

# the st. james



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## Sunday Schedule

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 am Adult Education  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:00 am Sunday School  
11:15 am Coffee & Fellowship  
11:45 am Children's Choir

Sunday, Dec. 7  
9:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 24

10:15 p.m. - Choral Music  
11:00 p.m. - Eucharist

Thursday, Dec. 25

10:00 a.m. - Service

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## Rector's Message

Dear Saints of James,

December 30<sup>th</sup> begins the season of Advent, when we spend four weeks preparing to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is our model for this season, as she pondered in her heart the meaning of the birth of God's son. So we too are to meditate on the meaning of Christ who is reborn in our lives each year as we celebrate Christmas.

Unfortunately, as we experience the Feast of Christmas in our 21<sup>st</sup> century culture, it has been hijacked by commercialism and materialism. The advertising for Christmas begins early in the fall and instead of Advent being a time of reflection, slowing down, and preparing our hearts, it has become a time of hectic "doing", shopping, planning, which often just adds to the stress of our daily lives, and detracts from the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas has become more and more about over consumption and has become very expensive, often increasing the on going debt of families.

The bad news is that we have done this to ourselves – nothing in the Bible or Christian tradition says this is the way to honor the Christ Child; the good news is that we can change our habits and patterns and choose to celebrate Christmas in a more meaningful way. How many people remember what presents they got last Christmas? How many of our children remember what they got last Christmas? Most often, the gifts we do remember are those that are something special: gifts someone made for us or gave in our honor, heart felt words written in a card or note or poem, time spent together with family and friends making memories.

I encourage you to prepare for Christmas in a different manner this year. Instead of scrambling from the day after Thanksgiving (Black Friday) to some time in late December to purchase a bunch of "stuff" for people who may not even remember what you give them. Try thinking about the things you do buy or make for people and how your values and their interests are reflected in your decisions. Gift giving is about joyful thanksgiving not obligations.

Our family has for the past few years participated in **alternative gift giving**. This is a form of gift giving in which the giver makes a  
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### Standing Committees

#### Christian Education:

**Liturgy:** Helen Campbell, 489-4536  
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**Stewardship:** Avis Aheron, 774-0010  
**Finance:** Glen Lake, 345-7550  
 & Gail Fields, 265-0786

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#### Episcopal Church Women:

Pam Reilly, 362-9742

#### Daughters of the King:

Esther Williamson, 366-3177

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donation to a charitable organization in the recipient's name, rather than giving an item. The idea of giving something to one person by paying another was invented by Benjamin Franklin as a "trick [...] for doing a deal of good with a little money", which came to be known as "Pay it forward". This is a form of giving that is an alternative to consumerism and mitigates the impact of gift giving holidays on the environment. There are a growing number of organizations that are working to address issues of poverty and sustainable living and gifts to these projects are life changing and keep on giving for generations. "Teach a man to fish and you'll feed him for a lifetime." I have listed a few of these well established organizations below.

A wise person once said, "Bad habits are developed when times are good and good habits are developed when times are bad." Given all that is happening in the economy these days, it's a great time for all of us to rethink our gift-giving habits to see how we can pay it forward with proclaiming the Good News of the birth of Christ.

Blessings for a Holy season of Advent and Christmas, SEB+

### Alternative Gift Giving

Heifer International, [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org), to honor family and friends, give a gift of livestock and training to families in need that will help them lift themselves out of poverty. World Vision, [www.worldvisiongifts.org](http://www.worldvisiongifts.org), is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice.

Five Talents International, [www.fivetalents.org](http://www.fivetalents.org), empowering the poor by promoting innovative savings and microcredit programs, business training and spiritual development. (projects in Sudan).

Episcopal Relief and Development, <http://www.er-d.org>, is working around the world to assist people affected by poverty, disease and disaster, accomplishing the Millennium Development Goals. (projects in Sudan).

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### The Stewardship Corner

All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own have we given you.

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Time + + Talent  
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Treasure

**Pledged and Unpledged Support:** In October, St. James received \$8,022.95 in pledged and unpledged support. The amount budgeted for October was \$7,951.78. The year-to-date income of \$109,888.78 still reflects favorably with the year-to-date budget of \$108,284.86. The current budget still reflects a deficit gap of approximately \$9,720.00. As our personal budgets are strained by the current economic downturn and increased costs of basic living expenses such as mortgages/rent, food, utilities and fuel, we continue to be blessed by your steadfast commitment to St. James as evidenced by your regular and consistent support of the work that goes on here at St. James.

**St. James Cycle of Prayer:** In December, we give thanks for those who participate in our music ministries. We ask your prayers for the Choir Director/Organist, and the members of both the Adult Choir and the Junior Choir. May their talents continue to be rendered to the glory of God and their music continue to enhance our worship services.

**Kroger Gift Cards:** In November, your Kroger purchases netted St. James a rebate check of \$300.09 bringing the year-to-date total to \$3,814.35. Thank you to everyone for using your Kroger cards so faithfully. Kroger gift cards also make nice gifts for the holidays, or for birthdays or as a thank you. If you would like to purchase a gift card for \$5, please see Mother Sue, Dorothy Herndon or Connie Bierly.

**Adopt-a-Day:** To date, St. James has received adopt-a-day donations in the amount of \$1,719.00. For a donation of \$33.00, you can celebrate a special occasion or honor a loved one on their special day. Forms can be found on the table outside the secretary's office. Forms will also be emailed during the first week of each month and can be filled out and returned to the parish secretary via email. Please consider "adopting" a day in 2008. All Adopt-a-Day contributions will be published in the monthly Connection. Fifty-two days have been adopted this year leaving 313 days still to be adopted.

### Where Does It Come From and Where Does It Go?

One day when my daughter Grace was about three years old, she asked me to buy her "Flexi-blocks" that she had seen advertised on television for "only \$19.95". The blocks connected together to make colorful and fantastic toy cars, animals, dollhouses, or whatever else you could imagine building and they even glowed in the dark! Thus began the pattern of her seeing a product advertised on television and immediately asking me to buy it for the "low, low price of only \$19.95". My stock answer was that Mommy didn't have \$19.95 so it was not possible to buy whatever the infomercial was selling. Not to be deterred, she calmly responded, "Let's go to the bank machine (ATM). I'll put in your card and it will give me the money I need to buy the Flexi-blocks." Oh, how I often wish it were that easy.

The reality of the situation is that money doesn't fall from the sky and the pot-of-gold is not at the end of the rainbow. Most of us get our money the old-fashioned way: we earn it. By extension, a question was raised at a recent Conversation & Community small-group gathering: Where does St. James's revenue come from and where does it go?

Each year following Gratitude Sunday in November, when you commit your time, talent and treasure, the Vestry and Finance Committee sit down to formulate a coherent budget for the coming year. In 2008, a budget of \$160,626.00 was approved. Your pledged and unpledged support of St. James makes up approximately 83% of that annual budget. YOU are the source of St. James's income. Every pledge, small or large, enables St. James to continue doing the work God is calling us to do. Without your support, current ministries may need to be scaled back or even eliminated, new ministries may be tabled indefinitely. The budget also included a deficit of \$9,720.00. To meet the budget deficit, we have had to draw upon reserve funds now currently invested in the diocesan endowment fund. If we continue to withdraw these funds to bridge the deficit gap, the general reserve will be exhausted in approximately 6 years. This is a sobering, but very real consequence.

We can't just go to the bank or ATM and withdraw whatever funds we need. We won't find money falling from the sky or at the end of the rainbow. We must, as a community of Christian believers, join together to support the work God is calling us to do in our baptismal covenant by sharing the bountiful

blessing we have received from God: sharing the abundance of spirit that is present whenever we gather in worship or fellowship; sharing the talents God has given each of us to make the world a better place; and sharing our financial resources to sustain our parish and to help others in our community.

**Income: Where our money comes from**

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Pledged & Unpledged Support | \$133,557.00 |
| Deficit Gap                 | \$ 9,720.00  |
| Diocesan Investment Payout  | \$ 8,000.00  |
| For Sabbatical              | \$ 1,000.00  |
| Plate                       | \$ 2,000.00  |
| Kroger Cards                | \$ 2,300.00  |
| Special Offerings           | \$ 1,410.00  |
| Flowers                     | \$ 1,200.00  |
| Other                       | \$ 1,439.00  |
|                             | \$160,626.00 |

**Expenses: Where our money goes**

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Payroll           | \$ 85,132.00 |
| Benefits          | \$ 30,293.00 |
| Plant Operations  | \$ 12,340.00 |
| Diocesan Pledge   | \$ 8,100.00  |
| Mission Programs  | \$ 7,525.00  |
| Office Operations | \$ 2,977.00  |
| Insurances        | \$ 4,100.00  |
| Outreach          | \$ 3,910.00  |
| Supplies          | \$ 2,424.00  |
| Bus Operation     | \$ 3,825.00  |
|                   | \$160,626.00 |

**How important is a will?  
How does it bless your family?  
Your church?**

**The Poor in Our Pews**

As the rector of a parish church in a growing area in New England in the 60s I met a man who came to me for money, food and shelter for his family. His mother had been the maid of all work in an Episcopal rectory and he had grown up in the house until he was sixteen. He had learned, imperfectly perhaps, that when in need he could go to the Episcopal church for help. I discovered the man could not read - but had finished (so to speak) tenth grade in a Massachusetts school system. He was married, with a wife and two children and had trouble finding work. His son could not read the words "The American Way" on a book cover I had. He was twelve years old and had finished the 7th grade in the school system in Mass where he lived. The man's wife and daughter (seven years old) could read somewhat. We were able to help this family about food and shelter and the sundries in life. But they kept coming back for more assistance. The assistance we managed to get for them involved Volunteers in Service to America, surplus food supplies, better housing than the absentee landlord kind that they had found - but they never appeared in church. So I said to him one day - "Please be honest - how come you never come to church." He bought me at my word and said - "two things you must know. First of all - I don't think of you as a priest. That backwards collar you wear is not a priest I come to - it is a source of supply. I will do nothing to antagonize my source of supply. But that is all any church is to me - a source of supply. Secondly - I am not going to come to church in a pair of slacks and a coat that I have been given by your church folk - because I might sit next to the man who used to own it. And that thought keeps me home. Same thing for my wife and kids.

Now you can tell this family needed to be listened to. They were poor financially - but poor in so many other ways - but also honest with me. After that conversation we did some rearranging of the parish's work with the poor.

Conclusion - listen to the poor - and everyone will be richer for it.

Bishop Walter Righter (Ret.)  
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Kiva, <http://www.kiva.org>, has a mission to connect people through lending for the sake of alleviating poverty. Kiva is the world's first person-to-person micro-lending program empowering individuals to lend directly to unique entrepreneurs in the developing world.

SERRV, [www.serrv.org](http://www.serrv.org), buying artisans' work from people living in developing countries is an opportunity for you to have a direct impact on one of our global market's great injustices: the inequality in income and quality of life. Buy free trade gifts here.

Land of a Thousand Hills, <http://www.landof1000hills.com>, has transformed the simple act of drinking coffee into an opportunity to make a difference. "Drink Coffee. Do Good" is a way to help break the chains that once bound thousands of Rwandan farmers, and allow them to enjoy the life that God meant for them.

### **Pastoral Counseling Help: Stress and What You Can Do**

Stress is all around us, a result of a tense society, a busy lifestyle and an increased complexity of daily living. Stress has physical, emotional and behavioral symptoms. Physically one may suffer migraine headaches, gastrointestinal disorders, increased heart rates, muscle spasm and pain. Stress is a leading cause to general suppression of one's immunological system. Emotionally one may be irritable, depressed, anxious or have mood swings. Behaviorally one may experience teeth grinding, insomnia, nail biting, social withdrawal or excessive use of alcohol or drugs.

One may find themselves under undue stress because of the expectation one places on themselves. The stress could be because one allows others to place too many expectations on them. Undue stress can be due to role definitions at work and from social or church group's expectations. People find that their family expectations can be stressful, especially if one is a rescuer.

There are some things you can do that will reduce your stress. Try meditative prayer. You might want to ask your priest about meditative praying. Try relaxation exercise as well as physical exercise. A change in diet might be called for. If you find you are eating while on the run, be assured you are not eating well. You might need to become more

assertive, do better at time management, communicate your thoughts and feelings more effectively. Do you need to practice saying NO? You can reduce stress by confessing to God those things that have become issues that are interrupting your spiritual life. You might need to act on forgiveness. Accepting God's grace and opening yourself to God's presence allows for the Spirit to open places in you for stress to be released.

The truth is that stress can kill. It can kill one's spirit, will, dedication and hope. The counselors at the Pastoral Counseling Center of the Roanoke Valley hope you will find a more stress free lifestyle. *The Pastoral Counseling Center of the Roanoke Valley, 214 Mountain Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016, 343-5455*; The Rev. Melissa Hays-Smith is the Director of the Pastoral Counseling center.

### **The Annual Parish Meeting**

The 2009 Parish Meeting is scheduled for December 7th at 9:00 am in the Nave. New Vestry members will be elected, parish reports will be made, the preliminary 2009 budget will be presented as well as a special report from the Property Replacement Committee. Child Care will be provided. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this very important meeting.

### **Vestry Candidate Bios**

#### **Donna Frost**

I have been a member at St. James' since 1988. As an active member of the congregation, I have enjoyed serving in many capacities, which are listed below:

Rotated on the schedule as *nursery keeper*

Taught *Sunday school* and was *Christmas/Epiphany Pageant Coordinator*

Member of *Christian Education Committee*

*Christian Education Committee Chair, 2003-2004* - led parish in five-week *Lenten program*, took the Youth to the *Washington National Cathedral* for 24<sup>th</sup> annual Acolyte festival

Attended two *Vestry conferences at Kanuga*: January, 2005; January, 2008

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Have served in the past and am currently serving as *Lector* on rotating basis

Member of *Home Ministry Committee*, 2007-08; currently serving as *Pastoral Care Chairperson*

Member of *Daughters of the King* since 2003

Currently enrolled in four-year *Education for Ministry* course under our Rector as mentor

*Steering Committee* member, 2008-present

During my 20 years at St. James' I have been given the opportunity to acquire leadership skills that I will put to use while serving on the Vestry. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Tim Buchholtz**

I am a baptized member of St. James. This has been my only church home for 44 years. I have been a member of the Vestry on 3 different occasions and have served as Jr. Warden on several occasions. I am a regular attendee of the 8:00 a.m. service and serve as a Lay Reader, Altar Server, and Chaliceist at that service. I have also done service on several committees in the parish including Stewardship, Liturgy and Property.

### **Tricia Champion**

My family first visited St. James in the summer of 1985 when we moved to Roanoke. It was the only church in the valley we visited because we knew instantly that we had found our church home. I was not an Episcopalian at the time, having grown up in the Presbyterian Church, then moving my membership to the Christian Church as a teenager. I then attended Milligan College, a Christian college sponsored by the Christian Church. After college, I married Jim, a cradle Episcopalian, and started learning the ways of the Episcopal Church. I was confirmed at St. James in 1991, after taking confirmation classes under both Tom Mustard and Ken Emmerling. I came from such a different religious background that it took two sessions to "graduate." =)

During the 23 years I have worshipped at St. James, I have had opportunities to be involved with Christian Education (teaching and serving as co-chair of the Christian Ed. Committee), scheduled and cared for the children in the nursery, organized the acolytes, and found my niche in the Parish Life Committee.

While working with the acolytes I served on the Liturgy Committee, and as chair of Parish Life I have the opportunity to be a part of the Steering Committee. All have been rewarding learning experiences for me.

Professionally, I have been teaching children with special needs for 28 years. It is a pleasure to call this "work", as I really think it is a blessing more to me than my students. I also get the opportunity to work with many families and teachers as the coordinator of special education at Glenvar Elementary in Salem. In my personal life, I am the mother of three grown children, who are the most rewarding blessings of my life. In my spare time, I enjoy reading and baking.

My work and parenting experiences have required that I learn to "think outside the box" and find creative solutions. I fervently believe in seeking God's guidance and direction in all that I do. As a vestry member, I would consider it a privilege to serve the church which has supported me in so many ways throughout the years.

### **DOK/ECW Adult Holiday Dinner Monday, December 8th**

DOK and ECW look forward to welcoming all those with reservations to our festive holiday dinner on Monday, December 8th. The social hour begins at 5:30 pm, and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

It is time to sign up to give altar flowers for 2009. During the month of December, the Altar Flower chart will be in the parish hall and you are invited to sign up for the Sundays that you wish to give flowers in 2009. Flowers each week are \$20.00, and we will be collecting the money for the weeks you signed up on January 11 and 16<sup>th</sup>. Checks can be made out to St. James Episcopal Church, with a memo of "flower fund" and given to Lynn Wright, or put in the offering plate. If you know what dedication you would like for the flowers, you can give that to Lynn with your money. If you are not sure at this time, then you will need to leave that information at the Church office prior to the Sunday you will be giving flowers.

If you have not paid for your flowers in 2008, or can not remember if you paid, please contact Lynn Wright, 992-5615. Lynn will be contacting people in the next few weeks to finish collecting for the 2008 Flower Fund.

## Daughters of the King Fall Assembly

The D.O.K. Fall Assembly was held on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Evans House with the theme: *Women of Faith - Girls with Hope*.

We began with coffee, tea and Karen Smith-Moritz's wonderful breakfast goodies. After the meeting was called to order by President Georgia Stromer, we went through the agenda. A report of the Executive Board and the Province III Board meeting was given by President Stromer.

Under new business we discussed newsletter editors/milestones; that the Spring Assembly would be held April 25, 2009 and that assistance was needed, that the Fall Assembly would be October 31, 2009 and would need a host chapter. Secretary Rebecca Mays asked for Directory Updates: all D.O.K. members should send those updates to her at [bedfordgal@gmail.com](mailto:bedfordgal@gmail.com) or call her at (540) 586-6799.

Announcements were made; the new Vice President, Sandy Maxwell was introduced, the need for a nominating committee was presented for the election of officers at the Fall Assembly, 2009. A copy of a page from *Epiphany in the Pews* was passed around. It showed Daughters of the King from Bedford with the lovely dresses they had made for orphaned girls in Rwanda. At this point we adjourned for Holy Eucharist, celebrated by Mother Sue. We would return to the meeting room following that.

Now discussion concerned what our work would be at Council in January and when that was finished we heard from our guest speaker, Ann E. Chaffins, Assistant Director of Development from Jackson-Feild (not a misspelling!) Homes, a "safe house" for girls from 13 to 18. She told us of the thirteen year olds who come to the home pregnant and how Jackson-Feild has helped them through that trying time and what the results have meant to those who work with the young women. She told us of those who might come there addicted and how the people there work hard to return these persons to a normal life. Questions were asked concerning how we might help - donations would be wonderful, good clothing would also help. Suffice it to say we were all full of ideas!

We enjoyed a luncheon by our own Karen Smith-Moritz, followed by prayers and closing.  
Sandy Maxwell

## ADULT EDUCATION

December 7<sup>th</sup>: no adult education. Annual Parish Meeting at 9:00 am in the Nave.

December 14<sup>th</sup>: book discussion of, *The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus' Birth*. In *The First Christmas*, two of today's top Jesus scholars, Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan, join forces to show how history has biased our reading of the nativity story as it appears in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Here they explore the beginning of the life of Christ, peeling away the sentimentalism that has built up over the last two thousand years around this most well known of all stories to reveal the truth of what the gospels actually say. Borg and Crossan help us to see this well-known narrative afresh by answering the question, "What do these stories mean?" in the context of both the first century and the twenty-first century. They successfully show that the Christmas story, read in its original context, is far richer and more challenging than people imagine.

*The First Christmas* is for sale in the Parish Hall for \$20.00; buy a copy to read for our discussion and then give it as a Christmas gift.

December 21: No adult education class; the Annual Advent-Christmas pageant will be at 10:00 am with Eucharist.

December 28<sup>th</sup>: No adult education

## Adopt-A-Day 2008

Jan. 1 adopted by Nancy A. Slaughter in memory of the years (1963-1979) at St. James while raising my family.

Jan. 25 adopted by Esther & Bill Williamson in celebration of the birth of Evan Lee Miller.

Jan. 25 adopted by Avis Aheron in celebration of Grace's birthday

Jan. 30 adopted by Mimi & Bob Copenhaver in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary.

Feb. 03 adopted by Bishop Neff & Dorothy Powell.

Feb. 12 adopted by Dorothy Herndon in celebration of Marty Herndon's birthday

Feb. 12 adopted by Avis Aheron in celebration of Sarah's birthday.

Feb. 13 adopted by Doris & Larry Mattox in celebration of Joyce Brown's 82nd birthday.

Feb. 14 adopted by Dana & Mabel Cox in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary (in 2009)..

Feb. 23 adopted by Pam Reilly in honor of her older son Stephen on his birthday.

Feb. 24 adopted by Pam Reilly in honor of her husband Wayne on his birthday

Mar. 17 adopted by James & Doris Champion in memory of James R. Champion, Jr

Mar. 20 adopted by Sharon Capps in memory of William O. Capps, Jr.

April 10 adopted by Sharon Capps in celebration of Jeanna Baker Capps on her birthday.

May 10 adopted by the Rev. Tom & Shirley Mustard in celebration of Marion Burks' birthday.

May 12 adopted by the Rev. Tom & Shirley Mustard in celebration of Karen Konrad's birthday

May 18 adopted by the Shepherdesses of St. James DOK on the occasion of Trinity Sunday

**May 19 adopted by Ray & Lawton Kasey in celebration of our daughter, Ryann Elizabeth, on her birthday**

June 13 adopted by Maile Armstrong in honor of Sarah Bentley.

June 17 adopted by Boots Ingram in honor of Little Bits 18th birthday

June 20 adopted by Jean Schaefer.in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary

July 4 adopted by "the Empress" in celebration of Linda Bryant's birthday

July 19 adopted by the Rev. Tom & Shirley Mustard in celebration of Helen St. John's birthday.

July 19 adopted by Brian & Jeanne Counihan in celebration and honor of the marriage of Machele & Anthony Huff.

July 20 adopted by Gail Fields in celebration of the baptism of grandchildren, Madde & Taylor.

Aug. 3 adopted by Cam Sspan in celebration of Sharon Capps' birthday

Aug. 4 adopted by Sharon Capps in celebration of Mary Leigh Capps on her birthday.

Aug. 5 adopted by anonymous in celebration of Mother Sue's birthday.

Aug. 8 adopted by James & Linda Kyle in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary.

Aug. 9 adopted by Cathie Cook in celebration of her friend Jerry Hughes' birthday

Aug. 15 adopted by Robert & Carol Killinger in honor of Lonnie Bower on her birthday.

Aug. 18 adopted by Arby & Donna Frost in honor of 35 years of marriage,

Aug. 19 adopted by Pam Reilly in celebration of the birthday of her son, Peter.

**Aug. 22 adopted by Ray & Lawton Kasey in celebration of our son, Clayton Elliott, on his birthday.**

Aug. 26 adopted by Frances Stebbins in memory of Charles H. Stebbins on his birthday.

Aug. 31 adopted by Dan & Nancy Farris in celebration of our wedding anniversary.

Sept. 1 adopted by Louise Garmy in grateful appreciation for the loving care shown to me by my dear friend, Charity Burrell.

Sept. 9 adopted by Karin D. Howard in memory of S. Kenneth Howard.

Sept. 18 adopted by Pam Reilly in celebration of the anniversary of her son & daughter-in-law, Stephen Reilly & Lucy Wall.

Sept. 23 adopted by Fran Gayle in celebration of Robert Holmes Gayle's birthday.

Sept. 27 adopted by Laura Anderson in celebration of the 5th wedding anniversary of Laura & Ned Anderson.

Oct. 1 adopted by Louise Garmy in grateful appreciation for the loving care shown to me by my dear friend, Mailer Armstrong.

Oct. 4 adopted by Gail Fields in memory of her daughter, Deena Marie Shepherd, on her birthday.

Oct. 13 adopted by Pam Reilly in celebration of the anniversary of her son & daughter-in-law, Peter & Vicki Reilly.

Oct. 14 adopted by Avus Aheron in memory of Mike Aheron on his birthday.

Oct. 16 adopted by Connie Bierly for "Boss's Day" in honor of Rev. Susan Bentley

Oct. 24 adopted by Spike & Mowry, feline "fiends" of Mary Hughes in celebration of her birthday.

Nov. 1 adopted by Jeanne & Brian Counihan in celebration of the Holy Baptism of all the little saints of James for 2008.

**Nov. 1 adopted by The Rev. Susan Bentley in celebration of the 25th anniversary of her Confirmation in the Episcopal Church and the 8th anniversary of her beginning as Rector of St. James.**

Nov. 8 adopted by Karin D. Howard in honor of her children and grandchildren.

Nov. 16 adopted by Avis Aheron in honor of all the Saints of James who give so generously of thie time, talent and treasure.

**Nov. 22 adopted by Dorothy Herndon in celebration of the birthday of Betsy Herndon Clark.**

Nov. 27 adopted by Denise & Randy Smerecki in memory of Casimer Smerecki.

Nov.30 adopted by Sandra & Bob Maxwell in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary.

Dec. 1 adopted by Louise Garmy ingrateful appreciation for the loving care shown to me by my dear friend, Cathie Cook..

Dec. 7 adopted by Kevin & Missy Shepherd in celebration of Maddlene Marie Shepherd's 1st birthday.

**Dec. 21 adopted by Cathie Cook in celebration of Mary & Jerry Hughes 23rd wedding anniversary**

Dec. 28 adopted by Gail Fields in memory of her mother, Jean C. Garman, on her birthday.

Dec. 30 adopted by Kevin & Missy Shepherd in celebration of their 2nd wedding anniversary.

***New listings are bolded***

## SHARE

Orders for the December Share packages will be taken Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7. Food Distribution day will be Saturday, December 20.



Behold,  
I bring you  
good  
tidings of  
great joy...

Luke 2:10

*O come,  
O come,  
Emmanuel*

