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### **Pulpit Notes**

*"Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him"*

Brothers and Sisters:

Thank you to all of you who made our Annual Meeting last Sunday so wonderful. It was a very positive meeting with good reasons to celebrate. Our budget is beginning to shape up, and while not exactly in the black, it is moving (slowly) in that direction. The reports were crisp and to the point - we are doing as we have done in the past, serving the community in mind, body, and spirit.

We were able to celebrate the innumerable gifts of service of Deirdre Mae Micker who received the St. James' Medal to a standing ovation. And when it came time for open discussion and concerns, I am happy to report the concerns and suggestions voiced were already on the docket for the Vestry.

What pleased me even more was that after the meeting, people just did not leave. As I passed among people, it was clear to me that everyone was simply enjoying each other's company.

All in all, I felt that this past Sunday would be a good model for our country these days. There was the occasional disagreement, a legitimate concern voiced here and there, but always a voice of respect and dignity. Although it is naive to believe that ever can be expanded out to an entire nation (let alone the world), it is equally important that this be exactly what we as followers of Christ hold up to the world.



Unfortunately, we seem to be in a period of extreme tension and anger, and I wonder how much more divided, how much more broken we will become before begin to see real healing.

As you all know, last weekend there were marches across the nation and the world, primarily to stand up for women's rights which are perceived to be under attack. While some parishioners here think little of these marches, others participated - in Washington D.C., in New York City, and in Poughkeepsie. I was heartened that several parishioners carried the signs that we distributed last month: "Love Your Neighbor (Everyone's Your Neighbor)."

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That message is at the heart of who we are as Christians, and in a time of tension and strife, it is crucial that we hold up that message of loving one another. No matter what you thought of the marches, sharing that message is always right. No matter who you are, what your political leanings, or where you find yourself, if you hold up this message as the sign of your life, if you seek to live it out in every aspect of your life, you will be light - and a model - to the world.

Grace and Peace,

Chuck+

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### **The News of the Church**

**Meet the New Head of Buildings and Grounds:** Michael Glancey has stepped up to become the new Head of Buildings and Grounds at St. James'. He replaces Andy Hall who has served faithfully for a long time. Thanks Andy! And thank you Mike for jumping in with both feet!

Mike would like to invite you to:

- A) voice your Buildings and Grounds concerns to him
- B) volunteer to be part of the committee
- C) volunteer on certain projects with either time or supplies.

The next Buildings and Grounds meeting is **February 11 at 5:00 PM**. You are most welcome to attend!

To contact Mike, you can e-mail him at [geomike80@yahoo.com](mailto:geomike80@yahoo.com) or call at 845-527-7315.

**Extra Fireside Chat:** Tying in with the theme of Water, the St. James' Fireside Chats have added an extra lecture this year: "The River at Risk." It deals with the many pressures put on our Hudson River and how we can act to. This new lecture will be **Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 pm** - at the Chapel, of course! This is in addition to our already scheduled **February 2** Chat featuring our own John Golden remembering Hyde Park during the war years.

**Agents of Peace Retreat:** Please see the flier below for the "Agents of Peace In a Time of Fear" retreat led by Fr. Masud ibn Syedullah and Fr. Garrett Metler. It is a three-day retreat at Holy Cross Monastery just across the river. Though the cost may seem high at \$300, it is a remarkable value. Moreover, if you are interested (and I hope you are) but find the cost prohibitive, the church has money available to help you go. Just see Fr. Chuck.

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### *Agents of Peace in a Time of Fear*



#### ***Discover Your Inner Peacemaker & Reconciler***

on this retreat designed to turn back our present tide of divisiveness, conflict and inflammatory speech.

Participants will reconnect with the peacemaking example of Christ and be empowered with practical methods to become agents of peace and reconciliation in their own communities.

Co-led by the Revs. Masud Ibn Syedullah and Garrett Mettler, this three-day retreat takes place from February 3rd — 5th, 2017 at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY.

Accommodations at the monastery and all meals are included in the \$300 registration cost.

To find out more and to register visit

[www.holycrossmonastery.com/retreat-programs](http://www.holycrossmonastery.com/retreat-programs)

or call Lori Callaway at 845-384-6660

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**Lenten Programming:** Let us prepare for Lent. Already, the sign-up sheet is available for the Lenten Meditation booklet. Please sign up for a day that you would like to write your meditation.

Next, we are instituting daily Morning Prayer throughout Lent. I am in the process of putting together a team of volunteer Morning Prayer leaders who will make sure that each morning, there will be someone there to worship with you. We hope that a sizeable number of parishioners will choose at least one day a week this Lent to start the day out right!

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Finally, we are acting as a host site for the Trinity Institute's Conference on Water Justice in March. There is an accompanying Lenten program for all (regardless of whether you attend the conference). We are considering incorporating that program into our life here. Stay Tuned!



**St. James' Hosting Trinity Institute Simulcast:** St. James' is excited to be one of two Midhudson Valley sites hosting a simulcast of this year's Trinity Institute Conference which takes place March 22-24. The Trinity Institute is a three-day conference attracting participants from around the world. Each year it focuses on one topic of importance to people of faith. This year's conference is titled: "Water Justice" and centers on the sacredness of water and the necessity of protecting it so we can all live. From the Trinity Institute website: "Water is a gift. Water is life. As water crises increase, access to safe and clean drinking water decreases.

From Flint to Standing Rock, many of today's most pressing social issues revolve around water. Faith communities worldwide can help."

The simulcast will take place in the parish hall. We encourage everyone to be part of this - for all three days if possible, but for one day if that's all you can do.

### **AN UNOFFICIAL LETTER from Bishop Mary Glasspool:**

Note: Bishop Glasspool, our assistant bishop, sends out regular musings to the clergy - unofficial with no agenda other than to keep in touch. I have read them with interest, but until yesterday never thought of sharing them. However, at the most recent Clericus (clergy gathering in the county), several of my colleagues noted that they regularly share her musings in their newsletters, and that parishioners enjoy them. I hope you enjoy, too!

"For all that has been, Thanks! To all that shall be, Yes!"

- Dag Hammarskjöld, Markings,

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I love this quote from one of my heroes: Dag Hammarskjöld. I think about it during times of transition, especially. And since today's news is peppered with the phrase peaceful transition of power, I'm thinking of it today.

For all that has been, Thanks! I'm deeply grateful to and for Barack Obama, the 44th President of the United States. In the current issue of The New Yorker magazine, art critic Andrea K. Scott refers to Mr. Obama as dignity incarnate. I am truly grateful to him for bringing so much dignity to the White House. He was criticized by many as being arrogant for appearing not to "stoop" to engaging in politics, but in his eight-year presidency there have been no presidential scandals. I give thanks for his honesty and integrity, for his belief in our people and our country, for his honoring the most important political office in the land as that of citizen. I will always be deeply grateful for his oratory! He used his speaking/preaching skills to inspire others, to call out the best in humanity while at the same time articulating without fear the evil and injustice which needed to be addressed. Thank you, Mr. Obama. You will always be a model of dignity and respect for me, and I look forward to seeing the ways in which you will continue to give your considerable gifts in the future.

I give thanks for being an Episcopalian and specifically one who serves in the Episcopal Diocese of New York! During this particular presidential transition emotions have "run high" so to speak. The Episcopal Church has had and is having a very public "conversation" about prayer. Hooray for that! Within our own Diocese we have experienced the gamut of feelings. The myopic effect of exclusively or even predominantly living/working/being with people who think/believe/feel as we do, has made itself staggeringly known! So I'm glad to have colleagues who call me to prayer that is uncomfortable. I'm grateful for people who trust enough to speak the truth in love and to do the truth in love. I'm thankful for the citizens of our diocese who take our Baptismal Covenant seriously and to heart. Many of us will be viewing today's inauguration events. Many of us will be marching tomorrow in various places for a variety of reasons/causes. I will be marching tomorrow in New York with the goal of calling attention to the need to respect the dignity of every human being.

One can read Dag Hammarskjöld's classic book, *Markings*, in its entirety and never know that he was a professional Swedish diplomat and the second Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1953 until his tragic death in a plane crash in September, 1961. What a reader would conclude after reading *Markings* is that Dag Hammarskjöld was a deeply religious man seeking God and God's purpose for him as he served God's world on earth. So when he writes *To all that shall be, Yes!*, he is not suggesting passivity or a kind of *Que sera, sera* attitude toward the future. He is simply, yet faithfully expressing his willingness to engage whatever God's future brings. I read it as a pledge to live into the future with all he's got, and that's what I say now. Perhaps the peaceful transition of power that we are living through will provide the Church with a new opportunity to bear witness to Gospel values we hold dear. Maybe this transition will call forth to date unimagined efforts to being forth God's Reign of Love and

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Justice on this earth. As someone humbled by all that's going on, I pray that we will call upon the very best in ourselves to live faithfully into God's future that we, in fact, have a role in shaping.

With love and prayers to all, +Mary

**Some Diocesan Dates of Interest:** It is important to be in communion with other Episcopalians in our diocese. While many events are held in New York City, some are more regionally available. Here are a few events that you may be interested in.

- February 11, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Safe Church Training (in Tarrytown)\*
- February 11, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Blessed Absalom Jones Celebration (Cathedral)
- March 18, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM - Eucharistic Minister/Eucharistic Visitor Training (in Cornwall)

**Churchyard Committee:** Our churchyard committee wants you. The committee oversees one of the most historic graveyards in the region, and is responsible for making sure it is kept up. It handles the sale and digging of graves as well. If you value our churchyard and want it to continue to be a source of comfort whose loved ones rest here as well as historical interest to those who visit, please join our committee. If you're interested, you can contact Carol Vinall at [vinehall3@aol.com](mailto:vinehall3@aol.com).

**DONATE YOUR iPad!** Please consider donating your old iPad - or any old tablet that can read a PDF file - to St. James'. We would like to have three or four tablets so we can download the digital bulletin onto them and let guests (or parishioners, of course) use them. This is especially helpful to those who are unfamiliar with the liturgy and all the books we use. You should erase everything on it, of course - all we need is a PDF reader and a browser (to download the information). Thanks!

### **Spiritual / Educational Online Resources to deepen your faith:**

- Acts 8 Movement
- GrowChristians
- Episcopal Cafe (a favorite)
- The Slate Project (not affiliated with Slate magazine)
- Virtual Abbey
- Second Life Church (gives you a virtual church experience if you're into that sort of thing. Fun to look at maybe).

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- Inward/Outward (daily meditations sent to your e-mail)
  - "Edge of Enclosure" (weekly lectionary-based blog post)
  - The Celtic Christian Tradition (via Facebook)
  - Anne Lamott (via Facebook)
  - Fr. Richard Rohr's blog <https://cac.org/richard-rohr/richard-rohr-ofm/>
  - Jan Richardson - <http://paintedprayerbook.com>
- Especially good for those grieving or interested in women's spirituality.

### **The News of the Diocese**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for these diocesan ministries this week. If you want to check out the entire year's calendar for intercession, it's simple to find - go to <http://www.diocesen.org> and click under "Beliefs and Practices."

#### January

- 29 Church of the Resurrection, Hopewell Junction
- 30 Grace Church, Middletown
- 31 St. Paul's Church, Pleasant Valley

#### February

- 1 Diocesan Investment Trust
- 2 The Presentation. With gratitude for the ministry of the Rt. Rev. Andrew M. L. Dietsche on the anniversary of his installation as the 16th Bishop of New York
- 3 St. John's Episcopal Church, Monticello, Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry

### **Praying For Peace Everywhere:**

Let us continue to light a candle for peace in the Holy Land - and everywhere. Prayer is our most potent antidote to hatred.

#### 1. **Candle for Peace**

Please also light a candle on Fridays - holy to both faiths - for Peace

Let us Light Candles for Peace

Two mothers, one plea:

Now, more than ever, during these days of so much crying,  
on the day that is sacred to both our religions, Friday, Sabbath Eve

Let us light a candle in every home - for peace:

A candle to illuminate our future, face to face,

A candle across borders, beyond fear.

From our family homes and houses of worship

Let us light each other up,

Let these candles be a lighthouse to our spirit

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Until we all arrive at the sanctuary of peace.

### 2. **The Mothers Prayer:**

God of Life:

You who heals the broken hearted, binding up our wounds.

Please hear this prayer of mothers.

You did not create us to kill each other

Nor to live in fear or rage or hatred in your world. You created us so that we allow each other to sustain Your Name in this world:

Your name is Life, your name is Peace.

For these I weep, my eye sheds water:

For our children crying in the night,

For parents holding infants, despair and darkness in their hearts.

For a gate that is closing – who will rise to open it before the day is gone?

With my tears and with my constant prayers, With the tears of all women deeply pained at these harsh times

I raise my hands to you in supplication: Please God have mercy on us.

Hear our voice that we not despair That we will witness life with each other, That we have mercy one for another, That we share sorrow one with the other, That we hope, together, one for another.

Inscribe our lives in the book of Life

For Your sake, our God of Life Let us choose Life.

For You are Peace, Your world is Peace and all that is Yours is Peace,

May this be your will

And let us say Amen.

*Sheikha Ibtisam Mahameed and Rabba Tamar Elad-Appelbaum  
English Translation Amichai Lau-Lavie*

### **Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

Ruth Blanding, John Bohlmann, Helen Braun, Susie Buhalis, Mariel Carter, Dee, Linkin Ewalt, Steven Foote, Heather Francese, Kathy Ganim, Robert Guariglia, Harold Hall, Dalton K., Edie Kline, Ashley Konyn, Rosemary Leuken, Joanne Lynn, Doris Mack, Gordon Mackenzie, Virginia Mackenzie, Andrew Mendelson, Charles Pardee, Grace Plass, Deborah Porach, John Robinson, Rob Robinson, Jason Rodino (serving in Afghanistan), John Ross, Richard Secor, James Sheeky, Naomi Sleight, Carl Smith, Marguerite Spratt, Janice Syedullah, Tracy, Candace Vincent, Cassidy Way, Cliff Wells and Shawn Wheeler.

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### **Schedules**

*A Note about Schedules: The names you see below are those listed on their respective schedules. There are often times when, due to sickness or travel, substitutes are asked to fill in or trade positions. This will probably NOT be reflected in the lists below—so, if there is an inconsistency between what you see here and what you see on Sunday, that is alright.*

Birthdays (this past week):	Daniel Matranga, Deirdre Mae Micker, Tanya S. Hall, Dalton M. Slegel, Suzanne Glancey and John Seagren, Jr.
Birthdays (this coming week):	Kasey Gaulin and David Wardell, Jr.
Acolytes:	January 29: Team 3 February 5: Team 1
Altar Guild:	January 29: Team I February 5: Team I
8 a.m. Readers:	January 29: Lucille Ogden and Sue DeLorenzo February 5: Debbie Belding and Jim Smyth
10 a.m. Readers:	January 29: Russell Urban-Mead/Judy Douglass February 5: Donna Beyer/Maggie McNamara
Ushers:	January 29: Judy Douglass, Vince Asher February 5: Donna and John Beyer
Pledge Clerks:	January 29: Doug Belding and Charlessa Thatcher February 5: Joanne Lown and Janet Bright
Parish Cycle of Prayer:	January 29: Kirstin Horn, Austin and Audrey Home February 5: Kim Illuminate, Hope Jennings, Jada Jennings
Coffee Hour Hosts:	January 29: Barbara Slegel and the Choir February 5: Audrey Horne, Eric Zavadil

### **This Week's Lectionary**

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

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### **This Week's Hymns**

Processional:	Hymn 441 ("In the Cross of Christ I Glory")
Sequence:	Hymn 605 (What Does the Lord Require)
Offertory:	"Remember Your Servants, Lord"
Communion:	Hymn 656 (Blest Are the Poor In Heart)
Recessional:	Hymn 569 (God the Omnipotent! King Who Ordaines)

NOTE: Audio recordings of some sermons are now available on St. James' website, [www.stjameshydepark.org](http://www.stjameshydepark.org) Look under "Worship"

### Sermon Preached on Third Sunday after the Epiphany (January 22, 2017)

There was no sermon last Sunday. The Annual Report was given in its place. Although it was distributed to those present, it is offered here for those who could not be there:

#### ANNUAL RECTOR'S REPORT January 22, 2017

*And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.*

You and I are fishers of men and women, of boys and girls, of all God's people. That's what Jesus called us to be even as he quoted Isaiah, saying, "the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death ... light has dawned."

What was he saying with those two statements? That we are indeed called to bring people to God - not so that God can consume them but so that they can live in light. It is to bring life and joy and wonder and peace to a people who don't know it enough. And if we don't know it enough, to allow ourselves to be brought to God.

That's our mission. Yours and mine. And we have worked hard, I believe, to fulfill that mission. In this past year, we have done all the things we do every year. We elected our Vestry, we approved a budget.

We had our Fireside Chats series with the largest attendance ever recorded - indeed, we went right up to the legal limit of the building's capacity. Out of the lecture I gave on slavery came two more invitations to speak, one at the Wallace Center and one at the Regional Council. Out

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of it also came an invitation to join the diocesan reparations committee which considers the church's role in slavery and its aftermath.

We partied on Shrove Tuesday and then put on ashes the next day to begin Lent. We were moved by each other's Lenten Meditations (sign-up sheet in the Narthex). During Lent, we had what we affectionately called "Death Class" - though its proper title was, "Remember That You Are Dust" - a class exploring what we mean by death and how to prepare for it spiritually, emotionally, financially and legally.

And of course, there was Easter where we rejoiced in the resurrection of Christ.

We once again had a marvelous Mother's Day Tea, that makes people feel elegant and joyful as well as raising money for the church. We enjoyed the Community Move Nights where anyone could come and watch a fun movie, munch on popcorn and enjoy good fun fellowship. Thanks to Brian Rance for organizing those!

We had a wonderful Vacation Bible Fun Day where we turned the downstairs playroom into a magical cave. It really did feel magical, and people had a hard time breaking it down when it was all over. Huge thanks especially to Valerie Gaulin and all the volunteers who made it so great.

We had a field trip to the Cathedral - and there's interest in having another!

We also had a long interim period without a regular music director. In August, Mary Grosskopf resigned, and for nearly five months, Denise Bassen helped us as interim. We are grateful for her help as well as that of Vera Ewing who covered for us when Denise had to stop for medical reasons. We are so glad to welcome our new Music Director, Sarah Rodeo to our midst. Sarah, thank you for joining us, and we hope you will find a wonderful home here. And everyone - talk to Sarah about joining the choir!

In the meantime, we did what we always do. The Community Garden produced great food for the food pantry, as well as education. The Outreach Committee helped so many people with so many needs from food to presents, to clothing to reading help.

Throughout the year, Our Thursday bible study continued to be a place - I hope - of enlightenment (it is open to all and which can be expanded to other more convenient times for those who simply ask). Sunday School, which is always looking for more students! Choir, which is always open to more singers of any ability and age! Altar Guild, Buildings and Grounds, Coffee Hour hosts, Vestry, Lectors, Lay Readers, Ushers and Acolytes - things we may overlook but can not under value.

In the Fall, we once again brought hundreds to the church for our Historic Graveyard Tours. They are an annual event for many, and their potential for growth is great - though such growth does depend on the volunteers who make it happen. Many thanks to all who worked so hard in organization, PR, writing, acting, parking, guiding... you name it. This is a big production, but it is so worth it.

We closed the year out with a series of Stewardship Meetings. These meetings were designed to build on work started at a Mutual Ministry Review with the Vestry in September. At that

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meeting, the Vestry and some other parish leaders met with consultants to look back and review how we've done as well as look forward to see how we might do better.

There are things we can do better. There are things we must do better. They are things countless Annual Reports at countless churches across the country have fretted about, yet that doesn't make them any less pressing.

One of these, of course, is finances. We actually did pretty well in 2016. Pledging went up even beyond what was budgeted. Yet we are currently down again - in part, I'm sure because we had a late start to the pledge campaign. But until we can get to the point where 100% of parishioners are pledging something - the amount is secondary - then we will always have room for improvement. And with a projected budget deficit of about \$30,000, we'd love to see that improvement sooner rather than later.

Another issue that needs our attention is attendance. This Christmas, you may have noticed the lowest attendance at the 6:00 PM Christmas Eve service I've ever seen. I would love to wave a magic wand to make everyone understand how important attendance is - not so we can report bigger numbers to the national church and look better, but because we have a symbiotic relationship - we need each other, we feed each other - when one is absent, the rest feel it. When one person stays away too long, something dies little by little inside. We are created to worship together, to hold each other up in prayer - together. My prayer is that this coming together becomes a higher priority for each of us - for the spiritual health of this community and ourselves.

So, with those in mind, let me take a moment to address the findings of the Mutual Ministry Review and the Stewardship Meetings.

Out of the Mutual Ministry Review, two primary areas of attention arose. Outreach and Education. Like that two-sided coin of faith I spoke of a couple of weeks ago, our faith requires both a healthy life of spiritual growth and a life of service. The Mutual Ministry Review found that giving our outreach - with a particular focus on the Community Garden - the resources it needs will help us be the church we are called to be.

The other area the Mutual Ministry Review picked up on as being important was adult education. Youth education is important, of course, but adult Christian education has been neglected here and needs our attention. That's why one of the proposals this year is to create an ongoing adult program available to all. Right now, the most likely thing we'll start with - starting as early as March - is a weekly 30-minute "Forum" between the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services. We're contemplating this time frame so that A) all can participate and B) there can be more interaction and fellowship between members of the two services.

Initially, I will create a series of forums on each book of the bible - not exhaustive, just a quick overview exploring who wrote it when and for whom - and what its significance is for us today. If we look at one book a week, that's more than a year's worth of learning. We also anticipate occasional series throughout the year that would explore other topics important to our faith.

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We hope to have other adult education opportunities - possibly Saturday workshops or retreats - but that will depend on interested parishioners stepping forward to be part of it. Finally, we will make a concerted effort to better communicate other education opportunities that are not from St. James'.

Those were the main areas of focus from the Mutual Ministry Review. What about the Stewardship Meetings?

At those meetings, we asked parishioners three questions: What's Good at St. James'? What Concerns you at St. James'? And what do you wish for St. James'?

I can't list everything that was brought up at each meeting in the "What's good" section. There were so many things that I had to settle for lumping them in categories: In general, responses focused on Outreach, Being Fed Spiritually, Fellowship, and our Rich History. Our Nursery School and our public presence also received praise.

When asked about concerns, the answers were more diverse: cleanliness of the buildings, and aging infrastructure along with handicap accessible restroom. The future of the churchyard, stagnating attendance and retaining people. Communication of Vestry decisions to the rest of the congregation. Small Sunday School size. Education. Insufficient worship opportunities. Not enough in-reach to parishioners in need. And the most common concern in virtually every parish: 20% of the people doing 80% of the work, coupled with committees that exist in name only because only one or two people belong to them.

Finally, when we asked what people wished for, they said: More adult education, more people involved as lectors, choir, acolytes and greeters; Morning and/or Evening prayer; more Community Dinners; improved mingling between the 8 AM and 10 AM services; a Women's Retreat; and a Capital Campaign to make needed repairs and improvements and possible build up our endowment.

I have a few copies of the complete list if you would like to read it.

We can't do everything. At least not all at once. But the Adult forum between services is eminently achievable. So also is the idea of daily Morning Prayer held either in the church or the chapel. In fact, I hope to institute this soon. However, what I envision is that each day will have a different leader - that is, one person would be responsible for Monday, another for Tuesday and so on. This would require a dedicated corps of volunteers who would understand that they might be the only person there, especially at the beginning. But in time, such prayer services can have importance beyond the parish.

On the part of the Vestry this year, we will address the structure, number and membership of our various committees to see what we should retain, what we should eliminate, and what we should build up. We will also address how best to communicate Vestry decisions.

These are a few concrete steps we are committing to take so that we can be a better church and more closely follow our Lord Jesus Christ. The most frustrating thing about taking concrete steps, however, is that when you give your attention to one, you necessarily take your attention off of another.

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But when I started off by saying that our mission is to be fishers of men and women, to bring them to God, I never said that the mission has an ending. It is endless - it's impossible to ever complete. There will always be more that we did not get done. Yet it is a glorious, grace-fill mission we have been called to. One God never asked us to complete - just to be part of. And as long as we are actively part of it, as long as we at St. James' choose to be fishers of men and women, girls and boys, of all God's children - that will be enough.  
Thank you.