

# St. James' Church, Downingtown ~ January 22, 2015 Weekly News

## WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!

We are working on our new website and we loved to have photos of the following events. Please email photos to Rich Carango at rcarango@schubertb2b.com

- The 2014 picnic
- Christmas parade
- VBS
- Coffee hour
- Any outreach activities
- Sunday school

If you do not want pictures of you and/or your children on our website, brochures, and any other church publication, please complete the attached form and return to the parish office as soon as possible.

## OUTREACH MEETING

**This Sunday at 10am in Bartholomew Hall**

We would like to invite everyone who has been involved with any of our outreach programs in the past: *Troops Box*, *Lord's Pantry (food donations and sponsoring a family for Christmas)*, *Vacation Bible School*, *Bouncing Back (books for children of divorce)*, *Bridge of Hope*, *Birthright*, *UTO*, *ECS...* and anyone who has never been a part of outreach at our church but may be interested in one of the programs we already have or in starting a new outreach to **join us in Bartholomew Hall during coffee hour on Sunday**. Since Jennifer Harding moved (*we miss her greatly*) the outreach committee has been dormant and we want to revive it. Contact Laura Harting or Judy Benne for more information.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Shrove Tuesday Service and Pancake Supper**

February 17th

Service: 4:45pm

Pancake Supper 5pm to 7pm

**Ash Wednesday**

February 18th

Noon and 7:30pm

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

## LADIES CRAFT NIGHT

Pour Paint Pots. What is that you may ask.

Come join us for the next Ladies Craft Night on February 11 from 7-9 pm in Bartholomew Hall to find out.

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

February 20: The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion.

March 20: The Woman Upstairs by Claire Messud

All get-togethers take place at Panera Bread in Exton at 11:00 a.m. Please feel free to join us. Contact Peggy Leister for more information at peggyleis@aol.com

## ANNUAL MEETING AND VESTRY ELECTIONS FEBRUARY 8, 2015

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Family, Contemporary  
*Nursery Care: 9:00am – 12 Noon*

**10:00am Annual Meeting in Bartholomew Hall**

10:00am Sunday School Classes

11:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Traditional

**Why should you attend the annual meeting?**

**Did you ever wonder...**

- What goes on at St. James' between Sunday mornings?
- How the money you have pledged is being used to further God's work?
- How your presence...and absence affects the vitality of the Body of Christ?
- What you might have to offer in terms of time, skills, and interests to empower the Body of Christ in this place?
- Thought about how your participation in choosing the Vestry leaders for the coming year is a sacred trust?

**Are you thinking of running for Vestry?**


Vestry elections will take place at the annual meeting. All members of the parish in good standing and over the age of 17 are eligible to serve on the vestry. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Sr. Warden (Dick McConnell) or Jr. Warden (Tim Gemmill). Vestry terms are three years, renewable once. Thank you.

**THE TROOP BOX  
AND  
THE LORD'S PANTRY SHOPPING CART  
ARE EMPTY!**

## IF IT SNOWS ON A SUNDAY

If we have any big snow storms that will effect Sunday services, we will leave a message on the outgoing church voice mail **only if services are cancelled** (610-269-1774) or you can call parish administrator at 610-306-7059 (cell phone) or 610-363-7598 (home)

## HOSPITALIZATION REMINDER

 It is important to notify the Rector or the parish administrator (610-269-1774) when you or a family member is in the hospital. Due to privacy laws, hospitals are no longer able to give the church information. **Please let us know when you are in the hospital.** Private messages may be left for the Rector at 610-873-1065. After hours pastoral emergencies: 610-306-7059. **Do you need help with meals?** Our Ministry of Meals can help. Contact the Rector, parish administrator or Mandy Watson at 610-518-0399.