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Have you ever seen the tiny dolls known as worry dolls? There is a legend amongst the Highland Indian villages of Guatemala: "If you have a problem, then share it with a worry doll. Before going to bed, tell one worry to each doll, then place them beneath your pillow. While you sleep, the dolls will take your worries away!"

These days, we might need a lot of tiny worry dolls to unload our worries on before we could lay our head on the pillow. We worry about the economy and whether we will have enough resources to live.

We worry about the future of our country. Mothers worry that their children will be safe, responsible, and well adjusted. Students worry whether they will pass exams. Doctors worry whether they gave the correct diagnosis and if their patients will be cured. Patients worry whether the treatment will be effective and they will regain their health. The list of people worrying about themselves and others is endless.

And if worry is, as one person said, "the interest paid on trouble before it is due," the worried servant of Jesus' parable of the talents was maxed out. We can all sympathize with the poor guy of the parable who, when given some money to invest, was so worried that he might lose the cash that he was virtually paralyzed. So he buried it rather than buying bonds or taking a chance with the bulls and bears of the stock market. These days, his action is easy to understand.

When we hear this parable of the talents, most of us think that the servant was "unfaithful" or "lazy," just as the text says. While this is surely part of the picture, there is another way to look at the actions of the servants in this parable. Why did the one servant avoid investing his gift, while the other two invested theirs and made 100 percent profits?

Worry can inspire action or stop it cold. All three servants had a harsh master. They were all given a job to do. They all had the same investors to deal with. Two made worry work for them; the third was paralyzed by it.

Edward Hallowell, a psychiatrist and instructor at the Harvard Medical School, says, "Good worry is worry that leads to constructive action. Toxic worry does just the opposite. It paralyzes you. You brood, you ruminate, you wake up in the middle of the night. Meanwhile you don't take action." Dr. Hallowell's advice to one suffering from toxic worry is to take measures to deal with it: talk to a spouse or trusted friend or counselor; get the facts about your situation; make a plan.

As believers, we have much more at our disposal than just these normal behavioral solutions to the problem of worry. We have a loving God who wants to see us do well and to succeed with whatever he's given us to do. This means that we are willing to put worry aside and step out in faith to try new things. It means that we look outward to a world in need, and do what we can to feed hungry children, help people who suffer from disasters, and welcome the strangers in our midst. God doesn't want us to live in a world of scarcity and protect what we have; instead, he wants us to invest our time and talents and treasures in ways that multiply our effectiveness as disciples of Christ.

When we live in this risky way, we make the outrageous assumption that there's going to be a demand for every one of our talents. We step out, with confidence, believing that every God-given gift we have is going to be useful and fruitful. The challenge for us is to live by faith, and to trust that God will give us what we need for an abundant life.

May it be so for us in this day.

In the generosity of our God, *Cathy+*

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PHYLLIS HEISTAND

THE HALLOWE'EN SNOWSTORM AND A HEALTH CHALLENGE FOR PHYLLIS
DELAYED THIS ISSUE

WE PRAY FOR HEALTH, STRENGTH AND PEACE FOR PHYLLIS AND DAVE

Senior Warden's Words

Each Sunday during the Prayers of the People the names of those military personnel whose lives were lost during the previous week in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) are read aloud. As the names are read, I pray that their families and friends can find the strength to deal with the tragic loss. Since the beginning of the war 10 years ago, over 6000 U.S. families have dealt with this heartbreak.

On November 13th St James' will honor every fallen soldier during its annual Veterans Service of Remembrance. During this service, every soldier's name is read. It's a somber service that goes on for hours; last year it took eight hours to read all the names. In past years, this service began soon after the 10 AM church service ended and ran throughout the afternoon and into the evening. This year, in an effort to bring more attention and participation to the memorial service, it will begin early in the morning (at 5 AM). The reading of the names will continue up until the 8 AM service, resume between the regular church services, and then continue after the 10 AM service. In addition, the memorial will be integrated into the worship services.

Please help St. James' pay tribute to these American heroes who paid the ultimate price for our freedom by attending the memorial service.

Greg Malejko

Junior Warden's Words

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE STEEPLE? The work has been completed. The contractors did a wonderful job. It is beautiful and it is dry! You may have noticed some issues with the sidewalks along Washington and Moore Street, the grass beside the sidewalks and on the lawn. Some of the cracks in the sidewalks were already there and some were caused by the lift that was used instead of using scaffolding. Using the lift saved our gardens and the damage will soon be repaired by the contractor.

Our Murder Mystery was a huge success, a night filled with laughter and suspense, as we tried to figure out who the culprit was. Many thanks to Phyllis Heistand and Pete Huryk for the many, many hours of work they dedicated to this evening. You guys are awesome.

On November 5th, we will celebrate a decade of shared ministry with Cathy. We have a special evening planned including dinner, a guest speaker or two and maybe one or two surprises. It is sure to be a night to remember. If you have not made plans to attend and would like to, we must know by Sunday, October 30th at 5 pm. Please contact me at 908.798.0928.

Stewardship packets have been mailed. What a great job the stewardship committee did this year. The packet was filled with tons of information about how you can help St. James' continue our ministry in the community of Hackettstown. Please prayerfully consider how your talents can help you to serve God in our community. If you are unsure of how you can help, ask someone on the vestry, one of the wardens or Cathy. We will be more than happy to discuss the many opportunities that are available.

Invite a friend to church!

Barbara White

Triumph of the Tower Concert

Winds of heaven, breath of creation; winds of birth. Winds of war and winds of peace, winds of change and winds of hope. Gorgeous days and cloudy days. Warm and cold nights. People beginning their Christian journey in baptism, and the sad goodbyes for those who have joined the company of the Saints in heaven. For 150 years, St. James' steeple has experienced all of these and much more.

Imagine if our steeple, our tower, could tell the story of all the things it has experienced through the years: What would it say? How would it say it?

On Sunday, April 29, 2012, our steeple will tell its story in the "Triumph of the Tower Concert." Music and visual effects, people and history will come together to tell the story of our steeple, of our town, of our nation and of the world.

The Triumph of the Tower Concert will be an event unlike any event we have seen before; an event of colossal proportions that is hoping to attract more than 300 people to a currently undisclosed (but already secured) location.

This awe-inspiring production will not be possible without your help. This will be all-hands-on- deck effort. Please consider contributing your time and talents in this effort to raise funds to offset the cost of renovating our steeple. Help is needed in the following committees: Script and Multimedia, Program and Advertising, Hospitality, and Production.

If you would like to know more about participating in this huge event, please contact Rod Perez-Vega, David Bernauer, Pam Laura, Barbara White or Rev. Cathy.

Rod Perez-Vega

Sunday school training

I was blessed with the opportunity, this past month, to attend Teacher Resource Day - Beyond the Curriculum at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Montclair, NJ sponsored by the Christian Formation Commission.

I was impressed at how well organized the event was. I was greeted by a light breakfast and a welcome package containing a great deal of resource information. There were 5 x 7 cards laid out on a stage detailing each workshop, time of workshop and location. We each had to choose one card of each color; three altogether. I chose Implementing Curriculum, Experience Godly Play and Drama. Each workshop lasted 45 minutes.

There were approximately 15 people in each workshop. Not only were we given specific information in these workshops, but we were able to network with one another and discuss different ideas and perspectives for making Sunday school, not only educational, but fun for our children as well.

I came home feeling refreshed, renewed and enthusiastic about sharing this experience with my fellow teachers. I found these workshops to be an invaluable resource for Sunday school teachers, Youth leaders or anyone else interested in formation activities and I would highly recommend them.

Jenn Howlin

Yarn Twisters

The Yarn Twisters will continue to meet, however with the Holidays and dark nights approaching; we may want to think about meeting once a month. Please feel free to continue to knit and crochet at home as you relax between all the Holiday shopping.

The following items can be collected during the year. There is a blue plastic barrel in the Great Hall for donations:

- Unscented, Hypoallergenic Hand Lotion (2-4 oz bottles)
- Sealed Packages of Holiday Sweets
- Books or Activities like Sudoku, word searches, or playing cards
- Facial Tissue
- Microwave Popcorn
- Chewing Gum

Instead of setting dates for our next get-togethers, we can see what suits people best. If you are interested in joining the group, please call me at 908-684-3566 or email me at frlbailey1@comcast.net. We do need a few more members as some people have had to drop out for personal reasons. I would still like for us to be able to turn in a healthy number of knitted/crocheted items next year to SCI.

Thank you!

Linda Miller

Tidbits



What was the original purpose of the structure we know today as the Leaning Tower of Pisa?

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is actually the free standing bell tower of the cathedral of the city Pisa. The cathedral is right beside the tower; however, we hardly ever see the cathedral building pictured. The Leaning Tower of Pisa, or the Tower of Pisa as it is also known is a magnificent example of Romanesque Architecture used in Medieval Europe characterized by the semi-circular arches.

Rod Perez-Vega

Vestry Hi-Lites of October meeting

--The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for Vestry election. Three Vestry members, Junior Warden, One Deputy to Diocesan Convention and one alternate are needed.

--The Tower repair has been completed and paid for with some monies withheld (5%) for pending repairs to grounds.

--North Porch Ministry of the Diocese of Newark has been using St. James' space to minister to moms and infants one morning per week. This is a three-month trial to assess the need in the Hackettstown community.

Parish Life Committee

At our recent Parish Life Committee meeting we planned for our worship activities and more for the up-coming liturgical seasons. As part of these discussions we made plans for the Christmas season Giving Tree. Questions arose about this parish project and it was suggested that an article be written for the Journal to help explain how this project works and what it involves. Following are a series of questions and answers that we hope will be informative.

Q. What is the Giving Tree?

A. The Giving Tree is a metaphor for answering parents' prayers for their child at Christmas. When you take a candy cane and obtain the suggested gift, you are providing an act of love as a surrogate for a parent who is unable to, due to some economic circumstance. The focus of this act, however is not to relieve the parent, but to satisfy a child's wish at Christmas that might otherwise be unfulfilled.

Q. What is the scriptural basis for the Giving Tree?

A. There are so many, it is hard to choose, but one comes to mind: Matthew 25:40: "I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." We are taught that we should seek to see Jesus in all people and that he is the principal example of God's love and charity. We never know if he will be the beggar or the banker, but we are to minister to him, no matter what his form.

Q. What are we to do with the tags on the candy canes?

A. The candy canes symbolize St. Nicholas' Bishop's Crook. Each cane has two tags attached. The first (white) is a restatement of the directions. The second tag (colored) contains a code that identifies a child and gift, a description of the gift (item, size, color, etc.) and a second part at the fold with the gift code and a box

in which you are to write your name. This allows us to sort the present and to answer any questions you may have about a present. Place the part of the tag with your name in the red box by the Giving Tree. When you have obtained the gift, tape the longer piece on the wrapped present and place the wrapped present with the tag under the Giving Tree.

Q. Why are there Angels on the Giving Tree?

A. The Angels symbolize that someone has taken on a child's wish to fulfill it.

Q. How are the families chosen?

A. The families are chosen in confidence by school personnel who are knowledgeable of the needs of the families of the children in their school.

Q. How are the gifts selected?

A. School personnel ask parents for a variety of wishes that include clothing and toy preferences. We try to select gifts that are within a range that averages about \$20 to \$25.

Q. Are there gifts for the family/parents as well as the children?

A. Yes, we often seek gift certificates for local restaurants or the movies for the family's use. Sometimes another family need is identified by school personnel and we try to meet it

Q. How many children are involved?

A. This varies each year. We have found that our congregation can support about sixty presents. We divide this number so that each child receives the same number of presents.

Q. Other groups match a single present for a child, selecting several children, and thereby appear to widen the impact of their giving. Why do we concentrate of just two families?

A. When we initially discussed this project with the social worker at the Hackettstown School District, we brainstormed different models for giving presents to needy children. It was indeed noted that other groups did a large in-gathering and then gave one present to a number of children. As that need was being met, we decided to concentrate our effort on choosing a family who had fallen on hard times and do what we could to shower them with a level of generosity that would allow them to give their children a Christmas that they did not think they would be able to afford or accomplish. This is why we also provide food baskets for these families for their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

Q. A \$65 electronic video-game cartridge was included as a gift last year. Does a family that has a Playstation or X-Box really need this help?

A. Last year a family was given a video game player by grandparents, but they were not able to provide the actual game. We sought to fill this need by getting a game for the children to share. It is hard to know the heart of one who asks for help. However, we believe that we are called to charity as an act of Christian love, not to decide who are the most worthy. That is probably beyond our wisdom. We try to provide a selection of presents in different price ranges, averaging in the range of \$20-\$25. We notice that people often look over the candy canes before choosing a gift that they wish to get. Some parishioners have told us that they look forward to the challenge of finding just the right toy or present. We know that the givers have limits also; it is always an option for people to share a gift in order to participate.

Q. Why do the presents need to be collected at the Giving Tree more than a week before Christmas?

A. Because the families are anonymous, we rely on school personnel to distribute the presents. They must coordinate that distribution with the school's holiday recess schedule. The Giving Tree is put up at the beginning of Advent and we ask that the presents be returned before December 18th. This will allow sufficient time for the presents to be brought to school and picked up by the parent before school closes for the holiday.

The Calling Committee

THE CALLING COMMITTEE is at work bringing our database up to date, and we thank you for your help! At the same time, they have great information about our various ministries and ways to serve St. James'. You have already received the printed information about what kinds of talent and time we need (as part of your stewardship packet). So take advantage of a real person to ask for more details or clarification. If they do not have the answer, they can connect you with the right person. We thank our callers for their time spent learning the database and activities, and for making time to speak with each of you. Please help them complete their work by November 30.

Thank you for helping us to continue our next 150 years of building community!

Calling Committee: David Bernauer, Ron Cipriani, Dave Handville, David Jenkins, Pam Laura, Dan Miller, Brian Nolan, Chika Okoye, Peg Pfaff, Roy Smith and Helen Wise

Maintenance Morning

MAINTENANCE MORNING Saturday, October 15 found workers all around the church, parish hall, Mitcham House and grounds. Maintenance leader Dave Handville supervised the yard work, painting, cleaning out refrigerators, cleaning roof drains, changing filters in heating units, miscellaneous repairs, and several other tasks. Perhaps the most momentous work was to remove the front pew to allow easy wheelchair and walker access to worshippers. There was a collective smacking of heads as we said, "what took us so long?" followed by "thanks be to God!"

Our thanks to the workers: Dave Handville, David Bernauer, Rod Perez-Vega, Linda Ayres, Linda DeLoreto, Nick DeLoreto, Dawn Modugno, Carol Novrit, Richard Ames, Barbara Olesen and Cathy Deats.

Community Hymn Sing

ON THE EVENING OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, at 7:00 pm, Gethsemane Lutheran Church has invited the community churches to join in an old-fashioned hymn sing! Each group will bring music and skill, and will lead the congregation (all those who attend, and all are welcome) in singing.

Plans are still in the works, and our choir and bell choir are making preparations to be there, joining Trinity UMC and First Presbyterian. Gethsemane will serve refreshments afterward. Join us there or request a ride (stjames214@comcast.net 908.852.3968)

Acolyte and LEM Training and Review

Sunday, December 4th – 12 noon to 2:00 pm. Here is an opportunity to serve for folks who want to participate in liturgy on Sunday: Join our seasoned acolytes and LEMS (Lay Eucharistic Ministers) for our regular refresher training and be introduced to these ministries.

We are inviting children in fourth grade and up (some flexibility in age/grade) to begin as *Junior Acolytes*. The children would start out as crucifers carrying the smaller wooden cross, and as they become more comfortable being on the Altar throughout the service we will train them for some more duties of an acolyte.

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS serve at services of worship, both at regular Sunday liturgy at St. James' and in our community. They may read lessons, lead prayers and assist at the altar during Sunday liturgy, or lead public worship, such as the Thursday night chapel service or Sunday afternoon chapel service at The House of the Good Shepherd. Others, *Lay Eucharistic Visitors*, bring Holy Communion to those who cannot come to church.

The training is from noon to 2 pm, and Junior Acolytes need to be present from noon to 1 pm. Please respond to the church office stjames214@comcast.net so that you can receive all the details of the day. You may also speak to Cathy or Barbara White with additional questions.

Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship

THANKSGIVING EVE COMMUNITY WORSHIP led by local clergy, begins at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, **November 23rd**. The Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Mary's) will host the annual Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical service for Hackettstown and the surrounding area. This is an opportunity to stop in the midst of holiday preparation and give thanks to God for the blessings which we will enjoy the next day: food, friends and family (and football!).

Backpack Program Honors Volunteers

OUR BACKPACK PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS were honored on Sunday, October 16 by United Way Chief Professional Officer Sarah Brelvi. 96 grocery bags hung from the balcony and walls of the sanctuary, representing the 96 children fed in the program during the summer of 2011. Brelvi hosted a delicious reception (bagels from Hot Bagels Abroad, one of the Backpack Program's donors!) and gave certificates to volunteers. Justin Simmons eloquently described his experience delivering food to a home where the only items in the pantry were from the Backpack Program.

SPEAKING OF FOOD, St. James' supports the Lord's Pantry at Trinity UMC. With our focus on the summer Backpack Program, our donations to them did suffer. Holiday season is now upon us, so you will have an opportunity to take home a grocery bag and fill it with foods suggested for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. These bags are delivered to families in need in Hackettstown. Please remember the food pantry too; the need for food is great, so please keep the Lord's Pantry on your shopping list, and bring the food to St. James'. Faithful worker Richard Ames regularly delivers the food to Trinity.

St. James' paused just briefly to thank everyone. Our school year program, which operates weekly, is serving 62 children and growing.

Healing Service in Honor of St. Luke the Physician

The liturgies on October 16th were services of healing. The clergy and members of the Prayer Ministry prayed with those who came to the chapel or altar with the desire for healing of all kinds: body, mind and spirit. The Prayer Ministry members pray each day all year round for the needs brought to them by the people and clergy of St. James'. Their ministry also supports the work of our community as they pray for various ministries, meetings and issues. This annual honoring of "Dr. Luke" helps us to pause in our busy lives and pray to be open to the healing presence of God. We also give thanks for the Prayer Ministry of St. James' and leader Phyllis Heistand.

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THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE is wrapping up the year with a blast of fundraisers. Roberta Brandt will offer Longaberger products for sale on November 6th and November 20th. These are great products and make wonderful gifts for any occasion. Roberta donates a portion of her commission to the fundraising effort at St. James'. She has a beautiful display of items and she tells me that some of these items are obsolete and could prove to be a rare find. Be sure to check them out these two Sundays.

We are also running a See's Candy sale and the Innisbrook Sale. Catalogs will be available in the parish hall. The last Fundraiser of the year will be the Christmas flowers and decorations sale. This will be similar to last year's sale of poinsettias, pine roping and wreaths. Keep an eye out for these details in the bulletin.

The fundraising committee appreciates and thanks you for all your support, your generosity in supporting the many events throughout the year makes our efforts successful and contributes many thousands of dollars to the general fund.

Please visit the St. James' website and under "How we finance ministry" check out the list of contributors to our tricky tray. Please while visiting these businesses thank them and let them know we appreciate their support.

Barbara White

Senior Choir "Notes"

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THANKSGIVING and the beginning of Advent. I love Advent, personally, for its atmosphere of anticipation and reflection and its lovely music. We have some really nice pieces selected for our Advent Lessons & Carols service and for Christmas Eve. We will be singing a new version of "There's a Voice in the Wilderness" as our anthem for Lessons & Carols. This version is a strong and rhythmical tune with a slightly jazzy accompaniment. Our Christmas Eve piece, "Winds through the Olive Trees" is a lullaby to the baby Jesus. Now, all that's missing is YOU and you can come to our new rehearsal time, 8:30am on Sunday mornings in the Mitcham House.

Our first rehearsal on our new day and time was Sunday, Oct. 23, and while we had no new singers, Penn Pixley was able to join us for rehearsal, something he usually couldn't do on Thursday evenings! We're hoping that some more of you will also find that this new time allows you to remember, you don't have to process or robe (unless you want to) and can sit with your family until it's time to sing the anthem.

If it makes new singers more comfortable, we can sing our anthems upstairs in the loft rather than down in front of the entire congregation. We'll go with whatever makes everyone comfortable! You can join us just for the Lessons and Carols Service and/or for one of the Christmas Eve services (7pm or 11pm) or both Christmas Eve services. The more voices we have, the greater flexibility we have in allowing singers to just sing at one of the Christmas Eve services without reducing the sound and numbers to something unworkable.

Pam Laura, Music Director

Youth Choir "Notes"

Youth Choir began rehearsals for their Advent/Christmas song three weeks ago. They have already learned the whole tune and words! These young singers are very quick learners! When Sunday School resumes, after their Halloween party and then Family Sunday, we will begin learning our signs. This year's song is "How Lovely shines the Morning Star".

The Youth Choir has been invited back to sing at this year's Story of the Nativity through the Arts program hosted by the Port Morris United Methodist Church. The program is on Dec. 4, 2011, at 5:00 PM. We will gather the kids at 4:30 to rehearse in that place so they feel comfortable there. They will sing their Advent/Christmas song there. They will also sing at our own Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24 at 4:30 PM.

Pam Laura, Music Director

Bell Choir "Notes"

WHERE ARE THE BELLS? The St. James' Multi-Generational Bell Choir will be participating in the 10:00 worship service on November 20. The bells will be playing a medley of *The Ash Grove*, *Wie Lieblich ist der Maien* and *We Gather Together*. That same evening the bell choir may be participating in the Hackettstown "Hymn Sing" being organized by Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The hymn sing will begin at 7:00 PM. Why not join with area church members and the St. James Bell Choir at this first-ever event?

The Bell Choir will also be participating in the 10:00 worship service on December 4, playing a piece based on *People, Look East*. At 5:00 PM that same day, the Bell Choir will be participating in the Annual Christmas through the Arts Program at Port Morris United Methodist Church. The Youth Choir and the St. James' Players will also be participating in this popular event. Put this on your calendar and take time in the busy Advent season to relax and focus on the true reason for the season.

On December 11, the Bell Choir will again be part of the Lessons and Carols Service at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Montclair. This service will also begin at 5:00 and offers a chance to hear lessons from the scriptures foretelling the birth of Christ and God's love for His people. There are always beautiful choir anthems and wonderful congregational hymns along with fantastic organ music at this program. Again, I hope that members of St. James' will attend this service. It is followed by a delicious soup supper!

The Bell Choir welcomed another new ringer, Drew Lacouture. We are happy to have him join us. One of our new members, who joined in September, told me the other day, “This is fun!” That comment really made my day, week and month! I try to make rehearsals enjoyable. I have been selecting music that can be learned fairly easily by the choir so that members are comfortable when playing. My philosophy is, the Bell Choir should be fun, while we hopefully add to the worship experience at church and the other venues where we ring.

Louise Olshan, Director, Bell Choir

All Saints' Sunday

Many days in our church calendar honor a particular saint, but All Saints' Day is when the church honors all saints, known and unknown. It can be compared to Veterans Day or Presidents Day, which honors many people on one day. The whole concept of All Saints Day is tied in with the concept of the *Communion of Saints*, the belief that all of God's people, in heaven and on earth are connected in communion with each other.

November 6 is All Saints' Sunday, and we will add to our celebration of being members in the communion of saints a celebration of the life of Robert Ayres. Bob's ashes will be inurned in our columbarium immediately following the 10 AM service. Many at St. James' will remember Bob as an energetic member of this community, having been an organizer of “Music on Moore Street,” a Lay Eucharistic Minister and Lector, Choir Member, and being on hand to help whenever there was a need. Bob died in 1999 before our columbarium was built.

Bowling

Get ready for another great evening of bowling, pizza and fun at Oakwood Lanes, 234 State Route 31 N, in Washington! Scott Carson is once again hosting a great evening out for everyone, no matter what your skill level. Sign up at stjames214@comcast.net or on the signup sheet in the Great Hall. Saturday, November 19, the festivities begin at 5:00 pm. \$15 covers two games, pizza, beverages and gratuity - shoe rental is extra. Contact Scott Carson for more information: 908.850.5857.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee for elected offices at St. James' is the Rector (Cathy Deats), Wardens (Greg Malejko and Barbara White), and outgoing Vestry members (Ron Cipriani, DJ Hoffman and Paula Van Clef). They will meet in November to propose names for elections to Vestry (3), Junior Warden, and regular and alternate Deputies to Diocesan Convention. Please speak to any one of these members to suggest a name, including your own. Vestry service is challenging and very rewarding; all kinds of skills are useful to Vestry service.

Advent is Coming!

Advent is *coming* – soon it will be here.

Advent is *coming* – *coming* is what *advent* means.

It also means a time of quiet preparation for the incarnation, something which is challenging in a world whose focus is on preparing for the Christmas holiday season. Each year I look forward to the calming blue color, the quieter liturgy, the minor key which characterizes advent music and emphasizes the time of mystery. Even the calendar cooperates to slow things down: after our four Sundays in Advent, there are five full days before Christmas Eve!

Join us every day or some days as we enter into the season of Advent with daily evening prayer, Monday through Friday in the chapel at 6:30 pm, November 28 through December 23rd.

November Dates to Remember

Sunday, November 6	All Saints' Sunday / Pledge Cards Due / Family Breakfast
Sunday, November 13	Veteran's Day Service of Remembrance
Sunday, November 20	Return Thanksgiving food bags with groceries Gethsemane Lutheran Church – Hymn Sing - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, November 23	Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service – 7:30 PM - St. Mary's Church, Host
Sunday, November 27	Giving Tree goes up

Mark your December Calendars: **Sunday, December 4 Acolyte and LEM Training – 12 noon to 2 PM**
Sunday, December 4 Christmas through the Arts, Port Morris UMC, 5 PM

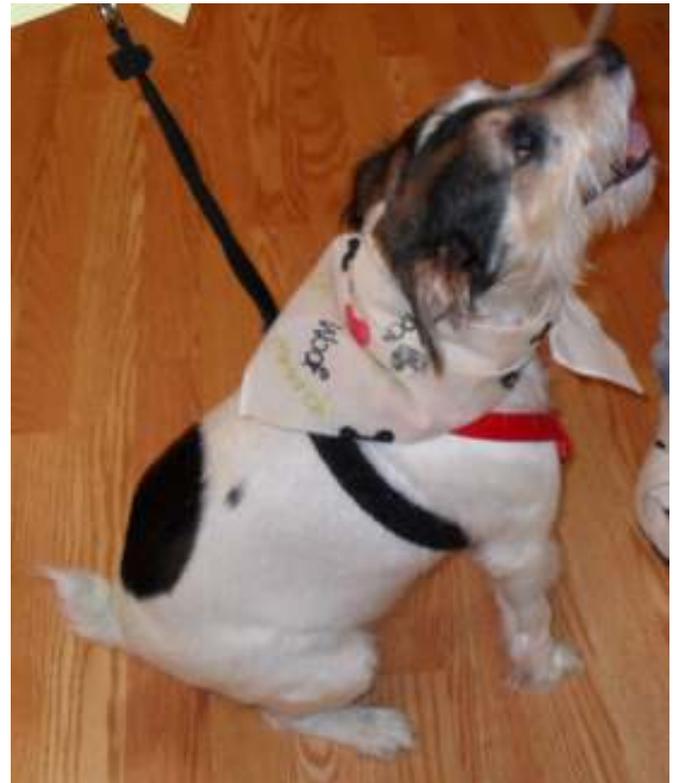


DAVE HEISTAND AND MACEY



ROD PEREZ-VEGA AND EMMETT

MELISSA, LILY AND AMELIA VITALOS WITH BLESSED KITTIES!



MAINTENANCE MORNING



DAVID BERNAUER



LEADER DAVE HANDVILLE

NICHOLAS DELORETO



ROD PEREZ-VEGA



THE SENIOR CHOIR
Pam Laura, Director
Wendie Germain
Helen Wise
Penn Pixley
David Bernauer



ED MODUGNO, LECTOR



FEAST OF ST. LUKE HEALING SERVICE



BACKPACKS IN CHURCH
Photos: Brian Nolan



UNITED WAY'S SARAH BREVI
HONORS BACKPACK VOLUNTEERS

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*8th Annual
Christmas through the Arts
Port Morris United Methodist Church
December 4, 2011 at 5:00 PM*

NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST 8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00 AM Sunday School HALLOWE'EN PARTY 11:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal	31 CHURCH OFFICE OPEN 9 AM TO 1 PM 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center	1 CHURCH OFFICE OPEN 9 AM TO 1 PM 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center 10:00 AM Literacy Tutoring 7:00 PM EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)	2 CHURCH OFFICE OPEN 9 AM TO 1 PM 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center 10:00 AM Literacy Tutoring	3 CHURCH OFFICE OPEN 9 AM TO 1 PM 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center 10:00 AM Literacy Tutoring 7:00 PM Chapel Service	4 CHURCH OFFICE OPEN 9 AM TO 1 PM 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center	5 5:30 PM CELEBRATION OF TEN YEARS DINNER
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