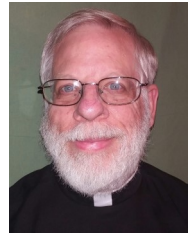




# ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

NOVEMBER 2019

Rev. Wayne Sherrer — Priest-in-Charge



## Stewardship Sunday – October 27, 2019



You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

This was a reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

I've known Paul Bartkus, our Senior Warden, for a long time now. I worked with him as a Junior Warden some 15 years ago. I've worked with him on the Capital Campaign that funded Snyder Hall. I've worked with him on Maintenance Mornings, annual meetings, and vestry retreats. He is a faithful parishioner who has done so much to keep St James' successful.

I've also learned to be wary of him. If you let your guard down, he will ask you to volunteer for something that you really don't want to do. You can say no, but somehow you always get to yes. Ask me how I know this.

So, I was minding my business one day last summer when Paul sauntered over to chat. He lulled me with a funny story or two, and then sprung his trap. "How would you like to speak on Stewardship Sunday?" In my mind, I was shaking my head: "NO THANK YOU."

Paul gave me the puppy dog eyes before I had a chance to say a word. I felt my resistance ebbing away, and found myself croaking: "YES, I'D LOVE TO, PAUL." He's good.

I love this place. I love the history, the sanctuary, the bell tower, the parish hall, Mitcham House. I love the worship, the liturgy, the truth that is spoken here. Most of all, I love the community of St James'. What a great thing – people working and worshipping together with love and devotion. We make a difference. You light me up, inspire me, and keep me humble and grounded.

Each of us is called to make sure we are letting God's light shine through our work, our friendships, our service, and our giving. As a faith community, St James must shine the light of Christ through our worship, welcoming, pastoral care, and outreach. How we use our time, talents, and treasure determines how brightly we are shining our light.

I'd like to invite you to shine your light just a little brighter.

Today, I'm focused on treasure. St James' needs your financial pledge to continue our mission. I realize that some of us are uncomfortable with pledging, but please consider two things. First – our pledges give St James' a predictable financial base for planning and programs. Second – a commitment to the church helps deepen your relationship to the church. If circumstances change, you can change your pledge at any time.

I am asking you to pledge. If you pledge already, I'm asking you to increase your pledge by ONE DOLLAR A WEEK. Every dollar helps. Together, we can accomplish a lot.

I like to look around our church and remember how we got here – an (almost) unbroken line of parishioners dedicated to its stewardship.

In 1859, our country was entering the darkest period in its history. St James' Episcopal Church was organized and built – and it didn't come easy. According to a news account of the time, during construction the entire framework was demolished by a tornado, and had to be rebuilt at the cost of hundreds of dollars.

Attendance dropped over the years, money got tight, and St. James' closed its doors in the 1890s. The church was sold and became a theater. By 1901, Teddy Roosevelt was President, and we entered the Electrical Age. The people of St James', led by Father Mitcham, reorganized and reestablished the church, buying this building back from the theater. Soon thereafter, the rectory was built, which many years later was christened the Mitcham House in his honor. We still have a reminder here of the theatre period. Our choir loft was built to provide more seating for their shows, and it still serves us well.

By the 1990s, we began planning for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. After much discussion, we decided to stay in Hackettstown. We came together to renew the sanctuary, and build a new parish hall. We celebrated our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009. **We've come a long way.**

The church leadership has done great work in managing our finances. Our parish hall mortgage is well on the way to being paid off. Capital projects are responsibly managed. Our day-to-day expenses and income are reviewed at every vestry meeting. I can tell you that it costs a LOT to run St James', yet every line item is scrutinized and scrubbed. Inreach and outreach don't come cheap. We are OK, but we could do more if

we had more. That's where your light comes in.

What DO we do with the money? First and foremost, we have a priest again after a very long road. I'm so glad to have Father Wayne on board with us. We have a small and dedicated staff that keeps our house in order. Our operating budget covers the barest of essentials - salaries, administrative costs, utilities, maintenance, outreach, and more.

A recent vestry meeting is instructive. We were filling out a diocesan application form, in which we were asked to describe our outreach. We all looked at each other and struggled with this. Then we started to get some traction and the light started pouring out – backpack program, North Porch, Christmas charity, Thanksgiving turkeys, winter coats for kids, Colonial Manor - the list went on. Then there is the inreach – the worship, coffee hours, fellowship dinners, friendship, and community that we share. All of this is made possible by your generosity.

The vestry has completed its pledge for 2020 – I'd like to invite you to do the same. Each one of us is called to make sure we are letting God's light shine through our work, our friendships, our service and our giving. We are called to be light bearers. It is a powerful calling.

Please consider making a pledge to St James' for 2020. If you already pledge, consider increasing it by one dollar a week. If you can give more, all the better, but I hope you can all join us in increasing your pledge by just a dollar. There is always more to do, and your pledge makes it possible.

I hope you will join me as we work together to shine our light in our church, our community, and in our lives. I'm grateful that we are part of the St. James' family.

David Olesen

**Journal Deadline**  
Dec 2019/Jan 2020 Edition  
December 1st

## Veteran's Day

“A veteran is someone who, at one point in his/her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America ' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.“ Unknown

### When This Old World Is Right Again

Someday, dear, when this old world  
Is right again,  
I'll take you hand in mine  
And we will know  
That neither time nor vastnesses  
Of mighty seas  
Could quench the flame our hearts  
Have kept aglow.

Someday, dear, when this old world  
Is right again,  
And you and I together  
Make our start,  
We'll know that even war.  
In all its fury,  
Had not the pow'r to keep  
Our hearts apart.

I'll wait for you, my dear,  
And I will keep  
My lonely vigil through  
The shadowy night;  
I'll wait for you, my dear,  
And I will pray  
That soon again this old world  
May be right. Unknown

I found this poem among my mother's papers after her death. I wondered if she didn't read it for encouragement while my dad was away in the Army during World War II.

Thank you Meg Critchley for these Veteran's Day submissions!



Altar Guild members perform their tasks with three commandments in mind.

1. If it's cloth, iron it.
2. If it's metal, polish it.
3. If it has been around for more than ten years, it's a memorial so just work around it.

If any object in our worship space qualifies as a memorial, it is the Paschal Candle. According to the dedication engraved on the stand, it has been part of St James' since early in the 20th century. But just what is the Paschal Candle and what is its significance?

Used during the Eucharist since the 5th century, the Paschal Candle is the largest candle in our worship space and symbolizes Our Lord's triumph over darkness and sin. It also serves to remind us of the pillar of cloud and fire that went before the Israelites into the Promised Land.

The candle portion, incised with a cross and the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, is at least 30 " tall. It is placed in a floor stand which is usually at least 48" tall. After leading the processional at Easter Vigil, the paschal candle is placed in its central portion in the chancel through the Easter Season and is lit for all services during that time. After Pentecost, the Paschal Candle is moved to the Baptismal font and is lit for all Baptisms and funerals to remind us that we are buried and raised with Christ.

After this past Easter, Jayne Mutascio and I were moving the Paschal Candle to its appropriate place by the Baptismal font.....something that I have done on my own many, many times before. And as noted above, St James' Paschal Candle is in two pieces...the candle and the stand. Because it is awkward and heavy to move, I lifted off the candle and propped it against the communion rail and then carried the stand and placed the stand next to the font. For the first time in all my years as part of Altar Guild, I saw that the stand was engraved as follows

Easter 1919

Thank offering for the Safe Return from War

Capt John Kane Mills  
1st Lt John Carr Martin  
Sgt Frank Picliel Arc  
Sgt Harold M Osmun  
Pvt Lewis R Howell  
Pvt Seward Wills Trimmer  
Pvt Leslie Hankinson  
Army Nurse Lydney Hall  
Navy Nurse Elva L Howell

In Memoriam

Charles Douglas Heuskel USN

Secret Service Capt Alonzo D. Herrick APL

This Veterans' Day let us remember these brave men and women from 100 years ago and thank them for their service and sacrifice

## Blessing of the Animals

Two pups being blessed by Fr. Wayne at 8:00 AM service. Well-behaved dogs all during service.



## Autumn Maintenance Morning

Saturday, October 19 was a perfect autumn day for a St. James' maintenance morning. A "punch list" of some 20 tasks was accomplished by a dedicated team of volunteers.

Our gardens needed a lot of work including severe pruning of all of our shrubs and rose bushes, as well as weeding and raking of the garden beds. The church property looks so much better now, thanks to all the effort put forth.

In addition to the gardening work was also done on the buildings. Gutters and roof drains were cleared of accumulated leaves and debris. The Moore St. outdoor light fixture needed to be replaced, the step lights to Mitcham needed to be reset, a door bumper was attached in the men's room, the kitchen fire extinguisher was rehung and secured, and an outdoor light timer was reset. A section of wall where plumbing work had been done in the Mitcham House kitchen was repaired. Heat system air filters were changed and the window A/C units were safely stored away until next year.


An amazing amount of work was done in less than 3 hours because "many hands make light work." We owe a debt of thanks to each of those many hands:

Meg Critchley	Dave Lacouture
Pete Gartelmann	Pam Laura
David and Janel Jenkins	Pete Quelly
Joe and Nona Wolosin	



Thank you,  
Phyllis and Paul Bartkus




  
**St. James' at Hackettstown**  
**Community Day**  
 Once again St. James' had a table at Hackettstown Community Day on the grounds of Atlantic Health's Hackettstown Medical Center. It was a perfect early fall day to give away children's books, talk to families, and offer fall craft projects to kids of all ages. Thank you to the volunteers who came out to help staff the table, set up, clean up, and join in the fun! Thank you, Meg Critchley, Paul and Phyllis Bartkus, Father Wayne Sherrer, Ruth Najemian, Anne Dutton, Dave Lacouture, and Chika Okoye.  
 Kathy Lacouture

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!



## St. James' Sunday School Halloween Party



*Thank You*

Thanks to Sunday School teachers Alicia and Jeanette. Let's help them out by subbing!

Thanks to all Journal contributors for their information, stories and photos!

Thanks to our Maintenance Morning workers who keep our worships space in tip top shape!

**If you would like to recognize someone or a group in our next Journal, please send to [olesen@comcast.net](mailto:olesen@comcast.net) by the next Journal deadline listed in this publication.**

## Why Buy ShopRite Cards?

Because it helps raise funds for St. James'!

We sell ShopRite and Weis Market Cards as a fund raising activity. When you buy a card from us you get the full value of the card (\$25, \$50, \$100), BUT St. James' pays 95% of the face value. In other words, ShopRite and Weis Markets discounts the 5% back to St. James'. So, a \$100 card gives you the same \$100 value as cash, but it costs St. James' \$95. We get to keep the \$5 as a fund raiser.

Think about it. If we as a congregation buy \$5000 a month in cards, we would make \$250 a month. Times that by 12 months and we have gained \$3,000 at no cost to you the card user. This is a good deal. You get the full value of the card, it does not cost you anything extra and St. James' earns 5%. Sweet!

So how can you get in on this? Easy. Talk to Paul Bartkus. He will set you up with an email reminder that on the last weekend of the month - you order and on the first weekend of the month - you get your cards. You can pay either when you order or when you get your cards.

Oh Yes! We also use this leverage to buy "Turkey" cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas. These cards are added to the food bags that the Sunday School kids assemble for those holidays. **If you would like to donate a \$25 card to the food baskets for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Halloween please let Paul know when you place your order.**

What do we do with the money? Some is transferred to the general fund to offset expenses of running the church, but some is also used to help fund Mission Strategy activities such as buying wool for the "Yarn-Twisters" who knit for the Seamen's Church Institute wayfarers, or to supplement food or materials for the Backpack Program, or for funding an outreach activity that is brought to our attention.

So yes, every little bit helps and since you are going to be eating anyway, why not help us by using ShopRite or Weis Market cards to feed your appetites and our fund raising.

Thanks for reading,  
Paul Bartkus

## St. James' Celebrates!

**-You are invited to celebrate the new ministry  
of The Reverend Wayne Sherrer!**

**-You are invited to celebrate St. James'  
160th Anniversary!**

**-You are invited to celebrate St. James'  
Stewardship 2019!**

All on **Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** starting with a  
celebration of new ministry in the Sanctuary at 4:00 pm.

Followed by a reception in Snyder Hall at 5 pm for  
all guests.

And then, our Ingathering Potluck Fellowship  
Dinner, with a game by none other than...  
Pete Huryk.

Please consider celebrating these important moments  
that mark time in St. James' history by attending all of  
the above events on Saturday, 11/16 beginning at 4:00  
pm.

-Potluck Assignments:

If your last name begins with A-J, please bring a side  
dish or salad.

If your last name begins with K to O, please bring  
cookies, bars, brownies (a cake will be  
provided)

If your last name begins with P to Z, please bring a  
main dish.

Thank you,  
St. James' Vestry



## **Fundraising**

The St. James' Fundraising Committee has two  
important events coming up before the end of the year:

Gertrude Hawk-Brochures are in the back of the  
church and in Snyder hall for our Winter candy  
fundraiser. These confections make great gifts. Please  
show this to family, friends and neighbors and bring to  
your workplace to share if possible. Orders are due on  
November 17 to make sure we have plenty of time to get  
our orders early in December.

Shop With Scrip-This is a gift card program that we  
order at Christmas time. You can purchase gift cards  
from most major retailers at face value and St. James'  
receives varied percentages of those sales. Think again  
of what great gifts these would make for folks who like  
to shop for themselves....one size card fits all! The  
brochure and order form will be in the church and  
Snyder hall in the coming weeks. Orders are due on  
December 1st and will be handed out at the service on  
12/8.

Please consider doing some of your  
Christmas shopping with us!



## Waterloo Village United Methodist Church

### *Handbell Concert featuring solo artist Brian Tricoli to benefit local food banks and other giving ministries of Waterloo Village UMC*

STANHOPE, New Jersey (October 2019) – Waterloo Village United Methodist Church will present a handbell concert - “Thankful for Ringing” – on Sunday afternoon, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. in the JAM catering building near the church in Waterloo Village (525 Waterloo Road, Stanhope).

The concert will include performances by local handbell ensembles and will feature handbell soloist Brian A. Tricoli. Brian is celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> year of solo handbell ringing, and will be playing on three octaves (37 bells) of Schulmerich handbells as well as a mounted set of 39 Malmark CymBells.

*“If the sounds of these handbells lift the spirits of anyone who needs it, then my goal has been met.”  
Brian Tricoli-soloist*

Suggested donation is \$10, and donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted for local food banks. Free on-site parking, and free refreshments after the concert – attendees are invited to stay for fellowship and to meet the players.

### **ABOUT WATERLOO VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Waterloo Village UMC has been the center of inspiration and faith for the residents of the Village and surrounding areas since its beginning in 1859. Waterloo Village UMC continues to be an open and embracing community – welcoming persons from a variety of cultural, economic and religious traditions.

“We’d like everyone to feel welcome at Waterloo Village UMC – and let them know that God loves them, and so do we. Jesus said ‘Love one another’ - he didn’t add ...’EXCEPT this type of person’ ...”  
-a Waterloo Village UMC congregant

From the church’s mission statement:

“The proclamation of God’s love, grace and forgiveness; acceptance of all people; sharing of our love and concern for others by the earnest participation in activities addressing physical, spiritual and emotional needs of people; the sharing of each other’s joy and concerns as a healthy church family in the faith, functioning as a listening, understanding community, so that we can respond meaningfully to the needs of the people who come through our doors.

Recognizing that ministry takes traditional and non-traditional forms; we are open and flexible to God’s guidance and creative spirit as we serve at the center of the colonial Village of Waterloo.”

For further information, please contact:

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YOU ARE INVITED

TO AN OPEN FORUM FOR THE  
GREATER MT. OLIVE COMMUNITY

# BRAVE SPACE

## FAITH > FEAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

2:00-3:30PM

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

### The Conversation will Include:

Opportunities to practice “brave space” that encourages all participants to engage, share, and grow through conversation.

Guided conversation to name and engage the fears that can interfere with community-building when we encounter diversity.

Collaborative vision-building for how we move from fear into faithful, respectful, loving community.

### Upcoming Events

- 11/2 Bunco 5:30 PM
- 11/3 All Saints Sunday
- No Family Breakfast
- Deadline for Veteran’s names in bulletin
- Thanksgiving bags distributed
- Brave Space 2PM
- Stewardship Dinner 5:30—8:30 PM
- 11/10 Veterans Day Celebration
- 11/11 Special Events Meeting 7:15 PM
- 11/14 Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM
- 11/16 Welcome Fr. Sherrer/Stewardship Dinner  
4PM in Sanctuary
- 11/17 Gertrude Hawk Candy Orders due
- Thanksgiving Bags Due for packing
- Stewardship In-Gathering
- 11/21 Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 11/24 Tree of Giving
- Hymn Sing Gethsemane Lutheran 7 PM
- 12/1 Advent 1
- Family Breakfast
- Christmas Flower Envelopes Available
- Christmas Food Bags Available
- Shop With Scrip Gift Card Orders Due
- Journal Articles Due for Dec/Jan Issue



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# November 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>All Saints Day</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> BUNCO</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>All Saints Sunday Distribution of Thanksgiving Bags to be returned by November 17th EST starts today (Fall Back) Family Breakfast has been cancelled for Sunday, Nov. 3rd <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</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Celebration of Veteran's Day Distribution of Thanksgiving Bags to be returned by November 17th <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</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>7:15 PM</b> Special Events Meeting</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling <b>7:00 PM</b> Finance Committee</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>4:00 PM</b> Welcome New Ministry of Fr. Wayne Sherrer <b>5:00 PM</b> Welcome Reception <b>5:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Potluck Fellowship Dinner</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale - Orders Due Stewardship Ingathering Thanksgiving bags returned and repacked <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</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling <b>11:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling <b>7:00 PM</b> Vestry Meeting</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Hold for private party 12-4</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Tree of Giving <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>7:00 PM</b> Hymn Sing @ Gethsema-</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>5:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> El Shaddai</p>

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