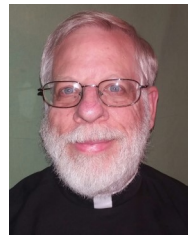


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Rev. Wayne Sherrer — Priest-in-Charge



Vestry Highlights - Sept 2022 & Oct 2022

Community Outreach

BackPack 2022 Summary

Total Families participating - 42
Total Children Enrolled - 90
Total Food Bags Delivered/ children served - 203
Families Came One Time - 18
Families Came Two Times - 18
Families Came Three Times - 5
Families Came Four Times - 6
Bags on Four "Gives":

Give Date	Bags	Families
7/9	52	25
8/6	83	38
8/27	39	18
10/8	29	11

Gift of Warmth: Anne Dutton & Nancy Miller have

begun shopping for coats for this year's Gift of Warmth. The first shopping trip was 10/26 and 70 coats were purchased.

Baby Shower for Jesus to benefit North Porch will be starting 1st Sunday in Advent.

Safety and Facilities

Your Safety Committee has recommended that the church purchase an AED device. These devices run anywhere from about \$1350 to \$2000+. Having one on site can be lifesaving in the event someone on our premises has a cardiac event. Please consider making a donation toward the AED purchase.

The roof remains an ongoing issue. The recent heavy rain revealed a new and troubling leak making the repairs all the more urgent. Pete & Marvin are

working with Fania on getting the needed work done ASAP. This also means working with the Town to have Moore St closed during the day for several days but not using police oversight (which can run \$150/hr.). Pete, Marvin, & Fr. Wayne will be attending the next Town meeting to bring this up.

Fellowship and Worship

The Vestry has discussed some fellowship events for the first time since March 2020. These include a Stewardship Brunch on Nov. 13, and a return of the annual Epiphany dinner in January.

For the first time since Nov. 2019 the annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving service will be held in-person this year. The service will be held on Monday, 11/21, at Christ Church in Budd Lake at 7PM.

There will be a 4PM Christmas Eve service this year in addition to the 7PM Stations of the Crèche and Christmas Eve service. The early service is to help parents with young children and parishioners who prefer to not drive after dark be able to attend a service on Christmas Eve.

Finances

We continue to be OK financially with our normal expenses running just a bit ahead of our income. The cost of the roof repair is not something that was anticipated in the 2022 budget however. One of your Vestry members is working on applying for a Ward J Herbert grant from the diocese to help offset some of the cost of the repairs.

Pam Laura



In Memory of...

With sadness, St. James'

announces the passing of Dan Miller. Dan and Linda Miller are long-time members of St. James', moving to South Carolina several years ago. Dan was vital in our Annual Golf Outing. He will be missed by many. Please keep Linda in your prayers.

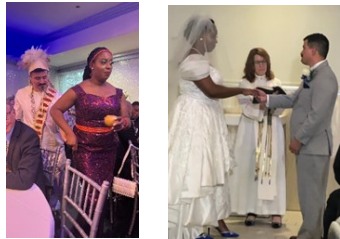


Congratulation Tina and Chance!



On Saturday, October 1st, Christina Okoye was married to Chance Carpenter in a ceremony that celebrated several family traditions. During the Igbo (Nigerian) – Hoopa (Native American) ceremony, both families celebrated wedding rituals with pre-nuptial rites and dancing traditions. After the Igbo-Hoopa ceremony, The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats (former rector of St. James') married them in the Christian tradition.

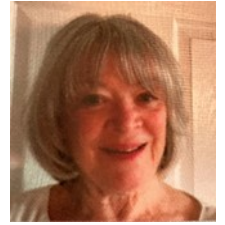
Tina is the daughter of parishioners Fred and Chika Okoye, twin sister of Sylvia, and sister to brother Ricky!



Diocese of Newark Visioning Discussion

The Episcopal Diocese of Newark has a newly formed visioning team to find out what is important in our congregation, what our dreams for St. James' are, and what the Diocese can do better. On Sunday, November 20th, Jewels Quelly, a member of the Diocese team, will lead a discussion after the service. Please plan on attending to make your voice heard!

Our Parish Administrator Has Been Published!



Julie Campbell Mills, who many of you know as our Parish Administrator, has published a book on July 4th titled "Thanking Jesus For." This is a children's book, thanking Jesus for everything from A to Z with pictures and words.

According to Amazon, this book was brought about as a result of a bedtime prayer she has been saying for years. Realizing that everything comes from God, she started with the letter A and continued to Z. The images of things little and big made her smile and made her more appreciative of the wonders that God had shown her.

Check it out on Amazon Smile. I've read it and it is a great educational tool for youngsters as well as reminding them of all the gifts Jesus brings us!



**Congratulations
Julie!**

Barbara Olesen

November Birthdays

- Thomas Carty 11/06
- Holly Elizabeth Barber 11/06
- Rachel Miele 11/19
- Pam Laura 11/22
- James Eskow 11/23
- Brian Hazell 11/30



December/January Journal
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Sunday, November 30th

2022 Summer Backpack

Sergeant Friday in the 1950's TV show, "Dragnet" would begin witness interviews by saying, "Just the facts, ma'am, just the facts." In writing the summary of this year's St. James' Backpack program we'll begin by giving the facts - by the numbers.

But first, here is a little background. The Backpack program seeks to provide supplemental food for families that are food-insecure and are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program at their schools. When school is not in session during the summer, this food support is not available for the children. Our summer Backpack program seeks to help fill this gap with non-perishable and kid-friendly foods. This is accomplished through a program divided into three parts: ShopRite Delivering and unloading the food, Packing the food into bags, and Giving the food to the children. Forty-two families participated this year and we had the pleasure of meeting them and their children when they came to St. James'. This outreach is an example of ministry beyond our walls and into the community.

This year we had three food deliveries and four "Gives" when the food was distributed. Packing was accomplished by volunteers at their convenience during the week prior to each Give. Ninety children from 42 families received food, as well as \$50 in grocery gift cards. In total, we gave out 203 bags of supplemental food for these 90 children.

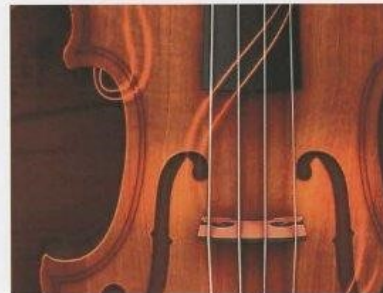
There was more to this story than cold facts, however. There was ministry. Our congregation volunteered the labor needed to accomplish this. Liz organized the menu, purchase and delivery of the food; Elsa and Karina helped with bridging language gaps in contacting families; Pam, John, Dave, Kathy, Alicia, Helen Henry, Marvin and Pete unloaded and organized the food for packing; Bill, John, Phyllis, Meg and Cameron helped with packing the bags; Sam, Jayne, Pete, Marvin, and Phyllis helped with distributing the food bag; and Joe and Nona did all the above, as well as helping deliver the bags to some families that walked a distance and were not able to carry the food home. The committee felt that some extra help beyond the food bags was warranted and the ShopRite cards donated by our congregation were used.

Support came from beyond our St. James' congregation also. The schools helped identify the families who chose to participate. Once again, the food was donated through an anonymous Angel who has generously supported this project for a number of years. Carol acted as the liaison between the committee and the Angel's foundation. Suffice to say that we would not be able to accomplish this mission without the Angel's generous help. Additionally, ShopRite donated reusable grocery tote bags that we filled with food.

This ministry exemplifies our parish motto, "We feed people." As we look forward to next year, we welcome the opportunity for more folks to participate and experience that it is "more blessed to give than receive."

Paul Bartkus

THE COMMUNITY OF ST JOHN BAPTIST Presents



The Adelphi Chamber Ensemble

Haydn: Quartet Op. 20 no 4
Mendelssohn: Quartet no 1 Op. 12

Sunday Nov. 20, 2022

4.00pm

Donation Appreciated

We ask that all audience members to please be masked during the concert.

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A fundraiser for our
Capital Campaign.

October 15 Maintenance Morning

Thank you to all who came out to help tidy the gardens around our church. We pruned shrubs and perennials and did some weeding. Our grounds look much neater thanks to the help of those folks pictured here. Also, it was a warm and sunny day which certainly made our tasks easier!

Phyllis Bartkus



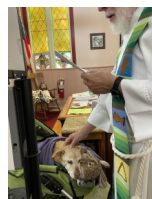
Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

To quote the James Herriot book title, "All Creatures Great and Small", (and our hymn #405), all creatures were welcomed to St. James to be blessed by Fr. Wayne on Oct. 2 in observance of the Feast of St. Francis. We had one Guinea pig and seven dogs, one of which was blessed virtually. All of our creatures were extremely well-behaved during the service, (as were the people)!

It was wonderful that they were able to sit amongst us in the sanctuary.

Thank you, Fr. Wayne!

Phyllis Bartkus



St James' Episcopal Church Holiday Food In-Gathering List 2022



Our Thanksgiving Food In-gathering will be different again this year due to COVID-19 precautions.

We have streamlined the food list and are including suggested container sizes to assure uniform food bags and costs. (No glass jars, please.)

Please purchase items from this list and return them to the porch of Mitcham House during the week of Nov. 13th or to church by Nov. 20th. There will be a plastic tub on the porch for your food bags.

Call Paul Bartkus at 201-213-3595 if you need help.

Thank you for your help, and **Happy Thanksgiving**

Kraft Mac & Cheese	7.25 oz. Box
Chicken Noodle Soup	10.5 oz. Can
College Inn Stock	32 oz. Box
Hellmann's Mayonnaise	15 oz. Plastic Jar
Tuna Fish	5 oz. Can
Golden White Kernel Corn	15 oz. Can
Green Beans	14.25 oz. Can
Hunt's Traditional Pasta Sauce	24 oz. Can
Instant Mashed Potatoes	13.3 oz. Box
Spaghetti	1 lb. Box
Turkey Gravy	10.5 oz. Can
Stuffing Mix	6 oz. Box
Mott's Applesauce	23 oz. Plastic Jar
Cheerios Cereal	8.9 oz. Box

Raise Right

(Formerly Shop with Scrip)

Please consider buying gift cards during our Christmas fundraiser. Order forms are in the church and orders will be collected on November 21st.

Anne Dutton and Barbara Olesen



Thanks to those who participate in Amazon Smile. This fundraiser earns money for our church when you place orders and designate St. James' Hackettstown as the recipient. If you are interesting supporting this, please visit:

smile.Amazon.com

Select St. James' Hackettstown as the recipient of donations. A percentage of your order goes to us! You can order under Amazon Prime if you have it, use any promo codes you have and use gift cards as well. Think of ordering your Christmas and everyday purchase using Amazon Smile....thanks!



Sneaker Fundraiser

We are currently collecting used/new sneaker pairs (no single sneakers, please). This does not include shoes, boots or other non-sneaker footwear. Collection bins are on the front porch and in Snyder Hall on your way into the church....thanks for your support!



Fall Office Hours

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

11 AM—5 PM

Upcoming Events

- November 6 All Saints Remembrance
- “ Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins
- “ SCI Donations Deadline
- November 13 Veterans Day Remembrance
- “ Stewardship Luncheon After Service
- November 20 Diocese of Newark Visioning
- “ Discussion after Service
- November 21 Interfaith Community Service 7PM
- “ Christmas Gift Card Orders Due
- November 25 Tree of Giving Available
- “ Baby Shower for Jesus
- “ Journal Articles Due for December



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