



Summer Chimes



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Our Endowment Manages the Gifts of Those Who Came Before

Berno Hamilton, President, and Wilson Trice, Secretary

Of the many legacies of our over 179 years of history, perhaps the Endowment Fund is the one least understood. It is neither a savings account nor a budget line for the church.

A tax-exempt charitable foundation whose charter directs that it accumulate and disburse funds for the uses, purposes and development of the church and for the expansion, beautification and improvement of its property, and the expansion of its religious, charitable and social work, the Fund began with a single gift almost eighty years ago.

Since its inception, the Endowment has grown to hold just under \$7 million dollars through a combination of testamentary and current gifts from loyal St. Jamesers, as well as prudent investment by the Board.

Today, the ten trustees reflect a balance between veteran and current church leadership in order to best respond to the church's needs. Six members are elected by the board, one is appointed by the Vestry, and three are ex officio members, composed of the Rector and the Wardens.

The current member elected by the Vestry is Ida Farinholt. The other regular members are Helen Kemp, Lilo Ukrop, Berno Hamilton, John Molster, Massie Valentine, and Wilson Trice. The presidency of the Endowment rotates among the membership, and that position is currently held by Berno Hamilton.

Over the years, the Endowment has expended over \$5.7 million to or on

behalf of the Church. It has also served as the vehicle for acquiring property for the current campus, including the land for the parking deck and the Michaux House. When the devastating fire destroyed our sanctuary in 1994, the Endowment was a source of strength that was relied on to finance the rebuilding effort, as well as the construction of the parking deck in partnership with our neighbor, Beth Ahabah.

The Fund expends roughly four percent of the average three-year value of the funds in grants to or for the uses of the church. During 2016, these disbursements fell in four broad categories:

- ❖ Charitable Gifts made on behalf of the church – \$28,500 (as a leading church in our Diocese, St. James's is expected to support the mission of the larger Church at an appropriate level)
- ❖ Parking – \$33,392 (operating expenses of parking deck and One Monument Ave parking rental)
- ❖ Property Restoration and Maintenance – \$117,288
- ❖ Salary Support – \$90,000

In 2017, we have already approved funding the budget of the Search Committee and we have agreed to service the church's loan to replace the chiller and to repair water leaks in the steeple.

In recent years, over half of the disbursements from the Endowment have covered church operating expenses. We

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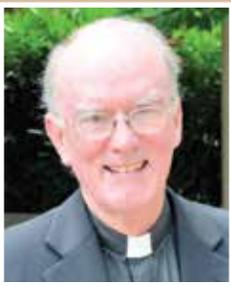
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From the Interim Rector's Desk

What If We Take These Mysteries To Heart?

The Rev. Dr. Thom Blair, Jr.,
Interim Rector

Time is passing. Not many days ago, we all woke up on an Easter morning. And now, weeks later, we're deep into the Easter season. Our gospel readings for the past few Sundays have been trying hard to remind us of something I trust we all surely understand. Namely, that had it not been for the appearances of the risen Jesus to Mary Magdalene, to Peter, to the rest of his disciples, and finally to Paul, virtually no memory of Jesus of Nazareth could now be found anywhere on the face of this earth. We remember him today, but only because his first disciples could never forget what they saw, what they felt, what they experienced. Things for them never were the same again. Life was different.

What exactly those first disciples saw, what exactly they experienced, we modern folk will never really know. The stories themselves are mysterious. Some things are revealed, much is hidden. But the messages embedded in the stories are clear enough, and they are powerful enough to change the life of any of us who can hear them and take them to heart.

The first message is that there is a Power afoot in this world which is stronger than the power of death and that this Power will have its way with all of us in the end, whether we wish that or not. We have all been given life by the hand of the same One who raised Jesus up. We are not made for death. We are made for life. So, our dying is not the end of our life. It is how we move from one form of life to another, just as our Lord moved from this mortal life into a much larger life.

The second message is that we are all, each of us, loved in a way that's mostly too mysterious for any of us to fathom. This love apparently isn't dependent in any way on our character, or lack thereof. It isn't dependent on our faithfulness, our goodness, our success in the work of discipleship, or anything else of the sort. Both Peter and Paul learned the truth of this from the risen Jesus himself, much to their great and lasting astonishment.

The third message is that we are all bound to find ourselves eventually face to face with the same risen Jesus who appeared to the first disciples. This is the destiny of every human being, ourselves included. It is not a destiny we choose for ourselves. It is a destiny given to us along with the gift of life. The One we see now through a glass darkly will, in the end, appear to each of us with absolute clarity. We will see him and he will see into us. Nothing about us will be hidden. Everything will be plain. All will be visible.

Can we imagine what life would be like if these messages were to take root in our hearts? Life would likely feel different to us.

As ever,

Summer Hours

Memorial Day - Labor Day

Worship

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:30 p.m. Jazz Mass

Office

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
-Thursday
Friday closed

Closed

Monday July 3 - 4
-Tuesday

Endowment, continued from cover

need to be very careful about relying too heavily on the Endowment to support the church's operating budget, something which is not in the church's best interest long-term. The pace of annual giving must grow so as to enable our Endowment to address the challenges presented by an aging physical plant that now occupies the better part of three city blocks. We will always need a healthy Endowment to preserve the legacy we have inherited from past generations and to insure our growth through succeeding generations.

We urge all St. Jamesers to consider a testamentary or current gift to St. James's Endowment Fund, Inc. to insure the legacy of this wonderful church.



Mark Whitmire, Director of Music
Virginia Whitmire, Organist and Choir Director

Summer Preludes

SUNDAY, MAY 28: MEMORIAL CONCERT

St. James's first Memorial Concert was in 2005. This year's concert featured Fauré's *Requiem* – one of the most sublime and powerful works of sacred music ever composed. At this concert we honored and thanked our members for their past service in the United States military. We also honored and thanked those who are presently serving in the United States military. Finally, we honored all the faithful departed who have served in the United States military.



FRIDAY, JUNE 9: HOMEGROWN

'Homegrown' is a concert designed to showcase the in-house musicians who play or have played and sung in St. James's choirs. This year we feature members of the Guitar Ensemble – Knox Hubbard, Hunter Irby, Alan Stone, Richard Rumble, Hank Artz – plus Jonathan and Antonia Vassar, Matt Presson and family, Matt Lisk, Elizabeth Whitmire, and Zimmie and the Babe Zone. Admission is at least one can of food for the Central Virginia Food Bank. The concert starts at 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 9. For

information, call Mark at 355-1779, ext. 323, or email at mwhitmire@doers.org.

MUSIC AND OUTREACH

The Welcome Summer Recital Series was created as a way to share our beautiful space with the Richmond community and to give greater exposure to service organizations. The 20th annual series takes place on the first three Wednesday evenings in June at 7:00 p.m. There is no lovelier way to spend a summer evening than to listen to beautiful music in a beautiful space. Please join us and bring your friends.



June 7

BRUCE STEVENS, ORGANIST
Offering benefits St. James's Children's Center

June 14

ELLEN COCKERHAM (VIOLIN) AND FRIENDS
Offering benefits FeedMore

June 21

CHRISTINE AND DAVID HAGAN
Offering benefits CARITAS

Join a Choir

There is a place for everyone in St. James's Music program. There are no auditions, everyone is welcome. Please call the Music Office (ext. 323) to discuss which ensemble is right for you.

Cherub Choir (starts September 13)

- for children grades K-1-2
- rehearses on Wednesdays, 4:00-4:50 p.m.
- sings once each month at 9:00 a.m. services



Children's Choir (starts September 13)

- for children grades 3-4-5
- rehearses on Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- sings once each month at 9:00 a.m. services



Youth Choir (starts September 17)

- for young people grades 6-12
- rehearses Sundays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- sings once each month at 11:15 a.m. services

West Gallery Choir (starts September 6)

- for adults who want to sing music in a variety of musical styles and want to gain a foundation in music and choral technique
- rehearses Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- sings at 9:00 a.m. services

Parish Choir (starts September 7)

- for more experienced singers who want to sing a wide range of choral repertoire in the Anglican tradition
- rehearses Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- sings at 11:15 a.m. services

Guitar Ensemble (starts September 6)

- for string players of all kinds
- rehearses Wednesdays, 8:30-9:30 p.m.
- plays at 9:00 a.m. services



*The Rev. Carmen Germino,
Associate Rector*

Save the Date for Servant Sunday 2018!

Servant Sunday has quickly become one of my favorite St. James's events, and I know I'm not the only one. In September of 2016, we held our first onsite Servant Sunday and it was glorious! We began with worship in our sanctuary, all dressed down and ready to work. After coming together in song, prayer, and sacrament, we were told: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." and we did just that. We sent out 350+ Doers to participate in over a dozen different outreach projects for all ages, both on our grounds and at other sites out in the community.

The list of the ways we served on Servant Sunday in 2016 is quite impressive: packing 10,000+ meals for Haitian families through Stop Hunger Now, singing hymns and other favorite songs with the residents of the Virginia Home, decorating bags of household items for clients of ACTS, building furniture and shopping for household items for clients of CARITAS, polishing silver with the Altar Guild, picking up litter in Byrd Park and around the Fan, helping with projects in the Children's Center garden and classrooms, helping clean out and refurbish the Catacombs where many 12-Step groups meet, and assisting local agencies Liberation Family Services and Housing Families First with onsite projects. After we completed our various outreach tasks, we gathered again at the Parish Picnic to eat and have fun

together. It was a truly beautiful day in every respect, and as we took it all in, Nancy Warman and I felt so proud of our wonderful church that day!

I know many are eagerly looking forward to our next Servant Sunday, and Nancy and I are, too. So start getting excited now for September 2018, when we plan to hold the next one. The staff and vestry have been in conversation about the best time for Servant Sunday, and we have decided to try doing Servant Sunday on an every-other-year schedule for a couple of reasons.

First, this event is a huge undertaking, and having more time to put plans in place will help us keep this event really strong. We have learned that it takes a considerable amount of time and money to do Servant Sunday well, and we want to avoid volunteer burnout. We already do this with another major parish event (WomanKind) and have found that this model works very well.

Second, doing Servant Sunday in the "even" years will allow us to hold a Ministry Fair in the "odd" years. So in September 2017, plan to attend our Ministry Fair, which we have not offered since 2015. It is always a wonderful opportunity to see the breadth and depth of servant ministry opportunities available through St. James's, and to discern if God is calling you to get involved in a new servant ministry. It is especially helpful for newcomers who want to plug

into a new ministry, but it is also great for long-timers who may be ready to take on something new and different.

As we get nearer to the close of a major transition year for our parish, I give great thanks that we remain at our core a church of Doers of the Word. That's what Servant Sunday is all about in the first place. One of its primary purposes is to remind ourselves that we are all called to be servant ministers in every time and place. So while I hope you will eagerly anticipate our next Servant Sunday in 2018, I also hope you won't wait until then to jump in and start serving!

Faithfully,

Carmen



We Are All Pilgrims on The Way

The Rev. Hilary Streever,
Associate Rector

By the time you, dear reader, have this article in your hands, a group of thirty pilgrims from St. James's – myself included – will have returned from their journey along *el Camino de Santiago de Compostela* – the Way of St. James's. We will have bicycled the last section of this ancient pilgrims' route from León, Spain, to its end at Santiago, just north of Portugal, over the course of six days together. Our bicycle wheels will roll in the footsteps of perhaps millions of saints who have walked this way since the Middle Ages. Each footstep would have carried its own story, its own impression in time, and would have contributed to the holiness of this Way.

The practice of going on pilgrimage to holy sites is ancient. We read in the Hebrew Bible of the ancient Judeans going on pilgrimage each year during the high holy days to the Temple in Jerusalem. Pilgrimages are not religious tourism (or at least they are not meant to be). Rather, they are spiritually-charged, physically-embodied prayers that are windows to the soul. As we travel, each experience can be an opportunity to see God and each person we meet can be a new incarnation of Christ. With our eyes, ears, and hearts open, it is remarkable and surprising what the Holy Spirit can teach us about God, the world, and ourselves.

Christian pilgrimages, of course, are more than visiting a holy site: they are also sacred metaphors for our walk

with Christ. In the earliest days of the Church, the term "Christian" was a derogatory term. Instead, followers of Jesus Christ called themselves, "the People of the Way," following Jesus's self-identification in the Gospel according to John: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

In this one statement, we learn that Jesus is both our destination or goal as well as the means by which we travel there. As we walk (or bicycle) along the pilgrims' path, we learn that we are at once journeying towards Christ and already with Christ. What does this mean for the everyday Christian? Well, Aristotle said that if you want to have a certain characteristic or quality, you must embody and practice it: for example, to be strong, one must first act strong, and over time one becomes strong. In the Middle Ages, the theologian and Dominican monk Thomas Aquinas restated Aristotle's theory of virtue ethics with Jesus at the center: to grow into Christ's image, one must act like Christ — one must walk in His ways. Aquinas would know this metaphor's truths well: as a Dominican, he spent all but two or three years of his ministry walking on foot from village to village teaching and preaching, a perpetual pilgrim.

Of course the greatest take-away from any pilgrimage, therefore, is that we are constantly on the pilgrim's journey in this life. So as you rest and relax this summer, I hope you will take some time

to reflect on the question: Where is God here in my life now? How am I being Christ-like? Where do I need to be more Christ-like in my life?

Grace and peace to you in Christ,

Hilary

Fall Parish Retreat

Dare to Say Yes: Choosing Between What's Good and What's Best

With Guest Speaker
Jerusalem Greer

October 20-22, 2017 at
Shrine Mont. Deadline
for registration: October 1.



Join us for weekend of pressing pause, breathing in God's goodness, and daring to say "Yes" to the spiritual practice of going slow, as writer and speaker Jerusalem Greer helps us all discover how we can begin to choose between what is good and what is actually best for the current season of our lives, learning to map out a path from over-committed to intentionally thriving. Register at <http://www.doers.org/2017-parish-retreat>.

Ministry

... for Youth and Young Adults



Mary Beth Abplanalp,
Director of Youth and
Young Adult Ministry

Why YOU should go on the Shrine Mont Retreat October 20-22

Churches offer retreat weekends – for youth, adults, and mixed-ages – because of how powerful they can be. When we step away from the rhythm and routine of our daily lives and enter a new environment, our minds have the chance to rest and our senses come alive. This allows the time and space to notice how the Holy Spirit is at work in each of our lives.

Retreats are also essential for developing friendships and offering community in what can be a stressful, lonely, and confusing world. Especially during this season of transition as we await our new rector, it's so important that we invest in our relationships with one another here at St. James's. I hope you'll join me, and

many others from St. James's for the All-Parish Retreat to Shrine Mont, October 20-22. You will not be disappointed!

Love ya! Mean it!



Retreats are essential for developing friendships and offering community while deepening family and personal spiritual practices and growth.

A Graduation Blessing

(Source: Prayers from the Heart)

God of wisdom, bless these graduates whose hearts you have fashioned for beauty and grace. Bless those who love them and those who have guided them to this holy time and place. Call them to discovery, to seek their truest self, to fall in love with wisdom and claim her as their wealth. Send them forth in knowledge, your teachings be their guide. Watch over them, protect them, and walk softly by their side. Amen.

*Congratulations to
all our graduating seniors!*



By the time you read this, Chris and I will have welcomed a new baby into our family, or we will be eagerly awaiting his or her arrival! We are so grateful for all your love and support throughout my pregnancy and can't wait to introduce you to our little one. I will be away on maternity leave for the majority of the summer, but fear not! The summer youth mission trips will go on without me thanks to wonderful volunteer leadership. Fall program plans are ready for next school year and the extrovert in me will be very excited to resume my ministry work here in September! Have a great summer!



Becky Page
Director of Children's Ministries

The Five Finger Prayer

We do a lot of praying at church, but how do we pray at home? Some people use the acronym ACTS to help them order their prayers. A is for Adoration, C is for Confession, T is for Thanksgiving, and S is for Supplication. This may work for you or it may feel a bit complicated to do with your children. Another handy way to help guide prayers with children is the Five Finger Prayer. You can use this as a family or help your children use this on their own.

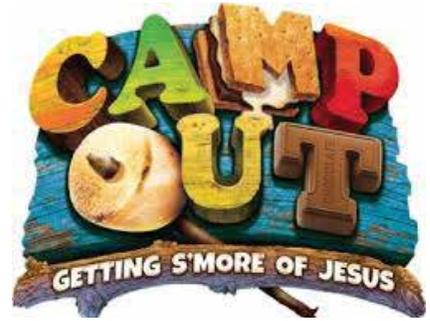
1. The thumb is the closest to you. It can be used to remind you to pray for those closest to you, Mom, Dad, siblings, or other family members.
2. The pointer finger comes next. This finger reminds us to pray for those who

teach and instruct like teachers, priests, and doctors.

3. The middle finger comes next and it is the tallest. This finger can remind us to pray for those who lead us, our school principals, our elected leaders, and leaders in our business community.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger and it is also our weakest finger. This finger can remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble, or in pain.

5. Finally comes our pinky, our little finger. This finger reminds you to pray for yourself. After having prayed for others this will help keep our prayers in perspective.



St. James's Vacation Bible School will Camp Out in June

Do you have camping supplies? Would you be willing to share them to help transform the Michaux House into an outdoor campground?

- ◇ Small tents
- ◇ Canoe
- ◇ Backpacks
- ◇ Sleeping bags
- ◇ Outdoor cooking stoves
- ◇ Lanterns
- ◇ Camp chairs
- ◇ Twinkle lights

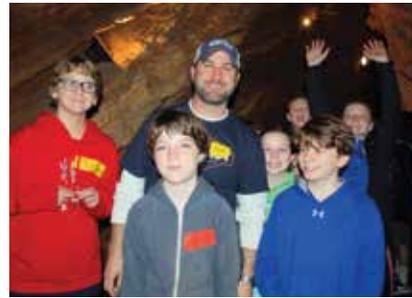
Items would be needed by June 11 and would be available for pick-up on June 25. Please mark all items clearly with your name so they can be returned to you. Please contact Becky Page at bpage@doers.org if you have items we can borrow.

If you are not a camper but would like to support VBS, we will be collecting hand sanitizer, baby wipes, Kleenex, and paper plates to share with the Children's Center the entire month of June.

Blessings,

Becky

From Our Merry Mardi



Mardi Gras for Missions had everybody decked out and in good spirits. Generous gifts and bidders raised nearly \$50,000.



Caves, chips, choir at the highlights of had no snow made do!



The annual meeting elected new vestry members, received reports and received our budget, and was followed by a planning retreat for vestry and staff.



Financial Peace University had three great leaders (Scott H. Hulcher) and almost 30 graduates!



Remarkable and memorable musical services included the Youth Choir Evensong (above), Joint Choir Evensong with Christ and St. Luke's (right) and the Dylan Mass (below).



Gras to Financial Peace



s and a volunteer Shrine were SNOWFEST, which y this year. But youth



The March Holy PEEPS workshop was followed by our second Annual Holy PEEPS Art Show, including prizes.



turt, Chris Abplanalp and Leigh



Palm Sunday's pancakes from our youth were followed by the Stuart Circle Parish procession.



Easter's pagentry included Flowering of the Cross at 9:00 a.m. and glorious Festival Eucharist music at both services.



(Left) With BSA Troop 400 now in residence, we welcomed our first Scout Sunday, including a stirring semon by troop chaplain Miles Hoge.



(Left) The final Sunday in April included recognition for our fifth graders transitioning to youth ministry and our Sunday School and Youth Ministry volunteers.



Nancy Warman,
Director of Servant Ministry

How Will You Wash the Feet of Your Neighbor?

EXCITING NEWS!

St. James's McGuire Veteran's Ministry team and our church were recently honored to receive the American Red Cross Good Neighbor award! On hand to accept the award was our own Margaret Bloor, who serves as our Red Cross/McGuire liaison and works with lay leaders Madeline and Snead Luck to provide leadership to our ministry team. And much to her surprise, Margaret also was honored and received the American Red Cross Volunteer award for this year! Throughout the year, Margaret not only helped to shepherd our team ministry, but worked also with other churches to implement ministry programs at the hospital and initiated a monthly movie matinee, including popcorn for patients! Thank you Margaret, Madeline, Snead and each and every faithful team member for your strong witness and representation of St. James's and for your Servant Ministry Extraordinaire!

"Jesu, Jesu fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Neighbors are rich folk and poor; varied in color and race; neighbors are nearby and far away. These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love. All these are neighbors to us and you. Loving puts us on our knees, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you."

This beautiful hymn not only sets the stage for Maundy Thursday's observance of the Last Supper, but also

points us to the path of discipleship. Our Servant Ministry is renewed each year when we celebrate Easter and claim our call to be faithful followers of Christ, our Risen Lord.

The "Ministry Notes" column, along with the Parish Resource Guide and "Start Doing" (red button at top of website www.doers.org – see below) give you the opportunity to claim/renew your place as a servant minister of St. James's. During the eight weeks of Easter and the summer months, I invite you to join fellow church members and friends in service to those in need in our community.

Nancy Warman

ot Hearers Only Start Doing

START DOING with just the click of the RED BUTTON at the top of the church website (www.doers.org). Make your community a place of love and peace. Your presence, compassion, and talents can enrich the life of another and enrich our community, starting today!

Ministry Notes

Local Outreach Mission Event (June 12-16)

An opportunity to work with project:HOMES to assist a low-income elderly Richmond citizen with house repairs and yard work. Please see website or contact lay leader Andy Smith (smitha@stcva.org/310-1026) for details.

McGuire Veteran's Hospital Ministry (every 4th Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.)

An opportunity to provide an ice cream social and friendly visits to patients on the polytrauma and spinal cord units. Please contact lay leaders Madeline (madeleine.luck29@gmail.com) and Snead Luck (snead.luck@trentcorp.net/405-2696) for details and directions.

Doers Doing in the Community

Team members provide "helping hands" several times during the summer on an "as need" basis to support community agencies that help those in need. Opportunities could include preparing and serving dinner to residents of a shelter or perhaps decorating the room of a new resident. Lay leaders Mary Slaughter (maryslaughter4@msn.com/355-1405) and Judy Philpott (philpott3@yahoo.com/833-6464) welcome your participation and will be happy to give details and updates.

REAL (Recovering from Everyday Addictive Lifestyles)

Join our team to learn more about this new program that prepares residents of the Justice Center (formerly Richmond City Jail) to effectively and successfully re-enter society. We will be exploring ways to be partners in ministry. Please contact me (nwarman@doers.org) if you have questions and interest in this new ministry.

With Our Gratitude

A regular feature of the quarterly Chimes where we thank lay leaders and parishioners who have been exemplary Doers recently.

A special Youth Ministry shout out from: **Junior Youth Fellowship** (6th - 8th grades) which thanks Carrie Montague, Whit Morris, Scott Kulp, Katie Ricard and Amy Hartley; **Confirmation** (9th

grade) which thanks Pim Jager, Jamie Stott, Steve McCoy and Fontaine Williamson; and **Senior Youth Fellowship** (10th - 12th grades) which thanks Lauren Richardson and Chris Abplanalp.

Transitions

Lord God, you call your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown; give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing whither we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; to the glory of your name. Amen.

As many of you know by now, I will be moving in a few weeks to be closer to my daughter's family in North Carolina near Chapel Hill. I am both filled with a sense of loss and recognizing the new opportunities. Clearly this is not the first significant change in my life. The reality is that transitions are unrepeatable. I do not control the passage of the years and the changes in my abilities and my stamina. Would that I could! All I can do is to control how I respond, how I react to the truth of the changes that have come with the death of my beloved Jim, those that will come with my 2nd retirement and my move from Richmond where I expected to live out my life. The truth is that I hate saying good bye. Once I get settled in a place I want to just stay there. I know this about myself and so I'm trying to keep my focus on moving with integrity from this phase of my life to the next.

St. James's, both as a place and as a community of faithful followers of Christ, will always hold a significant place in my heart as I remember my very first sermon at age 17, family weddings, baptisms, funerals, and as Jim and I returned and have participated in Sunday mornings and holy days. I know to expect lonely Sundays as I seek a new worshipping community. I know there will be a deep sense of loss of the privilege of serving here with you and the loss of the holy moments we have shared. I know too that every ending is in fact a new beginning.

Most important of all, I want to say thank you for your welcome to us when we arrived back in Richmond, and your care and support through Jim's long illness, and your constant prayers for him and for me. I will always be deeply grateful for those and for the great privilege of serving as your priest for this time. May God bless and keep you always.

Faithfully,



Rector Search Update

Laura McCoy, Vice Chair

Your Rector Search Committee has been making good progress. We received many applications from impressive candidates. After carefully studying their materials, researching their experience and listening to their preaching online, we conducted video interviews with several of them. We scheduled visits with four candidates in May to get to know them and their families better, with the potential for additional visits. We expect to invite the final two candidates to Richmond to visit St. James's. After a thorough vetting by us and the Diocese of Virginia Office of Transition Ministry, we will recommend a finalist to the Vestry. We are on track to complete the search this summer and anticipate a start date early in the fall.

Our parishioners have been instrumental in this process. Your voice has been critical to how we've presented St. James's to candidates, discerned our priorities as a parish, and identified the gifts and qualities we need in our next Rector. The critical abilities you identified are preaching, strategic leadership, pastoral care, and administration. To that end, the Committee is seeking a gifted servant who is:

- A vibrant and inspiring preacher;
- A warm and approachable pastor;
- A masterful leader, administrator and mentor; and
- Spiritually-grounded.

Thank you for trusting us with this important work. Please access the Rector Search Committee page on Doers.org to find additional information the committee compiled. Please keep us in your prayers as we identify a new Rector who will love St. James's as much as we do.



Summer at St. James's Children's Center: Opportunities for All

by Debbie Lickey, Executive Director, St. James's Children's Center

With over 50 children, eleven teachers and at least six volunteers each day, the Children's Center is always hopping. In the summer, when we add 14 more elementary school children, we're flying! Throughout our nine weeks of summer, all our children experience a wide range of exciting, enriching, and exhausting (for the teachers) experiences here at St. James's and out in the community.

Summer brings our children the opportunity to explore many of our community's unique offerings such as the



Children's Museum, Science Museum, Lewis Ginter Park, Maymont Nature Center, etc. They also have an opportunity to experience recreational activities such as bowling, ARC Park, swimming, splashing and more.

Why is this important? For all children summer is a great time to relax and engage in new enjoyable experiences. For some of the children at our center, this is their only exposure to these joyful summer activities. A trip to the Children's Museum provides at-risk children with a 'normalcy' that comes from

having the same experiences as their more affluent peers. Come September, our children can share a conversation with their classmates about feeding the goats at Maymont. Our children have developed a shared knowledge and understanding of the community.

Along with daily field trips, our school-aged children also have the opportunity to maintain or increase their reading levels. The "summer slide" is a well-known term in elementary education. It refers to the tendency for many

children, especially those children in environments with limited literacy access, to lose reading levels during the summer. Reading competence is vital to succeeding in all subjects. But children who experience the "summer slide" return to school in September

at a loss. In response to this tendency, our school children's day includes a 'literacy camp' time in which children engage in reading, vocabulary development, activities designed around a book for the week and writing about their own lives. At the end of the week, the children take books home to share with their



families and add to their own libraries.

An opportunity for you (or a loved one) is right around the corner as well! In the summer we need volunteers to join our classes in field trips, water play, mentoring children and much more. This is a great opportunity for teenagers to help out in the St. James's community while re-living those childhood carefree summer days! If your teen (15 and up) has a week or two (or three!) free this summer, we'd love for you to send them our way! The children at the center adore our teen volunteers. And we guarantee it will be a joyful and meaningful experience for our volunteers as well.

If you know a high school or college student who is interested in joining us this summer, please email Diahann Whittington at dwhittington@doers.org. You'll be glad you did.



Who Was Elizabeth Whitlock and Why Should We Thank Her Every Year?

In 1930, 85 years ago, Elizabeth Whitlock bequeathed \$5,000 to St. James's Episcopal Church. Given without any restriction on its use, the vestry at that time wisely decided to invest this gift, thus creating St. James's Endowment Fund. In effect, she endowed her annual support of the church and became the first member of our Legacy Society. Today, the Society recognizes more than 100 parishioners, past and present, which have followed Elizabeth's example by remembering our church in their estate plans. This year, the income alone from Elizabeth's bequest will provide about \$3,500 for current church programs. Since it was given, the income on the Whitlock endowment has provided over \$175,000 for St. James's. It is truly the gift that keeps on giving.



Sacred Spaces

by Harry Moore

The Pews

We understand that visitors and newcomers may be a bit lost during the service.

Don't worry, you are in good company. Many people sitting in the pews with you did not grow up in the Episcopal Church, but were drawn to the serenity and beauty of the liturgy, the love of tradition balanced with the ability to question and discern, and the inclusive welcome.

A worship service is a workout for your body, mind, and spirit. We joke about pew aerobics, because in a typical Episcopal service, you will stand, sit, and kneel – all postures for prayer dating back to the ancient church.

Our faith is not a passive one, where you come, sit, and leave at the end. We engage our faith. We sit to listen and learn. We stand to praise and pray. We kneel in solemn confession and silence. We ask questions. And we are okay with not having all the answers.

Source: Rev. Laurie Brock, rector of St. Michael the Archangel Episcopal Church in Lexington, Kentucky



Earthly Matters

by Monica Lewis
Stewards of the Earth Committee

Litter, Responsibility, and Redemption

Within walking distance of St. James's, there are giant jellyfish and bleached corals. Sculptures of jellyfish, that is, constructed out of plastic debris. And the coral formations are made out of used styrofoam. These creations are part of the exhibit, **Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea**, which is at the Virginia Science Museum until September 4. Pick a day this summer, grab a friend or two, and go! You will be impressed visually. Some pieces can be touched. Some make musical sounds. The artist, Angela Haseltine Pozzi, with the help of many volunteers, creates beauty out of plastic litter. She writes, "I came to the ocean to heal, but found an ocean that needed healing. Like many people, I walked with blinders on past the garbage, wanting to only see the ocean's beauty. When I finally stopped and really saw the debris on the beach, my heart and mind opened to the problem. I decided to take artistic action and involve as many people as possible in the process. I knew the language of the arts could affect people in ways they could not ignore."

Pozzi and all her assistants are Doers. And so are we when we pick up litter. Do even more by opting out of the disposable plastic cycle. All the debris was plastic purchased by people who did not realize the damage their purchase could cause. We don't intend to harm nature, but sometimes our actions set in motion chains of events that do cause harm. Responsibility can be hard to pin down within sequences of complex causation, but we need not despair for we are also part of cycles of regeneration and redemption. When we take action in the right direction, and do so with love, positive outcomes – many unexpected and unbidden – ripple outward.

Stewardship



*Suzanne Hall
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Warning

Long ago, when I first read this poem entitled “Warning,” I thought it was deliciously subversive. I knew Dyan Thomas’s powerful poem “Do Not Go Gentle into that Goodnight” about fighting against old age, but found this much more appealing and delightful. When she wrote this poem, the poet was 29, but she was already considering her later years.

Practicing for old age can also include assuring the deep comfort and joy that our church offers its members will continue long after you are gone. Please consider leaving St. James’s part of an IRA, adding your church as a beneficiary in an insurance policy, or naming St. James’s in a bequest in your will. Better yet, think about making an immortal pledge, which would guarantee the church would receive the equivalent of your pledge for years after you are gone. For more information, call Suzanne Hall at 355-1779 x335 or email at shall@doers.org.

Peace and abundant blessings,

Suzanne

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
With a red hat which doesn’t go, and doesn’t suit me.
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we’ve no money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I’m tired
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells
And run my stick along the public railings
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick the flowers in other people’s gardens
And learn to spit

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go
Or only bread and pickle for a week
And hoard pens and pencils and beer mats and things in boxes

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry
And pay our rent and not swear in the street
And set a good example for the children.
We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practice a little now?
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised
When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

~ Jenny Joseph

The Interview

The Chimes sat down with Newnie Rogers, a long-standing member of our Planned Giving Committee and a local trust and estates attorney, to learn about planned giving and the church.

C: What is the purpose of making a planned gift to St. James's?

NR: By making a planned gift, particularly to the Endowment, we can assure that there are funds available for needs of St. James's that may come up in the future that we may not be able to anticipate today. The wonderful thing about the Endowment Fund is that it will be in place for a very long time, and the members of its Board will be able to determine the best use of the funds at any given time. Of course, you may also choose to have the planned gift be used for current operations of the church.

C: Does one have to be wealthy or make a large gift to make a difference?

NR: Anyone can make a planned gift, and every gift makes a difference to St. James's! Under current estate tax laws, there is deduction for charitable gifts, including gifts to the church, if a person's estate is subject to estate tax.

C: What happens to my gift when it becomes part of the endowment?

NR: The Endowment Fund is invested, and the Endowment Board determines what distributions to make from the Endowment Fund based on requests it receives from the senior warden on behalf of the vestry. Some of the more important projects that the Endowment Fund has been used for include helping with expenses when the church burned and financing the purchase of the parking deck. The Endowment Fund has also been used to help the



Newnie Rogers, Planned Giving Committee
church with less exciting but nevertheless important expenditures such as maintenance contracts and, most recently, the purchase of the chiller. If a gift is large enough, a donor could choose to have a fund set up for a specific purpose that would be administered as a part of the Endowment Fund.

C: If I wanted to give something to the church, where would I start?

NR: There are many ways you can make a planned gift to the church or the Endowment Fund. Obviously, you can make gifts to the church and/or the Endowment Fund while you are alive. You may also name the church or Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your will or in your trust agreement. Another easy way to benefit the church or Endowment Fund at your death is to make the church a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan. In addition, you could also make the church a "transfer on death" or "pay on death" beneficiary of a brokerage account or bank account. You can give the church a life insurance policy if you have one.

C: So you are saying that there are ways to protect my own financial future, but also to make to make a plan to have that financial instrument available to the church when I don't need it anymore?

NR: Exactly. If you are concerned about your financial future but want to leave assets that remain at your death to St. James's or the Endowment Fund, you can do so by making St. James's a beneficiary under your will, trust, life insurance policy, retirement plan, bank account or brokerage account (and other ways as well). What a nice way to make a "perpetual pledge" to St. James's or the Endowment Fund!

C: What does one do to ensure that this purpose is achieved?

NR: You should discuss your intentions with your financial advisor and/or attorney. Suzanne Hall is also a great resource. Should you want to name the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary, its legal name is "St. James's Church Endowment Fund, Incorporated."



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