



# Open Doors

The Newsletter of St. James Episcopal Church

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October 2012

## THE WARDENS' COLUMN

As we have just had our Annual Harvest Festival, it reminds us of how important Christian stewardship is. It is about our focus on the Lord, using our gifts God has given us, and also building relationships with others. The Harvest Festival is a perfect example of our stewardship here at St. James. The gifts that individuals have shown were amazing and our spirits were shining even despite of the weather. One of the definitions of stewardship is a person using their talents and sacrificing desires to do the right thing. That is exactly what has been done in preparation of the festival.

Stewardship in a relationship means not taking another for granted and giving 100%. Our relationships were strengthened that existed and new ones were formed with others. We would like to offer our deepest appreciation and gratitude to all those who participated in the Harvest Festival, and for living into our mission here at St. James.

Peace & Blessing,

*Debbie and Chris*

\*Preliminary figures show a profit of \$7,282.13 from this year's Festival. Art Strassle is working on the report.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 9:30 a.m.

St. James will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals during the 9:30 a.m. service on October 7. Each animal will receive an individual blessing. All animals are welcome, but must be leashed, caged, or appropriately restrained. There will be no Godly Play classes that morning.

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday evening Bible Study continues to meet every other Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Webster Room. We are currently studying the Gospel of Mark, using N.T. Wright's study guide to lead us. Our study lasts approximately an hour or so, and we end our gathering with Compline. Our October meetings will be October 10<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 tells us that: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed."

Immersing ourselves in Scripture helps keep our faith vibrant and challenged. Please consider joining our group. All you need to bring is a Bible and an inquiring mind!

- Wylie Hunt

**PIG ROAST**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
**Cocktails 4:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner 5:00 p.m.**

Menu

Roast pig      Baked beans  
Cole slaw      Potato salad  
Hot dogs for children  
Dessert and coffee

\$20 per adult  
\$5 per child under 12 years

Please bring your own beverage of choice - ice will be provided.

There will be a sign-up sheet in Mills Hall on Sundays, October 7 and October 14. The cut-off date is Tuesday, October 16. If you do not put your name on the sign up sheet, contact the Gurecks at 751-2614 by that date if you plan to attend.

- Arlyne & Art Gureck

**OUTREACH**

**The Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry** needs food. With the current economy, the Pantry has seen an increase in clients. They are especially in need of chunky soups, tuna fish, and fruit juices, but all types of nourishing non-perishable foods are needed. Since the children have gone back to school, juice boxes and other lunch items are

needed. If our food cart starts getting full, please take a turn delivering the food to the Pantry. December will be St. James Church's month to serve.

**Protestant Campus Ministry at Stony Brook University** is again collecting toiletries for women transitioning from domestic violence. Check your closets. Gifts you can't use, or small bottles saved from hotels, or goodie bags from your dentist are all perfect. Donations may be placed in the basket in the narthex.

**Service Saturdays at Camp DeWolfe** provide several opportunities this fall to help prepare the Camp for the fall season of retreats and conferences. Volunteer work scheduled includes light painting, clearing scrub vegetation, minor repairs, etc. All tools will be provided, and a light lunch is available. The remaining fall Saturdays are October 20 and October 27. Sign up at [etees@campdewolfe.org](mailto:etees@campdewolfe.org) or call 929-4325.

- Sue Krall

**TUESDAY EVENING**  
**BIBLE STUDY**

The Tuesday evening Bible study resumes on Tuesday, October 2 at 7:15 p.m. Future dates are October 16, November 6 and December 4. Contact Kathy Sides at 751-2688 for location of the meetings.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The October meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will take place on October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m., at the home of Joellen McNamara, 2 Harbor View Road, Stony Brook, tel. 942-0650. Please come join us

as we gather to pray, knit, crochet, and enjoy each other's fellowship and a light breakfast. All are welcome to attend, even if you don't knit or crochet! For further information, please speak to me at 751-5618.

- *Wylie Hunt*

### **ALL SAINTS' DAY POTLUCK SUPPER**

Do you have a favorite saint? On Thursday, November 1, in celebration of All Saints' Day, we will gather in Mills Hall to enjoy fellowship and a pot luck supper. You are invited to research a saint and dress up as that saint, if you wish. We have learned about many "lesser known" saints in the past. Now is your chance to have some fun while finding out about those paragons of faith. The party starts at 5 p.m.

### **WOMEN'S COMMISSION CONFERENCE**

The Women's Commission of the Diocese invites you to a conference on Saturday, October 27 ~ "The Role of Women in a Transforming Church." The featured speaker is the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, Canon for Missional Vitality, Chaplain to the House of Bishops.

Advanced registration is required. Register online by October 20<sup>th</sup> at : <http://www.diocelongisland.org/wcomm/> The cost is \$15.00, which includes lunch. Payment can be made online, or made payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, (note Women's Commission and your phone number in the memo field) and mail to: Women's Commission, c/o Mercer School, 65 Fourth Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530.

### **BREAD FOR THE WORLD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER**

This year's Bread for the World dinner will be held on Sunday, October 21, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. at St. James Roman Catholic Church, 429 Route 25A in East Setauket. The featured speaker will be Sandra Chapin, chair of the Harry Chapin Foundation and chair of Long Island Cares, the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Sandy will discuss the Island's remarkable and expanding food community and its role in alleviating poverty and hunger.

Bring a casserole or a salad and a friend or two. Dessert and beverage are provided. R.S.V.P.: Dennis Walker at 928-5695 or [dwalker67@aol.com](mailto:dwalker67@aol.com).

### **OFFICE ANGELS NEEDED**

Laurie will be on vacation the week of October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have time to cover the office a few hours a day during that week, please contact her by October 12<sup>th</sup>. Duties include answering the phone, sorting and distributing the mail, and printing the bulletin on Friday. Thanks to those who volunteer for this coverage.

### **NEWS OF THE PARISH FAMILY**

After a long siege of complications due to liver transplants, former parishioner and Vestry member, Julie Blomkvist Fosdick passed away on September 13. She leaves her husband, Gordon Fosdick, children, Sarah and Christopher, mother, Jean Blomkvist, all in Connecticut, brother Jeff Blomkvist and family in New Jersey, and in-laws Cecelia and George Fosdick in Connecticut.

A memorial service was held on September 22 at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Middletown, Connecticut. Please keep Julie and her family in your prayers.

On Monday, September 24, a funeral was held in the church for Andrew Clark, whose mother, Florence, passed away last December. Andrew had suffered from cancer for several years. He had been a member of St. James back in the 60s, but moved to New Jersey. Our prayers are with his wife, Kathleen and family.

### CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

- 1 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.  
Bible study 7:15 p.m.  
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.  
Yoga class 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.  
N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.  
Nursery school movie night 7 p.m.
- 7 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**  
**Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.**  
**with Blessing of the Animals**
- 8 **Columbus Day** - office closed  
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.  
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.  
Yoga class 5:30 p.m.  
Bible study 7:15 p.m.
- 11 Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Nursery school Fall Festival and Rummage Sale
- 14 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**  
**Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m. w/**  
**Children's Formation classes**
- 15 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.

- 16 Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.  
Bible study 7:15 p.m.  
Recovery group 7:30 a.m.
- 17 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.  
Yoga class 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.  
N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 20 **Pig Roast 4:00 p.m.**
- 21 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**  
**Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m. w/**  
**Children's Formation classes**
- 22 Vestry meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.  
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Knitter's group 10:30 a.m.  
Yoga class 5:30 p.m.  
Bible study 7:15 p.m.
- 25 Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Art Gureck  
Theresa Euler  
Paige Lawrence  
Cynthia Bennett  
Anna Rung  
Brendan Jeffrey  
Leslie Price  
Jeremy Siedlak  
Sue Krall  
Sean Glogg  
Alex Euler  
Calvin Dean  
Jake Dean  
Ian Van Praagh  
Emily Mauro  
Naomi Ryan  
Ryan Grigoletto  
Tony Mercep  
Alex Moleti

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Donna Guinaw  
Bill & Amelia Bowden

Do we have you on our list? If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our newsletter or Sunday bulletin, that means we do not have it. We would love to celebrate your special day. Please send the information (month and day only) to the office either by phone 584-6628 or email [stjamesc@optonline.net](mailto:stjamesc@optonline.net), and we will be happy to add you to our list.

*- Laurie Mannix*