

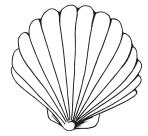
The Network

St. James' Episcopal Church



February 2015





Grow spiritually and
spread the love of Christ

Service Schedule

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| Sundays | 8:00 a.m. | Rite I Holy Eucharist |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Rite II Holy Eucharist |
| Wednesdays | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers |

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Storm Closings

Storm closings are posted on the St. James’ website as well as on WFSB Channel 3, TV and online (<http://www.wfsb.com/weather>). You can sign up for text alerts on the WFSB website. Please, always use judgment when deciding to travel in inclement weather.

Mission Statement: To grow spiritually and spread the love of Christ.

Vision Statements:

- ❖ All of our ministries are Christ centered, joyfully sharing Christ’s love.
- ❖ Led by our Commissions we will reach out and encourage participation to nourish spiritual growth.
- ❖ Using our time, talents and treasure, we will support the ministries and activities of this faith community.
- ❖ We will be an open, welcoming and inclusive faith community with honest and respectful communication.
- ❖ Our ministries will serve the community of St. James’ and those beyond our walls.

Faith to Go

When I was a child, my impression of Lent was that it was very much about one's individual relationship with God. To "give up something for Lent" was to sacrifice for Jesus as Jesus sacrificed for you. To me it felt like an odd trade-off—a personal payback, largely motivated by guilt—which I never really understood.

What I now know is that the practice of Lent comes to us from the early days of Christianity. For adults being initiated into the Christian community, the time leading up to Easter was a period of final and intense preparation. It was about understanding and demonstrating the commitment to discipleship, to a life in Christ as exemplified by other members of the Christian community. Self-denial was part of this process, but so were such practices as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

In this context, the idea of "giving something up" is part of a larger objective. It's about the individual in relationship with God, but also in relationship with community. I know many people who give up wine or chocolate for Lent. I wouldn't say that this scores points with God, but I do believe it can be valuable. For example, relinquishing a luxury can help us to remember those who don't enjoy such luxuries, and to remember where true satisfaction is found. This draws us closer to God, and to our fellow children of God.


You may have heard about a recent trend in the Episcopal Church called "Ashes to Go." On Ash Wednesday ashes are taken to public areas like subway stations and offered to people who happen to be passing by. On one hand, I'm ambivalent about the practice. But on the other, I'm certain that the church needs to find new ways to reach into the broader community. Ashes to Go is one

answer to this question: If people don't come to us, how can we go to them? It's a particularly compelling question in our time and place, but it's not a particularly new one. At the time of the earliest observation of Lent, Christians were very much a minority group trying to establish their place in the world. That is much our situation today.

It seems to me that all of our Christian practices ought to be undertaken with the intention that they're always "on the go." We actually embody this every Sunday, at the end of the service, when we are dismissed. The dismissal is declared by the deacon if one is present. The role of the deacon is to help connect the gifts of the church to the needs of the world. With the dismissal, Deacon Walter sends us forth to walk our faith through the church doors and beyond.

Our culture strongly values the individual achiever. It measures individuals by their ability to accumulate the trappings of wealth: nice homes, nice cars, nice clothes, the outward appearances of "perfection." We know that those things don't matter in the end—as they say, you can't take it with you. In contrast, our faith stays with us, wherever we go.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on February 18. I encourage you to choose and keep a Lenten practice, whether it be giving something up or taking something on. May this practice bring you closer to God, and thereby strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in the world.

Keri + 

Remembering “Father” Fernande

I first met the Rev. Fernande Sanon Pierre-Louis while on a mission trip to Haiti in 2003 to check the vision of the children and staff of St. Vincent’s Home for Crippled Children and arrange for glasses to be made for those who needed them. During the week we visited Holy Trinity School and met Fernande+, who had been appointed Director/Principal of the school immediately following her ordination in 2002. During that week we also had a “Ladies Night Out” at a local restaurant with the six of us ladies on the St. Vincent’s mission team, two Sisters of St. Margaret, whose convent was on the Holy Trinity Cathedral campus with Holy Trinity Elementary School, and Fernande. We got to know her better that evening.

As Fernande was the first, and for many years the only, female Episcopal priest in Haiti, and as there was no precedent among the Haitian clergy as to how to address her, they called her “Father” Fernande. She had many friends and HTS supporters in Connecticut and visited us numerous times. She was with us at St. James’ on July 1, 2007 (as was the Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens on the day following her consecration as Bishop), the day on which we broke ground for the renovation of the church and parish house, including the new entry. Fernande always came bearing gifts—and on this occasion she presented a Haitian painting depicting the Last Supper to Bishop Ahrens. Sadly, a week following Fernande’s return to Port-au-Prince from Glastonbury, her husband, Frantz Pierre-Louis, a law professor at the University and Fernande’s best friend and strongest supporter, died unexpectedly.

Fernande was a lawyer, a statistician/economist, and a priest who was passionate about the education of children. That passion



Fernand's Gift

motivated her, as Principal of Holy Trinity School, to improve and expand HTS, formerly an elementary school, by the addition of two preschool levels and classes through Grade 13 at which time students were prepared to enter the university.

She was at home when the devastating earthquake of 2010 struck. She was convinced that God had saved her life as her house began crumbling around her. Her driver had come to find her, and their exit from the building was completely blocked until, miraculously, a door opened and permitted them to escape. God was not through with me, she said. She lived



“Father” Fernand

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Vestry Commission

Remembering “Father” Fernand, *Continued*

in a tent which was finally located adjacent to the house of a relative who was residing abroad. It was not safe to live in that house, but she was able to shower daily there. She was in the process of having her own home repaired, I believe still living in the tent, when in February 2014 her medical condition forced her to seek treatment in New Jersey where her oldest son practices medicine. But after a valiant and courageous battle with cancer, she died on December 15, 2014.

A Eucharist in Fernande’s memory was celebrated, in French, at Eglise de Sainte Elizabeth in Elizabeth, NJ on December 20, with Msr. Zache Duracin, Bishop of Haiti, celebrating, and Bishop Ahrens concelebrating with six other Haitian and American Episcopal priests including Fernande’s brother Felix and the rector of Trinity Church, Wethersfield, CT.

Fenande+ was a woman of great faith, dedication, strength, and courage. She was a great friend, and those of us who came to know her well loved her and will miss her. The firm foundation she established at Holy Trinity School will be a lasting memorial to her. May she rest in peace.

Barbara Massy



**Erin Conlon
At Annual
Meeting**

Vestry Update

January is Annual Meeting month. The vestry focus for January was making sure that the budget, the commission annual reports, and the agenda for the annual meeting are set to go. St. James’ canons require an Annual Meeting each year to communicate to the parish “what the vestry deems appropriate.”

Thank you to everyone who attended. We had a great turnout. If you have not yet read it, the Annual Report is out on the website. I encourage you to read it cover to cover. It will give you a complete look at what is going on in each of the commissions. Thank you to Keri+, Jodi, Jeanne, and Matt who gathered all of the information and helped us make this Annual Meeting run so smoothly.

One of the important tasks at the Annual Meeting is to thank the departing vestry leaders and elect officers and new vestry members. As many of you know, the vestry assignments are broken into three different assignments – the officers, the commission leaders, and the at large members.

A huge thank you goes to the retiring vestry: Ralph Urban as Clerk; Nick Daukas, Communications; Lauren Furtak, Pastoral Care, and Judy Knowlton at large.

It was announced that Gail Lebert and Gayle Kataja will continue as wardens until the new rector arrives. This will keep the transition easier and smoother, especially for the new incoming rector. At the time of the new rector’s arrival, Gail and Gayle will resign, and a special parish meeting will be held to vote on the new wardens.

Officers serve for one year: Gail and Gayle as Wardens, Steve Ciccalone as Treasurer, Bob Dugger continues as Assistant Treasurer. And we extend a big welcome to Sandy Marshall as Clerk. Sandy has served as clerk before, and so we are grateful for her ministry of minutes!

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Vestry Commission

Vestry Update, continued

Vestry members continuing on are: Erin Conlon, Pat Goodrich, Dan Shannon (thanks for the fourth year), Sandy Ouellette, Cheryl Turner as Administration Commission leader, and Susan Wright as Christian Formation leader. Ralph Urban will continue on the vestry at large. Thanks to Ralph for serving a fourth year.

We voted in and welcomed the new vestry members: Bob McDowell, Communications, Sandy Marshall as Clerk, Bea Farlekas Pastoral Care. Finally, our delegates to Diocesan Convention: We want to thank Rick Edwards for his completion of two terms of three years. Fred Larsen will replace Rick. Caryl Donovan, Ed Crow, and Becky Lee currently serve as the diocesan delegates. These delegates represent St James' at the annual meeting of the state's Episcopal church leadership including the Bishops. They vote on a range of issues.

The Annual Report is also the time to review the budget for 2015. It does not require a parish vote. Thanks to the hardworking Finance Committee who meet monthly to review the financial decisions and health of the parish and to all who participated in the pledge drive this fall. It isn't too late to offer an annual pledge; just see any one of the vestry or call the office and we will get you a card to fill out.

Highlights of the feedback at the meeting included thanks to the wardens and to Keri+ and the great St. James' staff. We also discussed the possibilities of renting the building to outside groups, the need for another fall fundraiser, the elimination of the nursery staff, and the opportunity for all people to discern where God is calling us.

Now on to the New Year – it will be an exciting year of change as we seek to grow spiritually and spread the love of Christ. Blessings on each of you – we welcome feedback.

Faithfully,
Gail Lebert, Senior Warden
Glebert14@gmail.com



Annual Meeting

Worship Commission

Joyful Noise! Choir

Sunday, February 1, at the 10:15 a.m. service, the Joyful Noise! Choir will sing. Join us that day to sing a simple song, Shine, Jesus Shine, during the Offertory. All ages are welcome; no choir experience is needed. Come to the church by 9:45 to learn the song; you may sit in the congregation during the service.

You can listen to the song on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3iB30gCqAc>

If you have any questions, please speak to our Minister of Music, Jim Barry. Next Joyful Noise Choirs dates are March 1 and May 3.

Singing the Psalms

During Lent, the Adult Choir will lead the singing of the psalms. Singing the psalms differently will help us in our observance of Lent, giving us a chance to reflect on the words more than is possible with speech.

There are a variety of ways to sing psalms. To reflect the season, we will use plainchant, whereby a simple single melody is used. There will be a congregational refrain at the beginning, during the psalm, and at the end, to allow all to participate. We begin singing psalms on Ash Wednesday.



Worship Commission



*Lent at
St. James'*

Wednesday, February 18, 2015
Services of Holy Eucharist
10 A.M. and 7 P.M.

Lent with the Lutheran Church of St. Mark
Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays at 10 A.M. at St. James'
February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25

As in recent years, during Lent our regular Wednesday 10 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist will be shared with Glastonbury's Lutheran Church of St. Mark. All services will be held at St. James'. Pastor Lydia Wittman Grebe and Keri+ will share presiding duties. Each week a different lay or ordained leader will lead reflection and conversation based on the Sunday Gospel reading.

Lent with the East of the River
Collaboration of Episcopal Churches
Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at Various Locations
February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25: Soup Supper + *Animate: Practices*
April 1: Soup Supper + Tenebrae

Once again, St. James' is observing Lent with other East of the River Episcopal churches. On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will gather with them beginning at 6 P.M. for a simple soup supper and program. The program will be based on the *Animate: Practices* curriculum, which features videos of some of the most innovative Christian thinkers of our time. It is described as "an introduction to the central practices of the Christian faith, why they are important, and how we can take part in them today." For more information, see <http://wearesparkhouse.org/adults/animate/practices/>. **On April 1, instead of a program, St. James' will host Tenebrae.** Locations are TBD, so look out for details.



Worship Commission

20 Things to Give Up for Lent by Phil Ressler

- Guilt
- Fear
- The need to please everyone
- Envy
- Impatience
- Sense of entitlement
- Bitterness and resentment
- Blame
- Gossip and negativity
- Comparison
- Fear of failure
- A spirit of poverty
- Feelings of unworthiness
- Doubt
- Self-pity
- Retirement
- Excuses
- Lack of counsel
- Pride
- Worry

The Rev. Phil Ressler is pastor of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Old Bridge, New Jersey. You can see his full post at <http://gs4nj.org/20-things-to-give-up-for-lent/>.



The First Sunday in Lent February 22 Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday



Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is the international relief and development agency of The Episcopal Church. Episcopalians everywhere are invited to celebrate Episcopal Relief & Development on February 22, the first Sunday in Lent.

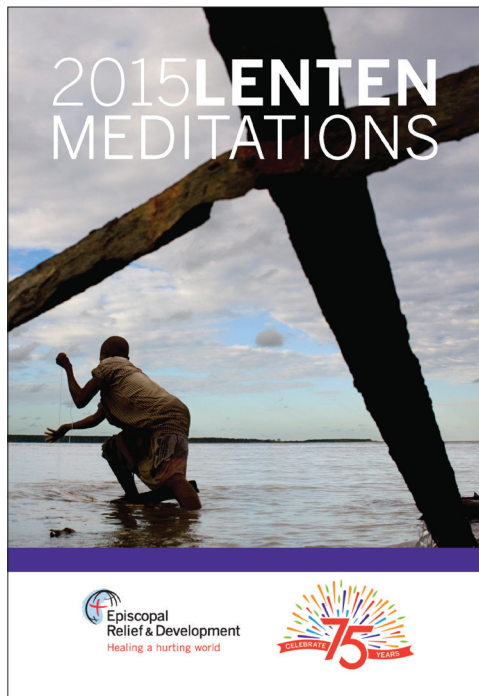
ERD partners with the worldwide Anglican Church, ecumenical agencies and local organizations to save lives and transform communities. ERD serves over 2.8 million people annually in almost 40 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Its four program areas include hunger, economic opportunity, health, and disaster response.

ERD spends 85% on programs, 5% on administration and 10% on fundraising. Because of support received from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in the form of contributed services, as well as ERD's invested income, 92% of every donor dollar goes directly to programs. ERD is an independent 501(c)(3) organization.

For more information about ERD and Lent, including a series of daily meditations for Lent, see the flyer located on the following pages.



Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday 2015



Celebrate Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday this Lent

We invite all Episcopalians to gather on February 22, or another convenient Sunday during the season, to pray for those living in poverty or without the basics for life, for victims of conflict and natural disasters and for all those around the world utilizing local resources and expertise to counter scarcity and imbalance.

Episcopal Relief & Development works with local partners in almost 40 countries to tackle these issues. You can support this work by contributing to a plate offering or by mailing your gift with the attached response form. Your participation is a simple way to help convey Jesus' love for our most vulnerable neighbors.

2015 Lenten Meditations

Written by a collection of Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion leaders, and edited by author and Christian formation specialist Jenifer Gamber and published by Forward Movement, Episcopal Relief & Development's Lenten Meditations 2015 centers on five statements Episcopal Relief & Development and the authors hold as core beliefs:

- I believe that everyone should have access to clean water.
- I believe that no one should go hungry.
- I believe that all children and families deserve a healthy start in life.
- I believe that no one should live in poverty.
- I believe that together we can heal a hurting world.

Reflecting a range of diverse voices, the meditations provide insights on readings of spiritual significance and how we might apply them to our lives as we face a world in need. As we consider Jesus' life of healing and sacrifice during this Lenten season, Episcopal Relief & Development asks you to reflect on your faith and how you might take action in responding to a hurting world. The traditional Lenten practice of almsgiving provides an opportunity to renew your commitment to people in need by supporting our work.



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Help heal a hurting world: www.episcopalrelief.org/Lent/

Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday

During this Lenten season, please consider making a donation to Episcopal Relief & Development.

Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners are grateful and proud to work on behalf of all Episcopalians toward a thriving future for communities around the globe.

The year 2015 marks the 75th anniversary of Episcopal Relief & Development's shared ministry with Episcopalians and friends as the healing hands of Christ in the world. We especially invite you to include Episcopal Relief & Development and our partner agencies in your Lenten spiritual practices.



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Gifts can be earmarked for Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday by completing the form below. Your contribution today supports us and our program partners worldwide.

To learn more about our work, please visit www.episcopalrelief.org.

My Lenten Response

During this time of reflection, I want to answer Jesus' call to serve those in need and help heal a hurting world. Enclosed is my Lenten gift to Episcopal Relief & Development:

\$50 \$100 \$500 \$1,000 \$2,500 \$5,000 Other \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Name of your church _____ City _____

Please make your check payable to **Episcopal Relief & Development**, and mail to P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.



FOR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS:

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Name on card _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

Phone number (required for credit card donations) _____

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Christian Formation Commission

House for All Sinners and Saints 40 Ideas for Keeping a Holy Lent

- Day 1:** Pray for your enemies
Day 2: Walk, carpool, bike or bus it.
Day 3: Don't turn on the car radio
Day 4: Give \$20 to a non-profit of your choosing
(Sunday)
Day 5: Take 5 minutes of silence at noon
Day 6: Look out the window until you find something of beauty you had not noticed before
Day 7: Give 5 items of clothing to Goodwill
Day 8: No bitching day
Day 9: Do someone else's chore
Day 10: Buy a few \$5 fast food gift cards to give to homeless people you encounter
(Sunday)
Day 11: Call an old friend
Day 12: Pray the Paper (pray for people and situations in today's news)
Day 13: Read Psalm 139
(<http://bible.oremus.org>)
Day 14: Pay a few sincere compliments
Day 15: Bring your own mug
Day 16: Educate yourself about human trafficking (www.praxus.org)
(Sunday)
Day 17: Forgive someone
Day 18: Internet diet
Day 19: Change one light in your house to a compact florescent
Day 20: Check out morning and evening prayer at
(<http://dailyoffice.wordpress.com>)
Day 21: Ask for help
Day 22: Tell someone what you are grateful for
(Sunday)
Day 23: Introduce yourself to a neighbor
Day 24: Read Psalm 121
(<http://bible.oremus.org>)
Day 25: Bake a cake
Day 26: No shopping day
Day 27: Light a virtual candle
(http://rejesus.co.uk/spirituality/post_prayer/)
Day 28: Light an actual candle
(Sunday)
Day 29: Write a thank you note to your favorite teacher
Day 30: Invest in canvas shopping bags
Day 31: Use Freecycle (www.freecycle.org)
Day 32: Donate art supplies to your local elementary school
Day 33: Read John 8:1-11
(<http://bible.oremus.org>)
Day 34: Worship at a friend's mosque, synogogue or church and look for the beauty
(Sunday)
Day 35: Confess a secret
Day 36: No sugar day – where else is there sweetness in your life?
Day 37: Give \$20 to a local non-profit
Day 38: Educate yourself about a saint
(www.catholic.org/saints)
Day 39: Pray for peace
Day 40: Pray for your enemies (you probably have new ones by now) then decide which of these exercises you'll keep for good

House for All Sinners and Saints is the Denver church founded by the Rev. Nadia Bolz Weber. It is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. For more information, see www.houseforall.org. This article was posted at the blog patheos, located at www.patheos.com, to which Bolz Weber is a regular contributor.



Christian Formation Commission



Church School Nuggets

Each month, we'll get a brief look at What's Been Happening in Church School.

Pre-K-Grade 5: This Month, we celebrated the baptism of Jesus with some explorations of water and it's many uses, how we can feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit, and ways that we can get to know Jesus through our actions and relationships.

Middle School: Our middle school class took a field trip to Panera in early January and spent their time discussing how they might contribute to Art in the Abbey, potential service projects, and their upcoming coffee hour. That's right – the middle school class will host coffee hour this month.

Refuge (High School): On Sunday, January 11, a number of Refuge members journeyed to Trinity Episcopal Church in Hartford to be a part of a Heads Up! Hartford Super Youth group. There is excitement amongst our young people about this program! If you or your child want to learn more about HUH, see Lisa Gleason, Jillian Edwards, or any of the young people who have been involved in this organization!

Camping Ministry is Lifelong Christian Formation

Some Statistics:

The average American youth spends:

-82 minutes on the phone per day.

-80 minutes playing digital games per day.

-6 minutes reading per day
(15-19 year olds).

-27 minutes on the computer per day,
and only 4 minutes playing outside
per day.*

-215,000 youth under the age of 20
have diabetes.

-16% of 6-19 year olds are obese.

-Around 11% of adolescents have a
depressive disorder by the age of 18.

-Only 33% of teens get enough exer-
cise.

-The average U.S. child spends less
than 40 minutes of meaningful conver-
sation with their family each week.

-Kids ages 8-18 spend an average of
7.5 hours a day on electronics, watch
almost 270 minutes of television daily,
and have suboptimal Vitamin D levels.*

15% of the average church budget is for
youth programming, and only 24% of
church leaders see youth as a real
priority.*

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*These statistics were gathered from the Christian Camp and Conference Center website.



Christian Formation Commission

Camping Ministry is Lifelong Christian Formation *Continued*

Yes, it seems like the odds are stacked against our children and youth, and as these numbers show, as a church community we simply cannot do it all by ourselves.

That's why camping ministry is such an important part of the Christian Formation of our children.

By taking advantage of the connections to camps that we have, our children can avoid some of the above challenges, and instead have experiences like these:

- The chance to be known and loved
- The beauty of nature
- Help navigating the tough decisions of adolescence
- Time to think without distractions
- Caring adult, and YOUNG ADULT role models
- Environments filled with ADVENTURE
- And a temporary community where risks can be taken and important questions can be asked!



Camp is a place where our young people can form their faith in alternative settings. Camp is an important place where we learn the meaning of community and build intentional, lifelong relationships with others. Camp is a place where our young people can spend time away from the busyness of their lives and grow in their relationship with God and with others.

Another Statistic:

10,080 minutes – That's one week's worth of moments away from the normal pressures of life to decompress, dream, believe, and discover your purpose and passion.

CAMP CHANGES LIVES. Shouldn't your child have an opportunity like that?
For more information talk to Matt, or visit www.campwashington.org.



Outreach Commission

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 17, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.



Last year's revival of St. James' Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper reminded all of us what a wonderful community we have. People came early and stayed late, and had great conversations while feasting on sausages and pancakes with real maple syrup. The Outreach Committee is committed to making this happen again, and will be partnering with others to present a "Fat Tuesday" or Mardi Gras feast worthy of the occasion— a final celebratory fling before the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday, February 18). Please join us in your best Mardi Gras spirit for food, fun, and fellowship.

PLEASE SIGN UP on the sheet in the foyer to give us an estimated count so that we can have adequate food on hand. On this form you can also indicate if anyone in your group will need a gluten free option, and if you would be willing to contribute a dessert. The price of admission will be a contribution of any amount (generous, we hope) to support Outreach programs.

AND WE WILL NEED ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS to help prepare and set up, to cook, to serve the tables, and to clean up. Can you help?

Contacts:

Barbara Buddington, 860-633-1991, or bbuddington@sbcglobal.net.

Blakeley Crevoiserat, 860 713-1824, or rcrevoiserat@aol.com.

Next Soup Sunday March 1

Thanks to all of you who supported the January Soup Sunday to benefit St. James' new Paper Pantry, planned to start up in the spring.

We will again be selling soup on March 1, and proceeds will go to Glastonbury's ABC House, which provides an opportunity for minority students to live in Glastonbury and to attend GHS. Watch the Sunday bulletins and email blasts for the soup selections for that day.

Prayer Shawl Team

A wonderful group of very talented ladies welcomes anyone interested in helping to knit hats or prayer shawls for people at special times of need. Please contact Kay Ferris on 860-530-1440 to learn more



Outreach Commission

What Does Outreach Do?

In calendar 2014, the following projects were supported by your outreach dollars and in-kind contributions:

LOCAL

FISH of Glastonbury (a program which provides volunteer drivers for transportation for Glastonbury residents to out-of-town medical appointments)
Glastonbury Fuel Bank
Glastonbury Food Pantry
Martin Luther King Day Planning Committee
Naubuc School Backpack Food Program
Naubuc Green (elderly housing) birthday party supplies and entertainment
Christmas Cheer Project (holiday donations to Glastonbury Social Services)

REGIONAL

A Place of Grace (food pantry at Grace Episcopal Church, Hartford) – We provided cash donations, food donations, and donations of school supplies
Bishops' Fund for Children
Bishops' Open for Camp Washington
Heads Up! Hartford
Lunch in the Park (for the needy and homeless in Hartford)
Warm coats and toiletries for the needy in Hartford

NATIONAL and INTERNATIONAL

Episcopal Relief and Development
Support for Haiti
 Holy Trinity School (Port-au-Prince)
 St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children
 Haiti Fund, Inc. (for CODEP project)
Operation Christmas Child ("shoebox" project)

OTHER

Church Divinity School of the Pacific

Please continue to support our fundraisers so that we can continue and expand this support:
ART IN THE ABBEY (March 20); SOUP SUNDAYS; FLOWER SALES, spring and fall; SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER; and others, as they arise

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Pastoral Care Commission

Pastoral Care Emergencies

For pastoral care emergencies, please call the church number, then dial 9. Your call will be routed to Keri+, or to Walter+ in her absence. For less acute needs associated with our various pastoral care ministries, please contact Judy Knowlton (see Pastoral Care Coordinator).

Pastoral Care Coordinator

Judy Knowlton is the Pastoral Care Coordinator who oversees all the pastoral ministries –the Shawl Ministry, the Women’s Spiritual Support Group, the Lay Eucharistic Visitors, the Meals for Parishioners, the Prayer Chain and the Note Writing Committee. If you know of someone who can benefit from one or more of these services, please contact Judy at 860-295-0489 or judyknowlton@comcast.net. All services are confidential.

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain offers special prayers for those in need. Requests for prayer are kept private and confidential. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list or if you would like to join the group, please contact Diane Obernesser on 860-633-7930.

Healing Prayer

There are times when healing prayer is needed. Please contact Judy Knowlton on 860-295-0489 if you would like a special healing prayer visit made to you or someone you know.

Meals for Parishioners

A group of volunteers have offered to make a home-cooked meal or prepare a plate of cookies to help someone at a time of need. Please contact Barbara Massy on 860-633-4556 or MaryJo Logan on 860-368-2480 if you would be willing to help out once or twice this year.



Notes for Parishioners

St. James would like to reach out to any parishioner who needs support. Please contact Alyson Kataja on 860-633-3191 or Caryl Donovan on 860-633-4844 if you know of someone in need of a friendly note of cheer.

Spiritual Support Group

Please come on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 for an hour and a half of uplifting discussion centered around the book, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*, by Rachel Held Evans. All women are welcome. Contact Jennifer Daukas on 860-657-1505 for more information.

Please contact any of the team leaders to get involved or to learn more.



St. James' Episcopal Church Vestry and Commission Structure 2015

Executive Committee: Gail Lebert (Senior Warden - '16, 4th term), Gayle Kataja (Junior Warden - '16, 3rd term), Steve Cicalone (Treasurer - '16, 2nd term),
Additional Officers: Bob Dugger (Assistant Treasurer - '16, 4th term), Sandy Marshall (Clerk - '16, 1st term)
Delegates to Diocesan Convention: Ed Crow (2nd term, 3rd year), Caryl Donovan (2nd term, 3rd year), Becky Lee (2nd term, 2nd year), Fred Larson (1st term, 1st year)

| Worship | Christian Formation | Outreach | Stewardship | Facilities | Fellowship | Administration | Communication | Pastoral Care | At Large | At Large | Transition |
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| Pat Goodrich ('16) Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Intercessors (Jim Ervin) | Susan Wright ('17) Pre-K - Grade 5 (Becky Lee) | Dan Shannon ('16) Outreach (Barbara Buddington) | Steve Cicalone ('16) Finance (Rick Edwards) | Gayle Kataja ('16) Grounds (Barbara Cooke) | Sandy Ouellette ('16) Coffee Hour (open) | Cheryl Turner ('17) Human Resources (Nick Daukas) | Bob McDowell ('17) Network (Janice Davis) | Bea Farlekas ('18) EVs / Pastoral Care (Judy Knowlton) | Ralph Urban ('16) | Erin Conlon ('17) | Gail Lebert ('16) |
| Acolytes (Rich Connell) | Middle School (Dan Aramini) | Art in the Abbey (Sandy Ouellette) | Stewardship (Jeanette Brown) | Building (Don Gardner) | Potluck Meals (Mary Jo Logan) | Policies & Procedures (open) | Photography (Dan Aramini) | Note Writers (Allyson Kataja, Caryl Donovan) | | | Discernment (Type Chandy, Becky Lee) |
| Ushers/Greeters (Aida Mishriky) | High School (Lisa Gleason, Sarah Shannon) | Shawl Ministry (Kay Ferris) | Planned Giving (Fred Larson) | Building/Interior Design (Sandy Ouellette) | Men's Club (Ed Crow) | Tech Support (open) | Bulletin Boards (Sandy Ouellette) | Meals (Barbara Massy, Mary Jo Logan) | | | Recruitment (Ed Crow, Clint Dixon) |
| Altar Guild (Betsey Wyman) | Adult (Erin Conlon) | | Memorials & Gifts (Joan Mihm) | | Newcomers (Anne Pate, Bob McDowell) | Friday Folders (Judy Knowlton) | Website (open) | Prayer Chain (Diane Obermesser) | | | Hospitality (Pat Goodrich, Sandy Marshall) |
| Flower Committee (Caryl Donovan) | Adult Bible Study (Clint Dixon) | | | | Friday Folders (Judy Knowlton) | | Public Relations/Publicity (open) | Healing Prayer (Judy Knowlton) | | | Prayer (Kay Ferris, Diane Obermesser) |
| Music Committee (Jim Barry) | Women of Faith (Sarah Shannon) | | | | | | Social Media (open) | Women's Spiritual Support Group (Jennifer Daukas) | | | |

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