

THE FISHERMAN

WE ARE A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF LOVING, CARING MEMBERS, WHO REACH OUT TO WELCOME OTHERS THROUGH SOCIAL ACTION, MINISTRY, AND INSPIRATIONAL, SACRAMENTAL WORSHIP.

The Earliest Liturgies for Holy Week Observances

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday. About 381 A.D., the first special observances of Palm Sunday were observed in Jerusalem. Following the Eucharist and after the story from Matthew of the Lord's entry had been read, people gathered after lunch (at 1 p.m.), met with bishop at Mount of Olives. There service of hymns and lessons, moving to a second location on the Mount of Olives (at 3 p.m.) for a similar service. Then (at 5 p.m.) the Matthean version of the entry to Jerusalem was repeated, followed by a procession down the mount into Jerusalem. As the people walked through the streets, they waved branches of palm and olive trees, and all sang Psalm 118, and shouted the antiphon, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" They arrived at the site of the Lord's tomb, where the Order of Worship for Evening was held. By fifth century, the custom of the procession was in Spain and spread to other areas. And by the twelfth century, the custom of blessing the palms with a procession was practice in all areas. In the First Prayer Book (1549), the Passion Gospel (Matthew 26:1-27:56) was appointed. However, reformers removed blessing of branches (material things) and also the rite of commemoration the entry of our Lord.

Maundy Thursday. Originally, no Eucharist was celebrated during Holy Week until the Great Vigil of Easter. By the fourth century, a Eucharist was celebrated on Maundy Thursday in such places as Jerusalem. At 2 p.m. in the Martyrium (a large church over the site of the discovery of the "true cross," built by Helena, Constantine's mother) a celebration was held. Matthew's account of the Last Supper was appointed. After the dismissal at 4 p.m., the congregation moved to the courtyard behind the church, where a cross had been erected (at the supposed site of the crucifixion) for a second celebration. Then prayers followed at the tomb. Later the faithful gathered at a church near the top of the Mount of Olives, over the site of a cave where it is believed Jesus taught his disciples during his last week in Jerusalem before his death. There they sang hymns and antiphons, interspersed with prayers and readings, until 11 p.m. Gospel passages of Jesus' teachings that supposedly took place in the cave were read. At midnight, the people moved to another church on the Mount of Olives, and gathered for a similar service until cockcrow, which included movement to the site of Gethsemane and the betrayal/arrest. Appropriate lessons, prayers and hymns were used at designated stations during the journey.

Good Friday. In the first centuries, the Christian Passover was a combined feast commemorating both the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Even though it was the Paschal Vigil, the feast was preceded by a fast extending over Friday and Saturday, and there was no sense of separate commemorations of the death and the resurrection. Rather, it was a single observance of Christ's victory through death and rising to life again, and of the Christian's death and rebirth through baptism.

The earliest special rites for Good Friday were in Jerusalem in the late fourth century. From 8 a.m. until noon, the wood and superscription of the supposed true cross were exposed on a linen-covered table at the site of the crucifixion in the courtyard behind the Martyrium. The faithful venerated the cross, while the bishop held it firmly in his hands, and the deacons stood guard. At noon, the people assembled in the courtyard for a service of psalms, lections, hymns, and prayers until 3 p.m. At 3 p.m. the people moved into the church for a service. Afterward, all went to the tomb where John's account of the crucifixion was read.

Concerning the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. These devotions find their roots in the experiences of the earliest pilgrims to Jerusalem, who would walk the "Via Dolorosa" (Way of Sorrows) as it had been reconstructed there. During the Middle Ages, however, it became impossible for pilgrims to make this journey, and a Way of the Cross liturgy for local use became increasingly popular. The Stations were followed in different forms at different times, varying in number from as few as 7 to 12 or more. In the 18th century, the fourteen stations we know today became the standard. The fifteenth station, "Jesus rises from the dead," is a fairly recent addition, and is purely optional. It is traditional to sing verses of the *Stabat Mater* as the group of pilgrims moves from one station to the next. They are sung in the traditional Gregorian plainsong.

Each of the holy days will be observed at St. James the Fisherman. See the list of services and times elsewhere in this edition. And plan to attend these services and relive the passion of Jesus. There can be no Easter without Good Friday.

Fr. Frank

A Voice from the Deacon's Bench

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Gaelic Prayer was song at the Holy Eucharist at the 135th Convention. I loved the words so I am going to share them with you.



*Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you:
Deep peace of Christ to you.*

Lent came quickly this year. Many dates and holidays fell on top of each other. It seems the hectic Christmas Season has hardly left us. Yet Lent is a time for quietness, to surround us as we think and pray for the forgiveness of our sins and the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ, God's holy son.

As our preface in the CBP for the Lenten Season reads; You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love.

*Blessings,
Deacon Jean*



REMINDER!

Daylight Savings Time Begins on **Sunday, March 11th**. Before you go to bed that Saturday night, set all your timepieces *ahead* one hour.

Bishop Skirving's Visit

I am delighted to announce that our Bishop, Rob Skirving, will visit us on Sunday, June 3rd. In order to celebrate this event as a parish family, we will have a single Eucharist service that weekend on Sunday at 10AM; followed by a Reception in our Parish Hall being coordinated by our ECW.

Additionally, this is traditionally a time when those who desire to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church do so. If you have such a desire, or are curious about what that means, then please speak with me *before Sunday, April 8th*.

Peace – Fr. Frank



World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is a wonderful movement of women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who in many countries, have a continuing relationship with prayer and service. World Day of Prayer will be held this year at Seaside Methodist Church, Sunset Beach on March 2nd, at 11:00am. Please join me in attending this service that affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

GSMA Lenten Lunch Schedule

The Greater Shallotte Ministerial Association will once again be hosting Lenten Lunches. They will gather at noon on Wednesdays at member churches to feed the spiritual needs of the members of its church communities. The suggested donation for lunch is \$5.00 or more. All proceeds go to the South Brunswick Interchurch Council Food Pantry. Following is the schedule for 2018:

Date	Site	Preacher
March 7	St. Luke Lutheran Church	Rev. Mary Jane Wilson-Parsons
March 14	Calvary Baptist Church	Rev. Won Namkoong
March 21	Camp United Methodist Church	Rev. Henry Rehder



Neighbor to Neighbor Outreach Ministry

The Coat Closet season, from October 2017 through February 2018, has been very successful. Donations were plentiful, which is a blessing, since over 540 coats went out

our door to our neighbors in need of a gently worn warm coat. The complete total of coats that were given out and coats compiled for other outreach ministries is over 700. Great work was done by all the volunteers at the Closet and Orthopedic Equipment Lending Program, and from those who so thoughtfully donated coats and monies to us.

We continue to take coat donations all year, so we can restock and start our next season off successfully. The Orthopedic Equipment Lending program, which is very active all year round, is taking donations of metal canes, seated walkers and wheel chairs. Please call the church office if you are in need of any Orthopedic Equipment, or wish to donate an item.

*Thank you all,
Deacon Jean*

2018 Strategic Goals:

St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church

Engaging the Present – Preparing for the Future

On January 27, 2018, the vestry met with the clergy for a strategic planning workshop. The session was very effective and various needs of the parish were identified, assessed, and from the needs, an action plan or goal was proposed for each.

The Goals for 2018:

- A. A campaign for both increasing stewardship and building the Strategic Reserve.
- B. Cost-cutting measures will be implemented for the usage of electricity.
- C. Parish Growth: Children/Youth Ministries will be created and implemented.
- D. An emphasis for strengthening newcomer ministries will begin this year.

Commentary and Action Plan for Goals:

A Campaign for Stewardship and the Strategic Reserve

- The 2017 goal for 100% parish pledge participation was not met. This is a crucial issue with the anticipation of calling a full-time rector and offering a competitive compensation package. Over the past, the Endowment Fund was used to offset budgetary shortfalls. The vestry anticipates using up to \$20,000 from the fund during 2018 to cover expenses, including the compensation of a rector.
- Two areas were identified for a two-part goal: 1. increasing parish stewardship (including financial pledges) and 2. reinforcing the Endowment Fund for future unexpected expenses.
- The vestry decided to change the name of the “Endowment Fund” to “Strategic Reserve” to better describe the purpose of the fund--that is, supporting the overall parish strategy for growth of ministry and membership. All felt that the title “endowment fund” carried a negative and ambiguous connotation, as the strategic reserve will be used in case of emergency/unexpected shortfalls.
- Plan: Since both parts of the goal apply to stewardship, it was agreed to engage an outside consultant to create one fund drive for both needs. Father Frank has secured the Rev. Ronald Abrams, rector of St. James, Wilmington as our consultant for a stewardship campaign. Fr. Ron is an expert in fund raising, and serves as chair of the diocesan stewardship committee. He is offering his services gratis to the parish.

Implement Cost-Cutting Measures for Electricity Use

- This also applies to stewardship. Based on an analysis of usage from our electricity provider, it was determined that the average monthly cost of electricity is \$1,000.00. That is a considerable percentage of the operating budget.
- Plan: The wardens are currently researching means to offset costs, and a recommendation to the vestry will be presented soon, and that information will be disseminated to the parish membership.

Programs for the children/teens of the parish will be created and implemented

- The future success of the parish involves providing for the needs of current parishioners, while attracting families with children/teens. Therefore, strengthening pastoral support for current membership is crucial. Our deacons, along with Fr. Frank, and the Daughters of the King and Lay Eucharistic are currently offering support to our parishioners. New methods for programming need to be explored and put into place for children/teens.
- Plan: An outside consultant will be engaged to address the needs for creating programs for children/teens in a parish with few children/teens. Fr. Russ will ascertain if there is a cost for securing a consultant. Hopefully, the diocese would provide such a resource. In addition, our youth will be informed of and encouraged to participate in diocesan events (such as, Camp Trinity, Happening and New Beginnings). Periodic events for this group will be offered during this year.

An emphasis for strengthening newcomer ministries will begin this year

- Our desire is to enhance the current ministry of our greeters. It is vital that all visitors are identified, complete an information card, and oriented to the life and opportunities of SJTF.
- Plan: Training workshops for greeters will be offered throughout the year. In the meantime, information about all visitors will be gathered with appropriate follow up by the clergy and others. Mentors will be designated and assigned to prospective members, who will introduce visitors to the life of the parish. Signage for the church will be improved for locating the church and its main entrance. All parishioners are encouraged to actively welcome our visitors, to invite them to coffee hour, and to wear their fish nametags. And remember not to occupy visitor parking spaces during Saturday/Sunday services. The new parish website also addresses this need of attracting visitors and newcomers. Other avenues to welcome the larger community into our church will be explored by the vestry, and your input is welcome.

Conclusion

These goals are “do-able” and need to be implemented. In addition, other initiatives were presented during the workshop: First, to have a gathering of men at the local brewery in hopes of forming a men’s fellowship group. Second, to continue with phase two of a three-year plan for the landscaping the grounds. Third, to invite all parishioners to volunteer for at least one parish ministry.

The success of meeting these goals depends on the participation and efforts of all parish members. Be on the lookout for more ways to be involved in the weeks and months to come.

Faithfully submitted,

Fr. Frank

Celebrating Newcomers Into The Parish Family



During our February 17/18 services, we welcomed Gregory and Susan Weber, Robert and Nancy Hobgood, and Deacon Michael Ligon and Lynda Ligon into our parish, and also we welcomed the return of Phil and Joanne Robson, Stephen and Gayle Robertson, and Nancy Branflick. As “a Christian community of loving, caring members who reach out to welcome others through social action ministry and inspirational, sacramental worship,” it was indeed a joy to take this purposeful time to say welcome to these people, who have made a decision to make St. James the Fisherman their community of faith and parish family.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Service

We will be hosting the Stations of the Cross walk through Shallotte on Good Friday (March 30th) starting at noon from the Main Street side of the church. Those unable to make the walk can join us inside the church for the Stations conducted there. Following return of the outdoor walk group (about 1pm), we will hold our Good Friday liturgy service, with Communion from the Reserved Elements, in the church.



Two 2018 Lenten Study and Prayer Opportunities at SJTF

Meditations and Prayers for Lent: Sacred Spaces.

One of the Lenten disciplines mentioned for Lent in the Ash Wednesday liturgy is “reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (BCP, page 265). I have chosen a book of daily meditations for Lent, entitled *Sacred Space*. It is composed by the Irish Jesuits.

Each participant will be given a personal copy of the book for use each day at home. Then, we will meet as a group for each person to share a meditation of the week that spoke to him or her and why. The session will conclude with a season of prayer.

Parishioners will convene in the chapel for at 45 minutes session on the Thursdays in Lent at 3:00 p.m., beginning February 22 and concluding March 22. If you desire to be a part of this venture with me, fill in the sign up sheet in the gathering space by February 4. A donation of \$10.00 will be accepted for the purchase of the books. Please consider participating and pray that the experience will enrich your spiritual pilgrimage.

Lenten Study Series: The Story of Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church.

A great introduction or refresher course, the series explores the authority of the early Church, the Reformation, review of historic events and documents that define Anglicanism, and an Anglican approach to Bible study.

The five-part series will meet on five consecutive Thursdays, beginning February 22 and ending March 22 at 4:00 p.m. in Bliss Hall (immediately following the mediation and prayer group described above). Each hour-long session will begin with a brief DVD, followed by a time of discussion, during which each participant will be given a set of handouts each week. I believe you will find this study both informative and enjoyable. See you then.

Fr. Frank

Grazie for a Great Italian Night!

Many thanks to all those who helped make our parish winter dinner a very successful evening — from those who helped set up, serve and clean up, and wash dishes, to those who provided delicious side dishes and desserts to share. And a special thanks to Gary and Barbara Freeman for coordinating the serving and cleanup efforts!



The Royal Priesthood



Last fall at the Daughters of the King Assembly at Kanuga, Rev. Jonathan Archer taught us about "Being a Member of the Royal Priesthood." We all become members of the Royal Priesthood at our Baptism. On what date were you baptized? Most of us don't remember. Nor do we remember exactly what was said at our baptism.

In order to live out our vows, made for us by our parents and godparents, we must do the following to be active in the royal priesthood: be baptized, pray, *Lecto Divino* (divine reading with meditation and contemplation), minister with our gifts from God, partake in the Lord's Supper, be active in church discipline, and proclaim Jesus and his teachings.

In Bishop Skilton's meditation, he said, "We are God's own people, and we have work to do in this broken world in which we live." After learning about the Priesthood, we were challenged to go home and live it out in our lives. According to I Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." That certainly sums up what we are called to do.

During Lent, we may add a discipline to our lives, or take away something that seems important to us. But it is also a time to look at ourselves, and find out how we can best use our gifts to serve others. In what small way can we help to improve the lives of those less fortunate than us?

*For His Sake,
Kay Roberts*



ECW

The February ECW meeting was held, as always, in Bliss Hall, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and refreshments. Then the business meeting followed around 9:30 a.m. We are always looking ahead, planning outings, parties, and getaways; trying to find things that will suit the most members.

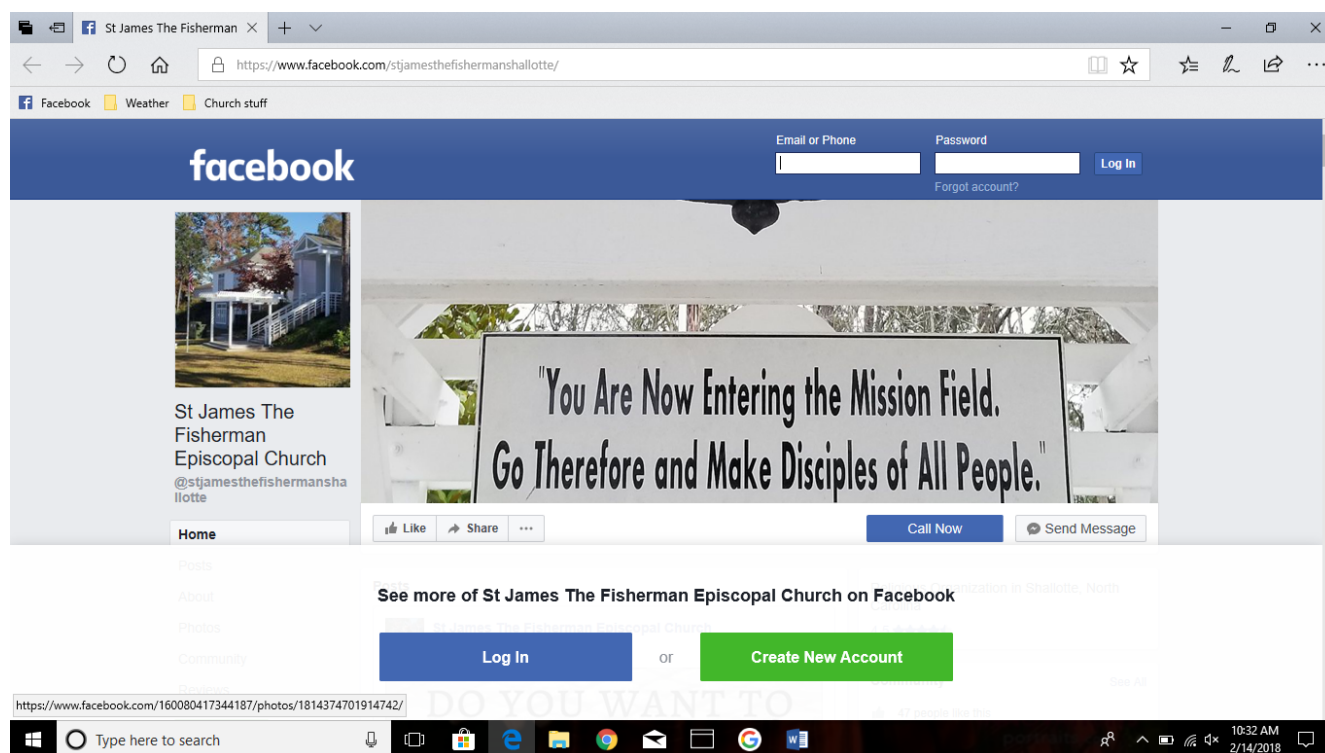
This month we had a truly eye-opening program given to us by Donna Phelps, the director of STREETREACH, the wonderful organization that tries so very hard to help the homeless, the stranded, and the desperate folks here in Brunswick County. There are SO many needs and only so much money and so many avenues that can be found to help these brothers and sisters and families that are just coming out of prison, have lost their jobs, are mentally and physically ill -- it is overwhelming to see what needs to be done. Donna and her husband are such angels that are working tirelessly to help wherever they can. We learned so much about this ministry and about what we can do to help. It was a wonderful program.

Next month, on March 7th, we are going to have a very short meeting and then head out in carpools to Horry County SC to their nationally recognized Recycling Center and Landfill to learn and see what they are doing to reduce waste in their county. The ECW went to this facility about 10 years ago, and those who got to go are still quoting the facts and actions that were learned that day.

Wouldn't you like to join us 3/7, a Wednesday morning? Remember -- every woman who is a member at St. James is automatically a member of our ECW and is always welcome at their meetings. Just sign up on the list in the Gathering Area.

*Susan Dickerson
2017-2018 President*





What's going on at St. James the Fisherman?

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Kris Crane and Nancy Dougherty are administrators of the page, which means that they are responsible for adding new photos, news about activities, maintaining the page, etc. (We welcome ideas for changes!) If you are a Facebook user, please "like" the church's page. You will receive posts on your FB page from SJTF anytime its page is updated.

Strongly consider "liking" the FB page for several reasons. Those reasons are:

1. You will receive information about parish activities more rapidly
2. It shows how involved the parish is in learning about parish activities
3. It demonstrates to potential Rectors what our activities are and how interested/involved our parish is

We invite you to search for us on FB at St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church. If you search for it on google you will find it under this listing [St James The Fisherman Episcopal Church - Home | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesthefishermanshallotte/). OR You can "click" on the previous text that is a different color and/or underlined because it is a direct link to the web page. If you aren't already registered to use FB you will see a small portion of the page. In order to see more you will need to register to use Facebook.

Vestry Communication Liaison - Nancy Dougherty

HELP!!!!

The Jr. Warden is going to need HELP on Saturday April 21 for the annual Spring Clean-up at our church. We will meet at 9:30 AM and hopefully will have many helping hands and make a quick job of it. Bring any outside tool, leaf rake, gas blower, etc. that you are proficient with and we'll take care of business. Rain date will be Saturday April 28. "Many Hands Make Light Work."

Jim Parsch, Jr. Warden



Holy Week and Easter Services



March 24th/25th (Palm Sunday): All 3 weekend Services begin with Liturgy of the Palms and procession starting in church courtyard (Bliss Hall if inclement weather).

March 29th (Maundy Thursday): 7pm Maundy Thursday service with foot-washing & stripping of church. The church will then remain open until 10pm for meditation and prayer.

March 30th (Good Friday): Stations of the Cross walk thru Shallotte starting at our parish at noon. We'll also conduct the Stations in our church for those not desiring to do the walk thru town. We'll then gather in church at 1:00 pm for the Good Friday service.

March 31st (Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil): Set up church for Easter. There will be a 5:30 pm Easter Vigil Service.

April 1st (Easter Sunday): Festive Easter Eucharist services at 9am and 11am (don't forget some flowers for the Flowering Cross).

Easter Flowers

March 25th will be the last day to sign up to donate Easter Flowers in Memory, Thanksgiving or in Honor of someone. A signup sheet is located on the Bulletin Table beginning March 1st. Request is \$10 per donation. Place checks in the Offering Plate with the notation "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.



The program is called "Support the Girls." **Our collection will be coming to an end on March 4th.** Homeless and financially challenged women and girls in Brunswick and New Hanover Counties are in need of bras and feminine hygiene products. New and/or gently used bras (washed), new (sealed) packages of tampons and maxi pads, and new (packaged) underwear of all sizes are needed. All types and sizes of bras are needed (daily, underwire, sport, training, maternity, nursing, lacy, and mastectomy). So, please look in your dresser drawers for any new or gently used bras you no longer wear and donate them to this worthwhile ministry. Other hygiene products would be appreciated also.

The collected items will be sorted by volunteers from the *Support the Girls – Southeastern North Carolina Chapter*, and distributed to many different shelters/programs between Brunswick County and New Hanover County.

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe at 910-575-1247 or at no1nanie@atmc.net.



SUPPORT THE GIRLS

Vestry Notes

The Vestry met on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in Bliss Hall at 5:30 p.m., for our regular monthly meeting and discussed various items concerning church business.



First, we had a presentation from the Jim Parsch, Jr. Warden, reporting that our current HVAC systems are aged and have not had routine preventative maintenance. He obtained bids for an annual maintenance to be done. A vote was taken and we will sign a contract with Sandpiper HVAC for services that will include regular semi-annual maintenance and the installation of programmable thermostats. Since the HVAC units' electrical usage makes up the biggest part of our electric bill, a regular maintenance schedule should help reduce our costs.

Also, we discussed stewardship and how to increase pledges, along with gaining more parishioners.

We have a lot of new and exciting things planned for St. James the Fisherman in the future. Please keep the Vestry and Search Committee in your thoughts and prayers.

*Very Respectfully,
Bill Grothe, Sr. Warden*



Coups for Troops

Since January of 2015, the Daughters of the King have provided discount coupons to eleven different military families stationed overseas. We have sent coupons to Italy, Germany, Guam, Japan, and South Korea. We are currently supplying four families with a box of coupons every four to six weeks, and we couldn't do this without your help.

I trim, sort, and pack approximately 4,000-5,000 coupons each month, and it is truly a labor of love for me. There are a few things, however, that you can do to

help me in this process:

- 1.) The words "Manufacturer's Coupon" must appear on the face of the coupon. Please do not send me coupons from Lowes Foods, Food Lion, or other grocery stores, restaurants, dollar stores or any coupons marked "Valid in store only." These coupons will not be accepted at the commissary.
- 2.) The commissary will accept coupons up to six months following the date of expiration. Please don't include any that are more than four months past the expiration date as I need time to sort and mail.
- 3.) There are envelopes available on top of the piano in Bliss Hall for you to use to hold the coupons. Please place all coupons inside the envelope so that you can close the flap. This keeps them from curling and tearing when placed in the box for collection.

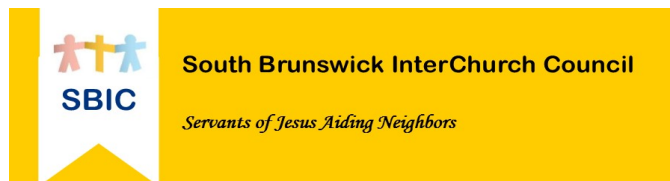
I keep in touch with these military wives and can assure you that your participation in this program is very much appreciated. Living overseas can be very costly for these young families, and this is one small way that we can help those who sacrifice so much in service to our country.

Annette Parsch, Coups for Troops Coordinator

2018 Summer Camp Applications



Brochures and applications are available in the Tract Rack (located in the Gathering Area). Camp sessions are available for all youth rising in grades 3-12. Limited scholarship funds are available through Camp Trinity and through our parish ECW.



SBIC CORNER

Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe, the St. James Representative on the South Brunswick Interchurch Council (SBIC), attended the monthly meeting held on Monday, February 5, 2018, at Shallotte Presbyterian Church at 8:45 a.m.

The first order of business was the drawing for the lap quilt made and donated to the SBIC by the Brunswick Quilters Guild in Shallotte. Representing the Guild at the drawing were Suzanne Simpson and Ellen Freeman. Approximately \$1,700 was raised for the SBIC Food Pantry. The winning ticket belonged to Judy Evans of Soldier Bay Baptist Church.

The Run For Food was held at Ocean Isle Beach on Saturday, January 13. There were a total of 416 runners (167 5K, 111 10K, and 138 Half Marathon). Runners received shirts, medals, and trophies, and were treated to a chicken bog following the event. A total of \$3,630.35 was raised for the SBIC Food Pantry.

Mary Pritchard reported that the SBIC Food Pantry served 316 children, 589 adults, and 345 seniors for a total of 1,250 in January 2018. Mary will be working on two grants.

The theme for this year's Lenten Luncheons will be "Rediscovering God...a community of faith journeying through Lent." You should be seated by noon. The suggested meal minimum is \$5.00 per meal. The schedule is as follows:

March 7	St. Luke Lutheran	Rev. Mary Jane Wilson-Parsons
March 14	Calvary Baptist	Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong
March 21	Camp UMC	Rev. Harry Rehder

Gloria Wimmer, Membership Coordinator, reminded the delegates to keep their churches involved and knowledgeable about the SBIC; i.e., SBIC Corner, and notes in bulletins. Tell them what we have accomplished and what needs to be done. She also stressed to the delegates our dire need for a Public Relations and Communications Coordinator. Gloria also asked Paul to provide a list of those churches who have paid their dues.

Mitch Hewett, Technology Coordinator, gave a summary of activity on the SBIC website. The SBIC is now down to paying for one website thanks to Mitch.

Tom Horan distributed a description of the open board positions and elaborated on the duties of each one. If one of these positions is calling your name, please let us know.

Public Relations/Communications – Serve as the public voice of the SBIC.

Fundraising – Assist Event Chairs and Grant Coordinators, as appropriate.

Emergency Assistance – Coordinate one-time emergency services to area families, especially in the areas of utilities (BEMC PowerStat Program), and housing (Streetwork Adopt-A-Room Program).

Tom Horan reported that he hosted a group of new delegates at his home on January 24th to discuss the history of the organization and other topics. As a result, at the Board Meeting, it was recommended that the SBIC have more guest speakers, have a listing of services available on line, prioritize the vacant positions, etc. The Public Relations and Communications Coordinator should be top priority.

The 2018 Spring Concert will be held at Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church on April 15th from 3-5 p.m. Please let your music directors know about this event. Even if you are not participating, please attend to support those who are. Admission is a non-perishable food. There will also be a free-will offering collected for the SBIC Food Pantry.

The next SBIC General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2018, at Shallotte Presbyterian Church at 8:45 a.m. Anyone is welcome to attend the monthly SBIC Meetings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Ann or Bill Grothe, your St. James Representatives, at 910-575-1247 or at nonanie@atmc.net. Until next month...

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Mar 1 Dan McDonald
Mar 2 Bobbie Masich
Mar 3 JoAnn LaMarca
Mar 5 Paul & Sue Ann Worley
Mar 7 Perry Jennings
Mar 8 April Murphy
Mar 11 Luvette Hickey
 Ron & Beverly Veenker
Mar 13 Earl & Libby Miller
Mar 16 Don & Edith Edwards
Mar 23 Paul Bertelsen
 Brenton Ingraham
 Gordon & Bonnie Dolph
Mar 25 Charles Torregrossa
Mar 29 Cai Raber
Mar 31 Dan & Kathleen McDonald

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The Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving – Bishop
 Rev. Frank Russ, Interim Rector
 The Rev. Jean Miller, Deacon
 The Rev. Michael Ligon, Assistant Deacon
 Rev. Dr. Richard Warner, Jr., Rector Emeritus
 Paul Bertelsen, Verger

Worship Services

Sunday:

Holy Eucharist:	8:00 a.m.
Choral Eucharist:	10:00 a.m.

Saturday:

Holy Eucharist:	5:30 p.m.
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Vestry

Bill Grothe	Senior Warden
Jim Parsch	Junior Warden
Jack McElroy	Treasurer
Jackie Wright	Clerk of the Vestry
Pat Neff	Nancy Dougherty
Sam Farag	Bob Lynott
Dawn Kellerman	Joyce Winnie
Anne Neely	

Directory of Ministries

WORSHIP – Vestry Liaison – J. Winnie

Coordinators –
 Acolytes – P. Bertelsen
 Altar Guild – Individual Team Leaders
 Daughters of the King – L. Hickey
 Eucharistic Ministers – R. Fernandez
 Eucharistic Visitors – Deacon J. Miller
 Music – M. Smicklas
 Newcomers/Greeters – B. Herren
 Nursery – V. Redin
 Ushers – B. Chase

PROGRAMS – Vestry Liaison – D. Kellerman

Christian Education – Father Frank Russ
 ECW – S. Dickerson

Coffee Hour – Weekly Hosts
 Foyer Groups: R. Fernandez
 Quarterly Parish Dinners – B. & G. Freeman
 Special Projects – P. Bertelsen
 Holy Stitchers – D. Kellerman
 Bridge Group – B. Bartell

OUTREACH – Vestry Liaison – Anne Neely

Angel Tree – Daughters of the King
 BFA Food Pantry – *Volunteer Needed*
 Community In Schools – Deacon J. Miller
 ERD – *Volunteer Needed*
 Inter-church Council – B. & R. Grothe
 Lobster Sale – *Volunteer Needed*
 Neighbor to Neighbor – Deacon J. Miller

Second Helpings- J. Bryant
 UTO/CPC – ECW Coordinators

ADMINISTRATION – Vestry Liaisons – S. Farag, P. Neff

Endowments – Chair: E. Miller
 Liaison: S. Farag
 Stewardship – P. Neff

COMMUNICATIONS/DEANERY – Vestry Liaison – N. Dougherty

BUILDING & GROUNDS – B. Lynott, J. Parsch

Fisherman Newsletter – L. Jennings

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

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