

# The Shell

February, 2012

St. James Episcopal Church ♦ 1307 North Main St.  
Mount Airy, MD 21771 ♦ 301.829.0325

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Lent will soon be upon us! Lent is the season of our discontent--or at least it should be! During the season of Lent, we are called to look honestly at the condition of our spiritual health--much as standing in front the mirror in a bathing suit in the early spring. Well, how pleased are you with what you see? What lumps and bumps have appeared? What corrective work is necessary to get back into shape? This is what the season of Lent invites us to consider. What will it take to get ourselves into right relationship with God and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? It is amazing how long we will languish until a crisis occurs. Then we are stunned by how far away God feels from us and how abandoned we feel. Like any This Lent I encourage you to tithe time and energy to working on your spiritual well being. Pray, read Scripture (and if you have questions ask!), choose some way to give back to others by donating or volunteering, and attend worship regularly. Pick up a Forward Day By Day if you need a daily reflection to get you started. If you have ten pounds to lose, you know it won't happen by merely thinking about it! You actually have to take some action! So often we think of Lent as a time to give something up but it can sometimes be more productive to take something on--like deciding that this Lent you will say nothing but positive things to others. Or

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. There will be two services with imposition of ashes and Eucharist--one at noon and the other 7 p.m. During the season of Lent, the church is barren of decoration, the color is purple, we use pottery and pita bread as marks of simplicity. If you have signed up for flowers during Lent, know that your memorial or thanksgiving will be recognized in the bulletin that Sunday but that your contribution will go toward Easter flowers. Like those tiny daffodil buds already peeking through, Lent brings with it the promise of Easter joy--hidden and yet not.

May God bless us with discontent and a willingness to face the truth of ourselves so that we may indeed make this pilgrimage of Lent a worthwhile and transforming journey. May God bless us with willing hearts and persistence. May God grant us peace and joy as we walk through the wilderness of Lent on our way toward new life.

Faithfully in Christ,

*Portia*

## ST. JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

**Sundays: 9:30 — 10:15 a.m.**  
**Lower Level Classrooms**

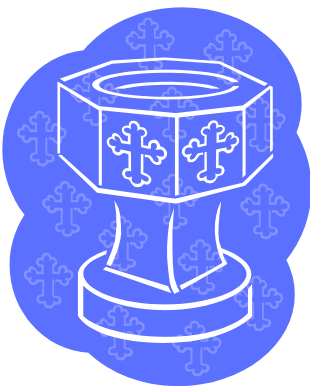


The Sunday School classes have had a busy first half of the year! Each week the younger children come together for prayer and song at the beginning of class. As many of you saw on January 22, the children shared the song "This Little Light of Mine" at the 10:30 service. They are so precious and so joyful when they are singing!

The newly created Bible Stories class continues to enjoy many of the classic stories of the Bible. Many thanks to all the volunteers who help to make this class work. The littlest children enjoy sitting on their story mats and listening to the wonderful stories. It's never too late to volunteer for this class- you don't have to be a parent, everyone is welcome to help! Please contact Betsy Davis ([jbeezd@aol.com](mailto:jbeezd@aol.com)) if you'd like to participate.

Our Fourth Sunday program continues to be a huge success. It is so wonderful to watch the older children help the little ones with the activities. It is a chance for kids to be leaders and teachers, and is just so much fun!!

If you'd like to volunteer to help with the Sunday School program in any way, please contact Betsy Davis (email above) or Joan Fader ([faderj1@juno.com](mailto:faderj1@juno.com)). We can always use your help, and you will be rewarded with smiles!!!!



### NEXT BAPTISM: EASTER VIGIL

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak to Portia+. There is a preparation class for parents, godparents, candidates and sponsors on Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. The next baptismal feast is Pentecost, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

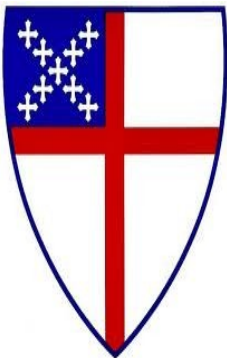


## NURSERY SCHOOL RINGS IN NEW YEAR!

The St. James' Nursery School rang in the New Year by having Parent/Teacher conferences in the beginning of January to share with parents the mid-school-year progress their child has made. On January 17th, parents of currently enrolled students had the opportunity to register their child(ren) for the 2012 school year for the 2's, 3's, and Pre-K 4's classes. Alumni families may register their children between February 1-3. Newcomers to St. James' Nursery School may register on February 6th, registration promptly opens at 8:00 AM. The entire registration process takes place at the St. James' Nursery School's Main Office located in the bottom of the St. James' Church. Any inquiries can be directed to Director Patricia Castle, 301-829-0014.

## WOW! FIRST YOUTH SUNDAY A SUCCESS!

If you missed it, you have ANOTHER opportunity to celebrate our youth participation in making Sunday worship an experience of energy and new faces! Sunday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> will be our next Youth Worship. Thanks to our youth who served as ushers, readers, challenge minister, acolytes, and coffee hour hosts and to our Sunday School singers who delighted us despite the snow and ice. Great job everyone! And thanks to Kassia, who is not a youth, but a youthful person who preached a wonderful sermon! Yea!



## WELCOME TO NEW VESTRY MEMBERS!

**Jane Barger and Jim Bullington!**

And thanks for work well done by Barbara Fishell, Charles McClanahan and George Winters who have rotated off Vestry. Because of Shrove Tuesday, our next vestry meeting has been

## SHROVE TUESDAY: FEBRUARY 21

Will there be pancakes and sausage again this year to remind us of last binges before the starkness of Lent? Stay tuned! Traditionally this has been an event hosted by the men of the parish who take this opportunity to "flip out" with great finesse and vigor! However it takes planning, purchasing and work to make it happen. Shrove Tuesday is marked in New Orleans with Mardi Gras and King Cakes (marking the end of Epiphany). Shrove Tuesday is marked in Great Britain and other British communities with pancakes as a way to use up the last of fat and leavening before the beginning of Lent. In many British towns, there are pancake flipping races—to see who can get to the finish line with their pancakes still in the pan but flipped while running! Don't try this at home!



Have you got your Mardi Gras mask and beads all ready?? We'll gather for pancakes, sausage and applesauce on Tuesday, Feb 21st, beginning around 5:30 to chow down. If you are willing to help set-up, flip and/or clean-up, donate pre-cooked sausage or applesauce, or otherwise contribute to this wonderful evening of good food, good company and good music, please let Jon Fader know ASAP! If everyone pitches in a little, there won't be too much for anyone! Jon can be reached on 301-798-2576 or via email: [fader1@comcast.net](mailto:fader1@comcast.net).



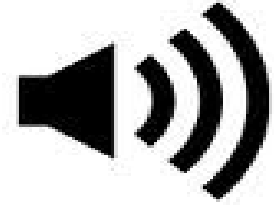
## LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

There will be two services on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - a day of solemn fasting and repentance -- Noon and 7:00 p.m. with Eucharist and the imposition of ashes. You will notice the changes of Lent immediately as the color changes to purple, the chalice changes to pottery, the bread changes to pita, and the music becomes solemn as we enter our Lenten discipline of prayer, fasting and alms giving. Mite boxes will be available for you to collect money (given to Heifer Project) during Lent as we remember the poor, the homeless, and those who are desperate for a sign of hope in their despair. Please remember the Mt. Airy Net Food Pantry as



## HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM

Thanks to the generosity of several parishioners, we can now accommodate those who are having difficulty hearing and those with hearing aids who need clearer transmission. We have two "necklaces" available for those with hearing aids and four transmitters and ear buds for those without hearing aids. As more people begin to experience hearing loss, this system works through FM signaling and our existing sound system. If you wish to obtain your own "necklace" or transmitter with ear bud for your own personal/reserved use, please contact Portia+ for the associated cost.



## SECRET SHOPPERS COMING TO ST. JAMES!

Hidden among the growing number of visitors will be some "secret shoppers" who will be evaluating our welcome and how we reach out to new people. Do we greet them? Will we readily speak up if they need to know something (like where are the rest rooms or the Crib Nursery) and if necessary, actually walk them there? Will we invite them to share coffee and treats? Will we park in all the spots near the building so that visitors must park in the distant spaces and make their way up the hill? Will you pass the "test" with flying colors or leave it to someone else to do? We tell ourselves that we offer warm welcome but the rubber meets the road when we get direct and candid feedback. Thanks to Joan and Mary who continue to provide "newcomer welcome bags"—they are located near the Narthex table. Have you offered one to a newcomer? *Please also remember to wear your name tag!* If you need another one, please sign the list.

## SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, NOV. 18, 2012

**Westminster Ringers - Sunday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**

Why in the world would we be telling you this so early? Because many organizations put their event calendars together early in the year and we want this event to be included! If you live in senior housing or have a youth organization you would like to attend this fabulous concert, please put this date on the calendar! It is not only a fund raiser for St. James' but an inspiring and beautiful afternoon of music—a feast for the heart and ears!



## ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### First Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser - 4 Person Scramble

#### HOLLY HILLS CC

5502 Mussetter Rd  
Ijamsville, MD 21754  
Phone: 301-694-7210

**Tuesday, May 29, 2012**  
**Cost: \$100 per player**  
**Registration 11:00 AM**  
**Open to first 25 teams to sign up or first 100 players.**

Enjoy a special day of golf on one of the best courses in Maryland. Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf including cart, range balls and awards banquet.

Prizes for the top teams

Two longest drive contests for men and women

Closest to the pin challenges for men and women

Blind draw for other great prizes

#### HOLE SPONSORS:

**Sponsors are needed for this event please contact Charlotte Oswald for more information. 301-662-1532**



This event will be held **Tuesday, May 29th** 2012 at Holly Hills Country Club in Ijamsville, MD. Registration is from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. The event will have a shotgun start commencing at 1:00 pm.

The cost for this event is **\$100 per person/\$400 per team**. This price includes entry into all events, 18 holes of golf, riding cart, range balls and awards banquet. The deadline for entry is May 15th 2012.

To help us properly plan for this event, please pre-register by completing the attached form. Mail payment to St. James' Episcopal Church, or contact Charlotte Oswald with your completed entry form. Payment can also be made at registration the day of the event. Please make checks payable to St. James' Episcopal Church.

#### Sponsorship Packages: (Contact Charlotte Oswald 301-662-1532)

**Silver:** \$300 Company sign placed on one golf hole

**Gold:** \$500 Company sign placed on two golf holes

**Platinum:** \$900 Company sign placed on two golf holes plus four person team entry into tournament

**Beverage Cart:** \$250 (2 available) Company sign on beverage cart

**Long Drive/CTP:** \$300 Company name on all Long Drive and CTP markers (Sponsors will provide Company signs)

*Proper golf attire is required. Steel spikes are not allowed at Holly Hills.*

**FIRST ANNUAL ST JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM**

**Date:** May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Site:** Holly Hills Country Club, Ijamsville, MD

**Deadline:** May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Fee:** \$400 per team or \$100 per individual

**Name**

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**Entry: Mail Registration and Payments to:**

**ST JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ATTN: C. Oswald  
1307 N. MAIN ST  
MOUNT AIRY, MD 21771**

**Or register directly by calling:**

**Charlotte Oswald**

**301-662-1532**

**Registration forms may also be faxed to: 703-880-6789**

# KEEP AN EYE ON THE FINANCES!



Let us all 'SHOUT FOR JOY' as we review the financial report below!! We say THANK YOU to all parishioners for making 2011 the best financial year for St. James' in a long time. This was accomplished by everyone donating additional time and additional money and the results are outstanding: Stewardship over budget goal, Fund Raising over budget goal, Total Income over budget goal, Utilities under budget goal, Total Expense under budget goal and a successful Give St. James' a Helping Hand program. The complete Profit and Loss report for December 2011 can be found on the bulletin board across from the church office. Please contact the Finance Committee if you have any questions or suggestions.

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL AS OF 12-31-11</u>	<u>BUDGET GOAL AS OF 12-31-11</u>
Stewardship	\$ 215,011	\$ 200,000
Fund Raisers	14,129	12,000
Mortgage Contribution	25,425	36,000
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Electric	11,620	16,000
Gas	5,940	9,000
Mortgage Expense	146,380	150,942
TOTAL INCOME	405,815	356,825
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>408,457</u>	<u>415,541</u>
NET INCOME(DEFICIT)	(2,642)	(58,716)



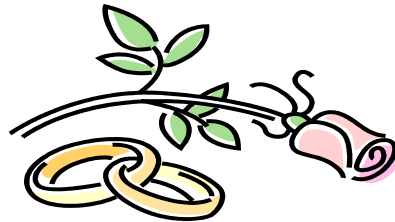
## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:



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|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Jeff Peterson    | 9 Don Windsor      | 23 Meredith Carr        |
| 2 Bonnie Wilson    | 10 Nancy Nanavaty  | 24 Will Bogardus-Mullen |
| 3 Kali Nanavaty    | David Park         | Carey Staley            |
| 4 Dianne Hadermann | Luke Wellen        | Susan Straus            |
| 5 Linda Webb       | 12 Betty Lafayette | 25 Blix Winston         |
| 7 Elise Davis      | 13 Bobby Davis     | 27 Cory DelRegno        |
| 8 Mark Frei        | 14 Jeff Disinger   | 28 Natalie DelRegno     |
| Christopher Schult | 22 Yvette Allen    |                         |
|                    | Lucy Winston       |                         |

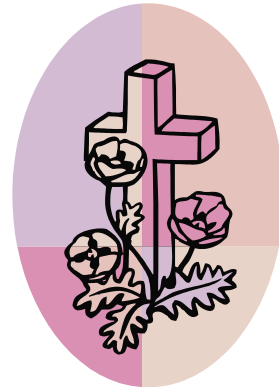
## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

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| 2/27/65 | Joan & Jon Fader         |
| 2/27/45 | Mary & Louis Pfefferkorn |



## FEBRUARY MEMORIALS:

In Memory Of...  
Joseph Gooding & Rob Putnam  
on their February birthdays



**St. James' Servers - February 2012**

**Services: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

***If unable to serve on the date indicated, please contact a replacement.***

***Individual phone numbers are listed in your Parish Directory.***

**ACOLYTES Contact: Deacon Barbara Sears (410-857-1845)**

- 2/5 Maria Pellicier, Holten Moreno & Jacob Sabonis
- 2/12 Greg Putman, Katie McKeever & Jillian Putnam
- 2/19 Jordan Williams, Julia Wall & Matthew Wall
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm Brennan Henyon & Haeden Moreno
- 2/26 Addie Straus & Kali Nanavaty

**ALTAR GUILD Contact: Aline Sautter (410-795-4566)**

- 2/5 Mary Ellen Thompson & Steve Stowell
- 2/12 Susan Winters & Aline Sautter
- 2/19 Aline Sautter & Rebecca Herbert
- 2/26 Carolyn Etzler & Jeannie Pellicier

**CHALICE BEARERS Contact: Jon Fader (301-798-2576)**

- | <b>8:30 a.m. (Chalice &amp; Lector)</b> | <b>10:30 a.m. (Chalice Only)</b>       |
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| 2/5 Carolyn Etzler                      | 2/5 Maureen Suckling & Jon Fader       |
| 2/12 Blix Winston                       | 1/12 Larry Schodroski & Paul Oswald    |
| 2/19 Liz Peterson                       | 2/19 Deb Schaeffer & Kassia Schodroski |
| 2/26 Aline Sautter                      | 2/26 Addie Straus & Greg Putnam        |

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/HOSTESSES Contact: Carolyn Etzler (410-795-3454)**

- | <b>8:30 a.m. Service</b> | <b>10:30 a.m. Service</b>                           |
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| 2/5 Dianne Hadermann     | 2/5 Susan & Larry Schodroski & Lynda Ellis          |
| 2/12 Bonnie Wilson       | 2/12 Linda Christensen & Natalie DelRegno           |
| 2/19 Denise Witmer       | 2/19 Aline Sautter & Marilyn Hancock                |
| 2/26 Coleen Davis        | 2/26 Charlotte Oswald & Mary Pfefferkorn with Youth |

**CRIB NURSERY VOLUNTEERS Contact: Nancy Nanavaty (301-829-3065)**

- 2/5 Bethany Straus
- 2/12 Leslie Dickerson
- 2/19 Nancy Nanavaty
- 2/26 Karen Dulany

**LECTORS** *Contact: Robin Winkler-Pickett (301-694-7721)*

**Note:** Person listed 1<sup>st</sup> reads lessons; person listed 2<sup>nd</sup> reads prayers

- 2/5 Suzanne Uchida & Deb Schaeffer
- 2/12 Holten Moreno & Jon Fader
- 2/19 Chuck Riel & Robin Winkler-Pickett
- 2/26 McKenna Henyon & Jordan Williams

**MONITOR'S SCHEDULE (Transfer Center)** *Contact: Robin Pickett (301-694-7721)*

- 2/10 & 2/12 Steve Wilson, Mauro (1), Robin Kaizer, Carolyn Etzler
- 2/24 & 2/26 Bonnie & Winks Winkler, Paul & Charlotte Oswald

**USHERS** *Contact: Dave Oland (301-831-5597)*

**8:30 a.m. Service**

- 2/5 Dave Oland
- 1/12 Cheri McClanahan
- 2/19 Charles McClanahan
- 2/28 Jim Mauro

**10:30 a.m. Service**

- 2/5 Linda Bonifant-Travis & John Sorna
- 2/12 Holten Moreno & Louis Pfefferkorn
- 2/19 Dave Pyatt & Jim Bullington
- 2/26 Lynda & Bill Ellis

**VESTRY COUNTERS** *Contact: Lynda Ellis (202-712-9006)*

- 2/5 Robert Dwarkin & Susan Straus
- 2/12 Blix Winston & Barbara Fishell
- 2/19 Lynda Ellis & Charlotte Oswald
- 2/26 Larry Schodroski & George Winters

