



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

OCTOBER 2014

REV. ELIZABETH MYERS, PRIEST

THIS MONTH IN STEWARDSHIP

My purpose in writing this is to give you a preview of what will be happening this month as we begin another season in our stewardship year. I have taken up the mantle as the stewardship chair as Janice Cipriani has taken on the responsibilities as our parish Treasurer. We owe Janice many thanks for all her work and her example as she guided our stewardship committee in the past. I was the Junior Warden when Janice was the Senior and I know she will set me correctly back on my feet should I stumble.

Our first kick-off activity will be for Dan Miller to give a stewardship talk on October 12th. Dan has a unique perspective to offer as he and Linda, his wife, have moved to Hackettstown from business postings in various locations around the nation and the world. He has served as a Vestry member and is the chairperson of the Golf Outing Committee. His message will help to focus our prayerful reflection of our stewardship commitment to the mission and ministry efforts at St. James'.

At the 8:00AM service as the gifts are brought to the altar we say, "All things come of thee, Oh Lord, and of thine own have we given Thee." Remember; "stewardship is everything we do will everything we have".

Next month we will look at the relationship between a ministry and stewardship.

Paul Bartkus
Stewardship Chairman

Journal Deadline

NOVEMBER EDITION:

October 26th

THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE to meet in the Great Room 7:00 PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

All members are asked to make every possible effort to be present for an important agenda which includes:

- ◆ firming up the current October calendar
- ◆ planning for our Advent, Christmas and Epiphany worship and seasonal events
- ◆ setting the calendar through Ash Wednesday 2015

We need everyone's input so please save the date!
Thanks and God bless!

Betsy Myers +



Vestry Hi-Lites

- † Paul Bartkus has taken on the Stewardship Chairman role.
- † Dave Handville & Ann Edens have resigned from the Vestry due to time constraints.
- † Dave Lacouture and Paul Bartkus reported on a Shared Ministry meeting they attended.
- † The Vestry voted to support EFM by offering scholarships to several students.

WELCOME JULIE MILLS!

Julie Mills has taken over as the Parish Administrator as of September 29th. She has years' of experience as an administrator, retiring in 2012 from Prudential Real Estate Investors. She is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hackettstown and has volunteered for their office and media teams. She is married to a wonderful man, Les Mills and has lived in Hastings Square for twelve years. They have two cats, Buster and Cocoa, and in her free time Julie likes to golf, walk, bake, bike and fish. They own a boat on Lake Hopatcong and enjoy going there often to relax. Julie recently started a Meetup Group for active women who are over 60 so she could enjoy company while doing outdoor activities...ask her about it!

THANKS!

Special thanks go out to two very important people in our congregation who have helped us in so many ways:

Linda Ayres—Linda has handed the reins of Office Administrator to Julie Mills. Linda has volunteered the last several years running the St. James' office, which is no easy task. The center of our worship community relies on phone calls, emails, bulletins, communications and finance - to name a few. Linda is expecting a granddaughter in October and will now have time to spend with her grandbaby!

Louise Olshan—Louise has been our organist since February 2003. She has touched our congregation in many ways, particularly with her talent as our organist. She will continue to worship with us and continue as the volunteer director of the Bell Choir. She and husband Sam will now have more time to travel!

Ladies, we cannot thank you enough for your service to our worship community.

Much happiness to you both from your St. James' family.

Enjoy your extra free time!

Prayer Ministry

St. James' has an active prayer ministry in which pray-ers lift up prayer request in their own personal devotions. They are open to receiving prayer requests and thanksgivings from anyone; the pray-ers hold your requests in confidence. Please forward requests to Barbara Olesen at olesen@comcast.net; you may also wish to join us as a pray-er; please speak with Barbara to get started.

Fundraising Report

The St. James' FRC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 PM in the Mitcham House. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 8th.

Scrip Pro - Next orders are due on October 12th. The Holidays are rapidly approaching. Think about purchasing gift cards when planning your Holiday gift-giving.

Watch for details on our upcoming See's Candies Christmas sale. These fine chocolates make a fine gift!

The Fundraising Committee is considering fitting in a rummage sale before the end of the year. Please let us know if you have any new or gently used items to donate while doing your fall cleaning!

Thanks for your support in our fundraising efforts!

St. James' FRC
Barbara White, Ellen Infante,
Ann Dutton, Barbara Olesen

**For Weekly Announcements and what's happening at St. James' visit our webpage: stjameshackettstown.org
Check out the new calendar!
Sign up for email news!**

Music “Notes”



Thank you, Louise!

On Sunday, Oct. 5, our long-time organist, Louise Olshan, steps down from the organ bench and we will celebrate her work with us that day. She has been a faithful part of our music ministry here for over 10 years and her playing and other contributions to the music at St. James’ will definitely be missed!

One thing I have learned about Louise over the years is that she has a real knack for playing Bach organ music. I have always admired her ability to play Bach, which is something I have no knack for! For the time that I am covering the organ bench, there won’t be Bach played, sadly.

Louise’s decision to retire as organist allows her and Sam to get more time to travel whenever the spirit moves them and you can’t argue with that! We wish her and Sam great travels and look forward to seeing them here at St. James’ and hearing about those travels. Louise will continue her work with our Multi-generational Bell Choir so she and Sam aren’t leaving us completely!

I know everyone here at St. James’ thanks her for her work on the organ (even you 8 o’clock folks!) and we are glad that she and Sam are not leaving us completely. Please take some time to express your thanks to Louise!

Youth Choir

Youth Choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, Oct. 12, during Sunday School. We have again been asked to participate in the Port Morris UMC’s annual Story of the Nativity through the Arts program on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 5pm. The Youth Choir is also planning on singing (and signing) here at St. James’ at Christmas Eve.

Senior Choir

As we transition from Louise on the organ to me on the organ, and welcome some new singers to the choir, we are also transitioning to singing our Offertory Anthems downstairs where I can use the piano rather than the organ, the choir can see me better, and the stairs aren’t an obstacle for new singers.

We welcome Barbara, Lynn, and Hayden to the

choir. Lynn and Hayden are “anthem singers” which means they will come from their pews to sing the Offertory anthem with the choir. This minimizes their time commitment while giving us additional voices. Barbara has joined as a “full” choir member – processing, wearing “the robe”, etc. We are always happy to welcome any singers in whatever capacity your time allows!

Very exciting for us is that fact that all three of these new members are altos so we now have an alto section for the first time in many years! You will hear more harmony in our anthems over the coming weeks. Please take the time to thank them for making the commitment to lend their voices to our music here at St. James’!

Pam Laura
Music Director



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!



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ALL ARE INVITED
To take a part in Administering
the Chalice at the Holy Eucharist

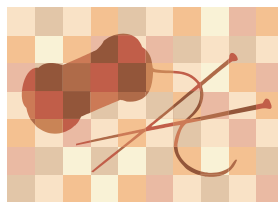
One of the ways in which we make visible the fact that each of us is a Christ bearer to the other is to be one who offers Christ present in the Eucharistic wine to other members of the community. This has been a part of the role of LEMs (Lay Eucharistic Ministers) here at St. James' in recent years.

At my suggestion we are, at least for the next several months, limiting this role to just serving the wine and having this opportunity open to anyone who would like to experience it, after which I will apply for a license from the bishop for those who wish to do it on a regular basis.

A part of the reason for separating this out from the more extended ministry that our LEMS have been doing is that it opens this ministry to those who for one reason or another cannot read aloud other parts of the service. Maybe it is because you just get too anxious, maybe it is because you do not know how to read well, maybe because you have some speech impediment, maybe it is because you are not familiar enough with the English language. Whatever the reason, and certainly if you are also comfortable reading in public and enjoy taking part in the other ministries, you are invited to give this a try.

Just let me know. It will be open to anyone and everyone through mid October after which there will be some more extended training and application made to the bishop for a license for you.

Betsy Myers +



YARN
TWISTERS

The year is getting away from us and it will soon be time to send off our package of knitted/crocheted items to the Seaman's Institute so that the ditty bags can be assembled for all the mariners who visit the Port of Newark over the holidays and look forward to their warm hats and scarves. The hats and scarves are accumulating and we should once again have a good amount to send to SCI in the next month so they can pack the ditty bags to give out to the mariners.

I would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to Louise Olshan for crocheting scarves for the last few years. Louise has taken her crochet projects along with her on many of her road trips. We will miss her, but are hoping that she will continue to crochet for us and that she (and Sam) enjoys her retirement.

There is plenty of yarn in the bins in the closet in the Great Hall and patterns can be downloaded from the SCI website at: www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea if you need any information, please contact me at frlbailey1@comcast.net or call me at 908-684-3566.

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



BABY
WATCH



St. James' is looking forward to the birth of two babies from our parish family in the near future. Pray for wellness for these babies and peace of heart for parents!

Brian and Meredith Nolan- Brian III was due on September 30th. As of this printing, the Nolan's are still awaiting the birth of their son. Grandmother is Cindy Nolan and aunt is Jeanette Nolan.

Joe Ayres and Fawn Abrahams-The due date for Elizabeth Rose is October 16th. Grandmother is Linda Ayres and aunt is Shannan Ayres.

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