



Open Doors

The Newsletter of St. James Episcopal Church

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F R O M T H E



Summer time is marked for most of us by sun, cookouts, and great fresh food. We live in a country where we can get almost anything we want to eat at any

time of the year, but we still know the difference between produce shipped halfway around the world and that grown locally. Long Island strawberries, corn and tomatoes and Jersey blueberries and peaches ...

Those of you who have been by the church on a Wednesday afternoon will have noticed two tables set up with fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and flowers. These belong to the members of the St James site of the Garden of Eve Farm Community Supported Agriculture scheme. Members pay up front for a growing season of organic produce; in a good year the harvest is bountiful; in a bad year, it's somewhat more meager. The scheme means that both the risk and the rewards are shared by the farmer and the members.

Our bible comes from a largely agricultural society, where the growers and consumers were directly connected with each other. There were laws to protect both sides, along with the land itself. In many ways, the C.S.A. is a modern embodiment of those laws.

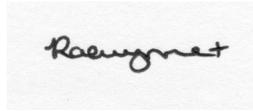
But it also embodies those laws in another way. In the story of Ruth, we find her gleaning at the edge of the field. The Old Testament laws provided for the poor by requiring that farmers leave produce that had spilled or been missed for the needy to pick up. We're thankful that the Garden of Eve allows us to take any leftover produce to the Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry – and in fact, packs extra for us to donate.

Many of the people who use our food pantry rarely get fresh produce. It is usually more expensive than canned or frozen goods, and of course, it spoils relatively quickly, so is not something we ask people to donate through churches (or it might have spoiled before it even gets to the pantry). But through the donations from the farm, they get to enjoy some of the summer bounty that we take for granted – and those who have received it so far have been incredibly thankful.

Each year, we participate in the Bread for the World offering of letters, urging our nation's leaders to end hunger. Our parish's long term leadership in the food pantry (special thanks to Pat Westlake and before her Carol Maybee) and our partnership with the Garden of Eve Farm are more ways in which we do the work of God in our local community. And if you have a vegetable garden and find yourself overwhelmed with produce any time this

summer, let us know, and we'll pass it on to those who need it!

Blessings,



THE WARDENS' WORDS

"To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did." When God takes something from your grasp, He 's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better. "The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you."

Peace and blessings during these summer months,

- *Debbie & Chris*

SUMMER STUDY

Please join us in between services from July 10 - August 28 (8:55 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.) when we will interactively study either the New Testament reading or the Psalm scheduled for that day. On occasion, we will refer to published sermons and studies from contemporary preachers and writers. A great way to "put your toe in the water" of Bible study!

- *Kathy Sides*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY

We have been able to schedule a Habitat for Humanity work day for Thursday, July 14 in Brentwood, installing vinyl siding. This is a rehab project, and is the first with the Islip Neighborhood Stabilization Program. If you are interested in volunteering, contact me to sign up (klecluse@aol.com or 588-1176) or on the sign-up sheet at church. Space is limited, so contact me as soon as possible.

- *Ken LeCluse*

CAMP DE WOLF WORK DAY

We will be scheduling a work day at Camp DeWolfe on August 6 or 20 to do painting, maintenance, or whatever they want done. This will be on a Saturday, and children are welcome. If you are interested, please let me know which date you are available (see contact information above).

- *Ken LeCluse*

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO HELP HABITAT

Once again, St. James will be participating in Habitat for Humanity's "Build-a-backpack" program to provide school supplies and backpacks to Habitat kids for the upcoming school year. Thanks to a generous donor, backpacks will be purchased, so all we need are the supplies to fill them. Please choose from the age-appropriate lists below and label your donations accordingly:

Elementary

Pocket folders (3 - 4)

Marble notebooks (2 -3)
Pencils
Pencil case
Safety scissors
Glue sticks (2 - 3) or Elmer's glue (1)
Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
Pocket tissues (2)
Ruler
Eraser

Middle School

Pocket folders (3 - 4)
Pencils & pens
Pencil case
Loose leaf paper & binder
Notebooks (2 - 4)
Glue sticks (2 - 3) or tape
Markers or colored pencils
Ruler
Index cards (1 pkg.)
Highlighter
Scissors
Pocket tissues (2)

High School

Pocket folders (3-4)
Pens & pencils
Loose leaf paper & binder
Notebooks (2 - 4)
Tape or glue sticks (2 - 3)
Highlighter
Ruler
Colored pencils or markers
Index cards
Pocket tissues (2)

All donations should be in by Sunday, July 24th, so they may be taken to Habitat by July 25th. Empty backpacks are available from the Rector's office.

ST. JAMES FEAST DAY
Potluck Picnic
Sunday, July 24m 2011
Following the 9:30 a.m. service

Come celebrate St. James! Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the summer weather, a dish to share, and join us for fellowship, food and fun. You are also invited to share your talent with your parish.

Watch for a sign-up sheet at Sunday services. Hope to see everyone there!

- Lil Moleti

CRAFTERS ALERT!

It's time to begin preparing for the Harvest Festival. Any craft, be it wood, jewelry, sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, or whatever, the craft table needs your contribution. We need new, clever items that will attract attention. If you have an idea of item you would like to donate, contact Pat Kregler at patkreg@verizon.net, or see her at church.

- Pat Kregler

DO YOU LOVE CHRISTMAS?

If you love all the festivity and decorating that go along with the Christmas season, here is your opportunity to indulge your inner elf. Christmas items are often donated at Harvest Festival time. The Gold Elephant tables can no longer accommodate these items. If you would like to chair a table or two of Christmas items, please speak with Laurie (stjamesc@optonline.net or 584-5560). This could be a fun booth for a creative person who likes to decorate for Christmas!

PEOPLE IN THE PEWS

This month we feature Jerilyn Glogg

Tell us about yourself: Glad you met me – tell your friends! Alive, upright, and eating solids. Out of all the children my mother had, I like myself the best! To the ladies – if you were an old man, I'd ask you out.

After completing my schooling, I worked for my father, married, gave birth to Heidi and 5 years later had Lorelei. After a divorce, came home to 436 Commack, became a SCDSS Foster Care Parent, and now a grandma.

When did you first attend St. James?

Summer, 1980. Heidi was 13, Lorelei was 8, I was twelveteen!

Roles played in the parish: Helper at various tables for the Strawberry Festival and Harvest Festival, participant in the annual Pig Roast, Epiphany Brunch, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Lunch Bunchy. I also take pictures at events, sometimes turning them into "photo books."

What do you like most about St. James?

The warmth of ALL the people, the caring for one another, the times of laughter, the times of tears, that one little touch on your shoulder, a phone call to let you know you are loved. The oneness with God.

Last book read: That's the last three books – Stories Behind the Great Traditions of Christmas, 100 Favorite Bible Verses, and, most recently, How to be a Friend to the Handicapped.

Hymn you'd take to a desert island: Silent Night.

Tell us some of your favorites:

Color: red and purple–always together– and

I'm not a "Red Hat Lady."

Movie: "M. Butterfly." The first time I saw it, I watched it three times back to back on the same day.

Song/music: "Love Me Tender" – Elvis lives!

Season: Spring – a new beginning, new life, the wonder of it all.

Sports team: NY Yankees – I'm a Bronx girl.

Pastime: Putting together photo books, collecting frogs, holding my grandson.

The way to spend Saturday morning: sleeping in, wake up and have a cup of tea with rye toast and St. James Church jam – YUMMY!

Education and interests: Completed Hauppauge High School, headed off to Katherine Gibbs Finishing School.

If you were to start another career, what would it be? I already did start a new career– foster care to disabled children, and am loving it. It brings me great joy to know that in one small way I am giving a child a second chance in life.

A verse from Scripture that is especially meaningful to you? John 16:33. Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer. I have overcome the world."

Et cetera: If the alternative is dead – this is better! HOO-RAY. . .

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL RESULTS

Despite the less than perfect weather, we were able to have quite a successful day at our Strawberry Festival/Yard Sale on June 11th. Our profit for 2011 was \$4.19 more than last year.

<u>Booth</u>	<u>Net Profit</u>
Grandma's Attic	\$1107.47
Grandpa's Attic	\$769.08
Baked Goods	\$514.75
Lunch	\$476.50
Plants	\$660.00
Strawberries/treats	\$228.12
Jams	<u>\$1595.91</u>
	\$5314.27*

(*includes \$37.56 hospitality expense)

- Art Strassle

JAMMERS RULE!

Despite the retirement of our "Jam Queen," and the less than optimum weather on June 11th, the St. James Jammers were able to come out on top of the Strawberry Festival revenue, realizing almost \$14.00 more than last year's earnings! Special thanks to Louise Harders and Anita Sequino for their expertise and hard work, and thanks also to "regulars" Barbara Bastin, Carol Bluni, Nancy Caponegro, Eileen Hull and Pat Westlake for their support and fellowship, and to Lil Moleti and Fjeril Deal for helping out. We also acknowledge and thank Arlyne Gureck, Pat Pawelko, and Katy Sacher for their donations of sugar, jars, lids, pectin, etc., which greatly helped our bottom line. We'll be starting our jam sessions later this summer to build inventory for the Harvest Festival on October 1.

- Laurie Mannix

GRANDMA'S ATTIC

Well, what can I say ... the Strawberry Festival has come and gone another year. All the hard work, the sweat, and the heavy lifting is behind us. With the uncertainty of the weather, only some items were put out, not all the tables were out, the area was arranged differently from years prior – and we still did FABULOUS!!!! That is correct, FABULOUS! There is no way possible that Grandma's Attic would have been possible without the love, support, sweat, organizational skills, cleaning, pricing, and even possibly tears from Laurie Mannix, Arlyne Gureck, Louise Harders and Joan Mercep. They are the individuals who made it all possible, so a HUGE THANK YOU goes to them! Also, a huge thank you goes to all the time spent by Linda Misa once again, who without fail gets here and works until all the work is complete prior to the big event. On the day of our Festival even more helpers show up: Marge Cobb, our trusted cashier, Risha LaMano (my mom-in-law) who, without fail, organizes, sorts, and reorganizes (when she thinks no one is looking), Barbara Bastin, Donna Austin, Polly Neyssen, Joan Bengtson, who organize, rearrange, or help in any way possible; Pat Kregler on crafts with Linda, George Krall, Thomas Mauro and Jeremiah Glogg on toys – they did AMAZING!! Also Joe and Michael LaMano, who toted many cartons. Each and every one of you are a terrific part of Grandma's Attic, and without even one of you, it just would not be the same. So, cheers to all who helped in any way possible! THANK YOU!!!! Also to the set-up and clean-up crews – all of you were fantastic!

Peace to all,
- Debbie LaMano

OUTREACH

Our annual offering of Bread for the World letters will be sent shortly to members of Congress. We have collected 227 letters asking Congress to reform the way the U.S. delivers foreign assistance to help struggling people in poor countries. This will help insure that our tax dollars are spent wisely and used for the aid people really need. Thanks to all who signed letters and donated stamp money, to the children who made drawings, and to Sandy Grigoletto for organizing this letter-writing campaign and being St. James' representative to Bread for the World.

A Habitat for Humanity Work Day has been scheduled for Thursday, July 14 in Brentwood, to install vinyl siding. This is a rehab project and is the first with the Islip Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Workers must be 18 years or older. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Ken LeCluse to sign up (email: klecluse@aol.com; phone: 588-1176; or sign-up sheet). Space is limited, so contact Ken soon.

A Camp De Wolfe Work Day will be scheduled for a Saturday in August (6th or 20th) to do painting, maintenance, or whatever they want done. Please speak to Ken LeCluse if you are interested in helping to refurbish our Diocesan camp and if you have children who would like to help.

Habitat for Humanity has asked St. James to donate to their "Build-a-Backpack" program that provides school supplies and backpacks to Habitat kids for the up-coming school year. Raewynne will purchase the backpacks with a gift she received. Parishioners are asked to purchase the supplies and label them for "elementary," "middle school" or "high school" students and if it is meant for a "boy" or a "girl". Information as to what items are suitable for

backpacks for different age groups is available on sheets at the back of the church. All backpacks and supplies must be in by **Sunday, July 24**, so that they may be dropped off to Habitat by July 25. See Ken LeCluse for further information.

Episcopal Charities of Long Island is still accepting donations. As of June 14, St. James Church has donated \$4,240.00 (91% of our goal of \$4,674.00). ECLI will return 25% back to our church for local outreach. If you haven't already done so, please send a check with "St. James, St. James" on the memo line to:

Episcopal Charities of Long Island

36 Cathedral Avenue

P.O. Box 510

Garden City, NY 11530

The Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry will be giving out food to families whose children are now home from school for the summer. So the needs increase at this time of year. Many of the usual foods are especially needed now: fruit juices, tuna, canned meats, canned pasta, chunky soups, peanut butter and jelly, and cereal. Please take a turn this summer transporting donated food in our cart to the Pantry.

- Sue Krall

PAINT PARTY VOLUNTEERS

As many of you know, Mills Hall was in need of some paint and freshening up. There was a primer coat on the walls, but a second coat was needed, and I wasn't even thinking about the trim and windows that still needed to be done. As the Bishop was coming for his visitation May 18th, we were in a little bit of a hurry to complete the job, and asked for volunteers to help. We were not sure who would be available. Well, once again our prayers were answered. We could not believe all the volunteers we had! We were able to scrape, paint, wipe and clean all the windows and trim, as well as put a second coat on the walls. Besides all the painting we did, we were able to share some funny stories, and listen to some very interesting music and radio show, plus have an enjoyable lunch. The laughs were most enjoyable! Thanks to all who attended: Barbara Bastin, Wylie Hunt, Tom LaMano, Duncan Marshall, Chris, Emily and Thomas Mauro, Jack Schultheis, Matt Trump, Pat Westlake, Raewynne Whiteley, Arlene Wild.

- Debbie LaMano

NEWS OF THE PARISH FAMILY

David and Christina Luo welcomed their second son, Joseph, on June 17th. He joins his big brother, Jonathan, at their home in Nesconset. Congratulations to the happy family!

Congratulations to Coach Ron Davies and the Suffolk Community College baseball team, who had one of their most successful seasons, being rated #1 in the nation. The Suffolk team was invited to the National Junior College World Series representing the Northeast Region in Tyler Texas. Well done, gentlemen!

During the month of July, the Commack Public Library is showcasing Jerilyn Glogg's collection of frogs. In 1999, her son, Jeremiah was freed for adoption. He came to her when he was four days old through the SCDSS foster care system. When Jeremiah was ten days old he had a doctor's appointment at SBU hospital. As they walked down the hallway a nurse called out, "Here he comes, Jeremiah the bullfrog!" Since that day, she has been collecting frogs. She has frog dinner dishes, candy dishes, flying frogs, a chef frog, frog pillows and blankets. Her collection numbers about one hundred frogs – not only through the house, but outside, too!

Dan Maybee, who has been battling cancer for several years, has been hospitalized and is not doing well. Please keep Dan and Carol in your prayers.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will hold their July get-together on Tuesday, July 26, 12:30 p.m. at Olde Street Pub on Main Street in Smithtown. All are invited to enjoy the good food and fellowship. Contact Fjeril Deal (724-3720) to make your reservation,

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

From July 4 through Labor Day we will have office hours Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday hours will resume in early September. Enjoy the summer!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual Pig Roast is scheduled for October 15th. Make sure to mark this date on your calendar so you can join in the fun. More details will be available in the September issue of *Open Doors*.

SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL

The tenth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks falls on a Sunday. We are currently in the planning stages for a single morning service of remembrance, healing, and peace. More information will be available as the summer progresses. Please let your friends and neighbors in the wider community know about this service.

JULY CALENDAR

- 1 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 3 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
Office closed
- 5 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
C.S.A. pick-up 3 - 7 p.m.
- 7 N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 10 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**
Bible study 8:55 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 11 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Bible study 10:30 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Burial service 10 a.m. - Dorothy Hachenberg
Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
C.S.A. pick-up 3 - 7 p.m.
Family Bible study 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Habitat for Humanity work day
- 15 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 17 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**
Bible study 8:55 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
with Baptism
- 18 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
Finance Committee 7:30 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
C.S.A. pick-up 3 - 7 p.m.
- 21 N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Toastmasters' group 9:30 a.m.
- 24 **Feast of St. James**
Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Bible study 8:55 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 25 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Lunch Bunch 12:30 p.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
C.S.A. pick-up 3 - 7 p.m.
Family Bible study 6 p.m.
- 29 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 31 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**
Bible study 8:55 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth DeFilippis
Abigail Coleman
Nancy Caponegro
Florence Donohue
Larry Wachter
Pat Kregler
Ken LeCluse
Ariel Rung
Raewynne Whiteley
Barbara Bastin
Joan Bengtson
Carol Perkins
Deidre DeSimone
Jasmine Green
Douglas Rettig
Edie DeFilippis

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Les & Joan Bengtson
Werner & Patricia Brack
Stephen & Dara Linthwaite
Jacqueline & Todd Wall
Donald & Karen Noack
Donald & Lisa Scott
Robert & Cynthia Bennett

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 1 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
C.S.A. pick-up 3 - 7 p.m.
- 4 N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Toastmasters' group 9:30 a.m.
- 7 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**
Bible study 8:55 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.

- 8 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
C.S.A. pick-up 3 - 7 p.m.
Family Bible study 6:00 p.m.
- 12 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 14 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**
Bible study 8:55 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 15 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
C.S.A. pick-up 3 - 7 p.m.
- 18 N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 21 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**
Bible study 8:55 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
Vestry meeting 7:30 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
C.S.A. pick-up 3 - 7 p.m.
Family Bible study 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Toastmasters' group 9:30 a.m.
Parish event?
- 28 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**
Bible study 8:55 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 29 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
C.S.A. pick-up 3 - 7 p.m.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jacqueline Wall
Sarah LeCluse
David Westlake
Justin Plaschka
Rachel Linthwaite
Nancy Rettig
James DeFilippis
Donna Guinaw
Rowan Westhoff
Lucas White
Ralph Martinsen
Robert Bennett
Debbie LaMano

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Schultheis & Cathi Hart
Bob & Lil Moleti
Matt Trump & Wylie Hunt
Tony & Mary Jane DeVito
Claude & Fjeril Deal
George & Sue Krall
Joseph & Lisa Moleti
Ken & Lani Willie
Tony & Barbara Bastin
Douglas & Nancy Rettig
John & Nancy Caponegro
Walt & Pat Kregler
Mike & Polly Neyssen
Tom & Debbie LaMano