

St. James' E-pistle

Date of Sunday Service: June 10, 2018

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Pulpit Notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I spent last week at a conference called CREDO. The word is Latin for "I believe" and is where we get the word "creed." At the conference, we address the issues surrounding being a priest, a servant of Christ in a time of change. There were priests from all over the country - Oregon, Colorado, Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Wisconsin, Indiana, even New Jersey and New York.

My first observation is that priests are getting so YOUNG these days! I was astounded to realize that I am no longer one of the new kids on the block. On the plus side, I was amazed at how smart, capable, and inspired these young priests were (and let me tell you, when they start coming in younger than my oldest kid, they're young!).

Now, when I was in seminary, the church was still pretty sure it was respected and stable, and we would be set for long and safe tenures as full-time rectors. That's pretty much been my experience, with just over 20 years of joyous ministry right here at St. James'. But these kids are going in *knowing* that they are entering a tenuous situation, that the institutional church may not be able to support them financially the way clergy have been used. They are going into the service of Christ and Christ's people knowing that they may never be able to just have one church that will pay their salaries. Sure, those still exist today - witness St. James' - but they are becoming fewer and further between.

Still they climb on board, giving up lucrative careers and security to take up work that much of the world neither respects nor cares about. And they do it with joy and the fire of Pentecost in their hearts. They do it in a world that is increasingly complicated. As we discussed issues of sexuality, for example, many of them were teaching me terms I had never heard. Not because they are trendy things (someone recently asked me why all of a sudden all these kids thought it was fashionable to be transgender) but because people finally feel safe to reveal who they are even if society hasn't come up with a word for them.

These young priests - men, women, gay, straight, married, single, celibate and parent - inspired me with their grasp of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They inspire me with their willingness to follow the cross, to dance with the resurrection and embrace their Pentecost missionary fire.

So as one of the old guys, I want you to know that there is so much goodness out there, that we can hardly do less than look to the same cross, dance at the same resurrection and feel that fire tingling the tops of our heads.

This conference I went to was all about renewing our ministries, reconnecting with the joy of being Christ's hands and feet, mouth and ears. I am sorry that it is a clergy-only phenomenon because the

power that comes from a bunch of people sharing what God is doing in their lives and the calls that God has given them, is palpable.

Oh, wait... there is a place where people can share the joys and frustrations of serving God's people. It's called church and is available to everyone. It may not have the same intensity of a concentrated week of sharing and praying together, but it has a cumulative effect. Come enough times, and you'll start to feel your power.

I'm not sure I will be a better priest as a result of this conference. I hope so, but as I discovered so joyfully, the church is bigger than me. We each have a role to play, and it's important to me that you know you have a place to examine your role, to learn whom it is that we serve, to find the support you need so that you can embrace your ministry with joy, power, and conviction.

Grace and Peace,

Chuck +

PS. Today (June 9) is the 28th anniversary of my ordination as a deacon. I actually began work for the church on June 1, while I was at the CREDO conference, so that added to the motivation for self reflection. It is a particular blessing to be allowed to serve in this capacity, and it is never lost on me how special it is. Thank you for letting me be part of the greater Body of Christ in this particular community of St. James'.

A PLEDGE PLEA: Thanks to those of you who responded to the plea for new pledges! We really appreciate it. If you have not pledged yet, please do so. And if you already pledged but can increase yours a little, it will go a long way to making our ministry here move forward. God is good, and so is your partnership in the Jesus Movement.

Announcements

Congratulations Amelia:

If anyone had a chance to attend last Wednesday's concert at the Vanderbilt estate, they would have heard a sweet trumpet solo from our own Amelia McNamara. Amelia also played taps at the presidential grave on Memorial Day. Fantastic playing, Amelia! Congratulations on a job well done.

Recognition Sunday!

This **Sunday, June 10**, is **Recognition Sunday** where we recognize our youth through their Sunday School and Acolyting work and say thank you to our teachers. Please make every effort to be here on Sunday so we can lift these young people up as a community.

Episcopal Charities Sunday - Sunday, June 10th

This Sunday, June 10th we celebrate and give thanks for the work and ministry of Episcopal Charities. Incorporated in December, 1996, Episcopal Charities is the mission arm of our Diocese.

Are you aware that 9.4 % of our neighbors here in Dutchess County, including 15.3% of children are struggling with hunger issues? Are you aware that households receiving emergency food assistance here in the Mid-Hudson Region have at least one adult working and yet, still cannot make ends meet?

Episcopal Charities currently supports fifty-one feeding programs throughout the Diocese of which twelve of these programs are located here in Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties. In addition to the actual grant, Episcopal Charities provides strategic training, operational support and networking opportunities to parish programs through workshops and one-on-one consultations.

As faithful followers of Christ, please prayerfully consider making a donation to Episcopal Charities. There are Special Offering Envelopes in the pews for you to make your donation. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to St. James' Church, memo line: Episcopal Charities.

On behalf of all our neighbors throughout our Diocese who struggle with food insecurity and who will benefit from your donation - **THANK YOU!**

Peace, Deacon Gail

Meditation Garden Thanks:

Many thanks to Bryanna Burkhardt and Tito Maresca (A friend of the McNamaras) for doing some great clean-up work in the Meditation Garden. Between them, they dug out the Labyrinth so that it is no longer overgrown and is now usable again. They also worked on the small pool and the columbarium. It's looking much better now!

LAY READER Training:

I am delighted with the response from those interested in becoming a lay reader/chalice bearer for worship. I'll be planning localized training for late July - and then again for September (since so many travel in July). When I return from my travels this month, I will set the dates.

Acolyte Training:

I am also delighted to have received requests for acolyte training. We will have a training session sometime in July so that new acolytes can be on the schedule this Fall. If that doesn't work, we'll add another session. If *you* would like to become an acolyte, please let me know.

Between Service Classes:

This month, on **June 10, 17, 24**, we have a series on African Christians who made a difference.

On the **Sundays of July** we have a series on the 7 Deadly Sins.

Starting in **September**, we look at church music - What it is in its various forms. What's different about it from other music? How do we make best use of it?

Youth Group:

No Youth Group this month. We'll meet again in July, and we'll have some real theological work to do (along with some fun)!

Continuing Inquirers:

The Continuing Inquirers class has had a hard time getting together - mostly because of me (Fr. Chuck). But we are bound and determined to get back together. So, look for a date in July. The next topic: The Creeds.



St. James' Sunday School

LUAU FUNDRAISER

Saturday, June 30th 5pm-

Join us for a Buffet dinner
and live music as things
“Heat-up” in the Hall to
help “Heat-up” our
church!

\$15.00/ adult

\$10.00/child (under 10 yrs. Old)

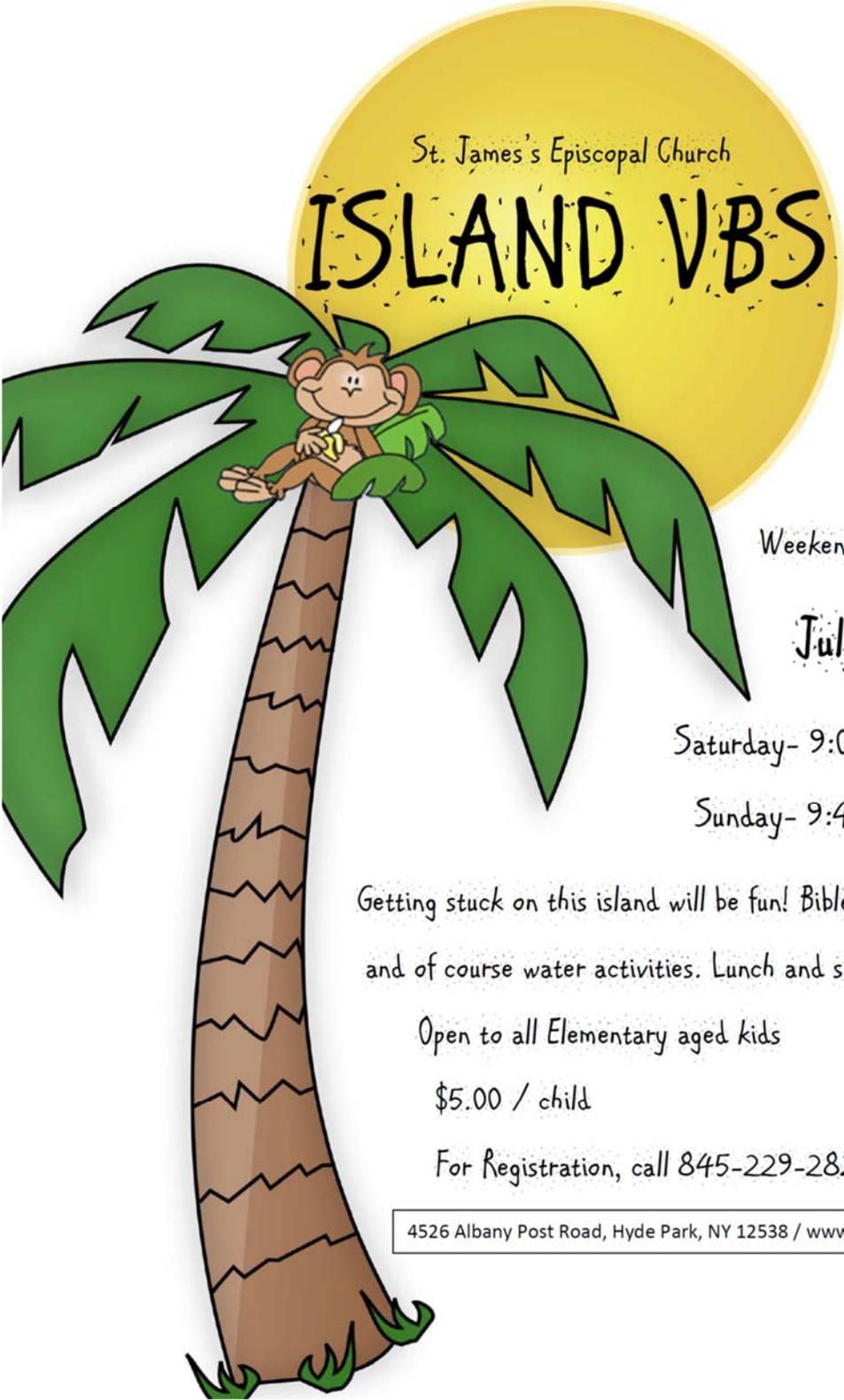
Under 5- free

(All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new furnace for the church.)



Purchase your tickets fast- we have limited seating! Ticket Sales will be every Sunday- or as last resort, see Dyan in the office during the week.

(If going through Dyan, Cash must be exact amount, or check- no credit cards please.)



St. James's Episcopal Church

ISLAND VBS

Weekend VBS program

July 7 & 8th

Saturday- 9:00 am – 3pm

Sunday- 9:45 am – noon

Getting stuck on this island will be fun! Bible stories, crafts and of course water activities. Lunch and snacks provided.

Open to all Elementary aged kids

\$5.00 / child

For Registration, call 845-229-2820

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 Between Service Class Recognition Sunday	11 Office Closed 6 PM Women's Group Fr. Chuck Away/ Continuing Ed	12 Fr. Chuck Away/ Continuing Ed	13 10 AM Morning Prayer Fr. Chuck Away/ Continuing Ed	14 Fr. Chuck Away/ Continuing Ed	15 Fr. Chuck Away/ Continuing Ed	16 8 AM Men's Breakfast Fr. Chuck Away/ Continuing Ed
17 Between Service Class	18 Office Closed 7 PM Vestry	19 Fr. Chuck Away/ Mission work	20 10 AM Morning Prayer Fr. Chuck Away/ Mission work	21 Fr. Chuck Away/ Mission work	22 Fr. Chuck Away/ Mission work	23 Fr. Chuck Away/ Mission work
24 Between Service Class Fr. Chuck Away/ Mission work	25 Fr. Chuck Away/ Mission work	26 Fr. Chuck Away/ Mission work	27 10 AM Morning Prayer Fr. Chuck Away/ Mission work	28 Fr. Chuck Away/ Mission work	29 Fr. Chuck Away/ Mission work	30 <b style="color: blue;">Luau!
Sundays: Holy Eucharist Rite I is at 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) is at 10:00 AM. Sunday School and nursery are available at 10:00 AM. Between Service Classes on Sundays are from 9:15 to 9:45 in the Wilks Room.						

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 <https://www.dioceny.org/administration/for-clergy/liturgical-and-sacramental/diocesan-calendar-of-intercession/>

- 10 Grace Church, Nyack
- 11 Church of St. Barnabas, Irvington
- 12 Church of the Holy Communion, Mahopac
- 13 Trinity School, Manhattan
- 14 St. Barnabas' Church, Ardsley
- 15 The Canon for Ministry
- 16 Diocesan Hispanic/Latino Commission

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ashley, John Bohlmann, Helen Braun, Darlene Calgagni, Mariel Carter, Joanne Clark, Linkin Ewalt, Loretta Falzarano (sister of Donna Beyer), Heather Francese, Kathy Ganim, Brian Ganter (deployed to Afghanistan), Karla Givison (Deb Belding's sister), Gloria Golden, Robert Guariglia, Harold Hall, Dalton K., Edie Kline, Ashley Konyn, Tedi Kramer, Hope Jennings, Rosemary Leuken, Joanne Lynn, Jim Lynn (Carol Bender's brother - facing surgery)., Doris Mack, Margaret, Andrew Mendelson, Beth and Ginero Milano, Lillian Peralta, Mary Bowers Peters (stroke), Grace Plass, Deborah Porach, John Robinson, Rob Robinson, Jason Rodino (serving in Afghanistan), Pat Rooney, John Ross, Hank Schroeder, James Sheeky, Naomi Sleight, Carl Smith, Marguerite Spratt, Janice Syedullah, Tracy, Georgia Verven, Candace Vincent, Cassidy Way, Cliff Wells and Shawn Wheeler.

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 all right.

- Birthdays (this past week): Jackie Schroeder, Lynne Sanford Bielemeier Koch, Stephen Weaver, Wilma Tully and Mary Grosskopf
- Birthdays (this coming week): Anna Marie Pitcher
- Acolytes: June 10: Kirstin Horn and Amelia McNamara
June 17: TBA
- Altar Guild: June 10: Team I
June 17: Team II
- 8 a.m. Readers: June 10: Debbie Belding and Sue DeLorenzo
June 17: Julett Butler and Jim Smyth
- 10 a.m. Readers: June 10: Russell Urban-Mead and Maggie McNamara

	June 17: Patty Caswell and Charlotte DeGross
Ushers:	June 10: Maggie and Tom McNamara
	June 17: Dean Caswell and Audrey Horne
Pledge Clerks:	June 10: Doug Belding and Judy Douglass
	June 17: Tanya Hall and Anna Marie Pitcher
Parish Cycle of Prayer:	June 10: Hank and Jackie Schroeder; Rick, Suzanne, Christian and Brooke Schroeder
	June 17: Suzanne Schryver, Phil, Kathy and Ross Schutz
Coffee Hour Hosts:	June 10: Jodi Triola and Mike Fenwick
	June 17: Deirdre Mae Micker, Wendy and Russell Urban-Mead

This Week's Lectionary

1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15
 Psalm 138
 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
 Mark 3:20-35

This Week's Hymns

Processional: 480 - When Jesus left his
 Sequence: LEVAS 221 - This Little Light of Mine
 Offertory: Sweet Spirit of God
 Communion: 343 - Shepherd of Souls
 Recessional: LEVAS 99 - My Hope is Built

Last Week's Sermon

Sermon Preached on Second Sunday after Pentecost (June 3, 2018)

Preached by the Rev. Jennifer Barrows

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A WORD ABOUT RECORDED SERMONS:

Most weeks, I upload a recorded copy of the sermon onto my Facebook page as well as St. James' YouTube channel. I have not yet figured out how to upload them to the St. James' Facebook page but am working on it.

You can also listen to sermons by going to YouTube (www.youtube.com) and searching for “St. James Episcopal Church, Hyde Park, NY”. There, you will not only find sermons, but also videos of the Fireside Chats and other videos of interest. You can subscribe to that page, and then when new content is uploaded, you will receive a notification.