

the st. james



RECTOR'S MESSAGE

July 2022
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Sunday Schedule

8 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
5:30 PM South Sudanese
Worship

Celebrating the Feast of St. James

Sunday, July 24
10 AM Baptisms
11:15 AM Gala Reception

Episcopal Relief & Development

July 31 Benevolence Sunday
Nick Moga, Diocesan
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Dear Saints of James,

All the signs of summer are here in full force: hot, humid days, afternoon thunder showers, the smell of dinner sizzling on the grill, and the welcomed relief from brutal heat as the sun sets behind the Blue Ridge mountains. What I am missing is the summer camp experience of my children. All three of them attended St. George's camp at Shrine Mont, in the diocese of Virginia, before Phoebe Needles had their summer camp programs well established. At the end of each camp session, there was a closing Eucharist for the parents, campers and staff, in the outdoor Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, and I think I enjoyed that as much as any of the campers. One of the favorite camp songs is the first verse of E.E. Cummings's poem, *I Thank You God*:

*I thank You God for this most amazing day;
For the leaping greenly spirits of trees
And a blue true dream of sky;
And for everything which is natural, which is infinite,
which is yes*

In the shadow of North Mountain, under the canopy of tall, green, leafy trees, with a background of blue sky, I can still hear the echo of voices singing Yes, Yes, Yes!

These days, I find myself saying, "Oh No", as an almost automatic response to the daily news of mass shootings, polarizing politics, seeing the price of gas, hearing of serious medical situations for friends and neighbors, and those whom I have not met but pray

St. James Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Susan E. Bentley, Rector
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Tim Buchholtz
Chris Criscione
Gail Fields
Carla Spencer
Gina Wellford
Phil Wheeler
Dottie Wrabel
Lynn Wright
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Finance: TBA
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Stewardship: TBA

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Episcopal Church Women:

Dorothy Herndon

Daughters of the King:

Carla Spencer

Rector's Message continued. .

for, hearing about the pain and emotional suffering that individuals are experiencing, and inflicting on one another, knowing that wars are raging around the globe, climate change is effecting every species and environment on our fragile earth our island home, and after 27 months, the Covid19 pandemic rages on. The anxiety in our society is palatable across every age range, socio-economic, ethnic, and cultural background, even as it presents in many different ways.

For my own sense of inner calm and centeredness, after singing to myself the "I Thank you God" song, I decided to practice the daily disciple of thinking about "everything which is infinite, which is YES." I thank God for the small and the large things that I can say yes to - the beauty of the blooming flowers, the ability to walk without an oxygen tank, the smell of honeysuckle, and yes to the ability to smell, lest I take that for granted. Yes, to the taste of vine ripe tomatoes picked from the garden and warm with the summer sun. Yes, to the web of relationships and friendships that bind me to others from my birth to the present. Yes, to the memories that bring me joy, and to the daily opportunities that encourage me to be my best self. Yes, to growing, changing, expanding my views, new knowledge, and being a lifelong learner. Yes, to seeing the fireflies blinking across the lawns at dusk on an evenings walk. Yes, to healthcare workers, school teachers, the trash collectors, auto mechanics, farmers, construction

workers, electricians, plumbers and airline personnel. Yes...Yes...Yes to all that is infinite, that can be named, and all that is beyond words. I thank God for the peace that passes all understanding, which is the infinite Yes, from a God who is actively working to make all things well. Life is full of suffering, and it is also filled with wonder, beauty and love.

Won't you join me in naming what you can say "Yes" to, in thanksgiving to God.

Summer Blessings,
SEB+

St. James Cycle of Prayers

In July, we give thanks for the ministries of all those who contribute to parish life at St. James – the Hospitality Committee members who organize and sponsor our receptions and meals; the members of the parish who host coffee hours and adult suppers; and the parishioners who provide transportation for others to attend church services and activities. We pray that their ministries will continue to enhance the community life for all who call St. James their parish home.

TREASURERS' CORNER . . .

By Kevin Shepherd

Financials: May 2022

(These are Year-to-Date actual amounts not budgeted amounts)

Operating Income: \$56,959.16
Operating Expenses: \$97,146.72
Net (Loss) Operating Income:
(\$40,187.56)

OUTREACH NEWS...

The benevolence offerings for July go to Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM) and Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD). Please give generously to support these worthy groups. Checks made payable to St. James Episcopal Church with "outreach" written the memo line may be dropped in the offering plate or mailed to the church.

July 17: Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM)

RAM's long-term goal is to provide hope by preventing and alleviating homelessness and hunger in the Blue Ridge Region. RAM is an interfaith non-profit that advocates for those facing or are threatened by homelessness and hunger. Founded in 1971, our doors are open for those needing care coordination, day shelter services, meals, and emergency financial assistance. For more information visit their website:

<https://www.raminc.org>

July 31: Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)

The mission of ERD is to feed the hungry, care for the sick and welcome the stranger. Their work to heal a hurting world is guided by the principles of compassion, dignity and generosity. ERD takes this mandate from the words of Jesus, found in Matthew 25. The ERD has been around for over 75 years and today reaches 3 million people annually through programs including:

- ✚ Bringing clean water to communities in need
- ✚ Protecting children from the threat of malaria
- ✚ Responding to disasters and emergencies
- ✚ Empowering women through microfinance

For more information visit their website:

<https://support.episcopalrelief.org>

Nick Moga, the Diocesan Episcopal Relief & Development Coordinator will be with us this Sunday.

YOUTH NEWS....

SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Camps for children and youth, and families. Register today:

- Phoebe Needles, Day Camps & Residential Camps:
<https://phoebeneedles.org/camps/residential-camp/>
- Kanuga:
<https://www.kanuga.org/our-programs/youth-conferences/youth-week/>

NEWS FROM BOYS HOME OF VIRGINIA . . .

Submitted by Linda Bryant

This is a story about a boy named Larry.

Larry arrived at Boys Home at the young age of 6. Small in stature, Larry was a favorite of the housemothers. He soon learned that studying was necessary for a good education. A student of Boys Home for 12 years, Larry participated in the baseball and basketball sports program. His shining star, however, was earning the first Eagle Scout award for the Boys Home Troop 6, with 35 merit badges.

All of the studying and hard work paid off, as he graduated from VMI in 1955, majoring in English. He was the co-founder of the Boys Home Alumni Association and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1998 as a charter member. Larry was recognized for his significant accomplishments since leaving Boys Home.

Larry retired as Senior Vice President for Bank One Corporation. He resides in Kentucky, is an experienced golfer and has been a frequent visitor and motivational speaker at Boys Home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

St. James Day Celebration

We will celebrate the Feast of St. James on **Sunday, July 24th**, transferred from the actual date of July 25th. Mark your calendars now and plan to be a part of

this festive day when we honor our patron saint and break bread together both in our liturgies and during a Gala Reception. This year we will be Baptizing the newest Saints of James, Alana Smith, Sophia Smith, and Owen Wilson. More details will be forthcoming from the Hospitality Committee on our Gala Reception.

St. James Day has always been a time when we invite former members to come back for services, and this year I would challenge you to reach out and invite a former member and someone new to St. James. Pray about who might be seeking a Christian community in which to worship, grow in their faith, and expand their knowledge and love of God.

Jimmy Jars for Deborah Nyanokol

We have for a number of years, paid the school fees for Deborah Nyanokol, a South Sudanese 15-year-old orphan who lives at Hope House in Kenya with other South Sudanese refugee children, taken care of by Bishop Peter Gur Yuol and his wife. Deborah's picture is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Because of COVID, the children of Hope House are on an accelerated quarter system, and we will have an update on Deborah and her secondary school fees, in early July. In the meantime, the **Jimmy Jars for Deborah's school fees** are ready for you to pick up and the jars will be filled until the end of September. Pick up your jar on the pew by the kitchen, collect your change, bills,

checks, stocks, annual with-drawls, or whatever assets you have that will help Deborah get a good education, which is the key to becoming successful. Make a difference in one young girl's life, and who knows how many lives she will touch. Your gift will keep on giving.

2022 Lenten Offering from Gertie the Goat

With the Lenten mite box offerings that were collected by the Saints of James, we met our challenge goal of donating **\$3,280** to purchase 41 goats at \$80 each, which will help sustain families in need, in South Sudan. With the gift of livestock and animal husbandry training, these families strive for sustainability, self-reliance, and a way out of scarcity, so that they can thrive on their own. The goats purchased were through the Episcopal Relief and Development Gifts for Life program, and due to our donation of \$3,274.50 in 2021, St. James received a congregational recognition award from ERD.

In 2021, Episcopal Relief & Development launched a Congregational Recognition Program to thank those congregations that compassionately give their time, dedication and gifts to the organization. Episcopal Relief & Development recognizes these congregations as Hope Partners, Impact Partners or Transformation Partners. St. James Episcopal Church has been recognized as an Impact Partner. Impact Partners demonstrate a commitment to making a measurable impact in the lives of those

in communities struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease.

Thank you to all who contributed to the purchase of 41 goats; we remain Transformation Partners with Episcopal Relief and Development.

Treat of the Week Donations Needed

Thank you to those who have donated to our weekly coffee hour, "your lucky day" event. Please continue your contributions. Items welcomed include gift cards, food items, specialty baskets, holiday themed items, and small practical gifts. The proceeds from your ticket donation, go to the Building Fund for property repairs and replacements. Karen Martin welcomes your Treat of the Week donations.

Prayer Group Meeting on Thursdays

The Prayer Group is meeting on Thursdays at 9:30 am, in the Parish Hall. Anyone who is available at that time is welcome to attend as often as possible. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer List in the Parish Hall, or given to the Rector. Please note if you want the name listed in the bulletin or to be put on the Prayer Group's confidential list. For more information, contact Dorothy Herndon.

Forward Day By Day

Forward Day By Day devotionals for August, September and October are

available for pick up at St. James in the Parish Hall. The devotionals are \$1; there is a collection jar in the Parish Hall. Feel free to share Forward Day By Day with family, friends and neighbors, or other Saints of James who may not be getting to Church.

Little Free Pantry And Produce Stand

Our Little Free Pantry continues to be well used and appreciated. Please continue to stock our pantry with non-perishable foods, personal care items and paper goods. Seasonal fruits and vegetables can be left on the produce stand to provide nutritional, fresh food.

Two ways to help fundraise for St. James:

(1) Kroger. In order for your Kroger grocery purchases to be credited towards St. James fundraising efforts, you will need to register online with Kroger (www.kroger.com/communityrewards). St. James' exclusive community rewards organization number is VM990. If you need assistance with signing up, please contact Avis Aheron (avisaheron@hotmail.com or 540-580-9203). It will take just a few minutes to sign you up, and St. James will receive a check based on the percentage of sales, split among participating organizations.

(2) AmazonSmile. If you do any online shopping through Amazon, St. James

could be receiving a percentage of your purchases. Simply log on at www.smile.amazon.com, designate St. James as your charity of choice and let the shopping begin. If you have any questions about setting this up, please contact: Avis Aheron (540-580-9203).

JULY BIRTHDAYS. . .

July 1	Ann Bird
July 2	Jessica Wiegandt
July 2	Art Tatman
July 4	Linda Bryant
July 5	Billie Roth
July 5	Bill Barksdale
July 12	Katie Rucker
July 13	Andy Cochran
July 14	Rodney Plunkett
July 15	Deanie Young
July 21	Phil Wheeler
July 22	Sarah Bentley Allred
July 23	Ryan Fulton Stewart
July 25	Roman Malick
July 27	Michael Bentley
July 29	Jim McGlothlin

JULY ANNIVERSARIES. . .

July 1	Matt & Jennifer Champion Hanson
July 13	Bryan & Amanda Mattox
July 16	Barbara & Dennis Plunkett
July 18	Ken & Cam Srpan
July 25	Butch Eanes, Ordination as Deacon
July 29	Pat & Carl Ball

NOTES OF THANKS . . .

Dear Saints of James,

Brian and I would like to thank everyone who participated in the diaper shower for Alana and Sophia. We really appreciate everyone who bought diapers and wipes for us. We made it all the way through the newborn diapers without having to buy any and now we are on to size 1. Thank you!

Rachelle Smith

Dear Hospitality Committee,

Thank you so much for the adorable Peter Rabbit stuffed animal and book and also for organizing such a lovely (and successful) casserole and board book drive! We especially appreciated the gift of an English authored book for our half-English son, and the food has been tasty and appreciated when short on both energy and extra hands.

The labels of some gifts were lost in the transfer to our home so please thank the givers of the following items for us:

- Wipes
- Peter Rabbit toy
- Double crusted chicken pot pie
- Farmer's market shepherd's pie
- 2 Spinach flan (Doctors without Borders Bag)

Deepest thanks,
Lauren, Alastair, and Owen Wilson

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2022

July 3

8 AM Lector – Bill Barksdale, Chalcist – Tim Buchholtz

10 AM	Crucifer	Jordyn Price	Ushers	Chris & JoAnn Criscione
	Acolyte	Grant Rucker	Coffee	Beth & Steve Wiegandt
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
	Chalcist	Lawton Kasey	Tellers	Gerald Gordon, Michael Kennedy
	Lector 1	Lynn Wright	Altar Guild	Linda Bryant, Dorothy Herndon, Sharon Miller
	Lector 2	Donna Frost		
	Prayers	Maile Armstrong		

July 10

8 AM Lector – Phil Wheeler, Chalcist – Bill Barksdale

10 AM	Crucifer	Zenon Malick	Ushers	Michael Bentley, Madalyn Linkous
	Acolyte	Yuri Malick	Coffee	Danny Fainter, Gerald Gordon, Gail Fields
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
	Chalcist	Kevin Shepherd	Tellers	Arby Frost, Katie Rucker
	Lector 1	Chris Criscione	Altar Guild	Lawton Kasey, Betsy Briggs, Katie Rucker
	Lector 2	Art Tatman		
	Prayers	Carla Spencer		

July 17

8 AM Lector and Chalcist – Tim Buchholtz

10 AM	Crucifer	Jordyn Price	Ushers	Kevin & Madde Shepherd
	Acolyte	Madalyn Linkous	Coffee	Doris & Larry Mattox, Doris Brown
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
	Chalcist	Lawton Kasey	Tellers	Larry Mattox, Jim McGlothlin
	Lector 1	Phil Hobria	Altar Guild	Boots Ingram, O'Dell James, Karen Martin, Debbie Williams
	Lector 2	Jackie Leonard		
	Prayers	Lynn Wright		

July 24

8 AM Lector – Bill Barksdale, Chalcist – Tim Buchholtz

10 AM	Crucifer	Thomas Rucker	Ushers	Ray Kasey, Larry Mattox
	Acolyte	Madde Shepherd	Coffee	Hospitality Committee
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
	Chalcist	Katie Rucker	Tellers	Maile Armstrong, Donna Frost
	Lector 1	Donna Frost	Altar Guild	Danny Fainter, Gail Fields
	Lector 2	Betsy Briggs		
	Prayers	JoAnn Criscione		

July 31

8 AM Lector – Phil Wheeler, Chalcist – Bill Barksdale

10 AM	Crucifer	Yuri Malick	Ushers	Jim & Mary McGlothlin
	Acolyte	Zenon Malick	Coffee	O'Dell James, Dottie Wrabel, Machele Huff
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
	Chalcist	Art Tatman	Tellers	Wardens
	Lector 1	Jessica Price	Altar Guild	Linda Bryant, Dorothy Herndon, Sharon Miller
	Lector 2	Carla Spencer		
	Prayers	Donna Frost		

Aug 7

8 AM Lector and Chalcist – Tim Buchholtz

10 AM	Crucifer	Thomas Rucker	Ushers	Chris & JoAnn Criscione
	Acolyte	Grant Rucker	Coffee	Beth & Steve Wiegandt
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
	Chalcist	Kevin Shepherd	Tellers	Gerald Gordon, Michael Kennedy
	Lector 1	Michael Bentley	Altar Guild	Lawton Kasey, Betsy Briggs, Katie Rucker
	Lector 2	Lynn Wright		
	Prayers	Maile Armstrong		

Note: If you can't meet your scheduled time, please find a substitute and let the Office know as soon as possible for printing in the weekly bulletin.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <u>10:00 AM</u> AA
3 <u>8:00 AM</u> Holy Eucharist, Rite I <u>10:00 AM</u> Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:15 AM <u>Coffee Hour</u> <u>2:30 PM</u> AA <u>5:30 PM</u> South Sudanese Worship	4 <u>5:30 PM</u> Women's NA Group	5 <u>6:30 PM</u> AA	6	7 <u>9:30 AM</u> Prayer Group <u>6:30 PM</u> AA	8 <u>5:00 PM</u> Pastors for Peace <u>6:30 PM</u> Pastors for Peace Potluck & Presentation	9 <u>10:00 AM</u> AA
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24 <u>8:00 AM</u> Holy Eucharist, Rite I <u>10:00 AM</u> Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:15 Gala Reception <u>2:30 PM</u> AA <u>5:30 PM</u> South Sudanese Worship	25 <u>5:30 PM</u> Women's NA Group	26 <u>6:30 PM</u> AA	27	28 <u>9:30 AM</u> Prayer Group <u>6:30 PM</u> AA	29	30 <u>10:00 AM</u> AA
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Cuba is Not Alone!



Support the 30th Anniversary
IFCO/Pastors for Peace
Friendshipment Caravan to Cuba!

Gail Walker

& Angie Langdon

July 8, 2022

6:30-8:00 PM

Parish Hall

St James Epis. Church

Sponsored by
Plowshare Peace & Justice Center
PO Box 4367, Roanoke VA 24015
plowshare@plowshareva.org

[https://ifconews.org/
cuba-caravan/](https://ifconews.org/cuba-caravan/)

*The Cuba Caravan is
Coming to town!*

Gail Walker has been Director of IFCO since 2011. She and staff have organized several Cuba Friendshipment Caravans and educational delegations to Cuba. Angie Langdon is the Social Media Coordinator for IFCO/Pastors for Peace and a 2nd year fellow of the Episcopal Service Corps. In November, she

was a first time caravanista on the 31st Friendshipment Caravan. Pastors for Peace began its humanitarian aid efforts to Central America and the Caribbean in the 1980s when the U.S. attempted a coup of the Nicaraguan government. Pastors for Peace works on justice and health issues in Central America and the Caribbean. *Learn about Cuba and going with the Caravan to Cuba!*



JOIN US

6:30 PM

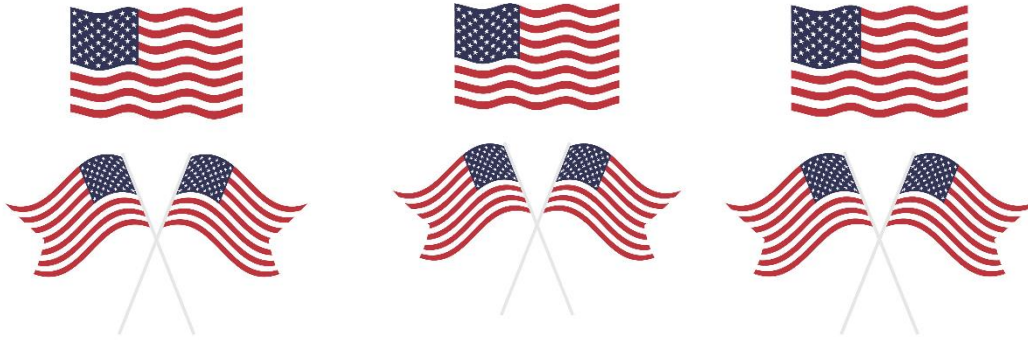
POTLUCK DINNER

&

PRESENTATION ON CUBA



ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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ROANOKE, VA 24012



**COME JOIN US!!
CELEBRATE GOD'S GOODNESS
TO AMERICA!!**

Community Sing-a-Long

**sponsored by
Williamson Road Ministerial Association
and neighboring congregations**

**Sunday evening, July 3, 2022 6:00 to 8:00 pm
at Huff Lane Park
(in Northminster Presbyterian Church next to the park if inclement
weather)**

Special musical performances by local church musicians

**Bring your lawn chair, your enthusiasm, your faith. and your love of
our country!**

See you there!

