



THE CHAPEL BELL

JUNE 2016

From the Rector's Desk

*Tell us what we need to hear Oh God, and tell us what we need to do, too be the people you have called us to be.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*

What a pleasure it is for me to be among people whose desire is to serve the Lord their God with all their heart, soul and mind. Bless you all.

In her wonderful sermon on the occasion of my Installation as rector of St. James', Kate said "Without one another we will not survive. Without one another, there is no community. Community is essential for us to both survive and thrive as human beings, as Christians."

In my opinion, the building of a faithful community, no matter whether it is small or large, is the hope of every church as it moves forward in God's ministry. My observations to date indicate that the community of St. James' has embraced this understanding. Though I have yet to determine exactly how many of God's people attend St. James', worship attendance numbers indicate we are a family-sized church; that is, we have 70 or fewer attending on Sundays. As I have said, this is not a bad thing as 80 percent of the churches in the Diocese of Maryland fall into this group, and I suspect the same is true in other dioceses as well. To this our bishop at convention said: "Every church should be thriving, not necessarily growing." While it is important to grow in numbers, number crunching is not the only thing.

In a great many ways being small is good. It is good because we are not so big we cannot attend to each person's needs as those needs are made known. And it is a good thing because being small means we have the ability to greet everyone during the Peace, which is what God wants us to do, no one should be left out. One of the reasons we come to church is so we can continue to build upon the relationships we have with each other. The upside of the work we do inside the walls of St. James' is it helps us build relationships in the communities in which we live, and move, and have our being. We need to do more with those we encounter than to just say, 'hi, how are you.' Remember, if the relationship we have with our neighbor, with people beyond these walls is broken, then we need to work to fix the relationship.

I once read a story about a young high school student who was constantly bullied by other students in his school. He endured name calling and various other forms of physical and mental abuse. One day as he was walking home a group of boys knocked his books out of his hands to the sidewalk, scattering his papers. The bullies ran off laughing. Another boy, a star baseball player came by, he was a stranger, he helped the boy pick up his books and papers before they were scattered by the wind, he then walked with the abused boy to his house; the two became good friends that day and were constantly seen together. Twenty years later the boy who had been bullied confessed to his friend, "That day when you stopped to help me pick up my books and papers, had you not stopped that day I would have carried out my plan to kill myself, you saved my life."

To be sure, we cannot know what is going on in the lives of the stranger, but when we take the time to greet a stranger and not ignore them, we just might be saving a life. At a minimum, when we greet others we need to remember, we just might be greeting Jesus. My counsel today is for us to continue working on our relationship, not only at St. James', but in the community as well; this is an important step in the growing God's church.

Blessings,

Bill +

Celebration of New Ministry

Photos from this joyous event online at https://www.facebook.com/StJamesParktonMaryland/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1020280924723017

Follow St. James' Church on Facebook for more event albums and to share our stories with your friends.

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.

Elaine from [African Team Ministries](#) has asked if we would put up two tables in the parish hall to display items from Africa for sale for folks to buy. The tables will be set up on June 19 and 26. This is a lifesaving ministry so please support this ministry if you are able. Proceeds benefit African Team Ministries.

The dedication of the Linder-Bacon library at St. James'. June 19, 10:15 am. Ray Linder and his wife Joan were dedicated long-time members of the St. James' family until his death last summer. Bob Bacon was baptized at St. James' in 1930 and loved the church all his life serving in many ways, including as senior warden. He died in the fall of 2014. The library is located in the Choir Room.

June Special Events

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

June 5, following 10 am service: Church grounds clean-up, aka Grubby Sunday. Bring your rake to church and stay to help clean up the grounds for the summer season.

June 11, Noon - 6 pm: A Taste of the Country: *Thrill Your Senses* See the flyer online and in this newsletter. Bands, tastings, vendors, St. James' Café: pit beef/ham/turkey, plus fries and drinks, kids' play zone, and more. Great family day! Please plan to join us, help and invite your friends.

June 19, 9 am: Sunday Services: Summer service time change starts June 19. We will worship together at 9 am throughout the summer, through Labor Day weekend.

June 19, 10:15 am: The dedication of the Linder-Bacon library at St. James'. The library is located in the Choir Room.

June 19 and 26: Support African Team Ministries by purchasing items from Africa in the Parish Hall. Visit stjamesparkton.org for more information. Please SHARE our events with your Facebook friends!



21st Annual Festival

A Taste of the Country: *Thrill Your 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.

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.

Enjoy tastings from our partners:

Wineries: Royal Rabbit, Harford Winery, Basignani

Peabody Heights Brewery

Millstone Ciders

Iced Teas and Lemonades by the Smith Family



Purchase great wares from our vendors including:

Dulcimers; Jewelry; Totes, bags and organizational wares by 31 Gifts; Tastefully Simple; Pampered Chef; Goat Cheese creations; Stefania Olive Oils; Books by local author Cara Sue Achterberg; Original Watercolors by members of the Butler Watercolor Society; and many more.

Bid on Items in our Famous Silent Auction:

Restaurants, gifts, baskets and more! For a full list visit our Event Page online at stjamesparkton.org.

“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 410-365-1596.



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AND MORE!

"Open in Spirit,
Deep in Faith, Rich in Worship,
Active in Service."

Sunday Morning Schedule

8 a.m. Early Worship

10 am Worship with Music

11:15 a.m. Fellowship

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

June 3 Alan Greeley

June 4 Keri Fox

June 23 Jason Kraft

June 26 Ken Whitaker



Anniversaries

June 8 Ken and Gloria Whitaker

June 18 Dottie and Jack Arthur

June 18 Susan and Chris Walters

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.



Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning June 19

9 am service followed by fellowship.



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.





A Taste of the Country

Thrill Your Senses

Saturday, June 11
12 noon-6 pm
Free Admission

Live Music • Tastings
Artists • Vendors
Crafts • Food • Fun

St. James' Episcopal Church 19200 York Road, Parkton, MD
stjamesparkton.org for music, winery, brewery, vendor and silent
auction info • Must be 21 to sample • Drink Responsibly

I-83 Exit 33, south on York Road, next to Parkton Post Office

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