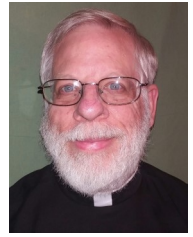




# ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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Rev. Wayne Sherrer — Priest-in-Charge



**God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. I John 4:16**

One of the books that deeply affected me as a boy was John Howard Griffin's book *Black Like Me*. The author's experience of raw, racial prejudice brought tears to my eyes. How could people, especially Christians, treat fellow human beings that way? As I grew older, I learned that inhumanity has been far too common, even for Christians. According to historian Brian P. Farmer, in the 1920's "two-thirds of the national [Ku Klux] Klan lecturers were Protestant ministers". In contrast to the Gospel of God's love, these ministers taught hatred for Blacks, Jews, Catholics and immigrants.

Over the past fifty years a number of groups claiming to be Christian have gained press coverage and achieved notoriety for their advocacy of white Protestant supremacy and a hatred of Blacks, Jews, Catholics, immigrants and homosexuals. By contrast, the rejection of those views by all major denominations (including the Episcopal Church and individual bishops) has received scant attention by the media. That publicity imbalance has unfortunately led some people to dismiss all Christians as intolerant and lovers only of themselves. Rainbow flags and Hate Has No Home Here signs are two of the ways that churches have sought to make clear their affirmation of God's love (and their love) for all people, with no regard for race, religion, gender, ancestry or sexual orientation.

The Hate Has No Home movement began in a very diverse neighborhood in Chicago. From their

website: "*The Hate Has No Home Here movement is built around a simple idea: it's easy to hate people we don't know. Posters and yard signs are just the beginning. What starts as powerful, positive messaging continues in relationship-building, dialogue, and communal action. When neighbors of different races, religions, and nationalities move past indifference to investment in one another, we knock out the underpinnings of racism and intolerance, and make possible a better future for our communities.*"

In mid-September I attended a meeting of the Mt. Olive Clergy Association. In an effort to promote greater understanding between people of different backgrounds, the association had sponsored a community forum on August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Mt Olive Senior Center in Budd Lake. The next forum is scheduled for 2 pm on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Abiding Peace Lutheran Church in Budd Lake. Like the first, short presentations from a few religious leaders will be followed by guided small-group conversations where people will have a chance to interact with others and practice "brave space" sharing. The title of the program "Brave Space," was taken from a poem by Micky Scott Bey Jones,

"Invitation to Brave Space:"

"Together we will create brave space  
Because there is no such thing as "safe space."  
We exist in the real world  
We all carry scars and we have all caused wounds.  
In this space

We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world,  
 We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere,  
 We call each other to more truth and love.  
 We have the right to start somewhere and continue to grow.  
 We have the responsibility to examine what we think we know.  
 We will not be perfect.  
 This space will not be perfect.  
 It will not always be what we wish it to be but  
 It will be our brave space together and  
 We will work on it side by side.”

The members of St. James’ parish have been invited to participate in this dialogue and I encourage each of you to consider attending the November forum. There will be additional gatherings in the future if your schedule can’t accommodate this meeting.

Peace  
 Fr Wayne



Maintenance morning will be held at St. James' on Saturday, October 19th from 9 AM to noon. Come help us for an hour or more of minor repairs and gardening. Refreshments will be provided!



## 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 excited to welcome some new children to Sunday School this year and are looking forward to another year of fun activities. Pam has started working on a song for the children to sing during the Christmas season. And we are planning on having the annual Sunday School Halloween party on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> during the normal Sunday School time at 10am. All are welcome to dress in costume, and bring a friend!

Alicia Laforge

## Sunday School Subs Needed!

Jeannette Nolan and Alicia LaForge are our very dedicated Sunday School teachers but sometimes one of them may be sick or have a work or family commitment that prevents them from being in church to teach Sunday School. We would like a few adults to sign up to be subs when this occurs so there are always 2 adults teaching. This is for the teachers' sake and for the children's sake as well as for liability reasons.

You don't need any training; you just need to be willing to miss the first half of the service at literally a moment's notice to fill in!

Please give this important request your prayerful consideration. The children will thank you for it! A sign-up sheet will be available in church and in the Parish Hall starting 10/6.

Pam Laura

**Journal Deadline**  
 November 2019 Edition  
 October 27th

## Congratulations Jewels Quelly!

In September, I humbly accepted an appointment by Bishop Hughes to the Diocesan Council. Upon sharing the news with my friends and family, inside and outside the parish, I found myself fielding many frequently asked questions. I was asked to address them in our Journal. This is a great opportunity for all of us to be in better touch with our diocese.

### What IS the Diocesan Council?

The Diocesan Council (DC) is one of the 3 Governing bodies of the diocese. DC acts as the “Convention between Conventions”. Sometimes folks refer to us as an Executive Council or the Vestry of the Diocese.

### How many members are there on Council?

Currently there are 34 positions on the Council. They consist of 5 officers, 3 Steering Committee Members, 1 clergy and 1 laity from each of the diocese’s 10 districts, and 6 Bishop’s Appointments. The Council has, however, voted to submit a proposed revision of Canon 5 to the Constitution and Canons Committee for Convention, which would change the makeup of Council a bit.

### What do you DO?

We are canonically responsible for long-range planning and determining programming priorities. We also review and evaluate programs approved by Convention. I’ve only been to one meeting, but I can tell you this: We are all honored with this weighty responsibility and we all bring our own gifts. We really get along harmoniously, even when we disagree. We are a group of thinkers who carefully discern what is asked of us.

Jewels Quelly

*Blessing to you Jewels for taking on this important Diocesan responsibility!*



## Jean and Chris Krauss

On September 22nd Fr. Wayne said a blessing for Jean and Chris and we said good-bye as they moved to Florida permanently (they have been wintering in Florida for a few years). But circumstances have changed! The sale of their house in NJ fell through so they are keeping the house for a few more years. They are headed to Florida, but we will welcome them back in Spring!



## BUNCO Night At St James’ in the Parish Hall

*Family game night* will be held on Saturday evening, November 2nd, starting at 5:30. Jayne Mutascio will once again lead us in a fun night of this game of chance along with prizes!

### BYO Pizza

--with Salad, Dessert and soft drinks provided--

Look for sign up sheet or come last minute if you can make it! Invite a friend!

**For Weekly Announcements and what’s happening at St. James’ visit our webpage:  
[stjameshackettstown.org](http://stjameshackettstown.org)  
Check out the new calendar!  
Sign up for email news!**



Once again, you're invited to

## **Break Bread with the Bishop!**

Continuing the very popular series from this past Spring, we are pleased to invite you to come meet Bishop Hughes for dinner (or breakfast) & conversation at one of these four events this Fall. Bishop Hughes would love to greet you and discuss the vision, hopes and dreams of the Diocese. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

Please join the Bishop at one of these four locations/dates:

- **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM at All Saints' Church, Millington**

Continental Breakfast 9 AM, program 9:30 – 11:30 RSVP by Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>.

- **Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at St. Agnes' Church, Little Falls**

Dinner 7 PM, program 7:30 – 9:30 RSVP by Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 AM at St. David's Church, Kinnelon**

Continental Breakfast 9 AM, program 9:30 – 11:30 RSVP by Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>.

- **Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at Trinity Church, Allendale\***

Dinner 6:30 PM, program 7 – 9 RSVP by Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup>.

*\*This gathering is designed specifically for churches currently engaged in clergy transition. Others are welcomed to attend but the program will be geared toward support and best practices.*

Don't miss this unique opportunity! RSVP Soon! These events filled up quickly last spring and we have already fielded inquiries about these fall dates. Registration opens soon so be sure to secure your spot at the table!

**For details and to RSVP, please use this link:** (registration opens September 4<sup>th</sup>)

<https://dioceseofnewark.org/form/rsvp-breaking-bread-bishop>

(Please be mindful that we need to know how much food to prepare. Each person has to register!)

## In Memory of Barbara Eskow



Barbara Eskow, 96, of Mansfield, NJ passed away peacefully on September 15, 2019 in Mount Olive, NJ with her loving family by her side.

Barbara was born on January 15, 1923 in Shrewsbury, England

After High School she attended military training. She met her future husband Michael Eskow in England while working for the military. Michael was serving overseas in England at the time for the United States and Barbara was serving for England. Barbara immigrated to the US and earned her citizenship in 1955. Together they moved to Hackettstown, NJ in 1964 to raise their family. She dedicated her life to her children and grandchildren. Barbara enjoyed crocheting, singing and listening to music especially Julie Andrews. She loved to dance and was an amazing cook. She will be sadly missed.

She is survived by her loving children, a son, James “Jimmy” M. Eskow; two daughters; Patricia Eskow Albanese and Pamela Jean Bachman McCarthy; her cherished grandchildren, Frank Albanese Jr. and his wife Laura; Bill Bachman; Jennifer Bachman; Christina Caron and her husband Charles and a great-granddaughter, Destinee. She is preceded in death by her husband Michael and her son-in-law Carl McCarthy.

Family and friends paid their respects on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the Maguire-Scala Memorial Home, 124 High Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Funeral service were be held on Friday, September 20, 2019 at St. James’ Episcopal Church, 214 Washington Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840.

## In Memory of Peter Dughi

Died: Aug 16, 2019

Peter Dughi of Independence Township, NJ died August 16th 2019. He was a 1974 graduate of Hackettstown High School and a member of the NJ National Guard from 1974 – 1980. He was also the sole proprietor of Dughi’s Welding Service for many years.

He is survived by his wife Karen (nee Robbins), his daughter Linda, his son Brian (and partner Paula Schmitzer) and his best four-legged friend Casey. Also, his mother Lorraine, brother Scott, sister Yvonne Peterson, and several nieces and nephews. His father William preceded him in death.

*Editors note: Rev. Lorraine Dughi, our pastoral minister, is the mother of Peter Dughi.*

Called to *Serve*

### Ushers Needed

Interested in ushering once a month? St. James’ is looking for help in this ministry. Please contact the

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](mailto:olesen@comcast.net)

## Fundraising

### Rummage Sale



Thanks to all who helped out with the Rummage Sale held on Saturday, September 21st. We were able to raise \$821 for St. James'!



### Gertrude Hawk

We will once again sell Gertrude Hawk chocolates and candies for Christmas this year. Sales will start on October 20th with orders being due November 17th.

### Shop with Scrip Gift Cards

We will also take orders for Christmas Gift Cards (does not include Shop-Rite or Weis). Most retailers are available. These make great gifts for those that are hard to shop for or enjoy picking out their own gifts. Look for more information in November.

Thank you for supporting the  
Mission and Ministry of St. James'!



## Upcoming Events

- 10/6 Family Breakfast-Sign up to help!  
Blessing of the Animals
- 10/17 Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM
- 10/19 Maintenance Morning 9 AM—Noon
- 10/20 Healing Service 8 & 10 AM  
All Saints Envelopes Distributed  
Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Sales Begin  
UTO Boxes available
- 10/22 Special Events Meeting 7:15 PM
- 10/24 Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 10/27 Stewardship Sunday  
All Saints Envelopes due back  
Sunday School Halloween  
Submit Names for Veteran's Day Bulletin  
Journal Articles for November Due
- 11/2 Bunco 5:30 PM
- 11/3 Family Breakfast-Sign up to help!  
Deadline for Veteran's names in bulletin  
Thanksgiving bags distributed  
Stewardship Dinner 5:30—8:30 PM
- 11/17 Gertrude Hawk Candy Orders due  
Thanksgiving Bags Due for packing  
Stewardship In-Gathering



**St. James' Episcopal Church Hackettstown**



# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> Articles due for October Journal <b>8:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Service - Rite I <b>10:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Rite II <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>3:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> The Church El Shaddai	<b>30</b> <b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Blessing of the Animals - Both Services Family Breakfast <b>8:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Service - Rite I <b>10:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Rite II <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>3:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> The Church El Shaddai	<b>7</b> <b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>12:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Private party
<b>13</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Service - Rite I <b>10:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Rite II <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>3:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> The Church El Shaddai	<b>14</b> <b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling Bereavement Lunch <b>11:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>16</b> <b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling <b>7:00 PM</b> Finance Committee	<b>18</b> Private party Preparation - Snyder Hall	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Maintenance Morning <b>1:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b> Private Party
<b>20</b> Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale Begins Parish Life Committee Meeting UTO boxes available <b>8:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Service - Rite I <b>10:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Rite II <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>3:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> The Church El Shaddai	<b>21</b> <b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>22</b> <b>7:15 PM</b> Special Events Meeting	<b>23</b> <b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling <b>7:00 PM</b> Vestry Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>5:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> El Shaddai
<b>27</b> Articles due for November Journal Stewardship Sunday Sunday School Halloween Party <b>8:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Service - Rite I <b>10:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Rite II <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>3:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> The Church El Shaddai	<b>28</b> <b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church	<b>31</b> <b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>1</b> All Saints Day	<b>2</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> BUNCO

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