

The Shell

January, 2012

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On January 6th, the Church enters the season of Epiphany. A strange name don't you think? It means revealing of insight but in many ways, the stories of Epiphany are the revealing of inward and leading light. The season begins with the three wise men following a new star until they arrive in Jerusalem and give Herod a terrible fright. For they come with the news that a new star in the heavens portended the birth of a new and powerful king. Since Herod did not have a newborn in his household, he went on high alert. Now Herod did not have a reputation for kindness or compassion. His was a reign of terror. So with the news that there might be competition beyond his control, he questioned the three wise men at great length and then he ordered that all boys aged two and younger be slaughtered. An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and directed him to take Mary and the Christ child into Egypt.

Already Jesus was a marked man. Already the news of his appearing caused fear in the powerful and caused suffering among those who most needed his presence. The wise men were led through the darkness by a star to find the Christ. We are led through our darkness by the light of Christ himself. And during Epiphany, we are each invited to follow that light and let it guide us to new understanding of our purpose in this life. Joseph, Mary, the wise men and the others—all discovered their lives changed by letting themselves be guided by God's purpose. How are we being called by God to reveal the Christ child in our midst? How are we called to tell the good news? How are we being guided into new insight about who and whose we are? How may we be called to follow the star to new and exciting possibility?

At the beginning of a new year, the slowly lengthening days and the sighting of tiny, tiny buds on the trees—reminds us that creation is getting ready for something, albeit not quickly. And here at St. James' there are new possibilities a plenty. We are beginning 4th Sunday Youth Worship this month. We are searching for a new organist. We are searching for a new Manager of the Thrift Shop. And we are preparing for the Annual Meeting and review of the proposed budget for 2012. Tiny buds at the moment. All things needing your prayer for God's guidance and your support as we discover what God has in mind for us.

May God bless each of us with wisdom and insight. May God come to us even when if it feels frightening to life as we have known it. May we be open to God's appearing and rejoice that we have indeed been chosen to be a part of what God is doing in the world. A blessed New Year to every one!

Faithfully in Christ,

Portia



Saint James' Sunday School Happenings...

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

Welcome 2012

December was a busy month. We are so proud of all our Sunday School students who participated in the *Christmas Blues* pageant - job well done! A special BIG thank you to Yvette Allen, our pageant director, for her hard work, time and talent, in making it *the best Christmas pageant ever!*

Now we welcome a New Year - 2012! Sunday School classes will resume on January 8th with our normal schedule. Preschool through 5th grade classes will meet upstairs at 9:30 a.m. for prayer and music. Middle and high school grades will go directly to their classrooms.

The "4th Sunday" group activity on January 22nd will be an age-appropriate video in the lower level. Come join the group! It will be a busy Sunday with the annual parish meeting between worship services at 9:30 a.m. and Youth Sunday during our 10:30 worship service. The entire service will be led by our Sunday School students. It is our hope to continue monthly youth services, so please let us know if your child would like to participate.

Thank you to Betsy Davis for organizing the wonderful stories for the *Bible Stories for Preschoolers* and to the volunteers for supporting this new class. Please let Betsy know if you would like to be involved in this ministry with our little ones.

As part of the outreach commitment of our middle and high school classes, they will work at the Thrift Shop on January 29th (5th Sunday) from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Although the shop is closed, the teens clean and organize items as instructed. This takes the place of our regular Sunday class session. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the Thrift Shop - using the door at the rear of the shop.

You are welcome to be a part of the teaching team and we would be happy to answer any of your questions regarding the curriculum and program.

St. James' Sunday School Team:

Betsy Davis - Preschool Bible stories and kindergarten-1st grade

Robin Kaizer, Yvette Allen - 2nd-3rd grades

Peter Sabonis, Blix Winston - 4th-5th grades

Kassia Schodroski - 6th-8th grades

Joan Fader - 9th-12th grades

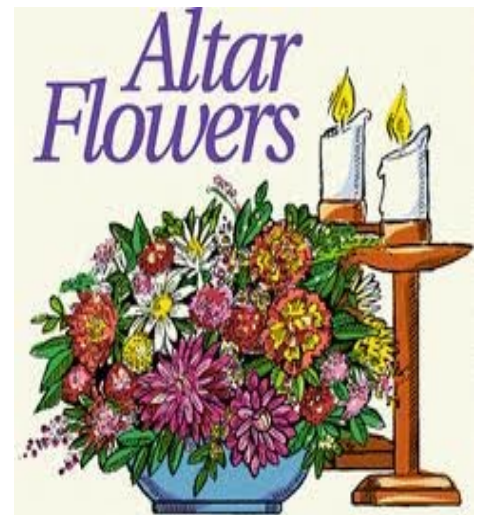
Jeannie Pellicier, Nancy Nanavaty - group activities

Jon Fader - music

Altar Flowers

Thank you to everyone who donated to decorating the church for Christmas. Your generosity enabled us to have a glorious floral display in celebration of the birth of Christ.

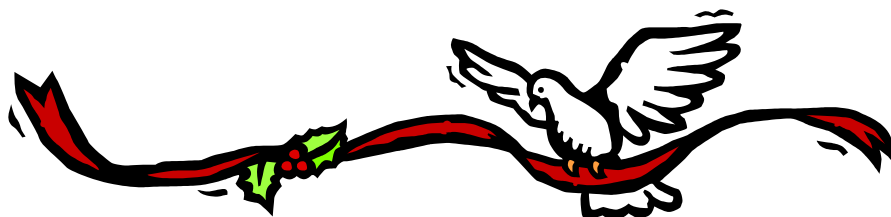
Sign-up sheets for memorials and thanksgivings for Sundays in 2012 are posted on the bulletin board. The cost is \$30, and there are opportunities for more than one memorial or thanksgiving per week. Memorials and thanksgivings are recognized in the weekly bulletin and in the prayers of the people.



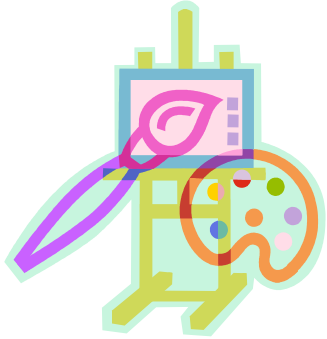
Thanks for a Wonderful Christmas Pageant!!!



It was a glorious and very funny pageant! If you missed it, you really missed a great production by our youth and children. And **MANY, MANY** thanks to Yvette Allen, Joan Fader, Carolyn Etzler, Bernie Burris (and Dave!) for their leadership and assistance! And thanks to our youth and children who stretched themselves and took risks--and to the Severy's who became Mary & Joseph and little Paul was a delightful baby Jesus. And thanks to everyone who provided goodies for the reception afterward and to all those who stayed and helped put chairs back and cleaned up! Thank you to Susan Winters and Linda Bonifant for their beautiful work in greening the church for Christmas (and Bill Ellis for his assistance!) and to everyone who contributed generously toward the greening. Thank you to the Altar Guild, our readers and acolytes who put in extra service! Thanks to Christine for the many bulletins and to those who proof, fold and spindle! Thank you to David, our organist, and the Choir and to our musicians, especially Randall Severy, Peter Davis, and Candace Pfefferkorn (as well as Sterling Wild, a friend of David's) for a feast of music that lasted several Sundays into Christmas. Thanks to anonymous donors who provided new acolyte albs. Thanks to Joan Fader and Yvette Allen, and to our Sunday School teachers for their leadership and dedication to our children and youth--welcome back, Kassia!



Join Our Own Local Artist, Pat Chalk, For her First Show



The Mt. Airy Senior Center is hosting an art show featuring Pat and another local artist, Evelyn Higbee. Their art will be displayed at the Center from January 4th to February 28th. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A special artist's reception will be on January 11th at noon. Many of us have seen Pat's beautiful pastels and other works--stop by the Senior Center and see her collection of more than 20 works!

2012-2013 Nursery School Registration

It is the policy of St. James' Nursery School to allow church members to register their children for new spots in our Two, Preschool Three, and Prekindergarten Four classes before registration is open to the public. We will again offer full-day options for 3's and Pre-K 4's. Completed applications with registration fees will be accepted in the Nursery School Office beginning at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, February 1. Please be aware that there will be limited openings. If we cannot place your child in your 1st choice, we will call you. The registration fee is \$75.00 per child. To be eligible, church members must have been attending and pledging members for a minimum of one year prior to registration. Church members not meeting these criteria are welcome to register during general registration, beginning Monday, February 6 from 8:00 AM. Please call the office at 301-829-0014 for registration materials and to schedule a tour, and feel free to visit our website at www.stjamesmtairy.org



Start Date Information:

- 2 Year Old Classes
- Preschool 3 Year Old Classes - must be 2 on or before 9/1/12
- Pre-K 4 Year Old Classes - must be 4 on or before 9/1/12



Next Baptism: Sunday, January 8 -Baptism of Christ

If you are interested in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with Portia+. Preparation for baptism for parents, godparents, candidates and sponsors is Saturday, January 7th at 10 a.m. The next baptismal feast is the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7th at 7 p.m.

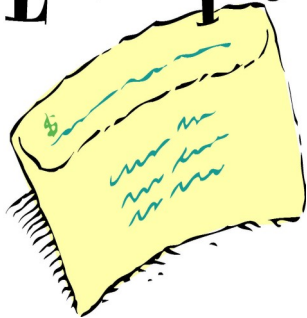
Bon Voyage to David !!!

David Kerr Parks, who has been our organist for many years, is moving back to Florida right after Christmas. He returns home in many ways. One of his sons and his elderly father live in Florida. We wish him well as he relocates and thank him for his music. Thanks to Joan and Jon Fader for hosting a choir party to recognize David and to give thanks for his musical leadership. For the time being, as we search for a new organist/choir director, we will be using a variety of supply organists as well as "local" talent.



New Pledge Envelopes for 2012

Offering Envelopes



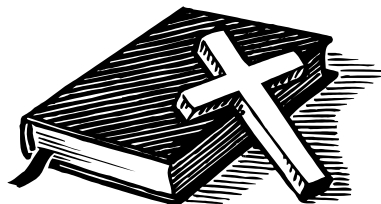
If you indicated you would like to use pledge envelopes, please pick up your envelope box in the Narthex. Do not use envelopes from past years as the numbers are linked specifically to a contribution account and you could find yourself contributing to someone else's! If you have not yet turned in your 2012 Pledge, please do so **NOW** because the Vestry is finalizing the 2012 Budget for presentation to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. It is critical that we have everyone's support. The congregation has given generously to St. James and we came in above our pledged income for 2011 thanks to many who "gave St. James' a hand." We need you again this year! When we spread the possibility among many, the burden is so much lighter. Thank you to everyone who has already pledged and who has been so faithful in giving--not only in treasure but in time and talent as well! Among us there is enough to accomplish what God has given us to do.

Lent Begins February 22 ...

Just a heads up--if you have blessed palms for last year, you are invited to bring them in to be burned for Ash Wednesday ashes. Shrove Tuesday Pancakes on Tuesday, Feb 21st.



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday



Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 22, at 9:30 a.m.



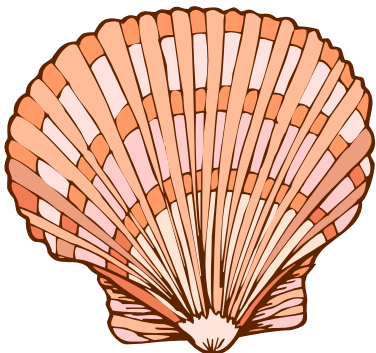
Every year the congregation gathers to celebrate the joys from the previous year, to elect new members of the Vestry (the governing board of the parish) and approve the Parish Budget. This is an important meeting and all members are encouraged to make every effort to attend. The purpose is to inform the parish and to give thanks for all those who have contributed to making St. James' the parish that it is. Holding this meeting between the services also means that the meeting is held to careful timing—it will not exceed 45 minutes so your cooperation is asked to keep it within the bounds.

4th Sunday: Youth-led Worship

This will also be a special Sunday because it kicks off our 4th Sunday Youth-led worship! If your child or teen is interested in actively participating, please let us know! Ushers, readers, coffee hour, musicians, altar guild, acolytes--lots of different ways for youth to be worship leaders. During Sunday School 4th Sunday--there will be bread making! Yum! While adults are upstairs making decisions, including decisions about money ("bread"), kids will be downstairs making it happen.



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All articles and notices to be published in the newsletter *The Shell*, should be sent to Carla Kaufman no later than the 25th of each month. You may e-mail, send by e-mail with a Microsoft word attachment, send written article by mail, or give it to Carla in person.

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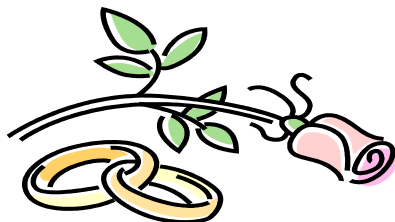
Phone: home— 301.368.3379 cell— 301.814.1465

January Birthdays !!!



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| 1 Susan Worsley | 12 Kaley Henyon | 23 Leigh DiMisa |
| 5 Bob Disinger | 15 Stephen Buxton | 25 Emily Trail |
| 6 Jimmy Barger | Summer Etzler | 26 Joyce Beddow |
| 7 Jon Fader | Betty Poole | 27 Jeannie Barto |
| 8 Tyler McKeever | Elizabeth Winston | Laura Fetzer |
| 9 Chris Worsley | 16 Sara Trail | Robin Winkler-Pickett |
| 10 Coleen Davis | 17 Margaret Neff | 29 Joseph Hartung |
| Cameron Stone | 20 Patrick Barazotto | Jason Patterson |
| 11 David Brice | 21 Aline Sautter | 30 Ryan Riel |
| Carla Kaufman | 22 Jessica Etzler-Bahorich | 31 Arline Caliger |
| | Louis Pfefferkorn | |

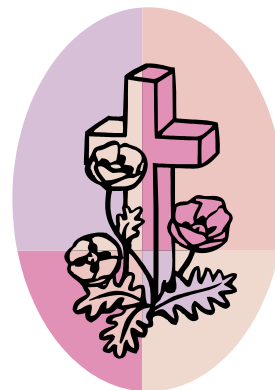
January Wedding Anniversaries:



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| 1/1/2005 | Jim & Stacy Mullen |
| 1/16/76 | Stanley & Yvette Allen |
| 1/20/83 | Gary & Betty Poole |

January Memorials: In memory of ...

Jim Crum, Mickey Sautter,
 Ruth Webb, Greg Wolcott and
 Virginia Ludder on their
 January birthdays.



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WEDNES-						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 New Years' Day One Service – 9:30 – Lessons & Carols <u>5:00 pm</u> Youth Group <u>5:00 pm</u> Transfer Ct <u>5:30 pm</u> Bible AA/K <u>7:00 pm</u> AA/K</p>	<p>2 <u>6-7:45pm</u> Daisy Scouts/Kitchen <u>7:00 pm</u> Creative Hands</p>	<p>3 <u>3:30 – 5pm</u> Nursery Staff Meeting / LL</p>	<p>4 <u>7:00 pm</u> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 Nursery Closed – Parent Conferences <u>7:00 pm</u> NA / LL</p>	<p>6 <u>9:30 – 11:00 am</u> Bible Study/Kitchen</p>	<p>7 <u>10:00 am</u> Baptism Prep Class <u>7pm</u> NA / LL</p>
<p>8 1 Epiphany <u>9:30 am</u> Altar Guild <u>9:45 am</u> Choir Baptisms <u>10:30 am</u> Worship Committee <u>5:30-7 pm</u></p>	<p>9 <u>6-7:45pm</u> Daisy Scouts/Kitchen <u>7:00 pm</u> Creative Hands</p>	<p>10 <u>7 pm</u> Daughters of the King/Sitting Area <u>7-9 pm</u> Nursery School Board Meeting/LL</p>	<p>11 <u>10:45 & 2:15</u> Chapel <u>4:30 pm</u> Thrift Shop Board - Shop <u>7 pm</u> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 <u>11:00 am</u> Chapel <u>7pm</u> NA / LL</p>	<p>13 <u>7:00 pm</u> Transfer Center/LL</p>	<p>14 <u>7pm</u> NA /LL</p>
<p>15 2 Epiphany Outreach after 10:30 service <u>5:00 pm</u> Transfer Ctr <u>5:30 -7 pm</u> AA/K</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King Nursery Closed <u>6-7:45pm</u> Daisy Scouts/Kitchen <u>7:00 pm</u> Creative Hands</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 <u>7 pm</u> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 <u>10:30-4:00</u> Mt. Airy Garden Club / Kitchen & Great Hall <u>7pm</u> NA / LL</p>	<p>20 <u>9:30 – 11:00 am</u> Bible Study/ Kitchen</p>	<p>21 <u>7pm</u> NA / LL</p>
<p>22 3 Epiphany <u>9:30 am</u> Annual Meeting Begin to Collect Palms <u>5:30-7 pm</u></p>	<p>23 <u>7:00 pm</u> Creative Hands <u>6-7:45pm</u> Daisy Scouts/Kitchen</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 <u>7 pm</u> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 <u>7pm</u> NA / LL</p>	<p>27 <u>7pm</u> Transfer Center</p>	<p>28 <u>7pm</u> NA / LL</p>
<p>29 4 Epiphany <u>5pm</u> Transfer Center <u>7pm</u> AA / Kitchen</p>	<p>30 <u>7:00 pm</u> Creative Hands <u>6-7:45pm</u> Daisy Scouts/Kitchen</p>	<p>31</p>				

St. James' Servers - January 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)

1/1 Maria Pellicier, Caroline Pellicier, Brennan Henyon
1/8 Greg Putnam, Jillian Putnam, Matthew Wall
1/15 Jordan Williams, Katie McKeever, Jacob Sabonis
1/22 Addie Straus, Julia Wall, Haeden Moreno
1/29 Bobby Davis, Caroline Pellicier, Kali Nanavaty

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

1/1 Mary Ellen Thompson & Steve Stowell 1/22 Carolyn Etzler & Jeannie Pellicier
1/8 Susan Winters & Aline Sautter 1/29 Bonnie Wilson & Barbara Fishell
1/15 Aline Sautter & Rebecca Herbert

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

8:30 a.m. (Chalice & Lector)		10:30 a.m. (Chalice Only)	
1/1	9:30 AM Jon Fader	1/8	Larry Schodroski & Kassia Schodroski
1/8	Blix Winston	1/15	Deb Schaeffer & Paul Oswald
1/15	Liz Peterson	1/22	Lynda Ellis & Jane Barger (Youth may be serving on this date)
1/22	Aline Sautter	1/29	Maureen Suckling & Jon Fader
1/29	Carolyn Etzler		

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

8:30 a.m. Service		10:30 a.m. Service	
1/1	9:30 AM Carolyn Etzler	1/8	Mary Ellen Thompson & Susan Winters
1/8	Peggy Winkler	1/15	Carolyn Etzler
1/15	Margaret Neff	1/22	Joan & Jon Fader & Yvette Allen
1/22	Betty Poole	1/29	Karen Dulany & Chris & Mike Henyon
1/29	Carla Kaufman		

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

1/1 Leslie Dickerson 1/22 Julie or Tom Patterson
1/8 Natalie DelRegno 1/29 Michelle Inglesby
1/15 David Pickett

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

Note: Person listed 1st reads lessons; person listed 2nd reads prayers

1/1 Lynda Ellis, Deacon Barbara, Chuck Riel & Jon Fader
1/8 Aline Sautter & Mike Henyon 1/22 Greg Putnam & Jordan Williams
1/15 Susan & George Winters 1/29 Jane Barger & Kassia Schodroski

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

1/13 & 1/15 Bonnie & Winkler, Paul & Charlotte Oswald

1/27 & 1/29 Susan Straus, Robin & David Pickett, Bob Barazotto

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

8:30 a.m. Service

1/1 9:30 AM Dave Oland

1/8 Cheri McClanahan

1/15 Charles McClanahan

1/22 Jim Mauro

1/29 Jon Peterson

10:30 a.m. Service

1/8 Louis Pfefferkorn & Dave Pyatt

1/15 Lynda Ellis & Jim Bullington

1/22 Winters Family

1/29 Bill Ellis & Vic Pellicier-

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

1/1 Robert Dwarkin & Lynda Ellis

1/8 Charlotte Oswald & Charles McClanahan

1/15 Barbara Fishell & Marilyn Hancock

1/22 George Winters & Larry Schodroski

1/29 Susan Straus & Barbara Fishell