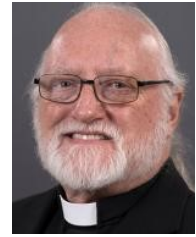




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Rev. David B. Rude —Supply Priest



This Month in Stewardship

Turn! Turn! Turn!

The Byrds (a musical group of the 1960's) sang a song named "Turn! Turn! Turn!" Its lyrics began "To everything (turn, turn, turn), There is a season (turn, turn, turn), And a time to every purpose, under heaven." Our transition in the call of a priest has entered another phase or season. I am struck that when a priest is ordained there is a laying-on of hands by members of the clergy. This is the work of the Holy Spirit being handed down in continuity from the origins of the early church. This month at St. James' we are at another point of transition, as The Rev. Dr. "Skip" Vilas leaves his post as long-term supply and The Rev. David Rude takes up his. This month also marks a point of departure as our previous priest, The Rev. George "Harry" Brant, moves from Heath Village to be closer to his family in Canada.

Father Harry was rector at St. James' from 1969 thru 1986. This was a time of growth for our parish which necessitated a growth in our physical structures. Father Brant oversaw the expansion of the parish house to include classrooms, bathrooms and a new kitchen, the renovation of the church interior to form a free-standing altar, to increase seating, and the purchase of the computerized Allen organ. If you were to ask him, though, I think his proudest accomplishment might be the formation of an ecumenical Covenant Agreement in 1974 with Our Lady of the Mountain Roman Catholic church. That covenant is mounted on the Moore Street wall in the nave.

Father Skip came to us as an extended supply last year. His stay with us was initially envisioned as rather short-term and was to continue for a month or so until we called our next priest. Sometime plans don't work as expected, but also sometimes the Holy Spirit may be working behind the scenes and we need to recognize that. This is the way Father Skip's ministry unfolded with us.

He and I would sit and discuss an extension of his ministry for a bit longer as our search continued, we would then discuss an extension as needed. Although he would remind me of his age, I was always impressed by his vitality and call to ministry. He never said, "No." Even though he was our "supply", he offered suggestions for our common worship, such as the celebration of the Creation Cycle, or the establishment of our Green Team, which helps us to be responsible stewards of our earth at the corner of Washington and Moore.

Father David has been sent to us by the working of the Holy Spirit also. He comes to us as he concluded an extended ministry at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Wantage. As you will read elsewhere in today's Journal, Father David has a varied background with a multitude of diverse experiences. These include the participation in the worlds of business, entertainment and ministry. His first sermon with us last week was punctuated with a song, "Welcome To My World" to communicate the call to faith by Jesus. Many folks commented to me afterwards that they heard these lyrics to that popular song of the 60's with new ears. We look forward to Fr. David's time with us and what he will teach us.

By the way, The Byrds song, "Turn! Turn! Turn!" was based on the third chapter of Ecclesiastes: "For everything there is a season and a purpose under heaven. . . " (I invite you to read the Bible verse and then listen to the song.) So now in this season of Easter and re-birth, we say goodbye to Father Harry as he begins his journey to Canada, au revoir to Father Skip and Joyce as they begin a less hectic schedule of Sunday worship and hello to Father David as he begins his ministry in worshipping with us.

Thanks for reading,
Paul

Journal Deadline

June 2019 Edition

May 26th

Thank You Fr. Skip and Joyce Vilas

Easter Sunday was the last Sunday Fr. Skip Vilas was with us as a Supply Priest. Paul presented him with a gift and thanked Skip and Joyce for their time with us. Rest well you two!



Easter Food In-gathering

On Palm Sunday the St. James' Sunday School sorted and bagged 20 totes of non-perishable food items for families in need in our area.

Thanks to all who donated items and to our young people for making this ministry possible. A special thanks to Jerry Sheard who delivered the food in time for Easter.



Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Fundraiser

Our Easter Candy Fundraiser earned us \$291.73, including a donation from someone who didn't place an order. Thanks to those who were able to participate! These funds help support the mission and ministry of St. James'.

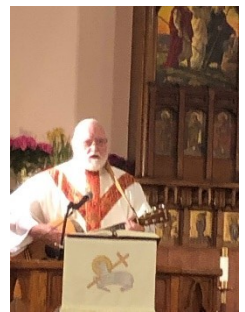
Barbara Olesen

Welcome Fr. David Rude

Fr. David Rude began his ministry with St. James' on Sunday, April 28th. Below is a short biography and a picture of him playing guitar and singing "Welcome To My World" after his homily!

Fr. Rude grew up in eastern Connecticut where he was a well-known entertainer. He attended seminary in Lexington, KY and has served churches from one coast to the other and a few in between. He has also been a businessman and has run four corporations and served for many years on the Board of the Better Business Bureau. He currently serves on the Board of the House of the Good Shepherd and is a member of the

Commission on Ministry. He loves to cook, play golf, entertain and write books. He has served 3 congregations since he retired in 2007 and just finished up six years at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Wantage, NJ.



Altar Guild

The Altar Guild wishes to thank the congregation for the donations made this season for Easter flowers.

Your generosity allows the altar to be beautifully decorated but without the need to tap the operating budget of the Church.

Meg Critchley



Called to *Serve*

Ushers Needed

Interested in ushering once a month? St. James' is looking for help in this ministry. Please contact the church office if you would like to try this out!

Henry Aulenbach



On April 6th, firefighters and the Mayor of Allamuchy honored Henry!

Maintenance Morning

On Saturday, April 26th Saint James' Church members gathered to accomplish some needed maintenance work, both inside and outside of our buildings.

On the Moore Street side of our property you will see that a badly-needed replacement of the church basement Bilco door was installed by Pete Quelly. This door provides exterior access to the church basement and heating unit. Additional outside garden work included pruning, weeding, raking, mulching, and planting in and around the church and parish hall.

Inside, new light ballast was installed in the parish hall kitchen, door holder "bumpers" were put on bathroom doors in order to prevent the handles from damaging the walls. Pete Quelly also installed door stops to hold the fire doors open when needed. Also, the lettering was removed from the lawn sign used during Holy Week and efficiently replaced back in the receptacle container. The soap dispenser was repaired in the kitchen and now squirts a pleasant swirl of soap when pressed. (Try it.)

A lot was accomplished in a Saturday morning and we owe much thanks to the following folks who donated their time and talents: Meg Critchley, Anne Dutton, Pete Gartelmann, Kathy Lacouture, Pam Laura, Pete and Millie Quelly. Once again, many hands make light work.

Thank you one and all!

Upcoming Events

- 5/5 Family Breakfast between Services
- 5/12 Mother's Day
- 5/14 Special Events 7:15
- 5/16 Finance Committee 7 PM
- 5/23 Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 5/27 Memorial Day Parade 9 AM
- 5/30 Host District 1 Meeting 7 PM
- 6/2 Canon Jacob's Visit
- 6/7 Family Breakfast between Services
- 6/23 Annual Church Picnic 10 AM—1 Service



Special Events Update

The Special Events Committee will meet on May 14th at 7:15pm in the Mitcham House to plan some upcoming parish events. Please feel free to join us or send information about an event you would be interested in.

On May 30th at 7 PM, St. James' will host the quarterly District 1 meeting. The meeting leads off with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary, followed by a dinner meeting in Snyder Hall. This enables the churches in western section of the Diocese to gather and worship together, and exchange relevant information about their parishes as well as Diocesan information impacting our churches. The Special Events Committee will be planning this occasion in the coming weeks.

On Memorial Day, May 27th, St James' will be staffing a table near the church and greeting parade goers and marchers who use Washington Street to walk back to their cars and providing water bottles. If you would be interested in being at the table from 9 am to 12 noon that day, please contact Kathy Lacouture at lockwood88@comcast.net.

On June 2nd, Canon Jacobs will join us for worship at the 10:00 am service and the Committee will plan a festive coffee hour to follow the service. Please mark your calendars.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Erwood Lacouture

Thank you Yarn Twisters and Needle Workers Of Heath Village

Once again the Seamen's Church Institute received beautiful knitted items from St. James' in time for Easter.

The Needle Workers of Heath Village made and donated 40 scarves, vests and hats, delivered to our church by parishioner Pat Taylor. Linda Miller shipped a parcel of scarves and hats she knitted all the way from South Carolina to Hackettstown to be added to the donation. Linda continues to be a member of the St. James' Yarn Twisters.

A big thank you is extended to Jerry Sheard who faithfully makes the trip to Port Newark on our behalf. Our donation was delivered by Jerry during Holy Week. Thank you to all who participate in this ministry.

Phyllis Bartkus



Called to *Serve*

Prayer Ministry

St. James' has an active prayer ministry in which "pray-ers" lift up prayer requests in their own personal devotions. If you would like to be a part of this group or know someone who needs prayers,

please contact Barbara Olesen at

olesen@comcast.net.

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!

May 2019

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