

The Beacon

September 2011

Karen Vliet, Editor

Messages from the Pastor

Service of Remembrance

On September 11th at 7:00 PM at The Good Shepherd :Lutheran Church (2238 Parade Road), the Greater Laconia Ministerial Association will hold an interfaith service of Remembrance for the 10th Anniversary of September 11th. The service will include a time of candle lighting. The speaker is Chief John Beland from the Gilford Fire Department who will share information about the Lakes Region Respite Program that offered an opportunity of respite to approximately 500 fire/police and support personnel who were responders during the September 11th tragedy. For more information about the service call the Rev. Dave Datzell, 5284078 or mtnjku@gmail.com.

A Message From Our Pastor

Hi Family, One of the goals of St. James is to fully embrace Christian education for all ages. To that end, on Sunday, August 28th after the 9AM service, we will be putting the final touches to a plan to start a Sunday school at St. James. We have found materials that most parents are happy with. There are young families with children who might be interested in joining St. James if we had a Sunday School. What can you do to help us achieve our goal to help and welcome young families?

Everyone having any contact with children in church is required to participate in safe church training, Since we will be having Sunday school we would like to have the training here at St. James to make participation more convenient for participants.. In order to have the training here, we must have 10 or more people taking part in the program. This number will include Sunday school and nursery school teachers, Vestry members, Eucharistic ministers, and elected church officers. If you would like to take part in the program, please let me (Tobias) know right away so that we can make arrangements for the training. The two dates being considered for the training are September 3rd or 10th. Plans will be made for the date that is most convenient for the majority of participants. There will also be a training at St. Paul, Concord on September 24th.

St. James Vestry

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Sr. Warden

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Ginger Wells-Kay

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Dot Faulkner

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John Dickinson

Jennifer Holt

Rector,

Tobias Nyatsambo
Parish Administrator,

Nancy Carsen
Sexton, **Mike Grant**

It is summer time and Richard Thomas loves going out, but has no transporta-

tation. I wondered if there is a way that we could coordinate a schedule of different people who would take Richard out so that he would have an outing each week during the summer and fall. Please contact me if you would be willing to volunteer to provide an outing for Richard once in awhile.

Thanks to Dot Faulkner who provides a ride so that Richard can be present at the HATT dinners on Tuesdays at St. James.

I hope all are enjoying the summer.
Tobias

VOICE OF THE FRIENDLY KITCHEN

Submitted by Ginny Hammond

Once again St James Friendly Kitchen "Crew" broke a record. Eighty-six meals were served to patrons of the Salvation Army for their noon meal on Tuesday, August 16. Every person served was most appreciative of what parishioners of St James do for them. The "crew" was kept hopping preparing the food to be served.

Special thanks to the "crew" – Micheline Roy, Jean Baxter, Bernice Vincent, Dick Woods and Bill Hammond – you were awesome. The meal was one of their favorites. Hoagies with all the fixings along with chips, veggies, pickles and watermelon. There wasn't a crumb left which meant cleaning up was a breeze.

Special thanks to St James parishioners who unselfishly give to this most worthy OUT REACH program every month. Food donors for August were Mike Grant, Dick and Pauline Woods, Micheline Roy, Bernice Vincent, Marcia Presher, Andrea Schaffnit, Karin Salome, Jean and Bill Baxter, Joy Dickinson and Bill and Ginny Hammond. The \$20 monetary donation for August was given by Chris and Lisa Marks.

This program is one of the most rewarding OUT REACH program and when you hear all of the accolades and positive remarks from those we serve it makes you feel extra special knowing you are helping others less fortunate.

Anyone can come and join the "crew" on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. You will leave with a very positive feeling.

Look on the white bulletin board in the foyer for September's signup sheet. If you have any questions, call Bill Hammond at 524-3260. See you next month -----

HANDS ACROSS THE TABLE

Our weekly Hands Across The Table meal is in full swing and is gaining attendees, as more people are being nourished by the food and fellowship that awaits them at St. James Church Parish Hall every Tuesday evening. We are so pleased that more houses of worship are participating in this ecumenical venture, and we welcome other congregations, or individuals, who would like to add their support to this effort.

On July 19, the Rev. Dr. Victoria Wood Parish gave the blessing as 80 people, including 7 families with children, sat down to enjoy a summer menu meal. The menu consisted of potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, and hot dogs. A chef's salad was available for the vegans in attendance. The meal was followed with a dessert of brownies and ice cream for the adults, and ice cream cones for the youngsters - - a big hit, for sure. In addition to the main serving, 29 people came back for seconds and 12 meals were sent home to enjoy the next day. We would like to thank the Gilford United Methodist Church for donating the food, doing the set-up, preparation, and clean up for the meal. They have also signed up to provide an upcoming dinner on Septem-

Lou Gaynor of the Masons served as head chef, in preparing the July 26, meal. Five families, with a total of 12 children, were part of the 83 meals served, with 26 coming back for seconds, and 15 meals being sent home for the next day. After the blessing, which was offered by Patti Carter of St. James Church, a delicious meal of chicken kabob with an orange glaze sauce was served with rice and a green salad. For our vegan friends, chef Lou and his team served up sautéed vegetables over a bed of rice. A hearty desert of bread pudding with a lemon sauce capped off the evening meal.

On August 2, we saw a spike in attendance as there were 106 meals served, with 30 people coming back for seconds, and 12 food containers being taken home for the next day's meal. Include in those numbers were 7 families with a total of 16 children . . . and families with children are always a special blessing and treat. The Rev. Dave Dalziel of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church said the blessing and a meal of tossed salad, shepherd's pie, along with a vegetable barley stew for our vegetarian friends, was nicely prepared by chef Irene Gordon of B'nai Israel Temple. Brownies and ice cream (graciously provided by JB Scoops) capped off the meal.

As we are going to press with this newsletter, preparations are underway for the Aug. 9 meal of spaghetti and meatsauce, a vegan mixed vegetable casserole, Italian bread and salad and grape nut pudding for desert. Looking forward we are pleased to announce that the August 30th meal will be prepared by the Weirs United Methodist Church in conjunction with the grill scout troop.

Submitted by Joyce Ringleh

Fellowship Committee

Submitted by Karen Salome

Save the date: **September 10th** parish potluck cookout following the 5 o'clock service. Donations will be asked for Nets for Life. This is a life saving effort in the fight against malaria. Bring your favorite dish to share and we'll enjoy breaking bread with our parish family.

The Fellowship Committee will meet again on **September 18th** following the 10:00 AM service. If you are unable to attend but have some thoughts, feel free to call Karin Salome (524-7448) or email: karinsalome@metrocast.net.

Youth Group

Submitted by Karen Salome

Youth Group will have the next get together on Sunday September 11th. Time and activity will be soon be announced.

The St. James Youth Group next outreach work will be on Tuesday September 13th at **Hands Across the Table**, an incredibly important ecumenical outreach effort to feed the elderly, poor, and anyone who can use a bit of socialization. This takes place at St. James in our parish hall every Tuesday and the Youth Group is scheduled to do the clean up. Please plan to arrive at St. James by 5:45 PM.

If any members of St. James has more ideas contact any of our youth or Bob and Karin Salome at 524-7448 or email karinsalome@metrocast.net.

Lunch Bunch

Submitted by Don Foudriat

On Friday, August 19th, the Lunch Bunch met at Makris Restaurant in Concord. We were seated at a large square table, two diners on each side, which made for good fellowship and conversation. Makris features sea food which most of the attendees enjoyed.

Seventeen dollars of donations and three cents of bank interest were added to the Lunch Bunch savings account. resulting in a balance of \$388.65.

Friday, September 23rd was selected for the next luncheon and Patty Carter agreed to make the arrangements. Watch the Sunday bulletin and the sign up area in the foyer for location and other details Plan to attend. Bring a guest. All are welcome.

Multicultural Market Day
10th Anniversary Celebration
September 9 & 10, 2011

The Multicultural Market Day (MMD) celebration opens on Friday evening this year with a free concert, followed by the day long festival of food and entertainment on Saturday. Friday night's concert, featuring the Latin jazz group, Goza (Spanish for *Joy!*), begins at 7:00 pm in Rotary Park (indoors at the Belknap Mill in case of rain). Three food vendors will sell food starting at 6:00 pm. Food vendors include Tavern 27, homemade Turkish food items, and a hot dog stand.

Saturday's activities, starting at 10:00 am and ending with a closing ceremony at 4:30 pm, include free entertainment featuring six different performances, food vendors from five different continents, local crafts, children's activities, and a parade. Performers include some favorites from the previous ten years of MMD: Off Shore Aces (Cajun music,) Akwaaba (traditional African drum and dance ensemble,) Olympic Melodies (Greek music and dancing,) and Odaiko (Japanese ensemble drumming.) Bookends for these performances are an opening parade at 11:00 with local drummers and flags from around the world, followed by music from the New Horizons band, and a karate demonstration and closing ceremony conducted by Eastern Dragon Karate Center.

A hallmark of lakes region events, the Laconia Multicultural Market Day takes place rain or shine in and around the Belknap Mill, Rotary Park, and along Beacon Street in downtown Laconia. There is something for everybody at this remarkable collaboration of food, music, and fun from around the world.

Budding Performer!

RJ Soboslai is going to be taking part in a Music Recital on Sunday September 11th at 2 p.m. at the Franklin Opera House located at 316 Central St. in Franklin. The event is FREE! He would love to see you there.

Any questions let me know.

Kelly Soboslai

Be Involved!

Friendly Kitchen

Parishioners may actively support this program by becoming a team leader, kitchen "crew" volunteer (third Tuesday of each month), food donor (sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in foyer), make a \$20 donation (individual, family or group) by signing on the donation sheet on the foyer bulletin board (make notation on check that it's for Friendly Kitchen fund).

Contacts: Nancy Carsen, Parish Administrator

The Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets on a Friday each month to eat lunch together at a local restaurant. At each meeting Don Foudriat asks for someone to be host for the next meeting. The host chooses the restaurant and makes the reservations.

Participants sign up to attend on the door in the vestibule opposite the church office.

Dates for Lunch Bunch are posted in the church bulletin each month.

Contact person: Don Foudriat-524-4789

St. James Youth Group

The Youth group is open to students in grades 7-12, All past and present members of St. James are invited to participate.



The group meets monthly for fun, fellowship and discussion. Watch the bulletin for meeting dates.

Contact persons: Karin and Bob Salome 524-7448

Fellowship

This committee is dedicated to bringing our parish family together. Our goals are to foster friendships, celebrate God, and to have fun.

Call Karin Salome 524-7448 or email karinsalome@metrocast.net with any ideas or to join in the planning fun.



FUN FUNDERS

Fun Funders is a group of St. James Parishioners who generally meet one Sunday evening each month to enjoy fellowship, fun and delicious desserts. Our purpose is to get to know each other better, have a lot of fun, and help out with church finances and special projects. Five dollars per person is collected and meetings are typically held at the home of one of our members. New members are always welcome! Contact person: Marcia Presher 528-6472

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4th Sean and Gina McGuire
 6th Dick and Carol Gray (1958)
 6th Jim and Connie Welch (1992)
 10th Robert and Joanne Preston (2005)
 15th Richard and Dorothea Chesebrough
 (1951)
 23rd Michael and Serene Eastman (2000)
 25th Gary and Leanne Brunelle (2004)
 30th Randall and Jean Giddings

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Johanna Zanes
 5th Ella Presher
 6th Regina Guay
 9th Pauline Donaldson
 10th Kelly Soboslai
 11th Joanne Preston
 12th Judy Farr
 17th Thomas Dunlap
 17th Drew Hallett
 17th Grace Hallett
 17th Elizabeth Schwartzer
 19th Sydney Eastman
 19th Anne Hilgendorf
 20th Lukas Salome
 22nd Nancy LeRoy
 24th Timothy Gray
 26th Tracey Firth
 27th Fr Jonathan MacKenzie
 29th Morgan Eastman

Have we missed your anniversary or birthday? Please let the church office know, or add it to the list posted on the foyer bulletin board.

Convocation to Take Place at St. James

Lakes Region Convocation will be meeting here at ST. James on Tuesday Sept. 6th. Refreshments are at 6:30 p.m. and Meeting will start at 7 p.m. This meeting is on the 2012 Diocesan Budget that will be voted on at convention in October. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. We are in charge of refreshments for the meeting, We would appreciate any help with finger foods for it for example cookies, brownies, fruit, etc.

If you have any questions please give me a call at 934-3800 or see me after the 9 a.m. service on Sunday.

Kelly Soboslai
 Delegate

From Away

Karen Vliet

I was not going to write anything this month, but we had an experience this week that I just have to share with my friends at St. James. We all laugh at the fact that one of the things we do best at St. James is eat and prepare food for pot luck suppers, meetings, and any event that gives us the opportunity to indulge.

Folks in our little town of two hundred in Nova Scotia enjoy church suppers as well; there are a couple to choose from most weekends.

This past Sunday we went to an event that was catered by the Diligent River, NS Community Church ladies. You never saw such beautiful sandwiches. There were sandwiches with peach colored fillings with red "somethings" in them and also some bright green fillings that neither Judy nor I recognized. Neither of us were willing to try them. We watched with great interest as the lady across the table from us ate one of each. She could not figure out what the green one was, but the peach one turned out to be cheewhiz and maraschino cherries (a great favorite here I am told). I am still cringing at what the other one turned out to be. Are you ready? I don't think so!! It was pureed tuna, mayo and green jello!!! Please promise me you will not bring it to a potluck at St. James. See you all soon. Karen

St. James Update

We have accomplished a lot in 2011. The beginning of this year we hired a new Rector. Our agreement with Tobias was for part time or 20 hours per week and the reality is he is working more like $\frac{3}{4}$ to full time each week.

In the last couple months the Vestry has worked with the Finance Committee and has established a list of priorities for St. James. We started with a list of 23 items and have narrowed this list down to 10 items we are turning into action items.

Four of these items have to do with our operations and programs, re-establishing Sunday school, hiring a choir director, and compensation reviews of both clergy and lay employees. Four items have to do with our physical building and appearance and include repairs to the steps of both entrances, our handicapped ramp, and the entrance way doors on the parking lot side of our building. Two items have to do with the church office and its infrastructure of technology, phones, computers, printers, and faxes.

Currently members of the Vestry and or Finance Committee are researching and looking into all of these areas so we can figure out how to accomplish them.

One of the byproducts that came out of the meetings with the Vestry and the Finance Committee was where we are today and what we are doing. In the past couple months we have been doing 2 services, a Saturday evening service and a Sunday morning service. Historically in the past St. James has offered 3 services, a Saturday evening service, a Sunday service at 8:30am and a Sunday service at 10:00am.

Trying to maintain continuity with our goals established during our search process for the growth and vitality of St. James Church the Vestry has decided, starting in October, St. James will only be offering one service, Sunday at 10:00am. The Saturday evening service and the Sunday service at 8:00am will be discontinued.

This was not an easy decision for us to make. We believe in order for us to grow as a parish we need to take a step back and come together as one group or community. This will also provide us a better allocation of the current resources we have and hopefully enable us to accomplish more as a church.

During the month of September we will continue to offer the 3 services as we have in the past, but starting in October, we will only have one Sunday service at 10:00am. The first service under this new schedule will be on October 2, 2011.

Please continue to support St. James in this time of change and help us to strengthen our Parish community.

On behalf of the Vestry of St. James Church,

Jeff Pearson / Senior Warden



Isn't it strange
how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you
donate it to church,
but such a small amount when you go
shopping?

Food For Thought

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the family of St. James could sponsor a child for the Nursery School whose parents cannot afford to give their child the head start that our program provides? Think about it! Could you help?

VOICE OF THE FRIENDLY KITCHEN ---submitted by Ginny Hammond

Once again the St James Friendly Kitchen "crew" rose to the very top. The 12th annual Friendly Kitchen cookout was held on Tuesday, July 19th, at the Salvation Army, what a great day it was for all those involved. The weather couldn't have been better for cooking on the grill and for those putting all the fixings together in the kitchen. Grill chefs **Bill Hammond and Dick Woods** turning our delectable hamburgers. The inside "crew" **chefs Pauline Woods, Bill and Jean Baxter, Micheline Roy and Sally Brennan** were busy cooking hot dogs. Nice to have Sally as a member of our Friendly Kitchen "crew"; thanks Sally you were a big help and added pleasure to have you aboard. We hope you enjoyed giving to those less fortunate and also leaving the event with good feelings about yourself. The meal consisted of chips, ice tea, homemade macaroni salad (thanks Ginny), all the "fixings" for a great hamburger – lettuce, onion, tomato, pickles and cheese – along with ice cream sandwiches. All in all, it was a great day. Rave reviews kept coming from all those served. Eighty-four meals were served a new record for St James. This is what St James OUT REACH is all about, seeing those less fortunate enjoying a summer time cookout. What a blast!

St James parishioners who donated food items for this meal are commended because without their dedication to this OUT REACH program it wouldn't happen. Thanks go out to **Bernice Vincent, Mike Grant, Janet Mitchell, Chris and Lisa Marks, Joy Dickinson, Bob and Harriet Meade, Bill and Jean Baxter, Dick and Pauline Woods, Ginger Wells-Kay, Janet Hillis and Andrea Schaffnit for your food donations.** This month's \$20 food donation was given by the Hammonds.

If you need a "pick me up" volunteer to assist with the Friendly Kitchen, whether it be helping out the day of the meal for contributing food items as the smiles on the faces of those served will last you a lifetime. If not the smiles, then it is the appreciation.

Remember to look for the August signup sheets on the white bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions, call Bill Hammond 524-3260.

September 10 Potluck Supper
Theme: “Every Two Parishioners Save Two African Lives”

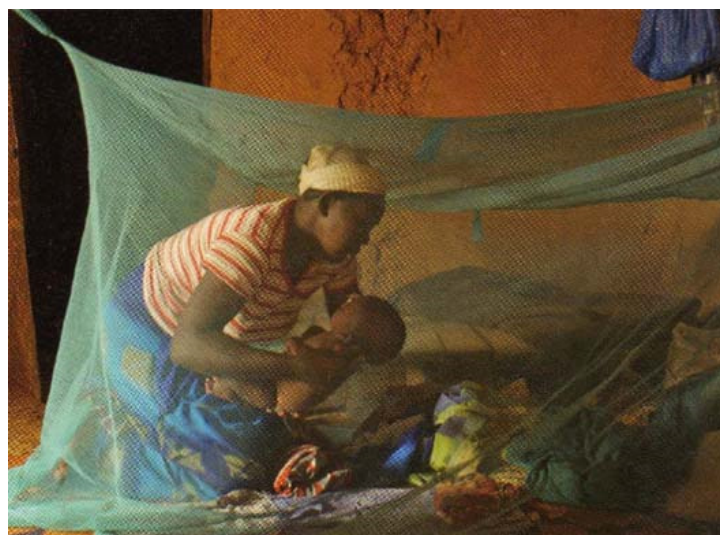
The all-parish September 10 potluck theme is “Nets For Life: Every Two Parishioners Save Two African Lives” For 6 years St. James has been supporting Episcopal Relief and Development efforts to provide sleeping nets for malaria prevention in Africa. We give \$12.00 for a net by writing a check to the office with “Nets” in the memo line. We have a crib with a mosquito net set up in the parish hall as a visual reminder. Over time our efforts have flagged as we have grappled with many other issues at hand. New members may not know what Nets for Life is all about.

To renew our efforts in this ministry, we will view a 7 minute DVD on the Nets for Life program during the potluck. After the film, those interested in participating in a short Nets for Life study group on Sunday, Sept 11 at 8:00am can let Ginger Wells-Kay know.

This study group will set a goal of a certain number of nets for St. James to purchase by Thanksgiving. It will also work at keeping St James members aware of our new Christian Children’s Fund child, Collins, and his needs. He and his family live near Lake Victoria in Kenya, one of the worst malaria hot spots in all of Africa. A nets buying chart will be posted in the parish hall along with information about malaria and Collins’ part of the world..

An insecticide impregnated sleeping net costs \$12.00 dollars and lasts for 4 years. It must then be replaced. The Nets for Life program considers a country to have sufficient nets when there is one net for every 2 people. One way to look at it is that one net can save 2 lives. So \$12.00 can save 2 lives. If \$12.00 is too much, then give \$6.00. Paired with another St James parishioner who gives \$6.00, those 2 contributing parishioners will save 2 lives in Africa. Now you know what “Every Two Parishioners Save Two African Lives” means! We hope most everyone will see the film and be able to give \$6.00.

Submitted by Ginger Kay-Wells



Fun Funders

submitted by Marcia Presher

A big thank you goes out to Don Foudriat for hosting our July meeting. Seven parishioners and 2 golden retrievers enjoyed a beautiful evening on Lake Winnisquam. The dogs enjoyed playing fetch and others had fun toasting marshmallows! \$35 was collected bringing our savings account balance to \$642.68.

Fun Funders was started on March 3, 1996 by Dot & Charlie Faulkner and Dot & Bill O'Leary with the aim of helping with the parish budget deficit, while getting to know other parishioners in a fun, social setting. Since then more than \$12,500 has been donated to St. James to help with such things as painting the church exterior and removing snow from the church roof. Donations have been made to the Endowment Fund, the Stickle and the Charles E. Faulkner Memorial Funds, the Scholarship Fund, and retirement/departing gifts for several rectors. **Fun Funders** helped pay for a new vacuum cleaner, prayer books, improvements to the office computer, protection of the stained glass windows, the dish washer, the furnace, a sump pump, Nets for Life, the "marker/cork board" board for Tobias' sermons, and parish hall renovations, tables and chair rack. **Please join us in this fun way of helping out St. James!**

Plans for the next few meetings of **Fun Funders** are in the works, including our annual Halloween Party in October. Contact Marcia Presher (528-6472) for more information, and watch for sign up sheets in the church foyer.



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