

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.

Farewell Letter

Dear Fisher Folks,

This will be my final submission to *The Fisherman*. It is hard to believe that I have been with you for almost one year. And it has been an enjoyable time for me.

Together we have accomplished a lot over these past 11 months. St. James the Fisherman is a wonderful place filled with wonderful people. I believe your new rector will be a very blessed person, serving as your shepherd. And I believe that the parish is in a good position to welcome a new priest.

My thanks to you for welcoming me and making me feel at home. I will not list names, because I would inevitably overlook someone. I carry each of you in my heart, and will keep you in my prayers.

Continue your good work in outreach, worship, and welcoming newcomers. And please keep you in my prayers as I begin a new journey on the staff of St. James Parish, Wilmington.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord cause his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

*Faithfully yours,
Fr. Frank*

A Voice from the Deacon's Bench

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Christian book club I attend needed two months to unpack the third chapter of Joan Chittister's book, *Radical Spirit*, which is about the rule of St. Benedict. The twelve steps in the rule of St. Benedict, which centers on humility, are to help us live a free and authentic life.

The first step is recognizing that God is God. The second step is knowing that God's will is the best for you. The third step is seeking directions from our wisdom figures.

To learn from our wisdom teachers, and to comply with our authority figures, opens us to spiritual growth and development. We must learn to trust our own moral compass, as well as our authority figures. We are to remember to learn with learning from others — to listen to others and let go of our egos. This gives us room to open to our wisdom figures, and their experiences, along with the scriptures.

For the love of God, we are to be obedient, imitating Jesus, of whom the apostle says: Christ became obedient even to death. (Phil, 2:8) Joan closes this chapter by saying that a spiritual life that learns to listen to the voice of God within is a spiritual life with God as the director. Then we are free; then we are truly authentic.

Here is a quote from a wisdom teacher, Philip Yancy in *Prayer: Does it Make a Difference?*

"The act of prayer brings together Creator and creature, eternity and time, in all the fathomless mystery implied by that convergence. I can view prayer as a way of asking a timeless God to intervene more directly in our time-bound life on earth...I can also view prayer from the other side, as a way of entering into the rhythms of eternity and aligning myself with God's 'view from above,' a way to harmonize my own desires with God's and then to help effect, while on earth what God has willed for all eternity."



**Blessings,
Deacon Jean**



Neighbor to Neighbor Outreach Ministry

We have been blessed with coats coming in all summer for the 2018/19 Coat Closet program. We still need children's coats of all sizes, and men's small and medium and 2x and above coats for the adults. The Orthopedic Equipment Lending Program is always an on going very active outreach service. We see equipment going out and coming in or donated regularly. As a

reminder to our St. James family, remember that this outreach is available to every one of you, to your family and neighbors. This outreach program is also known in Brunswick County and with local churches as a valuable resource for the community. We often get requests for needed equipment and donations from others who are aware of this service.

The Neighbor to Neighbor program, which umbrellas both the Coat Closet and Orthopedic Equipment Lending services, is in need of volunteers. Thank you all for your continuing support for this ministry.

Deacon Jean Miller

Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry

On July 17th, 2018 we delivered a van full of items for the Farm Workers Ministry at Newton Grove. The van was stuffed. Our parish members were very generous in giving toiletries, bug spray, canned and dry goods. There were lots of pillows, washed, lightly-used towels and sheets, and paper products. There were baseball hats, work gloves, long sleeve shirts, pants, and light sweaters.

Program Manager Juan Carabana met with us and showed much appreciation to St. James the Fisherman. He kept thanking us over and over for your generosity.



*We thank you for all your support,
Barbara & Dan Bartell*

Engaging the Present – Building for the Future Annual Giving Campaign

St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church

Dear Fisher Folks,

Back in the 1980s I was a Chaplain - Counselor Resident at the University of Virginia Hospitals. A residency requires nights on-call. At the end of my shift one day after a busy night with no sleep, I only had one thing in mind: Going home to the comfort of my own bed. I was intercepted on my way to my car by a homeless man, whom I had seen numerous times on the "Corner." I was put off by his appearance: matted hair, unshaven face, wrinkled and dirty clothes. He asked me for a dime, and instantly thought, *I'm off the clock and I have nothing left to give another person.* I barked back at the old man and said, "No, I do not have a dime." I wasn't prepared for his nonverbal response. A sad and hurt expression came over his face and a tear trickled down his cheek. I then realized that I was looking into the face of a child of God.

Walking to my car I began to chastise myself, thinking that my behavior was inappropriate for a servant of God. And as a servant, I am never "off the clock." It further occurred to me that all that I had earned and all that I had were not really mine - they belonged to God, who had given them to me in the first place. I believe his intention in so doing was for me to use my money not just to sustain me; but to share from my abundance to bless others.

As we embark on a new annual giving for pledges campaign, I invite you to consider two things: 1) it is the responsibility of all disciples and servants of God to share from their bounty with others in the church, the community and the world, and 2) all that we have is a gift from God who intends for us to give from our possession for the benefit of others.

Money is only one aspect of giving. Giving ones time and talents through service is another component. I ask you to read through the enclosed materials (Annual Giving brochure, and your pledge card for the 2019 church budget). Then prayerfully decide what your contribution of money and abilities for the common good will be.

This is an exciting time in the life of our parish, as we anticipate the arrival of your next rector. It is the responsibility of each parishioner to ensure the church has a strong financial base for the rector and all of the ministries at SJTF.

Remember: "All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee."

Faithfully,
Fr. Frank

Engaging the Present – Building for the Future

20 For 2019 Stewardship Campaign

When Fr. Frank approached Sheila and me this spring and asked us to Co-Chair the 2019 Stewardship Campaign, we took some time to reflect on what it meant, and what if anything we could offer to make this a successful campaign drive. As we discussed how to approach this drive, our first thoughts were on what we had experienced since joining this Parish in 2010. What most came to mind for us was the People of St James the Fishermen, how they interact within the Parish, and maybe even more importantly, how they affect our community around us.

Sheila and I witnessed how this congregation embraces the three “T’s” of Time, Talent and Tithe. We experienced firsthand how people welcomed us with open arms and gave of their “Time” to make us feel like we belonged. We saw how a Parish that is modest in size gives a tremendous amount of its Time and Talents to serve the Parish and the community that we all live in. Lastly, thru our annual Tithe efforts, we saw how this congregation has been able to sustain these efforts.

Looking towards 2019, as we “Engage the Present while building for the Future,” we are now facing new challenges. Our Parish in large part is a “mature” collection of amazing people who mean so much to each other and our community. We need to find a way to expand our membership and broaden our base of time, talent and tithe.

We challenge all current members of St James the Fishermen to try and assist in this matter.

Take some “Time” and think of how you can be directly involved in bringing new people into our congregation. If each of us brings just one new potential parishioner to a service or a church related activity, the results of new “time, talent and tithe” would be tremendous.

Review the “Time and Talent” that you personally bring to St James, and see if there are not new or additional ways that you could be of service. A simple thing like volunteering to perform a service that our parish would otherwise have to pay for can go a long way towards securing a healthy church balance sheet. Be it volunteering to paint, clean up the grounds, or offering your particular talents in a manner that would assist in keeping our expenses in line are things we all can address. Other ways to contribute could be one such as on a recent Men’s group outing, four men engaged in a project at Atlantic Woodworks building a table that will be raffled in the fall. Efforts like this have tremendous value not just monetary, but help foster closer fellowship within our community. I know that scores of activities like this already take place, but are we all participating to our fullest ability?

Of course, all discussions of Stewardship have an element of “Tithe.” We ask that you review what your current pledge has been, and determine if you are doing all that you can to contribute to the stability and the growth that we all so dearly want for St James and our community. Consider for example, that if you bought one less Starbucks cup of coffee per week, or had one less bottle of wine with dinner, could this money be better utilized towards our common goal?

Thank you for taking the time to read this long winded letter. In the end, Sheila and I are confident that this congregation will rally and thru our collective efforts of increased “Time, Talent and Tithe,” we will be able to triumphantly “Engage the Present and Build for our Future.”

*Your Servants in Christ,
Bill and Sheila McLennan
Co-chairs, 2019 Stewardship Committee*

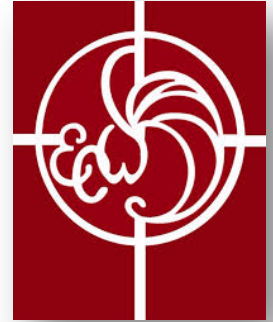
ECW

The ECW of St. James the Fisherman will start up its 2018-2019 program year with our first meeting on September 12th. As usual, we'll start with refreshments at 9 AM with a business meeting to follow. Our September program will be making "folded gift boxes," led by our own Kay Roberts. Look for the sign-up sheet in the gathering area, along with the new ECW program booklets. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Our October meeting will be on October 10th. We'll be going on a river tour, so watch for the sign up sheet.

Start saving all those items for the Yard Sale on October 27th. Hope you're all making items or coming up with ideas for the Craft Sale to be held in November – which will be held separately this year from the yard sale. More to come.

*Barb Freeman,
2018-2019 ECW President*



CROP Hunger Walk



It is time to find those walking shoes and dust them off to get ready for the 2018 CROP Hunger Walk. It will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018. This year's walk will once again be combined with the GSMA Praise in the Park at Mulberry Park where the walk will begin and end. There will be food, drinks, and baked goods, a deejay, and possibly other entertainment. Vera Redin and Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe will again serve as the recruiters for St. James. There will be a Recruiters' Meeting on Friday, August 24, at 10:45 a.m. at Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church. We hope you will join the St. James team this year, either by walking or supporting a walker. St. James had 16 walkers last year and raised \$2,395. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Vera or Ruth Ann. More info to follow.

Triennial



Mary and Martha Chapter

We sang one of my favorite hymns this morning. It is *Lift High the Cross*, which I got to sing earlier this summer with almost 800 other Daughters of the King at our Triennial in Austin, Texas. What a wonderful spirit-filled experience. The theme was WALK HIS WAY and we learned about every possible aspect of Evangelism. One of the workshops was "Evangelism comes from the heart," as we tell our own stories how God has come into our lives and the effect this had on us. We were given the opportunity to share our stories with the daughter sitting next to us.

Our speakers were Rev. Stephanie Spelling, the Presiding Bishop's Canon for Evangelism and Reconciliation, Carrie Headington, the Canon for Evangelism in the Diocese of Dallas, and Lollie Twyman from "New Wineskins Missionary Network." They gave very inspiring talks about "Spreading the Word."



We were asked to sit with daughters we didn't know during meals. I managed to make several new friends that way. I just happened to sit with daughters from Uganda, Italy, and Germany, as well as others from Texas, North Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Georgia. I started talking with a daughter who grew up near Chicago and went to nursing school there. I asked her which school and it turned out that she was at the hospital when my aunt was the Superintendent of Nurses 60 years ago.

There were 28 International Daughters present who came from the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Columbia, Guatemala, Ecuador, Haiti, Mexico, Uganda, Malawi, Germany, Italy, Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago, Israel, India, Panama, Puerto Rico, and Spain. Several spoke at International Night telling us of their activities. There are 4,000 daughters in Malawi. They travel by foot and meet weekly on Saturday morning or afternoon. Most of them serve faithfully to feed children and care for others. In the past, our chapter has sent money to purchase DOK pins and bibles for the daughters in Africa.

I had the pleasure of meeting two of my sisters from Mexico the first night at our Province IV Dinner. They took pictures with their phones as they spoke to me in broken English. I didn't meet them again until the Banquet three nights later, where I was fortunate to sit with them and other International daughters. We renewed acquaintances and promised to keep in touch in the future. I hope to be able to have our Chapter become Prayer Partners with their chapter.

All in all, it was an amazing experience to share with other DOK members where the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt throughout our time together. I am grateful to have been able to represent the Diocese of East Carolina Daughters of the King at the 47th Triennial.

*For His Sake,
Kay Roberts*

Bridge Buddies will meet for bridge on Thursday September 6th and September 20th . We will meet at St. James at 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

We welcome all new players. Any questions please call me.



Barbara Bartell
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Christmas In July



Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the St. James Fisherfolk for making Christmas in July such a wonderful success. All through July, school supplies kept coming in and going under the Tree in the Gathering Area, till we could almost not walk around the Tree. August 1st the elves came in and collected all the supplies, and the sled (a red car) was piled high. The trunk was so full of school bags, not another thing could fit inside, and the back seat held paper, pencils, pens, crayons, glue, colored pencils, notebooks, binders, and more and more.

The sled took off for the short flight to Waccamaw School. When the elves arrived, some wonderful ladies came out to help unload the sled. The doors on the sled were opened and stuff started to fall out, so the ladies went to get a wagon, soft sided and not too small. The wagon was overflowing, and the sled was still full, so the ladies went and got another wagon, which was also filled to overflowing. The wagons were emptied and filled again, which just left a few things that could be carried by the ladies. The ladies were so pleased with the supplies the elves brought, they were laughing and talking and saying thank you over and over.

We Fisherfolk have made it so that some children going back to school will have supplies that are needed but hard to afford. Once again, the elves say Thank You to all of you.

With Love, The Daughters of the King

Vestry Notes



The Vestry met on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, in Bliss Hall at 5:30 p.m., and had a very productive session.

Bill McLennan presented a very informative and inspiring report on our upcoming Stewardship Campaign. He and his wife, Sheila, are full of new ideas to increase pledges, as well as plate offerings.

Fr. Frank announced that we had several new visitors on Saturday and Sunday who expressed an interest in joining St. James. What wonderful news. If you encounter any new members or any visitors, please make them feel at home with us.

Fr. Frank also said that the two men's outings were a success, and he is planning another.

Sam Farag brought us up to date on the Discernment Committee's progress (you received an email), and things are moving ahead. Although they cannot tell anyone about the interviews, they have been hard at work doing a wonderful job. Patience is the key word. We will have a new Rector in due time as God provides for us.

The next Vestry meeting is Tuesday, September 11th, at 5:30 p.m. in Bliss Hall.

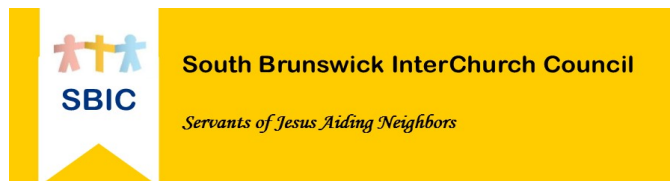
*Very Respectfully,
Bill Grothe, Sr. Warden*

Men's Group Has Two Outings

Five Fishermen attended a gathering at the Red Hare Brewery on July 26th. Then on August 10, four men engaged in a project at Atlantic Woodworks. They built a table that will be raffled in the fall. Several who were unable to attend the beer tasting have asked if we could do that again. Given the level of interest, I will schedule a second trip to the Red Hare. Come and join us!



*Peace,
Fr. Frank*



SBIC CORNER

Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe, the St. James Alternate Representative on the South Brunswick Interchurch Council (SBIC), attended the monthly meetings held on Monday, July 2 and August 8, 2018, at Shallotte Presbyterian Church at 8:45 a.m. Linda Herrick, Vice President, opened each meeting with a prayer.

Paul Carman, Treasurer, is working on an Annual Report and asked for input.

Status on Upcoming 2018-19 fundraising events:

OIB Summer Concert Series. Mary Pritchard distributed the dates and volunteer lists. In addition, she handed out yellow hats with "SBIC" on the front to each volunteer.

8/17 - Holiday Band (R&B, Soul)

8/24 - Special Occasion (Beach & CW)

8/31 - The Entertainers (Beach)

9/07 - Continental Divide (Beach)

Celebration of Volunteers. An Ice Cream Social will be held on September 13 at Shallotte Presbyterian Church from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Bonita LeGoullon, Event Coordinator, sent out 100 invites.

Sunset @ Sunset (October 6). Patty Brisson, Event Coordinator, will hold a meeting on Monday, August 13, at 9:30 a.m. at the Java Shop next to Lowes Supermarket in OIB.

CROP Hunger Walk (November 4). Bonita LeGoullon, Event Coordinator, distributed a summary of what has been accomplished thus far. A Recruiters' Meeting will be held on Friday, August 24, at Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church, from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served and recruiter packets handed out.

Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels (November 22). Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe will be the Coordinator again this year.

Run for Food (January 19). Mary Pritchard reported that this will be her last year as Coordinator.

Spring Concert. Beach Assembly of God will host the concert in the spring of 2019.

Gloria Wimmer, Membership Chairperson, distributed and reviewed talking points on "Why the SBIC is Important" and a summary of input from some of the Church reps. She also 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 1,826 children, 3,397 adults, and 2,585 seniors for a total of 7,808 January-July 2018. Mary also received a letter from Food Lion saying we will know in November about a grant.

Emergency Assistance was eliminated from our By-Laws in April 2016. Ruth Ann suggested that since we now have an Emergency Assistance Coordinator, we need to put it back in the By-Laws. She and the By-Laws Committee will submit a draft to the Executive Council for review and vote, and then present it to the General Meeting for approval.

Suzi Tipton informed the SBIC that New Life Church-Calabash (formerly Sunset Beach Community Church) is now holding Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. at the newly opened Brunswick Center in Calabash. The next SBIC General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 3, 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 lolnannie@atmc.net. Until next month...

Upcoming Events

Long Range Calendar:

- Fr. Frank's last service is Sunday, September 30th at 10AM with Reception in Bliss Hall following service. *Single service weekend*
- Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 6th at 10AM
- Commitment Weekend is October 6th & 7th after each service
- Service of Reception on October 13th & 14th
- Fri, October 26th Parish Presale of yard sale items 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- Lobster/Yard/Bake Sale is Saturday, October 27th
- Crop Walk is November 4th

Coffee Hour Time!

September and October schedule for hosting St. James traditional Coffee Hour is looking really bare. This short time together after 10:00 service is a definite gathering and sharing occasion for us all. We get to converse and catch up on our week or time away, go over church info and get to know the many visitors or new members that have become part of our church community. St. James is known as a friendly and warm place. A few weeks ago we had visitors come to two different services on the same weekend just to get to know our church. They stayed for the Coffee Hour and were warmly greeted and accepted just as they were at the 5:30 service.



Please consider hosting a Coffee Hour in the next months. Cookies, cakes, peanuts, punch and coffee that is all it takes—or your imagination. I will gladly go over the details with the easy preparation that is needed.

*Blessings,
Deacon Jean*

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Sep 1 Susan Dickerson, Don & Luvette Irvin
 Sep 3 Allen Rundall
 Sep 4 Bob & Monica Jones
 Sep 5 Jack Tittle, Bill Collins
 Sep 7 Weston Crane, Raymond Geiser, William & Laurin Somers
 Sep 9 Phil & Susan Sprouse
 Sep 10 Cynthia Carver, Marion Walsh
 Sep 12 Dan Bartell, John Bryant
 Sep 13 Phil Sprouse
 Sep 15 Telina West
 Sep 16 Gordon Dolph
 Sep 18 Rolf & Vera Redin, Gail Childers
 Sep 21 Heather Holbrook Krawcheck
 Sep 22 Donald Irvin
 Sep 23 Allen & June Rundall
 Sep 26 Stephen Robertson
 Sep 29 Evelyn Crane, Connie Esposito, Jackie Wooden
 Sep 30 Kathy Sanchez

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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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