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A Word from the Vicar

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. (

A Prayer of Self-Dedication, BCP p. 832)

Fall is a wonderful time to reassess where we are and where we are headed. There are many plans beginning to take shape that promise a strong year ahead. On September 16 we will kick off the program year with a potluck luncheon. The purpose is two fold – first to celebrate a successful capital campaign and second to introduce in more detail the second phase of the campaign known as legacy giving and how that ties into our long term goal of sustainability. You will be receiving a letter with more details about this in the very near future if you have not received it already. Please make plans to attend.

Christian education will be in full swing come October. There are plans in the works for a new curriculum for the youth. The adult class will start with a study of the parables. As our text we will use the book Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi. Amy-Jill Levine authors the series and I am sure you will find the material very engaging.

On October 14, Bishop Sean will be visiting St. James. While here he will do confirmations and receptions. If there are any of you who were unable to come to the classes offered last spring but will still like to be received into the church, please give me a call and we will work something out.

As you do your own assessment, please consider how you might continue your work and ministry at St. James. Remember, we serve a loving, liberating and life-giving God. Nothing else comes close.

Blessings,

Martha +



Notes from the Bishop's Warden

It is hard to believe that another fun-filled summer is about to come to an end. Why is it the warmest temperatures of the summer seem to always peak when the children return to school? At least you do not have to shovel heat!

Many of the youth of St. James start out their summer by attending Camp Nazareth in early June. The day after they return home from camp many of them attend the church service and picnic at Waldameer in Erie. After the service and picnic they spend hours riding rides and spending time in the water park during the afternoon and early evening hours. The events of this day are not only for the youth. Many of our "older kids", like me, also participate. I highly recommend that you consider marking your calendars when the date of this event will be announced in the Spring of 2019.

On Sun., Aug. 26 we had a kayak/canoe trip down the Allegheny to Martha's house. Those of us who participated in the float enjoyed the serene surroundings and peace of being on the water as commander of our own kayak/canoe. In addition to the fun on the water, we knew the pay-off at the end of the voyage was plenty of food and fellowship to be shared with other parishioners from St. James. Martha along with some of the youth assembled a Slip and Slide. Oh yes, your Vicar and Warden participated in this activity along with the kids as seen in the pictures below.

In closing, I look forward to continuing my faith journey with my church family as we approach the beginning of another season of celebrations at St. James.

Love,

Noni



*Be a flower in
someone's garden.
Pray for others.*

Martha & Noni taking their turn on the slip n' slide! (Brave women!!)



**Senior
Warden
Down!**





Episcopal Church Women

ECW will hold their fall retreat, "Matriarchal Influence in Native Culture", on Saturday, September 15 at the Episcopal Cottage at Chautauqua Lake, NY.

Registration is \$20 for Saturday only. Overnight accommodations at the cottage are \$15/night on a first come, first served basis. A brochure with registration form is available and posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Registration is due by September 7.



RETIRING OUR OLD FLAGS

Flying our American flag reveals our pride in our country. The flag, however, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning, according to Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Code ("Respect for flag"). Cub Scouts from Titusville Pack 97 will be conducting a flag disposal ceremony in September and will be glad to dispose ripped, torn, or faded flags that are no longer serviceable. Flags can be turned into the church secretary any time during normal office hours and will be picked up the week after September 10, 2018. If anyone has questions about the ceremony, please, contact Buck Batson by email batsonb.nhsd@gmail.com for further information.



ATTENTION ST. JAMES KEY HOLDERS!

Thank you to everyone who already turned in their keys!

If you have not yet turned in your old key and received your new one, please see Martha or Bobbie. New locks were put on all entry doors this past Tuesday. (August 28)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Titusville Healthcare (formerly Golden Living) ...

is looking for volunteers to do activities with residents in the evenings or on Sunday afternoons.

Help our seniors have something to look forward to every week.

Crafts, read to them, play games or whatever your gift may be!

Your time would be greatly appreciated! Especially by those who are unable to get outside.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Leigh at 827-2727.



Church Next, a ministry of Forward Movement, will host three new live-streaming Bible studies this fall, beginning September 12. The Wednesday Night Bible Study series can be taken online anywhere in the world through the Church Next platform, which incorporates Zoom conference meeting technology to bring thought leaders on each subject directly to participants.

Each study runs six weeks, with the following topics and instructors:

+**The Bible and Racial Justice** will ask probing questions around God, racism, and the Bible. Taught by the Very Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas, author, professor, and inaugural Dean of Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary.

+**Heretics in Good Company** examines how the church has handled the answers to important questions of belief and doctrine, especially in the light of scripture. Taught by Forward Movement Executive Director the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn and Episcopal priest and author Melody Wilson Shobe.

+**The Bible and Evangelism** will look at relevant and effective ways of sharing the Gospel in today's world. Taught by Episcopal priest and author Marcus Halley.

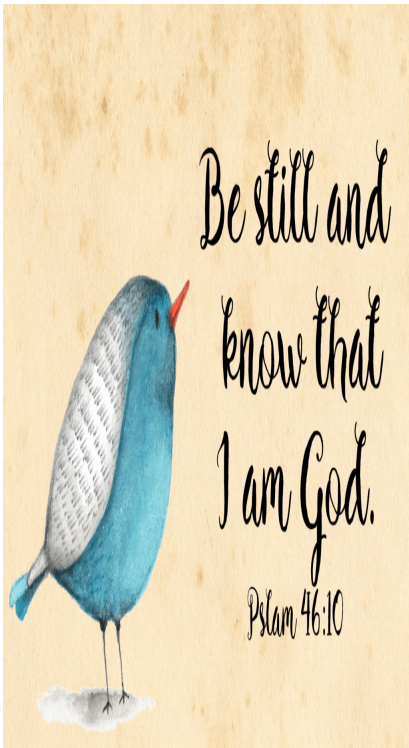
All three Bible studies begin in mid-September and run for six weeks; they are taught live Wednesday evenings from 8-9 p.m. EST, unless otherwise noted. They are free to subscribing Church Next congregations, dioceses, and individuals who purchase a \$9/month Church Next subscription. Find out more and sign up at www.churchnext.tv

Church Next is a ministry of Forward Movement and provides online Christian learning experiences that help shape disciples and evangelists. Forward Movement inspires disciples and empowers evangelists through publications, conferences, apps, and websites. Since 1935, Forward Movement's offices have been in Cincinnati, OH. Learn more at www.forwardmovement.org.



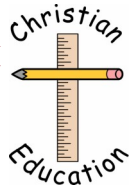
The St. James Soup Kitchen-Food Cupboard relies on a dedicated group of volunteers in its ministry to the Titusville area. Although there is a core group that shows up to work almost every week, there is still a need for more volunteers from St. James. Even a few more people who could make a regular commitment to volunteer for two hours once or twice a month would help provide a pool of volunteers familiar with how the Soup Kitchen works. The Soup Kitchen is a ministry of our entire church. It demonstrates our commitment to be the face of Christ to the poor in spirit, the friendless, the needy, and all who walk through our doors. Come and dine with us, Tuesdays at noon.





UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS

- September 3rd Office Closed for Labor Day
- September 4th SOUP KITCHEN CLOSED
- September 5th Choir Practice starts up again! 7PM
- September 9th Bishop's Committee Meeting after church
- September 16th **RALLY SUNDAY!**
- September 30th Christian Formation for Children - 10:30AM
- October 2nd Christian Formation for Youth - 3:30PM
- October 4th Christian Formation for Adults - 5:30PM
- October 14th Bishop will be here for confirmations & receptions.
Please contact Martha if you want to be presented.



<u>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</u>
Clyde Courtwright 9th	John & Shannon Beatty 20th
Valerie Galmish 16th	
John Beatty 20th	
Kit Kiteliniger 23rd	
Kaitlyn Sellen 24th	
Andrew Scott 27th	
Seth Proheter 30th	



Just for Fun

Hymns for People Over 50

Give Me the Old Timers Religion

Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up

Just a Slower Walk with Thee

Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up

Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing

Guide Me O Thou Great Lord God, I've Forgotten Where I've Parked The Car

Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One

Blessed Insurance

It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt

The Coin Toss

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started.

"Why are you so late?" asked his friend.

"I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby.

"But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend.

"Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

An onion can make people cry but there has never been a vegetable invented to make them laugh.

~ Will Rogers

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