



# Winter Chimes



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### WomanKind 2012:

## Dive into the mystery of living at biennial weekend of speakers and workshops

**D**aily life is full of questions without answers, of things unknown and seemingly unknowable. For the 21<sup>st</sup> century woman, trained to find answers and create solutions in her hectic everyday life, mystery can be vexing. WomanKind 2012 invites participants, in the words of our keynote speaker, "to honor the mystery at the heart of human existence."

Krista Tippett, host of public radio's *On Being* and author of *Einstein's God: Conversations about Science and the Human Spirit*, will open the fifth annual WomanKind with a keynote address on "The Art and Mystery of Living," and the Rev. Dr. Lauren Winner, Episcopal priest and author of *Girl Meets God*, will preach at the closing Eucharist. In between, six widely recognized and accomplished women will lead

workshops on a broad range of practical and spiritual topics sure to stimulate and challenge participants.

WomanKind was conceived by the Episcopal Church Women of St. James's as a way to bring together women in all of our diversity to share experiences, insights and questions on the path toward spiritual renewal. The event draws more than 500 people from around the country to Richmond every two years. Space is limited and workshops are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Every day we are invited by the Divine to, in the words of Tippett, "honor the strangeness and mystery at the heart of human existence." Don't miss this opportunity to be fed, nourished and

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## \$200,000 Jessie Ball duPont grant will help ACTS meet need in the city's East End

**A**lmost 65 percent of Americans can't afford a \$1,000 emergency bill, according to a recent survey by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling. In Richmond, if an unexpected medical expense or job cutback makes it impossible to make a utility, rent or mortgage payment, you can turn to ACTS, Area Congregations Together in Service, for financial help. Last year, the organization provided about \$154,000 to households in crisis.

But the financial emergencies are growing and the resources – ACTS' 40

partner congregations who each contribute anywhere from \$600 to \$20,000 annually to fund ACTS – are threatened by a tough economy.

A \$200,000 grant to St. James's from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund announced in September is earmarked for ACTS and is a most welcome boost for the organization and the people it serves. "It is a wonderful gift," says Billy Poarch, Executive Director of ACTS. "We help between 40 and 50 households each month, and the numbers of people needing help keep rising, but

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The Rev. Randolph Marshall  
Hollerith, Rector

# From the Rector's Desk

## Twice blessed

The occasion of Doug Burgoyne's retirement was a joyful celebration for a wonderful man and his many years of ministry. But Doug's absence from our staff at St. James's leaves a hole that is hard to fill. Blessedly we have been able to fill it, not with one gifted clergy person but with two.

Beginning in January, the Rev. Caroline Parkinson and the Rev. Dr. Mark Cooper will join the staff, on a part-time basis, to share with us their considerable gifts and talents. Caroline and Mark have been worshiping and helping out at St. James's for some time, and we are very fortunate that they are willing to formally become a part of our clergy team as priest associates. Let me tell you a little bit about them.

### The Rev. Caroline Parkinson



Caroline is a product of St. James's. She spent her teenage years in our parish and was a member of St. James's until she was ordained in 1986. Caroline is a graduate of Mary Washington College and the Virginia Theological Seminary. During her years of ordained ministry, Caroline served as assistant chaplain at St. Agnes School in Alexandria, associate rector of St. Alban's parish in Washington, D.C., and for 13 years as the rector of Grace Church, The Plains. She served as president of the Standing Committee in the Diocese of Virginia, and she was dean of Region 13 for a number of years. She was also one of the finalists who stood for election as Bishop of Virginia in 2006. Now retired, Caroline has a passion for preaching,

teaching, pastoral care and Celtic spirituality. We are very fortunate to have Caroline and her husband, Jim, as part of our parish family, and we are blessed that Caroline has agreed to join the staff.

### The Rev. Dr. Mark Cooper



Mark has been an ordained minister in the Lutheran Church since 1970. He is a graduate of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina and he received his doctorate in ministry from Union Seminary here in Richmond. Mark is a gifted preacher, teacher and pastoral counselor who has served as a therapist and the director of training for the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care, the Director of Pastoral Care at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., the associate pastor of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Fairfax, the executive director of Lutheran Social Services in Washington, D.C., and currently he is the Robert B. Lantz Chair of the Department of Patient Counseling of the School of Allied Health Care Professionals at VCU. The Episcopal Church has been in full communion with the Lutheran Church (ELCA) since 1999. As a result, we are fortunate that Mark will be able to preach, teach, and take full part in the liturgical life of our parish. Mark and his wife, Sandra, have been part of the St. James's family for a number of years, and while Mark's retirement from VCU is a loss for the university, it is a blessing for St. James's.

I hope you will join with me in welcoming Caroline and Mark. Because they are retired and working part time, you will see them most Sundays but not every Sunday. They will be preaching and leading worship on occasion, teaching some classes, leading some Bible study groups and, most importantly, playing a vital role in visiting the sick and the home-bound. Once again St. James's is fortunate to have extremely talented retired clergy who want to take an active role in the life of our parish. We are indeed twice blessed.

Blessings,

### Christmas Service Schedule

#### **Saturday, December 24**

- 4:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eucharist
- 6:00 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 p.m. Choral Prelude: *Messiah*
- 11:00 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist

#### **Sunday, December 25**

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Holy Eucharist

#### **Sunday, January 1**

*Christmas I*

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Mark Whitmire, Director of Music  
Virginia Whitmire, Organist and Choir Director

# Music

## Music that still rings in our ears...

### The Feast of St. James's

**W**hat a great show! *South Pacific* was a big hit at this year's Feast thanks to the talent and hard work of Fran McDermott, Lisa Edwards Burrs, Amy Dilworth, Mary Horton, Sabrina LaFleur, Becky Merrick, Antonia FD Vassar, Mollie Watts, Mark Shuford,

Will Conn, Scott Corwin, Scott Ellett, Randy Hollerith, Steven Ralph, Matt Stanley, plus our dancers Anne Cronly and Tom Horton.

### Bluegrass Mass

This fall's Bluegrass Mass was the best ever! Thanks to the West Gallery Choir

for their excellent work. We would also like to acknowledge the Guitar Ensemble, without whom much of our programming would not be possible: Hank Artz, Knox Hubbard, Russell Lawson, Bill Roper, Richard Rumble, Alan Stone, Massie Valentine and Sam Zimmer.

## ...and upcoming music events you don't want to miss

### Advent Lessons and Carols December 4, 5:00 p.m.

**I**n the season of Advent we sing, "O come, o come Emmanuel," and we await joyfully, if not impatiently, to hear the story of the birth of the Messiah. And yet, even more eagerly, we, as God's chosen people, await the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In candlelight and quietness, ponder anew God's loving pursuit of us. At 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, we will explore the mystery of God's plan to restore creation at the annual Service of Advent Lessons and Carols.

Please join us as we read the prophecies of the first and second comings, of the first and second Garden, and the river and the tree of life found in both, and the Alpha and Omega.

The West Gallery Choir and the Youth Choir will present music by J. S. Bach, Sting, Bobby McFerrin, Chris Rice, Richard Marlowe, Stephen Cleobury, JJ Heller and John Rutter.

### Handel's Messiah Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m.

On Christmas Eve, members of the Richmond Symphony will join the

Parish Choir as they sing the first section of *Messiah*, the most successful and best known of Handel's oratorios.

*Messiah* was composed in 24 days in August and September of 1741.

The entire first section of *Messiah* deals with prophecy concerning the advent of the Messiah and the birth and life of Jesus, and the first five numbers are based on texts from the 40<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

### Lift Every Voice and Sing January 15, 5:00 p.m.

On January 15, the choirs of St. James's will join the Concert Choir of Norfolk State University, one of the premiere African-American ensembles in the country, for a service in celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Carl W. Haywood, preeminent organist, conductor, composer, and editor of *Lift Every Voice and Sing II, the African-American Hymnal of the Episcopal Church*, will lead the choirs.





*The Rev. Ann Dieterle,  
Associate Rector*

## Lenten Bible pilgrimage

**S**t. James's is a founding member of the Center for Biblical Studies, a ministry centered at St. Thomas' Church in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. Many of you may remember a former associate rector, the Rev. Marek Zabriskie, who helped in the creation of this center. The goal of the Center is to build bridges and break down the walls that divide Christians by inspiring and assisting individuals and churches to develop a lifelong habit of reading the Bible. The ultimate purpose of this particular spiritual practice is to know the love that God has for us and to take our faith more seriously.

I hope that you're now asking yourself: how can I participate in this? This Lent, we invite anyone and everyone to engage in a daily practice of reading the Bible. There are many ways that you can do this. There are resources available on the Center's website ([www.thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org](http://www.thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org)), and I'm preparing resources tailored for St. James's that will be made available both on our website and by request. The only suggestions that I will make are these: that you read it devotionally – with an eye toward finding yourself in the stories and characters you encounter (not critically, although there is a place for that); and, that you choose a reading plan that is manageable for you, whether that's reading one of the Gospels, reading all four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, or more if you're in a phase of life

that affords you that time. I invite you to stretch yourself, but not to set yourself up for failure. Just for an example, if you followed "God In Your Inbox" – the daily reflections that we send to you via email during Lent – last year you read the entire Gospel of Mark. To stretch yourself this year, you might renew that discipline and add reading an additional chapter in the Bible at a different time of the day.

### 'Home Retreat'

There will be program support for those who engage in this practice. In addition to "God in Your Inbox," the Wednesday Night Christian Journey program will be dedicated to basic Biblical knowledge, as well as tips and tools for reading the Bible. And in addition to the multiple Bible studies that we currently offer, a series of small groups called "Home Retreat" are being developed that will offer weekly opportunities for discussion, fellowship, support and accountability. These will be held in parishioners' homes and will be scheduled at a variety of times throughout the day and week so that all who wish to should be able to find a time that meets their scheduling needs. I already have a few volunteers who will host a "Home Retreat." If you are interested in providing this gift of hospitality, let me know! And I'll be doing some recruiting... (you've been forewarned!)

I know that prayer and spiritual

discipline is individual and often not a topic for public discussion. After all, Jesus warns us about practicing our piety in public and instructs us to pray in secret. (Matthew 6:1-6) However, I would argue that this is not a time to keep secrets! Jesus' warning is for those whose motive is to be seen as better than others because of their perceived righteousness. But this is not our motive. Our motive is to grow closer to God and in so doing to invite others to grow closer to God along with us. If you accept this invitation, please register on the St. James's website or call me at 355-1779, ext. 317. This will allow us to help you find a "Home Retreat" if you choose to participate in that, and it will also give us the opportunity to pray for you.

I hope that many of you will join me on this pilgrimage of reading the Bible as a daily practice this Lent. I wonder what would happen if St. James's, together with other members of Christ's body, committed to making this journey together?

### 'Thanks' to ECW volunteers

Thank you to the team of women who worked long and hard on this year's Gourmet Holiday Food Sale. There isn't enough space to thank everyone, but I want to give special recognition to Mary Brooks Jamison who coordinated the event, Gloria Prevatt, Louise Bald, Ida Farinholt and Tenley Beazley, Laura McCoy and Mary Kulp, who each

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Kent Duffey,  
Director of Children's Ministries

# ... for Children

## Cairns

In September, my husband, Peter, and I had the opportunity to go canyoneering with friends in southeastern Utah. We began our adventure in Canyonlands National Park. On our first morning, I stood on the rim of the vast canyon and wondered how we were ever going to figure out where we were going. When you hike on the East Coast, the trail is well developed between the trees. Here, even the trail head was only dust and a series of boulders. What we discovered was there are unique and very beautiful markers in the park that guide you along the trails. These are called cairns. By their definition, cairns are man-made piles of stone. They are natural enough to blend into the landscape, but unique enough to stand out as a guide. However, for hikers in the park they are much more. The four or five stone tall towers are guideposts, messages, life-savers, and even works of art.

Although I knew their practical purpose here in the canyon, I couldn't stop reflecting on the other "cairns" in my life. What are the guideposts that blend into our individual landscapes but are steering us (or trying to steer us) towards our next experience, journey or destination? What are the "cairns" that God puts there in hopes we will notice and follow them?

As we enter into the season of Advent, the "cairns" that we return to are those that led us to the birth of the Christ child. The words of Isaiah,

the leaping of the child in Elizabeth's womb, the angels that appeared to the shepherds and the newly rising star followed by the wise men from the East. God provided these messages so that we could all witness this pivotal moment in time.

The "cairns" that God provides us now are more likely less overt, but they are there nonetheless. They might be a whisper from a friend, a feeling to change direction, a sense of calling. They are there for us to take notice of. And I believe if we miss one, God has another waiting for us just down the road. God never stops putting out cairns to guide us. We just have to take notice and have faith that he is guiding us to be the person He knows we are meant to be.

God Bless you all and your families in this season of Advent and Epiphany.

*Kent*

### Christmas Pageant at St. James's

On Sunday evening, December 18 at 5:00 p.m., all are invited to share in one of St. James's most heartwarming services. "A Christmas Pageant of Lessons and Music" as told in the scriptures will take place in the sanctuary. Our youth and Sunday School students will bring the Christmas story to life by acting, singing and reading the Gospel les-

sons. The Cherub, Children and Youth choirs will sing. Sunday school children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> graders will sign up through their classes. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pageant Director Liza Hall at lizahall@verizon.net.

### Important Dates in Children's Ministries

**Godly Play for Adults:** Sunday, December 11, 10:15 a.m. (Room 308, Michaux House) Open class for those who want to learn more about Godly Play

**Spring Nursery Volunteer Sign-ups:** January 8-29 in the nursery

**Baptismal Banner workshop:** Saturday, January 28, 9:00 a.m. – noon (Michaux House, Basement)  
*\*volunteers needed*

**Nursery Clean-up:** Sunday, February 12, 11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., volunteers needed

**Blessing of a Skinned Knee Book Discussion Group:** Wednesdays in Lent, February 29 -March 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Michaux House)

***Save the Date!***  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 9-13, 2012**

# Faith Formation



The Rev. Alex Riffée,  
Assistant Rector

## A purpose-driven life

I recently re-read a book by my mentor, Fr. Tony Jarvis. The book is entitled *With Love and Prayers: A Headmaster Speaks to the Next Generation*; a title I find extremely appropriate as I am one of the educators of the next generation he is trying to reach. From the beginning, Fr. Tony tries to draw a distinction between a goal-driven life and a purpose-driven life. He writes that much of our public and private school education is focused on fostering a goal-driven life, in which students and families strive to successfully wade through one life transition at a time, unable to see a unified purpose behind their hard work.

In order to explain this observation, Fr. Tony shares a memory of a former student. One night on a train from New York to Boston, Fr. Tony recognized a former student of his, now in his mid-30s. He listened as the young man reminisced about wonderful school experiences, and then began to open up about life since then. He told of how he

worked hard to get into a good college, the best grad school, and finally the best job. The man said, “I always knew I was supposed to work hard and be my best, but no one ever told me why.”

My mentor realized then that something is amiss within our educational system. The element needed to inspire and support our youth is a sense of purpose, the existential. Fr. Tony argues that seeking to be the best we can be in all walks of life is a good thing, but without providing a sense of why it ultimately matters can be detrimental to youth as they seek to accomplish their next goal.

We can make corrections in our ways of living that will help our youth to find purpose and their own sense of ministry, whether it is in social work, teaching, or in business. We must first reflect on our own lives and see how similar our stories are to the one told earlier. We must look at our faith and seek avenues to strengthen our sense of purpose at work, at home, as a support

to our community, and our children. Perhaps it may come by instituting a regular time of prayer for you and your family or by asking yourself, “What purpose can be found that glorifies God when watching my child play a sport?”

By enacting changes of this sort within our own lives, your youth will have an easier time figuring out who God made them to be and not simply who they have been told to become. A purpose-driven life is always within our grasp, and it takes time to help ourselves and others on their journey. It also takes God and our ability to let go. Make time to help your child find what is spiritually filling. It may be chapel at school, family time at home, or here at St. James’s where I am eager to help provide the support, friendship, and direction that youth so desperately need during this time of many life transitions.

Yours in Christ,

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## Important dates for St. James’s Youth

December 11, Sunday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

“Garden of Lights Tour” – Lewis Botanical Garden, SYG (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

December 17, Saturday, noon to 3:30 p.m.

Peter Paul Development Center Christmas Party (8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>)

December 18, Sunday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tacky Lights Tour, JYG (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

## ACTS grant *(Continued from front)*

the resources are diminishing as people's disposable incomes shrink. They simply have less to donate. This grant will be a tremendous help."

The grant money will be dispersed over a three-year period and enable ACTS to assist more clients in the East End of Richmond identified through a new relationship with the Peter Paul Development Center (PPDC). The Center is perhaps best known for the care and educational support it provides children in the city's East End neighborhoods. But PPDC is working on a more comprehensive, cradle-to-career approach for those it serves. As part of that effort, PPDC hopes to provide more family support, including ways to stabi-

lize families to positively impact a child's chance to succeed.

PPDC will serve as a referral agency to ACTS, identifying those households in the city's East End who might be eligible for assistance from the organization.

ACTS provides financial support to individuals and families who are experiencing temporary crises. The goal is to allow these individuals to remain stably housed and self-sufficient. Clients are referred through ACTS' internal network of partners including local churches and faith congregations. Each client situation is thoroughly assessed, says Poarch, who stresses that the organization is committed to providing compassionate, con-

sistent and cost effective support. "An important part of our job is to be good stewards of our partners' resources, so if a client comes to us asking for money to pay a power bill or rent, we'll take the time to call Dominion (Virginia Power) or the landlord to make sure that the money is going to be used appropriately and effectively."

"ACTS is the way through which faith-based people respond to their call to help those in need," says Nancy Warman, Director of Servant Ministry at St. James's and founder of ACTS. "It lays the foundation to enable its clients to find their financial footing and avoid homelessness."

## Womankind 2012 *(Continued from front)*

inspired, all while learning new practices and meeting new friends that will, as Tippetts says, "help us meet the urgent need to find new ways to live."

### Outstanding programs

Following in the tradition of past conferences, we have a fantastic lineup

for 2012. Krista Tippetts, our keynote speaker, is a broadcaster, journalist, and author. She is best known as creator and host of the public radio program *On Being* (formerly *Speaking of Faith*), which is broadcast on more than 200 public radio stations in the U.S. and globally. Tip-

petts' first book, *Speaking of Faith – Why Religion Matters and How to Talk about It*, was published in 2008. Workshop leaders will include Anna Madsen, founder of the Center for Theological Conversation, who will present "The Practice of Tenacious Humility;" Anjum Ashraf Ali, co-chairman of "Hope in the Cities," who will lead the workshop, "Faith, Identity and Our Struggle to Attain Peace;" Cathleen Falsani, an award-winning religion journalist and author of *The Dude Abides: The Gospel According to the Coen Brothers* and *Belieber! Fame, Faith and the Heart of Justin Bieber*, who will discuss "Gracespotting;" Lara Williams, a writer who will present "Love Casts Out Fear;" and Suzanne Vinson, a native Richmonder who blends art and spirituality, who will present "Sacred Circles: Centering Our Sacred Souls." In addition to that, the Women's Gospel Choir from Alfred Street Baptist Church will lead us in music.

For more information and to register go to [www.womankindrichmond.com](http://www.womankindrichmond.com).

### Womankind 2012 Schedule

Friday, February 17

6:00 p.m. Registration, Cocktail Reception and Book Signing

7:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker, Krista Tippetts

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Saturday, February 18

8:15 a.m. Registration and coffee

9:00 a.m. Hymn Sing and Keynote Address by Krista Tippetts

11:00 a.m. Workshops, Session 1

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Workshops, Session 2

2:45 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service led by Dr. Lauren Winner

4:30 p.m. Adjourn



*Jaqueline Milley, Zackie and the Rev. Ann Dieterle enjoy Blessing of the Animals*



*Jim and Eliza Goggins take a stroll at the Fall Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont*



*Sophie Stuart Reeves and Sallie Ellett*



*Ellie Angle, Carrington Bowles, Aubrey Bowles, and Eliza Goggins roast marshmallows around the campfire at Shrine Mont*

# Album



"Bali Hai Reprise" at South Pacific-themed Feast of St. James's



The Rev. Alex Riffée and St. James's youth at Shrine Mont



St. James's missionaries to Haiti – Charles Nance, Scott Milstead, Sam Zimmer, Elizabeth Whitmire, Mark Whitmire, Melanie Sullivan, Alan Stone, Becky DeCamps, Pam Zimmer, Julie Locke, Mary Page Nance, and David Wade – take a break with Haitian friends.



God willing  
The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston  
Bishop of Virginia  
will ordain

YOUNG KWON FRANCIS CHOI  
MARTHA JUNE HARDY DORSEY  
CARMEN CHRISTINE GERMINO (FOR THE BISHOP OF CONNECTICUT)  
KATHY GUIN  
HERBERT HATTON JONES  
TRACEY ELIZABETH KELLY  
CHARLES ALEXANDER RIFFÉE (FOR THE BISHOP OF ALBANY)  
EVELYN WHEELER  
NORMAN WHITMIRE, JR. (FOR THE BISHOP OF LOS ANGELES)  
AMELIE ALLEN WILMER

to the Sacred Order of Priests.

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Saturday, December 10 at 10:30 a.m.  
St. Stephen's Church, Richmond

The Bishop and the Standing Committee request  
the honor of your presence.

Clergy: Red Stoles

# Faith in Action



*The Rev. Carmen Germino,  
Assistant Rector*

## Rain, food and much needed assistance in East Africa

**T**his past summer, many of us were saddened to hear news of the horrible drought and subsequent famine in East Africa. Our loose offering for Sunday, August 14, went to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) to aid their efforts in the Horn of Africa. I'm delighted to let you know that on that day our congregation raised \$1,686.16. St. James's, thank you for responding so generously to this humanitarian crisis. We know that ERD put our contribution to good use in the area.

Now it is months later and most news media are no longer covering this story, so I want to bring you up to date on the situation. There is good news and bad news. The good news is that rain has arrived in the region and is expected to continue. The latest reports estimate that around two million people have received food and other assistance since the famine began. Agencies are hard at work in Kenya and Ethiopia, helping refugees regain health and nutrition.

The bad news is that some four million people remain in crisis. Somalia in particular, has continued to deteriorate because the militant group in control of the area has made it difficult for humanitarian agencies to access the country – yet they keep trying, finding new and creative ways to offer aid. The rains, while helping crops to grow, can also cause waterborne diseases to spread. The people are already weak and vulnerable, so this is a real concern. For further updates, I recommend the websites of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs ([www.unocha.org](http://www.unocha.org)) or World Vision ([www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org)).

Please keep the people of East Africa and malnourished people everywhere in your prayers. Continue to support ministries that work to end hunger, whether in Africa or Richmond: Episcopal Relief & Development, Food Force, and the Central Virginia Food-Bank all do amazing work.

### Welcome the Christ Child

This is the time of year when we anticipate the birth of a baby – a child that would grow up and say such radical things as, “You give them something to eat.” As we journey through Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, let's follow God's instructions.

### Choose your mission!

Last month, you should have received the 2012 St. James's Missions brochure in the mail. Now is the time to be thinking and planning about how you might serve God and your neighbor through mission in the coming year! The February mission trip to New Orleans is at capacity, but as of late autumn, there are still opportunities in Honduras, Haiti, Appalachia, and Richmond. Please contact me for more information.

Faithfully

*Carmen*

## Consider becoming a mentor in 2012

**I**f you would like to be a Lunch Buddy, classroom assistant, support for special events, a one-on-one tutor or just a friend, there are wonderful opportunities to be a supportive presence in the life of a school-aged child through the mentoring ministry. Our focus this year is at Fairfield Court Elementary School. The Virginia Mentoring Partnership offers training throughout the year.

For first-hand information about mentoring experiences, contact Betse Trice at 282-4726 or [betset@hotmail.com](mailto:betset@hotmail.com). Many thanks to our other mentors: Vicki Levering and Julia Reynolds (Anna Julia Cooper); Cheryl Guedri and Betse Trice (Binford); Susan Siegfried and Mimi Herington (Clark Springs); Ryon Acey (Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School); Richard Rumble and Paulette

Pullen (Fairfield Court Elementary School); and Dick Bennett and Carol Ann and Sam Fuller (Peter Paul Development Center).

As we continue to interact with young people in our area schools, we ask that you keep them in your prayers, especially: Edwin, Jama, Detwon, Keitajah, Brianna, Rechelle, and Iyanna.



Nancy Warman,  
Director of Servant Ministry

## Servant Ministry: Responding to God's call

**T**he winter season brings with it many opportunities to serve. Let God kindle a fire in your heart that will bring warmth and joy to someone who needs it most! Let your light shine as you participate in one of our winter season ministries and know that God's love will be known to others in the opening of gifts, in the assurance of housing stability, in the nourishment of food, and in the warmth of clothing, hospitality and shelter.

### Giving Tree Christmas Ministry

As is the St. James's Christmas outreach tradition, the Giving Tree is an opportunity to provide gifts for children and seniors served by Peter Paul Development Center and/or to provide monetary gifts to ACTS, our emergency outreach ministry that provides rent, mortgage, and utility payments for those families who are at risk of losing their housing due to a financial crisis.

Christmas trees with "wish list" ornaments will be available in the narthex on Sundays through December 4. As you take ornaments, please be sure that you sign the gift list so that our ministry

team can be assured that each child or adult has been chosen to receive gifts. Please return gifts, wrapped with name tags to the narthex or to Valentine Hall by Sunday, December 11. It is important that we receive gifts promptly so that we have sufficient time to package all the family gifts before the PPDC Christmas party on December 17. If you have questions or would like to join our Giving Tree ministry team, please contact lay leader Ginny Hofheimer at 304-4693 or vrhvrh@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of this ministry that brings joy to others!

### CARITAS needs clothing

CARITAS is in need of gently used men's professional clothing for its Works program participants. These men are preparing for job interviews and need suits, jackets, pants, dress shirts, belts, ties, shoes and socks in all sizes. New and used items are appreciated; dry cleaned is great but not necessary. All donations will be greatly welcomed. A collection box and coat rack will be available in the narthex on Sunday mornings, January 15 and 22, or items

can be delivered to the basement collection box during the hours of CARITAS Intake (4:30-6:00 p.m. daily) or can be delivered directly to the CARITAS warehouse location at 1125 E. Commerce Road. Thank you! *(Read more about CARITAS news on page 13)*

### Only a few times a year...

Wheels Ministry provides transportation each Sunday for church members who live at Westminster Canterbury to attend the 11:15 a.m. service. Drivers are trained to drive the Westminster Canterbury bus, and with a few additional volunteers each driver would drive once every 2 1/2 months. If you can assist please contact new lay leader John Waite at jwaite@amgen.com or 512-5609. And please offer a big thank you to Wyn Brown who has been a fabulous leader of this important ministry for the past six years!

*"We thank thee, O God, for the light that shines in the darkness, for the Christ who came into our world, and who uses us to be instruments of his glory and love."*

*Nancy Warman*

## Mardi Gras for Missions set for February 21

**I**t won't be too long before we're taking a stroll down Bourbon Street at St. James's annual Mardi Gras for Missions event on February 21, 2012.

Donations of unique items and

special vacation packages are needed to make this benefit for the church's 2012 mission trips successful.

If you're interested in chairing a committee for this year's event or have

a donation, please contact Janet Baruch 357-0255, janetbaruch@me.com, Ferd Baruch 314-5401, baruchjr@mac.com, or Lila Putney 337-1444, lila@putney.org.



## Bond of common faith

by Cynthia Roe Brown

Director of Development, St. James's Children's Center



**B**ond of common faith. That well describes the relationship between the church family and the Children's Center. As we celebrate 25 years inside these church walls, we are each enriched ever more so by this bond. The Children's Center has grown exponentially over the years because of the growing needs in the community. Through your good and generous hearts, we have so far been able to meet those needs.

It has been said before, but begs repeating: Our children's future cannot be built with programs alone, but

also with a common faith in and by the whole community. Their future can flourish only through this bond of common faith; a common faith in each other and in the knowledge that this work to be done is simply too great to abandon.

As others have expressed better than this writer, when we teach young children that we distrust others because of their differences, they will grow up believing they must live antagonistically towards one another. They learn to look at each other as strangers living in the same city but not sharing their commu-

nity... not living in a common effort, but a common fear, a common instinct to retreat from each other.

At St. James's Children's Center, we are teaching our children that fundamental value of sharing as a community and living in a common effort through giving themselves in a myriad of small ways throughout the year. The lessons are also learned through the weekly visits

by the children from Richmond Area of Retarded Citizens program and by the many volunteers of all ages coming in each day to do their part in making the days run smoothly.

This is particularly poignant this time of year when we are more deliberate in practicing good will and grace towards our fellow man. We are entering a season when we remember this bond of common faith we have with people who are different from us. But the truth is that the best time to remember this bond is every time we read or hear of a child in need or crisis. The response we each can give every time we hear these stories is a simple act of grace – spending one hour volunteering at the Children's Center, be it reading to our children, helping with crafts, serving lunch or sending a check, large or small, to help pay for materials for the Children's Center. Every gift of time and resources is of great significance, not only to the Children's Center as a whole, but to the lives of the families whose children come to the Children's Center – lives that are changed forever and for the better because of the experience.

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## CARITAS and CARITAS Intake at St. James's

**S**t. James's participates annually as a host congregation with CARITAS, providing lodging for one week each winter to homeless men and women from around Greater Richmond. This year, we will continue our tradition of service as a host congregation during the week of February 4-11, 2012. Plan to be one of the many volunteers who are needed to make this ministry a success. A sign-up sheet with designated volunteer tasks will be in the narthex beginning Sunday, January 8, or you may contact lay leaders Erin Jewett (ebsjewett@comcast.net or 399-8662) or Carrie Acey (linovet@comcast.net or 358-0721).

### CARITAS Intake

Last year we participated for the first time in a new ministry for the homeless by hosting nightly intake services for CARITAS. CARITAS conducts centralized intake for its overnight guests at volunteer congregations throughout Richmond before busing the guests to their evening accommodations. The new ministry was a great success, providing a warm and comfortable place to rest for several dozen people each evening while offering parishioners interested in CARITAS a simple way to extend a helping hand to the homeless community.

Begun in late November, we are

once again hosting centralized intake services through January 27, 2012. Two to three volunteers are needed each evening from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. (note that the times are earlier than they were last year). Volunteers are responsible for unlocking the doors to admit CARITAS guests and re-locking the church when they leave. CARITAS staff are onsite to handle all intake activities. The bus usually arrives by 5:30 p.m., but volunteers should plan to stay until 6:15 p.m.

If you are interested in this service ministry, a sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex. For more information contact Steve McCoy at 822-4490 or [steve.mccoy@patientfirst.com](mailto:steve.mccoy@patientfirst.com).

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## News and notes from Ann *(Continued from page 4)*

spearheaded a particular area.

### Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE) retreat

Join me and 11 other St. Jamesers March 1-4 for an extended weekend of quiet, companionship and renewal at the SSJE monastery, located in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This Lenten retreat will be directed and led by one of the brothers. The cost of the retreat is \$425 per person for meals and lodging. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is due Feb. 1 to reserve your spot. Retreat participants are responsible for their own arrangements for and cost of airfare and ground transportation to and from Logan airport to the monastery. You should plan to arrive between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. (Please allow a minimum of one hour from plane arrival to the



5:00 p.m. on Thursday. (Please allow a minimum of one hour from plane arrival to the

monastery) and to depart after lunch on Sunday (approximately 2:30 pm). To register, please contact Anita Lisk (355-1779, ext. 313 or [alisk@doers.org](mailto:alisk@doers.org)).

### Trinity Center Retreat

Don't miss the biennial Trinity Center Retreat from Thursday, June 28, to Sunday, July 1, on Emerald Isle, NC. This year, our theme will be "Finding God in Pop Culture." We'll explore where spiritual and theological themes make their way into the public sphere in radio, television, movies and/or popular books. We know that you make summer plans early and hope this early notice is helpful and will enable you to join us for this wonderful, long weekend on the beach. To sign up contact Anita Lisk ([alisk@doers.org](mailto:alisk@doers.org) or 355-1779 ext. 313).

### The Way of St. James's

Plans are in the works for a pilgrimage to El Camino de Santiago de Compostela, Spain (a.k.a. "The Way of St. James") in April, 2013. The cost and exact dates are still to be determined.

You may wonder: why am I telling you now about a pilgrimage in April 2013? While the details of the trip are not worked out yet, early planning is necessary. I'm working with a travel agent who – in a delightful coincidence – is heading to Spain doing research on this particular pilgrimage. By the next publication of the *Quarterly Chimes* I should have details about the cost and the itinerary (including mileage). Pilgrims who walk the full "Way of St. James's" travel approximately 500 miles. We will do a much shorter version over 7-10 days, but it will require physical exertion and some training. If you are interested or simply intrigued, please do let me know at [adieterle@doers.org](mailto:adieterle@doers.org), and I'll be sure to keep you posted. A minimum of six participants will be required to make this trip.

Peace and good,

*Ann*

# Stewardship



Chip Woodson,  
Director of Stewardship and  
Development

## Timing makes all the difference

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.*

— Ecclesiastes 3:1

**Y**es, there is a season for everything. How often have we heard that timing makes all the difference? It's time, in this season of giving, to contribute in ways that reflect our appreciation for the abundance of gifts that God gives to us. We all know pledges are due for next year. However, it never fails, as we are human, that there are those who always get their pledge cards in promptly, and there are those that wait until the last minute. We are most grateful for those who have pledged and especially for those who have not previously pledged, but have this year answered the call even in the uncertainty of our times. As I write this article, we have not received over 40 percent of the pledges from parishioners who pledged in 2011.

At St. James's, we respond to the needs of the church based on the resources you provide. As Randy said at the Feast, we develop our ministries based on the amount of pledges we receive, not on a budget we hope to fund. We are finalizing our programs and budget for 2012 now, so the timing of receiving pledges is critical in our ability

to meaningfully plan for next year.

Have you ever kicked yourself because you missed an opportunity? How many times have we been late in responding to an invitation or arrived just as the flight was leaving? By delaying, golden opportunities are missed and in some instances, avoidable problems are created.

As we experience the seasons of our life and realize there is a time for every purpose, how thankful we are to

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be in such a safe, comfortable, exciting and spiritual place as St. James's. We have clergy who arrive at our doorsteps exactly when we need pastoral care. We are moved by spiritual liturgy and inspirational music each and every Sunday. We have family love and intimacy at marriages, baptisms, confirmations and funerals. We have the opportunity to learn and achieve personal growth through the Christian Formation classes. And we are called to go out into our city, our country and the world to help those in need. What wonderful blessings and opportunities! The doors that God

opens remain open only if we, as "doers" of the word, act.

We have all been touched and have seen others touched by the ministries of St. James's. During this season of the year, we think about how to contribute to the work of our parish. This year's Annual Giving Campaign theme, "Love and Serve God and Neighbor," truly encompasses God's call to each of us. We are told there is no other commandment greater than the first two – love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. That is why we pledge!

In answering God's call to us, we strive to deepen our own spiritual lives, to broaden our outreach, and to strengthen our knowledge and understanding of God's word.

If you have not pledged, please make your pledge now. For those of you who have pledged, we are most grateful for your timeliness, thoughtfulness and generosity as it is truly a blessing to God's work at St. James's.

Our lives are blessed by God, now be a blessing to others.

With gratitude,

## Every Member's Ministry (EMM) is alive and well

In the months since Easter Sunday, when many parishioners named and claimed ministries for the coming year, the Every Member's Ministry team – Nancy Warman, Carmen Germino, Monty McFadden, Dena Moore, Tina Sherrod, and Angie Wilcox – has been busy. We have distributed more than 1,500 ministry playbooks and received nearly 400 “Claim Your Ministry” cards. We have 20 inreach ministries, 16 outreach ministries, three event ministries – the Feast of St. James's, Mardi Gras for Missions, and WomanKind – and six mission trips. In addition, we have many parishioners involved in ministries that are not coordinated through St. James's, but which we lift up in prayer as part of our Every Member's Ministry program. We are a congregation of Doers indeed!

Given the success of the inaugural

campaign, Every Member's Ministry is here to stay. You will continue to see the playbook kiosk and the “Claim Your Ministry” cards in the narthex. We are now using the Every Member's Ministry program, in tandem with the *Parish Resource Guide*, as a way to welcome newcomers to our church family and get them involved in service, as well as help educate existing parishioners about ministries new to them.

The Every Member's Ministry campaign will be a formal part of our Lenten season again this coming year, however we welcome new ministry commitments at any point during the year. Nancy Warman, Director of Servant Ministry, is always available to talk with anyone looking for additional ways to get involved.

We could not accomplish all of

this good work without the help of all of our ministry lay leaders who are an integral part of our parish's ability to name, claim, and live our commitment to serving each other. The Every Member's Ministry team and the clergy are incredibly grateful to each of them for giving of their time and talents to these ministries. If you want to know more about opportunities to get involved, we now have many ways to find additional information. You can pick up a ministry playbook in the narthex, look online at the ministry information ([www.doers.org](http://www.doers.org)), and/or contact Nancy Warman, one of the EMM team members, or the lay leader in charge of the ministry.

Thank you for helping St. James's fulfill its call to be an instrument of God's work inside our parish, in the Richmond community, and beyond.

## Vestry Nominees Sought

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. James's Church on Sunday, February 12, 2012, the nominating committee will present a slate of six nominees for election to three-year terms on the vestry. The committee seeks suggestions from the congregation of candidates to fill these positions. Members of the vestry whose term expires in 2012 are: Eleanor Angle, Jane Dowrick, Barbara B. Guvernator, Mark Shuford, Richard (Rich) Walker, and Elizabeth Ware.

The Canons of the Diocese provide that any lay person, 16 years of age or older, who is a confirmed communicant in good standing, is eligible for election to the Vestry. A “communicant in good standing” is a church member who has received Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church at least three times during

the preceding year and “who for the previous year has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and has been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.”

I encourage you to submit your recommendations no later than Monday, December 19, as the committee will meet in early January. You may recommend more than one person, and it is not necessary to obtain his or her permission. If you are interested in serving on the vestry, please let us know. You may recommend a candidate by contacting me at [meshuford@kaufcan.com](mailto:meshuford@kaufcan.com) or 320-7599 or by contacting any member of the nominating committee (see below).

The nominating committee will inform each person selected by the committee of his or her nomination before presenting him or her to the

congregation.

Mark Shuford

Chair, Nominating Committee

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