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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

Conversation & Community

Saturday, October 4

7:00 to 9:00 pm

Home of Tricia Champion

Sunday, October 5

3:00 to 5:00 pm

Home of the Plunkett's

Come for Tea

Open House

Sunday, October 19

3:00 to 5:0 pm

At the Rectory

Stewardship Breakfast

Sunday, October 26

9:00 am

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Rector's Message

Dear Saints of James,

October 17th-19th will be a historic weekend for our diocese, when the Youth Ministry Team will sponsor the 3rd Mass on the Mountain, hosted by the Monacan Indians and St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Bear Mountain. All youth and their families are invited to attend this memorable event to learn more about the heritage, story and traditions of the Monacan Indians. Together the group will hike Bear Mountain and hear the Winter stories of the mountain; then there will be an opportunity to prepare and cleanse oneself for Eucharist with a traditional sweat ritual and experience the beautiful dances of the Monacan tribe. The Monacan nation is located outside of Amherst on Bear Mountain.

Bear Mountain is located in Amherst county and the Monacan tribe was living in the piedmont and mountain regions of Virginia long before the first Spanish explorers came to our state in the 1500s. With them came diseases such as smallpox and influenza which wiped out whole villages. Relations between the settlers and the Monacans were reported to be tentative at best. In 1823 the Virginia legislature passed a Race law, which declared that any child of an Indian and any descendant of a Negro, up to the great-grandchild, would be counted as a mulatto. In 1924 the Racial Integrity Law was passed in Virginia and prohibited intermarriage between those considered white and those having any mixture of colored blood more than one-sixteenth. This law also did away with the "Indian" classification on official records so the Monacans could now be designated only as white" or "colored". This had a disastrous effect on the Monacan people and resulted in many of their records being changed by state officials without their knowledge. Many Monacans left the state because they could no longer marry freely or register as Indian in any official capacity. Public education was not available to the Monacan children until 1963.

In 1831, William Johns purchased 52 acres of land on Bear Mountain in Amherst county. He later bought another 400 acres, and this land became a settlement for the Indian families related to him. This community of Monacan people has maintained their identity down through the decades, in spite of being the target of much prejudice and misunderstanding. In 1908, the Reverend Arthur Gray had been conducting services in the log cabin school house and he was influential in getting a Chapel built, which later became St Paul's mission, an Episcopal congregation. In the early part of the 20th century, most of the

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Monacan people were tenant farmers, but they were forced finally to change to day work, cutting pulpwood and working seasonally at the local fruit farms. During harvest season, the fruit farms had to set up three tables at lunch time, for whites, Indians, and black laborers.

The people of St. Paul's church have worked hard, to establish a pottery cooperative at the mission, and to have their mission school log cabin accepted into the Virginia Register of Historic Places. In 1994 the tribe began negotiating with the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia to open a tribal museum at the mission site and in 1995, the Episcopal diocese made history by returning the deed to 7.5 acres of its property to the Monacan tribe. (All deeds to church property are held by the diocese according to the National Episcopal Church canon law.)

The Monacan Nation, headquartered in Amherst country has, by the grace of God, survived some four hundred years since the first settlement at Jamestowne. Today the tribe numbers nearly 1400 people, as more descendants discover their heritage and return to Amherst to celebrate their Indian culture. The Monacan Nation is one of the few American Indian nations that still remains in their ancestral homeland and has made significant contributions to Virginia's history and development.

The Mass on the Mountain weekend is an opportunity to learn more about the story of God's people who are Monacan Indians, Virginians, Episcopalians, and brothers and sisters in Christ. For more information about the weekend, see: <http://dioswvayouth.wordpress.com>, or call youth coordinator Aimee Bostwick, 342-6797. I hope that many of our youth and interested adults will take part in this fun and educational weekend. Those who can not attend can support the Monacan nation as they continue to seek recognition by the federal government as an Indian tribe, after decades of deliberate discrimination.

October Blessings, SEB+

Prayers for All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 2, 2008 we will be celebrating All Saints Day, transferred from November 1st. We will be reading the names and remembering our family members and loved ones who have joined the Saints in heaven. If you have names that you would like included, please sign the list in the Parish Hall or call the church office by Thursday, October 30th.

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 August, St. James received \$9,902.00 in pledged and unpledged support. The amount budgeted for July was \$10,447.00. The year-to-date income of \$95,943.00 reflects favorably with the year-to-date budget of \$89,947.00. As our personal budgets are strained by the increased cost of food, fuel, etc., we are thankful for 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 October, we give thanks for all those participating in our Stewardship programs and our annual Every Member Canvas. We request your prayers for the members of the Stewardship Committee and for all the members of the parish as they joyfully and prayerfully consider their pledges of time, talent and treasure for the coming year.

Kroger Gift Cards: In August, your Kroger purchases netted St. James a rebate check of \$317.25 bringing the year-to-date total to \$3,122.60. Thank you to everyone for using your Kroger cards so faithfully. Kroger gift cards also make nice gifts for recent graduates, 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: 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. Thirty-five days have been adopted this year leaving 330 days still to be adopted.

STEWARDSHIP BREAKFAST

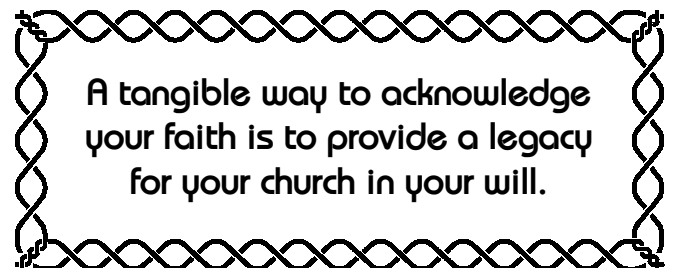
October 26, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

The Stewardship Committee cordially invites all parishioners to the annual Stewardship Breakfast at 9:00 AM on Sunday, October 26th. It will require neither money nor food on your part. We simply ask you to come, enjoy a meal together, experience the special program that our talented children and youth are preparing to showcase their talents, and think prayerfully about your contribution to St. James for the coming year of 2009. Following the program and breakfast, you will receive your 2009 pledge cards and hear from some of our very own St. Jimmies about how they fulfill their baptismal covenant: "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? *I will, with God's help.*"

GRATITUDE SUNDAY

November 16, 2008

Gratitude Sunday will be November 16, 2008 when as grateful members of St. James, we will, out of our love for God and out of our love for the church, commit our time, talent and treasure of which we are all so richly blessed for the coming year. If you will not be able to be with us on the 16th, please return the pledge card, along with your time and talent form, to the church prior to that date. By letting us know what you are able to pledge, you enable us to plan and prepare next year's budget.



ECW October Meeting

All women of the parish are invited to the ECW meeting in the parish hall on Tuesday, October 14th. A pot-luck luncheon will follow the meeting. Come help us plan our activities for the year.

Daughters of the King

Our Fall Assembly will be held at Evans House on November 1st from 9:30am until 2:30pm. Luncheon catered by Karen Smith-Moretz will be \$10.00 per person. The Eucharist will be celebrated by Mother Sue Bentley. Our speaker will be Ann Chaffins from Jackson-Feild House. Registration forms will arrive in your DOK newsletter and will also be available in the Parish Hall. The Assembly is open to anyone who would like to attend. You are encouraged to bring a friend.

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Diocesan Events for Youth: All info and sign-ups can be found at <http://www.dioswvayouth.wordpress.com>

October 17 - 19 Mass On the Mountain. Bear Mountain in Amherst.

November 14 - 16 Fall Youth Event Grades 8-12. Phoebe Needles

January 23 - 25 Youth@Council Grades 6-12 - get it on your calendar NOW!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

As most of you know by now, the new church directories are here and are being distributed. If you have not received your copy please contact one of the Membership Committee members (Pat Ball, Helen Campbell, Dorothy Herndon, Boots Ingram and Doris Mattox) or leave a message with the church secretary.

Come for Tea

The Bentley family is hosting an afternoon tea for the Parish on Sunday, October 19, 2008 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Rectory. Everyone is welcome, young and old, so come to 312 N. Broad Street, in Salem for an afternoon respite. Directions: take 81 south to exit 140 (Roanoke College), and turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp onto Thompson Memorial Highway. Take this to the second light which is Main St. and turn right. Follow through downtown Salem to the light at North Broad St. (Farmer's Market on the right). Turn right and 312 is the 5th house up the street on the right. If you get lost, call 389-3752.

Conversation and Community

If you have not already done so, sign up for one of our small group gatherings of Conversation and Community, for an opportunity to strengthen our sense of community and share ideas about our mission and ministry as members of St. James and Christians in the world. The gatherings this month are on Saturday, October 4th, at the home of Tricia Champion, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, and Sunday, October 5th at the home of the Plunkett's, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall.

Fall 2008 Adult Education:

What are the Millennium Development Goals and What Can We Do?

During the Fall we will be discussing the United Nations 8 Millennium Development Goals:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development with targets for aid, trade, and debt relief

October 5th: education is the key to addressing many of the issues facing developing countries. This week's discussion will focus on Goal # 2 and universal primary education

October 12: the stewardship of creation is essential for our survival and our responsibility as Christians. Goal # 7 explores this important topic.

October 19: This week we will discuss goal # 3, to promote gender equality and empower women.

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

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

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 ingrateful appreciation for the loving care shown to me by my dear friend, Maile 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. 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. 8 adopted by Karin D. Howard in honor of her children and grandchildren.

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 in grateful appreciation for the loving care shown to me by my dear friend, Cathie Cook..

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

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

Prayer for the current financial situation

Lord God, we live in disturbing days:
 across the world,
 prices rise,
 debts increase,
 banks collapse,
 jobs are taken away,
 and fragile security is under threat.

Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer:
 be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands,
 and a light in the darkness;
 help us receive your gift of peace,
 and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found,
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England.

TITHE TABLE:

Yearly Income	1% Tithe	3% Tithe	5% Tithe	7% Tithe	10% Tithe	15% Tithe
\$7,500	\$75	\$225	\$375	\$ 525	\$750	\$1,125
\$15,000	\$150	\$450	\$750	\$1,050	\$1,500	\$2,250
\$25,000	\$250	\$750	\$1,250	\$1,750	\$2,500	\$3,750
\$30,000	\$300	\$900	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$4,500
\$35,000	\$350	\$1,000	\$1,750	\$2,450	\$3,500	\$5,250
\$40,000	\$400	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,800	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$50,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
\$60,000	\$600	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$4,200	\$6,000	\$9,000
\$70,000	\$700	\$2,100	\$3,500	\$4,900	\$7,000	\$10,500
\$80,000	\$800	\$2,400	\$4,000	\$5,600	\$8,000	\$12,000
\$90,000	\$900	\$2,700	\$4,500	\$6,300	\$9,000	\$13,500
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$15,000