at work *with you*, in spite of yourself. God at work to draw *you* to God, so that it might be said of you in the end, that you have been a person "after God's own heart." It's all about God at work through David and his faith community. And it's all about God at work through you and me, through our faith community.

Your Rector and friend,

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

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At St. James'
Episcopal Church
ALL Are Welcome!

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS COMING SOON!

Becky Olmi

For the past twelve months, the Gifts & Memorials Team has been developing plans for two stained glass windows. The Vestry approved the construction of both windows at its June meeting. The windows have been designed and will be produced by Williams Stained Glass Studio of Pittsburgh. The windows are scheduled for completion by November 1, 2009, in time for our big bicentennial celebration to be held November 21.

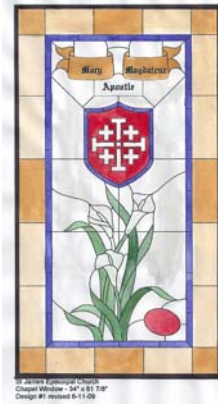
St. James the Apostle will be the theme for window one. It will replace the window directly across from the St. Rocco Alcove. This window will be dedicated in loving memory of Elton & Christina Beard, long-time members of our parish.

Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles, will be the theme for window two. This window will replace the window located in our Mary Magdalene Chapel. It will be dedicated in loving memory of Mimi Wilson who was a long-time member of our parish. Her husband Ken is now living in North Carolina closer to his children.

Please contact members of the Gifts and Memorials Team if you have any further questions concerning this project. ☞



Stained glass window for the St. James' Alcove, to be dedicated in memory of Elton & Christina Beard.



Stained glass window for the Mary Magdalene Chapel, to be dedicated in memory of Mimi Wilson.

TASTE OF THE VALLEY

18th ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR 2nd HARVEST FOOD BANK
Sunday, Oct. 5 from 5—8 p.m. @ Stambaugh Auditorium, Youngstown

Will you join others from the parish and our community to support the feeding and hunger education ministries of Second Harvest?

St. James' Church has a table of eight which we want to fill.

The cost per ticket is \$75, and they're available from the parish office.

TASTE OF THE VALLEY is an event in which many of the best restaurants in the Valley donate samples of their culinary art. If you've not experienced this unique fundraising event, let this be the year you do!

Richard Basinger Auctioneers Ltd., will present a live auction.

See more about the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley at <http://www.mahoningvalleysecondharvest.com>.

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

September 19

3—7 p.m.

Eat in or carry out

Face Painting for Kids!!!



Slow cooked B-B-Q Pulled Pork

Homemade B-B-Q Sauce

Baked Beans

Cole Slaw, Cornbread

Dessert/Beverage

\$10.00/person

For tickets, see Bob Maruschak

(330/707-1557)

or call the office (330/758-2727).

**30th Annual
National Acolyte Festival**
Washington National Cathedral
Saturday, October 19, 2009
8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.



Registration Fees

Acolyte Registration Only: \$21

Acolyte Registration w/Lunch: \$31

Extra Lunches: \$10

Registration Deadline: Sept. 25

To register online, visit:

[http://www.nationalcathedral.org/
events/acolyte2009.shtml](http://www.nationalcathedral.org/events/acolyte2009.shtml)

For more information or questions,
call (202) 537-2228.

NEWS FROM ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)



The ECW held a luncheon/meeting August 12. Janet Smart was elected president. Many thanks to Wealthie Prince for her leadership as St. James' ECW president for the past 14 years!

Janet presented a report from the ECW Diocesan Convention that she attended May 19-20, 2009 in Wooster. Kay Myers, ECW National President, was the keynote speaker. Diocesan ECW President, Nancy Sherwin, and the Seaman's Institute Christmas at Sea Chair, Carol Culp, recognized the St. James' ECW for donating the largest number of knitted items (see letter at right). Thanks to all who knitted hats, scarves, slippers, etc. For more information or for knitting/crochet patterns, please visit: <http://blogs.seamenschurch.org/free-patterns>.

The fall Rummage Sale will be held October 15 and 16. We will be meeting at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays to price and could use some assistance. If you have items to donate, please place them inside the large closet in Jones Hall.

Lastly, St. James' ECW will be hosting a meeting of the deanery ECW on October 20. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details. If you have any questions about the ECW, please contact Janet Smart



Outgoing ECW President Wealthie Prince (left) and incoming President Janet Smart (right) at luncheon on August 12.



Kay Myers, National ECW President, addresses those gathered at the Diocesan Convention on May 19-20. Knitted items for Seaman's Institute are pictured in foreground.

Letter received from Carol Ann Culp, Liaison for the Seaman's Church Institute

July 10, 2009

Dear Sisters in Christ:

What a bounteous ingathering of knitted and crocheted items you so generously provided for the annual presentation of "The Knit Before Christmas" portion of the Christmas-at-Sea and Christmas-on-the-River projects of the Seaman's Church Institute. We've shipped off to New York five cartons containing 291 items this year. Thank you.

Special thanks this year go to St. James, Boardman, for 71 pieces—as we were sorting it seemed as if every other bagful was theirs. We received work from 12 parishes in six deaneries.

Thanks are due also to those of you who downloaded new patterns from the Institute website (seamenschurch.org). We had a half-dozen pairs of bedsox/slippers, several balaclavas/helmets, and lots of the new mariner's caps in addition to four of the pullover vests. Altogether, an excellent showing.

Please congratulate your sister knitters and crocheters on my behalf and encourage them to keep up the good work.

Carol Ann Culp
Liaison for SCI/CAS

FAREWELL PARTY FOR MATT MUELLER

On July 24, Fr. Kelly hosted a farewell party for the choir at the rectory for **Matt Mueller**, interim organist/choirmaster. Matt stepped in to lead our music program in early January, following the unexpected departure of Dean Hunt. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with Matt and wish him well in his next venture. If you'd like to keep up with Matt, you can find him and many of your St. James' friends on Facebook (www.facebook.com).



FROM FRANK IN THE CHOIR LOFT

Frank Lynn, Organist/Choirmaster

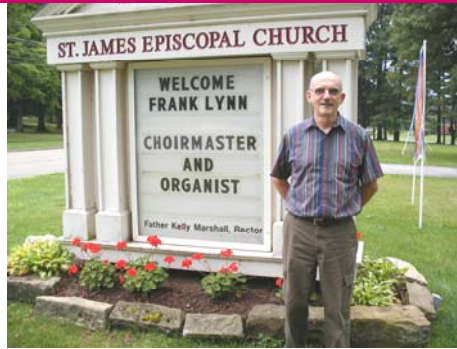
A heartfelt THANK YOU to the fine people at St. James' for extending to me the warmest of welcomes. Fr. Kelly, the Vestry, Choir, and parish community have openly and graciously extended to me the hand of friendship and Christian fellowship. There have been emails, personal contacts, and phone calls since the beginning of July—all expressing offers of help, "Welcome to Ohio," and sincere hospitality. What a friendly place! Thank you.

As I begin my music ministry here, I am putting out two pleas—one for musicians (instrumentalists) and the second for choir participants.

Instrumentalists. Rumor has it that there are many parishioners who play instruments, from cellists and bassoonists to violinists and flautists. Please make yourselves known to me either in person or by leaving a note on the organ bench. There are many occasions during the church year when instrumentalists can effectively add to the celebration of the liturgy. Let's make some plans.

Choir Membership. Music and the choir are very important elements in our weekly worship. We have a dedicated and talented volunteer choir which serves St. James' on Sundays and Holy Days throughout the year. The members come when they can. Just like you, they have jobs, families, hectic schedules, and other demands on their time. There are some extra seats in the choir loft. I believe there is one with your name on it. Why not consider giving it a try? Adults and students of high school age are invited to participate. Here is some information which might answer your questions or put to rest your concerns:

1. There are **no** auditions, and you **do not** have to sing solos.
2. You **do not** have to have formal experience in group singing.
3. Your voice **cannot** be too high or too low for participation. Regard-



less of vocal range, there is a place for you.

4. You **do not** need to read music. It's a handy tool, but not a requirement.

5. Attendance is **not** taken; there are no specific limits in that regard. Members do their best they can. What more can we ask?

6. You **do not** need to have a trained voice. On the contrary, "ordinary" voices blend better in a volunteer group.

7. The **only** requirement is that you be able to "carry a tune," even with a little help from the proverbial bucket.

Give us a try. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings (7-8:30 p.m.) and at 9 a.m. on Sundays. If you have questions or concerns, talk to me after church or call me at 330/758-4228.

HYMN OF THE MONTH



We will be expanding our hymn repertoire by learning one new hymn every month. The hymn will be introduced to the congregation by Frank and the choir. We will sing it regularly that month, and frequently over the next months. By approaching new hymns in this way, we hope to "lock" the music in for future use. If we are able to keep to the plan, we expect to add ten to twelve new hymns each year.

September Birthdays

- 2 Barbara Englehardt
- 3 Bill Opsitnik
- 6 Kathy Scheel
Betty Reich
- 14 Beverly Hilderbrand
Patrick Shamrock
- 15 Julie Aromatorio
- 18 Linda Tufaro
Kristina Tufaro
Julie Van Devender
- 19 Sherlyn Himes
- 21 Dorothy Webb
Chester Kaschak
- 22 John Frantz
- 23 Donna Slagle
- 24 Julia Belvedere
Regina Jenkins
- 28 Becky Borman
- 30 Joan Keith
Robert Calhoun



September Anniversaries

- 2 Dick & Rene Smythe
- 6 Rex & Carol Leach
- 7 Louis & Barbara Englehardt

UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11



Watch the Sunday Bulletin for details.

For more information about UTO, visit:
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.htm>.

GENEVIEVE BRYANNA ARGIRO BAPTIZED ON ST. JAMES' DAY

Each year on July 25—St. James' Day—we return to our historic building to celebrate the feast day of our patron saint. This year, St. James' Day was made even more special, not only because we are celebrating our bicentennial, but because *Genevieve Bryanna Argiro*, granddaughter of Clark & Kim Jones and great-granddaughter of The Rev. George Jones, was baptized at the historic font where her great-grandfather baptized many children over the two decades that he served as rector of St. James' Church (1950-1970). Genevieve is pictured here with her parents, Leeann Jones Argiro and Vincent Argiro, baptismal sponsors, family members, and Fr. Kelly Marshall.



Gospel Readings for September

September 6
Mark 7:31-37



September 20
Mark 9:30-37

September 13
Mark 8:27-38

September 27
Mark 9:38-43,
45, 47-48

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Super Saturday for Kids
October 4—9:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.



St. Francis Loved the Animals

Designed for **School-Aged Children**
of the Parish and Community
(Younger Kids Welcome with a Parent)

To register, call the Parish Office (330/758-2727).



ST. JAMES' "BIG DEAL" BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Saturday, Nov. 21 (evening)

**Festival Eucharist w/Bishop Hollingsworth
Celebrating Our 200th Anniversary**

&

**Dedication of St. James' Alcove
and New Stained Glass Windows**

**Followed by the "classiest potluck supper
you've ever attended"**

**Wouldn't it be wonderful to have 200 people
in attendance?? One for each year of
ministry!! Invite your friends and family.**

Sunday, Nov. 22 — 10 a.m.
(No 8 a.m. Eucharist in the Chapel)

**Quiet Holy Eucharist
at our historic building in Boardman Park
A Special Event for the Parish Family**

ST. JAMES TRIVIA CHALLENGE

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Easter Egg Hunt —1977



Who is this St. James' parishioner dressed up like the Easter Bunny to hand out treats to the kids?

If you think you know, email your answer to:
sefeas@zoominternet.net.

The answer to St. James Trivia from the July/August edition of St. James Matters is: **All have the ability to take shorthand.** No one solved the mystery.

NEW MEMBERS

Mary Ann Fees



Rick & Kathy Rose

Kathy (Sallaz) and Rick Rose are both graduates of Austintown Fitch High School, Class of 1975. They were high school sweethearts. Kathy still has the penny from their first dance at “Penny Hop.” They were married at St. Rocco’s Episcopal Church in Liberty in November 1976, with Father Pressey celebrating. Rick’s family members attended St. Rocco’s Episcopal Church.

Kathy and Rick have two children, Nicole and Michael. Nikki lives in Rhode Island with her husband, Sean, and their son, Rocco. Mike lives at home and attends YSU. He is in the National Guard and just completed a year’s tour of duty in Kuwait this past December. Rick has been a Registered Nurse for the last 16 years. He is currently working for Celtic Health Care. Kathy is self-employed as an Avon sales consultant.

For information about more of our newest members, check out the next edition of *St. James Matters*. ☞



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 Senior Warden Jeff Downey, Membership Ministry Coordinator Mary Ann Fees, or one of the clergy. We officially will welcome our newest members next at a festival Eucharist on **All Saints Day, November 1.** An 8:45 breakfast for new members and their families is hosted by our Vestry and the Membership Ministry Team.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Beverly Hilderbrand



We need volunteers to host coffee hour. If you are interested, please sign the “coffee hour” sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Coffee hour hosts should bring snacks for approximately 70-90 people. Serving plates, napkins, etc., are available in the small kitchen off the parlor.

Either Bev Hilderbrand or Wendie Vanden Bosch, coffee hour coordinators, will set the table and make the coffee. Juice and cream are kept in the refrigerator. Sugar, artificial sweetener, and coffee stirrers are located in the upper cabinet to the left of the sink.

Following coffee hour, the hosts clean the coffee pots, serving trays, utensils, etc., and put them away. If you have any questions about hosting coffee hour, please see Bev or Wendie. ☞

GARDEN EUCHARIST HELD AUGUST 9

The *Lay Weeders* have been busy since early spring. One of their many projects was cleaning up and planting the Memorial Garden. Thanks to their work, it was a perfect spot for our first outdoor eucharist in many years.

Thanks to all who attended to the many details involved in an outdoor service—assisting with set-up of chairs, electric piano, PA system and amplifiers, and to the Altar Guild for their work in preparing the outdoor sanctuary.

Our next outdoor Eucharist is planned for September 6 (weather permitting). Please bring a lawn chair.

The Lay Weeders meet each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in helping, please contact Margy Loiselle or Regina Jenkins. ☞



The Parochial Register

Baptisms

Genevieve Bryanna Argiro

July 25, 2009

St. James’ Day



Membership Transfer

From St. Andrew’s Canfield

Kathryn Jones

August 17, 2009



A PIECE OF HISTORY: Former Army Chaplain Served as Rector of St. James'

Rod Hosler



By the fall of 1863, the American Civil War had been raging for two and a half years, and St. James' Church was seeking a new rector. The Reverend

Abraham Joseph Warner, recently discharged from the Union Army of the Potomac, was seeking a parish. He had served as chaplain to the 12th Illinois Cavalry Regiment through April 1864, and he saw action mostly in Virginia.

Abraham J. Warner was born July 21, 1821, in Waterbury, Connecticut. He graduated from Trinity College in Hartford in 1842, and served as an Episcopal missionary in Illinois. He was ordained a priest in 1847. Mr. Warner established St. Peter's Episcopal Church in

Grand Detour, Illinois. In April 1864, he accepted the call to serve as the Rector of St. James', and arrived in Youngstown on April 30. He and his wife Louisa were met at the train station by members of the parish, who took them to the Rectory which had been built in 1854. While living there, they maintained a garden and kept the trees and yard well manicured.

Mr. Warner served as the Rector of St. James' for 14 years, making him one of the longest serving rectors of the parish. In 1878, he and his family moved to New York. He was succeeded by the Reverend F. B. Avery. Mr. Warner and his family were well liked and deeply missed by his parishioners.

Warner was an avid writer and kept a daily journal of his activities. This journal was edited by Herbert B. Enderton and published in 1973. ☺

DIRECTORY UPDATES



Please note the following addition/change to the recently published parish directory:

Kathryn Jones

4632 South Avenue
Boardman, OH 44512
(330)788-5407
katpatj@zoominternet.net
Birthday: July 7

Bob & Mary Ellen Maruschak

maruschak@att.net



Bicentennial 50/50 Raffle

Tickets on Sale NOW!!!

In lieu of our traditional St. James' Night Out fund raiser, we are holding a **Bicentennial 50/50 raffle**. The winner will be drawn at our 6th annual St. Nicholas' Day Festival on December 6.

Minimum Grand Prize \$2,000!!!!

\$5.00/ticket

See Mark Scheel.

STAINED GLASS FOR BLESSED ROCCO

You'll see over the next few months the addition of two beautiful memorial stained glass windows—one in the Chapel and the other in the newly-designed St. James Alcove, opposite the St. Rocco's Shrine; see page 2 for details and photos. We would like, also, to add a similarly crafted stained glass window in the St. Rocco's Shrine. Will you consider a contribution towards the \$3,600 cost of this effort? Will you consider a larger donation, so that the new window can be placed in memory of a loved one? Please speak with Father Marshall, and we'll explore these possibilities.

Attendance Report

WE'RE
REACHING
OUR
GOAL

Yearly Average, 2003—2007	60
July 2008 Average	58
July 2009 Average	73
August 2008 Average ..	58
August 2009 Average (to date)	82

HELP NEEDED

Nursery Ministry

Will you consider being part of a two-person team who cares for our infants and toddlers once every 5-6 weeks in the Nursery during worship? We're looking for 5-6 teams to take turns welcoming and looking after our youngest parish family members—an important way to keep the promises we make for them and to their parents at Baptism.

Please speak with Father Marshall or Barbara Wagle, Children's Ministry Coordinator.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO HARLAN, KENTUCKY



Several members of St. James' Youth Group participated in a mission trip to Harlan, Kentucky, this past July. During their one-week stay, they were involved in interior and exterior painting projects as well as ditch digging. They took turns preparing meals and participated in daily prayer and a few social activities too. Pictured above are Lydia Scheel, Jaimie Vanden Bosch, Rachael Hilderbrand, Nancy Hilderbrand, Gretchen Scheel, and Kasey Vanden Bosch. The parish family is proud of your efforts to spread God's love by helping those who have much less than many of us. God bless you for making this work a priority in your lives this summer.

ST. JAMES PHOTOGS NEEDED

Sharyn Fees



Do you enjoy snapping photos with your digital camera? If so, won't you consider joining the Communications Team? Presently, and with rare exceptions, the photos you see each month in this publication and on our web site are taken by Dave Belvedere or Sharyn Fees. Since both are choir members, we don't have photos of things such as processions on festival eucharist days. And, sometimes neither one is able to cover a particular event (and there are lots of them happening these days). If you may be interested in becoming a St. James "photog" but don't own a digital camera, the church has one and someone will be happy to show you how to use it. Or, if you'd be more comfortable using the old fashioned kind of camera, we have the capability to scan printed photos.

If you have questions or would like more information, please see Sharyn Fees.~

SINGLES & COUPLES RESUMES SEPTEMBER 4—7 P.M.

This casual event is usually held on the *first Friday of each month*, September through June. Parishioners take turns hosting this get together at their homes and are responsible only for supplying beverages, napkins and eating utensils for the evening. Those who may not have the space to entertain people in their home can sign up to host the event using the church's Jones Hall.

In the past, those who have attended brought an appetizer, hot dish, or dessert for everyone to share. The evenings have been made up of informal conversations that have led to some very interesting discussions about books, movies, gravestones (really!), food, TV ratings, and, of course, politics and religion. What better way to get to know the people you pray with on Sunday mornings?

By the way, it's called *Singles & Couples* because that includes EVERYONE! Mark your calendar now and plan to attend one or more of these enjoyable evenings.~

Fall Singles & Couples

September 4

Jones Hall

(hosted by Rod Hosler)

October 2

Kelly Marshall

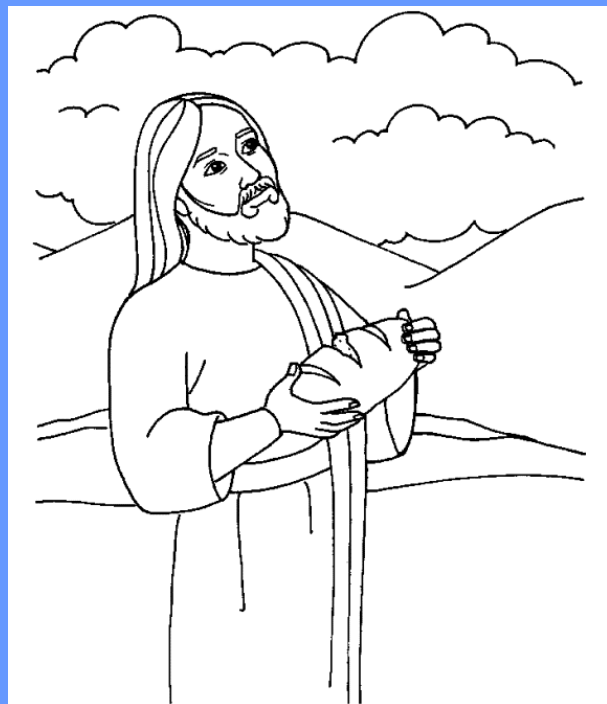
November 6

Paul & Julie Van Devender

December 4

Doug Hotchkiss





Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry."
John 6:35a (NIV)

October Events

Singles & Couples

Friday, October 2—7 p.m. (Hosted by Kelly Marshall)

Super Saturday for Kids: St. Francis Loved the Animals

Saturday, October 3—9:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

National Acolyte Festival

October 10, 2009

Parish Potluck Lunch

Sunday, October 11—11:30 a.m.

Taste of the Valley

Sunday, October 11—5-8 p.m. (Stambaugh Auditorium)

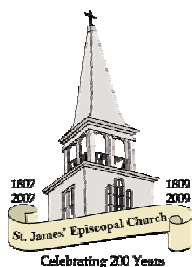
Fall Rummage Sale

October 15 & 16

ECW Deanery Meeting

October 20—10 a.m.

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



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