



# THE CHAPEL BELL

MAY 2016

## Rector's Report for Annual Meeting

April 17, 2016

It is a good and a joyful thing to be here with you at St. James', Parkton, and for this Annual Meeting.

My initial role as your rector, as I see it, is first to be a good listener, for if I do not hear and feel the pulse of this congregation and the community surrounding the church some mistakes could be made.

The hope of every new rector is to grow the church and I would be in error not to say this, but growth is much more than bringing people into the church. While that's important, we must recognize that growth comes to us when we are able to explore the depths of our faith to see if we are doing those things we need to be doing so as to maintain a strong relationship with our God and Creator and with God's Son, Jesus Christ.

So having said that, a vital piece in what we do to strengthen that relationship must be seen in how well we worship God. Worship for me is not just a Sunday event, worship happens seven days a week, even on our day of rest. So, one of my expectations of you is that you attend St. James' worship services on Sunday's as often as you can; this will help you strengthen your faith and heighten your spirituality. For the other six days of the week, take stock in the world around you, give thanks to God continuously for all God has given you, pray often and give thanks.

Lastly it is my expectation that you support St. James' ministries in every way you can, for without you, St. James' Episcopal Church in this little corner of God's Kingdom will cease to exist. I know that's a strong statement, but it's a true statement, without you, St. James' ministry doesn't happen.

Last evening at the mortgage meal I spoke with a parishioner who stated very clearly that the worship of our creator came before everything else. Simply said, this person is correct because Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your Soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment and because you love God in this way the second commandment should come naturally, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

When we do this St. James' Church will grow in numbers, but we will grow in faith and spirituality as well.

Just a few more words. I've not been here long so I will only speak of what has gladdened my heart.

I am truly happy that your Search Committee recommended me to your vestry, and that the vestry asked me to be your next rector, and to this I can sing, "Happy days are here again the sky's are blue and clear again and so on. . ."

I am very happy with how well you work together in your chosen ministries; Pit Beef, and the mortgage meal are two that I've observed.

Lastly, I am absolutely thrilled that I have come to a church whose vestry already knows what their responsibilities are, I am deeply grateful.

May God bless us all as we move forward together in our worship, in our ministries and in love.

God bless you all,

Bill +

## **Celebration of New Ministry      Tuesday, May 10, 7 pm**

Join the Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, assistant bishop of Maryland, and special guests as we welcome the Rev. William Alford and celebrate his new ministry as St. James' rector. The Rev. Canon Katherine Harrigan is the preacher, with three diocesan clergy participating, the Rev. Joanna White, the Rev. Lauren Welch, and the Rev. Beverly Braine; Bishop Knudsen celebrating. A joyous occasion well worth celebrating as we begin a new era at St. James' Church. Reception to follow.

### **Help Wanted**

Help with pets – dog, cat and bird. Flexible schedule – we need pet help on an “as needed” basis. If anyone can help or you know someone who would like to earn a little extra money, and is relatively flexible, please call or email Donna Alford 717-235-4691 or 717-688-2263 (cell), yertel01@att.net, \$10 an hour.



### **May Special Events**

**May 1, 11:30 am:** Church grounds clean-up, aka Grubby Sunday. Bring your rake to church and stay to help clean up the grounds for the summer season.

**May 10, 7 pm:** Celebration of New Ministry of the Rev. William Alford. Special guests include the Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, presiding, and the Rev. Canon Katherine Harrigan, preacher. Reception to follow.

**May 14, 10 am-2 pm:** “Second Saturday” Pit Beef. Beef, ham, turkey, fries, drinks. Best around!

**May 21, 6 pm:** Ham Dinner brought to you by the Parish Life Committee. Ham, trimmings, ice cream and strawberries, beverages. Free-will offering at the door. Friends welcome.

**May 29, 10 am:** Nelle Bailey's final service as our music director. Reception follows service.

Visit [stjamesparkton.org](http://stjamesparkton.org) for more information. Please SHARE our events with your Facebook friends!

21st Annual Festival

### A Taste of the Country: *ThrillYour Senses*

Enjoy music from local musicians. Taste beer and wine from local makers. St. James' own Pit Beef, Ham, Turkey and more. View (and buy) the wares of local artists, artisans and crafters. Get pumped when you bid in the silent auction. Feel like part of the North County community. Join us and thrill your senses.

Tasting just \$10 for a glass and tickets. (Must be 21 or older to taste, purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.) Drink Responsibly!

Saturday, June 11; 12 noon-6 pm on the grounds of St. James' Church, Parkton.

Free Lemonade and Iced Tea tasting. Bounce House for the kids. Bring a blanket and spend the day at the premiere summer kick-off event in the North County.



Save the date and tell your friends. Vendor spaces available. 410-357-4473. [stjamesparkton.org](http://stjamesparkton.org).

Download the flyers [online](#) and SHARE our Facebook posts with your friends! Snap the code for easy access to the Taste of the Country webpage.

### Parish Life Committee

Ham Dinner      May 21      5:30 pm      Sign-up in Parish Hall      Invite Friends

### OUR FARE

**BAKED HAM – GLAZED AND UNGLAZED**

**BAKED POTATOES      ROASTED CARROTS**

**GREEN BEANS      TOSSED SALAD**

**DINNER ROLLS**

**ICE CREAM WITH STRAWBERRIES**

**LIBATIONS**

**MUSIC      FUN      FELLOWSHIP**

## May Property Committee Report

**By Jeff Smith, Assistant Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair**

I have come to find out that a short property report is always good news. After a few months of work on the church and parish hall it good to report that the new equipment installation is complete. A few routine maintenance items were completed this past month; small leak in the education wing roof, two plumbing repairs, some added furniture for the Preschool, new mulch in the play ground and the stone on the grass (caused by snow removal) is back where it belongs.

Tom Dawson has started his expert care on our grounds recovering from the winter. If you would like to help with the grounds you have a great chance to volunteer on Sunday, May 1, following the 10 am service. Our goal is to get the many gardens around our ground ready for Spring. So, wear work clothes to church, bring yards tools, gloves, and leaf bags and so on so we can make the grounds look great for the bishop's visit, our church visitors, our preschool parents and for our community.

A Life Scout from Troop 523 is looking into a project at our church for his Eagle project by constructing a base for a future wooden sign for St. James' church. Details will be in future issues of the *Chapel Bell*.

Watch for news on the September 17 Annual Crab Feast, like last year's crab feast it is a great event to invite guests!

**St. James' Preschool**  
Mandi Dean, preschool director

**St. Jude's Trike-a-Thon:** The children will be participating in a bike-a-thon to help raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The children will raise money before the event for the hospital, and will bring their bikes to school on May 10 to ride for the event. We will spend a week learning about bike safety before our event.

**Mother's Day Tea:** All the mothers and children in the preschool are invited to school on Friday May 6 for our Mother's Day Tea. Everyone will make a craft, drink iced tea and eat cookies, and read a Mother's Day story together. Fancy dress is encouraged.

**Marstellar Farms Field Trip:** The preschool will take a field trip on Friday May 20 to Marstellar Farm to learn about farming, gardening and baby animals.

**Teacher Appreciation Week, May 9-13:** We will be celebrating our excellent teachers the week of May 9-13. Make sure to thank a teacher for their hard work and dedication to educating children.

Learn more about our preschool online at [preschool.stjamesparkton.org](http://preschool.stjamesparkton.org).



**St. James' Preschool**  
19200 York Rd.  
Parkton, MD 21120

**Nelle Bailey**, St. James' music director, will be leaving St. James' for a full-time position. Nelle's last Sunday with us will be May 29. Nelle says of her time with St. James', "My three, short years with the good people of St. James' has been joyful and Spirit-filled...I will keep everyone in my prayers and I wish you every success in finding a replacement musician. May God continue to bless your parish in all its good works!"

A farewell reception for Nelle will be held on May 29, following the 10 am service. Please come to express your thanks to Nelle.

## May Finance Report

**By Jeff Smith, Finance Committee Chair and Assistant Treasurer**

Stewardship Campaign Update – It looks like all the pledges are finally in but if you would like to pledge and have not please do so. Thanks to all the members of St. James' for think of your church and its missions to the community, the nation and the world. We are doing good things to help other people through our organized outreaches within St. James'.

Heating and Air Conditioning Update – Of course you know the work is complete on the installation of the new equipment. As we move into the warmer months the air conditioning in the church should make those services in the warmer months more uplifting. The Diocese loan us the funds to help pay for the improvements by refinancing all our debt. Our debt to the Middendorf Revolving Fund (the diocese) about \$40,600 at 3% interest and should be paid off in six years.

We enjoyed our third mortgage meal on April 16 sponsored by the Philipp, Tillman, Yoder and Smith families. The food and fellowship was great. The auction was a success with many odds and ends sold to benefit the building fund. The chicken, raven, oriole, angry bird returned as a bald eagle! Our next mortgage meal will be sponsored by Parish Life and feature our very popular ham and baked potato menu. May's mortgage meal is a very good meal to invite guests into our church so save the date of May 21 serving dinner at 5:30 sharp. Sign-up in the parish hall because seats are limited!

April 23 was our first Pit Beef of the year at the same time the Preschool was holding a St. James' playground fundraiser. Fun was had by all.

The following chart is our funding raising results so far this year.

St. James' Income			
Year to date comparison as of the third week of April			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering - Pledged and not pledged	\$33,951	\$17,425	\$16,526
Special Fund Raisers – Mortgage meals, Spring Fest, Holiday Fest, Pit Beef and others	\$ 1,709	\$ 2,350	-\$ 640
85% of our funds come from the items listed in the chart. Amounts are the most current information available for these items.			

Pledge receipts are far ahead of our plans because several members of St. James' pay their annual pledge all at once. With the pledge campaign complete the budget is now final. All this information is posted monthly on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Thank you for all your help with the operation of St. James'. Our outreach missions help locally, nationally and globally and would not happen without you as a member of our church family. Please continue to support our fund raising efforts throughout this year.

## “Hungry Harry” is hungry!

Please remember we are supporting the Hereford Food Bank year round. It is simple to do. Bring in canned or dried goods and place them in “Hungry Harry” in the narthex of the Parish Hall. Thank you for supporting our local community.



### United Thank Offering Blue Boxes Now Available!

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a way in which we can give our thanksgivings, blessings and generosity everyday by placing coins in the “blue box.” This is a ministry of prayerful thanksgiving of the Episcopal Church that was started in 1891 to extend the Church’s faithfulness to God’s mission. Each year, more than \$1,500,000 has been given away to projects and programs throughout the United States and the World. Maryland has seen the results of this support with the grant monies we have been awarded to support our own projects here and abroad. Twice a year, we have an Ingathering within our own Church and then a Diocesan Ingathering at our Diocesan Convention in the spring.

### Rent-a-Scout

Sixteen Scouts and Scouters from BSA Troop 92 are going to High Adventure camp at BSA's SeaBase in the Florida Keys. This is a week-long adventure on a remote island. They are holding a variety of fundraisers to help defray the costs of the trip. With spring on the way, they are starting to book "Rent-A-Scout" days. The scouts and leaders will do all sorts of odd jobs and yard work in exchange for a donation to their trip fund.

For more information or to schedule a work day, please contact: Trevor Kilgore, [trevorkilgore@gmail.com](mailto:trevorkilgore@gmail.com) 410-365-1596.



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**Sunday Morning Schedule**

8 a.m. Early Worship

10 am Worship with Music

11:15 a.m. Fellowship

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**Happy Birthday!**

- May 7 Susan Walter
- May 12 Trevor Kraft
- May 12 Theron (Jeff) Jeffery
- May 14 Kathy Waugh
- May 15 Dottie Arthur Beth Kilgore
- May 26 Martha Hendrix
- May 27 Jennie Hellert



**Anniversaries**

- May 5 Beth and Trevor Kilgore
- May 15 Jennie & Mel Hellert
- May 29 Rebecca & Jim Kraft



Have a Birthday or Anniversary to add to our Sunday prayers? Please let phone 410-357-4473. Include first and last names, Month, Day and Year. We will only make public the month and day. The year is to update our Parish Records. Thank you.



**Memorial Flowers and Candles**

Flower and Candle Memorials are wonderful ways to remember and honor loved ones at Sunday worship. A Candle Memorial Sign up Sheet and Flower Memorial Chart can be found on the Church News bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The cost of Memorial Candles is \$10. The cost of Memorial Flowers is \$35.

New Calendar is on the Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall.

