

St. James' E-pistle

May 24, 2013

Pulpit Notes

Dear Friends at St. James,

The author of our great Episcopal publication "Forward Day by Day" writes concerning Pentecost: "It is the end of my parish's program year. So much is going on and I am tired. I am feeling drained. I could use some rejuvenation, some resuscitation in my life. I am praying that the Holy Spirit might fill and renew me." God bless your Rector Chuck and his lovely wife, Liz. Our prayer is that this will happen for them, abundantly.

As for me, ... I'm newly retired. The prayer to which you are an answer is that I will not rust!

Thank you for inviting me to spend the summer in fellowship with a lovely congregation.

Pentecost was a good Sunday to begin, for when we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit we inevitably share God's presence in a spontaneous way. God makes it happen. So it was this past Sunday. I had fun, and I hope you who were able to be with us had, well, holy fun.

Over our time together I plan to review with you many of Jesus' parables. Last Sunday we remembered together the parable of the mustard seed that, tiny as it is, becomes over time and good planting a great bush in which many of God's beloved creatures can gather and find shelter. Over 200 years of glory and hardship, days dramatic and glorious, St. James has been such a place. May God's Holy Spirit continue to expand your life and your love; and in the process use you in unforeseen ways for the sake of a world that needs God's Church. Jesus said that he will send the Spirit of Truth. Let us expect opportunities to tell it.

Michael

For pastoral concerns while Fr. Chuck is on sabbatical, please contact Deacon David or Deacon Gail. This week, and until Fr. Chuck returns on September 1st, we warmly welcome Fr. Michael Shafer.

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The News of the Church

St. James' Sunday School Scribe

Important Dates: -June 2nd- last day of classes
 -June 9 – Recognition Sunday and Ice Cream Social

HAYDAY!



St. James' VBS 2013

This year's VBS will be over the weekend of July 19th-July 21st.

We are looking for volunteers and helpers for this "Growing in Friendship with Jesus" experience. Please sign up if you are interested, and we will get in touch

with you. (Clipboard will be left in the church vestibule.)

St. James' Prayer Group - Ready to Help You Start: For the past several months, a dedicated and faithful group of eight have been meeting bi-weekly to pray. Led by Pat Keeffe, they have prayed for each other, for the congregation and for larger needs. Prayer is our link with God, and to pray together makes the community stronger. The prayer group wants to let you know that it is a beautiful and life-giving experience. They have found that eight is as large as the group ought to be - any bigger lessens the intimacy - but they are willing to share their encouragement with any who might be interested in starting a new prayer group.

Please contact Pat Keeffe if you would like to learn more about what a prayer group does or how you can start your own.

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Want to Sing with Spirit of Unity? Some parishioners have asked if they might occasionally practice with our artists in residence. Ray Watkins has asked any who want to rehearse with them to contact him: raywatkins@mindspring.com. Spirit of Unity will join us at the 10:00 a.m. service on June 16th. In addition, as described in greater detail in a flyer attached to the end of this E-pistle, Spirit of Unity will perform in the Chapel on Friday, May 31st at 7 p.m. This will be their first official performance as our new Artists in Residence. The concert will be free of charge and will feature refreshments.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Janet Arms, Ruth Blanding, Ken Briggs, Kurt Burkhardt, Michael Day, Jack Gordy, Harold Hall, Jolanda Heijenbrok, Brooke Helton, Rev. Don Hoger, Barbara Knakal, Rosemary Leuken, Ryan Mackin, Andrew Mendelson, Rev. Tim Millard, Joan Oetjen, Clifford Plass, Gerald Plass, Deborah Porach, Don Renten, John Robinson, James Sheeky, Naomi Sleight, Debbie Stone, Elmer Van Wagner, Gloria Veach, Candace Vincent, Cassidy Way and Cliff Wells.

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Schedules

A Note about Schedules: The names you see below are those listed on their respective schedules. There are often times when, due to sickness or travel, substitutes are asked to fill in or trade positions. This will probably NOT be reflected in the lists below—so, if there is an inconsistency between what you see here and what you see on Sunday, that is alright.

Birthdays:	Brian Kinne, Morgan Kinne, Alan Mueser and Daniel McGlynn
Acolytes:	May 26: Charlie Urban-Mead, Laurel Ardini and Jasmine Thatcher June 2: Rebecca Gausepohl, Chris Santos and Eden Ciferri
Altar Guild:	May 26: Team Number I June 2: Team Number II
8 a.m. Readers:	May 26: Angela Henry and Gary Glancey June 2: Debbie Belding and Jim Smyth
10 a.m. Readers:	May 26: Regina Ardini and Judy Douglass June 2: Russell Urban-Mead and Nancy Montero
Ushers:	May 26: Bill and Regina Ardini June 2: Nancy Montero and Anna Marie Pitcher
Pledge Clerks:	May 26: Paul Littlefield and Dean Caswell June 2: Janet Bright and Joanne Lown
Coffee Hour Hosts:	May 26: Pat Keeffe and Audrey Horne (coffee: Kathy Graff) June 2: Saira Shahani and Pat Keeffe

Please see Pat Keeffe if you would like to host a coffee hour!

This Week's Lectionary

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

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