

From St. James' with Love

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From Mother C

I was sitting on the stone bench in the garden the other day noticing how beautiful the flowers are. It is so early in the spring that I get a sense that it shouldn't be that way yet. And, I live in constant concern that a serious frost will come along and destroy much of it. After all, the wisteria was all budded, and now the buds are a light brown, ruined by frost. My lilacs are blooming, but the flowers are scarce compared to other years, for the frost has done its work. Some of my hostas were nipped a little earlier, leaving ugly brown points on some of the leaves. I know I can remove the damaged leaves and new ones will grow. Right now the tree peonies are loaded with fat buds, but I wonder if they will actually bloom. We've been eating leaf lettuce and green scallions from the vegetable garden for a week now, and tonight we are going to have another freeze. The garden is too large to cover all the plants, so I will have to wait and see what survives this unusual spring. I've decided I cannot control everything; I have to let go. I do know that God has a way of making things new, and I trust him to do that - even in the garden.

But more than in the garden - in our lives. There are so many things that happen to us as we live out the life God has given to us. Some of it is pure joy: the births of our children and grandchildren; the marriages and beginning of new life of our loved ones; the many successes and uplifting moments of life. When the joy is there, we wish to share it with all who are willing to join us in our song.

And, sometimes we are faced with profound sadness: illness that will not abate; our children and grandchildren are hurt; life of loved ones is shortened, and we know we will never be the same again. When the sadness arrives, we fall on the shoulders of those who love us through whatever is happening. We learn from life experience that it too often takes a long time for life to rearrange itself when sadness falls on us.

But we cannot control all of life; it is too large. Oh, some things are the result of decisions we make, and we must work through them, even if it hurts. But sometimes, it is just part of being human and living the life God has given us. What always amazes me is God's ability work here and there on us, and somehow, make it all flow. God is like the deep currents of the ocean - always there, always constant, always dependable. Sometimes we have a sunny day on the surface, and sometimes we have major storms, but deep down, God is there with us. He can even take the difficult things that happen to us and turn them into blessing. I know we can't see it at the time, but in retrospect, we realize that God was with us all the time.

As we move through the changes of life, let us never take our eyes off the Lord and always trust the one who will never leave us.

We ask all at St. James Church to keep the following people in their prayers.

Linda	Gary	Cecil	Diane
Patsy	Ruth	Josie	Gene
Nita	Roxie	Sharon	Scott
Ted	The Howard Family	Teralin	Doug
Kali	Jim	John	Lori
Curtis	Georgia	Peter	Greg
Melissa	Colin	Charles	Marion
Lee	The Herrick Family	Dorie	Julie
Bill	Marie	Lillian	Jordan
Michele	Arlene	Maria	Stephanie
Blanche	Marilyn	Eva	Colette
Harry	Tim	Zack	George
Sue	Bruce	Nancy	Kathy
Richard	Lisa	Jean	Bob
Debbie	Howard		

The Church of Kisima in Kenya-Those who suffer from addictions-Those who serve in the military especially Vance, Zac, Lael, and Grayson

Recycle your eyeglasses: The Lions Club has a Recycle for Sight program. They collect used eyeglasses to be cleaned, sorted, and redistributed to people in need in developing countries. One local site with a drop-off container is First Heritage Credit Union in Painted Post. Others can be located by looking on-line.

Coming this Summer to Vacation Bible School Hometown Nazareth-Where Jesus Was A Kid June 25-29

The curriculum offers this overview: Imagine what it was like to live and work in the dusty town of Nazareth, just as Jesus was beginning his ministry around Galilee. The intention is to give the kids a Holy Land experience that is as realistic as possible. They plan to turn the park into a marketplace complete with several stalls depicting old-world crafts. Members of the "Twelve Tribes of Israel" will visit the Marketplace daily and have a chance to spend their shekels. Volunteers are needed to add to the "ambience" of the Market Place and to escort the "tribe" members. If you would like to Volunteer-let them know. Also looking for props that can be used.

Come to the

SMORGASBORD DINNER

May 5th

4-6:30

**Roast Beef, Pork Loin, Wings, Meatloaf,
Assorted Casseroles, Salads, Vegetables,
Breads, Desserts, & Beverages A Complimentary glass of wine for
those 21 and older**

DONATIONS

**Adults--\$8.50 Children 3 to 12--\$3.00
Under 3 Free**

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE

Children International thanks St. James' for gift of \$150

Audrey Derr, daughter of Karen and Jim Derr, will be attending Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio. She is going to major in Equine Entrepreneurship. Vestry Highlights

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

- May 6th-Yard clean-up at Ted and Sue Dykas' home after church
- May 19th-Meet at church at 9am to go to Sunny Point to do clean-up.

Thank you to all who helped with the visit of the Bishop.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

April 2012

- Increased the pay of our church cleaner to \$40 per week beginning April 1.
- Accepted the contract with Peckham and Son to install new pipes in the organ for \$14,700. A down-payment of \$2,500 will be mailed to Peckham and Son.
- Sent \$200 to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.
- Will give a graduation gift to our seniors this year. Audrey Derr is a senior.
- We have one person from the Diocese of Central Florida who is interested in the Rector's position here at St. James'. She will be arriving May 4th. Jim and Linda Grillo will host her and will welcome her to the community. On Sunday, May 6th, she will read the Gospel and preach. Afterwards, she will meet the congregation at Coffee Hour.
- The elevator has been ordered.
- Nick Forenz is looking into the cost of airconditioning for the upstairs and the possibilities for the downstairs entrance.
- Jim Grillo is getting information about gutter covers.
- Shed stored at Nichiporuk's has been sold.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH PICTURES ON WEBSITE

There are times during the year that we would like to put pictures of activities and events at the church in the news section of our website. We would publish pictures with no names attached. Below is a permission form that we ask you to fill out so that we will be able to post pictures of you and/or your family on the website. They can be given to Sandy+ and can be kept on file. (If you want NO pictures of your family on the website, please let Sandy+ know as soon as possible.)

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH PICTURES

I give St. James' Church permission to publish photographs of myself and/or minor members of my family participating in church events on the church website and in church publications.

Names of minor family members:

Signature of Adult Individuals or of Parent/Guardian of minor children

Date _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 28th-Church Clean-Up Day (8:00 am)
- May 5th-Smorgasbord
- August-Rummage Sale
- September-Harvest Festival
- October 13th-Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
- November-Bake Sale and Bazaar, Apple Pie Day
- December-Angel Tree

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU CAN NOT SERVE AT YOUR SCHEDULED TIME.

<i>DATE</i>	<i>CHALICE</i>	<i>ACOLYTE</i>	<i>READERS</i>	<i>USHERS</i>
May 6	Co. VanHouten	J. Grillo	W.Torp K. Packard	W. Barney D. Barney
May 13	M. White	H. Matthews Co.VanHouten	D. Erway A. Edmister	N. Forenz P. Forenz
May 20	Ce. VanHouten	C. Skinner	S. Wilson L. Graulich	M. White A. Edmister
May 27	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	Ce. VanHouten M. White	D.Burch B. Frey
June 3	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo	J. Grillo Co. VanHouten	T. Packard K. Packard
June 10	C. Skinner	H. Matthews Co.VanHouten	W.Torp K. Packard	J. Grillo L. Grillo
June 17	Co. VanHouten	C. Skinner	D. Erway A. Edmister	W. Barney D. Barney
June 24	Ce. VanHouten	L. Nichiporuk	S. Wilson L. Graulich	P. Manikas C. Manikas

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ST. JAMES CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

Sunday School - 52 weeks a year!

HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

Vestry and Delegates to Convention

Wardens: Leah Nichiporuk - first year, James Grillo - second year

Vestry: Tom Noteware, Betty Frey, Karen Derr - 1st year

Floyd French, Esther Kowulich-Covell, Donella Barney - 2nd year

Ted Dykas, Pete Manikas, Nick Forenz - 3rd year

Delegates to Convention: Betty Frey - 1st; Gladys Palmer - 2nd; Charles Skinner - 3rd year

Alternate Delegate to Convention: Leah Nichiporuk

Clerk of the Vestry: Betty Frey

Treasurer: Karen Derr

Pledge Clerk: Donella Barney

Choir Director and Organist: Elenor Boutwell

Christian Education: Lin Bretherton

Youth Group: Gladys Palmer

Deacon: The Rev. Thomas Williams, M. Th.

Associate: The Rev. Gary Edmister, M.Div.

Rector: The Rev. Sandra K. Curtis, M.S. Ed., M. Div.

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