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Clergy Corner with The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner

A Celebration of a New Ministry

As I write this article, we are preparing for my institution as the fifth rector of St. James'. The worship commission, wardens and staff have been working with me to plan the liturgy of institution and prepare for this celebration of new ministry. The invitations have been mailed, the reception has been planned, the participants have been notified, and the bishop has reported in! We are ready for May 20!



In the early church there was no such thing as a service of institution. A bishop, priest or deacon was usually ordained for a particular position, and no further installation services were required. As time went on, however, priests were ordained for relatively minor positions, in hopes of receiving a permanent church appointment down the road. Things grew complicated as feudal lords competed with bishops for the loyalties of their priests, and a service of institution evolved whereby a priest was asked to swear loyalty to the bishop who had appointed them.

It wasn't until the American Revolution that the Church gave liturgical and spiritual significance to the service, and today what was once a legal agreement between a priest and a bishop is now a celebration that lifts up the baptismal identity of an entire worshiping community, and celebrates its many gifts and ministries, together. (See M. Hatchett's *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*.)

But this service isn't all about me—our Catechism says that we are all ministers of the Church, representing Christ and bearing witness to his presence in our lives. We each carry on his work of reconciliation and play a role in the life, worship and governance of the Church.

This means that on May 20, even as I'm the one being “instituted,” together we will lift up before God the work of every member of St. James'. Yes, I come to be your pastor, preacher and priest—but the work of the Church falls on each of us. So this celebration marks the time for St. James' to enter a new chapter in its life.

We are already well on our way, having begun our ministry together in January. Since arriving, I have witnessed the many ways that the people of St. James' bear witness to Christ in our lives. Through Lent, we examined our spiritual lives, and I was touched by your willingness to share personal reflections through a season that can be dark and challenging. We gathered with our ecumenical brothers and sisters on Seven Locks Road each week for fellowship and inspiring conversation. We began Easter with an overflowing service celebrating the resurrection of our Lord! Through three funerals, I've seen you support one another with love and care as you sent beloved members of this community to life beyond the grave.

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Reflection from Rev. Meredith, continued from page 1

We welcomed Père André Wildaine from Haiti, and continued exploring what mission and outreach mean beyond our church building, while continuing to support efforts in our local community. Meanwhile, eleven youth and five adults are preparing for a mission trip to their work camp in Wilmington, NC.

Under the leadership of incredible staff and volunteers, our Sunday School is growing, and we continue to minister to the St. James' Children's School community. Our children are learning that God loves them, and are excited to share this love.

Our wardens, facilities teams, and volunteers have worked to prepare our buildings for not only the May 20 service, but so that we might put some of our infrastructure concerns aside, and focus on the work God has for us to do. The grounds are beautiful, the property is decluttered, and there is a sense of new life about the place.

We have much to celebrate, and much to anticipate, as we discern God's call for our future!

I sincerely hope that you will each attend our May 20 celebration. This is only the beginning of walking together with Christ. May God bless us and keep us as we continue the journey together.

—Rev. Meredith



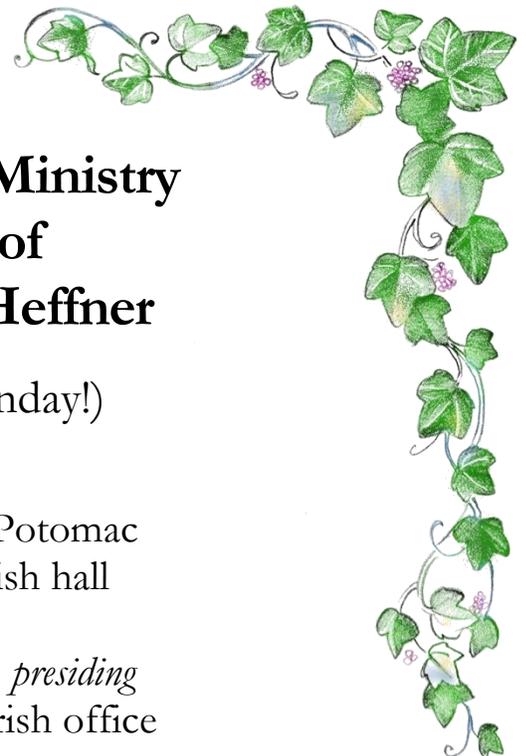
You're Invited to

**A Celebration of a New Ministry
and the Institution of
The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner**

Saturday, May 20 (not Sunday!)
Service 10:00 a.m.

at St. James' Episcopal Church, Potomac
Reception following in the parish hall

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, presiding
RSVP by May 15 to St. James' parish office



Yes, St. James' members need to RSVP too!

We need to know how many are attending. Please contact the parish office at:
301-762-8040 or office@stjamespotomac.org

Reflections from our Youth Director, Rachele Donnelly

Another One Bites the Dust

Some weeks by the time Friday comes around, I find myself shocked by where the week went. On a macro level, I think about bigger things than just the workweek, like how quickly the kids grow up and how rapidly the years go by. The rapid progression of time isn't always bad, though. As the school year prepares to wind down, so does the youth group calendar, but not before we come to the year's grand finale...WORK CAMP!



It's easy to think of Work Camp as a June activity, but in all actuality, preparations for it begin in September when the following year's location is decided upon. A lot of details go into this consideration, including dates, the need, transportation and the average seasonal temperature in June. Also starting in the fall, the youth begin fundraising. Fundraising is essential to work camp and to youth group because it helps to subsidize many of the activities we enjoy. Whether the youth are making a meal for an Interfaith Works shelter, watching a movie, or eating pizza and playing games, the youth make a contribution at each gathering. The fundraising we perform all year long helps to offset these costs. In addition to the contribution per activity, the group also began pledging a financial donation last year and collects canned and dry goods.

Work Camp is by far the largest expense our group has. The cost per camper is roughly \$1000. However each camper typically pays less than \$400. Group Work Camps charge roughly \$375 to \$400 in fees per camper. The balance covers lodging, most meals, worship programs and building materials, like paint, lumber and cement mix. As part of St. James' mission and outreach and to make this amazing activity affordable and possible for all who wish to attend, St. James' offsets the additional expense through fundraising. Additional expenses include meals on Wednesday, rental vehicles, fuel, some meals while travelling, a fun activity, a donation to a church for lodging, work camp fees for all adult chaperones, and any youth on scholarship. With 16 participants this year, the total cost will likely fall just over \$15,000.

If you talk to any of our youth about work camp, you'll typically see their faces light up with excitement. When my own son went for the first time, I remember being shocked at how much he loved it. I mean, after all, he was a typical, apathetic teenage boy. I assumed for him to enjoy it, the accommodations and food must be superb. Fast forward three years to me becoming the youth director, and I learned exactly what work camp was all about, and why it made me respect these teens even more.

Right after school lets out for summer break, as their friends lay tucked in their beds till noon, teenagers from around the country wake at 6:30 a.m. to a *Veggie Tales* song on the PA. Slowly, the children emerge from their sleeping bags and air mattresses, placed on an otherwise-cold classroom floor. They file like sheep into the bathrooms. The shower situation is touch and go. Last year, the women showered in an outdoor trailer. The year before, the men enjoyed make shift showers, also outside. The water was cold, but the complaints from the kids were almost nil. Food is typical of a large institution. The coffee is bad.

The morning and evening worship programs are amazing. The small groups of kids from around the country who meet for the first time on a Sunday night and spend the week working on the home of a low-income, often elderly resident, finish the week as close friends. They share a common bond—a love of Jesus, service, and hard work.

Following each day, the youth return to the school classroom they call home. Visibly they're exhausted, covered in sweat and dirt. They eat, attend the evening program, spend time with their youth groups, and sleep like rocks. This goes on for five days. The smiles among the youth only increase.

Among the adults, exhaustion sets in. We long for our beds, our local Starbucks, some quiet time and a nice bottle of Bordeaux. Despite missing the luxuries of home, the adults take away as much as the youth. We see the excitement in their eyes, their increased commitment to the Lord, to service. This is how we make the world a little bit better. This is how we thank the Lord for all he has blessed us with.

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Reflections from our Youth Director, continued from page 3

Often when I tell people what work camp consists of, they're shocked that the kids are willing to give up a portion of their summer to help serve others. They're even more surprised to learn that the kids work all year to raise money to participate. Fundraisers like wreath sales, breakfast with Santa, Palm Sunday brunch, dining out at Ledo's, silent auction and the ice cream social, collectively help the youth take part in this and so many other amazing experiences.

The recent Palm Sunday Brunch was beyond successful. While Ann Nayback Beebe, Lisa Goodkind and I were terribly sad to miss this event, we were beyond proud of our incredible youth and adult volunteers who made the brunch possible. Thanks to very generous donations, we raised more than \$2100, a new record! I can never thank you all enough for supporting our youth.

It is with a heavy heart that I announce we will not be having a youth auction this year. The much-loved event will be back next year, but scheduling and personal issues made this complicated event difficult to pull off. This decision was a difficult one to make, as so many enjoy this fun event and it is by far our biggest fundraiser of the year.

In lieu of the auction, we are very excited to host a special Mother's Day ice cream social. Please consider stopping by the parish hall after the service. Enjoy a yummy ice cream treat and if you feel so inclined, consider donating to this very special cause. Every dollar given goes directly towards purchasing supplies, covering expenses and in turn changing the lives of our youth, the homeowners and the communities we serve. On Friday, June 2, the youth are excited to announce Parent's Night Out. Parents, enjoy a date night, time with friends or just a few hours of quiet time while your little ones enjoy fun activities. Put it on your calendar and watch for details.

I get thanked a lot at church for what I do with our youth. I appreciate all the kind words. Our youth are a joy. I consider each one of them to be part of my surrogate family. I relish their joys, share in their disappointments, and keep them on track when they need reminding. It's so easy to watch the news and see all the negativity in the world, but these kids, through activities like work camp, not only see the good, but they become part of it. By donating to this cause, YOU help make the world a better place and for that, I say THANK YOU!

—Rachele

May 14 is Youth Sunday!

- ♦ Readings by our Youth
- ♦ Introduction of Confirmands
- ♦ Singing by our Sunday School Children
- ♦ Thanksgivings to our Teachers, Youth Director, and volunteers
- ♦ ICE CREAM SOCIAL for all, after the 10:30 service, in the parish hall



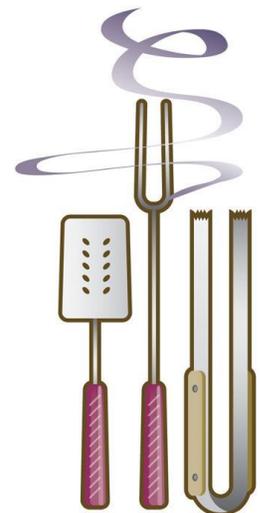
**Congratulations to High School Graduate
Jessica Van Valkenburgh!**

Men's Spring Tailgate Grill (at church!) Saturday, June 3

Save the date!
Saturday, June 3, 5:30 p.m.
until ???

St. James' men will grill
in the fenced field behind
the parking lot (rain
location is the church
lower level).

Details to come.



Mother's Day and Father's Day Drive for Samaritan Ministry

Collecting Toiletries, Gift Cards, and More, Sundays May 14 and June 18

On Mother's Day, we give thanks for our mothers and grandmothers, our sisters, our daughters, and women in general. Likewise, on Father's Day, we give thanks for our fathers and grandfathers, our brothers, our sons, and men in general. Originally conceived as a day of personal celebration between parents and children, today our celebrations take many forms just as our families do. We honor all parents, grandparents, and others who have worked to provide loving, nurturing, and successful homes for children.

As we honor the love we get from all of those who care for us, St. James' is collecting offerings for Samaritan Ministry on Mother's Day (May 14) and Father's Day (June 18). Samaritan Ministry shares these offerings with people who are homeless and others in need who are taking next steps toward greater self-reliance through the *Next Step* Program. In return, the parish will send letters to your loved ones all over the country telling them of the gift made in their honor or in memory of a loved one.

We are asking that you collect toiletries; gift cards which allow *Next Steps* Program participants to make their own choices about food (especially the ability to purchase fresh food), about clothing and about selecting personal care items that meet their individual need, or other needed items. A list follows below; the complete list of needed items can be found at samaritanministry.org/content/wish-list.

Toiletries

Hand/body lotion (small or medium)
Antiperspirant/Deodorant
Disposable Razors and shaving cream
Toothbrushes/toothpaste/dental floss
Non-alcoholic mouthwash
Loofahs and washcloths
Soap/body wash
Hand sanitizer
Hair care products
(shampoo/conditioner)
Feminine Care products

Gift cards

\$5-\$25 gift cards
To Giant, Harris Teeter, Safeway or Target

Other needs

Reading glasses
Small folding umbrellas
Flash drives/memory sticks
Metro SmarTrip cards for job interviews
Powder laundry detergent

Bring your offerings on or prior to Mother's Day (May 14) and Father's Day (June 18), and let us know of the loved one(s) you are honoring with your gifts. A letter acknowledging your offering will be sent by the parish. Forms will be available near the donation collection box in the Narthex. Please put gift cards into the envelopes provided.

For more information, please contact Joyce Graf or the church office (office@stjamespotomac.org).

St. James' at Shepherd's Table Wednesday, May 31

Please come for St. James' turn to serve and prepare meals. There will be two shifts: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. to set up and prepare salads, and 5:45 to 8:00 p.m. to serve and clean up. To sign up contact Claude Williams van Bellinghen or Tom Goodkind.

St. James' Sunday School Update

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! It was so much fun to have families from both the church and school communities come together to celebrate. Watch for information on our next family event!



This month we will be learning about Jesus' last days on earth from the New Testament using *The Story for Children*. Each week we will learn about God's love for us and consider how His Ten Commandments provide guidance we can use for living our lives. We are starting with Jesus' new commandment to love one another and will follow with others, such as honoring our parents, caring for others, and more.

Also of note:

- Our numbers are growing! Sunday school attendance is more regular for many and we have had a lot of new friends join the fun. If you or someone you know is interested, please come next week. Sunday school meets each week from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft. All children in preschool through fifth graders are invited to come and celebrate with us!
- Beginning in May, we are adding a new "Seniors Class" for rising fourth and fifth graders. Join us for lots of fun and fellowship!
- During children's chapel, we provide offering baskets. As we learn about God's love for us, we also want to give thanks for our blessings. Please remember to have your children bring small change to participate in giving thanks.
- Have you seen our beautiful rainbow-colored cross made from plastic bottle-caps? If not, please stop in and see what we made from the bottle caps that you helped us collect.

Sunday school meets each week from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft. After Sunday school, children are escorted upstairs to join their families for communion in the church. All children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to come and celebrate with us! Childcare is offered from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon, including a nursery for infants and toddlers.

If you would like to contact us, send an email to Ms. Marisol and Mr. James at: SundaySchool@stjamespotomac.org.

| MAY SONG: "God is so Good" | |
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| May 7: A New Commandment | A lesson on the new commandment, "Love one another" |
| May 14: Mother's Day | A celebration for those who take care of us |
| May 21: Wise Words | A lesson about Jesus' parting wisdom |
| May 28: The Ascension | Jesus ascends to Heaven |

Spring Rummage Sale Preparation

Spring Cleaning? Set aside extras and gently used items for the St. James' Rummage Sale.

Rummage Sale Donations will be accepted on Sunday, June 4 and Monday, June 5

- Bring items to the parish hall (Sunday is best!)
- Leave items in the designated area(s)
- Have items cleaned and in good repair, sorted, and grouped with similar items (e.g., books with books, clothing folded and separated by size, dishes in a separate box)

What sells well in the Rummage Sale?

- Adult and children's clothes (outgrown, not worn out)
- Power and hand tools
- Bicycles and sporting equipment (gently used)
- Small electrical appliances
- Toys / Games
- Kitchenware / Housewares
- Small furniture (easily transported)
- Books (adult and children's; no encyclopedias), records, CDs, DVDs
- Gardening equipment
- Costume jewelry
- Blankets, quilts, bedding, towels, and table linens (label with size to save prep time)
- Collectibles
- Baskets
- Framed art

What can't be sold in the Rummage Sale?

- Stained, or well-worn clothes, shoes, or linens
- Old televisions, computers, and electronics
- Off-season items
- Broken, unsafe or recalled goods (check that the items you're donating have not been recalled or pose any potential hazards)
- Larger furniture: Call Don Schuessler for collection and selling furniture online (301-340-0550)

A HELPFUL RULE OF THUMB:

If you would not give the item to a friend or family member, please do not donate it.

These items will not sell and create more work for our volunteers.

POTOMAC-AREA FAITH COMMUNITIES

present

AN INTERFAITH PANEL

OUR SACRED TEXTS

Informing our Creed, Culture, and Code

February 12th 7:00 PM
at Potomac Presbyterian Church

• Part I •

Islam,
The Episcopal Church,
Krishna Consciousness,
The Orthodox Christian Church

May 21st 7:30 PM
at St. Raphael Catholic Church

• Part II •

Baha'i, Judaism,
Church of Jesus Christ,
Latter Day Saints,
The Roman Catholic Church,
Presbyterian Church (USA)

AN INTERFAITH INITIATIVE:



Saint Raphael
Catholic Church in Rockville, MD

Bethesda and Potomac Wards
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



St. James' Episcopal Church



Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian
Orthodox Christian Church



Interfaith Event: Panel Discussion

Sunday, May 21
7:30 p.m.

Hosted by St. Raphael
Catholic Church,
1513 Dunster Rd,
Rockville, MD

Join us and our faith
neighbors for another
informative panel
discussion.

This time the groups
represented are Ba'hai,
Judaism, Mormons,
Roman Catholics, and
Presbyterians. Leaders from
these faith communities will
share how their sacred texts
inform their beliefs,
worship, and daily living.
There will be a chance to
mingle afterward and ask
questions of the presenters.

Please continue to be a part
of this effort to get to know
our faithful neighbors.
The community
relationships we build are
important to all involved.

Getting to Know our Faithful Neighbors, Part Two

Interfaith Panel Discussion May 21

The next Potomac-Area Faith Communities (PAFC) event is coming up on Sunday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church. If Rev. Meredith's Institution on Saturday and a Sunday morning liturgy with baptisms have you all fired up (or at least haven't completely worn you out!), I hope you'll come. It will be a similar format to the February panel discussion that many of us attended. This time the groups represented are Ba'hai, Judaism, Mormons, Roman Catholics, and Presbyterians.

If this is all new to you, here's some background: Building on the enthusiastic response to last year's Potomac-Area Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, the clergy from the various groups who worked together to plan that event decided to keep the band together and put on three events in 2017. Calling ourselves the "Potomac-Area Faith Communities," we planned two educational/fellowship events (one in February and one in May), and then another Thanksgiving Service in November.

Many folks from St. James' attended the February event. It was a panel discussion where leaders from four of the faith communities shared how their sacred texts inform their creed (what they believe), their culture (their worship, prayer, and religious observance), and their code (their daily living). There was a chance to mingle afterwards and ask more questions of the presenters.

I hope folks from St. James' will continue to be a part of this effort to get to know our faithful neighbors. The community relationships we build are important both to us, and to our partners.

—Catharine Gibson

Lunch and Learn This Summer

What's up for this group between now and next fall? There will be NO meeting in June. Remember that help is needed that week for the rummage sale setup.

To allow plenty of time for celebrating the fourth of July on our usual meeting day, **Lunch and Learn will meet July 11** in the parish hall. There will be lunch and the annual outstanding, nothing-like-it-anywhere BINGO games. Prizes will appear from numerous sources, including your special white elephant stash. You know, things like the item given you that's nice, but..., or maybe that wonderful sale where you got one or two more things than you need for family/ friend presents. Just think how pleased someone else might be to win that special item! And if some of them are likely to get a laugh, even better.

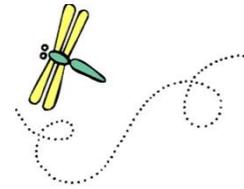
Social gathering is at 11:30 a.m., lunch is at noon, followed by bingo, with festivities ending around 1:30 p.m. Please contact Sarah Padgett with your reservation (\$10.00 per person) for lunch, invite a friend or two, and join us. If you've never come before, this would be a good time to give it a try. All are welcome, and this group, usually numbering around 25, always has a casual, relaxed good time.

August is another month with no meeting. See you back in the undercroft in September.



Our Rain Garden: Debunking the Mosquito Myth

By Scott Harris



Spring has sprung, and our beautiful rain garden and conservation landscapes are rounding into shape. Throughout this season, across the summer, and into the fall, this area is a vibrant reminder of our commitment to Earth stewardship—not to mention a functional barrier against excessive storm water runoff in our rear parking lot. The rain garden captures runoff before it can pose a safety hazard, and before it can reach local waterways and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

You may have noticed that the rain garden sometimes holds water in its bowl-shaped basin, especially after more substantial rain or snowfall. We've all grown up with one central notion about standing water: mosquitoes.

So when, you may wonder, can we expect our parishioners and schoolchildren to begin receiving their merciless bombardment at the hands of hordes of bloodthirsty insects?

The fortunate answer? Never.

While it's true that the rain garden holds water, it's equally true that the garden is continuously filtering that water. The rain garden is composed of a special soil mix that is very sandy and allows water to slowly drain into the ground. (This is the main reason why no one should walk into the rain garden, as it compacts the soil and hampers that filtering process.) Barring a blizzard or some other very unusual storm condition, the rain garden is always fully drained within three days.

The mosquito's life cycle is seven to 12 days. That means that any mosquito eggs laid in the rain garden's standing water will die well before any adult mosquito takes flight.

And here's another failsafe: you may have noticed the beautiful dragonflies that sometimes hang around the garden. Those dragonflies love mosquito larvae. The mosquitoes will never reach maturity anyway, but even so, the dragonflies are doing their part.

It is possible that some day the garden may require special maintenance to de-compact the soil. As of now, however, all indications are that the garden (still young by garden standards) is properly maintained and working as it should. It's worth keeping an eye on, but everyone should feel comfortable enjoying the garden without any fear of nature biting back.

Questions? Contact Scott Harris.

Grocery Shopper Quiz

1. Do you zip through checkout with your Giant gift cards you bought at St. James'?
2. Do you help increase our funds at St. James' with Giant gift cards at no extra cost to you?

Unless you said "yes" to these two questions, you should think about it—and start purchasing Giant gift cards at St. James':

- Buy on Sunday in parish hall
- Buy Monday-Friday in the office

St. James' will earn \$5 for every \$100 card you use. It all adds up to hundreds of dollars for St. James' ministry. MUCH better return than any card benefit you may have!

An Easter Promise

By Lori Minasian

You may have heard of the movie, *The Promise* that opened in theaters on Friday, April 21.



It is the story of the Armenian massacres that occurred in World War I. April 24 is the day that all Armenians remember as the beginning of the systematic “removal” of the Armenians from Turkey in 1915. If you do not know what happened, this movie will give you a good sense, but it is not easy to watch. Doug, Claire, and I saw it recently. Beautiful, moving, with a wonderful international cast, it was historically accurate in its depiction of Turkish brutality and planned determination to get rid of all Armenians. Tears were streaming down my face as I thought of my family members who survived and those who did not. Claire buried her head in my arms at several parts of the movie.

How then, does *The Promise* relate to Easter? This is a story of survival. At one point in the movie, a character says, “Our revenge is our survival.” That survival was facilitated by the American Protestant churches of multiple different denominations. The movie does a nice job of showing how they found ways to bring food, and supplies to the “starving Armenians” or the “Armenian orphans.” This movie reinforces a message of hope, survival and renewal that itself is an Easter story.

The symbol of the Armenian genocide is the purple forget-me-not flower.

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Book Club to Meet May 28

Amor Towles’s book, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, will be the topic of discussion for May 28 in the parish hall library. Chosen as a book of the year by NPR and several newspapers, the novel tells the tale of Count Alexander Rostov, sentenced by the Bolsheviks in 1922 to house arrest in the Metropol Hotel, close to the Kremlin. Who does he meet and what relationships develop with this man who has never held a job, never before lived outside the aristocratic existence of his former life? He spends decades here. As one reviewer puts it, living as he now must puts him into a life of emotional discovery: “He can’t leave his hotel. You won’t want to.”

Written with humor and filled with intrigue, to quote one newspaper, the book “...is laced with sparkling threads (they will tie up) and tokens (they will matter): special keys, secret compartments, gold coins, vials of coveted liquid, old-fashioned pistols...a luscious set...” What will catch the imagination, what are your impressions and topics to talk about? Come enter the discussion, at 6:45 p.m., Sunday, May 28. At that time the next book or books for following months will be chosen. Lighter fare seems to be the general consensus for the next month or so. As always, all are welcome and no reservations are needed.

June Birthdays

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| 6/1 | Benny Banares |
| 6/1 | Anne Cobb |
| 6/1 | Lynn Agoston |
| 6/2 | Susan Lusk |
| 6/2 | Jerry Morrison |
| 6/3 | Dan Zimmerman |
| 6/5 | Sandy Soundararajan |
| 6/6 | Christian Rogers-Zabala |
| 6/7 | Barbara O’Hare |
| 6/7 | Sonja Judkins |
| 6/8 | Ann Pararas |
| 6/8 | Andrea Whiteway |
| 6/8 | Susan Olson |
| 6/8 | Alfonso Velasquez |
| 6/9 | Audrey Harris |
| 6/10 | Tom Carruthers |
| 6/10 | Joaquin Roldos |
| 6/13 | Joey Opiekun |
| 6/13 | Laura Flint |
| 6/13 | David Olson |
| 6/13 | Elton Smith |
| 6/13 | Christina Lundelius |
| 6/14 | Naz Toktosunova |
| 6/14 | Catharine Gibson |
| 6/14 | Gavin Mason |
| 6/15 | Sarah Padgett |
| 6/16 | Naomi Barnabas |
| 6/16 | Jean Da Costa |
| 6/16 | Linda Pallett |
| 6/17 | Pete Iype |
| 6/20 | Ed Ellis |
| 6/23 | Dennis Amor |
| 6/23 | Ashley Weaver |
| 6/24 | Riley Agoston |
| 6/26 | Kaleigh Delaney |
| 6/26 | Colin Murphy |
| 6/26 | Jonathan Lusk |
| 6/26 | Blair Slaughter |
| 6/26 | Sophia Whiteway |
| 6/27 | Chase Mayhew |
| 6/28 | Gabriela Weaver |
| 6/30 | Bradley Whiteway |

June Anniversaries

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| 6/8 | Dan and Scott Zimmerman |
| 6/13 | Lori Minasian and Doug Throckmorton |
| 6/15 | Jean and Gil Jackson |
| 6/16 | Edwin and Mia Abeya |
| 6/16 | Bob and Mary Quackenbush |
| 6/18 | Debbie and Jeff Opiekun |
| 6/20 | Martha and Bob Lawrenz |
| 6/30 | David Mikosz and Naz Toktosunov |



Wallaces receive Seabury Service Award from our Bishop

On April 26, Bill and Doris Wallace were among representatives of several parishes who received an award for senior members who had contributed to the life and work of their parish and beyond. Both have served on the vestry (Bill also as a warden) and in missions and outreach following their careers as federal scientists. Many will also recognize Bill's contributions as a musician, lending his vocal and guitar skills to services and social events.

Sunday School Singing in Church

Children's Chapel is a favorite part of Sunday school each week. Together the children learn about traditions and practices in the Episcopal Church as they recite the opening creed, sing songs, and learn about the lesson of the week. A new song is featured each month as we build our songbook of favorites.

On Sunday, April 23, St. James' Sunday school children joined the 10:30 a.m. service and sang one of their favorite tunes for the congregation, "My God is So Great." What a perfect selection for the Easter season. It was delightful to hear the children's sweet voices and see their smiles. The Sunday school children return on May 14 to sing in church again.



**Mark Your Calendar:
St. James' Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 19, 2017**

As approved by our vestry, the Annual Meeting will be Sunday, November 19, 2017. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Don't be late or you'll miss the election!

Middle school students and older children are invited to attend. Younger children can enjoy breakfast and activities in the church lower level. The main service begins at 10:30 a.m.

Call for Vestry Nominating Committee

The St. James' nominating committee will review and recommend to the parish candidates for our 2018 vestry and diocesan delegates, to be elected at our annual meeting, November 19. If you are interested in serving on this short-term committee, please contact Joyce Nohowel, Chair of the Administrative/Personnel Commission.

The nominating committee goes through an interesting process of reflecting on who we are, where we are on our journey, and chatting with fellow parishioners about their own journeys and inviting them to serve as vestry members or diocesan delegates.