



# ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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THE REV. DR. CATHY L. DEATS, RECTOR

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Advent is coming and I am going.

This is a bittersweet time for me, more sweet than bitter. You have come to me with stories of my presence in your lives, the times that meant the most to you, and your feelings about the work we have done together for the past twelve years.

Our accomplishments are awesome!

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As you see the depth and breadth of our mission and ministry, please remember this: we did it *together*. No matter how talented and gifted the priest, she cannot lead a community to accomplish what St. James' has done without a healthy congregation, dedicated and devoted leaders, and generosity of spirit. Most importantly, none of it can be done without the commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the baptismal promises which guide our actions and behavior.

When we celebrate the ministry of a Rector, we often focus on how the Rector influenced the parish. We tend to minimize or not even realize the effect the community has on the Rector, and on her vocation as priest. You have shaped my vocation, and I am a more responsive priest with a clearer vision. For that, I thank you.

So let's take time to celebrate, as we did on the tenth anniversary of my ministry with you, what we have done for this community (and the larger community) *together*.

Then, for the future, here are some things you can do to support the St. James' community during transition:

**Give more:** give more money, give more time, give more talent. Run counter to the dull statistics of churches in transition: that church attendance and giving decline in the time between permanent rectors.

There are a number of ministries which could use your support – altar guild, youth group, communications, and choirs, to name a few. In the past six months we have added six Lay Eucharistic Ministers and a Lector! What will you step up for? Try something for a year; see how it works for you.

**Attend worship every Sunday:** See “dull statistics of churches in transition,” above. You will benefit and the community will benefit. Remember the liturgy is the work of the people, and your mission will flourish as you are fed by each other in worship and by Christ at God’s holy table.

**Support your leaders:** The Wardens are the authority of the parish in the absence of a rector, and the Vestry are the decision-makers. They spend a lot of time together in meetings and reviewing materials necessary for the functioning of this community. They need your support and encouragement. When they stand up and ask for help, respond as you are able. Overlook minor mistakes and glitches, those things which really do not matter.

**Pray:** Put the health and welfare of St. James’ at the top of your personal prayer list. Pray for all things, large and small, and God will hear you and lead this community.

It is my prayer that in this time of transition, you will explore who you are as a community and what God is now calling you to be. May the words of Isaiah be in your heart: *Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.* - Is. 43:19

Yours in Christ,

Cathy+

**Future plans for the Rector and her family:** Ted and I have sold our home of 13 years in Flanders, and will be relocating to Raleigh, NC. Please contact the office for our mailing address. email addresses are [cathydeats@gmail.com](mailto:cathydeats@gmail.com) and [teddeats@gmail.com](mailto:teddeats@gmail.com) Currently there is nothing further to report; we await God’s leading for our vocations and our future! Please hold us in prayer.

**A note about contact with Cathy** – there are very important guidelines for contact with a former Rector. They are not designed to dissolve relationships, but to foster growth and respect boundaries. The common wisdom is to have no pastoral contact, or contact regarding church transition, for one year. Practically, this means I will not officiate at your wedding, baptize, or officiate at funerals. This gives you more opportunity to open your hearts to the next rector, as you did for me when I arrived. Your relationship with your spiritual leader will be deepened and sanctified as you invite that priest into your life events and milestones. Of course, I will be in contact with the Parish Administrator and Wardens in the event of necessary business matters.

Our relationship will not dissolve, but it will change. I would love to be kept up to date with your life and milestones, but never at the expense of the creation of your new relationship with your spiritual leader(s) and the moving forward with your life in community. Please be assured you will not be forgotten; you will be in my thoughts and prayers for years to come.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING-Sunday, February 9**

**ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 9 AM Followed by Annual Meeting at 10:30 AM**

***Please watch for deadlines for annual reports!***

## From Your Vestry...

The announcement of Cathy Deats departure as Rector of St. James' came as shock and with sadness to many of us. There are members of our parish community who recall the immediate positive impact Cathy's arrival had on St. James' more than a decade ago. Still others know no other Rector but Cathy. And then there are those people and families who proudly claim they are members of St. James' because Cathy is the Rector.

During her 12 years as Rector, Cathy has indeed touched us all. She provided us with both profound spiritual guidance and exceptional administrative and motivational skills. She blessed our children as they were welcomed into the world of Christ, officiated weddings that started new faithful families, prayed with us when we were sick and troubled and comforted and offered the Rite of Burial to our friends and families. One could say these duties are "expected" of a Rector but I'm of the opinion that from her first day Cathy was special and that we have been blessed to have her as our priest at St. James' Church.

Under Cathy's constant motivational and spiritual energy drawn from her deep faith, St. James' accomplished what could have only been distant dreams back in 2000. I looked back recently at some Journals from 2002 and one can see that, even then, the energy and impact Cathy provided. Look at any Journal in the past ten years and you can see the many layers of mission and faithful activity which were extraordinary.

Some of Cathy's accomplishments included, (after tremendous perseverance), providing leadership to the completion of the decade-old vision of building the Great Hall to ensure "Open Doors" and greater accessibility for our faithful and guests. In fact, all the buildings were not only maintained but improved. The sanctuary was given a facelift and other important maintenance and upgrade projects were completed.

Cathy also helped provide organization and structure to the office operations and administrative procedures and steered us to having enhanced financial accountability.

And Cathy challenged us to be a missional church which is to say she sought to extend our faith beyond our walls and our comfort zone. We became an active participant in helping those in need in the

community to a degree we had never experienced before. The successful Back Pack Program is just one example of this commitment. Although it takes many hands to carry-out this much needed project, we all know that Cathy was a powerful force that provides the "glue" to this and many, many other endeavors.

Cathy ensured we were always learning about how God calls us either through classes like EFM, her work with children and youth or simply by example. She also challenged us to be prayerful yet practical; to be good stewards but to expand our responsibility to do Gods' work and expand his love. I ask you, what more does God call us to do?

Cathy certainly leaves with a strong positive legacy imprinted on all of us a person who we love and admire.

As we say farewell to Cathy, there is every reason for us to remind ourselves that as we enter a time of change, we have the foundations that Cathy provided us.

We wish Cathy and Ted the best, much luck and blessings as they embark on the next phase of their journey together.

I hope you can join us in celebrating Cathy's Farewell Service to be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm followed by a dinner in the Great Hall.

David Lacouture  
Senior Warden

### November Meeting Vestry Hi-Lites

The Vestry met twice in November; once in Special Meeting to review the Transition Plan Outline, and once in regular Meeting.

- ✦ Peter Quelly was elected to Vestry to fill an unexpired term.
- ✦ David Lacouture was elected Senior Warden.
- ✦ Carol Novrit was elected Junior Warden.
- ✦ Janice Cipriani was elected Treasurer.
- ✦ Ricky Okoye was elected Assistant Treasurer.
- ✦ A donation of \$10,000 dedicated to air conditioning the sanctuary was reviewed. Vestry called for more information on the costs of operation. The cost of installation is \$13,243.
- ✦ The Fundraising Committee was given an additional \$2000 to cover cash flow for holiday SCRIP PRO cards. The monies will be credited 11/30 and debited 12/30.
- ✦ Reports were received for the Backpack Program and Episcopal Appalachian Ministries finances.

## Transition Process

David Lacouture

### Senior Warden

By the time you read this, members of the Vestry will have met with the Bishop to discuss and understand the next chapter for St. James' story. The Episcopal Dioceses of Newark is comprised of 106 churches so pastoral change is not unknown and it is a quite natural course of events. The Diocese is well versed in this area and I expect they will help guide us through the process with support and resources. The details of this process will be forwarded at a later date.

Meanwhile, Cathy and the Wardens have arranged for the Reverend Peter Boyle to serve as a supply priest. He will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 8 AM and 10 AM on Sundays from December 15<sup>th</sup> through January 12. (One service on December 22, as tradition) He will also celebrate the Holy Eucharist for two Christmas Eve. Services at 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

When one becomes available, the Bishop will assign an Interim Priest who is trained to minister to churches in transition. This priest will serve as our priest during our search for a permanent priest. The interim priests helps guide us through feeling the of loss and helps us set the stage and provide the foundation of a permanent priest.

The entire process takes time (12-18 months). It takes time since the process requires diligence, prayer, reflection on and discussion. It is simply the single most important decision we make as a church. Unlike some churches, we are fortunate in that we ourselves choose a new priest as a community instead of having one assigned to us. We are fortunate to have members of the church who have participated in various ways in prior transitions and searches and who can offer both experience and wisdom.

During this time of transition, change and yes... anxiety, we cannot completely hold our breath. Our faith, our ministries and our stewardship and support of one another cannot waiver. We are called by God to continue Christ's work in all its forms and I believe we can.

### Journal Deadline

FEBRUARY EDITION:

January 19th

## Youth Group

David Lacouture/Cathy Deats

Our **YOUTH GROUP** is small but strong! We've met four times this fall discussing various topics. As was planned, having Youth Group after the service allows a discussion of that Sunday's scripture relevant to the topic of the day. Our meetings have been focused on "Success" (what it is and isn't), "World Hunger" (and what we can do about it), and "God the Father," "God the Holy Spirit," and what the Bible says about it all. Open to 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders, we meet the second and fourth Sundays of the month upstairs in the Mitcham House, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. David Lacouture will be leading the next meetings in January (12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>), and we are seeking another adult to work with him and the youth. Please contact Dave to offer your time and talent.

### Greening of the Church

The St. James' Altar Guild invites the Parish to join in the annual Greening of the Church on Sunday, December 22, 2013 after the 10 AM service. Great food will be served at the Wardens' coffee hour and good fellowship as we prepare our worship space for the Christmas season.

Greening is the perfect time for anyone considering joining Altar Guild to "get their feet wet." Just join us in the sacristy and we will help you through the steps of setting up the altar for the Christmas Eucharist.

Altar Guild is the ideal ministry if you want to be involved but are uncomfortable standing up before the congregation. Our work is accomplished "behind the scenes." We work in teams of two or three meeting at a mutually agreed upon time to set the altar for weekly services. There is nothing mysterious about our work. Anyone with the interest to serve, male or female, experienced or a newcomer is welcome. We will teach you all you need to know. All the extra chores of ordering bread, securing and picking up flowers for Christmas, Palm Sunday and Easter, buying the altar wine, washing the linens etc. is done by me. If you are not available during Greening, feel free to email me at [wec@verizon.net](mailto:wec@verizon.net).

Meg Critchley

## Fundraising Report

The St. James' FRC meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6PM in the Mitcham House. Our final meeting of the year is December 11.

**Scrip Pro**-The holidays are fast approaching. Think about how much gift card recipients would enjoy a dinner out or selecting their own merchandise with a gift card! The FRC Committee will be offering free Holiday Card Sleeves for gift-giving! The last date for ordering cards in time for Christmas is Dec 8th  
**See's Candies**-We will once again sell the popular chocolates that everyone loves. Orders are due on Dec 8th in time for gift giving. See Ellen Infante for details.

Thanks for your support in our fundraising efforts!

## WELCOME OUR SUPPLY PRIEST!

We warmly welcome The Rev. Peter Boyle to our altar to provide liturgical leadership during the transition from Cathy's departure to the calling of an Interim Priest. Peter was born and raised in New Jersey, and attended college in Pennsylvania, graduate school at Rutgers (Political Science), and General Theological Seminary. He has worked in parishes in Secaucus, Perth Amboy, and Albany. He also worked as a Probation Officer in Manhattan and Parole Officer in East Orange. Peter lives with his wife Jeanne, Interim Director of the Dana Library in Newark, in Metuchen.

**DIOCESAN CONVENTION** is January 24-25 and our Deputies are Wendie Germain, Brian Nolan and Ellen Infante. They will be attending a pre-convention meeting to be briefed on finances, resolutions and actions of Convention. They will report back in an Adult Forum on Sunday, January 26 at 11:30 AM. Come to learn about the Diocese of Newark and how we work together with them.

### ShopRite and Weis Market Gift Cards Available

You can help with fund raising to support our church's mission and ministries by shopping with gift cards from either ShopRite or Weis Markets. We sell the cards at their face value and the supermarkets donate five percent to us. Paul Bartkus takes orders for any combination of \$25, \$50, or \$100 cards each month on the last weekend of the month and hands them out on the first weekend, when we have our family breakfast. You can also mix orders between the two supermarkets!

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 22 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9 AM – Advent Lessons and Carols followed by Festive Coffee Hour and Greening of the Church

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve, The Nativity of our Lord

4:30 PM – Family Service with Pageant  
7 PM – Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day, The Nativity of our Lord

10 AM – The Holy Eucharist



## From Tom Malejko

All,

Thanks for all of your support during this deployment! I will be redeploying in the next few days, so if you need to contact me during this period please use this email. I look forward to speaking with you all when I get back. Thomas and Abigail will be in NJ for a few days after Christmas before transferring to Fort Leonardwood, Missouri for a Captain Career Training Course.

You can also delete the email address [thomas.malejko@afg.usmc.mil](mailto:thomas.malejko@afg.usmc.mil) from your address books as it will be deleted after I depart theater.

Thanks.  
Tom



[St. James' Episcopal Church Hackettstown](#)

*YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TO A FAREWELL CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF*

***THE REVEREND DR. CATHY L. DEATS***

*Sunday, December 8th, 2013*

*Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary*

*4 pm*

*Dinner immediately following*

*in the Great Hall*

*Free will offering*

*214 Washington Street*

*Hackettstown New Jersey*

*RSVP to Church office by December 3rd, 2013*

*stjames214@comcast.net*

*908-852-3968*

*Gift donation for departing purse for her 12 years of  
dedicated service to St James' appreciated*

*Please make checks payable to St. James' Church:  
memo Cathy Deats Gift*



## **The Tree of Giving**

The Tree of Giving will be set up in the Parish Hall upper hallway on December 1<sup>st</sup>, the First Sunday in Advent. Please participate by taking a cane, filling in the name slip with your name, tearing it at the fold and depositing the slip in the red box on the little table. (This allows us to associate your name with the gift should the slip be lost or you have questions.) We will only have two weeks this year to purchase the presents. Because of school's winter recess schedule, the presents must be returned no later than Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Paul & Phyllis Bartkus  
Mission Strategy

## **Education for Ministry invites you to an INTERLUDE!**

The new EFM program has two periods during the year when you can join the seminar students in the study of a book focused on spiritual life and theological reflection. That is a fancy way to say what difference your faith makes in your life!

The first interlude is focused on the Bible, and will be held on Sundays, January 5 and 12, from 4 – 6:30 PM in the Mitcham House. The book, which you can get at your local bookstore or online at Amazon or B & N (maybe with a gift card from SCRIP PRO!), is And God Spoke: The Authority of the Bible for the Church Today by Christopher Bryan. Go to <http://www.sewane.edu/EFM/Interlude1A.pdf> to find the outline for the study.

Please register with the Church Office so we can plan for you to join us!

## **Yarn Twisters**

I am happy to report that we did have a get together in early November. Phyllis Bartkus, Ellen Infante and I enjoyed working on our projects and catching up on news. It felt good to be back! We have, as yet, no plans for December, but I will send out an email to see if there is enough interest. With the holidays approaching everyone will be very busy. If you are new to St. James and would like to join us, please contact me at 908-684-3566 or email me at [frlbailey1@comcast.net](mailto:frlbailey1@comcast.net)

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

Thank you,  
Linda Miller

## **A Ministry You Can Count On!**

Are you interested in being a part of the St. James' Ministry without committing a lot of time? We are looking for counters to report weekly contributions after the 10:00 AM service. Our rotation schedule has our current counters counting about once every six weeks. After training, it should take about 1 hour to report financial donations and make a deposit in a local bank. Please see Janice Cipriani or any member of the Vestry if you are interested in this important ministry.

## Bell Choir “Notes”

The Bell Choir schedule for the next few weeks is extremely busy. St. James’ is so very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of ringers who are willing not only to ring at services at St. James’ but also at community events.

At this time the choir hopes to participate in the following:

| Date        | Time     | Event                      | Location                |
|-------------|----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| December 6  | 6 PM     | Hackettstown Tree Lighting | Hackettstown Gazebo     |
| December 15 | 10 AM    | Worship Service            | St. James’              |
| December 15 | 5 PM     | Lessons and Carols         | St. Luke’s, Montclair   |
| December 22 | 1 – 3 PM | Ringling for customers     | Donaldson’s Farm Market |
| December 24 | 7 PM     | Christmas Eve              | St. James’              |

For the worship service and Hackettstown Hymn Sing on November 24, the Bell Choir will be playing *Joyful Praise*. This piece is a lot of fun to play and hopefully will be fun to listen to also. Many different bell playing techniques are used. See if you can identify the different sounds that the bells can make while we play this piece. Since we play in front of the congregation at the Gethsemane Hymn Sing, you can even watch as the ringers use the different techniques.

*Advent Meditation* will be the selection for December 15, both at St. James’ and at St. Luke’s. It is a medley of three popular Advent tunes – *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, *Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* and *Watchman, Tell us of the Night*.

For the Hackettstown Tree Lighting and ringing at Donaldson Farm Market, we will be ringing a variety of Christmas carols.

The Bell Choir also hopes to participate in the 7 PM service on Christmas Eve.

I hope the Bell Choir will have some fun preparing this music and that wherever we are playing the music enhances the listeners’ worship and Christmas experiences.

We are always looking to include more members in our choir and encourage you to stop in at a rehearsal to see what we do and how we do it.

Louise Olshan  
Bell Choir Director



## December Music Notes

Sr. Choir Singers for Christmas Eve @ 7pm.

We are looking for additional singers to join us at our 7pm Candlelight Mass on Christmas Eve. We will start working on Christmas Eve music on 12/8. If you come around 9am you should be in time for that part of the rehearsal. On Christmas Eve rehearsal would be at 6:20pm.

Reminder for Sunday School parents: The children will not be singing on 12/8 at Port Morris due to Cathy’s service that same afternoon. They will be singing at the 4:30pm Christmas Eve service with a rehearsal at 4:10pm (unless they are already there for the Pageant rehearsal).

Pam Laura  
Music Director

## 10 Things Every Person With A Disability Should Hear (All The Time!)

By Tiffany Carlson, the Mobility Resource

Make no mistake — people with disabilities love to hear good things. Praise, respect, jokes, romantic overtures, bring it on. They can turn a crappy day into an awesome one, but only if the words are uttered. For those who love interacting with people with disabilities, or have no problem with it whatsoever, here are 10 things you can say that will brighten our day.

### 1) “You’re hired”

Roughly 10 percent of the labor force are people with disabilities. To all the people out there thinking we’re lazy, it’s only because employers don’t want to hire us.

### 2) “Yes, we are accessible”

When hunting for accessible accommodations when traveling or even trying to make reservations at a restaurant in old part of town, hearing the phrase “Why yes we are accessible” is one of the sweetest things to our ears.

### 3) “You’re beautiful”

Another phrase we love to hear that’s universal is, “You’re beautiful,” or for the guys, “You’re hot.” Feeling sexually attractive is a huge happy-maker on the brain.

### 4) “I forgot you were disabled”

Nothing makes me happier when someone forgets I have a disability. It’s usually the only thing most people think about and if you ask me, it’s worse than racism. Ableism is the name of the game.

### 5) “May I help you?”

Hearing the words, “May I help you?” are paramount to telling someone you respect them in the disability world. There’s nothing worse than someone taking your bags and carrying them without asking you first.

### 6) “Cool” instead of “Good for you”

A really simple one is taking the “Good for you” out of your vocabulary and replacing it with “Cool” or some other positive phrase, and not over emphasizing their successes in life just because the person has a disability.

### 7) “I love you”

Everybody wants to be loved and of course we are no different. Having someone tell us “I love you” is the epitome of acceptance in a romantic relationship, and most people with disabilities still want this in their life. We do not want to live solitary lives even if our disability is hard.

### 8) “It’s fixed!”

Mobility devices from wheelchairs and walkers to shower chairs and automatic lifts all breakdown more often than they should. Try using a wheelchair for a couple of weeks and see what I mean. It’s not like a watch breaking or anything like that when our things break. It’s a big deal.

### 9) “We’ll still figure out a way to make it work”

When you do come across a place that is not accessible, most places are afraid of liability and don’t even try to get you in thinking creatively. It can be a really heartbreaking. Feeling like you’re being discriminated against is never good, especially when they don’t understand your perspective. When you do run across a business that is more than willing to jerry-rig a solution, “Sure, we can figure out a way to make it work,” oh we love you. This phrase gives us faith in humanity.

### 10) “I don’t care if you have a disability”

When you first meet someone on a romantic or a friendship basis, hearing the sweet words, “I don’t care you’re disabled” is the ultimate thing we could hear. We’re so often turned down or not included because of our disability.

So there you have it. Ten ultimate things we like to hear. We may not get a chance to hear all of these things in our lives, but if we could hear just a few, oh we’d be some mighty happy people.

This post first appeared on the Mobility Resource.

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Full article: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/18/disabilities-dating\\_n\\_3948574.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/18/disabilities-dating_n_3948574.html)

*Thanks to Sheila Shuford for providing*

### ***A note about Sheila Shuford....***

Sheila will be having knee surgery on December 13th. Please keep her in your prayers and consider reaching out to her before and after surgery. Her email is [scshuford@verizon.net](mailto:scshuford@verizon.net). Her home address is 12 Sorman Terrace, Randolph NJ 07869. She can also be contacted by phone at **973-584-0302**. This is a special telecommunications device that translates your speech into text for her to read on her phone.

## Looking for Work? NhN is here to help!

If you are looking for work there's a new organization in the area that may be able to help. **Neighbors-helping-Neighbors** (NhN) has been helping people find work since January of 2011, and now a new meeting location has been started by Liberty Township resident John Varga at the Warren County Library (Northeast Branch, Rt. 46 Hackettstown). Meetings are held every other Thursday 6:30-7:30PM. The current meeting schedule is Thursday October 31, November 14, December 5, and December 19, 2013.

**NhN** is a cost free network of volunteer peer support groups that follow a community-based approach to help under-employed and unemployed residents get back to work. NhN embraces a 'pay it forward' ethos, asking all associates to contribute to other members by sharing job search techniques, related professional career development resources, personal referrals and generally providing a forum where members feel empowered, energized and focused on the job search.

Group members assist each other in techniques and suggestions to improve one's job search, offer support and help with personal and professional networking in order to find a position. Some of the topics covered will be: Resumes, Interviewing, Job Searches, Networking, LinkedIn and more.

Membership is open to anyone in career transition, including unemployed or underemployed individuals, and recent college graduates in the fields of business, non-profit and education, as well as people re-entering the job market, struggling small business owners and anyone looking for part-time or volunteer work.

For more information you may check out the NhN web site at: [www.nhnusa.org](http://www.nhnusa.org)

*Note: Submitted by John Harry who is a St. James' Summer Backpack Program volunteer.*

## The St. James' Library



Whispers from the Library...

For near 40 years Sojourner magazine has been an articulate voice for justice and peace within the Christian Church and in the nation. Founded and still led by Jim Wallis, it challenges us on a monthly basis to live the Gospel and not just preach it. Wallis is the author of On God's Side:

What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn't Learned About Serving the Common Good which was published by Brazos Press in April of 2013.

Wallis' columns on Christian thought appear frequently in newspapers such as the New York Times, Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times and Washington Post. He is a commentator on CNN, MSNBC and Fox News and appears regularly across the political spectrum on television shows such as *Hardball* and *The O'Reilly Factor*.

Although he is often associated with the Roman Catholic Church, Wallis was raised in an evangelical family in the Midwest and is married to Joy Carroll, one of the first women ordained in the Church of England and author of Beneath the Cassock: The Real Life Vicar of Dibley. Sojourner is always thought provoking and well written. You may agree with its point of view or not but it will always challenge you to reflect on your life and your walk with the Lord in our troubled world.

The latest edition of Sojourner with articles on immigration reform and a poignant reflection on the Newtown shootings is available in the St. James Library for your consideration.

Peace,

Jim Simmons

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## Remembering Erica Frank

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Erica Frank on October 30, 2013. A long time member of St James', Erica was a valued member of many ministries of the parish, including but not limited to the Altar Guild. Erica, 92 and husband Leonard lived at Bristol Glen in Newton, NJ.

She was born in Cardiff, Wales, the eldest daughter of Marriott and Grace Moore. She received her doctorate in botany from the University of Wales and immigrated to the USA after World War II. She was a professor of biology at Centenary College until her retirement. She was a devoted member of St. James' Episcopal Church, and active in numerous community

organizations.

Erica and her family lived just across Moore Street from the Church and Parish Hall. This proximity made her the "go-to" person for emergencies and special occasions. An addition, her extensive knowledge of all things botanical was invaluable in the care and preservation of our floral arrangements, plants, and gardens.

In later years, although Erica did not have a specific Altar Guild team assignment, she seemed to be drawn to the Church every Saturday morning. She was a quiet presence on those mornings, helping out wherever she could with a smile and a giving spirit.

Erica was buried from St. James' on Saturday, November 16. Please join us in prayer for Erica, and for her family, especially her husband, Leonard, children Jack, Elisabeth, Gareth, and Adrienne, and their families.

She will be missed.

Meg Critchley

## ST. JAMES' MURDER MYSTERY



# December 2013

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| 1<br>Advent<br>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>8:30 AM SENIOR CHOIR RE-<br>HEARSAL<br>9:00 AM FAMILY BREAKFAST<br>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>4:00 PM EFM - EDUCATION FOR<br>MINISTRY<br>4:30 PM El Shaddai Church | 2<br>8:30 AM Joseph<br>Quinlan Bereavement<br>Center  | 3<br>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan<br>Bereavement Center<br>10:00 AM Literacy Tutoring<br>6:00 PM FINANCE COM-<br>MITTEE | 4<br>8:30 AM BACKPACK PRO-<br>GRAM<br>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Be-<br>reavement Center<br>7:30 PM El Shaddai Church   | 5<br>8:30 AM Joseph<br>Quinlan Bereavement<br>Center                               | 6<br>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan<br>Bereavement Center  | 7<br>8:30 AM BREAKFAST<br>CLUB BIBLE STUDY  |
| 8<br>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>8:30 AM SENIOR CHOIR RE-<br>HEARSAL<br>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>4:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST AND<br>FAREWELL SERVICE   | 9<br>8:30 AM Joseph<br>Quinlan Bereavement<br>Center  | 10<br>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan<br>Bereavement Center<br>10:00 AM Literacy Tutoring                                  | 11<br>8:30 AM BACKPACK PRO-<br>GRAM<br>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Be-<br>reavement Center<br>6:00 PM FUNDRAISING COM-<br>MITTEE<br>7:30 PM El Shaddai Church  | 12<br>8:30 AM Joseph<br>Quinlan Bereavement<br>Center                              | 13<br>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan<br>Bereavement Center | 14<br>8:30 AM BREAKFAST<br>CLUB BIBLE STUDY |
| 15<br>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>8:30 AM SENIOR CHOIR RE-<br>HEARSAL<br>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>4:00 PM EFM - EDUCATION FOR<br>MINISTRY<br>4:30 PM El Shaddai Church                                      | 16<br>8:30 AM Joseph<br>Quinlan Bereavement<br>Center | 17<br>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan<br>Bereavement Center<br>10:00 AM Literacy Tutoring                                  | 18<br>8:30 AM BACKPACK PRO-<br>GRAM<br>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Be-<br>reavement Center<br>7:00 PM SPECIAL EVENTS<br>COMMITTEE<br>7:30 PM El Shaddai Church | 19<br>8:30 AM Joseph<br>Quinlan Bereavement<br>Center<br>7:30 PM VESTRY<br>MEETING | 20<br>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan<br>Bereavement Center | 21  |
| 22<br>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>8:30 AM SENIOR CHOIR RE-<br>HEARSAL<br>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>4:00 PM EFM - EDUCATION FOR<br>MINISTRY<br>4:30 PM El Shaddai Church                                      | 23<br>8:30 AM Joseph<br>Quinlan Bereavement<br>Center | 24<br>4:30 PM CHRISTMAS<br>EVE FAMILY SERVICE<br>7:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE<br>CANDLELIGHT SERVICE                     | 25<br>Christmas Day<br>10AM Holy Eucharist  | 26<br>8:30 AM Joseph<br>Quinlan Bereavement<br>Center                              | 27<br>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan<br>Bereavement Center | 28  |
| 29<br>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>8:30 AM SENIOR CHOIR RE-<br>HEARSAL<br>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>4:00 PM EFM - EDUCATION FOR<br>MINISTRY<br>4:30 PM El Shaddai Church                                      | 30<br>8:30 AM Joseph<br>Quinlan Bereavement<br>Center | 31<br>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan<br>Bereavement Center<br>10:00 AM Literacy Tutoring                                  | 1<br>7:30 PM El Shaddai Church  | 2<br>8:30 AM Joseph<br>Quinlan Bereavement<br>Center                               | 3<br>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan<br>Bereavement Center  | 4   |

# JANUARY 2014

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| <p>29 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>8:30 AM SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL<br/>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>4:00 PM EFM - EDUCATION FOR MINIS-TRY<br/>4:30 PM EI Shaddai Church</p>  | <p>30 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p> | <p>31 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center<br/>10:00 AM Literacy Tutoring</p> | <p>1 7:30 PM EI Shaddai Church</p>   | <p>2 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p>                             | <p>3 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p>  | <p>4</p>   |
| <p>5 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>8:30 AM SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL<br/>9:00 AM FAMILY BREAKFAST<br/>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>4:00 PM EFM - EDUCATION FOR MINIS-TRY<br/>4:30 PM EI Shaddai Church</p>                        | <p>6 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p>  | <p>7 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center<br/>10:00 AM Literacy Tutoring</p>  | <p>8 8:30 AM BACKPACK PRO-GRAM<br/>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center<br/>6:00 PM FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE<br/>7:30 PM EI Shaddai Church</p>     | <p>9 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p>                             | <p>10 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p> | <p>11 6PM Boars Head Dinner &amp; Fellowship</p> |
| <p>12 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>8:30 AM SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL<br/>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>4:00 PM EFM - EDUCATION FOR MINIS-TRY<br/>4:30 PM EI Shaddai Church</p>  | <p>13 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p> | <p>14 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center<br/>10:00 AM Literacy Tutoring</p> | <p>15 8:30 AM BACKPACK PRO-GRAM<br/>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center<br/>7:00 PM SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE<br/>7:30 PM EI Shaddai Church</p> | <p>16 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center<br/>7:30 PM VESTRY MEETING</p> | <p>17 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p> | <p>18</p>  |
| <p>19 JOURNAL DEADLINE!<br/>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>8:30 AM SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL<br/>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>4:00 PM EFM - EDUCATION FOR MINIS-TRY<br/>4:30 PM EI Shaddai Church</p>                              | <p>20 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p> | <p>21 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center<br/>10:00 AM Literacy Tutoring</p> | <p>22 8:30 AM BACKPACK PRO-GRAM<br/>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center<br/>7:30 PM EI Shaddai Church</p>                                      | <p>23 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p>                            | <p>24 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p> | <p>25</p>  |
| <p>26 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>8:30 AM SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL<br/>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>9 &amp; 11:30 AM Forum on Diocesan Con-vention<br/>4:00 PM EFM - EDUCATION FOR MINIS-TRY<br/>4:30 PM EI Shaddai Church</p> | <p>27 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p> | <p>28 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center<br/>10:00 AM Literacy Tutoring</p> | <p>29 8:30 AM BACKPACK PRO-GRAM<br/>8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center<br/>7:30 PM EI Shaddai Church</p>                                      | <p>30 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p>                            | <p>31 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p> | <p>1</p>   |

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