

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.

Rector's Message

Many will remember that, in the mid-twentieth century, people felt social pressure to attend church. For young adults, the question was not so much whether to go to church, but which church had the most engaging program. Things have changed since then, and many committed Christians now express concern about the breakdown of communal norms. Often, the cause is ascribed to technology. Though technology has a role, the cultural shift towards radical individualism is also grounded in historical events. It might seem like a long route to achieve an explanation, but we need to begin with the Age of Reason in the 1700s. During this period, people were convinced that reason would bring about continued improvement in society. There was, however, a dark, frequently unacknowledged side to the ascendance of reason. Colonial powers used weapons to spread "reason" to the "unreasonable" people in the rest of the world and, in the process, seized vast resources. India was one of the wealthiest countries in the world until the British arrived. From the home front, where those resources raised many people's standard of living, reason seemed to be proving itself. As always happens with bankrupt ideologies, however, internal contradictions eventually manifested themselves. The same guns that had spread "reason" to the rest of the world eventually were turned against one another in the great slaughter of World War I. At the popular level, the conflict was sold as the war to end all wars, but in its aftermath, intellectuals (including theologians) began to doubt the ability of reason to bring about continued improvement.

In reaction, intellectuals began to reject anything that reminded them of what had gone before. Traditions and mores were rejected wholesale. Artists and musicians strived to create works that utterly differed from and were critical of everything prior. Though the results were prized among intellectuals for their rejection of everything familiar, "modern art" and avant-garde music was unpopular among average citizens. Beginning in the 60s, however, the doubt of the intellectuals filtered into the popular consciousness, and what was conventional began to be disdained by a wider group. A broader range of people began to associate tradition with ignorance, oppression, and destruction. The church was seen as one of the central institutions that had supported traditional values. (There are areas where tradition has been more tenacious, including parts of the South, but the power of the internet spreads dissatisfaction with tradition among the young even here.)

The young adults of today tend to reject anything that they link with the mores, values, and traditions of the past. They do not want to associate with an institution they see as backwards, racist, homophobic. (Some, known as hipsters, attempt to heal the alienation by creating a somewhat strained connection with the past through canning, pickling, and older technology such as typewriters, but on the whole, they have not embraced religion.) Christians have brought some of this upon themselves by accepting uncritically the ideology of the day rather than maintaining Christianity's inherent counter-culturalism.

In working with young adults, I have found two groups who are most open to the gospel. The first, often disgruntled graduate students, are those intellectuals who are deeply critical of the current culture. The second, larger group are those whose pursuit of the dream of maximizing happiness ended in failure and feel themselves to have been betrayed by their culture. This is why I want to reach out to those whose friends and loved ones died of overdoses.

As Christians, we need not despair. Committed Christians have always weathered the ideology of the times and continued to promote the gospel among those who would listen. We know that people long for God just as much now as they did when churches were booming. They simply do not recognize it. (I am not sure that all those people who attended church in the 70s knew it, either. Some went because their neighbors went. People who come to church today do so because they are drawn to the gospel.) We will continue our efforts to introduce people to God within us all and will pray that God presents us with opportunities to serve. The vestry and I are already working on ideas to introduce more people to the gospel and to St. James, where it is lived out.

A Voice from the Deacon's Bench



Dear Friends in Christ,

So much is going on at St. James the Fisherman that I decided to let you know what has been going on with Hurricane Relief and Recovery Programs as well as outreach ministry programs.

We contributed two large car loads of donations for BFA, SBIC food pantry at Camp Methodist, and Hope Ministries. The donations included food, cleaning agents, tools, clothing, and hygiene items. These items went right to the victims of Hurricane Florence and the Street Reach Ministry for the Homeless. Our congregation also was active in packing and distributing food items for the BFA Hurricane Rescue and Relief, and later, Christmas gifts, from the Brunswick Beacon warehouse.

St. James, in collaboration with St. John Episcopal Church in Marietta, Pennsylvania, and Deacon Nancy Rementer, formed a teamwork effort to raise money for the Hurricane R&R program. A Convocation of Episcopal churches in the Episcopal Central Diocese of Pennsylvania donated just over \$4000.00 dollars to aid the Hurricane R&R in Southern Brunswick Country. \$3900.00 of the donations was to go to BFA to help people pay their utility bills this winter. This donation was given to BFA a few days after Christmas. The remainder was placed In St. James' dedicated fund for Hurricane Relief and Recovery. Shortly after receiving this wonderful gift, we received another \$2000.00 from St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Spotswood, New Jersey. This donation was arranged by Joyce Winnie and her son. This donation was also placed in the Hurricane R&R fund.

A committee, including vestry outreach liaisons Gary Freeman, Anne Neely, and Deacon Jean will be looking into donating the rest of the money to programs that are working directly with victims affected in South Brunswick County.

Such an outpouring of love and faith in action by many who donated items, and by those who worked side by side with other concerned citizens of the area, shows the true spirit of God moving within us all. It was a Christmas blessing that still echoes within our hearts and spirit. Thanks again for your donations, your time, your talents, and loving hearts.

*Blessings,
Deacon Jean*

Increasing Our Online Presence

Dear Fellow Fisherfolk,

Great news!! We now have an Instagram account. Follow us now on Instagram at

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Instagram

“Follow” our page so you get up to date information. “Like” our posts, make comments, get involved. The more everyone participates, the more relevant our Instagram page will become. If you don’t currently have an Instagram account, it’s easy and free to create! Instagram is owned by Facebook and I have found that most people utilize one or the other, if not both. If you use an Iphone, Samsung or Smart Phone with apps it is simple to download. If you only access social media on a desktop or laptop, simply go to www.instagram.com and follow the easy instructions to create your own account.

Please send me any pictures, videos, messages that you would like posted on our new Instagram account and I will be pleased to upload them. I am not an expert at this, but learning as I go. You can email me at bill.mclennan@ymail.com or text me at 843-457-4175. I am looking forward to hearing from not only our ministry and outreach program leaders, but anyone in our church community with relevant pictures, videos and stories that will help tell our story.

We now have three ways for all members of our Parish, as well as the community as a whole, to see what we are all about. As always, please contact Bob Lynott regarding our website, www.stjamesthefisherman.net. Bob can be reached at rmlynott@yahoo.com. When it comes to Facebook, our account is St James The Fisherman Episcopal and our contact is Kris Crane, who can be reached at krisoib@atmc.net

We have so much to celebrate here at St James and these three avenues are our way to spread the word to all our parishioners, as well as our larger community, about who we are and what do for our beloved community.

*Your servant in Christ,
Bill McLennan
Junior Warden, Administration*



Thank You!

The South Brunswick Interchurch Council was able to provide Christmas Turkey Boxes to 150 families in need in the South Brunswick area on December 15th. Thank you so much to all St. James the Fisherman families who donated \$20 each to help provide a family of 4-5 people with a turkey box.

*Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe,
St. James SBIC Representative*

Farewell To Father Frank

Father Frank Russ joined St. James the Fisherman as Interim Rector on September 22, 2017. We all knew that the time would come to say farewell to Fr. Frank. That day arrived on Sunday, January 6, 2019, with a Service for ending a pastoral relationship and leave-taking from a congregation. It was a beautiful sunny day for a beautiful Service. As part of the Service, Fr. Frank presented the Parish Register and the church keys to Bob Lynott, Senior Warden.

Before recessing, Bill "Bubba" Grothe, past Senior Warden, presented Fr. Frank with a framed picture of St. James the Fisherman church from the Vestry and a box filled with best wishes and a Love Offering from the congregation.

We will miss Fr. Frank for many reasons, but most notably will be for the opening joke to his Sermons. Today's joke went something like this:

"It was a Sunday morning and a mother called for her son to get up and get ready for church. After the third call, she went into his room and told him that he had to get up and go to church. At which, of course, he covered his head and responded that he did not want to go to church. His mother then said to him, 'You have to go — you're the Rector!'" Well, Fr. Frank, you can sleep in next Sunday!

Farewell, Fr. Frank, from your many friends at St. James the Fisherman.





Neighbor to Neighbor Outreach Ministry

The Coat Closet has given out over 335 coats to families in the Brunswick Country area, and 83 to other local charities. This brings our total to 416 coats since late October. We can use size 2X and above adult coats and large children's coats.

The Orthopedic Equipment Lending Program has 42 pieces of equipment out at this time. We are always in need of wheelchairs and walkers.

My thanks once again to the faithful volunteers of this outreach ministry, who give so much of their time and talents. It is definitely a team effort.

Deacon Jean

2018 Contribution Statements

The end-of-year statements have been placed in your parish mailboxes. If, after reviewing it, you have a question, please contact me by e-mail at: milfordjac@aol.com or phone 910-842-3497. IMPORTANT: Please note that in accordance with the laws of the Church, the financial records' books for the 2018 fiscal year were closed effective December 31st, so any contribution checks *received* after Dec. 31st (regardless of the date on the check) will appear on your 2019 Contribution Statement.

*Sincerely,
Jack McElroy,
Parish Treasurer*

Upcoming Events

Long Range Calendar:

Feb 3-17: DOK Diaper Drive
Feb 6: ECW Meeting 8:45am
Feb 7-9: Diocesan Convention in Wilmington, NC
Feb 16 -17: Service of Welcome
Feb 18: Presidents' Day - OFFICE CLOSED
(FEDERAL HOLIDAY)

ECW

Our January 9th started out at 9:00 AM with tasty treats provided by Bonnie Dolph. Our program this month was Sheila Jordan with her presentation *Laughter is the Best Medicine*. We all had some good laughs with the presentation itself and the jokes we each read aloud to the group. A couple of them were SO GOOD that the reader was laughing so hard she could barely get the words out!! A "Stone Soup" lunch was prepared and enjoyed by many of us that stayed to eat.

Ruth Ann reported that the Craft Sale, Bake Sale, and raffles brought in \$1,458.59 and the Yard Sale brought in \$1,676.78 for a Grand Total of \$3,135.37. Thanks to everyone who helped out on and/or donated to all of these events.

At our Christmas luncheon, the collection for the Waccamaw Boys and Girls Homes of NC raised \$100.00. It is much appreciated by the organization.

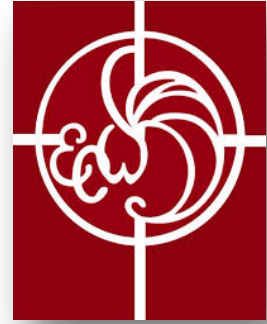
The ECW made a donation of \$300.00 to Warm Hearts/Warm Homes. This donation has been matched by BEMC. This fund is for those in need of assistance to pay for their heating bills.

Those of you who have children or grandchildren in the age group of Second Grade through High School should be aware of the summer programs at Camp Trinity. Application forms for scholarships are available. ECW funds half of the cost for attendees.

Our Retreat to Trinity Center is coming up April 10-11. Look for the sign-up sheet in the gathering area. Several ladies put their names on an initial list at the January meeting and are already on the sheet. Please be sure to get your checks for \$82 (payable to St. James the Fisherman ECW with Trinity Retreat in the comment line) to Ruth Ann Campbell and let us know if you are willing to drive. Last year we signed up to have 14 ladies go. We can ADD to that number, but will have to pay for 14 even if we don't get 14.

Our next meeting will be a trip to St. James, Wilmington, on February 6th. We will meet at 8:45 for coffee and a brief meeting at 9. We need to leave for Wilmington by 10. We will make a stop on the way home for lunch at a nice restaurant. Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area and indicate if you are willing to drive.

*Barb Freeman,
2018-2019 ECW President*



Celebrating Newcomers To the Parish Family

Over the past few months, we have continued to witness new people in our midst. So on February 16/17 we will once again conduct our Service of Welcome. It is always a joy to take this purposeful time to welcome new people who have made a decision to make St. James the Fisherman their community of faith and parish family. We invite those new in our midst to please fill out the form in the bulletin; noting your desire to be part of the Welcome service.



Mary and Martha Chapter

Sweet Spirit

What an interesting and curious time this is for all of us! It's the beginning of a new year with all kinds of resolutions and intentions — AND the beginning of a new ministry for Fr. Farrell here at St. James the Fisherman. There are so many things to dream about and wonder about and hope for, changes to experience, and new thoughts and considerations for each and every one of us. It is SO EXCITING!!!

As I looked with love at all our parishioners, I was trying to see us as Fr. Farrell will see us. So many wonderful people with such willing hearts and hands. A small congregation with such big open arms: I can't help but think of the words to this beautiful hymn, found in our *Wonder, Love, and Praise* songbooks. Written by Doris Akers:



There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place.
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.

There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit
Sweet Heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us,
Filling us with His love.

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

Welcome 2019 and Welcome Fr. Farrell!!

*For His Sake,
Susan Dickerson*



Daughters of the King Diaper Drive

Did you know that food stamps cannot be used to purchase diapers, and day care centers *require* disposable diapers? This is a hardship for many needy families, and makes getting a job, without the option of day care, impossible. So it is that time, again, for the DOK Diaper Drive, coordinated along with Donna and Gary Phelps of Street Reach, who

will be receiving the diapers for distribution. It will run from **February 3rd through the 14th**. Disposable diapers are needed for infants and babies: sizes Newborn to size 6.

Along with the diapers, disposable wipes are also needed. If you just want to contribute money, we will have a box for that and we will purchase these items for you.

Thank you for your generosity in the past! If you have any questions, please contact Anne Neely, aeneely@aol.com or 910-754-5375.

St. James Gets A New Roof

The damage caused by Hurricane Florence was substantial, but here we see a fearless roofing crew completing repairs.



Vestry Notes



This is an exciting time for St James The Fisherman. We recently called a new Rector after fourteen months of work by our Discernment Committee. Father Farrell Graves was given a true St James the Fisherman welcome by our wonderful congregation, with receptions provided after each service by the Daughters of the King. He brings new ideas and enthusiasm to help St James increase our recognition in the community.

We have a new roof installed on all our buildings and the repairs of the interior damage caused by Hurricane Florence should be completed soon. This is an extremely busy time, but we are laying the foundation for new innovative programs to complement those already in place. Let us celebrate our past, while we engage the present and build for the future.

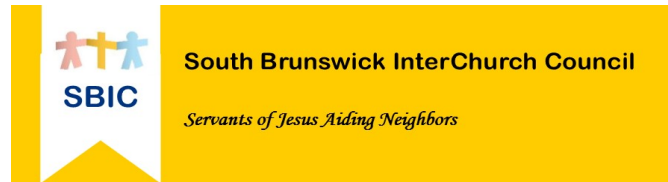
*Bob Lynott
Senior Warden*



Stewardship Committee Report

Bill McLennan and Jim Parsch met with Fr. Farrell to see what can be done bring about an increase in donations to the church. We have really been hit hard this year with the necessary purchase of 5 HVAC units, the purchase of a new riding mower, etc. Fr. Farrell is really ready to charge ahead on bringing about financial stability and being able to give more to the church's Outreach program and other programs.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Parsch, Stewardship Liaison*



Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe, the St. James Representative on the South Brunswick Interchurch Council (SBIC), attended the monthly meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019, at Shallotte Presbyterian Church at 8:45 a.m.

The first order of business at this meeting was the presentation of the CROP Hunger Walk Participation Trophy to Shallotte Presbyterian Church. On hand to receive the trophy from Bonita LeGoullon and Eric Wagner, current and past coordinators of the Walk, were Rev. John Causey and Bill Johnston of Shallotte Presbyterian. Of the \$12,885.50 raised, Shallotte Presbyterian collected \$3,005.

Status on Upcoming 2019 fundraising events:

1. Run for Food (January 19). Mary Pritchard, Coordinator, reported that this will be the last Run for Food (RFF) because of the competition. Only 172 runners have signed up so far. Denise Reiner, Publicity Chairperson, has been sending out email blasts, and sending articles to the Beacon, Facebook, radio and TV stations. Please contact Mary Pritchard if you are interested in helping with the RFF at 910-579-4684 or at maprita@aol.com.
2. Sing Into Spring Concert (April 7). Beach Assembly of God will host the concert on Sunday, April 7, 2019, from 3-5 p.m. Tom Freeman is the coordinator.
3. Quilt Raffle (April 7). The Brunswick Quilters Guild has once again donated a quilt to the SBIC for raffle. The quilt is 80" x 96" (queen size) and all cotton. Tickets are on sale for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. All proceeds go to the SBIC Food Panty and Emergency Assistance. The winner will be announced at the April 7th Concert. Please contact Ruth Ann, your St. James SBIC Representative, at 910-575-1247 or at no1nannie@atmc.net if you would like to purchase tickets.

Mary Pritchard reported that the SBIC Food Pantry served 3,451 children, 6,251 adults, and 4,588 seniors for a total of 14,290 in 2018. A grant of \$4,200 was received from Food Lion. Mary also reported that a total of \$4,010 was raised for the Christmas Dinner Boxes. The Ocean Ridge Singers also donated \$1,500.

Mitch Hewett, Technology Chairperson, has resigned. Tom Horan volunteered to write up a job description for this position. Everyone was asked to advertise the open SBIC positions in their churches in the hopes of filling these critical vacancies (President, Vice President, Fundraising Chairperson, and Technology Chairperson). Let your church representative know if you would like to volunteer for one of these positions.

Gloria Wimmer, Membership Chairperson, is still working on getting new SBIC representatives from Calvary Baptist Church and St. Brendan's Catholic Church. She made an appeal for help to fill the vacancies and the shrinking list of members within the SBIC.

The next SBIC General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2019, at Shallotte Presbyterian Church at 8:45 a.m. All are welcome.

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...

SBIC Quilt Raffle



This is an 80" x 96" queen size quilt made and donated to the SBIC by the Brunswick Quilters Guild in Shallotte. The pattern is called "Sampler Quilt" and it is all cotton and washable. Tickets are on sale for \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. If you would like to purchase a ticket or tickets, please see Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe, your St. James Representative on the SBIC. She can be reached at no1nannie@atmc.net or at 910-575-1247. All proceeds go to the SBIC Food Pantry and Emergency Aid. The drawing will be held on Sunday, April 7th, at the SBIC Spring Concert to be held at Beach Assembly of God.

The program is called "Support the Girls." 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).

St. James the Fisherman will be collecting these items March 9 through March 24. 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. See display for a list of needed items.

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 no1nannie@atmc.net.



Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Feb 2 Dottie Roberts, Betsy Collett, Dan & Susan Dickerson
 Feb 3 George Werner
 Feb 4 John Nunnenkamp, Bruce & Deborah Zawacki
 Feb 7 Barbara Bartell
 Feb 9 Dave & JoAnn Jenkins
 Feb 14 Peg Agrimonti, Earl Miller
 Feb 15 Barbara Freeman, Kenny Krawcheck & Heather Holbrook
 Feb 21 Martie Tittle
 Feb 22 Bob Beadling, Wayne Campbell
 Feb 26 Richard Keefer
 Feb 28 Kathie Moore
 Feb 29 Edward Clay

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 The Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving – Bishop
 The Rev. Dr. Farrell Graves, 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

Bob Lynott	Senior Warden
Tom Fernandez	Junior Warden,
	<i>Buildings and Grounds</i>
Bill McLennan	Junior Warden,
	<i>Administration</i>
Jack McElroy	Treasurer
Toni DeLuca	Clerk of the Vestry
Nancy Dougherty	Sam Farag
Bill Chase	Joyce Winnie
Jim Parsch	Gary Freeman

Directory of Ministries

WORSHIP – Vestry Liaison – J. Winnie

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

PROGRAMS – Vestry Liaison – B. Chase

Christian Education – Father Farrell Graves
 ECW – B. Freeman
 Coffee Hour – Weekly Hosts
 Foyer Groups: R. Fernandez
 Quarterly Parish Dinners – B. Chase
 Special Projects – P. Bertelsen
 Holy Stitches – D. Kellerman
 Bridge Group – B. Bartell

OUTREACH – Vestry Liaison – Gary Freeman

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 – B. Chase, J. Washington, J. Kellerman
 Neighbor to Neighbor – Deacon J. Miller
 Second Helpings- S. & G. Weber
 UTO/CPC – ECW Coordinators

ADMINISTRATION – Vestry Liaisons

Endowment – S. Farag, J. Parsch
 Stewardship Committee – B. McLennan, S. Farag,
 M. Ligon

COMMUNICATIONS/DEANERY-

Vestry Liaison – N. Dougherty

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Tom Fernandez

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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