



# ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

THE REV. DR. CATHY L. DEATS, RECTOR

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I have a sign language book that my friend Betsy Smylie gave me when I joined with her to teach deaf children in the St. Peter's Bible Club in Mountain Lakes more than twenty years ago. It's not a very unique or special book; you can buy it in any bookstore or at amazon.com. But this book is special because Betsy gave it to me.

Betsy was a priest in this Diocese in 1985. I met her at St. Peter's in Mountain Lakes when I was an interpreter there. Betsy had married her husband John while a seminary student in Cambridge. They soon had a daughter, Shemaliah, and several years later a son, Nathan. Nathan was born deaf and Betsy was at first despondent, and then angry. She knew nothing about hearing loss and so she continued to ask God what she was to do to make the best choices for Nathan and her family. As Betsy embarked on a journey to find the best way to help him, she heard conflicting advice: train him in the oral method, do not let him learn sign language because that will retard his language development; use sign language to communicate; he will learn English, but probably not as well as a hearing child. Get him in an early intervention program; learn sign language yourself. It was a difficult and confusing time for Betsy and her family. She continued to ask God what to do and then to listen for whatever answer God might provide. She became more and more sure that the answer was communication. Betsy could not face not being able to communicate with her son. So she began to learn sign language, along with Nathan, beginning when he was nine months old.

And so when I was asking God about answering a call to the priesthood from my teenage years, who better to talk to than Betsy, who was so connected to God and so sure God was there to guide her. I spent a lot of time with Betsy, learning from her about her faith and my own. She was a

wonderful mentor: gentle or insistent, as needed; a true listener; a person with a down to earth faith which infused her life as easily as breath infused her body. I will always remember her response to my questioning my call: she said, "You don't need to push it. You don't need to know for sure. If it is a true call, and you are listening, it will not go away. It will become louder and more insistent until you follow it through."

And that is why I love the sign language book Betsy gave me. Each time I see it or open it, I think of Betsy. I think of her whenever I am challenged in my call to serve God, whether that call is as a mother or wife, as a priest or friend. I hear my mentor's words. And I think of Elijah.

Elijah was one of the great prophets in the history of Israel. His ministry during the 9<sup>th</sup> century BCE set the standard for all prophets who would come after him. Even Jesus was compared to him in the gospels. So familiar was Elijah to the people of Israel that, generations after his ministry, the disciples of Jesus recognized him alongside Moses and Jesus at the transfiguration.

Even so, Elijah, like most famous people, had his down moments as well. He ran from his call in fear more than once. But regardless of his shortcomings, he was passionate in his ministry. When his work and his life on earth were nearly finished, he is traveling with his apprentice, Elisha to Jericho. Once they cross the Jordan (whose waters Elijah parts with his rolled up mantle), he turns to Elisha, and grants the apprentice a request — "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." It would have been easy for Elijah to simply enjoy his coming reward, and allow his understudy to fend for himself, but he chooses instead to make his final act in this life all about passing on his mantle to the one who would carry the work forward.



## **Fundraising Report**

The St. James' FRC meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month in the Mitcham House. Dates for the remainder of the year are: July 10, August 14, Sept 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11.

Car Wash-The EAM carwash on June 22<sup>nd</sup> (rescheduled due to rain) raised \$432 for the Episcopal Appalachian Trip. Thanks to all who stopped by or contributed!

Scrip Pro-The gift card fundraiser continues to do well, raising approximately \$60 per month without a lot of work. Please continue to support this project as you are able by purchasing gift cards from major retailers for gifts and everyday use. Everyone needs gas!

Tricky Tray-Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tricky Tray is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Budd Lake Firehouse. You will be receiving a letter soon from the FRC with details. Think about ways you can help, whether it is a donation (basket or monetary), planning, soliciting local merchants, or helping to set up prior to or the day of the event. As we get closer to the date of the Tricky Tray, our meetings are more frequent, so let us know if you want to be notified.

Thank you for your continued support in all Fundraising efforts! We help to financially support the mission and ministry of St. James' Episcopal Church!

## **Vestry Hi-Lites From the June Meeting**

- ✦ Vestry approved the installation of solar panels for stewardship of the environment as well as projected realized savings of \$35,000 over 20 years
- ✦ Vestry approved the contract of Cro-International to replace Yankee gutter system on the church. This work is supported 50% by a grant from the Ward J. Herbert Fund of the Diocese of Newark.
- ✦ Plans for education for the fall include continued EFM class, Saturday morning Bible Study, and Theology and a Cold Drink returns for summer beginning July 11
- ✦ Finance Committee will meet July 2 to continue work on computer conversion, financial reports and job descriptions for finance team



## **THEOLOGY AND A COLD DRINK**



### **Our Human Vocation – Stewardship of Creation**

In our present day and age it is almost impossible to watch a newscast, read a newspaper or the internet without encountering one or more articles about energy, alternative energy resources, global warming, and so many other issues related to the environment.

Our environment has limited resources and we are constantly demanding more and more of it. Pollution, indiscriminate logging, and global warming are just some of the issues we hear about. Regardless of the political discourse and ideology surrounding these issues, to every human being and particularly to Christians of any denomination, the stewardship of creation is an essential part of our human vocation.

St. James' annual summer series Theology and Cold Drink will focus this year on The Stewardship of Creation. Every Thursday evening between July 11, 2013 and August 29, 2013 at 7 pm., we will be gathering in the Great Hall to explore how Scripture guides and encourages Christians to live in this essential part of our humanity; the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer reminds us that we constantly fall short of and have betrayed God's trust in our exercise of the power to rule the Creation that God gave us.

Come join us for Theology and a Cold Drink – Stewardship of Creation : Our Human Vocation – Thursdays at 7 p.m., starting July 11, 2013 in St. James' Great Hall.



### **MAINTENANCE MORNING**

With Pete Gartelmann at the helm and Phyllis Bartkus coordinating the gardening efforts, many projects were accomplished: serious weeding, installation of the Mitcham House storm/screen door, air conditioners, and planning for larger projects. Thanks to all who took part!

## **St. James' Breakfast Club**

From Genesis to Revelation – Journey

To the Depths of our Origins.

As I write this article, our nation commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg; Michelle is watching a History Channel program recounting the history of the battle. Most of the story being told is from a third hand perspective. I hear experts providing analysis, opinions and conclusions handed out to the audience in a nice and neat package that includes the final outcome of the battle. I can sense that the story being told, with names like Cemetery Ridge, Pickett's Charge, or Jenny Wade deepen our connection to the time, the place and the tradition. But what really impressed me about this particular show, is that every so often, they included firsthand accounts and perspectives from a

Confederate Private, and from the Union Lieutenant who held the Confederate charge at Cemetery Ridge. One can't help but wonder what would it have been like to be there at the time history was being written. Following that same train of thought, I ask myself if you have ever wondered what things would have looked like for a young child to growing up at the beginning of the first century in what we know today as Israel. What stories about his nation, his ancestors, about battles would he have heard? What socio-religious-historical story did this child receive and became part of his tradition, his thoughts, his world-view and his speech?

Become a member of St. James' Breakfast Club and discover the answer to those questions, as we enter into a year-long journey exploring the Holy Bible from the socio-historical-geopolitical and religious perspective.

St. James' Breakfast club will gather every Saturday morning starting in September (detail dates to follow) from 8:30 to 10:00 am to undertake this journey. Participants will be asked to read and prepare for each section. The journey will be divided into stand-alone segments which allow a person to

participate in the complete year-long study or only on those topics that interest them.

Our first series is titled: - Into the Wilderness – Exodus-A six part series into the event that defined the People of Israel. Participants will be required

to read the following texts from the Holy Bible:

First session - Growing up in Pharaoh's Court -

Exodus 1 to 4; Second session - The Exodus from

Egypt - Exodus 5 to 12; Third Session - The Red

Sea - Exodus 13:1 to 15:21; Fourth Session- Into

the Wilderness - Exodus 15:22 to 18:27; Fifth

Session - At Mt. Sinai - Exodus 19 to 24; Sixth

session - The Golden Calf - Exodus 25 to 34.

We will require a minimum of ten participants to sign up in order for these sessions to be viable.

Participants will be encouraged to attend all of the sessions related to a specific topic. Sign up sheet will be available in the Great Hall.

*Rod Perez-Vega*



### **Education for Ministry**

EFM class is now forming for September – we need you to know *NOW* because we need time to form our group and get materials, all new this year. The class meets on Tuesday nights, September through May, from 7 PM to 9:30 PM. What exactly do we do in EFM? We dig deeper into the Christian faith, studying the Bible, Church history and theological ideas and reflect on connecting faith with life experiences. Please see Cathy Deats or Eileen Malejko to enroll, or speak to any student: Claudia Scala, Linda DeLoreto, Linda Ayres, Peg Faust, or Carol Novrit.

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## ST. ALBAN'S YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Do you remember last year when a group of teens and adults from St. Alban's (Oakland / Franklin Lakes) came to paint the church? It had to be the hottest days of the year, and they did an awesome job on their mission trip. They are coming back! This year, on July 16<sup>th</sup>, they will return to us – this time, doing the shopping for the Summer Backpack Program. Our thanks to the creative Rector, The Rev. Kathryn King, whose idea it was that their youth serve mission locally in our Diocese. The teens stay at Crossroads Camp (in Califon), and participate in several mission opportunities in the week they are there. Please feel free to come by and meet these great young people and their leaders on the 16<sup>th</sup>! We would also love an offer for pizza or subs on that day – please contact Cathy if you want to offer that. [cathydeats@comcast.net](mailto:cathydeats@comcast.net)

***"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."***

***Luke 8:39***

## PARISH PICNIC

What a great day for a picnic! God's glorious creation surrounded us and the weather was perfect. We really **celebrated** the Eucharist, with guitarists Pam Laura and David Olesen leading the music and DJ Hoffman and David Lacouture manning the grill. Incredible picnic dishes were shared – YUM! We were surprised by a visit from Cathy's former "boss," The Rev. Ken Near, currently Rector of St. Matthias' Church in Montreal. He and his family found us by the sign in front of the church: **WORSHIP SUNDAY 10 AM AT FIELD OF DREAMS.** Not knowing where Field of Dreams was (or even what it was!), they asked a passerby, who directed them to us!



## DEAF MINISTRY



On June 20 I was mesmerized by the TV news. I watched it four times. The attraction was a baby boy of about two named Grayson. The news was about Grayson's new implant. This is not the cochlear implant which has become fairly common in young children. Cochlear implants help correct nerve damage. Grayson was born without nerves in his ears. He received an implant to his brain stem. For those who may have missed the news, I will rerun it. Grayson is sitting calmly on his father's lap looking directly into the camera. Suddenly he is startled and throws up his arms. He signs "voice". Then he signs "voice" at his ear. He is saying "I hear a voice"! He turns to look at his father. His father signs "my voice" and then says "Daddy loves you". The TV commentator is explaining as this unfolds. I was delighted to see the baby and dad signing. The closed captions did not explain the signs on the channel I watched. Later in the day a hearing friend said that when they saw it the signs were explained. During the brief hours of my ignorance I felt I was a member of Grayson's inner circle of communication. Each time I watched I was touched by some new aspect of the thrill of hearing. I was touched by the determination of the medical world and his parents. I was especially touched that Grayson already had excellent sign language communication and so did his parents. I had a clear sensation of God's love radiating from my TV set.

Sheila Shuford, Deacon.

To see the video go to:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhC\\_By9GMv0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhC_By9GMv0)

### Prophet

Just as the world needs people to live Christ-like lives, so it needs people to live John-like lives: people full of insight who can see clearly the person and work of God moving about the world, and in seeing proclaim and in proclaiming point to those moments of God which go unnoticed by so many, so often.

-Br. James Koester

[Society of Saint John the Evangelist](#)

# WE FEED PEOPLE!



The summer is here and the backpack program has started with a bang: 194 children for our first GIVE! We are blessed again to have the support of the community and local businesses. This year we are

working with Weis Market for our purchased groceries. They have been very generous with pricing, offering discounts, gifts and competitive price matching. Valley Bagel and Hot Bagels Abroad have been faithful supporters every year and are donating fresh bagels again this year. Philly Pretzel is a new donator and the pretzels were a big hit with the children. It is still early for our local farms but Tranquility Farms has agreed to donate when their crops come in. Fulton Bank has again provided us with fabric shopping bags.

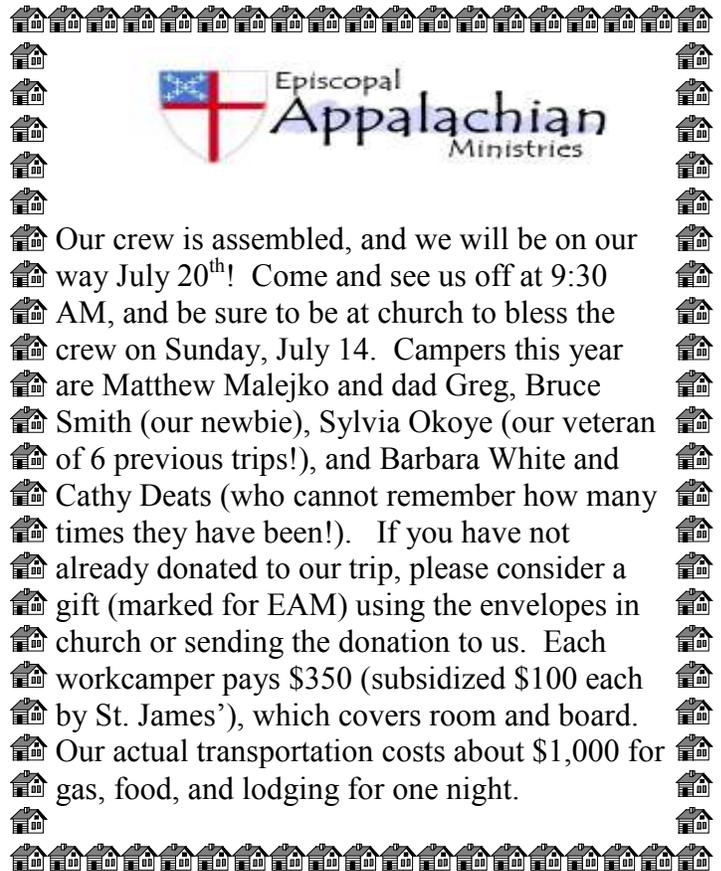
We have many volunteers for SHOP, PACK and GIVE and we welcome everyone to help with these fun events. We need more help with fund raising/food raising. We are in a tight position this year with increasing enrollment and decreasing donations. This year's program is scheduled to run for seven GIVE events, yet we are only funded through three. Please contact Linda DeLoreto if you would like to be on the fund raising/food raising team. [Linda.deloreto@gmail.com](mailto:Linda.deloreto@gmail.com) or 908 684 4433.



The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats accepting the United Way donation for the Summer Backpack Program from Sarah Brelvi.

## Journal Deadline

SEPTEMBER EDITION:  
August 25



Our crew is assembled, and we will be on our way July 20<sup>th</sup>! Come and see us off at 9:30 AM, and be sure to be at church to bless the crew on Sunday, July 14. Campers this year are Matthew Malejko and dad Greg, Bruce Smith (our newbie), Sylvia Okoye (our veteran of 6 previous trips!), and Barbara White and Cathy Deats (who cannot remember how many times they have been!). If you have not already donated to our trip, please consider a gift (marked for EAM) using the envelopes in church or sending the donation to us. Each workcamper pays \$350 (subsidized \$100 each by St. James'), which covers room and board. Our actual transportation costs about \$1,000 for gas, food, and lodging for one night.



Sheila Shuford felt called to be a deacon when there was no diaconal process in the Diocese of Newark. She persisted, and when The Rt. Rev. John Palmer (Jack) Croneberger became Diocesan Bishop (2000), she had the first appointment of his episcopacy to

ask to be admitted to the process for ordination. I was her interpreter at that conference, and I thank God that Jack promised he would begin a diaconal program and that Sheila would be considered. Sheila was ordained in 2006, and spent more than a year before that time here at St. James' as part of her formation. In her seven years with us as The Rev. Sheila Shuford, we have become formed into a community of true concern for and service to the needs of our world, many of which are hidden. We bless you Sheila, for your gifts to us: animated reading of the gospel, refusal to allow anyone to be left out of worship, faithfulness to mission, and a most joyous sense of humor!

Cathy

# TRANSITIONS.....

## REMEMBERING.....

### Elizabeth Stettler Walker Gurney

June 8, 1918 – June 11, 2013

Elizabeth Stettler Walker Gurney, 95, died peacefully in her sleep on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Heath Village, Hackettstown, NJ. A life-long resident of Morris County, NJ, and until 1995, of Chatham, she is survived by her daughter Martha Walker Jones (Mark) of Cherryville, PA and her son Charles Derek Walker (Sissy) of Alexandria, VA.



Her five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren have fond memories of their “Nan.” Her core values comprised a close-knit family, a kind, generous, and inclusive spirit, and a sense of integrity directed by a strong moral and ethical compass. These traits and her fun-loving, quick-witted demeanor will live on as her legacy.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Charlie and Elsie Stettler of Chatham and was educated in the Chatham school system, Wheaton College, Norton, MA and NJ State Teachers College. She taught elementary school and music classes in the Chatham and Livingston public school systems for many years.

She was predeceased by Alan Banham Walker of Cambridge, England who died in 1980 after 34 years of happy marriage. She later married Lester Gurney III in 1995 prior to leaving Chatham and moving to Heath Village. After 16 happy years, Lester died in 2011. Mary Stettler Bethune, her loving sister, predeceased her in 2012.

Elizabeth was an active Episcopal churchwoman and served faithfully on the Altar Guild at St. Paul’s, Chatham, at St. James’, Hackettstown, and at the Heath Village chapel. She displayed musical talents throughout her life and shared her gifts at the piano and organ, and on the violin and handbells. Additionally, she was a chorister in her adult life singing in her church choir and local oratorio societies.

A great joy for her was organizing family vacation trips. These included canal boating on the Erie Canal, a family heritage trip to Europe, a family cruise, hot air ballooning, and other memorable events.

*Memorial gifts can be made in Elizabeth’s name to The Friendship Fund, Heath Village, Hackettstown, NJ, 07840 and to St. James’ Church, Hackettstown.*

### Fr. Sickles and the 10 Commandments

In the June 10, 2013 edition of “The Hackettstown News” Fr. Clarence Sickles was interviewed by Jane Primerano about his book, The New Ten Commandments with an Account of the Historical Development of the Mosaic Decalogue. Fr. Sickles points out that there are two versions of the tablets Moses brought down from Mount Sinai. His research into this subject started because of the lack of courses in seminary.

Fr. Sickles wrote his own contemporary version:

- I. Honor the source of creation
- II. Perform by high standards
- III. Keep promises and agreements
- IV. Plan time for recreation
- V. Obey sound authority
- VI. Protect others from hurt and harm
- VII. Live a moral and healthful life
- VIII. Safeguard the property of others
- IX. Practice honesty and justice
- X. Be content with what you have

Fr. Sickles has also written a children’s book, The Happy Christmas Tree and is working on a 2<sup>nd</sup> children’s book. In addition, he is researching a book on the Trinity.

To read the entire article, go to the link below:

<http://www.mypaperonline.com/?p=4095>



### Congratulations Peg!

Peg Faust, EFM graduate, receives her certificate from The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats.

# TRANSITIONS.....

**From Meg Critchley,**

## **Altar Guild Directress**

I first became acquainted with Elizabeth Gurney when I was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week Altar Guild team. Over the phone we exchanged pleasantries and agreed to meet at 9:30 AM on our appointed Saturday. Although I arrived promptly at the designated time, Elizabeth was already in the sacristy hard at work polishing the brass clad in her altar guild uniform – a blue flowered cobbler’s apron and yellow Playtex gloves.

Having filled in when needed during the previous year, I was not a total neophyte to altar guild tasks. But Elizabeth took her job as mentor seriously and gave me a crash course in Altar Guild 101. I learned how to polish the offertory plates and vases, trim the candle wicks, set out the books, properly wash and iron the linens, and prepare the altar for the Eucharistic service...all that very first morning!

In her own special way, Elizabeth endeavored to make certain that I appreciated the seriousness of our duties. Before we left the Church, she scanned the sanctuary to make sure everything was in order. Turning to me she asked, “Did you put out the celery and the olives?” Thoroughly bewildered I envisioned myself dashing to Shop-Rite to pick up these condiments when I saw Elizabeth’s eyes twinkling. “After all, the Eucharist is a meal for our family.”

Elizabeth took the ministry of Altar Guild very seriously. This was never more evident than when we had “issues” with one of the LEMs who was also a member of Altar Guild. It was after a particular 8AM service; Elizabeth and I were making our way to the sacristy to reset the altar, schmoozing with other 8 o’clockers as we went. To our surprise and shock, this certain individual had already cleaned up and reset, leaving us only to fill and place the water glasses by the chairs in the sanctuary. We looked at each other in disbelief and annoyance.... this was our responsibility and our job had been usurped!

When the same circumstances presented again, Elizabeth and I bolted for the sacristy when “Go in peace” was barely out of the deacon’s mouth – practically knocking over other worshippers in our haste. The same person was there but had only just begun to reset the altar. Elizabeth’s eyes flashed as she removed the chalice from his hands. Her voice was clear and firm. “When you see the altar guild

team in Church and you insist on setting up yourself, you deny us of continuing to worship and serve.” We never had that problem again.

I went to work at Heath Village in the Health Care Unit in 2004. Often I ran into Elizabeth as she played the piano for Sunday vesper services and often visited the residents. I came to appreciate her good humor and cherish her wisdom; she was loved and valued by all who knew her.

Both Lester and Elizabeth developed some health issues as the years went by. When neither one could drive safely, Elizabeth resigned from altar guild, and they began to ride the Heath Village bus to 10 AM services. They gave up their apartment by the pool and downsized to a smaller one that was closer to the Main building so they could have meals in the dining room or café.

Then the day came when I admitted them both to Health Care. Lester had heart issues and Elizabeth could not stay in the apartment without her caregiver. So they shared Room 6 in Health Care, taking meals together, reading the newspaper, fussing over each other, and just being a devoted married couple.

Although Lester had a pacemaker implanted, he continued to decline. In the early morning hours just before Christmas, we woke Elizabeth, quickly dressed her, and placed her in her wheelchair beside his bed. She held Lester’s hand until he quietly passed away. Over the next year and a half, nothing much changed for Elizabeth. She walked to meals with assistance, was able to do some of her personal care, had her hair done every week, and was surrounded by her family and friends. Always eager to hear the news from St James’, Elizabeth was particularly excited about the Bishop’s recent visit. I assured her that Altar Guild had done everything perfectly!

A few weeks ago, I had to send Elizabeth to the hospital with respiratory problems. It was very obvious to her family, physician, and the Heath Village nursing staff that she would not rally from this event. Elizabeth returned to Room 6 in Health Care and passed peacefully just after her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

If you ever spent any time in Elizabeth’s presence, you quickly realized that her soul was warm and sensitive and radiant. She made you feel valued and understood. Her life was the embodiment of Proverbs 31:29 (NIV)....”Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”



## Music Summer Notes

July/August 2013

### Honoring Our Musicians

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At the end of May we recognized all our musicians: Youth Choir

singers, Senior Choir singers, Bell Choir ringers, and of course, our organist. Perhaps those of you who attend the 8am service don't miss music as part of the worship service but many of us who attend the 10am service would feel that an important part of our worship was missing without our musicians. These parish members range in age from young to old and our worship would be less rich if we didn't have their participation. They willingly give up their time to come to rehearsals before church, or after church, or during Godly Play time. They have taken our church out into the community around us and helped to spread the word that St James' is a vibrant engaged parish worth checking out!

As always, I can't thank them all enough for the way they give of their time. They are wonderful to work with and I look forward to the start of "next" year!

#### Summer Music

Our summer liturgy this year combines Morning Prayer with the Holy Eucharist. We are taking this occasion to introduce 2 new hymns that have lyrics that are so appropriate to their positioning in the service and to what we at St. James' believe. Both are pieces that the Senior Choir has sung as anthems this past spring.

We open the service with "Gather Us In" by Marty Haugen. This was the Senior Choir anthem in April when Bishop Beckwith visited us. Its lyrics are well suited to a call to begin our worship together. Its lyrics are inclusive of all age groups and speaks of the Eucharist and a call to be the "...salt of the earth". We close the service with the song "10,000 Reasons", also known as "Bless the Lord, O my soul". The Choir sang this as their anthem for Honoring Our Musicians Sunday. The lyrics of this song talk about singing praises to the Lord morning, noon, and night, at the beginning of our lives, and at the end. It is a fitting way to end the service and send everyone out singing.

We are also bringing back an old tune from the 1940 hymnal as our "Doxology" – "All things Are Thine, No Gift Have We". Cathy thought of this one and it is lovely accompaniment to our

offering.

We round out the music for the service with a sung version of the *Jubilate Deo* using the Taizé version we are familiar with and bring back *Laudate Omnes Gentes*, also from the Taizé service, as our Communion hymn.

We hope you will enjoy these pieces during our summer worship.

*Pam Laura*  
Music Director



## Thank you, Thank You, Thank You

I would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful Musician's mug and gift card to Robbie's that I received on Musician Recognition Sunday in May. The mug has a prayer printed on it that ends with these words:

*Oh Lord, I ask for guidance to everything I do,*

*And pray You'll make my music an instrument for You.*

Each service before I begin to play, I ask God to guide my hands and feet so that the music I produce will be acceptable in the sight of the Lord. I sincerely hope that my music enhances your worship experience and helps to deepen your connection with God.

I also want to thank the members of the Bell Choir for the beautiful Impatiens hanging basket. Just as each member of the choir is a volunteer, my service as Bell Choir director is also as a volunteer. It is because of the wonderful people in the Bell Choir that I continue to volunteer for this position. It is my hope that the ringing you hear from this amazing choir adds to your worship experience. Thank you to each member of the Bell Choir for making my serving with you such a pleasure. Thank you also to Cynthia and Jeanette Nolan for the scrumptious Coffee Hour on May 26, honoring not only the bridal couple, now Mr. and Mrs. Brian Nolan, but also the musicians of St. James'. The food was outstanding and the decorations were great. Thank you all your work, not only preparing the food, but also in decorating.

Louise Olshan  
Organist and Bell Choir Director



# Life at St. James'



EAM Car Wash  
June 22nd



Drew Lacouture,  
left  
David Bernauer  
and  
Sylvia Okoye,  
right



## Committed to Worship and Building community



## PICNIC PICTURES



## In Christ's Name

### PAL PETS FESTIVAL

The Rev. Jeanette Hile and Rector Cathy Deats blessed all God's creatures at the Pet Adoption League's first Pet Festival. Some of the pets were bigger than the clergy! Thanks to Linda Miller for thinking of St. James' and for inviting us to take part in this really cool event!



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