



Open Doors

The Newsletter of St. James Episcopal Church

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FROM THE



By the time you read this, I will have begun my sabbatical. I am very thankful for this time of Sabbath rest and renewal in my ministry.

The word sabbatical shares the same roots as the Biblical word Sabbath, meaning to rest; to cease. Sabbath is holy time set aside for physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental renewal. The practice of Sabbath is our answer to God's command once a week to take a break from the daily grind.

Likewise, a sabbatical is simply an extended Sabbath, providing an opportunity to step off the treadmill for renewal of vision and hope, nourishing the soul and rebuilding the body. A Sabbatical is time to disengage from our everyday lives in order to rest, travel, study, reflect, pray, worship, and renew relationships. It is far more than a vacation, it is a season of spiritual growth for everyone involved.

I will be on sabbatical leave and vacation from August 27 through November 28, 2012. The focus of my time away will be pilgrimage. This has two facets: the physical, participating in a Middle Eastern

retreat, "Ways in the Wilderness," visiting my father's homeland with him, and hiking in England; and the metaphorical journeying with my five year old nephew, Laughlin, during the (hopefully) final part of his treatment for a brain tumor. God willing, this dual focus will allow me to make connections between the physical pilgrimage that has fed my soul and the medical pilgrimage. I anticipate this will provide me with a much needed rest, renewing me for further years of service in this parish, provide opportunity to process what has happened with our family, and give me new understanding of the journeys that others go on, particularly feeding my pastoral ministry in the parish. More details can be found in the brochure in the entry to the church.

While I am away, the Rev. David Gable will be with the parish on Sundays. Pastoral care will be coordinated by the church office and wardens, with the assistance of David, along with clergy from nearby parishes. And, of course, our congregation will be well taken care of by the executive committee (our wardens, Debbie LaMano and Chris Mauro, and our treasurer, Doug Dahlgard) and our vestry.

I look forward to returning to you for Advent, as we begin a new chapter of our life together.

THE WARDENS' COLUMN

Reflect, Refresh, Renew

As our rector's sabbatical starts, we too are encouraged to "Reflect, Refresh, Renew." The Wardens and Vestry are planning to gather the parish in small groups for fellowship. It will be a chance to get to know each other better, over tea, a meal, or during a lazy afternoon in the yard over cocktails. Expect to meet new friends, as it is our goal to "Build Relationships in Christ". It is our belief that this time together will strengthen us as a parish family, and our love for God.

We have been given a candle, one of a pair made from last year's paschal candle. Raewynne has taken the other with her. "These are symbols of God's light on our journeys this Fall and our love for each other." They will be lit each week as a reminder the Light of Christ watches between us no matter how long or how far apart we journey."

We also urge you to participate in many of the parish activities this fall which focus on our other goals of , "To Grow in Faith with Scripture and Prayer" and "To Serve One Another and the World."

The Wardens and Vestry would like for you to know that we are always available to meet or chat on any matters that you wish to discuss.

Peace and Blessings,
Debbie and Chris

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday evening Bible study will reconvene on September 12th at 7:15 p.m. in the Webster room. We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Mark using N.T. Wright's study guide. The questions are stimulating and thought provoking. Please consider joining us, even if you have never previously participated in a Bible study. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." *Psalms 119:105*.

- Wylie Hunt

BOOK GROUP

The St. James Book Group will be meeting every three to four months to allow time for everyone to read the books. The next book we will be reading is *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor. This book is available as both a soft cover book and also in Kindle and Nook. I have started reading it already and it is not only very enjoyable, but also very easy reading. I hope you will be able to join us on Monday evening, November 19th, at Panera Bread in Lake Grove. ALL are welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me (751-4151 or ssc6263@gmail.com).

- Stephanie Coleman

GODLY PLAY AND J2A

Our program of formation for children and youth begins again on September 9th, with our annual kick-off Sunday and registration, with classes beginning the following week. We are excited to once again be using the Godly Play program for our children and the Journey to Adulthood (J2A) with our teenagers.

If you are interested in helping teach these programs, please talk with Jennifer Lawrence for Godly Play, and Chris Mauro for J2A. We would love to have more adults involved in mentoring and teaching our kids.

ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

Our annual Harvest Festival is fast approaching, and preparations are already being made by some groups. The help of all parishioners is needed to make this a successful event. Here are some ways in which you can get involved:

Baked Goods: If you like to bake, this table is looking for donations of cookies, bars, breads, muffins, cakes, brownies, or cupcakes. Sugar-free or gluten-free goods would be appreciated as well. Please label your donations (especially if you put in nuts) and bring them to the table early on the day of the Festival. The more we have, the more we sell! Contact Karen Douglass: 928-6633 or kdouglass@optonline.net or Wylie Hunt: 751-5618 or wyliehunt@gmail.com to let them know you are baking.

Book Nook: Do you have too many books? Donations of books, CDs, and DVDs are now being accepted. They may be left at the door of the Women's Guild room in the hall

of the C.E. building. No magazines, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, or VCR tapes, please. See article below for further information.

Christmas Table: Do you have more Christmas items than you can possibly use? If so, please donate them to the Christmas table. Donations may be dropped off in the lobby of the C.E. building, or given to Lil Moleti: boblil2@optonline.net or 675-0385.

Craft Table: Are you creative? Do you like to make things? Whether your passion is quilting, knitting, sewing, paper crafts, clay woodworking, or anything creative, the Craft Table is looking for items to sell. Contact Pat Kregler: patkreg@verizon.net or 863-1113, or Linda Misa: 862-6421 if you can help out.

Farmer's Market: Does your garden have an overabundance of vegetables this year? If so, please consider donating some for sale at the Farmer's Market this year. Last year we were blessed to have some delicious butternut squash to sell. You may bring your donations early on the morning of the Festival, or contact Edna Rousseau: 584-7853 or edna.rousseau@chsli.org.

Gold Elephant: What is a Gold Elephant? At St. James, it is a table which offers gift items, better china and glassware, and "antiques" in new or gently used condition. This is not yard sale stuff. Donations may be given to Joan Mercep: 724-4457 or mercep8285@verizon.net or Thea Welch 675-2851 or theadora13@aol.com or left in the lobby of the C.E. building before September 26th.

Jam Table: The St. James Jammers have been working for weeks to prepare inventory for the Festival. If you would like to help

out, watch the Sunday bulletin for a schedule of "jam sessions" each week. Donations of 8 oz. canning jars or bags of sugar are always welcome, as they help our bottom line. Please bring back any empty jars you might have from previous purchases. Contact Louise Harders: 585-7511 or louern@aol.com for further information.

Jewelry Table: Do you have jewelry that you no longer wear? We will be happy to find it a new home. Donations of necklaces, pins, earrings, etc. are always welcome. You may give your donations to Polly Neyssen (mpneyssen@optimum.net) or 751-8451, or bring them to the office during the week.

Raffle Baskets: St. James parishioners are always generous in making up beautiful raffle baskets for the Festival. All you need to do is select a theme, and fill a basket with items related to that theme. We have several baskets available for filling. If you would like to contribute in this way, contact Laurie Mannix at stjamesc@optonline.net or 584-5560 during the week.

BOOK NOOK

It's that time of year again! The Book Nook is an intense labor of love for the Harvest Festival, and we could definitely use your help, whether it is muscles to move tables and heavy boxes of books, or if you have some time to sort books on to tables, or to help sell books on Friday and/or Saturday, we are grateful for your help.

Our schedule is as follows:

- *Tuesday, September 25 (6 p.m.- 9 p.m.) - Set up tables in Mills Hall, move boxes of books from Christian Ed. building to Mills Hall.
- *Wednesday and Thursday, September 26

& 27 - Sort books on to tables, making everything presentable.

*Friday, September 28 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) - Help sell books.

*Saturday, September 29 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) - Day of Harvest Festival. Need help selling books, manning coffee table, sorting, and cleaning up.

Any and all help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Coleman: ssc6263@gmail.com or 751-4151, or Matt Trump: 751-5618 or mjtrump@gmail.com.

- Stephanie Coleman

MUSICAL NOTES

The Chancel Choir is preparing for a new season of praise and thanksgiving. All are welcome to join us for our first rehearsal on Thursday, September 6th at 7:30 p.m. We will meet on Sunday, September 9th to sing together as a choir. Please contact me via email at Darasings@aol.com if you have any questions about joining us for the first time.

- Dara Linthwaite

OUTREACH

The Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry is getting bare. They are especially in need of chunky soups, tuna fish, and fruit juices. September is back-to-school month, so juice boxes and other lunch items will be needed. If our food cart starts getting full, please take a turn delivering the food to the pantry.

St. James Church in Cannon Ball, ND was destroyed by fire on the Feast of St.

James. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and the Rector's Discretionary Fund, our church was able to send \$400 to the Diocese of North Dakota for St. James Church.

Seamen's Church Institute will be sent 19 scarves and 2 hats knitted by our parishioners during Lent for their Christmas at Sea program. Raewynne blessed the beautiful scarves and hats at the 9:30 a.m. service on August 19. Thank you to all who have taken on this ministry to keep the seamen warm during the winter.

Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk has been given "a whole pew full" of school supplies from our generous parishioners. Habitat fills backpacks for the children of Habitat homeowners so they will be well-prepared for the new school year. Thank you to all who shopped for these children.

Episcopal Charities of LI recently returned \$508.00 (a percentage of St. James' gifts to ECLI) to our church for outreach. An outreach meeting was held on August 19 to decide how to allocate the money. The following was decided:

\$100.00 Episcopal Relief & Development
100.00 Habitat for Humanity
308.00 Protestant Campus Ministry
\$508.00 Total

The \$100.00 for Habitat will be added to the \$250.00 that St. James will be giving Habitat from our outreach budget. Bread for the World will still be receiving \$250.00 from the outreach budget at their annual dinner in October. Thank you to all who donated to Episcopal Charities from St. James Church. You helped St. James' outreach as well as Episcopal Charities outreach!

Episcopal Response to AIDS: The 2012 International AIDS Conference was held in

Washington D.C. in July. Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori joined Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to welcome 20,000 people traveling from 200 countries to the United States for this conference. In a joint statement these two Presiding Bishops said, "Promising new scientific advances and global investments now make it possible to turn the tide on HIV and AIDS, with new hope for a cure and the end of AIDS within our reach. Yet the pandemic is far from over. Thirty-four million people around the world are living with HIV or AIDS and infection rates are growing in many parts of the world. Each year, 50,000 new cases of HIV infection are reported in the United States alone." You can read more about the conference at <http://www.aids2012.org/>. Bishop Lawrence Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island, supports Episcopal Response to AIDS (ERA) and urges us to support them. You can learn more about ERA at www.ERANY.org.

Come to the Ministry Fair on September 9 and learn of the many ways St. James Church reaches out to others. See where our outreach money is going and how you might be able to help!

- Sue Krall

ADVENT IN SEPTEMBER

This year, the CF&E Committee is planning a very special booklet for Advent and we could use your help. We need to collect reflections from parishioners (100-200 words) in answer to the question, "What does Jesus' birth mean to me?" We would like to get a good cross section of the parish from all age groups. If you are not great with words and like to draw, pictures would

be great as well. We would like to have enough to have one for every day from December 2 - 24, and if possible, to Epiphany on January 6. If you are willing to write a reflection or include a picture, please contact me (ssc6263@gmail.com or 751-8451) as soon as possible. We will need everything to us by Sunday, November 11 at the latest. We hope you will join us!

- *Stephanie Coleman*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin meeting for the fall on September 15th at 8:30 a.m. The location is still to be decided. Please check your Sunday bulletin, or speak to Wylie Hunt.

- *Wylie Hunt*

SERVICE SATURDAYS AT CAMP DEWOLFE

Camp DeWolfe is hosting the fall session of Service Saturdays on September 8th and 22nd. Volunteers will be involved in a number of activities: light painting, clearing scrub vegetation, minor repairs, etc. The camp will supply the tools and direction, and a light lunch will be available. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Rev. Canon Nils Blatz at 298-4277 or email at enilsb@gmail.com.

FORMER PARISHIONER TO PREACH ON SEPTEMBER 30TH

The Rev. Peter Rodgers grew up in St. James, and was baptized and confirmed at St. James Episcopal Church. From this church he was presented for ordination in the diocese of Long Island. He attended the Stony Brook School, and holds degrees from Hobart College, General Theological Seminary, and Oxford University. For twenty-four years he was Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in New Haven, Connecticut. He retired in 2003, and since then has taught New Testament and Preaching for Fuller Theological Seminary. He is currently Priest-in-Charge of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Antelope, near Sacramento, California. Peter has six children and three grandchildren. He is the author of numerous articles on New Testament textual criticism, and has written three books: *Knowing Jesus* (1982), *The Scribes, A Novel About the Early Church* (2001, second edition 2012), and *Text and Story* (2011).

WHO ARE WE? A LIST OF COMMITTEES & MINISTRIES AT ST. JAMES

If you would like information about these, are interested in volunteering your time or talent, or have other concerns, here are the people to contact.

Acolytes - Theresa Euler
Altar Guild - Colette Tarantino
Buildings & Grounds - Matt Trump
Cemetery - Ken LeCluse & Art Strassle
Christian Formation - (Adult)
Stephanie Coleman
Christian Formation - (Children)
Godly Play - Jennifer Lawrence
Journey to Adulthood - Chris Mauro
Choir - Dara Linthwaite

Coffee Hour Hosts - Pat Kregler
Endowment - Doug Dahlgard
Eucharistic Ministers/Eucharistic
Visitors/Lectors - Donna Austin
Outreach - Sue Krall
Bread for the World - Sandy
Grigoletto
Habitat for Humanity - Ken LeCluse
Prayer Shawl Ministry - Wylie Hunt
Protestant Campus Ministry - Sue
Krall
Parish Life - Lillian Moleti
Public Relations - Katy Sacher
Stewardship - Duncan Marshall
Ushers & Greeters - George & Sue Krall
Worship - Raewynne

SAVE THE DATE!

St. James annual Pig Roast is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2012. Make your plans to attend now!

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Episcopal Relief and Development encourages parishioners to make plans so that they and their families are prepared for disasters. Here are some tips to ensure that you are ready to deal with potential disaster:

1. Make a Plan
 - * Make sure everyone in your family has memorized the phone number for someone outside of your immediate area to call in case of an emergency.
 - *Make a wallet card that includes important numbers and information.
 - *Text messages may still work even when phone calls don't go through, so make sure your family knows how to text.
2. Be Informed:
 - *Find an easy way to access information,

such as signing up for text alerts. To find a local agency providing alerts, go to

www.ready.gov/america/local/index.html.

- *Listen to local area weather radio stations.
3. Get a Kit.
 - *Water, food, and cash are the three most important things you'll need. Store one gallon of water per person for three days, enough non-perishable food items for three days and small denomination bills and change as part of your cash.
 - *Put together a "go kit" that you can keep stashed in your house that includes a battery-powered or a hand-crank radio. A first aid kit, extra keys for your home or vehicle, flashlights, batteries, a whistle, sanitation supplies, tools, a manual can opener, local maps, prescription medication, glasses, infant formula and diapers if you have a young child, and pet food if necessary.
 - *Other supplies to pull together include important documents, change of clothing, a fire extinguisher, matches, paper and pencils, duct tape, rain gear, a two-way radio, medical information, and games and books.

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NORTH SHORE ULTREYA

You are invited to our first
meeting of the fall!



Come to the September Potluck
meeting of the North Shore Ultreya
Friday, September 28, 2012 6:30 p.m.
in the Marco C. Smith Building
Caroline Church
1 Dyke Road
Setauket
941-4245

www.carolinechurch.net

*Bring a casserole or salad to share.
Drinks and dessert will be provided.*

HELP WANTED

Looking for help with yard projects:
stacking wood, rototilling, moving mulch,
weeding, etc. Four hours at a time once
every week or so, \$10.00 per hour. I have
the yard equipment, tools and supplies that
are needed. Call Donna Austin, 499-6050.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- 2 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 3 Labor Day - Office closed
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
Yoga class 5:30 p.m.
Nursery school orientation 7:30
p.m.
- 6 Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 9 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
Fall Kickoff and Ministry Fair
- 10 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
Yoga class 5:30 p.m.
Bible study 7:15 p.m.
- 14 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Prayer Shawl Ministry 8:30 a.m.
- 16 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**
**Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m. w/
Children's Formation classes**
- 17 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
Yoga class 5:30 p.m.
- 20 N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 23 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**
**Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m. w/
Children's Formation classes**
- 24 Vestry meeting 7:30 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
Yoga class 5:30 p.m.

- 28 **Book Nook** open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 29 **HARVEST FESTIVAL**
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 30 **Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.**
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m. w/
Children's Formation classes

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jack Schultheis
Ernie Harders
Louise Harders
Nancy Petschauer
Lil Moleti
Doug Dahlgard
Grace Rich
Art Strassle
Maggie Dineen
David DeFilippis
Rhiannon Jeffrey
Linda Misa
Lisa Scott
Lani Wille
Charlie Kreussling

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Kathy Sides
Ernie & Louise Harders
Tony & Joan Mercep
Art & Joan Strassle
Chris & Kathy Mauro
Kevin & Danielle Dineen