

## NEWS AND NOTICES OCTOBER 2011



### Saint James Episcopal Church

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**St. James Church is a Christ-centered, compassionate and nurturing parish that provides an inviting and intimate atmosphere within the Anglo-Catholic tradition where all people can be strengthened through spiritual formation and a life of service to neighbor.**

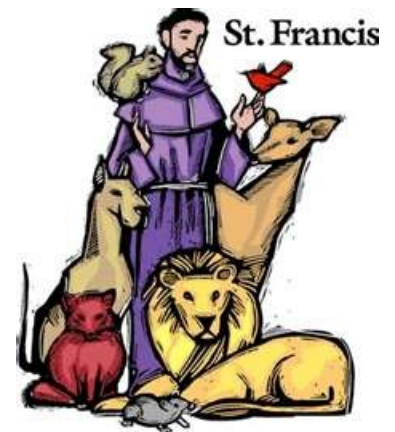
**We do this through worship, social outreach, prayer, giving, study and fellowship.**

### WORSHIP & PRAYER

#### ANIMAL BLESSING OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:30 A.M.

We invite you and your animal family to join us on the north lawn for our Blessing of Animals Service Saturday, October 8 at 10:30 a.m. This special event allows those who care for animals of all kinds (as pets, foster care animals, veterinary or wildlife rehabilitation patients, working animals, etc.) the opportunity to bring these special creatures of God together in one place to be blessed and recognized. Animals of all types warm the hearts of those with whom they share space and time. We are indebted to them for their love, loyalty, and intuition. After the service we will enjoy both Animal & Human Treats!!

Please bring your animal on a leash or caged, if appropriate.



### FELLOWSHIP

#### BEGGAR'S NIGHT BASH AT ST JAMES — OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>



On October 31st, St. James' will be partnering with the East North Broadway Association and the Clintonville community to host a meet and greet for the neighborhood for Beggar's Night. Over 300 members of the community are expected to pass by the corner of Calumet and Oakland Park while making their "trick or treat" journey, and we will provide liquid refreshment (cider, water, and cocoa if it's chilly) and a chance to gather in our lovely garden.

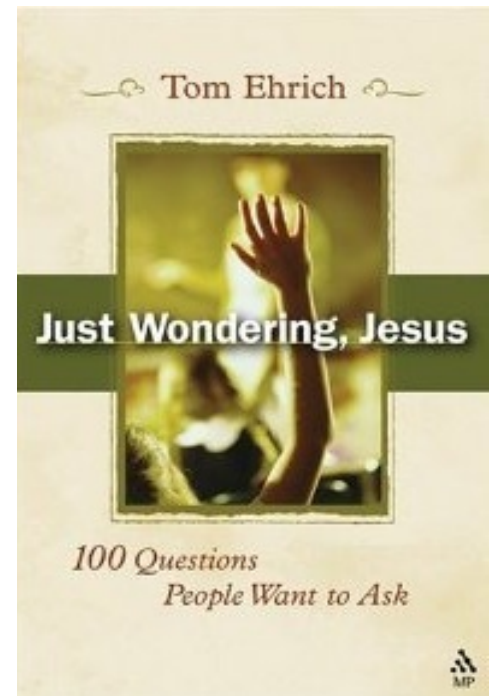
We are seeking volunteers from the St. James' family to help us prepare and serve — as well as mingle — for the evening! Family-friendly costumes are welcome, but certainly not required. Set-up will begin at 5pm, serving from 6pm-8pm, and clean-up until approximately 9pm. If you can stop by and lend a hand for an hour or four, please contact Meghan Western at [brftdncr@gmail.com](mailto:brftdncr@gmail.com) or 614-262-8668. We look forward to seeing you there!

### "JUST WONDERING, JESUS"

This is the title of a book written by The Rev'd Tom Ehrich (© 2005, Morehouse). In it he responds to a hundred questions, some of which we all have asked at one time or another. Please join us on Sunday mornings as we wrestle with some of the questions he asks, such as

- Jesus, why were you so focused on the Kingdom of God?
- How can I find a way to make the parts of my life fit together, to make sense?
- If I encountered Jesus, I honestly do not know what I would ask.
- How can we deal with evil without being infected by it?
- What does it mean to be made 'in your image'?

We gather in the Lamborne Room from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. following the 10:30 a.m. mass and coffee hour. Purchase of the book is not necessary; we simply ask the question, begin to answer it ourselves and then read Ehrich's response to add to the discussion. All are welcome!



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### ATTAINING VITALITY: COCL BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE — OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Procter Center; registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Attaining vitality in a congregation is a common process. It is a common process that is different for each parish and is totally dependent on the community in which the congregation lives. What our community in Clintonville needs is not what the community in Dayton or Portsmouth may need. There is no cookie-cutter program for vitality. There are, however, Acts turned into Actions which can lead any congregation to vitality.

This is a great opportunity to learn how we can connect to the community in which we live. How do we listen and observe our community's strengths and needs? How do we best build relationships and fine our niche in Clintonville. At St James Church we are discovering some of the relationships and resources that are part of our neighborhood, but there is no doubt we are missing some of them as well. I encourage any and all parishioners to take part in this conference. Join with others throughout the diocese as we uncover Acts and Actions that can lead the parish of St James to greater vitality.

There is no fee for those who register by Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. A \$15 per person fee is required for those registering after the October 7<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Register at <https://diosohio.wufoo.com/forms/best-practices-conference-2011/>

For conference questions, contact the Rev. Canon Jack Koepke at [jkoepke@diosohio.org](mailto:jkoepke@diosohio.org) or 800.582.1712.

For registration questions, contact Jane Dupke Curry at [jdupkecurry@diosohio.org](mailto:jdupkecurry@diosohio.org) or 800.582.1712 ext. 130.

We can carpool to the event. Please contact Mother Lynn at [cartered@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cartered@sbcglobal.net) if you plan to attend so carpool arrangements may be made.

## SOCIAL OUTREACH / SERVICE

### C.R.C. NEEDS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

- Non-perishable proteins (canned meats, soups, etc)
- Socks are always needed for the homeless
- Non-food items (toiletries, paper goods)

Please contact Judy Alcott at [jaalcott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jaalcott@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or want to help.

### COOKBOOK TO BENEFIT THE CLINTONVILLE COMMUNITY RESOURCES CENTER

This past summer, a group of CRC's seniors and staff worked together to compile a CRC cookbook filled with 450+ tried and true recipes, CRC Breakfast Club favorites, helpful hints, home remedies, and more that were submitted by CRC seniors, staff, and community residents. There's something for everyone in this cookbook! The cookbook is intended to commemorate CRC's 40 years of service in the neighborhood and also to raise funds for our senior program so we can continue to provide much needed services to our area seniors. The cookbooks are now available and are on sale for \$15 (discounted price of \$12 for seniors 60+). Contact Savannah Turner at 614-267-3050 or [savannah.turner@clintonvillecrc.org](mailto:savannah.turner@clintonvillecrc.org).

### EMPTY BOWL EVENT

#### Take a Bowl . . . Feed the Hungry . . . Warm your Insides . . .

Imagine this: For each dollar we raise, the Mid-Ohio Food Bank can turn it into close to \$9 worth of food for the hungry. Soup never tasted so good! Join us for our EMPTY BOWLS, a national event that feeds the hungry.

**WHO?** Friendly kids and adults from the local community, St James Episcopal Church, Council on American-Islamic Relations in partnership with Global Gallery.

**WHEN?** Make a bowl and glaze it on **October 7<sup>th</sup>** or **October 21<sup>st</sup>** from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Tuttle Park and Recreation Center, 240 W Oakland Ave, Columbus 43202, just west of Neil Avenue.

Purchase a bowl of soup on **November 12<sup>th</sup>** at the Global Gallery, 3535 N. High St, Columbus (Clintonville) from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**WHAT?** Yummy soup lunch for \$10, plus a ceramic bowl, hand-made with love for you to choose!



For more information contact

[www.stjamescolumbus.org](http://www.stjamescolumbus.org) or  
[www.ohio.care.com](http://www.ohio.care.com)

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## THANK YOU!

To **Meghan Western**, with the help of **Brian Franz**, for the new face-lift in the narthex. We now have a bulletin board with parish news and notices as well as a table for associated handouts.

To **Larry Hayes** and the **St James choir** for their musical support at our recent Evensong September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

To **Eric Reasoner** and **Paul Scanlan** for their work on the recycled bulletin boards in the Lamborne Room and the narthex.

## VESTRY & FINANCIAL UPDATES

### SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> VESTRY MEETING

- The Report of the Audit Committee was received with thanks to **Jane Dishong, Bruce Beckman, and Paul Staley** for their good work.
- The Vestry regretfully accepted the resignation of **Amy Barron** as a vestry member. The vestry will appoint another person from the congregation to complete Amy's term.
- We will try to see if we can recycle some of the unused doors around the church to use as replacements for the office doors that were damaged from a break-in earlier this year. The Vestry endorsed the replacement, including a window kit and its installation, up to \$750.00. Jim Turner will pursue this project.
- A grant to upgrade the kitchen in order to better accommodate community cooking classes and First Tuesday dinners was enthusiastically endorsed by the Vestry with thanks to **Jean Hoitsma and Joy McCorriston** for their work with the grant writing. The grant will be submitted to other funding agencies as appropriate.
- The front entrance concrete repairs are being pursued in earnest. Two companies will be asked to make bids for the project, and a Church Foundation grant application made in time for their December meeting.

### AUGUST FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Income: Pledges for the month of August were under budget by 20% and contribution were down 10%. YTD total pledges are down 3% while contributions are up 2%.
- Expenses: Our utilities expenses were unfavorable for the month with high electric usage plus a new gas budget amount to pay. Office and Administrative costs are still favorable for the year. Outreach expenses this month were related to the August 11<sup>th</sup> Iftar. Organ maintenance expenses (\$1260) were higher than budgeted (\$500) for the year. Program expenses are either on target or favorable for the year.
- Balance Sheet: We have \$26,000 in our operating account. We have used \$2,000 of the rainy day fund so far this year. There is a disputed charge from AT&T of over \$2000 that is the result of long distance calls charged to our account in error; this is being cleared up with AT&T.
- Memorial Funds: With respect to our Memorial Fund, this year to date we have an additional \$250 with a balance of \$3,200. The Memorial fund spreadsheet format has changed to separate amounts related to the memorial garden specifically and those earmarked as funds given in memory of someone. We are still doing research in regards to the amounts related to the memorial garden.
- Organ Project: The balance of funds needed to retire the debt to the rainy day fund is about \$3600.

## SUPPORT STAFF & CLERGY UPDATES

With the addition of some new volunteer help and the continued work of our paid staff, we thought it might be helpful to provide an update on our support staff and assisting clergy!

### SUPPORT STAFF

**Larry Hayes**, our Organist and Music Director, has been with us for almost two years now. Larry continues to offer his gifts and experience as a musician and committed Christian to our worship on a part-time basis. In addition to Sunday mass, Larry also supports additional liturgies including a full Holy Week Schedule, Christmas Eve (and Day!), Evensongs, funerals and weddings. We are blessed by his commitment to and engagement with the people of St James Church.

**David Homan** serves the people of St James nine hours a week as our parish secretary. David has been with us in this capacity for over 11 years. He prepares the bulletins, announcements, and special mailings that go out from time to time. He posts to our website and sends out regular announcements via Constant Contact. And he carries in his heart and mind years of institutional memory! David is assisted on Thursday mornings by Sharon Thompson, who volunteers her time in the parish office on a weekly basis.

**Mel Sellers** has been our sexton since January. For many years Mark Gordon volunteered his time to prepare the church for worship and our offices for the workweek. Since Mel came on board, Mark is overseeing maintenance projects such as minor repairs, painting, waxing floors, etc.. Mel is budgeted to work five hours per week to maintain the cleanliness of our buildings. Mel is also quite the handyman and works with Mark Gordon on projects when his time allows.

**Rita Hollingsworth** and **Collette Peugeot** provide staff support for our Nursery. They are paid to serve on alternate Sundays, arriving at 7:30 a.m. and staying until about noon. Either **Dana Beckett** or **Mina Dishong** often provide child care for special events.

**Jeff Meena** has been our parish Treasurer since 2009. As a volunteer, Jeff continues to pay our bills in a timely manner, prepare a monthly narrative summary and financial statement for the Vestry, maintain the various financial accounts of the congregation, and prepare the annual parochial report.

**Ed Jones** volunteers his time as our Financial Pledge Clerk. Ed is the one who maintains the congregation's records of financial giving. He directs our counters each week and is assisted in his work by Rod Hild and Ginny Nunemacher.

**Jane Dishong** was recently appointed as our parish Financial Administrator. In this volunteer capacity, Jane will initiate and oversee the best practices of record-keeping, organization, and support for our Treasurer (Jeff Meena) and our Financial Pledge Clerk (Ed Jones). Jane has chaired the Audit Committee for the past few years and will be organizing our financial records in a way that makes the annual parish audit a breeze to complete.

**Meredeth Beckett** has recently volunteered her time as the webmaster of our parish website. Right now we have two websites: one that is being phased out and another that is being phased in. We hope with her web-wizardry Meredith can bring us further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and pull together the best of what we have already.

## CLERGY

**Mother Elise Feyerherm** is Assistant Professor at Bexley Hall/Trinity Lutheran Seminary and is now teaching there full-time. As you might imagine, she has a growing number of requests to lead retreats and quiet days. In addition, she is teaching in the diocesan School for Diaconal Ministries. Needless to say, Mother Elise is a busy camper. Her diocesan residency with us ended this past June, but she continues to volunteer her time as a priestly presence among us as she is able. What this means practically is that for the present time she presides monthly at the Family Mass in the Children's Tabernacle Center downstairs, and she takes turns leading us in our worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays when she is not engaged elsewhere.

**Deacon Douglas Argue** returned to St James on September 11<sup>th</sup> following his sabbatical. As diocesan Convener of the Community of Deacons, Deacon Douglas will be traveling with the Bishop on some Sunday mornings. On other Sunday mornings when he's available, Deacon Douglas will serve liturgically with us at the 10:30 a.m. mass. St James Church will be "home base" for Deacon Douglas, but he will not be responsible for oversight of any parish programs. Do look for him, though, in the garden from time to time and as a participant at some of our events.

## ST JAMES VESTRY AND STAFF

Members of the Vestry serve as liaisons to various committees and/or task groups. If you have questions or comments about our common life and mission, please do not hesitate to contact them!

### **Class of 2012**

Martha Beckett 614.436.2371, Worship  
Todd Colquitt 614.854.0306, Finance Comm.  
Eric Reasoner 614.253.1401, Senior Warden,  
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### **Class of 2013**

Barbara Fletcher 614.270.2851, Christian Formation  
Paul Scanlan 614.833.3880, Service  
Jim Turner 614.358.4838, Junior Warden, Property,  
Justice Ministry

### **Class of 2014**

Joe Panzner 330.730.1256, Service  
Jason Prati 740.391.1064, Fellowship & Hospitality

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### **Deacons' School Intern**

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### **Director of Music / Organist**

Larry Hayes  
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### **Parish Secretary**

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