



~ Just A Little Late. ~

October 2015 Steeple Notes

Newsletter for the family and friends

of St. James' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Elizabeth Eisenstadt-Evans, Interim Rector

The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel 3rd, Bishop Provisional

Sunday Service Schedule

7:45am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Contemporary

Nursery care during
the 9am and 11am services

10:00am

Fellowship and Coffee Hour
in Bartholomew Hall

10:00am

Sunday School Classes

11:00am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Traditional

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

From the Interim Rector...

In May 2016, one of the bishops in residence in the diocese will be here at St. James to do something that in our denomination only a Bishop can do: preside at a service of Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation of Vows.

Confirmation, a mature affirmation of baptismal vows, is an opportunity for teenagers (above 14) and adults to publicly witness to their faith in front of their congregation in a way that is reflective, theologically-centered, and, frankly celebratory.

In some ways, it's the equivalent of having passed your driver's education test, earned the trust of your parents, and being ready to take the car on the road for a spin...another step in a lifetime of increasingly bold adventures in faith.

If you were raised in another communion, and wish to publicly proclaim your desire to be a part of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, this service provides you a chance to do just that.

If you are interested in pursuing confirmation or reception, whether you are a teenager or an adult, please let me or Luann in the church office know. It does 't matter whether you are 15 or 50 – this is a great opportunity to officially join our denomination and parish community.

My email is Bellettrelliz@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Confirmation 

ATTENTION CRAFTY LADIES

The Ladies Craft Night in October will capture the beautiful colors of Autumn. Join us on October 14th at 7 pm in Bartholomew Hall as we create colorful sun catchers that celebrate Fall. There will be a \$2.00/person fee for the materials needed to create your masterpiece. Please use the form on the church website to RSVP, or send an email to caryan1001@gmail.com. Snack volunteers are always welcome.



One, two, three...and they're off! We are officially back to school and rolling along. The first day went off without a hitch (more tears from parents than from children as usual). We are back to our wonderfully fun schedules—arts and crafts, circle

time, center time, and playground. We've been quite busy making friends and getting to know our new teachers.

We have a very full school this year, and the kids, as always, are a joy. We are blessed with wonderful teachers and assistants and they have made the preschool transition so easy for our students and their families. This year we are very fortunate to have four student interns from West Chester University joining us in our classrooms to help out with the kids and learn from our teachers. Our PTO has been busy recruiting new members and kicking off our big fundraiser for the year to earn money for field trips, extra programs, and supplies for our classrooms and the playground. Everyone at St. James has been hard at work to continue the success of our program to benefit our community's children.

We are looking forward to lots of exciting events in October, such as Fire Prevention and Safety, including a visit from Minquas Fire Company, and of course, our annual Halloween Parade and Parties at the end of the month! Our youngest classes are looking forward to their field trip to Highland Orchards for a hayride and to visit the pumpkin patch. What fun! We will bring our best smiles for picture day and can't wait to show our parents just how cute we are!
Happy Pumpkin Time! Enjoy the fun of fall!
Suzanne Diodato and Johanna Uggl

The winner of the Sunday School Carnival "KISSing" Booth is...

Timmy Heurich

Timmy had the closest winning guess of 120 kisses. The jar contained 131 Hershey Kisses and Timmy happily collected his jar of kisses on Sunday!



What a horrendous summer we had with all the tropic weather conditions. The shop was steamy and brutally hot which certainly affected the turnout both for customers and donations. Not many were willing to clean out closets or take trips to a place without air

conditioning. We certainly have competition from organizations such as Big Brothers and Sisters, Veterans, St. Vincent de Paul and many more that are willing to come to homes to pick up items. Hopefully the cooler weather will urge donors to take a trip to our premises.

We had our annual summer clearances and that included the final seasonal bag sale. This opportunity was needed to clear and clean all the shelves and racks and prepare for Fall. We now are proceeding to fill the shop with light weight sweaters, jackets, long sleeved tops and dresses. Our storage room is filled to the brim and now will steadily be emptied throughout the coming months.

Halloween items are now displayed in the shop as well. We have many costumes and decorative items. Stop in and see our selections. Please keep in mind many people in our area need and rely on our thrift shop. This being the start of a new school year, many mothers are looking for clothing as well as boots for the upcoming cold days.

Thank you again for your support
Anna Filoromo

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters will be meeting the third Wednesday each month at noon in Bartholomew Hall. Bring your lunch and join us for prayer, discussion, and fellowship. A wonderful opportunity to learn more about who we are and what we do for St. James?

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The Book Club meets at Panera Bread in Exton (*the Giant shopping center on Swedesford Road*) the third Friday of each month at 11am. New members are always welcomed. Contact Peg Leister at peg-gyleis@aol.com for more information. We will be reading the following books:

October 16

Lost Girl Found by Leah Bassoff

Contact Peggy Leister for special meeting location for October meeting

November 20

To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee

October Birthdays

Carol Ryan	October 1
Christopher Voltz	October 1
Kathy Fredericksen	October 2
James Halpin II	October 3
John Landis	October 5
Zach Voltz	October 6
Jack Edmonds	October 8
Joe Voltz	October 8
Breese McIlvaine	October 9
Cathy Renzulli	October 9
Essie Brink	October 10
Julie Butler	October 14
Rick Easterling	October 14
Nathaniel Healy	October 14
Mark MacDonald	October 15
Cameron Wallace	October 18
Marge Hess	October 19
Russ Robinson	October 19
Hannah Craig	October 20
Cathy Weisser	October 20
Logan Mea	October 21
Becky Leister	October 22
Ryan Vasko	October 23
Christine Deitcher	October 24
Chris Lovell	October 24
Henry Benson	October 25
Bobbie Roberts	October 25
Nicholas Johnson Jr.	October 26
Nicholas Johnson	October 28
Ryan Barger	October 31

October Altar Flowers are offered in loving memory of

October 4

Mary & Lee Heston
Earl F. Petrie

October 11

Hugh P Feeley
Bob and Dianne Wagner

October 18

Marcia Chambers Wells

October 25

Bill McIlvaine
Elizabeth Downing Smith

*Altar Flowers can be given in memory of or
in thanksgiving of a loved one.*

*Please fill in the date you would like in the Altar Guild
Flower Book located on the corner table passed the main
entrance. Envelopes for payment (\$45) are next to the
book.*



**WE NEED
COFFEE HOUR
VOLUNTEERS!**
Sign up sheet is on the
bulletin board in the hallway



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. 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.

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STEWARDSHIP
Celebrations

Stewardship Events

October 18

Fall Stewardship Celebration Begins

October 25

Kim Lindner will be our Lay Witness at all three services

November 1 ~ All Saints Sunday

Nancy Cianfrani will be our Lay Witness at all three services

November 8

Leaflet Witness

Commitment Sunday ~ Pledges presented at the altar at all three services

November 15

Celebration Sunday

**Two Services and Special Fellowship Gathering in Bartholomew following the 10am service
7:45am ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

10:00am ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Traditional

Nursery care during the 10am services

Sunday School class time to be announced

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Vestry Members - Term 2016

Bob Yuninger
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Matt Wagner

Vestry Members - Term 2017

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Vestry Members - Term 2018

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