

# ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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Rev. Dr. Franklin "Skip" Vilas—Supply Priest



## Creation Season at St. James Church

During the month of September, St. James Episcopal Church, 214 Washington St., Hackettstown will be observing a "Season of Creation", celebrating the beauty of the Nature and affirming the moral necessity of environmental stewardship.

The Rev. Dr. Franklin Vilas, currently serving St. James as a Supply Priest, and founder of GreenFaith, says "This religious affirmation of our responsibility to the Earth has spread throughout the world, and now has the endorsement of major world religions. Initiated in the State of New Jersey in the early 1990's, the idea of a liturgical Season of Creation has been endorsed this year by leaders of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox Churches, as well as by The World Council of Churches, the World Communion of Reformed Churches, The World Evangelical Alliance and the Lutheran World Federation."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, recently joined in signing a [Faith leaders' invitation to join the Season of Creation](#). The invitation ends with these words: *"As the environmental crisis deepens, we Christians are urgently called to witness to our faith by taking bold action to preserve the gift we share. As the psalmist sings, 'The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein' (Psalm 24:1-2). During the Season of Creation, we ask ourselves: Do our actions honor the Lord as Creator? Are there ways to deepen our faith by protecting 'the least of these,' who are most vulnerable to the consequences of environmental degradation?"*

## This Month In Stewardship

In the beginning. . .

This is how the book of Genesis starts. The story of creation found in the book of Genesis chronicles how the universe and specifically the firmament of Earth was formed, along with the continuum of time of which we are part. This month Rev. Vilas will begin celebrating the Season of Creation. Each week in September his sermons will touch on a different aspect in which the Holy Spirit, as Creator, has given us the gifts of creation. He will also touch on the connection of the gifts of creation and stewardship.

While we often speak of stewardship in the context of everything that we do with everything that we have, we may think of this only in relation to the operation of St. James' Church. However, this is too narrow a perspective. Lasting stewardship of our parish and the earth concerns passing these gifts to future generations. We need to envision a concept of stewardship that passes along the gift of creation to the grandchildren of the grandchildren of our youngest Sunday School children in ways that will last.

In order for those future children to enjoy our earth, we might think of ourselves as the center of circles of impact standing next to each other and expanding our influence outward as do ripples in water when a pebble is dropped in a pond. This month we will learn about how to direct that influence in active steps to protect our environment for the future. Our newly formed Green Team will be working with Rev. Vilas to do an audit of our facility to look for ways in which we can apply these green concepts of stewardship to our property and our earth.

September is the time when we restart aspect of our communal life with Sunday School and Family Breakfasts.

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This Creation Season celebration is also a time when we can begin to reassess our relationship to St. James' and our world in terms of our time, talent and treasure. I encourage each of us to attend church each week this month to follow the sequence of Rev. Vilas' sermons, to learn about the concepts developed therein, and to give prayerful consideration of how we might put these concepts to use in our daily lives. (Just to be certain, I also encourage you to attend church each week of the year to hear the unfolding story of the Gospel!)

Thank you for reading,  
Paul Bartkus, Sr. Warden



### Calling all hands. . . .

As we come to the end of the summer and look

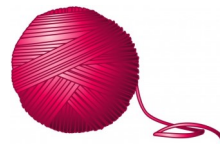
forward to autumn, we will once again enjoy Family Breakfasts on the first Sunday of the month, thanks to the Quelly family. As you remember, breakfast is served between the two services, starting at nine. We are fortunate that the Quelly's will be making these wonderful breakfasts possible, but they need our help.

There will be a sign-up sheet in Snyder Hall asking for parishioners to help out either by setting up for the breakfasts, helping the Quelly's prepare the food, or by helping to clean up afterward.

We need to lend a hand, as well as eat these delicious meals.

Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Snyder Hall and volunteer.

Thank you,  
Phyllis Bartkus



## Yarn Twisters

I am excited to share the good news on our donation to SCI - I counted 52 scarves, 38 hats, and 8 vests! Enough to cover 2 tables!!! Thank you to the wonderful Needle Workers at Heath Village and to Pat Taylor for coordinating the donations from there. Also thanks to Phyllis Bartkus for taking these great photos and to Julie Mills, Parish Administrator for her help in coordinating the packing of boxes. And last, but not least to Gerry Sheard for delivering them to SCI, Port Newark – without all of you, this could not be possible.

It is with some sadness that I write as this is my last Journal submission for the Yarn Twisters. Dan and I will be in South Carolina by the time you read this. We have decided to relocate now that Dan is retired, but are not sure where we will land permanently, we still want to explore our options. We have enjoyed our association with St. James' and the great friends we have made, we will miss you all. On a brighter note though, I will continue to knit for St. James' - I will need something to do on those dark winter nights!



Best wishes,  
Linda Miller

Much happiness to Dan and Linda Miller in their move to South Carolina, and wherever they land! They will be sorely missed at St. James!

## In Memory of Harry Faust



Harry Raymond Faust, Jr., age 84, of Hackettstown, NJ died Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at home. Mr. Faust was born June 8, 1934 in Shamokin, PA. He is the son of the late Harry Raymond and Laura (Latshaw)

Faust, Sr. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his siblings, Bobby Ann, Joyce, Charles and his wife Mary, a brother in law, Robert S. Craney and his wife Joan, a sister-in-law Glenda (John Faust's wife).

The family was of paramount importance to Harry. Harry worked for JCP&L in Newton, NJ for 39 years before retiring. At the same time he worked for the late Sam Mino of Ledgewood, NJ for 18 years providing for his family. Harry impacted many during his life, and has lost and is survived by many loved friends he made throughout his life. He served 8 years in the naval reserves. Harry loved to fish streams, lakes and oceans, Sandy Hook being one of his favorite. Hunting was also a great love of his that he engaged in since childhood. Harry was very creative, learning to re-purpose many everyday things in his life, first for his 5 children and then for his 8 children.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Margaret "Peg" (Craney) Faust, 5 daughters, Donna L. Allen and husband Gary, Diane L. Burd and husband Fred, Denise L. Bach and husband John, Darlene L. Faust and Kelly Ann Lynch and husband Michael, 3 sons, David Raymond Faust, Eric M. Harper and fiancée Tina Kay, Kyle A. Faust and wife Keegan, 2 brothers, John "Jack" Faust, Don Faust and wife Kathy, a sister, Eve White and husband Percy, 6 grandchildren, Brian Matthew, Justin, Gregory, Fallon, Jason, Gregory, 2 great grandchildren, Connor Jackson and Layla Leigh, a sister-in-law, Evelyn Constantine and husband Skip, a brother-in-law, Thomas Craney and wife Karen and many nieces and nephews and his dog Max.

Visitation was held at the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High Street, Hackettstown, NJ, 07840 on Sunday, August 26. A celebration of life services was held at St. James Episcopal Church, 214 Washington Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840 on Monday, August 27, 2018 with the Rev. Guy Fouts officiating.

For those desiring donations may be made to the St. James' or to Saint Hubert's Animal Rescue, 575 Woodland Ave., Madison, NJ 07940 in memory of Harry.



Drew Lacouture has been busy at Salisbury University in Maryland. According to his dad, Dave Lacouture, Drew has been building this program from

scratch (along with designing the logo) over the summer for opening in the fall. This program has been featured on several local TV shows and Drew is networking with university VIP's as well as other colleges. Below is some information on the program:

Food for the Flock

A PROJECT OF STUDENT PHILANTHROPY

Our mission is to combat social stigma by providing quality and nutritious foods for students at Salisbury University experiencing food insecurity in a judgment-free space." SU's food pantry is going to be located on the second floor of the university's Scarborough Leadership Center. Any S.U. student will be able to utilize the pantry on Wednesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.

We would love this pantry to be a community effort and your support will help purchase food and materials to operate the pantry for students in need . We will be purchasing nonperishable food from the Maryland Food Bank. Our goal is to raise \$5000.

Any amount you give to this cause will be greatly appreciated!

Check out below for more information:

<https://salisburyu.networkforgood.com/projects/50466-student-philanthropy-food-for-the-flock>

## Sunday School News

Sunday School meets in the Parish Hall during the 10am service every Sunday except for Family Sunday (the first Sunday of the month). All children are welcome to attend. Godly Play lessons are taught to the children, which includes a Bible story or lesson and an activity. We are starting registration for the 2018/2019 school year on Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> after the 10am service. The first Sunday School class for the year will be Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>.

During the month of September, Sunday School will be joining in the celebration of the Creation Season with lessons aimed at helping the children realize that we are all part of God's creation and we each have a role to play in this beautiful world.

On Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Sunday School / Youth Group meetup at Riverfront Park (Seber Road, Hackettstown) from 10am till noon. We will have some fun games for the kids to play and snacks will be provided.

We are always looking for more volunteers help teach and assist with the classes. If you are interested or would like more information on Sunday School, please contact Alicia LaForge or Jeanette Nolan.

### Sunday School Schedule

September 8<sup>th</sup> - 10am-12pm: Meetup at Riverfront Park (Seber Road, Hackettstown)

September 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School Registration

September 16<sup>th</sup> - Awe at Creation Lesson

September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Becoming Earth Stewards Lesson

September 30<sup>th</sup> - I am a New Creation Lesson

Alicia LaForge



## Confirmation Class 2019

We are forming our next confirmation class. Youth in 8th grade or older are eligible. Classes will also be available for adults. Please contact Paul Bartkus if you wish further details.

## Thanks to Our Supply Priests



Thanks go out to Rev. Lorraine Dughi, Rev. Guy Fouts, and Rev. Jeanette Hile for filling in for Rev. Vilas while he and Joyce were on vacation. It was nice having them with us!

## Special Events

The St James' Special Events Committee will start meeting again on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm after a summer hiatus to plan some upcoming events into the fall. If you are interested in planning or have ideas please contact Kathy Lacouture at [lockwood88@comcast.net](mailto:lockwood88@comcast.net) or 908-310-0451. We would love to have new members and ideas! Keep an eye out for details about:

Community Day

Bunco Night

Stewardship Dinner

-submitted by Kathy Lacouture

## Journal Deadline

October Edition

September 30th

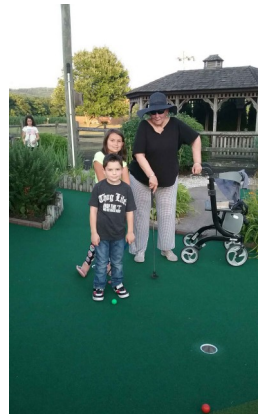


## St. James' Mini Golf Outing

Thanks to everyone who came out on July 13<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> St James' Mini Golf Outing for fun, fellowship, and ICE CREAM!!! About 25 parishioners, friends and family played a round of mini golf at Farmview Golf Center, on a beautiful July evening. Thanks to all who took photos, and all who encouraged all of the kids, young and young at heart, to enjoy the game. Prizes were given to Dan Miller and to Cameron, grandson of the Critchley's, as well as a guest of the Nolan Family for their scores. The evening concluded at Friendly's for a cold treat and conversation.



-submitted by Kathy Lacouture



## St James' Forms "Green Team"

St. James' Church has formed a "Green Team" to coincide with the recognition of the international and Ecumenical 2018 Season of Creation initiative for faith-based environmental stewardship September 1 – October 4.

The Green Team is entirely new for St. James' and the potential impact is exciting. The preliminary mission will be to align St. James' with good and sensible practices and projects to help ensure the sustainability of God's creation.

The Team currently includes Dave Lacouture, Phyllis Bartkus, Pauline Volkert, Alicia LaForge and Gene Seiter.

The specific activities and projects of the Green Team are still in development but many good ideas were discussed during the first meeting on Aug 19<sup>th</sup>. Some ideas were inspired by the internationally-known GreenFaith website (<http://www.greenfaith.org/>) which includes many resources for congregations seeking to be more environmentally pro-active as well as the experiences and knowledge of Green Team members.

Some of the goals of the St. James' Green Team include:

- Developing and adopting a pledge to declare St. James' commitment to the sustainability of God's Creation.
- Raising awareness of environmental stewardship among all ages and highlighting the connection to spirituality and faith through lessons, activities and prayer.
- Linking awareness with actionable items that can be applied both at St James' and at home.

- Conducting a comprehensive assessment of St. James' daily practices from an environmental perspective.
- Recommending changes to practices that are sensible and cost effective and developing a plan for implementation.
- Explore engaging in environmentally related activities/projects in the community at large as a way to express the connection between faith and green stewardship beyond St James.

The Green Team's next meeting in Sunday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome.

For more information contact Dave at [lockwood88@comcast.net](mailto:lockwood88@comcast.net) or 973-477-3603

David Lacouture

Upcoming Events	
9/2	Last Summer Service at 9 AM
9/8	Sunday School Pre-Registration
9/9	Homecoming Sunday
	Family Breakfast
	Sunday School Registration
9/12	District 1 Meeting St. John Baptist 7:30 PM
9/20	Finance Meeting 7 PM
9/25	Special Events 7:15 PM
9/27	Vestry Meeting 7 PM
9/30	Deadline for October Journal
10/6	Community Day AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> Supply Priest - Rev. Jeanette Hile <b>9:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Service- Rite II Summer <b>3:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> The Church El Shaddai	<b>27</b> <b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> KAQ <b>11:00 AM</b> Private Funeral Service	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Literacy Tutoring <b>7:15 PM - 9:15 PM</b> SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE Meeting	<b>29</b> <b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> KAQ	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Month of September is the Creation Cycle Series - Rev. Franklin Vilas <b>9:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Service- Rite II Summer <b>3:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> The Church El Shaddai	<b>3</b> <b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> KAQ	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Literacy Tutoring	<b>5</b> <b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> KAQ	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Sunday School Preregistration Fun Day / Field of Dreams Park, Independence <b>11:00 AM - 5:00 PM</b> Private - Party
<b>9</b> Homecoming Sunday, Family Breakfast Sunday School Registration <b>8:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Service - Rite 1 <b>10:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Service Rite II <b>3:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> The Church El Shaddai	<b>10</b> <b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> KAQ	<b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Literacy Tutoring	<b>12</b> District 1 Meeting - St. John Baptist <b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> KAQ	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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