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REV. ARTHUR "GUY" FOUTS, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY OCTOBER 11TH



THIS MONTH IN STEWARDSHIP

Your Stewardship committee has chosen "sharing" as our 2016 stewardship theme.

The word share, although seemingly easy to relate to, is more complex upon reflection. As adults we encourage children to share their toys with a sibling or play date buddy. We may own shares in a credit union or shares of stock in a company. We may seek to give everybody their fair share when we cut up a birthday cake. We may also share part of ourselves with a trusted companion or share in the grief of one for whom we care. We might also have a common quality or experience as in sharing a love of music or favorite brand of chewing gum. I will share with you that I do not presume this to be the exhaustive listing of the uses for the word share.

In the upcoming weeks you will have opportunities to hear members of our congregation talk about sharing at St. James'. First, our kickoff speaker, John McKinney, will deliver the stewardship sermon on October 11th. This will be followed by weekly vignette speakers during the announcements. Pledge packets will be mailed out shortly after John's October 11th talk for your reflection and consideration. On Saturday, November 21st you are all invited to a fellowship dinner during which there will

be food, some entertainment and an in-gathering of annual pledges for sharing our time, talent and treasure. On Sunday, the 22nd, our pledges will be presented at the altar during the Offertory.

While Stewardship is important to our parish life, worship is more important. It is through our worship that we share the good news of the Gospel, common intercessions, the peace and the Eucharist. As you worship, please take a moment to reflect and pray about how we can all share in the stewardship of our parish.

I pray that you will be able to share in our worship and stewardship activities and look forward to your participation and feedback.

Thanks for letting me share this with you,
Paul Bartkus

"We, the vestry of St. James' Episcopal Church, Hackettstown, recognizing our role as good stewards, affirm our commitment to its mission and ministry by making a pledge of our time, talent, and treasure for the year 2016."

FUNDRAISING REPORT

The St. James' FRC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is October 14th at 6:00 PM in the Mitcham House.

Our Scrip Pro Gift Card Program continues throughout the year with orders being due the 2nd Sunday of each month. The next order date is October 11th. We are able to raise several hundred dollars a year with this program. The Holidays are fast approaching and you may want to get a start on your Holiday shopping.

We have a contact who sells items for St. James' on eBay! So far this year we have raised \$168 for items sold on the Internet. Some of those items were: Railroad lanterns, Kitchen Aid baking pan, Ravioli maker, Pyrex and Corning Ware cookery, Tupperware Canister, and Espresso cups and saucers. If you think you might have something of value that you no longer need, contact Barbara Olesen at olesen@comcast.net or (908)797-0515. You never know what people are looking for!

We will again sell See's Candies this year for Christmas. These are fine chocolates and come in a variety of options. (Note: Last year I gave the lollipops as a gift and the recipient loved them so much that she continues to order them from See's!-Barbara Olesen). Orders will be taken beginning November 1st. Last orders will most likely be the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 22nd) so that we have time to order and receive these freshly made chocolates by the middle of December.

The Fundraising Committee will now be overseeing the "Ink Recycling" Program which Linda Miller has managed for almost 10 years. If there is anyone who is interested in handling this for us (maybe a youth member of the congregation), please let Barbara Olesen know.

We receive checks for ink cartridges that we send in, and it helps the environment as well!

We continue to explore options for generating funds for the mission and ministry of St. James' – if you have any ideas, please let Barbara Olesen know.

Thanks for your continued support!

St. James' Fundraising Committee

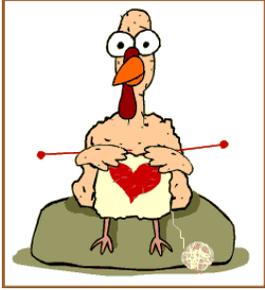
VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- † Steward Sunday set for October 11th - "Sharing" is the theme for Stewardship this year at St. James'
- † Maintenance Morning re-scheduled for October 17th
- † Bishop Visit – May 22, 2016
- † 2 Vestry Members to attend Vestry University
- † Fulton Financial to attend October 22nd Vestry Meeting
- † Veterans Day to be celebrated at St. James' on November 8th by reading names of Veterans from our parish.

SHEILA SHUFORD

Sheila Shuford is transferring her membership from St. James' to St. John's in Dover. She wanted us to know that, "I am welcomed, useful and happy at St. John's. There are many good souls at St. James' that I care for and will miss." We miss you too Sheila – Much happiness to you!

YARN TWISTERS



The Yarn Twisters container in the closet in the Great Hall continues to slowly grow with knitted and crocheted items. Many thanks to Louise Olshan and Phyllis Bartkus for contributing items lovingly made

during the year. With the winter months ahead of us, it is the perfect time to sit and knit or crochet and have some “quiet time”. The Yarn Twisters are in need of more willing people (men are not excluded!) to knit and crochet warm items for the seafarers who bring us so many everyday items to make our lives more comfortable – oftentimes these men are at sea 6 – 9 months out of the year and seldom spend holidays with their families. If you can stitch two straight lines and thread a piece of twine, then you could make a “ditty bag” – these bags hold the scarves, hats and toiletries that are handed out at the SCI Center at Newark at Christmastime.

It would be great to begin to meet again at the Mitcham Hall just once a month to get to know each other and enjoy working on our items.

There is plenty of yarn 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 do not have access to a computer, please contact me at 908-684-3566 or friibailey1@comcast.net and I will be more than happy to download a pattern for you.

Linda Miller

MUSIC “NOTES”

I have been serving as Supply Organist for many Sundays since returning from vacation in April. It has been a pleasure to serve St. James’ in this capacity.



It was a pleasure to have the Bell Choir ring on both May 3 and May 17. On April 19 David Bernauer and Pam Laura rang an accompaniment to the final hymn. On September 27, four ringers prepared a version of *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*. Thank you to Pat Hawkins, Richard Hawkins, Chika Okoye and Marge Schafetz for rehearsing in August and September after Coffee Hour. I appreciate your sharing of your time and talents.

It has been fun to work with the Joyful Noise Casual Choir. We all hope that our musical offerings have enhanced the worship experience. While I expected the choir to “vacation” during the summer, the choir members offered to sing during the summer on the Sundays I served as Supply Organist. Many thanks to David Bernauer, Pat Hawkins, Richard Hawkins, Nancy Miller and Chika Okoye who have been the regular members of the choir. They were joined by Tina Okoye, Stella and Kayode Oyegbite, Pam Laura, Melissa Vitalos and Stan Wantrobski on some of the Sundays. Thank you to Tina Okoye who sang the descant to the Communion Hymn during the Easter season. Thank you to each singer for sharing your time and talents with the congregation.

Louise Olshan

Journal Deadline

NOVEMBER 2015 EDITION:

October 25th

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!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH

Rev. Guy Fouts will be blessing animals in front of the church on Sunday, October 4th at 11:30 AM. Bring your pet for a special prayer!

MAINTENANCE MORNING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

Maintenance morning has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 17th from 9 AM to 12 noon. There are many jobs big and small to be tackled for the Fall! Please contact Paul Bartkus or anyone on the Vestry to let them know you can help. Coffee and goodies served!

FEAST OF ST. LUKE HEALING SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th

Please join us October 18th as we include a Healing liturgy to both our services.

BUNCO NIGHT – NOVEMBER 7TH

Please join us on Saturday, November 7th at 5:30 for BUNCO night. **BYOP!** Bring your own *pizza!* Salad and soft drinks provided. Hope to see you there!

Kathy Lacouture

VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

We are celebrating Veteran's Day by honoring St. James' church members and family members, both living and deceased, who have served or are serving in the military. Please notify the church office of family members by November 1st so we can read their names during the 8 AM and 10 AM services.

FALL POTPOURRI!

The kids are back to school, the pool is closed and the mornings are crisp and cool. It's that time of year when we think about a lot more indoor activities, we want our homes to be cozy and inviting and ready for the upcoming holidays. Some of us start by cleaning out closets, drawers and shelves. If you are one of those folks, please think about how someone else might be able to use those items and consider donating them to St. James. We can accept new or gently used items for our **"year-long" rummage sale.**

Fall always coincides with our formal **Stewardship Program** as well. Another tip for getting organized might be to consider utilizing Vanco e-donation services. This is a program that allows easy and secure donations to be made from your checking account for the amount you decide and on your schedule. Forms are available if this is something you'd like to consider. Just ask one of the Vestry members for assistance.

As the seasons change, we like to change things and think of how we can improve upon what we have always done in the past. If you have ideas for **new programs, events, ministries** that you'd like to share, please see one of your Vestry representatives and let them know all the details (or just the highlights).

Made new friends over the summer? New neighbors? Invite them to join you on Sunday morning for breakfast/brunch, and to worship with you in our beautiful, historic church.



DISTRICT 1 MEETING'S

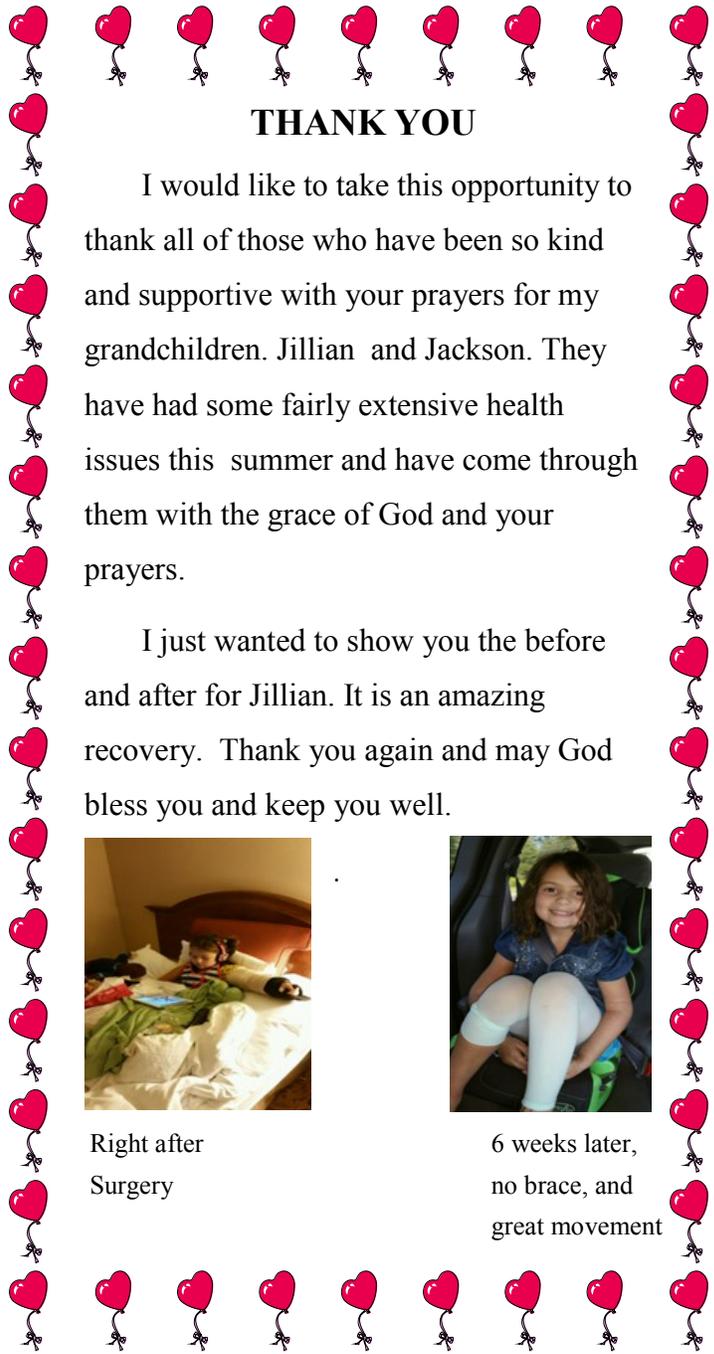
St. James' is looking for someone to represent our parish at the District 1 meetings that are held several times a year. District 1 includes all parishes in Warren County and several from Morris County. Topics discussed at the meeting include Youth Programs, Senior Programs, Confirmation, Diocesan news and other information that parishes within the district exchange. If you are willing to attend these approximately two-hour meetings, please contact Barbara Olesen or anyone on the Vestry. We really need representation for St. James'!

BREAKFAST CLEANUP HELPERS NEEDED!

Looking for volunteers to help with Family Breakfast Cleanup after Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of each month – no experience needed! See Peter Quelly at Family Breakfast if you are able to help.

ST. JAMES' BULLETIN BOARD

Did you ever check the bulletin board in the Parish Hall on the way to coffee hour? There is lots of information there about events happening in the diocese and even news articles about members of the parish. Stop by and browse.



THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have been so kind and supportive with your prayers for my grandchildren, Jillian and Jackson. They have had some fairly extensive health issues this summer and have come through them with the grace of God and your prayers.

I just wanted to show you the before and after for Jillian. It is an amazing recovery. Thank you again and may God bless you and keep you well.



Right after Surgery



6 weeks later, no brace, and great movement

SHOP-RITE & WEIS GIFT CARDS

Order forms for gift cards will be distributed the 3rd Sunday of each month. The order forms must be returned by the 4th Sunday of the month and the gift cards will be distributed after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services on the 1st Sunday of each month. See Paul Bartkus if you have any questions.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Episcopal-Methodist Theology Day celebrates our common roots

September 23, 2015

By: The Rev. Lynne Bleich Weber

The promise of Full Communion between the United Methodist Church and the Episcopal Church led 30 people to Drew Theological School on Thursday, September 17, 2015 for Episcopal-Methodist Theology Day.

Co-sponsored by our diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Commission and the Commission on Christian Unity and Interfaith Relationships of the NJ Area Conference of the UMC, the day provided an opportunity to learn more about the latest theological developments and the challenges to a Full Communion agreement that is hoped to be presented to our General Convention in 2018 and to the UMC's General Assembly in 2020. Bishop Mark Beckwith and Dean Javier Viera of the Theological School offered their presence and inspiration for the entire seminar.

After greetings from Bishop Beckwith and Dean Viera, the Rev. Canon Jay Gordon from the Diocese of New York (Ecumenical Commission, ret.) gave a cogent and thorough theological analysis of the challenges to Full Communion, based on the latest theological document prepared by the national dialogue team of the UMC and ECUSA. The Rev. Dr. Bob Williams, newly appointed to the national dialogue team, responded to some of those challenges and offered two examples of common ministry.

After the presentations, everyone joined the Drew seminary chapel congregation in a joyful service of Holy Eucharist, planned according to the interim Eucharistic sharing agreement that already exists between our two churches. Bishop Beckwith gave a rousing sermon (a video can be viewed on the diocesan Facebook page, [facebook.com/dionewark](https://www.facebook.com/dionewark)). Dean Viera – after dubbing our bishop an honorary Wesleyan – was the celebrant.

Over a casual lunch, seminar attendees discussed the presentations and their own experiences and questions. The Rev. Dr. Terry Todd, Associate Professor of American Religious Studies at Drew, gave a closing reflection.

This important and inspiring day celebrated the common Anglican roots of our two churches. There is still much to be resolved, but we begin on solid ground. Neither Anglicans nor Methodists have called into question the faith, the ministerial orders, or the sacraments of the other church. We recognize each other as part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church in which the Gospel is rightly preached. The goal is not a merger, but a state of full communion in which we can share fully in faith, sacraments and ministries, in order to more faithfully carry out God's Mission in the world.

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING/ FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Wondering what happened to our collection box?

The "Ink Cartridge" program is under "New Management." Please watch for upcoming details as we hand this fundraiser over.

Special thanks go to Linda Miller who has been handling this program since 2006! **THANKS LINDA!**

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