

A word from the Vicar

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*"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."
(Micah 6:8)*

During our Tuesday afternoon gatherings, the youth of the parish have been studying the prophets. They have been learning about how the prophets spoke truth to power and how important it is to advocate for justice. We began with Elijah and Elisha and went on to Amos and Isaiah. Today, we learned about Micah, a prophet from a rural area southwest of Jerusalem who spoke out against those who would take advantage of the poor. The words Micah spoke then are no less true today. In order to address economic inequality, Micah tells us that the Lord requires of us three deceptively simple things: Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

To walk humbly with our God is to recognize that the source of our very life is God. Our talents, our capacity to have work

worthy of our best efforts, are a gift. When we start there, it is much easier to shape our wills to the will of God. With that in mind, we then can seek God's wisdom when we encounter situations crying out for justice and kindness. Justice takes many forms. Oftentimes it requires addressing deep systemic issues, which seem intractable. Nevertheless, we are called to do our part. Being part of a community of faith, we are able to access gifts and talents that we may not possess on our own. Working together, a way forward can be seen.

That is what St. James relies upon. Working together with more than 15 volunteers, from all over the community, we serve upwards of 100 people each week. The youth program would not exist without the faithful participation of many

parishioners. Lives have been changed as we share small acts of kindness. Faith is deepened as we reach out with care and compassion.

But there is always the potential for more . . . more lives changed . . . more partnerships for mission . . . more opportunities for growth. As our prayer book so eloquently says, God wants more for his people than we can ever ask for or imagine. Micah's call to us is to guard against complacency. We have been given much. What now are we called to do? It is an important question especially as we pray about stewardship. What is God asking of your time, your talent and your treasure?

Faithfully,

Martha

Blessing of the Animals



NEWS to share



November is a time of giving and thanksgiving. The St. James Soup Kitchen is thankful for all who have volunteered their time on Tuesdays and all who have donated to help make this ministry possible. Recently the Soup Kitchen and Food Cupboard received a grant from The United Way, made possible by the Land O Lakes corporation. Over the years, God's blessings upon the Soup Kitchen have come from the Titusville community through many individuals and organizations. What a wonderful reason to offer thanksgiving.

The Soup Kitchen will hold its annual Thanksgiving meal on Tuesday, November 15. Turkey and all the trimmings will be served during the noonday meal. This dinner is always well attended. Extra tables will be set up and expanded serving times may be necessary. Although we

are no longer able to have deliveries and take-outs to the general public, local churches and service groups can arrange to pick up take-outs for the sick and shut-in by calling our church office by 10 AM. on any Tuesday.

The day after our Thanksgiving meal, on Wednesday, November 16 is the annual food and donation drive sponsored by WICU and Second Harvest. This will take place in the Family Video parking lot and all proceeds benefit the St. James Food Cupboard and the Titusville Food Bank. Donations of canned goods or money can be dropped off any time that day at the collection site. Volunteers are needed to help direct donors into the parking lot and to help receive the donations. St. James is responsible for staffing from 10 AM to 2 PM. Any amount of time you are able to contribute would be a great help. This is a good chance to invite a friend along to help with a worthy cause and get to know more regarding what St. James is all about. There is a sign up sheet

in the Parish Hall.

On October 11th. the Soup Kitchen welcomed Titusville's new police chief, Harold Minch and Sgt. Bud Root for lunch. The Titusville Police Dept. would like to be more involved with the community. The two enjoyed visiting with the Soup Kitchen congregation and were well received. Many had questions for the new chief. Since it was Bag Day, the chief volunteered to pass out food bags. We were fortunate that he could stay to help. The Food Cupboard gave out a record 70 bags of food. Wow! The chief hopes to volunteer on a regular basis.

Dates to remember:

- Bag Days - Nov. 8 and 22
- Barb Ives here to answer questions about VA, SSA, Medicare and Housing - Nov. 1 and 15
- Thanksgiving Meal- Nov. 15
- WICU and Second Harvest Food Drive - Nov. 16 in Family Video parking lot

Submitted by Eda Scales



The Senior Warden

As you are all aware, a number of the Bishop's Committee members along with other members of the congregation, have been working together. We are known as the Vitality Task Force. Here are the names of the members of the VTF: Dona Clendenin, Randy Galmish, Lynn Gagnon, Martha Ishman, Barb Ives, Terry Kerr, Lorri Powell, Eda Scales & Noni Stanford. One of the purposes of the VTF is to spread the word of what it means to live a faith-based life. We are reaching out to friends and others in our communities who are thirsty for the knowledge of what this all means.

We are scheduled for a Tune-Up

Day, Sat., Dec 3 from 10AM-4PM at St. John's Episcopal Church in Franklin. The activities of the day will be lead by Rev. Paul Nickerson from Nickerson Coaching. There are other congregations within the Diocese of NW PA who will also be present at the Tune-Up Day.

We have been encouraged and advised by Rev. Nickerson to invite other parishioners in our congregation (in addition to the VTF)for the Tune-Up Day. We will be asking others in our congregation to participate in this event. It would be wonderful to have a substantial representation from St. James. So please ask any

questions you may have regarding the Tune-Up Day to any member of the VTF. Hope to see you there!

Love,

Noni

From "A New Dictionary for Episcopalians" The Rev. John N. Wall, Jr.

Coadjutor, Bishop: A bishop elected by a diocesan convention to become the bishop of that diocese upon the retirement or resignation of the current diocesan bishop. Distinct from a suffragan bishop in that a bishop coadjutor is elected to become diocesan bishop, while a suffragan bishop is elected only to assist the diocesan bishop.

Collect: A short prayer containing an invocation, a petition, and a claiming of the right to appeal in Christ's name or an ascription of glory to God. For Episcopalians, the word is usually thought of as referring to the variable prayer which is called the Collect for the day and which immediately precedes the reading of the lessons, although a collect or collect-like prayer can appear at other places in the

worship or of the church. The name suggests that a number of themes or concerns have been "collected" in such prayers.

Colors, Liturgical: The colors of the vestments, altar cloths, and other church decorations which are changed to mark different seasons or occasions. In general, the color of Advent is purple; Christmas is white; Epiphany is white, changing to green after the First Sunday; Lent is purple or natural linen; Holy Week is red; Easter is white; and Pentecost is red on the day and green thereafter, except Trinity Sunday, which is white for weddings and funerals; white for the saints' days, or red if the saint is also a martyr; red for ordinations. In some places, Advent is blue; requiems may be purple or black. One is advised

to consult a liturgical calendar and local custom for the finer points here.

Columbarium: A space reserved in a wall of a church building or its grounds where the ashes of dead church members can be placed and noted with a marker. Traditionally grave yards were adjacent to church buildings, but this practice is less and less possible today. The columbarium makes it possible for people's remains to be in or near their parish churches, reminding us of the communion of the saints, both living and dead.

Committal: In the funeral rites, the text used at the graveside, including the ritual casting of earth on the coffin.

St. James After Dark

As you read this article, you are probably wondering why I would be writing an article about the St. James After Dark program to appear in the Nov. newsletter? As you know, we are rapidly approaching Advent season. We have many events scheduled for our church calendar for this busy time of the year. In addition, it is our intent to be working on a schedule for classes to be offered for the St. James After Dark program to begin Feb. 6-9 or 10 (depending on number of classes offered). We have had a great deal of success with this program the past two winters. It is nice to get out of

the house when that old cabin-fever seems to creep-up after all the festivities of the holiday season have passed.

This program is part of our Outreach Program. We encourage members of the congregation, as well as others in the community to bring their talents forward to be shared within the community of Titusville and surrounding areas. If you have never offered a course or attended a class in the past, please do not hesitate to do so. Our target is to have a schedule of courses to be offered within the next few weeks. Details regarding

registration for a specific course will be provided at a later date.

Your assistance is needed to promote this program and to continue the success of St. James After Dark program.

Noni



Looking Ahead to Advent

Happy New Year! We begin the new liturgical year on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th. That is barely a month away so here is a chance to mark your calendars ahead of time. There will be intergenerational activities on each Sunday of Advent as well as practice for the Christmas pageant on Tuesdays at 3:30 pm. The Sunday schedule is as follows:

November 27—Cookie decorating

December 4—A visit from St. Nicholas, making Jesse tree ornaments

December 11—The Boar's Head Dinner, making gingerbread houses

December 18—The Christmas Pageant

In addition, our Advent study this year for the adults is called the Redemption of Scrooge. It is a 4 part study based on the Dickens' Christmas classic that will take us from Bah Humbug! to a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas.

Advent is a very rich time of the year and a great way for families and friends to prepare for the Christmas season.

Liturgical Participants' Schedule

	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	LECTOR	EM	USHERS	COFFEE
Nov 6	Dona Clendenin	Aaron Scott Kylee Propheter Ava Hartshorne	Barb Davidson	Dona Clendenin	Barry and Lisa Kellogg	
Nov 13	Dona Clendenin	AJ Scott Hailey Willis Kylee Propheter	Jan Carr	Noni Stanford	Mark Conrad Gene Schlosser	
Nov 20	Patty Butler Gayle Buser	Noni Stanford Adeline Hartshorne Seth Propheter	Gloria Baker	Randy Galmish	Jan Carr	
Nov 27	Patty Butler Gayle Buser	Andrew Scott Virginia Ives Brianna Ives	Terry Kerr	AJ Scott	Clyde and Carol Courtwright	

COUNTERS

Nov 6: Terry Kerr – Dave Gagnon
Nov 13: Noni Stanford- Lori Powell
Nov 20: Kenny Beatty- Lynn Gagnon
Nov 27: Eda Scales- Terry Kerr



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Noon – Soup Kitchen Youth Christian Education 3:30pm 7:00pm- AA	2	3 5:30 Adult Education	4	5
6 10:30am H.E. 25 Pentecost	7 Girl Scouts 6:00pm	8 Noon – Soup Kitchen Youth Christian Education 3:30pm 7:00pm- AA	9 Choir Practice 7:00pm	10 5:30 Adult Education	11 Veteran’s Day Office Closed	12
13 10:30am H.E. 26 Pentecost	14 Girl Scouts 6:00pm	15 Noon – Soup Kitchen. 7:00pm - AA	16 10:00am- 2:00pm Food Drive Choir Practice 7:00pm	17 5:30 Adult Education	18	19
20 10:30am H.E. 27 Pentecost	21 Girl Scouts 6:00pm	22 Noon – Soup Kitchen Youth Christian Education 3:30pm 7:00pm - AA	23 Choir Practice 7:00pm	24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27 9:45am Children’s Christian Education 10:30am H.E. 1 Advent Cookie Decoratiing	28 Girl Scouts 6:00pm	22 Noon – Soup Kitchen Youth Christian Education 3:30pm 7:00pm - AA	30			

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