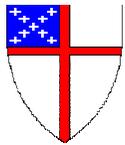


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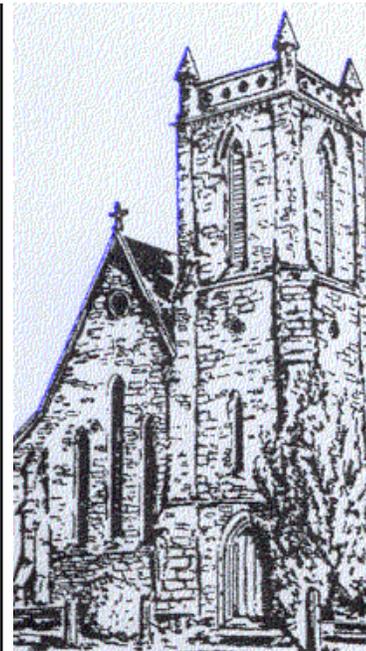
The Rev. M. Carl Lunden, Rector



THE GARDEN OF THE CHURCH

Recently, I was in Virginia and North Carolina and had the chance to see many beautiful gardens. Especially delightful were the gardens at Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia. I found out that only 18 full time gardeners are on the staff and that the rest is done by volunteers (a monumental task). The sheer amount of time and energy needed to produce picture perfect gardens there is beyond comprehension knowing how much work goes into even a small garden. I think there is an important metaphor here for our parish. As you know the Church staff at St. James' is made up of one fulltime person (the Rector, myself) and three part-time employees. At the same time the congregation is like a garden, full of needs and caring (tending) in order to bring about abundant bounty (fruit & flower). A healthy and growing Church needs the participation of all its members (volunteers) if it is to flourish and be a place where the Kingdom of God is engaged. In colonial times everyone participated in working in the garden, men, women, and children. This was because they depended on what was produced in the garden for their livelihood. Fruit trees were very important in Williamsburg's early gardens in terms of food production. Fruits were eaten fresh, cooked, or preserved. In tribute to Colonial Williamsburg's vegetable gardening heritage, it is important to note that John Randolph, a distinguished Virginian and resident of Williamsburg, wrote the first American book on kitchen or vegetable gardening. In addition to flowers being cultivated for beauty, they had additional practical applications in everyday life for use in cosmetics and medicines, just to name a couple. Today, most people garden as part of landscaping and beautifying their homes and yards. Our own St. James Garden Tour and Church Gardens attest to our value in cultivating the natural beauty of God's creation in flowers, shrubs, and ornamental trees. Regardless if you garden for beauty or produce for your table, in gardening we participate in the divine process of creation and the bringing forth of rich and abundant life.

God calls all of us to be gardeners, even if you don't have a green thumb. To paraphrase the gospel, "we are all called to work in the vineyard of the Lord." As Baptized Christians we all share a responsibility to build up the Kingdom of God and the primary place we do this is within the contexts of our faith community. Our worshiping community of St. James is the primary garden in which we are called to garden (minister).



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We voluntarily offer our time, talents and treasure to building up our faith community so that it may reach out to the world around us. At St. James everyone is needed to take on a job in order to fully function as a parish. Right now we really need more adults to help with Sunday School. Educating our children in the gospel is a very high priority for our Church. We also need adult help with Youth Group activities. Please consider a ministry to our children and youth as a concrete way of sharing the faith that is within you as you participate in Christ's self-giving nature. A parish in the Episcopal Church is only as strong as ALL its members make it. Without FULL participation of everyone we will not endure as fruitful expression of the embodiment of Christ's love in this place. Open your hearts and minds to possibilities that life in our worship community offers. You are St. James' Church; it is not just the building and the staff. Come and offer your gardening skills, literally, and figuratively as all that you have to offer will be welcome and used to build up God's Kingdom. Yours in Christ,

Fr. Carl+

Top Ten Reasons NOT to Go to Church This Summer

Yes, it's that time of year. The weather warms up and all across America churches empty out. The Top Ten Reasons NOT to Go to Church This Summer:



1. It's Not Air-Conditioned

True. But I believe Jesus said to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Won't you sweat with me one hour?" Or something to that effect. Plus bulletins make terrific personal fans. If you're lucky your spouse/child/pew mate will make you feel like Pharaoh by fanning you throughout the service. I keep waiting for a mother-of-the-bride to donate air-conditioning for the church in time for her daughter's August wedding. It hasn't happened yet but there's a brass plaque I'm just itching to put on an air duct in honor of said family.

2. I Have a Boat

Of course you do. Boats are great – Jesus spent a lot of time on boats since his disciples were mostly fishermen. He preached from them, calmed storms in them, and walked on water towards them. Come to church this summer before launching your boat and I guarantee you'll hear at least one Biblical story involving boats and/or water.

3. The Lawn Needs Mowing

What, your teenager isn't mowing your lawn just to pitch in around the house and demonstrate his/her love for you? Mowing your lawn on Sunday morning is a sure way to annoy the neighbors. And when you want to add that mother-in-law suite onto the back of the house you sure want their support. Don't risk it; come to church and save the lawn for later.

4. The Kids Have a Game

Summer travel teams are both fun and demanding. With two boys playing summer baseball, I'll be spending much of my free time on mosquito-infested fields. When games take place on Sunday mornings tell the kids about Sandy Koufax. The Dodger great refused to pitch Game 1 of the 1965 World Series because it was Yom Kippur. He stood up for his faith and his team still won the championship. They won't like it but it will make a lasting impression.

5. There's Church in the Summer?

Yup. Every Sunday morning just like the rest of the year.

6. I'm Away for the Weekend

That's great – I hope you have a relaxing time. And I bet there is even a small Episcopal church nearby. Look for one of those red, white, and blue “The Episcopal Church Welcomes You” signs or use Google and your GPS to guide you into a pew on Sunday morning.

7. There's No Church School

You can't teach kids to eat out in a restaurant if you never take them to one. The same holds true for appropriate church behavior. As for older kids who are “bored” during the service, send them to the acolyte master (assuming he/she is around during the summer) to get suited up for some gentle on-the-job training. The summer is a great time to learn the acolyting ropes.

8. I Gave up Summer Church for Lent

I don't believe that's an “approved” Lenten discipline. But if you're simply not in the habit of going to church in the summer, this is the year to break it! Amaze and inspire your friends as you receive the spiritual refreshment that comes with regular church attendance. Don't be surprised if people start coming up to you and saying, “You look great! Have you lost weight?” And you'll be able to respond with “I look fabulous because I've been going to church during the summer.”

9. I'd Rather be Outside

Well, we'll be sure to keep the windows open so you can see the beauty of the earth from your pew. Maybe we'll move Coffee Hour outdoors on nice days but the good news is you won't need to put on sunscreen before church. And, as far as I know, no one has been eaten by black flies during the liturgy.

10. I Have a 9:00 am Tee Time

Perfect. Go to an 8 o'clock service. The 37 minutes you spend in church might even help your game. The 8 o'clock is actually a great option during the summer for people who want to get a jump on the day, get out to the beach, take a hike, go boating or whatever. You can experience the beauty of Elizabethan English and then speak to one another in thee's and thou's the rest of the day.

I hope you've found a good reason in this list to stay away from church until after Labor Day. But if not, enjoy worshipping the risen Christ throughout the summer months and may the days ahead be a time of rest, refreshment, and relaxation. And, anyway, there's plenty of parking available on Sunday mornings at church.

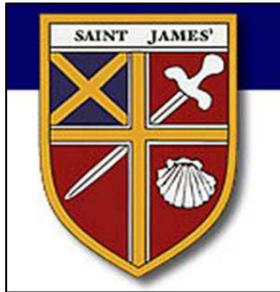
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Worship Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am - Family Eucharist Rite II
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II
(choir and pipe organ)

Wednesday

12:00 pm
Healing & Holy Eucharist

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday:
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

OUR MISSION

St. James' seeks to love and serve God through Discipleship, Community Service and Eucharistic Fellowship. We encourage spiritual growth and maturity by educating each other in the knowledge of the Christian Gospel. We seek to live in the image of Jesus Christ and invite our neighbors to participate in our family of faith.

Ongoing events at St. James' Episcopal Church

Alcoholics Anonymous: Wednesday evenings at 8:30 pm

A.R.T.S.: Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

Boys Scouts: Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm

Camera Club: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:15pm

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm

Community Dinner at St. James':
Last Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm

Food bagging at the Presbyterian Church:
The fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 am

Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry Distribution:
2nd Saturday of every month at 9:30 am

Healing and Holy Eucharist: Wednesdays at noon
Followed by a Fellowship Lunch

Junior Choir rehearsal: Sunday mornings from 11-11:20 am

Musical Munchkins: Thursday and Friday Mornings at 9:30 am

Sunday School: Sunday morning from 10 am—11 am except the last Sunday of the month

Vestry meeting: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:15 pm

Youth Group: 1st Sunday of each month at 11:30 am



Stewardship

Summer has arrived. Everyone should take some time to enjoy the warm weather. However if you are in the Goshen area, please attend the summer services at 9 AM. Consider hosting a coffee hour. Make every effort to keep your pledge current since the bills of St. James do not take a summer vacation. Be a good steward and help at the Great American Weekend. Enjoy the nice weather and help maintain the grounds and flowers around the church.

While enjoying the summer, consider joining one of the many organizations of St. James as part of giving of your time and talents. It is a good way to get to know your fellow members better and strengthen the St. James community. Renew your Baptismal Covenants and extend the St. James community into the greater Goshen area.

Ed Fritsche, Stewardship chairman

**YOUR TALENT IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU.
WHAT YOU DO WITH THAT TALENT IS YOUR GIFT
TO GOD.**

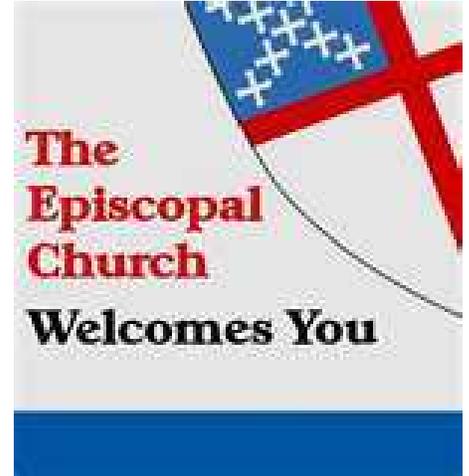
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: **Altar Flowers** :
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July

- July 3—Barron
- July 10—available
- July 17—Mayo
- July 24—Maybee
- July 31—Zeccola

August

- August 7—Degenhrdt
- August 14—Camp
- August 21—Heally
- August 28—Tarvin



Greeter's Schedule

The summer schedule for greeters is as follows:

- July 3 - Evelyn Wood
- July 10 - Dona Ash
- July 17 - Martin Bend
- July 24 - Jackie Bloem
- July 31 - Val Bynum
- August 7 - Debbie deJong
- August 14 - Malcolm Diaz
- August 21 - Bryan Giudice
- August 28 - Ed Fritsche
- September 4 - Jackie Kessler

Have a safe, relaxing summer!



By John Strobl



The Goshen Football Team will host the July 30 Community Dinner & Murray Avenue Group will host the August 27 Dinner

The next Community Dinner will be held on July 30, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in St. James' Parish Hall. It will be hosted once again by The Goshen Football Team. The August 27 Community Dinner will have The Murray Avenue Group once again doing their famous Pot-Luck Barbeque

Call John Strobl at 294-9004 to lend a helping hand. We open at 4:00 p.m. to get ready for the 5:30 p.m. meal. The dinner is always held the last Saturday of each month. Have you ever come to a Community Dinner? Please know that you are welcome!



Food & Financial donations are always needed for the Food Pantry - especially during the Summer

The Food Pantry depends on food & financial donations. Please make it a habit to donate a food item each time you come to Church Services. As school closes for the summer, we find more families in need, with children at home. Food drop locations are on the table just inside the back door and the table just before you enter the church - both are labeled Food Pantry Donations. Financial donations may be mailed to The Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry Inc. c/o John Strobl, 55 Wickham Ave, Goshen, NY 10924. Help us to help our neighbors in need.



This month we are collecting

Canned food & snacks or drinks to feed kids in need for the Summer.

Goshen Ecumenical Pantry Inc.

The Summer distributions at the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry will be held July 9 & August 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 33 Park Place, Goshen. Please arrive by 9:00 a.m. And be ready to help! The work is rewarding!

Bagging for distribution and shelf stocking . . .

. . . are done at the Goshen Food Pantry, every Tuesday morning at 9:15a.m.; and on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Be part of this excellent opportunity for community service and/or "feel-good-for doing-something"

Episcopal Dictionary



Rochet - A bishop's full-length vestment similar to a surplice with full sleeves, and usually worn under a chimere.

Rogation Days - Days that were (and still are) set apart for special prayers for God's blessing on crops, flocks, herds and other agricultural means of livelihood. From the Latin word rogare, meaning "to beseech." Rogation Days were observed (and still could be observed) on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Ascension Day.

Sacramentary - Another name for the altar book or missal.

Sacraments - From the Latin word sacrare, meaning to "consecrate." According to the prayer book, sacraments are "outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace." Sacraments are physical actions that point us to deeper realities than we are able to experience with our five senses. The Episcopal Church recognizes two major, or "gospel" sacraments, and five minor sacraments, or sacramental acts. The two major sacraments, Baptism and Communion, and called gospel sacraments because Jesus told us (in the gospels) to do them until he

Sacristan - In earlier times the sacristan was the man in charge of the sacristy. Some cathedrals will still designate a priest as a Canon Sacristan, but now the usage of the word has largely become interchangeable with the word "sexton."

Sacristy - A room near the altar where the communion vessels, altar hangings, candlesticks, etc. are kept and cleaned. The room is often seen as the exclusive domain of the Altar Guild.

Sanctuary - From the Latin word sanctus, meaning "holy." The sanctuary is the part of the church building where the altar or holy table is -- the area behind the altar rail. Many Protestant denominations use the word to refer to the whole inside of the church building, but this is not the usual Episcopal usage.

A Place for Everything

So it's time to start thinking about getting the beach umbrellas, folding chairs and coolers out for the beach. No doubt we can easily pull them out of storage, it was only a few weeks ago when we finished our Spring cleaning. (*Right??*) Everything should be neatly stored away in its place, after all, that's what we do every Spring!

OK, so let's get back to reality. We *do* make an effort to clean up, but let's face it; it's difficult to find a place for everything. Even when we do have a spot for all the rakes, snow shovels, Christmas and Easter decorations and the long list of other essentials we need from season to season, is it ever easy to get them back out of storage when we need them? We've all been there, it's a constant challenge for most of us to keep things in order and in their designated spots.

As difficult as it is to keep the physical items in order in our lives, how do we deal with all the other issues that confront us? We may be able to make use of every inch in our attics and garages for tools and decorations, but what do we do when our lives get filled with what seems to be an overwhelming list of issues that simply cannot be placed on a shelf? When we're faced with an incoming flurry of life's challenges, we just can't store them in a box! What exactly *do* we do when a relationship takes a turn in the wrong direction? When the

news on the job is so uncertain that it keeps us up at night? When children and other family members bring challenges that we're just not prepared to handle? These issues are much more complicated than those in our physical world. They enter our hearts and minds and try to take up permanent residence when we may feel there's just not enough room for all of them.

It's at these times when the Lord comes to our rescue with all the "storage space" we ever need. Jesus has told us that He's not going to give us more than we can handle. It's when we hold onto all our issues and try to work them out on our own that we quickly feel overwhelmed. When we turn our difficulties over to the Lord, He, and only He, can lift our burdens and give us the strength to work through them with strength and peace that can only be found through Him.



Thankfully, with Jesus in our lives, He offers us an unlimited outlet for our worries and burdens. As we let go, He takes over. He's never overloaded, and in turn, He will make sure that we're not either. Our challenges don't disappear, and we all know that delaying them can quickly make matters worse. But when we turn them over to Jesus, He alone can provide us with the strength we need to work through them with His guidance and love. His endless capacity to take on our burdens and help us through them will always give us the confidence that ***the place for everything*** is in His hands!

Enjoy the Summer,

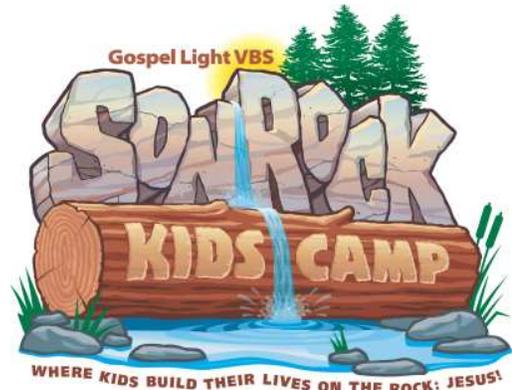
Dom Perfetti



Vacation Bible School



July 25th—July 29th
From 6:00-8:30 pm



Remember summer camp? The fun games, new friends, singing around the campfire... and the most important memory: making the life-changing decision to follow Jesus. This year's Vacation Bible School theme is Kids Camp. Campers will learn how God's love can transform their lives. Each evening they will participate in fun-filled activities: Campfire Bible stories, Big Rock Bible Games, Camp Creations, Sing-A-Long Songs.

VBS will take place July 25th-29th from 6:00-8:30 PM. Children entering PreSchool through Grade 5 are welcome. The cost remains \$25 for a single camper, \$20 for each additional sibling. Scholarships are available based on need.

There are many ways you can help make this year's VBS the best one yet! We're looking for volunteers to help out each night. If you're entering Grade 6 or above, you can help out by being a Crew Leader or Junior Crew Leader. Adults can help out at the various stations. And we can always use help in the kitchen since we serve a light meal each evening. We're also in need of camping props to make the experience even more fun (e.g., tents, fire pit, fishing gear, decorative trees, kayak/canoe, etc.).

We will have an organizational meeting after church on Sunday, July 10th. All are welcome. For more information contact Donna Carbone at 355-7228 or dcarbone6703@yahoo.com.

Accepted by Jesus

Protected by Jesus

Saved by Jesus

Forgiven by Jesus

Living for Jesus



\$5 discount for registrations received before July 1st!

SonRock Kids Camp Registration

St. James' Church 1 St. James Pl. Goshen 294-6225

JULY 25th-29th 6:00-8:30 PM

Child's Name	Birth date	M/F	Cost
			\$25.00
			\$20.00
			\$20.00
			\$20.00

Total Cost \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to St. James' Episcopal Church)

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Parent's Name _____

Street _____

City _____ **Zip Code** _____

Home # _____ **Cell #** _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Name and phone #

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Allergies/Important Information

Photo Release

I understand that my child/children may be photographed, and give my permission to use these photos for any lawful purpose including newspapers and church publications.

Parent Signature _____

Happy Birthday

Ricki	Leal	7/2
Deacon Don	Lofman	7/4
Meg	Strobl	7/5
Steve	Search	7/7
Marion	Thorley	7/10
Robert	Thorley	7/11
Thomas	Liotta	7/13
James	Niper	7/18
Jordan	Ely	7/20
Lu-Ann	Haviland	7/22
James	Cassel	7/24
Roy	Splieth	7/26
Adam	Bynum	7/26
Kyle	Lent	7/26
Gonzalo	Quintero	7/29
Kenneth	Barnes	7/30
James	Heslop	8/3
Grace	Quintero	8/4
Father Carl	Lunden	8/6
Brendan	Brown	8/7
Sarah	Schaumburg	8/7
Karen	Golding	8/13
Malcolm	Diaz	8/15
Malini	Chellappa	8/15
Patti	Perfetti	8/15
Lillian	Nicholson	8/16
Christine	Giudice	8/16
Jennifer	Stratton	8/19
Tammy	Matula	8/21
Steve	Matula	8/22
Kyle	Haviland	8/22
Tom	Schaumburg	8/22

The September 2011



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Happy Anniversary

Kenneth & Carolyn	Barnes	7/1
John & Dede	De Angelis	7/12
Ray & Janet	Bally	7/12
Steve & LaWahna	Search	7/14
John & Ann	Mayo	7/18
Ryan & Neva	Muehlbauer	7/21
James & Malinda	Niper	7/25
Nancy	Newton	7/28
Steve & Tammy	Matula	8/11
Robert & Marion	Thorley	8/15
James & Jeanne	Healy	8/25
Gonzalo & Lillian	Quintero	8/30
Jerre & Linda	Coleman	8/31

