

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

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 7:00 p.m.
Bentley Slide Show
Of National Geographic
Australia trip

Sunday, Sept. 7
Feast Day of Rev. Marc Nikkel

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Rector's Message

Dear Saints of James,

For the past few years St James has participated in the Vestry & Lay Leaders conference at Kanuga, an Episcopal conference center in North Carolina. Each year we have ended our weekend together thinking that our experience together has been rich and a good use of our time. The presenters have given us thoughtful things to reflect on, the work sessions for our St. James group have helped us to focus on our mission and ministry as a parish, and the time together at worship, meals, and gathering around the wood fire in our cabin in the evenings has allowed us to get to know each other better and strengthen our bonds of affection. We generally end by saying we wish more people in the parish could have this experience.

With this in mind, the Vestry and the Steering Committee of St. James (all the chairs of our standing committees) have decided to offer small group gatherings in the homes of our members to provide an opportunity to have conversations of more depth than we can achieve at Coffee Hour, and to strengthen our St. James community to do God's work in the world. We are in the process of setting up our Conversation & Community gatherings; as soon as the dates are set, you will be invited to sign up for a time and place that is convenient for you. Parishioners will be hosting gatherings on Saturday evenings or Sunday afternoons in private homes or in the Parish Hall. Watch for more specific information.

I will be attending all the gatherings, and facilitating the more formal part of our conversation. I see this as an opportunity for our many new members to get to know the parish better and for all of us to share our thoughts and ideas about how we can continue to grow as a Christian community that cares for each other and is a witness of our faith in our families, work places, neighborhoods, and serving others locally and globally. I look forward to being with you at one of our Conversation & Community gatherings.

Faithfully, SEB+

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Roanoke Greek Festival

Our neighboring congregation, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, has invited us to join them for the 2008 Greek Festival September 12-14 from 11 am to 10 pm Friday and Saturday, and 12-7 pm Sunday. There will be lots of Greek food, live music, traditional costumes and dancing, Greek pottery, jewelry, painting, contests and children's events. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Rescue Mission and Center in the Square. The Festival is located at the church, 30 Huntington Boulevard, in Roanoke; if you are in a hurry, get your Greek food to go at the drive-thru window. For more information call: 362-3601.

Youth Scholarship Fund

This spring, the Outreach committee had an in-gathering of donations for the Youth Scholarship Fund, which was very successful. Thank you all who contributed so generously. These funds are for St. James youth who wish to attend summer Church Camps, mission trips, diocesan exchange programs, and diocesan retreats. Thanks to your generosity, \$687.15 was donated to our Scholarship Fund and 7 youth were able to go to camp, 1 youth participated in the national Episcopal Youth Event in San Antonio, Texas as well as the Diocesan Mission trip to New Orleans, and 1 youth attended the Bradford-SWVA trip to Washington, DC. \$1273.00 of scholarship money was distributed and there is still a bit of money to help with the Diocesan Junior High Fall Retreat. Your support of our young people is greatly appreciated.

Summer Camps and Conferences

One of the best forms of Christian Education is participating in church camps and conferences. This summer Kirin Johnston, Mark Curley, Sarah Perry, Ashley Nelson, Jessie and Josie Wiegandt, Alex and Matthew Bentley participated in our camp programs; Alex and Matthew canoed with the diocesan River Adventure program; Rachel Ostrom went to Washington DC to meet the Bradford youth group; Sarah Bentley and Grace Aheron attended the national Episcopal Youth Event in San Antonio and Grace was a peer counselor there; Sarah Bentley attended the diocesan Mission Trip to New Orleans to help with hurricane Katrina relief. We have a strong youth ministry program in our diocese and all our youth are encouraged to participate.

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 July, St. James received \$8,905.00 in pledged and unpledged support. The amount budgeted for July was \$8979.00. The year-to-date support still reflects a positive variance due to advance pledge payments.

St. James Cycle of Prayer: In September we give thanks for all those participating in our Christian Education programs. We request your prayers for the learners and teachers for our children, youth and adults involved with these programs. We also ask your prayers for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program as it begins another year of instruction.

Kroger Gift Cards: In June and July, your Kroger purchases netted St. James a rebate check of \$535.50. 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.

ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF ST. JAMES:

YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS ARE NEEDED!

"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands.

"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Psalm 100, v 1-2

Gratitude Sunday is October 19th and we are doing something new and exciting this year. We have many talented young people in our church and we want them to show off!! We will have a talent showcase between the 8:00 and 10:00 service on October 19th while we eat breakfast. Come one, come all...any talent is welcome: singing, dancing, trombone playing, piano playing, poetry reading and ?? We hope all of our children and youth will share their varied talents with our congregation. Sharon Capps has agreed to play for anyone needing accompaniment. We will set practice times soon. If you are willing to participate, please email Cam Sspan at csrpan@cox.net. Come and join in the celebration of Gratitude Sunday!

Will Our Children Be Stewards?

The occasion was a vestry meeting to write a stewardship statement. The group was completing a discussion of early memories of money in which the final portion, that devoted to early memories of money as an offering, had been particularly lively and I couldn't help commenting, "You seem to have really enjoyed talking about these memories of giving offerings as children. Tell me what do the children in this congregation now do about offering?" There was a sudden silence which became filled with embarrassment as it continued. Finally, one quiet voice responded with a mixture of realization and regret, "Nothing, I guess. I really hadn't thought about it until now."

As we talked, members of that vestry realized that in their congregation there was no Sunday School offering collected. Children left the worship service as soon as the gospel had been read and returned in time to follow the presentation of the offering, the bread and the wine down the aisle. There was literally no opportunity for them to participate in any offering at all!

The good news is that that situation changed for those children on the very next Sunday. The vestry member who also served as the primary children's Sunday School teacher invited her students to talk about offering and create their own offering box in which to begin placing their gifts. Now, that box is placed on top of the worship offering and presented at the altar each Sunday by one of the children. The priest leaves the offering on the altar until the conclusion of the Eucharist and the children see their box sitting there when they come to the altar rail. The children have also selected outreach projects funded by "the children's offering."

"What are we teaching our children about stewardship?" is becoming a critical question for our church. The fact is that we are teaching them very little. The baby boomers whose parents passed out nickels, dimes, and quarters for childish hands to place in offering plates are not passing that instruction along.

Why does it matter? Listen to a few stewardship witness talks. "My parents taught me to tithe: is a common beginning. How many of our children could say that? If we are not careful, we will soon have a generation of gospel consumers who have not been formed to contribute something of their own substance to the proclamation of that gospel to the world.

In June, 1997, I led a workshop entitled "You're Never Too Young (to be a steward)" for the Chaos to Creativity Christian Education Conference presented by Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis. During that workshop we identified some of the specific lessons we want our children to learn about stewardship. Though this list is still a work in progress, here is how it stands to date:

- Stewardship is using the gifts God has given us to do the work God has given us to do.
- Our giving is a thankful response to all that God has given us. Our lives and the manner in which we use our resources should reflect our belief that "All things come of Thee, oh God."
- Part of the work God is calling each of us to do is to support the life and work of our congregation. Many of our congregations involve children in giving projects which neglect or even subvert this important lesson. Bringing soap and toothbrushes for children in Afghanistan, collecting money to buy animals for third world families through the Heifer Project and similar projects are excellent learning opportunities but they somehow leave the feeling that the day-to-day support of the congregation is boring and can be left to someone else.
- God calls us to give of our substance, not a portion of the leftovers. Our gifts to God come first, before we spend on ourselves.

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VOTE OUT POVERTY CAMPAIGN AND POVERTY SUNDAY

Sunday, September 21, will be Poverty Sunday, in conjunction with the Vote Out Poverty campaign initiated at St. James. As discussed in an earlier *Connection* article, the campaign works toward obtaining signatures from registered voters on pledge cards. The cards ask candidates for U.S. Congress and the Senate how they plan to work toward cutting poverty in half over the next ten years, and how they plan to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals, a theme certainly familiar to Episcopalians.

We shall deliver or send completed pledge cards and lists of signers to candidates after September 21, with the request that they sign their own pledge cards indicating specific actions they plan to take to alleviate poverty nationally and internationally. Given information concerning candidates' response to the cards, people are free to vote for whomever they please, with the hope that they would consider candidates' stance regarding poverty issues.

To further educate parishioners, the Vote Out Poverty committee will conduct adult education programs at 9:00 AM on both September 14 and 21. The presentations will cover information about the extent of poverty in the US and the world, as well as details about the VOP campaign. On September 21, Poverty Sunday, the worship services, including the sermon, will emphasize poverty issues and the Christian's responsibility for dealing with poverty. Materials and committee members will be available on both Sundays after both services, at which time parishioners may sign cards indicating their support for programs to decrease poverty. The pledge cards will also be included in the bulletins for these two Sundays.

Anyone interested in learning more about the campaign is invited to talk with one of the committee members. VOP Committee members include Avis Aheron, Michael Bentley, Sam Campbell, Butch Eanes, Ray Kasey, James Kyle, Kate St. Clair, Pat Whitcomb. One is also encouraged to talk with anyone outside St. James Parish for either individual support or the possibility of conducting a campaign in another church.

Gifts To Help Us Worship

Hanging in the sanctuary are a thurible and an icon, both gifts brought from Russia by Tom Antonson and given in memory of his daughter Katheryn Antoinette Cregar-Antonson. We have had the thurible, used for incense, for a while, and it is now accompanied by the icon of "Jesus welcoming the children". The icon is used as an aid to worship and/or meditation.

The icon is something upon which to gaze and meditate. Henry J.M. Nouwen, in his booklet, *Behold the Beauty of the Lord: Praying with Icons*, states that "...it is important to gaze at the icons with complete attention and to pray with them. Gazing is probably the best word to touch the core of Eastern spirituality." Greek and Russian Orthodox churches use them extensively in their worship experiences.

We encourage parishioners to take the time to study the icon and feel what it is expressing as one's spirituality develops. We give our thanks and blessings to Tom as he continues his spiritual journey.

Helen Campbell

When you write your will, remember to include your church as one of your beneficiaries

Daughters of the King

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17th at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We will have a business meeting, pot luck dinner, and a program. Watch your Sunday bulletin for more details.

If you have not paid your dues for the current year please make every effort to get them in this month. National dues are \$35.00 and chapter dues are \$12.00. As always, if there is a problem paying at this time then I encourage you to speak to our Chaplain (our own Mother Sue) or to me and we will make other arrangements.

For His sake,
Esther Williamson

VESTRY ELECTIONS

Now is the time for us to consider our Vestry elections for 2009. As you examine our possible nominees, please keep in mind the Vestry Responsibilities as listed in the St James by-laws:

Attend church regularly

Actively participate in annual pledge (stewardship) campaign

Serve as member or Vestry liaison on one committee, attend the meetings of that committee and report to the Vestry on that committee's activities

Attend regular and special Vestry meetings for planning, oversight, decision-making, problem-solving and relationship-building

Attend Annual Parish Meeting when elections are held

Support the parish with their time and talent abilities as well as being a regular pledging member of the parish

Cooperate with the rector for the promotion of the spiritual welfare of the parish and to pursue personal spiritual growth

Share in the responsibilities that rotate among the members of the group, such as opening prayer, refreshments, parish planning and other functions as appropriate

Attend Vestry Retreat/Orientation and Liability Training, if necessary

Vestry members serve a three year term and may not be reelected until a one year lapse

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else with permission, please give the name to one of the Nominating Committee, composed of the outgoing Vestry members: Butch Eanes, Doris Mattox or Bob Ostrom. A list of eligible parish members will be posted on the bulletin board. The Vestry Election will be held at the December Annual Parish Meeting.

Doris Mattox, Senior Warden

New Church Directory

The new church directories have arrived and are being distributed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cooperation and participation. Special thanks go to my fellow members of the Membership Committee – Boots Ingram, Doris Mattox, Dorothy Herndon & Helen Campbell, who helped to create the directory, to Bob Ostrom for the cover photograph and to our former member Jim Bayly for the photographs of the stained glass windows. Also I would like to thank everyone who gave me photos to use for the candid pages. Thanks again to everyone.

Pat Ball

ECW Meeting

The regular fall business meeting of the St. James ECW will be held on Tuesday, October 14th in the Parish Hall at 11:00 am. (Please note this is a change in date from the usual September meeting date.) We will discuss our plans and schedule for the remainder of 2008. A pot luck luncheon will follow the meeting. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

From Sarah Bentley

Dear St. James Family,
I have so enjoyed growing up in the loving and supporting community you all help to create at St. James. I will miss all of you, the music, the pot lucks, Sunday School, and just being in such a holy place. Thank you for all you have supported me in, from birthday cards to mission trips. I can't wait to visit already. Love & God Bless,

Sarah Bentley
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Youth News:

We are gearing up for a great year of education (grades 7-12) as we study Environmental Sustainability and Stewardship of "All God's Critters" - Look forward to some interesting and lively class forums in the Youth Cave!

St James events for Youth include: Calling ALL Talents: Share your talent with the St James Congregation at Gratitude Sunday on October 19 at 9:00!

Be a SHARE volunteer. The SHARE program has taken off and we need 1-2 youth to help package the monthly food boxes. The dates are below. Please consider putting one or more dates on your calendar! Times: 10:00 - 12:00 (and we can even get you a ride to church and back!)

Dates:

September 27th

October 25th

November 22nd

December 20th

September 20: Gleaning Event. We will go to an area Apple Orchard and pick the leftovers, bag them and load them onto trucks for the Food Bank. This is a great stewardship type event and is open to ALL AGES (young and old, families, etc). Time TBA but it usually involves the morning!

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!

A Request

Dear St James family,

I have been a member of the Roanoke College Children's Choir since I was 7 years old. September 2nd I will begin my 8th year! As you know the choir often travels during the summer performing concerts. I plan to participate in the 2009 Midwest Concert Tour. Please see a member of the Ostrom family for fundraiser information.

You can hear the choir sing much sooner in their 22nd Annual Christmas Concert on December 14 and you won't have to travel to the Midwest. So mark your calendars now!



Thank you very much! Rachel Ostrom

Feast of the Rev. Marc Nikkel

Several years ago, our diocese designated September 3rd, the Feast day of Marc Nikkel, our Episcopal Church missionary to Sudan, who was ordained from our diocese. This is the date of his death, and we will be celebrating his feast day on Sunday, September 7th with a special focus on the Rev. Marc Nikkel and Sudan. We will have a program on Sudan at our Adult Education class, a Sudanese anthem during our 10:00 am service, and a special Sudanese Coffee Hour. Marc visited St. James several times on visits to Roanoke, and our parishioner Gabriel Kelei knew Marc from the Kakuma Refuge Camp in Kenya.

Grant LeMarquand has written the following biographical information on Marc.

Marc Nikkel was born in a Mennonite family in Reedley, California. He took a first degree at California State University's School for the Visual Arts, studying some anthropology along the way. He spent two short periods of nine months in Nigeria and Zaire (where his sister and her husband were missionaries) and studied Mission and Theology at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, CA. During his time at Fuller he was attracted to Anglicanism and was confirmed in the Episcopal Church. He began service as a Mission Partner of the Episcopal Church, USA in 1981, teaching theology, anthropology and worship at Bishop Gwynne Theological College, Mundri, Sudan. His first letters home to his friends on his mailing list are filled with the wonder of new things and the joy of being a part of preparing people for service in the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS). One of his favorite duties between academic terms was to visit "cattle camp," the traditional travelling villages of the "Jieng" people. Here he learned not only their language but also a deep appreciation of their culture and traditions. Very quickly, however, his letters began to hint of the rumours of renewed war. After decades of civil war, Sudan had been living in a period of relative calm (early 1970s until the mid-1980s) following the Addis Ababa Agreement between Sudan government and the Anya-nya rebels. New rulers and new policies discriminatory of the people of the Southern Sudan and especially of non-Muslims began to fuel the old fires. Life became more tenuous. His letters began to hint of the trials of being a Christian community in the midst of growing conflict.

While on leave from Mundri during the academic year 1984-85 Nikkel studied for ordination at General Seminary in New York as was subsequently ordained a deacon by Bishop Arthur Heath Light of Southwestern Virginia. He returned to Sudan where he continued teaching and where he was ordained as a priest. In July 1987 the Sudanese Liberation Army overran Bishop Gwynne College and kidnapped Marc, along with three other westerners, Steve Anderson, Katie Taylor and Heather Sinclair. The students of the college, with most of the staff and faculty, were evacuated to Juba, the major city of the southern Sudan. For almost two months no one received any news of the whereabouts of the hostages. Then, just as suddenly as they had been taken, the four were released into northern Kenya, the rebels having presumably made their point by drawing a bit of the world's attention to the plight of southern Sudan. Upon his release Nikkel learned that his mother, Rosie, was dying of cancer in California. He was able to arrive in time to spend ten weeks with her before her death. After this time in California Nikkel returned to Africa, but was unable to reenter Sudan. For most of the academic year of 1987-88 Nikkel taught at St. Paul's United Theological College, Limuru, Kenya. Following that academic year Nikkel flew to Scotland to begin doctoral work under Professor Andrew Walls at the Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Nonwestern World. In the course of his thesis research he collected, translated and analyzed hundreds of Jieng Christian songs. These songs are hymns of praise and lament composed in the midst of the devastation of Sudan's civil war, a war which has now taken the lives of as many as two million Sudanese. Nikkel's research combines his early interest in the arts with his love and admiration for the Jieng. During this period of research Nikkel's letters told of his wanderings through Italy and Great Britain, studying in archives of mission societies, both Roman Catholic and Protestant and, as always, meeting with Sudanese. His return to Sudan following doctoral work was indirect. He maintained an apartment in Nairobi and traveled to refugee camps in Kenya, Uganda, and Sudan as the "theological advisor" of the Sudanese dioceses of Bor, Rumbek and Wau. He continued to be an appointed missionary of the Episcopal Church of the US but his work was now also sponsored by the Church Mission Society of the UK, which had had a much longer relationship with the Episcopal Church

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of the Sudan. His main task was the education of Sudanese Christian leaders, but more and more he was called upon to bear witness to the terrible atrocities taking place there. In the end, Nikkel's witness, both by his powerful oratory and through his elegant writing, was to point to the cross, for it was only the cross that could make any sense of the suffering of the millions of persecuted, starving, and helpless people of Sudan. Often Nikkel would hold up the crosses fashioned by Sudanese artisans, crosses fashioned out of bullet casings, out of pieces of downed military aircraft, out of the shrapnel of grenades.

Diagnosed with cancer in 1998, Nikkel was not expected to live for more than a few weeks, yet miraculously (many Sudanese Christians claimed that it was their prayers that kept him alive!) he lived for two more years. He settled himself into a retreat centre in Scotland where he was cared for by friends from his Bishop Gwynne days and where he thought he would probably die. However, during these two years he was able not only to write and reflect, but he amazed his friends by continuing to travel back to Africa where, among other endeavours, he participated as the secretary in the ongoing grassroots "People to People" peace process between the Nuer and Jieng peoples. In July of 2000 he came back to his home in the United States. Although he was very weak, he was able to spend a few days at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. He told there how encouraged he was that everywhere he went people were aware of the Sudan and wanted to talk about it. This was new for him. He may not have known just how much he was responsible for this increased concern and awareness. Nikkel died in his sister's home in Reedley, California, on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000. He is now an ancestor in the faith, resting in peace with the two million martyrs of the Sudan who have gone before him.

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

September 7: Celebration of the Rev. Marc Nikkel, who was working on the MDGs in Sudan long before they were approved by the UN. Our Sudanese parishioner, Gabriel Kelei will share about this experience of meeting Marc Nikkel while he was a refuge at the Kakuma Camp in Kenya, and Marc's ministry there.

September 14 & 21: will focus on the issues of extreme poverty and hunger and what you can do to effect this through the Vote Out Poverty campaign.

September 28: Saving lives and fighting disease will be the focus of this week's MDG class, goal # 6

Adopt-A-Day 2008

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. 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 Srpan 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. 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. 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 Avis Aheron in memory of Mike Aheron on his 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.

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

**Williamson Road Area Ministerial Association
Partners in Ministry
Helping Families in our Community In Crisis**

Many families are struggling financially. All it takes is for one thing to go wrong for them to be in crisis — a job lay-off, an illness or injury, loss of childcare, or a major car repair.

Thanks to churches like ours, the persons of our neighborhoods have somewhere to go for help. The need is growing. In 2007, our shared Financial Emergency Assistance Ministry helped more than 200 families. When churches work together, we can do so much more to respond.

Currently, we have used all our financial resources in this fund.

Each participating church is asked to contribute toward this ongoing ministry; individual members are invited to give, also.

What kinds of emergencies are included in our services?

- ✓ Food
- ✓ Automobile Fuel
- ✓ Rent (when at risk for eviction)
- ✓ Utilities (when at risk for cut-off of services)
- ✓ Prescription Medications

What churches are members of the Association?

- ✓ Bethany Christian
- ✓ Grace United Methodist
- ✓ Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox
- ✓ Huntington Court United
- ✓ Methodist
- ✓ St. James Episcopal
- ✓ Trinity Lutheran
- ✓ Williamson Road Church of the Brethren

Thank you for your response to the growing needs of our community.

Please cut along dotted line and attach this form with your contribution.

_____ YES, I/We do want to help families in crisis in our community. I/We
enclose my/our donation of: \$ _____

Please make checks payable and mail your contribution to:
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