



The St. James'  
**Pilgrim**  
News for the Journey . . .

November 2018

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## Thoughts from our Rector, The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner

### *Finding God*

I recently returned from nine days of walking on the Camino de Santiago, also known as The Way of St. James. This is the 500 mile ancient pilgrimage route from France into Spain.

I traveled with the same three friends who'd walked 150 miles of the Camino with me two years ago. This time our goal was to walk another 100 miles, beginning in St. Jean Pied de Port in France and ending in Logrono, Spain. Despite our sore backs, blistered feet and achy knees, we made it a time of spiritual renewal and reflection.

As the only clergy person on the trip, it was my job to ask this question: "Where have you seen God today?"

This was especially important on a pilgrimage. Pope Benedict XVI said, "To go on pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God where God has revealed God's self, where God's grace has shown with particular splendor and produced rich fruits of conversation and holiness..."

With this in mind, over breakfast on our last morning together we shared these thoughts about where we had seen God and God's grace on our pilgrimage.

First, we saw God in the various people who showed us the way. We called them angels, and they included one stranger who pulled his car over along the path and redirected us when we were about to take a very wrong turn. It seemed

that any time we felt lost, a yellow trail marker magically appeared. These moments gave us a sense that we were being directly led by God.

We also saw God in nature. As we crossed the mountains and walked across the plains, the sky was magnificent: clouds rolled in and out—some stormy and others calm—and the sky above them was bluer than blue.

God also appeared in the creatures we encountered: snails, spiders and their webs, horses, sheep, dogs, and birds....

We also saw God in human interactions with God's creation as we walked beside farmland, along vineyards, and around beautiful community gardens. Our path was often shaded by groves of almond, olive, and fig trees.

And of course there were the smells! Anise lined the trails. Wafts of lavender occasionally came our way. And we could not ignore the smells of all those animals!

God also came to us in the pilgrims we met. It's a funny thing, the way strong connections are quickly made when you share a common purpose. Relationships form fast, and don't last long, but they are incredibly personal and meaningful.

And the food! We began every meal, snack or coffee break with the words "God is great." And God is great indeed when one can have delicious bread and wonderful wine every single day—just as things should be in God's glorious kingdom.

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We found God in the silence.

And in laughter.

And most certainly, we saw God in one another. Each is broken, each is beloved, each is a gift—just like everyone else in this world: loved, redeemed, precious and blessed.

We ended breakfast on our last day together deeply grateful for the many ways God has been present on our trip. And now that I'm home, and entering my daily routine, I find myself stopping on occasion—looking for God. I don't want to lose

the joy and comfort of so clearly knowing God's presence. It occurs to me that we shouldn't have to leave home to know that God is here.

Perhaps it simply takes the intentionality that leaving our comfort zones provides. My prayer is that we each remain aware of God's presence, no matter where our journeys are taking us.

Buen Camino on that journey, my friends, and every journey you may take.

—Rev. Meredith

**Reflection from our Senior Warden, Barry Thompson*****Disconnected?***

In a recent session of the "Care of Creation" series, "The Full Impact of Sin" (FaithTalk, 9:15 a.m. Sundays), a lively discussion developed around the idea that human sin

disconnects us from God and distorts our relationship with God's creation, resulting in a world that is out of sync with itself. I ask that we consider whether we today suffer from sins such as pride or greed, or from indifference in our relationship with our God and his plans for us.

Medical advances over the last 45 years have been breathtaking and obvious to all in their benefits to mankind. Sophisticated laboratory testing, detailed medical imaging, computer-designed and individualized hip prostheses, replacement heart valves, "fifth generation" antibiotics to combat organisms resistant to earlier drugs, effective vaccines for the prevention of diseases that commonly ravaged children (and adults) decades ago: the list seems endless. We encounter these advances almost daily, often without really thinking about them. We read that smallpox has been eliminated and that only a handful of polio cases, confined to three countries, occur each year. We know that insulin derived from bacteria cultures has replaced the limited supplies from pigs and cattle in the treatment of

diabetes. We marvel at all that humans have accomplished, often without thinking much about how advances tie to our concept of a Supreme Being, the narratives of Creation and history, and the projected course of humankind.

Antibiotics did not exist before the 1940s. It was only in the late 1960s that glass syringes, handmade with the plunger matching only one companion barrel, were replaced by the now familiar plastic ones. Intravenous fluids moved from open-top burettes to glass bottles and then to the plastic bags employed today. Disposable "drapes" in hospital operating rooms have become *de rigueur*. Only the most complex and expensive surgical tools and endoscopic devices are cleaned and sterilized for re-use. Almost everything else in a medical setting is discarded after one use.

In my former life as a clinical physician-geneticist, as the director of a laboratory that performed chromosomal studies, and as Medical Director at the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics, I've experienced during over 50 years much of what we now recognize as medical genetics/genomics: its promises, its pitfalls, and the constant requirement for best medical practices and ethical decision-making.

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## Reflection from our Senior Warden, continued

DNA (then called desoxyribosenucleic acid) was identified as the “genetic material” in 1944, but its elucidation as a double-stranded helix waited until 1973. Mid-20th century scientists struggled just to count human chromosomes in poorly defined preparations. In 1959, the most common chromosomal disorder in humans, Down syndrome, was found to be due to an extra chromosome. By the 1970s, chemical “banding” enabled the identification of altered or missing parts of chromosomes. The first specific gene-disease association was established for cystic fibrosis in 1989. Sequencing of the entire human genome, at the turn of the current century, brought rapid advances in our understanding of genes and their relationships to structural and enzymatic functions in the human body.

Although it’s rather obvious that I have never had a problem reconciling science with religion, I am troubled by some advances and their application to human lives and health. I ask if we are at risk of finding ourselves at a disconnect with our Maker. Do some applications represent a “horse before the cart” situation? Do they alter a proper relationship with our fellow humans?

### Direct-to-consumer genetic testing

Many people are familiar with the swabbing of one’s cheek and the submission of the swab to a proprietary lab. You may even have been given for Christmas a gift certificate for such testing. Often testing is undertaken without a clear understanding of the purpose or limitations of the test, the possible social or medical implications of the results, or the uses to which the genetic information, aggregated by the company from thousands of individuals, may be put. A genetic counselor can help one assess benefits and risks attendant to testing, before embarking on such an adventure and assist on in handling unexpected or untoward results afterwards.

### Designer babies/adults

Pre-implantation genetic analysis (screening an embryo for deleterious genes before the fertilized egg is placed in the womb) has been effective in avoiding the birth of a child with

significant or life-threatening health issues. However, the discovery of the capability to alter, or edit, the genome by such means as CRISPR-cas9 (clustered regularly interspersed short palindromic repeats and the associated protein 9—and now you know why we use the acronym!) has enabled the elimination of an “abnormal” gene and the substitution of a “normal” gene in its place. A debate has been engendered regarding not only “correction” of undesirable traits but of the potential for intentional enhancement of physical, intellectual, and even behavioral attributes of (future) humans. The insertion of human genes into non-human animals (for the purpose of producing human cells or cellular products) has been attempted, reportedly successfully, in some laboratories. The extent of this experimentation with genetic modification is unknown and of marked concern.

### Forensic uses of genetics

Considerable success has attended use of DNA-based technologies, employing DNA matches for evidence at the scene of a crime and biological material from a suspect(s). Much different is the much publicized, recent use of material from population DNA registries to sift through generations of individuals to narrow the search down to a target group of a few individuals, suspected or not suspected of the crime. No one in these registries has provided informed consent for the use of personal DNA for this purpose, nor were they informed that such testing in pursuit of criminal suspects was underway. This is considered by most geneticists and ethicists (and I am among them) to be an unconscionable invasion of privacy, if not an illegal act. Courts will decide, after the fact. Additionally disturbing are the several new forensic attempts being made on basis of the success of the reported case.

To the questions “So what?” and “What can one do about it?” I have no answers. I do urge that you learn more about such advances and decide how they impact our relationships to our God and our fellow humans.

—Barry Thompson



## Potomac Interfaith Communities Thanksgiving

At our Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service, and as we *join in solidarity and mourn with those at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh*, let us gather to support our interfaith brothers and sisters on November 20.

We'll begin with an interfaith worship service followed by a service project benefiting the Interfaith Works Women's Center and Dorothy Day Place. Children from all faith communities (including St. James') are invited to participate in the interfaith children's choir.

- **Please bring** individually packaged snacks or toiletries for the service project: water bottles; tuna and crackers; peanut butter or cheese and crackers; mints, cough drops or gum; hand wipes; toothbrush; bandages (pack of 6-ish).
- **Families with children** who will be singing should arrive before 6:45 p.m. and meet in the church for a rehearsal.

**Tuesday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.**  
**St. Francis Episcopal Church**  
**10033 River Road, Potomac, MD.**

# Thank You!

## For Another Successful Rummage Sale!



### \$8000 plus received in gross revenues

- ★ 40 plus volunteers who pitched in
- ★ 98 plus customers lined up before the doors opened on Friday morning
- ★ Many pounds of "merchandise" returned to the community or donated to the National Children's Center

And many, many smiles brought to the community by our parish!

## Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, November 18

Come hear how God is working at St. James' and be a part of becoming who God is calling us to be! Breakfast served by our youth! Election and ministry reports at 9:00 a.m. Baptized members in good standing who are over the age of 18 may vote. Not sure if you're eligible to vote, or want to know if your membership record is up to date? Contact the parish office, [office@stjamespotomac.org](mailto:office@stjamespotomac.org).



## Acolyte Training, November 18

Youth from sixth grade on up are invited to participate in acolyte training during the Annual Meeting. Come learn the ropes or polish up your skills. Please contact Lori Minasian for info.



## Vestry Highlights

### Meeting of October 23, 2018

The Vestry met with Reverend Meredith presiding and a quorum present.

Reflecting on her four years of service on the Vestry, Kathryn Weaver commented that we must continue to strive to make "St. James' a place where we love one another as God loves us."

The treasurer reported that we remain "in the black" by a small amount. Our diocesan pledge has been satisfied. Small but necessary adjustments for the seminarian, the change from two to one paid Sunday School director, and the under-budgeting for the cost of the audit were outlined and approved. Emphasis was placed on prompt submission of realistic budgets for commissions and activities for 2019.

Tracy Lively also reported on the recent rummage sale that garnered over \$8000. Additional volunteers would have made the preparation and actual sale days easier. Tracy thanked the many parishioners who did contribute time and effort to make the sale another success.

Reverend Meredith, just back from her 100-mile pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago, reported that she and the Facilities Chairperson will meet on October 24 with consultant Ben Dutton to finalize options for the repair or replacement of the parish hall ramp. She also reminded everyone of upcoming events:

- Nov. 4 - FaithTalk (9:15 a.m. Sunday): Start of multi-part series on electronic security at home (Marshall Finch)
- Nov. 9 - Memorial service for Jerry Morrison
- Nov.13 - Vestry meeting
- Nov.18 - Annual Parish Meeting
- Nov. 20 - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Together, Reverends James and Meredith announced that discernment questionnaires from parishioners had produced an indication that foremost on the minds of many were issues of mental health and wellness. This area of possible focus for parish action was tested on a small group thought likely to be amenable to undertaking such action.

After considerable discussion the Vestry agreed that a program to address anxiety, stress, and depression would be valuable: a two-fold approach, involving Lenten Reflections by parishioners, and educational activities regarding mental health and wellness, will be taken with care. Details to come.

Reverend James summarized our stewardship campaign as of Ingathering Sunday (October 21). We have received 65 pledges, totaling \$350,622, with several dozen pledges anticipated.

### Commissions Reports

**Administration:** Adjustments to COLA, insurance, personnel times, and the opportunity for self-nomination for the election to be held at Annual Meeting.

**Communication:** "Market branding" for St. James', and a call for photos of people and activities to be submitted for slideshow at Annual Meeting - PLEASE SEND YOUR PHOTOS TO DAWN IYPE.

**Membership:** Delighting in successful Rally Day, "Girls just want to have Fun," and the hayride and bonfire at Butler's Orchard. Newcomers' welcome will be held in November. Membership Commission seeks men to join the commission.

**The Junior Warden** thanked parishioners who have been so supportive of the Hnatov family during the health challenges that Matt has met successfully in the past months.

**The Senior Warden** recalled the celebrations of Astrid Crookshank's 25 years at the school and the 25 year history of St. James' Children's School, including the silent auction on 19 Oct. He also reported on the recent Friends of Cabin John Creek and Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake "Faith and Local Waters Workshop" with information about possible grant-supported projects for St. James' to consider.

Announcement of possible weather-induced modifications to the Halloween Funfest was made.

The meeting closed with prayer.

*Barry Thompson, Senior Warden*

## Sunday School Mission Plans for the Year

This year, the Sunday School Ministry will incorporate mission work more broadly into the curriculum and Sunday morning activities. The year has been divided into three “trimesters”—Fall, Winter, and Spring—each having one big mission project.

The senior class is taking the lead on the Sunday School mission work and involving the younger classes in age-appropriate activities. A discussion was held with the seniors to understand what types of projects interested them. Their top choice was to do another Heifer International fundraising project, followed by hands-on sandwich making for Martha’s Table, and supporting children at local hospitals.

In the fall, the focus will be on raising funds for Heifer International. A bake sale to support this effort is scheduled for Sunday, December 9. During the next few weeks, the seniors will raise awareness during fellowship hour after the 10:30 a.m. service, as they did last year. The seniors engaged the younger students in making posters for these activities presented them at the Children’s Sabbath service on Oct. 28.

In the winter, the Sunday School will partner with a local non-profit called Eliana’s Light to make and distribute Valentine’s Day cards to children who have to be in hospital on February

14. Cards will be distributed to six local hospitals including Children’s National Hospital, Johns Hopkins Children’s Center, and the Children’s Inn at NIH. February 3 will be dedicated as a Sunday of Service to making the cards, and a representative from Eliana’s Light will come by to pick them up.

The seniors will also kick off a food drive during February into March for the Children’s Inn on the NIH campus. The Children’s Inn houses families with children who need longer-term care at NIH.

Finally, in the spring, the seniors will fundraise for supplies and then hold a Sunday of Service to make sandwiches and trail mix. The juniors will also participate in preparing the food as they did last year and the younger students will decorate bags.

Throughout the year, the Sunday School will try to write care cards to those on the parish prayer list. It is anticipated that the activity will expand to writing cards for nursing home residents, veterans, and the fire department.

In all, a full and hopefully fun and rewarding year of mission work for the Sunday School!

—Ashanthi Mathai

## Fall Spiritual Formation Program Continues: FaithTalk on Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

St. James’ offers Sunday morning spiritual formation, *FaithTalk*, from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m., between services, in the parish hall meeting room. Childcare is offered from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the undercroft.

### Faithful Technology: Cyber security 101

Come to hear basic steps we can all take to keep ourselves mostly safe online, presented by Marshall Finch, MCSE, System Administrator for ADNET Systems Inc. at



NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center. There will be time for discussion each week. Sundays, November 4, 11, and 25.

### Advent Series: Breathing Underwater

In Advent we will explore parallels between the spiritual journey and the framework of twelve-step recovery. Our text will be *Breathing Underwater* by Richard Rohr, O.S.F. Copies of the book may be purchased online.



# THANKSGIVING 2018

Samaritan Ministry is gathering donations for its

## Annual Thanksgiving Drive

We would like to provide our PARTICIPANTS and their families baskets filled with the following:

**Gifts Cards - \$25 each FOR**

Turkey & other fresh foods from grocery stores:

Giant, Safeway, Walmart, Target, Harris Teeter & Trader Joe's

**Please deliver or send gift cards to 1516 Hamilton St NW WDC 20011**

**Attn: Sy Jones, Volunteer Manager by Wednesday, November 14**

 **Cranberry Sauce**

 Canned Yams

 **Cornbread Mix**

 Gravy (can or box)

 Canned Fruits

 Mac & Cheese Mix

 Instant Mashed Potatoes

 **Stuffing Mix** (bag or box)

 1-2 lb. Bag Dry Rice

 Instant Rice

 1-2 lb. Bag Dry Beans

 Canned Beans

 Cake Mix & Frosting

**Other Items are Accepted**



**Please NO Glass Jars**



**For additional information contact: Sy Jones, Volunteer Manager**  
[sjones@samaritanministry.org](mailto:sjones@samaritanministry.org) or (202) 722-2280 x314





## Scenes from the Halloween FunFest

Thank you to everyone who magically appeared to help make our FunFest a delightful community event. We had several neighborhood visitors as well as our more familiar little goblins. Thank you to all who dressed up, entertained our guests (Trunk or Treaters and Newton's Spooky Organ Concert!), cleaned up, and made it a party!





## The Police Department Answers Questions – Lunch & Learn, November 6

What would you like to ask the Montgomery County Police Department? What are some suggestions for staying safer as seniors at home and in public? What are some of those subtle scam attempts that aren't always easy to spot? These are some of the possible topics to be covered by Officer Dana Stroman, Community Services Officer, Second District, Montgomery County Police when she appears at Lunch & Learn on Election Day, November 6, in the undercroft. Our social time begins at 11:30 a.m., lunch is served at noon, and the program begins at 12:30.

Lunch & Learn is open to all, and the usually more mature attendees will not hold age against any younger folks who want to join in. To enjoy the \$10.00 per person meal, please make a reservation with Sarah Padgett. Feel free to invite friends, neighbors, and visitors—the more the merrier! If transportation is an issue, please contact the office; we want to see you there.



### Lunch and Learn Explores the Nutrition Label

*Thu Huynh, In-Store Nutritionist at Giant, presented the program for Lunch & Learn on September 4 in the undercroft, explaining some of the mysteries of the Food Nutrition Label. Questions were answered and samples were enjoyed during the after-lunch presentation. If an upcoming program sounds appealing, feel free to drop in.*

## Sharing Thanksgiving Blessings with Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington

The holidays are not far away and, with your help, Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington (SMGW) will once again provide their Next Step participants and families with a blessed Thanksgiving. Last year they distributed 185 Thanksgiving food bags and 100 gift cards to their participants.

Through your generosity, the staff of SMGW wishes to provide 200 food bags and 250 gift cards to their participants. The greatest need is for \$25 gift cards from familiar grocery stores such as Giant, Safeway, Walmart, Target, Harris Teeter and Trader Joe's so recipients can purchase a turkey or other fresh item.

### You can help in one of two ways:

1. Pick up a colored envelope from the narthex, insert a \$25 grocery store gift card, and drop it in the offering plate. (If you purchase cards during coffee hour or from the church office, you also help support St. James'.)

2. Pick up a grocery list from the Narthex and buy all or some of the non-perishable items requested. Place the items in the food donation baskets at the rear of the church.

### Items most needed for the Thanksgiving baskets:

<b>Cranberry Sauce</b>	Canned Yams
<b>Cornbread Mix</b>	Gravy (can or box)
<b>Stuffing Mix (bag or box)</b>	Mac & Cheese Mix
Instant Mashed Potatoes	1-2 lb. Bag Dry Rice
Canned Beans	Instant Rice
1-2 lb. Bag Dry Beans	Canned Fruits
Cake Mix & Frosting	

Donations are accepted anytime. All items received by NOON, Wednesday, November 14, will be delivered to Samaritan Ministry that afternoon.

Questions? Contact Joyce Graf or Sy Jones at SMGW, [sjones@samaritanministry.org](mailto:sjones@samaritanministry.org) or 202-722-2280 x314.

## Book Club, November 25

*The Signature of All Things*, by Elizabeth Gilbert, covers much of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries from London to Philadelphia to Tahiti to Amsterdam. As the library summary continues, “Along the way, the story is peopled with unforgettable characters: missionaries, abolitionists, adventurers, astronomers, sea captains, geniuses, and the quite mad.

But most memorable of all, it is the story of Alma Whittaker, who—born in the Age of Enlightenment, but living well into the Industrial Revolution—bears witness to that extraordinary moment in human history when all the old assumptions about science, religion, commerce, and class were exploding into dangerous new ideas.” Quinine, orchids, conflict, finches, a broken

heart—they’re all in here. The discussion will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall library.

The next book chosen by the group is *Two Steps Forward*, by Graeme Simsion and Anne Buist. Two people, taking chances, one mourning the loss of her husband, the other recovering from divorce, cross paths on the centuries-old Camino pilgrimage from France to Spain.

Following that book, the group chose *The Music Shop* by Rachel Joyce. It is 1988 in a run-down suburb, and the music shop there has records of every kind. It attracts the lonely, the sleepless, and the adrift. Read this one and meet Frank and Ilse, described in one source as “quirky, wonderful characters.” All are welcome to attend this group-led discussion every fourth Sunday evening.

## Help us spread the word!

It’s great to see our church families and friends in the news (print or online)—whether it’s the Blessing of the Animals, Halloween FunFest, Advent, Christmas, and Easter celebrations, or our Lenten series in concert with the Seven Locks Road churches.

St. James’ draws its membership from a fairly large geographic area (Silver Spring to Clarksburg). Therefore, we’d like to extend our media reach (beyond Potomac/ Rockville/ Bethesda). Even with the withering of local print media (e.g. the *Washington Post* no longer runs a religion calendar, or a local events calendar) there still are many opportunities to get out the good word, such as through your local homeowners’ association newsletter/website.

Can you help? Simply drop off a copy of your local community newsletter at the church office, or shoot me a link to its website: Holly Mulderig (Vestry Member, and member of the Communications Commission).

*Holly Mulderig*

## Volunteering at Shepherd’s Table

Instructions follow for using Shepherd’s Table’s new online signup portal. If you don’t have access to the Internet or don’t have an email address, please contact Carmen Garcia, Volunteer Coordinator: 301-585-6463, extension 9.

### How to create a volunteer account for Shepherd’s Table

1. The user weblink for St. James’ is: [vhub.at/stjameschurch](http://vhub.at/stjameschurch). On the weblink, click Create Account on the top right.
2. It will prompt you to make a username and password.
3. Select any affiliations that pertain to you. This will not limit your volunteering options.
4. Fill out your profile: name, address, email address, emergency contact.
5. The screen will then confirm you made an account, click “next,” and you’ll see the calendar with available shifts.

## News from St. James' Children's School



### Classroom Spotlight: The Toddler Room

By Kim Belcher

Hello, I'm Ms. Kim from the Toddler Room. I work with Ms. Carrie, Ms. Vera, Ms. Chelsea, and two new afternoon assistant teachers, Ms. Jackie and Ms. Lizbeth.

We are three months into the new school year. We have a new group of 1-5 to 22-month-old toddlers who have been learning to walk, talk, run, climb, eat with spoons and wash their own hands. They are learning new words daily and beginning to really enjoy art, music, sensory and circle time.

This month, our theme is giving thanks. We are reading books on pumpkins, turkeys and Thanksgiving. We are singing "Five Little Turkeys" and creating lots of great art projects with paint, feathers and pom-poms to make art for Thanksgiving. Our sensory container has dried colored pasta and dried corn in it for the children to explore with cups, bowls and tweezers.

We will also continue teaching sign language and introducing the sign for "Thank you" this month. We always have tons of fun as the children learn, discover and grow in the Toddler room!

Happy Thanksgiving!



## Calendar of Events

### Sundays at 9:15 a.m.:

FaithTalk - adult spiritual formation with childcare

### Sundays at 10:30 a.m.:

Sunday School with childcare

### November 4, All Saints Sunday:

Deadline to submit Vestry candidate nominations

### November 6, Tuesday: Lunch & Learn, 11:30 a.m.

### November 7, Wednesday:

- Visit to Manor Care Nursing Home, 10:30 a.m.
- Ledo Pizza Fundraiser for Youth, 6:00 p.m.

### November 11, Sunday:

- Bring donations for Samaritan Ministries
- Youth Parent Meeting, 12:00 noon

### November 18, Sunday:

- Annual Parish Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- Acolyte Training, 9:00 a.m.

### November 19, Sunday:

Wreath orders deadline

### November 20, Tuesday:

Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship and Service Project, 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal, Potomac

### November 21, Wednesday:

Visit to Potomac Valley Nursing Home, 10:30 a.m.

### November 25, Sunday:

- Pick up Christmas wreath orders
- Book Club, 6:45 p.m.



# Christmas Wreaths 2018

It's once again time to order your stunning Christmas wreaths so that they will be here the week following Thanksgiving. Wreaths are lovingly hand-decorated by the St. James' youth and must be ordered in advance.

In addition to enjoying a gorgeous wreath throughout the holiday season, you can take pride knowing that **100% of the profits from this sale benefits the 2019 youth mission trip to Scranton, PA.**

Fundraising throughout the year helps to purchase supplies, like construction materials, which our teens use to help repair homes for low-income, primarily-elderly, residents.

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**Use this form to place your order by Monday, November 19.  
Pick up your wreath at the church on Sunday, November 25. \*\***

*\*\*Planning to be out of town? We'll hold your wreath until Sunday, December 3!*

<b>Christmas Wreath:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Total Wreaths:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>
These fresh Fraser Fir wreaths are decorated with pinecones and a red bow.	\$25 for a single wreath, \$20 each when you buy two or more. (\$5 less than past years!)		
<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Phone:</b>			

***Please make checks payable to St. James' Episcopal Church.***

**Return form and payment to church office by Monday, November 19.**

Unable to drop off your order form/payment by then? Email: [Rachele@stjamespotomac.org](mailto:Rachele@stjamespotomac.org)

