

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.

Independence Day and the Episcopal Church

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Prayer for Independence Day from the Book of Common Prayer.)

Did you know that Independence Day is a major feast of the Episcopal Church? Psalms, Scripture Readings, and Prayers were first appointed for this national observance in the Proposed Prayer Book of 1786. They were deleted, however, by the General Convention of 1789, primarily as a result of the intervention of Bishop William White. Though himself a supporter of the American Revolution, he felt that the required observance was inappropriate, since the majority of the Church's clergy had, in fact, been loyal to the British crown.

You might be surprised to know that July 4 wasn't a major feast before the 1979 Prayer Book was approved. At the time of the American Revolution, there was no American edition of the Book of Common Prayer until 1789 after the war, as mentioned above.

It is interesting to note that in 1783, Moravians in Salem, North Carolina, held a celebration of July 4 with a challenging music program assembled by Johann Friedrich Peter. This work was entitled *The Psalm of Joy*.

Amidst the typical observances of Independence Day, such as cookouts and fireworks, celebrate July 4 by including thanksgiving and prayer for the freedom we all enjoy in this land of liberty and justice for all.

*Faithfully yours,
Fr. Frank*



A Voice from the Deacon's Bench



Dear Friends in Christ,

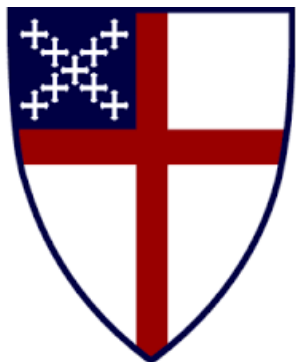
The third chapter and the third step in the Rule of St. Benedict in Joan Chittister's book, *The Radical Spirit*, is about seeking directions from wisdom figures.

The first two steps dealt with the questions of *who is God?* and *what does it mean to do the will of God?* The first step is to recognize that God is God and a presence to be recognized and to learn to trust him. God is with us as Joan says, first, last and always, even in times of adversity. The second step is that doing the will of God will help me become what God created me to be — co-creators with the God of Life.

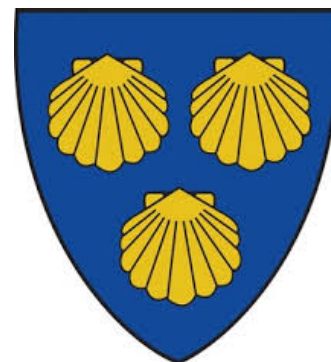
The third step is to learn to listen and understand the scriptures and those who are our wisdom teachers. We must remember that the God-Life lives in others as well as us, and we must learn to listen to each other over and over again — to try to understand and respect what they say. We are to open ourselves to the wisdom of others, who are living examples of the will of God, and humble ourselves to look beyond our self-centered wills to discern and choose the will of God as our path.

*Blessings,
Deacon Jean*

Saint James Day Celebration



The parish will celebrate our patron Saint's feast day on Sunday, July 29th . In order that we might gather as a parish family, we will have only one service that weekend at 10 a.m. Mark your calendars and come join in this celebration, as we come together to share the joy of all those who have blessed us with the great legacy we call St. James the Fisherman. Help recall the movement of those who went before us: starting in 1935 along the banks of Gause Landing, continuing in a nearby one-room building that served as our parish church until 1962, and moving to our current location where we have continued to grow in size and ministry. This year, instead of having an outdoor picnic, we will move our "picnic" into Bliss Hall.



Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry

The ECW's Episcopal Farmworker's Ministry support drive starts June 17th through July 15th. We provide support to this Ministry by collecting clothing, bedding, toiletries, and canned and dried food.

There is a list of items on the Farmworkers' table in the gathering area at church. They use single size sheets, pillow cases, gently used towels , blankets, pillows.

Some food items needed are canned fruit, canned tuna, canned vegetables, dried or canned beans and rice. Paper products (plates, cups, napkins, etc.) baseball caps, garden gloves, and bug spray are also welcomed.

If you have any questions please call Barbara Bartell 910-842-1865.



Lower Cape Fear Deanery News

On April 29 a meeting was held at St. Paul's in Wilmington to introduce a pilot program of the Diocese of East Carolina – the Mary & Joseph Project. The Rev. Canon Fred Clarkson and attorney Ana-Cristina Jimenez presented the concept of a ministry that would provide support for families in which the parents face the possibility of detainment/deportation. About twenty people were in attendance including representatives from Episcopal churches, and members of Iglesia Cristiana de Wilmington.

Among the issues involved in these situations are:

- Legal guardianship papers need to be in place so that DSS and government foster care of their children can be avoided.
- Power of attorney is necessary so that someone can be empowered to handle property and/or businesses left behind.
- Financial support needs to be available for these expenses, plus support for a single parent left with fewer resources with which to care for the children.

Ideas generated by the meeting were:

- Form a task force to set up this ministry.
- Produce brochure with pertinent information and make it available at agencies such as Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and The Good Shepherd Center, Spanish-speaking merchants and congregations, and the "Latinos in Wilmington" Facebook page.
- Establish a Lower Cape Fear Deanery discretionary fund to be known as the "Mary & Joseph Fund" to hold and disperse donations for financial assistance.

Please make this new ministry in our deanery known to your congregation and make sure that contact information of those interested in learning more be sent to Carl Samet, at St. Paul's: admin@spechurch.com This may be a perfect fit for those who have been dedicated to refugee ministry in the past. Also let Nancy Dougherty know if you have an interest - she will let you know of others in the parish who wish to be involved in this ministry.

Mark Your Calendar

September 29, 2018 is the date of our 2nd Annual Deanery Celebration with Bishop Skirving. The Rev. Jody Greenwood, rector of Church of the Servant, has graciously and courageously taken on leadership of planning and organizing it. More information will be forthcoming.

Be Still. . .



Psalm 46, verse 10: "Be still, and know that I am God."

When I first became a Daughter, my favorite facet of our Vow was that of prayer. It still is. I administer our chapter Prayer List, and finding just the right words for a prayer request is a mission that I take very seriously. Words can express our joy, our pain, our despair; and sharing those words in prayer with the other daughters in our chapter makes our joy greater, and our despair just a bit easier to carry. Prayer connects us each to another, and each to the love of God.

Sacred Silence is a practice that we do first thing at our meetings. We gather in the Chapel, and lift all those souls on our Prayer List to God. For a brief span of time, we are set apart from the noise of every day living; set free from distractions and chores and errands and to-do lists and "what have I forgotten to do?" — just to be still, for a little while, and Know that God . . . Is.

During one of my hard, busy, "distracted by life" times a few years ago, I came across this meditation:

"Ceaseless activity is not God's plan for your life. Times of withdrawal for renewal of strength are always necessary. When you feel the faintest tremor of fear, stop all work. Stop everything, and rest until you are strong again. Deal in the same manner with tiredness, for then you need rest of body. You cannot expect to do all things, depending upon God to keep you from exhaustion. His supply of power is intended for things you believe He wants you to do. Physical and mental fatigue are yours to control."

Life continues to distract us from what is important. Details get in the way of our relationship with Jesus, our King, who loves us always. When our burdens seem unbearable, that is exactly when we need to stop. To be still. To know.

Mary and Martha Chapter



*For His Sake,
Lisa Jennings*

Coffee Hour Reminder

I want to thank everyone who has signed up for coffee hour over the next few weeks. Remember, it does not need to be a lot. You can keep it simple. Cookies or doughnuts, along with juice or ice tea, are fine. Coffee hour is a tradition at St. James where we all gather after 10:00 church service to greet and share conversation with one another. Please keep this wonderful tradition going and sign up for one Sunday over the summer.

Deacon Jean



Celebrating Newcomers To the Parish Family

During our June 10th 8:00 am service we welcomed **Emily & Jerry Walborn** into our parish. 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.



Altar Flowers

Each week the flowers on the altar add a beautiful touch to our Worship Services. Those dedicating them in honor, memory or thanksgiving of someone provide these flowers solely through donations to our Flower Fund. **Unfortunately we have a large number of weekends where either one or both of the altar vases have not been donated, which is depleting our backup Flower funds.** The cost is \$35 per vase and the signup chart is located in Bliss Hall.



Bridge Buddies will meet for bridge on Thursday July 5th and July 19th and on Thursday August 2nd and August 16th . We will meet at St. James at 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Reminder email will be sent to the players in our bridge group the Sunday before each bridge date. We welcome all new players. Any questions please call me.



Barbara Bartell
910-842-1865

Annual Lobster Sale Coordinator Position Is (Still) Open

Bill Chase has volunteered and worked long and hard for many years as the coordinator for our Annual Lobster Sale, which is held on the same day as our Annual Yard Sale/Bake Sale/Craft Sale.

He's handing the reins over. Will you consider taking the reins of this volunteer job? You would be working with our Administrative Assistant, who will assist you with all the paperwork. *It's only a once a year job.*

If you would like to volunteer or would like further information, please call Fr. Frank at 843-817-0486.





Christmas In July

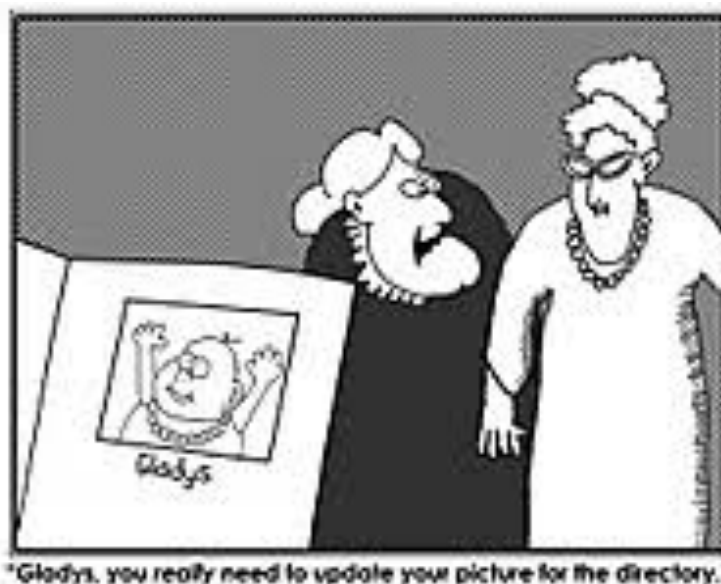
School has only just come to an end here in Brunswick County; however, planning for the next school year is already underway. There are many families in this area struggling to do all that they can for their students. School supplies become a big expense, whether you have 1 child or 4 children in the family.

A Christmas Tree will go up in the Gathering Area for July 1st and we will have tags on the branches listing the supplies that are needed by students at **Waccamaw Elementary School**. We ask that you take a tag, go shopping, return your items to the church, and place them under the tree. At the end of July all items will be taken to the school for distribution to the students.

Thanks to all the St. James Fisherfolk for being part of this wonderful outreach program.

New Pictorial Directory

Each year new faces join our parish family, and we try to include photos of them. This year we will be redoing the entire pictorial directory. If you would like your photo included, we ask that you bring (or e-mail) a fairly recent photo of yourself/selves to the Parish Office, or come in and I'll take your photo. If sending it via e-mail, please send it in jpeg format to me at: stjames@stjamesthefisherman.net. If you submit a printed picture, it will be returned to you through your parish mailboxes. Our goal is to have the new Directory out by the end of August. This will be a very important tool for the new incoming rector. Thank you!



*Connie Esposito,
Parish Administrative Assistant*

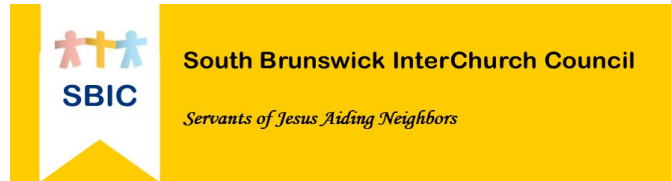
Vestry Notes

The regular vestry meeting was June 12. A number of topics were discussed:

- The treasurer reported that pledge income is \$4,620 over budget and plate collections are \$2,311 over budget. This has a significant impact on the initial \$20,000 decrease in the 2018 pledge income.
- The issue to replace most of the church HVAC units was presented. A final decision will be made at the July meeting.
- Frank and Bill have written a proposal for a Diocese of East Carolina Foundation grant to offset the cost of the air conditioning replacements. Once a final decision is made in July regarding the purchase of the units, the proposal will be mailed to Kinston.
- Frank announced that Bill and Sheila McLennan will be the co-chairs of our annual giving campaign. Heather Holbrook has agreed to serve as the marketing coordinator for the campaign.
- Ann Neely reported that a meeting with Canon Stockard is being scheduled for later this month to discuss the next steps in the search process. The bishop shared that the names of about six candidates have been received at diocesan house.
- No quorum was established so no votes were taken. The next meeting will be July 10 at 5:30 p.m.



*Submitted by
Frank Russ*



SBIC CORNER

Bill Grothe, the St. James Alternate Representative on the South Brunswick Interchurch Council (SBIC), attended the monthly meeting held on Monday, June 4, 2018, at Shallotte Presbyterian Church at 8:45 a.m.

Tom Horan made some opening remarks about church membership in the SBIC. Gloria Wimmer, Membership Chairperson, then motioned to rescind the membership of The Brunswick Island Baptist Church from the SBIC after repeated efforts to communicate with them. Motion was seconded and passed.

Tom reviewed the volunteer requirements for each of our 2018-19 events:

1. OIB Summer Concert Series. Volunteers are needed to collect donations on August 17, 24, and 31, and September 7. If you would like to help, let Ruth Ann or Bill know.
2. Celebration of Volunteers. Bonita LeGoullon, Event Coordinator, reported that six churches have responded with a total of 92 thus far. E-invites will be sent out at the end of July.
3. Sunset @ Sunset (October 6). Patty Brisson, Event Coordinator, will send in the application to Sunset Beach this week. Homemade pies and cakes are needed. You can start baking now and freeze them until the event.
4. CROP Hunger Walk (November 3). We have some volunteers, but no one to head the event. If we do not get someone soon, we will have to cancel the event. There was discussion of possibly dropping the Praise in the Park portion of the event since it had not increased the donations we received.
5. Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels (November 22). Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe will be the coordinator again this year.
6. Run for Food (January 19). Mitch Hewett has already set up the website and advertising. We already have one runner signed up.
7. Spring Concert. Beach Assembly of God will host the concert in the spring of 2019.

Tom then reviewed the Committee heads:

1. PR/Communications – Denise Reiner.
2. Fundraising – Open.
3. Food Pantry – Mary Pritchard.
4. Emergency Assistance – Greg Mittlestadt.
5. Grants – Bonita LeGoullon, Cynde Mitchell, Mitch Hewett, and Mary Pritchard.
6. Membership – Gloria Wimmer.
7. Election of Officers – Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe and Bertha Bell.

Bertha Bell, Nominating Committee Member, presented the 2018-2019 slate for President and Recording Secretary. Jeanne Parietti was approved for the position of Recording Secretary. The position of President remains vacant. Tom Horan will continue to participate in the SBIC as an ex-officio president. Linda Herrick and Jeanne Parietti will fill in as needed to do essential presidential duties such as leading the monthly meetings.

The 2018-2019 Budget was approved by the general council.

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(SBIC Corner, continued:)

Mary Pritchard reported that folks from the BB&T Lighthouse Program came to help out with the Food Pantry. They paid \$500 for the meat in May; \$1,000 in toiletries; and \$500 for the meat in June. They also paid \$1,500 against our April food invoice from IFH. This brings the total BB&T help to \$3,500 for the SBIC Food Pantry. The Christian Academy (9th, 10th, and 11th graders) helped sort and stack the food.

Paul Carman, Treasurer, pointed out that our revenue was down this year because of the poor showing for the Run for Food.

Mitch Hewett, Technology Coordinator, invited everyone to go to our web page www.sbicnc.org and check it out.

Gloria Wimmer, Membership Chairperson, stressed that each church should have an alternate come to all meetings when the official delegate is absent.

Mary Pritchard, Food Pantry Coordinator, reported that the SBIC Food Pantry has served 1,377 children, 2,531 adults, and 1,845 seniors for a total of 5,753 January-May 2018. Mary also advised that the SBIC had received a grant from ATMC for \$2,250, and a donation of \$2,471 from the Souper Bowl.

The next SBIC General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 2, 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 no1nannie@atmc.net. Until next month...

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jul 1 Richard Crane, Lisa Jennings
 Jul 2 Gary Freeman
 Jul 3 Tom Smicklas
 Jul 4 Wayne & Sandy Campbell
 Jul 5 Robert & Mary Klinedinst
 Jul 8 Brenton & Libby Ingraham
 Jul 12 Deborah Zawacki, Jack & Kathy McElroy
 Jul 13 Marilyn Seidler, Debbie Kodak
 Jul 15 Norman & Tommie Christenbury
 Jul 17 Kristina Crane, Barbara & Gary Freeman
 Jul 18 Phillip Ledford
 Jul 19 Bill Schwanke, Rick & Mary Dawkins
 Jul 24 Bill McLennan, Bill & Brenda Schwanke
 Jul 25 Mary Klinedinst
 Jul 26 Richard Seidler, James Haughey
 Jul 29 Susan Sprouse, John & Marion Walsh
 Jul 30 Joseph Kellerman
 Jul 31 Jim Parsch, Joseph & Dawn Kellerman

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 1 Kay Roberts
 Aug 2 Sharon Davis
 Aug 3 Phillip & Elizabeth Ledford
 Aug 5 Ray Schatz
 Aug 7 Ruth Fernandez
 Aug 8 Robert Klinedinst, Ruth MacDonald
 Aug 9 Ann Alexander
 Aug 10 Joyce Winnie, Emily & Jerry Walborn
 Aug 11 Jacqueline Wright, John & Kay Roberts,
 Bill & Sheila McLennan, Bill & Terrie Collins
 Aug 13 Monica Jones
 Aug 15 Bill Chase & Patricia Lynch
 Aug 16 Wayne Averill
 Aug 19 Michael Murphy
 Aug 22 Dave Jenkins
 Aug 23 Kathy McElroy, Richard & Cynthia Carver, Sandy Campbell
 Aug 24 Sue Ann Worley
 Aug 25 Ruth Ann Grothe
 Aug 26 Anne Neely, Sue Sandidge, Russ & Jeanne Mavis
 Aug 27 Rolf Redin, James & Jill Horn
 Aug 28 Bob & Stephanie Lynott
 Aug 30 Stanley Filipski, Ed Sandidge



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The Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving - Bishop
Rev. Frank Russ, Interim Rector
The Rev. Jean Miller, Deacon
The Rev. Michael Ligon, 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.

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 - *Volunteer Needed*
Nursery - V. Redin
Ushers - B. Chase

PROGRAMS - Vestry Liaison - D. Kellerman

Christian Education - Father Frank Russ
ECW - B. Freeman
Coffee Hour - Weekly Hosts

Foyer Groups: R. Fernandez
Quarterly Parish Dinners - Dawn
Kellerman, 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 - Second Helpings Volunteers
Communities In Schools - Daughters of the King
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 - Dan Dickerson, Ernie Sewell,
and Cai Raber
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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