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Sunday Worship

- July 2 · Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
- 7:30 AM **Traditional Eucharist**
8:45 AM Child care, 2nd floor
10:00 AM Children's Programs
10:00 AM **Choral Eucharist**
- July 9 · Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
- 7:30 AM **Traditional Eucharist**
8:45 AM Child care, 2nd floor
10:00 AM Children's Programs
10:00 AM **Choral Eucharist**
- July 16 · Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
- 7:30 AM **Traditional Eucharist**
8:45 AM Child care, 2nd floor
10:00 AM Children's Programs
10:00 AM **Choral Eucharist**
- July 23 · Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
- 7:30 AM **Traditional Eucharist**
8:45 AM Child care, 2nd floor
10:00 AM Children's Programs
10:00 AM **Choral Eucharist**
- July 30 · Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
- 7:30 AM **Traditional Eucharist**
8:45 AM Child care, 2nd floor
10:00 AM Children's Programs
10:00 AM **Choral Eucharist**

New Rector for St. James by-the-Sea

Will be Announced on July 23

Recently those of us on the Calling Committing announced that we have elected a new rector whom we believe God is calling to St. James. We'd now like to tell you more about this wonderful person.

He was the first person we gave a phone interview. He set the bar high at that time, and although we interviewed many others after him, he continued to be exceptional in a field of outstanding candidates.

He is 52 years old, is married to an accomplished and outgoing woman, and is the father of two college age sons. He holds a both a Masters and Doctorate of Divinity. He has held two Rector positions, the last one for 10 years and the one before that for 8 years, with a total of 22 years of being ordained. His local references told us that he was an exceptional preacher, a wonderful pastor, a collaborative administrator, and the best priest they had known. They ended the conversations, with "He's wonderful, but please don't take him."

In our process we found him to have the rector skills we were looking for which included significant ordained experience and skills in worship, preaching, church growth, Christian education, pastoral care, stewardship, social issues, vision and leadership, team building and administration. He also met and exceeded our "walk on water" qualities that we were looking for which included loving God and people, collaborative style, able to work with all ages, good preacher and teacher, pastoral in outlook, leader in diocese and community, good self care, supporter of liturgical music and of course, being humble.

We found that he not only has these qualities, as amazing as that is, but that he also has other qualities that were just as wonderful. From our visits with him, we discovered a sense of humor, an ease with people, and ability to move from ideas to action, a pastoral approach, an artistic side with a love of photography and various forms of liturgical music, and an amazing ability to be able to size up situations very quickly. He was able to ask questions and lead conversations in such a way that energy was formed and excitement built. As one of our members summed it up, "I'm ready to get on my tool belt and get busy!". Others felt like he was already their Rector and that when they said good bye to him, it was more like, "See you later," rather than "Goodbye and good luck." We were struck by his connection with the Holy Spirit and how he handled his discernment.

His journey to us was different than most. He was recommended to us and did not explore a call to any other parishes. Happy in his own situation and close to his extended family, he had no reason to leave where he is. Our relationship with him has been very much a mutual discernment. As we have

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learned about him, he has been learning about our parish, our goals, our struggles and our strengths and weaknesses. It became apparent that he enjoyed listening, forming ideas, sharing opinions and dreams and creating a vision with us. By the end of his visits with us, he was clear that the Holy Spirit was calling him here. By the end of our 15 month calling process, we were also clear that the Holy Spirit was calling him to be with us.

As we told you, he is currently away from his parish for a few weeks, on sabbatical, teaching, but he has already spoken with us about his transition, and the planning for that has begun. He is now planning the pastoral task of informing his wardens, vestry, and parish that he will be leaving soon - as you can imagine, a very delicate and personal process. It's important now that we honor and respect his needs in this time of transition. Because he is away currently, and needs to do all that in person, and because he will not have a chance to do that until mid-July, we will schedule the announcement of his name, together with a special liturgy for doing so on the occasion of St. James day, our festival day, **Sunday, July 23**. Please mark your calendars, and plan to be here for that special liturgy and festival day. After that he expects to wrap up his current ministry, and start with us the second week of September.

...St. James Calling Committee

Sunday Adult Forums in July

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Van Schaick Room for these upcoming discussions.

July 2: *Review of the General Convention*

July 9: *Introduction to Spiritual Disciplines*

Throughout the centuries, committed Christians who have been interested in becoming more Christ-like and deepening their relationship with God have turned to spiritual disciplines for guidance and encouragement. But what are spiritual disciplines? And of what relevance are they for twenty-first-century Christians? This study introduces and explores spiritual disciplines, helps participants appreciate the origin and evolution of the disciplines throughout Christian history, corrects common misperceptions about spiritual disciplines, and reaches new understandings of spiritual disciplines. As a result of this study, participants should be able to identify some classic spiritual disciplines, recognize their value, and be interested in practicing some of the disciplines for their own spiritual growth.

July 16 & 23: *Creationism, Evolution, and Intelligent Design: What's a Christian to Believe?*

It is easy to be confused if one watches mainstream television shows or listens to radio talk shows regarding the current debate about creationism, evolution, and intelligent design. Both scientific creationism and intelligent design make distinctively scientific arguments, yet both commit themselves to some level of faith in God. Because of the vehemence with which these two groups oppose Darwin's theory of evolution, one could easily get the impression that to be Christian is to be opposed to Darwinism. The so-called Christian view is placed over against the Darwinian view. This is misleading, however, because for more than a century many Christians have made their peace with Darwinian evolution. In this two-session study, the various camps are portrayed and examined. In the second session, time is spent suggesting how one can be both scientific and Christian.

July 30: *To Be Announced*

Garth Howe Returns to the St. James Staff!

I am happy to announce that as of June 16th, Garth Howe has returned to St. James as the Parish Administrator. Garth brings a calm presence to the Parish Office, and we are grateful that he brings his considerable skills back to St. James. Welcome back Garth!

...Ron Jaynes, Interim Rector

A Big "THANK YOU" From Our Rector...

Dear Members of St. James,

Thank you so much to all who attended and especially all those who planned the very fine brunch celebrating my 40th anniversary as a Deacon. 1966...Wow, that does sound like a long time ago.

The gift you presented to me on my 40th, the amazing piece of art by John August Swanson, could not have been more wonderful. I have long admired his work, and we were thrilled to have met him when he came to St. James to visit last summer. The serigraph is called *Celebration*, and it certainly sums up what we think about when we think about this wonderful parish. Colleen and I will have much joy from this art for years to come. Thank you all for this gift and for your loving support.

...Ron Jaynes, Interim Rector

Good Grief: A Support Group for Women

Grief is an experience many of us encounter during our lives—the loss of a spouse, parents, other significant participants in our lives. How we journey through the experience of grief shapes the way in which we live into the future. Good Grief provides a confidential setting and opportunity to share our stories and to support each other out of our own experiences and wisdom. When we tell our stories and hear those of others', healing begins, acceptance grows, peace returns. Together we comfort each other and learn once again that life continues, and that we may laugh and sing and celebrate our lives anew.

We meet Monday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Counseling Room of St. James Hall. The group is open-ended; participants may begin at any time and remain with the group as long as they wish. There is no fee. Simply come and begin a new leg of the journey of life among friends who are walking the path of grief as well.

The Lunch Bunch is Taking a Summer Vacation...

The Lunch Bunch will not meet during the months of July, August and September. The next meeting will be in the month of October and we hope to have our new rector with us at that time.

The Women's Dinner Group Off for the Summer!

The Women's Dinner Group had its last meeting on June 13th, and will be reconvening in the fall. Please check back later for information on our next meeting.

Church and the World Commission

Post-Katrina and Post-Tsunami Efforts at St. James

St. James parishioners and friends have an opportunity to travel to the Gulf Coast and serve "hands on" through partnership with the Katrina and Beyond Diocesan Taskforce. See page 5 for details on how to participate. This "mission" trip is a tangible way for those who are able to experience first-hand what remains a serious need for us to continue to help those who have lost so much and are still "starting over." The Katrina and Beyond Diocesan Task Force asked Joe Ardizone, missionary at St. Peter's, to coordinate this trip. Joe serves on the Taskforce. Submit your name to Don Rayner or to me **by July 7th** to be part of this mission.

The Vestry of St. James authorized the parish participation in the *We Will Stand With You* program at the national level in which St. James will be in partnership with another parish along the Gulf Coast, most likely in Mississippi. Don Rayner, who grew up in Mississippi, has graciously agreed to head the WWSWY team at St. James. This is especially generous of him, having just finished 18 months of service as Co-Chair of the Calling Committee. We thank you in advance, Don! Please let your interest be known to Don if you are interested in being part of this timely ministry.

Disaster Preparedness is one of the key responsibilities of the Katrina and Beyond Task Force. Training for parishes is now scheduled for **Saturday, September 23rd** at St. Peter's in Del Mar. Please inform Garth Howe of your interest in being part of this ministry at the parish.

Sri Lanka

After the Tsunami ravaged so much of Southeast Asia, St. James responded most generously to Episcopal Relief and Development and other charities to assist in relief. Sri Lanka's southern coast was one of the areas devastated, and with parishioners Sheila and Max Webb's first-hand experience there, we formed a Sri Lanka Shell (small group) to have a long-term commitment to that area. Currently, in partnership with the Del Mar Rotary, St. James is continuing its relationship with Sri Lanka by participating in an effort to establish a micro-credit program in the area of Matara, on the southern coast. By pooling effort and dollars, the people of Matara will be able to help themselves have small business opportunities to make a living that they otherwise would not have.

Some of you will remember that other Sri Lanka efforts at the parish level include supporting the efforts of the Foundation for a Healing Among Nations in its establishment of a women's collective. Among other things, the Sri Lankan Shell helps market the shawls made by the women in this collective. The Gift Shop has them for sale and will have other items as they become available.

The children's project focused upon providing backpacks, filled with needed items, for other children in Sri Lanka and we supported the Boat Project which raised funds to buy fishing boats and equipment for villagers along the coast of south India.

Awareness and education about Sri Lanka and its people is part of the mission of the Shell. Please contact Sheila Ferguson Webb or Max Webb if you wish to attend future meetings and learn more about Sri Lankan people, culture and current needs. (The micro-credit project application will be submitted this summer to Rotary International. Prayers are requested!)

Here at home there are myriad opportunities for mission, too numerous to mention here. Please refer to the bulletin board in Glazebrook for contact and program information. You can be part of the Church in the World!

...The Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth is formerly Priest-in-Residence for Church and World Ministries at St. James, and is currently the Chair of the Katrina and Beyond Diocesan Task Force.