

## A word from the Vicar

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*Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that is all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Collect Guidance; BCP p. 832)*

Things are well underway for the new program year. We greatly enjoyed the visit from Bishop Sean and celebrated the Confirmation and Reception of five individuals. Christian Education for the children is going full speed ahead. This coming week we will embark on a study about half truths in the bible. We've all heard things like, "God doesn't give you more than you can bear" or "God helps those who help themselves." There is some truth in those statements but there are also assumptions they carry that are not true. Join the conversation and go deeper. The five week study begins at 5:30 on October 6.

We continue to offer events to which we can invite our friends and neighbors. This Sunday, October 2, we will once again be inviting the community to have their animals blessed during the service. At the end of the month we are opening our doors to the community for an interesting presentation entitled the Children of Abraham Project, which is explained elsewhere in the newsletter. I have attended this event in the past and highly recommend it.

These invitations are important in helping others discover the life changing power of God. Equally important is to let others know our story. One of the

ways open to us in today's time is through social media. Check out the article "15 Ways to Use Social Media to Proclaim the Love of God." We have both a tremendous opportunity and responsibility to share our faith with others in compelling ways. May we make the most of it.

Faithfully,

Martha



# Confirmation





Along with the Soup Kitchen, the Food Cupboard ministry began with a vision of helping those in need of food in our community and by trusting that God will provide abundantly more than we can ever ask or imagine. God's abundance is pressed down and overflowing every BAG DAY on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Those days are especially busy for the volunteers who meet before Soup Kitchen starts and pack bags with an assortment of cereal, soup, ready to eat pasta, fruit, vegetables, peanut butter, and whatever else is in

the cupboard. Add to that, a couple pounds of frozen meat donated by Giant Eagle and the bags get really heavy! Since regular grocery bags tear and boxes take up too much room, we purchased heavy duty plastic bags with wide handles. Their red color and church logo keep the Soup Kitchen in the public eye. Most of the food is purchased from Second Harvest or bought locally. Ready to eat foods are preferred, as many who are food insecure do not have a working stove or only have access to a microwave or hot plate.

The Food Cupboard fills a need for people with special circumstances. Unexpected medical bills, high utilities, repairs, unemployment or under employment can lead to tough choices. Food stamps are not always an option and are not

always enough. Persons in need of food can sign up on Bag Day. One bag of food is given out per household. Donated bread and baked goods are available every Tuesday as supply allows.

Come, join us for lunch on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Soup Kitchen stats and dates:  
August meals served - 608.  
Bags given out - 101  
Next BAG DAY- October 11 and 25  
Next visit by Barb Ives to help with SSA, VA, Medicare and housing: October 4 and 18

*Submitted by Eda Scales*

## 15 Ways to Use Social Media to Proclaim the Love of God

This is an offering of the Acts 8 Movement. Proclaiming Resurrection in the Episcopal Church - <http://www.acts8movement.org>

### Proclaim

1. Tell your network something you love about your faith community.
2. Tweet highlights from the sermon, discipleship programs, and/or Bible study.
3. Mention on social media some great ministry you are involved in with your church.
4. Make a cover image that reflects your faith.
5. Share every video Presiding Bishop Curry makes on every platform you're on.

### Engage

6. Like and share others' posts about God and church.
7. Friend and follow others in your church and diocese.
8. Check in on social media every time you come to church.
9. Use the hashtag #episcopal to find other Episcopalians on Twitter or Instagram.
10. Post a photo of you with some of your favorite church friends at coffee hour.

### Invite

11. Post the times of your church's service on social media and invite your friends to join you.
12. Invite your friends to message you their prayer requests and commit to praying for them.
13. Share a picture of your child doing something at church and mention how proud you are.
14. Share a picture of the inside of your church so people can see how beautiful it is.
15. Take a picture of your priest in vestments in the church before, during or after the service to introduce him/her to your network.



# The Senior Warden

When I opened up my email the other morning, I saw an email from St. James Church. The context of the message was from Charlene asking when I could or could not serve in the month of October. I can hardly believe we are in the beautiful season of Fall already. Where did the summer go? In my article for the Sept. newsletter I listed all the accomplishments during the summer months at St. James. It is now time to move on and so I will.

If you were in church on Sunday, Sept. 25 you heard the message and sermon from Martha regarding living in the NOW! The children joined her as she read a story/lesson to them. She has a wonderful ability to relate to them and share messages of how to live life as a Christian through the examples she presents to them. The volunteers who help on Sunday morning with the children's

Sunday school class also provide lessons on the importance of living a faith-based life.

Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 3:30 was the start of the after school Youth Christian Education program for this school year. Martha was out-of-town so Eda and I greeted the group with pizza and pop before we began the class. The kids are always hungry and full of energy after school. We did not have a lesson plan for the day so Eda had a great idea of making up a few questions i.e. what type of service projects would they like to do this year, what would they like to learn about this year, what would they like to do for fun during this year, etc. We gathered up their papers to give to Martha. The last 1/2 hour we took them out in the side yard and they played "dog catcher". They laughed, ran around, and just plain enjoyed themselves with no computers,

telephones, or any other distractions. At the end of the hour with them, I am usually tired (and I believe Eda is too)! However, to participate in helping them to further develop their lives as Christians is pay enough for me!

If you are interested and have the time to help with either the Sunday morning Christian Education or the Youth Christian Education program, please talk with Martha. Usually the schedule consists of volunteering for a month. However, adjustments can be made. I can guarantee that in assisting Martha with either of these programs, you will be amazed at how much the children and youth of our congregation teach us!

Love,

*Noni*

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

**Bishop' Chaplain:** Member of the clergy designated to march before the bishop in procession and carry the bishop's pastoral staff.

**Clerical Collar:** A white detachable collar worn with a black shirt to indicate that the wearer is an ordained person. Variations include the tab-collared shirt, which has an attached, matching neck and a white tab that is inserted in the front, and the rabat vest, in which a black front with a white attached collar is worn over a white collarless shirt. Although the detachable collar was

standard equipment for our ancestors, clergy are perhaps the only people who still need collar buttons, used to attach the clerical collar. Clergy shirts are also available in a variety of colors other than black; bishops wear purple clergy shirts with their white collars.

**Clerical Order:** Delegates to a diocesan convention make up two orders, the clerical and the lay. Votes are taken in each order separately, and a majority of votes in both orders is required to pass a measure. The clerical order as a group also exists in the House of Deputies

at General Conventions, at which a similar division of votes occurs.

**Clericals:** Distinctive clerical street attire, as distinct from vestments, which are worn only in the conduct of worship. Clericals traditionally referred to the black suit worn by some clergy, but may also refer simply to the clergy shirt. Really means clothing that would readily identify the wearer as an ordained person. When two ordained persons are going somewhere and style of dress is not dictated, one may ask the other, "Are you going to wear clericals?"

# Blessing of the Animals

This coming Sunday, Oct. 2 we will once again continue the tradition of "Blessing of the Animals" during the Sunday service. Each year I am amazed at how well-behaved the animals are. Cats, dogs, pot belly pigs, miniature ponies, turtles, hamster, etc. all gathered together in the church. You can also bring other animals. If they are too large to bring into the church, Martha will go outside to bless them. You do not need to be a member of St. James to participate and bring your

animal to be blessed. If for whatever reason you cannot bring your animal, feel free to bring a picture of your animal to be blessed. I am looking forward to seeing all of God's creatures represented on Sunday morning!!

Love,

*Noni*



# The Children of Abraham Project

St. James Church will be hosting an interfaith program entitled The Children of Abraham Project on Saturday, October 29, 2-5 PM. This interfaith initiative is designed to bring Judaism, Islam, and Christianity together in open and honest dialogue to discuss their differences, and celebrate their similarities. It is our hope that in offering this event to our community that we may bring change and reconciliation to the world – one mind, one heart at a time. Racism, prejudice, and violence are all-to-common in our society. Finding love and peace within our communities cannot be successful without each of us working together to counteract hatred, injustice and the stereotypical images that permeate our society.

An interfaith encounter is not about debating who is right and

who is wrong, who is "in" and who is "out" or who is enlightened and who is backward. An interfaith encounter is about forming relationships with people who have a different worldview, a different religious or spiritual or philosophical approach to our common human experience. An Interfaith encounter is about learning the different narratives that inform how our dialogue partners understand the world. It's about taking the time and effort to try to look through their lens, even if only brief moment. Interfaith dialogue makes it possible to empathize with those who are embroiled in the worst of the conflicts that are erupting around the world.

This program was initiated by The Rev. Timothy Dyer, an Episcopal deacon from Youngsville, PA. He will be joined by Mr. Sam Qadri, who is the Public Relations Director at the Jamestown Islamic Society. He is

also a teacher at Jamestown High School and an adjunct professor at the Jamestown Business College. Also joining us is Mr. Harvey Stone. Mr. Stone is well known around the Warren area. He is a successful and prominent business owner in the city of Warren, and has over the years shared his faith and traditions with many people in the Warren area.

This event is free and open to the public, so please invite your friends. Childcare will be available. Refreshments will also be provided. There will also be a question and answer session at the end of the event, so please bring any and all questions you may have.

## Liturgical Participants' Schedule

	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	LECTOR	EM	USHERS	COFFEE
Oct 2	Karen Erickson	Aaron Scott Kylee Propheter Ava Hartshorne	Barb Davidson	Randy Galmish	Barry and Lisa Kellogg	Noni
Oct 9	Pam Wig	AJ Scott Hailey Willis Kylee Propheter	Carol Courtwright	Noni Stanford	Mark Conrad Gene Schlosser	Courtwright
Oct 16	Pam Wig	Andrew Scott Adeline Hartshorne Seth Propheter	Barb Ives	Eda Scales	Barry and Lisa Kellogg	Carr's
Oct 23	Mary Barker Kim Mott	Noni Stanford Virginia Ives Brianna Ives	Jan Carr	Dona Clendenin	Clyde and Carol Courtwright	
Oct 30	Mary Barker Kim Mott	AJ Scott Seth Propheter Isaiah Willis	Gloria Baker	Eda Scales	Jan Carr Nancy Brown	

### COUNTERS

**Oct 2:** Terry Kerr – Dave Gagnon  
**Oct 9:** Noni Stanford- Lori Powell  
**Oct 16:** Kenny Beatty- Lynn Gagnon  
**Oct 23:** Eda Scales- Terry Kerr  
**Oct 30:** Kenny Beatty- Noni Stanford

"A joyful HEART is  
GOOD MEDICINE"

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:45am Children's Christian Education  10:30am H.E. 20 Pentecost	3	4 Noon – Soup Kitchen  Youth Christian Education 3:30pm  7:00pm- AA	5 Choir Practice 7:00pm	6	7	8 Diocesan Class
9 9:45am Children's Christian Education  10:30am H.E. 21 Pentecost	10 Columbus Day Office Closed	11 Noon – Soup Kitchen.  Youth Christian Education 3:30pm  7:00pm - AA  7:00pm- Vitality Task Force	12 Choir Practice 7:00pm	13	14	15 Diocesan Class
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30 9:45am Children's Christian Education  10:30am H.E. 23 Pentecost	31 Girl Scouts 6:00pm  Halloween					

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