



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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As the Journal went to press, we received the news that Andrew Shuford, beloved son of our beloved Deacon, The Rev. Sheila Shuford and Sydney Shuford, had died following a brief illness. Andrew was 43. I am mute in the face of such grief.

Rest in peace, dear Andrew.

With no comprehension and much love

Wardens' Words

WHAT A MAY FOR ST. JAMES'!

We had both a parish development dinner and our 150th Anniversary Capital Campaign kick-off dinner in our new parish hall! What a great feeling to be back in our own space. Our goal for the campaign is to add to the building fund for future mortgage payments and have some left over to finish the kitchen and possibly start Phase III. A year ago, it seemed unlikely we would even be able to begin Phase II, and yet here we are close to finishing. Things that seem impossible have a way of happening here.

The parade float was sensational! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it a reality. It was a wonderful way to remind the community (and ourselves) who we are and what we do. I'm thinking "annual event" for this one.

As we approach the summer, I look forward to the 9 o'clock combined service where we worship as one group for a few weeks. There is a warm feeling of unity and a chance to catch up with other parishioners. I wish everyone a safe and happy summer and hope you have the chance to join in some of the fun things St. James' has planned for the summer. Come share in the wonderful mix of love, faith and energy!

Dawn Modugno
Senior Warden



I LOVE PARADES. I'm not sure what I enjoy most; it might be the faces of the children along the street, watching wide-eyed at everything (and everyone) that passes. Or, maybe it's watching the proud Veterans of our military marching along, receiving well deserved applause. Or perhaps it's the bands...or the boy scouts...or the brownies...or the fire trucks. I just don't know.

But at this year's Memorial Day parade in Hackettstown, there was one more great sight to see – the large contingent from St. James'. There were banners, a great float, plenty of people and of course, Cathy sprinkling Holy water along the way. This Warden did get a "special blessing" from Cathy as she walked by. Based on the amount of water that was poured on my head, I think it was more like a Baptism! Heck, even my camera got soaked.

Thank you to everyone who participated, to those that planned and built the float, to Barb White for coordinating all the activities and to everyone that was in the parade. Great Job!

Greg Malejko
Junior Warden

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



WE ARE CELEBRATING

**150 YEARS OF
BUILDING COMMUNITY**

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE EMBRACE THE FUTURE

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, CONVERSATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009

6:30 PM POTLUCK DINNER

7:15 PROGRAM

8:30 ADJOURN

CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE

ST. JAMES' PARISH HALL

MOORE STREET

RSVP BY MONDAY, JUNE 1ST

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**PLEASE BRING A CASSEROLE, SIDE DISH, SALAD
OR DESSERT TO SHARE.**

SIGN-UP SHEET IN PARISH HALL
OR TELL US WHEN YOU RSVP

The June 3rd event returns us to the church potluck style of dinner. Each person or family brings enough to feed themselves plus four and, just like the loaves and fishes, we can feed everyone! This event will cap off our program year with fellowship and committee plans for the fall. Come share supper, drink in the wonderful results of our hard work this spring, and get ready for a time of relaxation and refreshment this summer.

Vestry Hi-Lites from the May meeting

- Gifts for our High School graduates were approved (the monies come from donations to the Spiritual Bouquet).
- Phase two of the building (upper level without the kitchen) is nearly complete. The elevator certificate is still pending but expected any day.
- An afternoon worship service and potluck/picnic/cookout is scheduled for Sunday, July 26 at 4 PM. This suggestion came out of the afternoon worship of our Dedication Service. The 9 AM service will be held as usual that day.
- The Building Use Policy has been reviewed by DJ Hoffman and David Lacouture. Following tonight's discussion and Vestry input, a draft will be prepared.
- The Vestry affirmed the Mission Strategy donations of \$500 to the Hackettstown Clergy Association for emergency needs and \$300 to the Willow Grove School special fund to assist children without means to participate in special events.



June Dates to Remember

May 31	Pentecost - Last Day of Sunday School • Celebrating our Children
June 3	Parish Development Dinner • Parish Hall 6:30 PM
June 6	Maintenance Morning • 9:00 AM - Noon
June 7	Annual Picnic • Independence Field of Dreams • 10:00 AM
June 13	Italian Night Dinner • Parish Hall • 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
June 14	Honoring our Graduates • First Communion • 10:00 AM
June 21	Honoring our Musicians • 10:00 AM
June 25	Vestry Meeting • Mitcham House • 7:30 PM
Jun 27 - July 11	Parish Administrator Vacation • Phone Messages will be checked.
June 28 - July 5	Rector's Vacation

July Dates to Remember

July 4	4th of July Fundraiser • Blairstown • Volunteers Needed
July 5	Summer Worship Begins • One Service at 9:00 AM
July 6 - 18	Rector at General Convention • Anaheim, CA
July 18	Car Wash • Shell Station

**Parish Picnic June 7
Independence Field of Dreams**
(8:00 AM service at St. James')
10:00 AM service at the park
Fully accessible,
accessible restrooms,
paved walking trail, playground,
sheltered pavilion for cooking out
and plenty of space
for fun and games!
Bring your favorite side dish
to share.
Burgers and hot dogs
and drinks provided.
DJ Hoffman is coordinating.

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Hackettstown Group Home

Spring has arrived at the Hackettstown Group Home! The May craft night was led by Eileen Malejko and Linda Miller. The women made bird feeders and bird houses. Have an idea for a craft or time to share on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm? Contact Eileen (emalejko@comcast.net). The women will be our guests at our Parish Picnic. Be sure to greet Terry, Kim and Bonnie.

EfM

You have read about EfM in the Journal: Education for Ministry, is a unique mix of guided study, genuine community, theological reflection, and transforming worship. If you want to examine your faith to find a deeper faith, consider joining our seminar group, September through May. Come to the Graduation Celebration Coffee Hour on June 14th (Barbara Olesen is our 2009 graduate!) and talk to a seminar participant about how you can enroll.

Undercover Angels

On a Sunday morning at 8:50 AM., Louise Olshan discovered that the pedal light was out again on the organ. Russ Worthington removed the bulb, gave it to Sam Olshan who went to the hardware store. He returned well before the 10:00 service and Russ placed the new bulb in the socket. Louise thanks both Russ and Sam.

If you know of a member or friend of St. James' who is an undercover angel or in the news, report it to news4stjames@comcast.net anytime!

for Alex Van Clef and Bianca Wargo

The Episcopal Church has no formal process for admitting children to Holy Communion since by our theology children can receive Communion from Baptism. Since parents are the ones who can decide the best time for their child to be ready to receive, we want to acknowledge this step in the child's life. On Sunday, June 14th, we will help Alex and Bianca celebrate this important time.

Alex is a second grade student at Liberty School in Great Meadows. He enjoys playing soccer, riding his bike, learning about all makes and models of cars, using the computer and playing with friends.

Bianca goes to Blairstown Elementary School and is in the 3rd Grade. She likes to do crafts, write stories, garden and listen to music.

Cathy

Members in the news – Bryan Rolstad

On March 12th, North Warren Regional High School participated in an FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) competition. The team did well and Bryan Rolstad took 2nd place in the Web development section. Congratulations! North Warren HS has never participated in the National competition. Bryan has registered to compete, which starts June 26th in Anaheim California. Bryan completely redid the website for the national competition and can be found at www.pulsence.com/northwarrenfbla/Newsite/fblanwr. His Grandfather will accompany Bryan. We wish them a safe trip and good luck to Bryan in the competition.

Honoring our Graduates

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they enter a new time in their lives. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come help us honor those who are celebrating transitions in life: eighth graders going to high school, high school and college graduates, and young people entering military or police service. June 14th is the date, at both the 8 AM and 10 AM services, with a special reception after the 10 AM service.

Graduates 2009

Name	Grade	School	College/Degree
Sylvia Okoye	12 th	Pope John XXIII	Wheaton College, Norton, MA
Tina Okoye	12 th	Pope John XXIII	Lehigh Univ., Bethlehem, PA
Rickey Okoye	12 th	Pope John XXIII	Seton Hall or Rutgers University
Sawyer S. Thieringer	12 th	West Morris Central HS	York College
Emily Laura	12 th	Hackettstown High School	Longwood University, VA
Christopher Stout	College	American University Washington, DC	
Rebecca Thomlinson	College	College of St. Elizabeth	Bachelor of Science in Nursing on Wednesday, April 8 th on Saturday, May 16th
Brian Pixley	Academy	Delaware State Police Academy	
David Honigsberg	US Naval Boot Camp	Great Lakes Illinois	
Justin Simmons	8 th	Hackettstown Middle School	Hackettstown High School
Kristen Carson	8 th	Hackettstown Middle School	Hackettstown High School
Sarah DiMarzo	8 th	Great Meadows Middle School	Hackettstown High School

- *Rebecca Thomlinson is the daughter of Louise Olshan*

Youth Group

Last month Youth Group hosted the Mother's Day coffee hour and had a discussion on "Anger". The topic was not related in anyway to Mother's Day! We had our last meeting/spring party on May 24th. Thank you to all attended so faithfully this year. We wish our graduating seniors: Sylvia, Tina and Ricky Okoye and Sawyer Thieringer, good luck in college next year. You will all be greatly missed. We wish everyone a happy, healthy summer.

Dawn Modugno and Lori Pursel

Puppy News

Many of you have already met Utah, our new Seeing Eye puppy. We are having a lot of fun with him. Kopper who has been gone for almost two months, passed all his tests and has been accepted for training as a guide dog. The Seeing Eye had too many dogs to train, so Kopper was gratefully received into another guide dog program. We are happy he will get to be a working dog. Thank you again for helping us support this wonderful program.

The Modugno family



Sunday School

On May 31st, another year of Sunday School concluded with an opportunity for the students to attend church and give a brief presentation about their favorite lessons from Godly Play. They were also given pins by Cathy Deats with specific years of participation. Many friendships blossomed this year at Sunday School and it has been fun and rewarding watching the children grow and learn. We wish our fifth graders Madeline Edens, Trevor Carson, Katie Graybill, Fred Cordona-Corino, and Tabitha Cordona-Corino all the best as they move on to Youth Group.

Thanks to all of the parents for supporting their children's Christian Education. And thanks for Marie Niculcea for volunteering each week in the classroom, Elizabeth DiMarzo and Lynn Bedell for subbing when needed, and to Linda Murray for administrative backup. And lastly, it's important to recognize how much Sunday School is energized by Cathy Deats' ideas for new projects and "behind the scenes" assistance.

Thanks to you all! Enjoy the summer and see you in September in our new location in the Open Doors Parish Hall.

Kathy Lacouture



School's out!

Choir News

A couple of weeks ago, we heard Jiying Zhao sing one of the solos as part of our Offertory Anthem for that Sunday. She did a wonderful job and we were so pleased that she sang. She had been battling allergies and was concerned that she wouldn't be able to sing well that day. After we were rehearsed that morning, we were complimenting Jiying on how beautiful she sounded. Jiying replied that she "was singing to Jesus". I thought that this was a perfect expression of what we do and why we do it. Yes, we enjoy each other's company, we have fun, we support each other in good times and bad, but we are about the singing, singing for Jesus. We have had a saying in the choir for quite a while now that we use when we think we'll need help pulling off a difficult anthem or when we have done a great job on an anthem we were struggling with. That saying is "Grace of God". It goes hand-in-hand with what Jiying said. It's true for the Bell Choir, too. We sing for Jesus. We ring for Jesus. It's what we do.

Pam Laura

Bell Choir "Notes"

The Bell choir returned to practice on May 24. The choir is preparing a piece for Music Appreciation Sunday, based on that wonderful and beloved hymn, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*. While the piece is not long, it has interesting rhythmic patterns. With just one rehearsal, the choir members mastered the rhythm and sailed through what I thought would be some challenging measures. Because of my travel plans and the church picnic, the choir has just one more rehearsal on June 14 before playing the piece on June 21. When you hear the piece, listen for bits and pieces of the melody which appear throughout the piece.

Louise Olshan

Thank you to the anonymous individual(s) who sent me the Mother's Day Card and gift. I was very surprised and touched by the thought and the generosity. I hope to get a manicure and a pedicure before I go on vacation in June. So everyone on the beach will be jealous of my beautiful nails and toes! I guess for now you will remain a mystery!

Linda



Fundraising News

Our Yankee candle sale was a success; we earned \$370.00. Thank you for your support.

On Saturday, June 13th, we hold our first fundraising dinner in our new space, An Italian Night Dinner. Hours will be from 5pm - 8pm and the cost is \$11.00 for adults and \$10.00 for seniors and children. I have put a sign-up sheet in the hall. If you plan to attend, please sign up there. I also have a sign-up sheet for volunteers. If you would like to help out with setting up or serving or cleaning up, please sign up. Bring a friend!

On Saturday, July 4th, we will celebrate The Spirit of Americana in Blairstown. This event is held at Footbridge Park just off Highway 94. This is a beautiful little park filled with all kinds of activities for the young and not so young. Displays include items from local farmers, artists, health and wellness groups and crafts. Children's activities include a sack race, pie eating contest, frog jumping contest and water balloon throwing contest. Food is abundant and St. James' will have lemonade and ice cream for sale.

Saturday, July 18th, we will hold a car wash at the Shell station (five corners) in Hackettstown. This event will help to support the EAM trip in August. Please bring your cars and trucks and tell your friends. We need lots of volunteers for this event.

Monday, September 21st, we have our First Annual Golf Outing planned. We will be at Minebrook golf club in Hackettstown. All the details of this event will be distributed soon. Mark your calendar and tell your friends.

Saturday, October 24th is the date for our Tricky Tray. We will be at the Budd Lake Firehouse in Budd Lake. We are always looking for volunteers for this event. If you are interested please contact someone on the fundraising committee.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support.

Barbara White

The Journal has a new look . . .

After seven years and counting, the editor decided it was definitely time to try a new look of the Journal pages. It also seemed like a good idea to place the church addresses and phone number in more places than just the last page. The editor would appreciate hearing from you about the change!

Phyllis Heistand

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What a great day!

What a turnout! Thanks to everyone who showed up to walk, roll, throw candy, hand out balloons, take pictures, carry the banner and Bless the People. We had a wonderful day, the crowd was great and there were lots of cheers and applause. The children and the youth group were wonderful and I think, I hope, they had a really good time.

What a great way to get the word out about St. James'. I have already spoken to one person who wants to attend our Italian night dinner. She saw the poster on the float. Great Stuff! Thank you, Dawn and Amy, for making those posters.

On Saturday morning, before the parade, Justin Simmons, Martha Travistino and her son Eric, Russ Worthington, Ted and Cathy Deats and the Modugno family all gathered at the Modugno's to put this together. We washed the trailer, cut plywood and 2x4's; we painted and we hung the banners. It was terrific. A special thank you to the Modugno's for finding us a trailer and a truck to pull it with on very short notice. What would we do without them!

There is already a buzz about what we can do next year, I am looking forward to it.

Thanks to everyone who participated in making this project a reality.

Barbara White



In the beginning

New banner goes up

Almost done

Here comes St. James'



St. James' loves a parade



Last minute instructions



Here we come



Throwing candy



Rockin' and Rollin'



Blessing the crowd
(Watch the water)



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With many thanks to photographer Russ Worthington for all the photos in this issue.