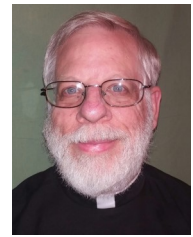


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Rev. Wayne Sherrer — Priest-in-Charge



A Season of Giving



Donation to the Seamen's Church Institute

On November 15th Paul and I delivered a bountiful contribution to the Seamen's Church Institute in Port Newark. A collection of beautiful knitted items, personal toiletries, and snack-sized candy was donated by our Saint James' congregation for the SCI Christmas at Sea program. There were also handmade ditty bags which are used to contain the items for each seafarer. An additional assortment of knitted hats and scarves was sent earlier from Linda Miller in South Carolina directly to Port Newark on behalf of St. James'.

Thank you to all who participated in this ministry. The director of the Christmas at Sea program, Joanne Bartosik, was so appreciative of St. James' participation in this program.

Phyllis and Paul Bartkus



The Gift of Warmth

The Gift of Warmth coat project is underway! St. James' shoppers have been busy buying coats at Kohls over the last month to be given to children and adults in our local community. We are able to do this through a gift from our "angel". Thanks to our shoppers - Sam Wood, Jane Mutascio, Jillian Martin, Nancy Miller, Mim Smith, Anne and Maureen Dutton. Kohls in Mansfield has been a great help to us. Please thank them when you shop there!

Anne Dutton and Nancy Miller



Baby Shower for Jesus

Twice a year St. James' collects donations of infant supplies for North Porch Center for Women and Infants. Our December collection is called a Baby Shower for Jesus as it surrounds the celebration of Jesus' birth. North Porch fills the gap in emergency situations when needy families are displaced or have shortfalls in their budget. They provide diapers, formula, baby food, wipes and toiletry items. Hackettstown is one of the areas they serve and St. James' has been a distribution center. Our parish has been extremely generous in past collections and we encourage you to include this effort as you do your Christmas shopping. Urgent needs currently are diapers, baby wipes and powdered formula. The Baby Shower for Jesus runs through the Advent and Christmas seasons and will be delivered after Epiphany, January 6.



A Season of Giving



St. James' Tree of Giving for 2022

Each Advent Season, St. James' Mission Strategy Committee coordinates outreach to families in the community to enhance their ability to provide additional gifts to their children. This year two families with a total of seven children have been identified by the local school district and the families have agreed to accept our generous gifts, purchased by parishioners. The communication with the specific gift list will be available starting the first week of December. The list will be distributed via email as we have done these past few years. Donations can be made by purchasing a specific gift or two on the list or by donating money to Mission Strategy with specific notation for Tree of Giving. A monetary donation enables us to purchase any gifts not chosen from the list or to purchase gift cards.

Thanks to the Bartkus elves, the Christmas tree with pretty red bows is up in the Parish Hall, on the path from the Moore Street Entrance to the sanctuary. If you are attending church please bring your wrapped and labeled gift as soon as possible and leave it under the tree. OR if you need to drop it off another time, we can make an alternative arrangement. **The deadline for donating is Sunday, December 18th.** You can always call me or text me if another arrangement is needed.

Thank you in advance for your generous spirit as sharing our blessings is alive and well at St James'. Many of you participate annually with this outreach event and it is much appreciated.

Kathy Lacouture for the Mission Strategy Committee

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Greening of the Church/Wardens Coffee Hour/Christmas Donations

The "Greening of the Church" will take place December 18th after the 9 AM service. Can you give a little time to decorate our worship space for celebrating the birth of Jesus? The Wardens will be giving us a special coffee hour during the decorating process. Please consider making a donation to the Altar Guild for purchase of the décor that brings the spirit of the season to St. James!



Christmas Food In-Gathering List

Please return food to the Mitcham House porch during the week of December 12th or in church by Sunday, December 18th. Thank you for remembering those that are grateful for a holiday meal!

- Chicken Noodle Soup 10.5 oz. Can
- College Inn Stock 32 oz. Box
- Hellmann's Mayonnaise 15 oz. Plastic Jar
- Canned Tuna Fish 5 oz. Can
- Kraft Mac & Cheese 7.25 oz. Box
- Canned Chicken Breast 5 oz. Can
- Whole Kernel Corn 15.25 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
- Cheerios Cereal 8.9 oz. Box
- Jellied Cranberry Sauce 14 oz. Can
- Canned Sweet Potato Yams 16 oz. Can
- Bisquick Pancake/Biscuit Mix 40 oz. Box
- Pancake Syrup 24 oz. Plastic Bottle



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services



On Christmas Eve St. James' will have two services of Holy Eucharist with Christmas carols at 4pm and 7pm. The early service will be less formal and child friendly.

In between we will have Stations of the Creche, a tradition begun during the pandemic. From 5pm until 7pm people are free to stop by the church to hear Christmas music, see the Nativity in the chancel and listen to Silent Night in the Mary Chapel. Some families have appreciated the opportunity to remember loved ones in the columbarium. On Sunday Christmas Day we will have a usual Sunday Eucharist at 9am. There will also be an online Christmas service on facebook and YouTube.

Thank you,
Wayne+

Special Thanks

On Christ the King Sunday Julianna, Helen, Henry



and their moms assembled 20 bags full of food along with a \$25 ShopRite gift card. The bags were distributed early that week in time for Thanksgiving. Thank you to all who donated gift cards and food for ingathering. Thank you also to

Kathy, Jeannette, Jerry and Fr. Wayne for helping with delivering the food. This is a wonderful ministry tradition that has been a part of St. James' for years. As our motto says, "We feed people."

Be on the look-out for the bags and food lists for Christmas. If you would like to donate a "Turkey Card" see Paul Bartkus.

Thanks - Paul and Phyllis

Vestry Highlights - Nov. 2022 Meeting

Christmas Eve –

4pm Christmas Eve service for those with young children or those who just prefer an earlier service

5pm – 7pm Stations of the Creche

7pm Christmas Eve service

Roof Repair Saga –

Work likely to begin now after the New Year Still working with the Town on closing Moore St. while the crane is being used.

Getting estimates for carpentry work to be done prior to the roof work: replacing trim and siding to which the flashing must attach to complete the job properly. This would also include reconfiguring the door into the Lady Chapel from Moore St so that it opens out and not in.

Safety –

The Moore St. door will be getting a WiFi-enabled doorbell which will allow the door to be locked once our service has started. If someone comes late the doorbell will alert the ushers. They can check the monitor to see who it is and then let them in.

We continue to look into getting an AED unit. Units cost over \$1000 plus there is a special cabinet needed. The Newton Medical Center Foundation has a program that helps non-profit organizations with the cost of purchasing an AED unit. The Vestry is also checking to see if the American Heart Association may have some kind of grant program

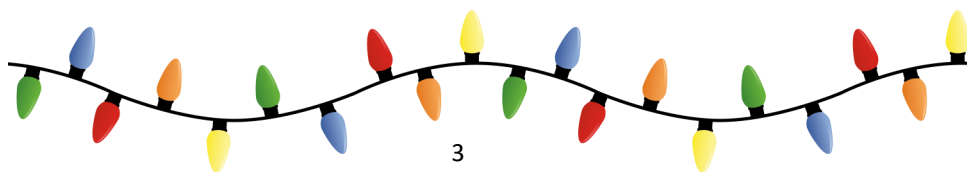
Outreach –

Gift of Warmth – underway

Baby Shower for Jesus – All during Advent, support North Porch by bringing in donations of diapers, wipes, etc.

Fellowship – We are considering having the Epiphany Dinner again!

Pam Laura
Vestry Clerk




December/ January Birthdays

Matthew Osei 12/07
Bill Critchley 12/08
Alicia LaForge 12/09
Nicholas Soszynski 12/10
Katherine Maier 12/13
Barbara Olesen 12/14
Matthew Miele 12/20
David Heistand 12/20
Julie Mills 12/21
Afau Sarpong 12/23
Chris Barber 12/24
Rachel Aron 12/27
Sarah Hubert 12/31
Anina Barber 12/31
Pete Huryk 01/01
Ronald Cipriani 01/03
Peter Hubert 01/04
Julianna Marie Fox 01/04
Jocelyn Brooks 01/09
Rev. Edwin Sumner 01/11
Jewels Quelly 01/11
Kathy Hannigan 01/14
Joseph Merchak 01/15
Lisa Brooks 01/18
Janice Cipriani 01/21
Timothy Maier 01/29
Alex Reinhart 01/30



In Memory of...

Dan Miller

For those who knew Dan, this  is an excerpt from his obituary.

His service will be held December 10th in Ohio. Please continue to pray for his wife Linda and the entire family.



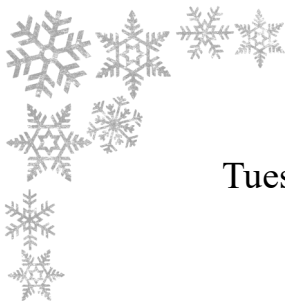
Daniel Raymond Miller, formerly of Ottoville, passed away October 31 after a courageous two-year battle with cancer. Linda, the love of his life, wife of 34 years, partner and caregiver, was by his side.

Dan was thoughtful and detailed in everything he did – and collegial with everyone he met. Two weeks before he passed, he shared with his family a six-page note on the things most meaningful to him. It was titled, “I am blessed.”

Dan was an accomplished engineer and held a patent for his work earned during a distinguished 39-year career with the world’s leading chemical company, BASF.

During his career, he built and ran chemical plants in Louisiana, and subsequently lead health and safety programs from posts in Germany and New Jersey, traveled to five continents and trained engineers from around the world. He excelled at what he did, being named a Fellow of the Center for Chemical Process Safety – one of the organization’s highest honors – and was selected by the American Chemistry Council to train engineers industry-wide.

While in Ludwigshafen, he became fluent in German, perhaps aided by his family’s Germanic heritage. An expression Dan loved, “Immer geradeaus!” or literally “always straight ahead” typified his life philosophy. At his heart, he was an adventurer and risk-taker – carrying a wanderlust gene he shared with Linda and which he said he inherited from his parents, Ray and Ruth.



Office Hours

Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday

Fr. Wayne Sherrer at Episcopal Conference

Father Wayne spent a week in November at the Episcopal Conference Center in Oakhurst, CA, just outside Yosemite National Park. It was a retreat for clergy that was sponsored by the Church Pension Group. They focused on self-examination and on consideration of future paths in ministry. An evening of karaoke and a visit to Yosemite falls were welcome diversions.



Upcoming Events

December 4	Food Drive Begins
December 18	Greening of the Church/Wardens Coffee Hour after service
“	Tree of Giving gifts due
“	Food Basket items due
December 24	Christmas Service 4-5 PM
“	Stations of the Creche 5-7 PM
“	Christmas Service 7 PM
December 25	Christmas Day Service 9 AM
January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
January 7	Possible Epiphany Dinner Watch for more details!



Dan Miller Continued...

Dan jumped out of planes, crewed and flew in hot air balloons, scuba-dived the Great Barrier Reef, and skied some of the most challenging slopes in the U.S. and Europe. He prized the beauty of this “big blue marble” from high above and below its surface. He was a proud honors graduate of Ottoville High School and earned his engineering degree from the University of Toledo. While he had long left Ottoville, it was always his home. The values he gained there -- honesty, integrity, respect, self-sufficiency and a strong work ethic -- never left him. Nor did his love of family -- which included dozens of first cousins.

He met Linda while vacationing and it was love at first sight. Even though they lived in different cities, soon they became inseparable and married in 1988 in Baton Rouge. He loved that he and Linda became “confident and competent” ballroom dancers. Dance became an integral part of their lives.

He also developed a passion for cooking -- savoring Lenten perch fries in Ottoville, learning to enjoy Cajun food while living in Louisiana, and experimenting with unfamiliar dishes such as calf’s kidneys in Paris or Matjesfilet (herring) in Germany.

Ultimately, Dan and Linda retired to Bluffton, South Carolina, where Dan became a talented wildlife and nature photographer. He also enjoyed golf -- having walked the links of St. Andrews and then played more as his leisure time grew during retirement. Dan and Linda planned to continue traveling the world until Dan’s illness, unfortunately, changed their plans.



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