

## Cornerstone Crosses and Connects Centuries of Worship

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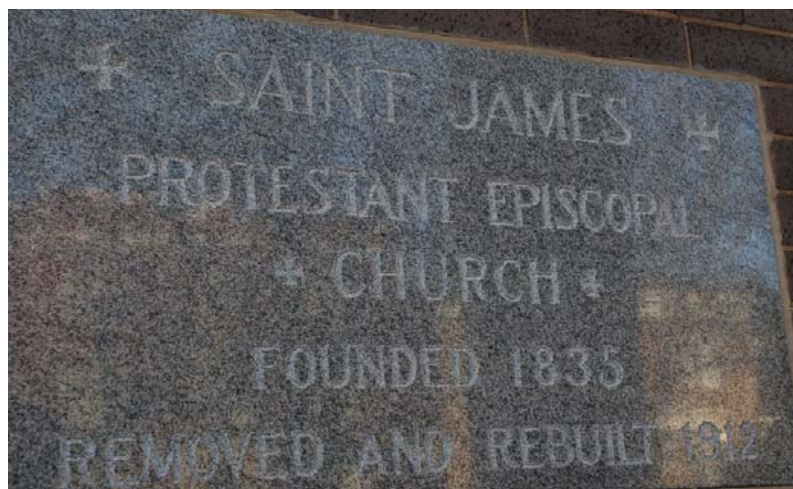
Franklin and Birch was laid, Richmond and the world were much different places than today. The church was built at the western edge of the city, just as the neighborhood south of Monument (which wasn't Monument

with their own treasures representative of the times and their community.

As we peeled back the covers on these artifacts, the centuries were unmistakable. Original documents on properties, pews and parishioners laid by prayer books, poems and prayers. Coins and currency spoke of commerce and contribution. News articles recounted tragedy, crime and politics. Clearly, our forebearers wanted to let us know their circumstances, to convey their commitment and link the church's communities divided by hundreds of years.

As we prepare to celebrate the centennial year that began last summer when we unearthed our relics, the Vestry has enjoined a group of lay leaders in a campaign for Cornerstone Gifts to the endowment, with the aim of raising \$1,000,000 to be added to the fund that helps preserve our church financially and physically for the next age. In articles by Cathy McGeehee (page 7) and Chip Woodson (page 14), read more about this short-term effort that is intended to add stability and strength to the Endowment Fund.

Additionally, at a service on June 2, we will add our own treasures and character to the historic trove, which will be returned to its safe resting place in the foundation of the church. Be sure to join us then, and consider whether you can be among the members of the parish who assist in growing our endowment so that our worship community might prosper in works and deeds.



### Make Plans To Celebrate at June 2 Centennial Service

At a special 10:00 a.m. service of Celebration, we will recognize the completion of our 100<sup>th</sup> year in the sanctuary at the corner of Birch and Franklin Streets. The time capsule will be resealed with additions from our own time and church life and will return to its home beneath the cornerstone of the building. Please be with us for this chance to acknowledge our history and look forward to a vibrant church life for another century.

at all) was developing. The imposing statue of parishioner General J.E.B. Stuart was almost new. The campus of VCU was unknown. The church property was purchased from the University of Richmond, located just a block and a half away at the time.

Even so, the church, its leaders and congregation knew that they had an elemental connection to the past and desired very much that this connection, as well as their present character, continue into the future. They laid a time capsule under the cornerstone of the new building that contained the original from the first building in 1835, at Fifth and Marshall. And they increased the reservoir of historic material



### What Are You Doing For Lent?

*The Rev. Randolph Marshall  
Hollerith, Rector*

**M**any people like to give up something for Lent. They give up chocolate, caffeine, their glass of wine with dinner, desserts, bread, or any of a hundred other things. The thinking goes that since Jesus suffered for 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness, it's good for us to give up something we like in order to experience a little of the suffering our Lord went through. Our act of self-denial is intended to be symbolic of Jesus' privation during the days and nights he was tempted by the Devil. Historically, Lent has always been a time when Christians have been asked to fast. Many Christians will only eat one meal a day during Lent as a reminder that real security in this life rests not on a full stomach but on the grace and mercy of God found in Jesus Christ.

I applaud all those who take up a Lenten discipline of self-denial; I certainly have taken on many of my own over the years. Once I gave up television for the 40 days of Lent, thinking it would be easy, only to have the first Iraq War break out. As a news junkie, I must admit I had some serious withdrawal. But we have to be careful to be honest and clear with ourselves about what it is we hope to accomplish by our Lenten disciplines, whether we are giving something up or taking something on. Because the goal of a Lenten discipline is not just to make us more sympathetic to what Jesus experienced in the wilderness, or to make us more disciplined people. The goal of a Lenten discipline is to draw us closer to Christ.

If we are honest with ourselves, it is sometimes quite convenient to give up

desserts or that glass of wine for Lent because doing so serves two functions. It is a good Lenten practice and frankly we could do with a few less calories. We tell ourselves, "Why not work on my faith and my waistline at the same time?" But then, are we doing it for God or are we doing it for ourselves? The real purpose of Lent is to strip away the things that stand between God and our souls. Think of the soul as a house in which the essence of our self lives. God gave us this house when we were born, and it returns to God when we die. But the reality of life takes a toll on our house. After a while, if we don't take care of it, the paint begins to peel, mold and mildew builds up, dry rot begins to show. The function of Lent is to strip away as much as we can, to pare down to bare wood, so that on Easter we can ask God to re-create us afresh.

This Lent, ask yourself a question – When it comes to God, what is it that gets in my way? What barriers in my life keep me from being closer to Christ? Perhaps you are too angry about something to allow God to really touch your heart. Perhaps you feel too guilty or unworthy to really believe that you are deeply loved by God. Perhaps you are too dependent on something other than God like money, drink, sex, social position, reputation, being busy, etc., etc. Whatever the case, do something this Lent to strip away the things that block you from God. Most of all, take some time to pray during these forty days. A few minutes of quiet prayer a couple of times each day is like throwing open the windows of your soul and letting in the

fresh air.

Remember, Jesus went into the desert not to be more disciplined but to learn to depend on God and God alone. This is our task as well.

Blessings,

### Easter Season Schedule

#### Sunday, March 24

- 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast prepared by Rite-13 classes
- 9:30 a.m. Stuart Circle Parishes parade
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II and reading of the Passion Gospel

#### Monday-Wednesday, March 25-27

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel

#### Maunday Thursday, March 28

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

#### Good Friday, March 28

- Noon and 7:00 p.m. Litany for Good Friday

#### Easter Sunday, March 30

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist with the children's Flowering of the Cross
- 11:15 a.m. Festival Eucharist



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

**S**t. James's first Memorial Concert was in 2005. We have presented this concert bi-annually since. The concert is given in remembrance of those who have died in military service and in thanksgiving for those among us who have served in our nation's Armed Forces, including those that are presently serving. This important event provides a wonderful opportunity to say thanks to our veterans. The concert will include music for double choir and brass, a Palestrina mass (Missa

**Sunday, May 26,  
7:00 p.m.  
Memorial Concert**

Christi Aeterna munera) and spirituals by Moses Hogan.

According to some accounts, the first Memorial Day service took place on Belle Isle in the James River, here in Richmond. School Superintendent Andrew Washburn and Mayor F.B. May planned a program for May 30,

1866. Several teachers and Miss Gibson, a nurse, went to the burial ground of Union soldiers, who had died during the war in a Confederate prison located on Belle Isle. It was raining as Mr. May erected a cross and placed flowers at each marker. Miss Gibson sang a hymn and others joined in the refrain. R.R. Wilson, who wrote of the event in the New York Tribune, stated that suddenly the clouds parted and a bright ray of sunshine shone on the cross. The first official observance of Memorial Day took place in 1868, including a program at the National Cemetery at Arlington and memorial services in several communities, and the idea gradually spread around the country. The occasion is now set by Presidential Proclamation.



Jeb Stuart, Chuck Molster at the 2005 Memorial Concert

## March 3's World Premiere

# DYLAN MASS

Missed it? View it online at [doers.org/](http://doers.org/)

### Next: Tallis Scholars

March 20 - 7:30 p.m.



Veterans in the Honor Guard at the 2005 Memorial Concert



Ed White and Bill Branch at the 2005 Memorial Concert

### 5:00 p.m. Jazz Mass Continues to Swing

Mar 3 Mike Davison  
Mar 10 Roger Carroll  
Mar 17 John Winn  
Mar 24 Jason Jenkins  
Apr 7 John Winn

Apr 14 Mike Davison  
Apr 21 Roger Carroll  
Apr 28 Bob Hallahan  
May 5 Taylor Barnett  
May 19 Brian Jones



# Faith Formation



*The Rev. Ann Dieterle,  
Associate Rector*

## Testing and Wilderness and Lent

**A**s I write this I am less than 2 weeks away from taking what I'm referring to as my 6 week medical 'sabbatical.' By the time you receive it, I will (hopefully!) be 2 weeks or so away from returning. I'm fine – or at least, there's nothing malignant or life-threatening – but I needed surgery and so here I am. I find myself being away from St. James's from February 4 to mid-March. I'll miss Mardi Gras and most of Lent, so needless to say my Lenten fast will be much different this year.

Forgive me if my attention is a bit diverted – it's a challenge for me to project out 4 months ahead under the best of circumstances. What I'd like to say instead comes from a sermon I gave back in February of 2008, the first Sunday of Lent. The text was Matthew 4:1-11 and it tells the story of Jesus being led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil (the Greek word, *per-as-thay-nai*, might also be translated 'to put to the proof'). I'm not one who believes that God puts tribulations in our path to tempt us or test us. But even unpleasant life experiences can be opportunities for growth, if we let them, and so I share this with you now in that vein.

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Our high school guidance counselor required us to take at least one semester of physics. She had a good reason for this I suppose, but I resented it all the same and dreaded the thought of taking it – both because of the subject and the

reputation of the teacher. So I put it off until the last possible moment and took it during my senior year.

The night before our big mid-term exam, I had a dream where our teacher, Ms. Waters, was standing at the entrance to the classroom saying: "None shall pass!" and she was referring clearly to the exam, and not to the doorway!

I had great anxiety about this particular test, and about a lot of tests during my academic career, and I think this anxiety is familiar to a lot of us. It may bring you some comfort to know that the experience of being tested is familiar even to Jesus. After his baptism Jesus finds himself in the middle of the wilderness being tempted, or tested by the devil.

When we are tested or tempted, we learn a lot about who we are, about our strengths and weaknesses. When faced with hard choices, how we approach them and the decisions that we make reveal a lot about us at a singular point in time.

There is something that appeals to me in the idea that when Jesus was tested, he learned a lot about himself, and that this experience gave him the understanding and the confidence that he needed to begin his ministry in Galilee. We know that in this encounter, the tempter found out a lot about Jesus – about who he was and whose he was. He learned that Jesus was not deceived by dreams of glory or by empty prom-

ises. And as the story has been passed down, we learn that we have a Savior who is more interested in serving God and in his ministry to us than in using his gifts and power for worldly glory.

I still occasionally dream that I've walked into a class only to discover that there is a test for which I have not prepared.

Jesus is tested, and Matthew tells us that he is well prepared for it. He prepared by fasting for forty days and nights. And because of his preparation, he was able to confront, and not avoid the temptation. This was a good tactic because I don't know about you, but when I avoid tests and temptations, they usually just follow me around, and weaken my defenses.

Jesus was able to confront those temptations, and to resist them because he was steeped in Scripture and truth and secure in his relationship with God.

We are in the midst of a 40 day fast of our own. And one point of Lent is surely to prepare us for all of the tests and temptations of life. By immersing ourselves in Scripture, prayer, worship and service that is our Lenten fast, we can grow even more secure in our relationship both to and with God.

And in the course of this fast, we may find that we are stronger than we thought we were. You might not win a medal for giving up chocolate for 40 days, but if you can make a sacrifice and take it day by day AND make a

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Becky Page  
Director of Children's Ministries

# ...for Children

## BREATHE IT IN – VBS 2013 at St. James's

**M**ark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School. With *Breathe It In – God Gives Life* the children will explore God's stories of breath and wind. The kids will discover how God's own breath was used to create people and the wisdom of building a foundation on God. Vacation Bible School will take place June 24 through 28 and is open to all children age three (and potty trained) through rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Vacation Bible School will give the children the opportunity to participate in worship, music, crafts, games, snacks, drama and more. *Breathe It In* will teach the children that God is all around us just like the air we breathe. Registration and volunteer forms will be mailed this month and will be available at [www.doers.org](http://www.doers.org). Registrations are due by April 8. Contact Becky Page at [beckypage@doers.org](mailto:beckypage@doers.org) to learn more. (Children who have aged out of VBS are invited and encouraged to come back as helpers. High school students are also welcome to help with VBS and earn credit for community service hours.

### Family Library

The Family Library on the second floor of the Michaux House is a wonderful resource for children and adults alike. We are filling the shelves with books to delight children from toddlers to young adults. We will be adding a Parenting section to the library in the coming months, starting with books recommended by the Parenting Forum speakers. A new feature at the library will be favorite books from the clergy and staff at St. James's. Be sure to check out their selections!

To expand our book offerings we will offer the opportunity to donate an "honor book" for a birthdays, baptisms, confirmations or other special events. Come to the library to check out our "Wish List" for book ideas. We will also be having a book drive in the month of March. Bring your gently used or new books to the Family Library any Sunday or Wednesday in March. Contact Becky Page for more information.

### Service

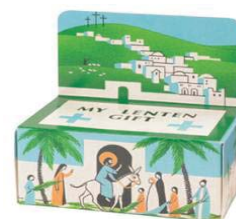
The children of St. James's Sunday School have been involved with two service projects so far this year. In December they collected \$101, mostly in coins, for the World Pediatric Project. I purchased toiletries, games, books and puzzles at the Dollar Store and then each class took a "field trip" to the teacher workroom where they helped to fill ten bags. (Check out the pictures on the website.) These welcome bags will be given to families who come to Richmond for medical treatments. In January the children decorated 40 tablecloths and nearly a dozen posters with sentiments including "Welcome to St. James's," "We are so glad you are here" and "Hope you find a home soon!" These were used to create a welcoming atmosphere during the week that St. James's hosted CARITAS.

Becky



**L**enten mite boxes have been distributed in Sunday school classrooms. As part of their Lenten discipline, children are asked to give what they can to support other children in need. This year, they will help pay tuition for one or two students at the School of the Redemption in Gonavies, Haiti, one of our missions for the past 3 years. A fun calendar accompanies the mite box so children have a basis of what to give each day – and each child's gift is different and special!

Mite boxes are returned at the 9:00 service on Easter Sunday when the children will follow St. James's tradition of flowering the cross.



# Faith Formation



*The Rev. Alex Riffée,  
Assistant Rector*

## Building Relationship

**O**n Youth Sunday, many parents attended the Adult Forum entitled “Reading the Signs” led by Dave Mason, a family psychologist, friend, and member of St. James’s. After hearing a lot of positive feedback, interest grew about the content of his message from those unable to attend. It is my hope to use this article to share his words for those interested, while adding a few of my own.

When we opened our discussion on “Reading the Signs,” our goal was not to provide an exhaustive self-help parenting guide to solve all of the difficulties one’s child might face during adolescence. Rather, the forum discussed the importance of building “relationship inroads” with your youth while they are growing up. When a strong and open relationship is formed, then a parent will have an easier time not only understanding the signals their youth are giving off, but also, gain access to them emotionally while they face different obstacles.

The first and most important lesson Dave provided is that youth want a relationship with their parents. The idea that youth merely want to separate themselves from their family as they grow more independent or they should become angry and distant over time is simply a cultural construct. The construct may seem true through our interactions, but it is given its power, more so, because we have bought into the construct. We must learn to say “No matter what I observe, my child wants a

deeper relationship with me.” From my experience and persistence, I wholeheartedly agree with Dave in this matter. This truth applies to anyone, not just parents, who value youth for who they are as wonderful and unique individuals. We would do well to repeat this quote to ourselves on a daily basis.

Following this axiom, Dave introduced a number of points in learning how to grow a relationship. We need to know that a relationship is dependent on hearing the other. Our youth want to know they are valued for who they are, what they say, and not merely for a task they do well. When they know they are valued, then they will grant you easier access to their feelings. In order to be present to them, however, you will need to actively listen. First listen with your eyes, then your intuition, and lastly with words. They want to be heard, not necessarily receive advice.

Lastly, Dave Mason touched upon how a relationship can be built when there seems to be resistance from their adolescent child. A parent’s task must be building the relationship, not fixing a particular issue. It takes persistence and an ability to let go of past rejections/failure, and a commitment to focus on one’s own growth areas. The adage, “Do as I say, not as I do” must be consciously silenced from many of our parental approaches. Just as adults wish to get better at reading the minds and hearts of our youth, you better believe that youth are able to read their parents, and will un-

cover any disjoint between words offered and actions taken by their caregivers. In other words, if we want our children to take hold of the biblical command, “Honor thy father and mother,” then we as parents and leaders must be willing to earn it by living honorably in how we act socially, in giving charity, and upholding the same expectations we have for others, especially our children.

Although this can seem daunting, I know from experience that youth will battle against the various cultural constructs thrust upon them, if they see their caregivers doing the same thing. Rest assured, if there is authenticity to one’s interactions with their youth, then a strong relationship between parent and child can form even during adolescence. Later, that relationship will turn into a friendship as they eventually become peers, but parents must start small, start with themselves, and start today.

With love and prayers,

*Alex*



## Testing

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commitment for the long haul, you have learned something about discipleship. And if you can give up something you treasure, you learn not only about self-restraint, but what is truly essential in life.

In the course of this fast, we may find that we have some weaknesses. I think that's why some of us avoid fasts and flee from tests and temptations – because in the moment it is easier and far less painful to deflect and avoid than it is to face the fear and humility of our sins. But we shouldn't fear these moments or our weaknesses. Because when we are tested and tempted the point is not ultimately about whether we pass or fail, it's about learning to trust in the grace and mercy of God, to accept the forgiveness that is offered to us and to find our identity in our relationship with God. Because God loves us in our strength AND in our weakness. God loves the whole package, brothers and sisters, down to the last imperfect hair on our head.

This Lenten season, I hope that you let the Spirit lead you into the wilderness, so that you can prepare for the trials and temptations of life by prayer, worship, study and service. I hope that you will meet your tests and temptations head on, and embrace your strengths and your weaknesses. But most of all, I hope that you will meet Jesus, and that you will know the love that he has for you.

A love so powerful that it even conquered death.

Peace and good.

*Ann +*



## Cornerstone Gifts Will Provide Stable Foundation for Future

**“I** don't spend a lot of time looking back. I like to look forward.” Randy's words at the February 3 Forum ring true to me as an educator who works to help young people grow into their full potential. This centennial year, however, affords us the opportunity to do both. While we look back upon our rich history of 100 years on West Franklin Street and enjoy viewing the contents from the cornerstone, from letters, to appeals to purchase a pew, to rare coins, we have an opportunity to secure the worship and ministries of St. James's for future generations.

Hopefully you attended the Rector's Forum in February when Randy announced that, in celebration of our

centennial year, we are asking for Cornerstone Gifts to the Endowment Fund. This special anniversary seems the right time to complete the goal of raising \$1,000,000 for the Endowment Fund set forth in the 2010 five-year strategic plan. The Endowment Fund began in 1930 from a bequest of \$5,000 and was chartered in 1957 for the purpose of “development, expansion and improvement of the property of St. James's Church and for religious and charitable purposes.” Some examples of how the Endowment has been used includes rebuilding the church after the 1994 fire, contributing to the renovation of the Michaux House and Gibson Hall, building the parking deck, and providing seed

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*Carol Ann and Sam Fuller  
with Mary Watt New*



*Liz Nance and Katherine Lawson*



*Rev. Carmen Germino*



*Janet Baruch and  
Rev. Randy Hollerith*

## Shutterbug Squad

### *Calling all lens pros*

The Communications Office would like to invite photographers who are looking for a ministry to join the Shutterbug Squad. Your help is needed at church events and services, on trips and retreats, throughout the year. Contact Russell Lawson (804) 355-1779 or [russelllawson@doers.org](mailto:russelllawson@doers.org) to get on the list for assignments. And bless you for doing it!



*Monty McFadden and  
Mark Shuford*



# ras Album



Suzanne Hall



Kyle Martin



Janet Baruch



Sharon Wayne



Tony and Bonnie Smith



Cathy McGehee and auctioneer  
Tom Horton

# Faith in Action



*The Rev. Carmen Germino,  
Assistant Rector*

## An Invitation

In every issue of the Quarterly Chimes, my article is located in the “Faith in Action” section because I work with the church’s missions and outreach ministries, alongside my wonderful colleague Nancy Warman, our Director of Servant Ministry. So every three months, I typically use this space to promote our many amazing mission trips or a worthy outreach opportunity. This time, however, I would like to invoke personal privilege and use this space to invite you to a very special event.

As you may know, my fiancé, Matt Presson, and I plan to marry in June of this year. We are so excited! To try and keep things simple, our marriage ceremony will be a small, private service. Still, we want very much to celebrate with our wonderful St. James’s community, for whom we have so much love and affection. Matt and I hope you will all join us for a Friends & Family Concert on the eve of our wedding. Similar to the “Homegrown” concert or “The Listening Room,” the concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on June 7 in Valentine Hall. All are welcome – we consider each and every one of you to be our “friends and family!” Light refreshments will be provided.

Music is extremely meaningful to both me and Matt. We are blessed to know a lot of wonderful musicians, many of them right here at church! So we’re delighted to share all that wonderful talent with the St. James’s community. The all-star line-up will

include Stephen Ralph, Liz Nance and Russell Lawson, Knox Hubbard, Richard Rumble, Marvin and Lynn Presson, and Antonia and Jonathan Vassar. I’m particularly excited for you to hear my dad, Mark Germino, who is (in my completely unbiased opinion) the finest songwriter in all of Nashville.

Also, at the concert we’ll be taking up a collection of items for World Pediatric Project, an organization that brings critically ill children from Central America and the Caribbean to Richmond for lifesaving surgery. This is a ministry of our church that is very important to me and Matt. When a WPP family arrives here, they receive a welcome bag to help make their stay in the U.S. more comfortable. Concert attendees are invited (not required) to contribute one of the following items for these welcome bags: toothbrush • toothpaste • shampoo • conditioner • lotion • coloring book • crayons • stuffed animal • small toy or game • children’s book in Spanish or English

So, I guess this article turned out to be about an outreach opportunity, after all. On June 7, grab a tube of toothpaste or a pack of crayons at the store and bring it when you come enjoy some great live music. You’ll be supporting the families of World Pediatric Project and you’ll be helping us to celebrate our marriage!

Faithfully,

*Carmen*

## Cornerstone *from page 7*

money for special outreach and mission programs beyond the capacity of the annual budget.

There are two primary ways that the Endowment Fund can grow: 1) through a cash gift to the Cornerstone Campaign and 2) through a planned legacy gift such as a will bequest or trust. We trust you have received a letter, a copy of the Case Statement, and a pledge card, which outline details about the Cornerstone Campaign.

To date we have already received cash gifts to the Cornerstone effort totaling over \$350,000. With your help, we can meet our million-dollar goal by June! Pledges can be paid online, or by check, automatic bank draft, stock or cash, and may be made over a 2-year period. All donors will be recognized by name on a donor list to be presented on June 2, 2013 at a special Service of Thanksgiving to rededicate our church for the next 100 years. We hope you will join in this special way to celebrate our past, honor our present and to secure our future as Doers of the Word for generations to come.

If you missed the Forum in February, you can see a video of it on our website. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me, Chip Woodson, or a member of the Cornerstone Committee: Eleanor Angle, DeWitt Casler, Jane Dowrick, Ruth Modlin Ellett, Ida Farinholt, Jim Goggins, Dena Moore, Dave Johnson, Pierce Rucker, Ty and Stevie Toepke, Britt Van Deusen, Brent Winn, and Charlie Whitaker.

Thank you for your kind consideration of making a Cornerstone Gift to the Endowment Fund.

*Cathy*

*Cathy McGehee  
Chair of the Cornerstone Gift Committee*



Nancy Warman,  
Director of Servant Ministry

## Every Member has a Ministry. What's yours?

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*"We have a purpose,  
a calling beyond the self,  
a unique responsibility to  
decide and to act."*

*Rev. Randolph Marshall Hollerith*

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**A**s we approach the season of Lent we ask that all St. James's parishioners give thought to the ministries they are called to do in Christ's name. Whether your ministry is one in which St. James's is involved as a parish or whether it is unrelated to church, we ask you to name it, claim it, and allow us to lift it up to God. Your ministry may be something you are already involved in and want to continue, or it may be something new that calls you to service. Either way, naming and claiming your ministry in a formal way will be powerful.

Each parish family should have received a letter and cards inviting and encouraging each family member to complete and return a "Claim Your Ministry" card indicating those ministries you would like to renew and/or those you would like to add and begin as your new ministries. Please find information pertaining to church related ministries in the form of "Playbooks" on the church website ([www.doers.org](http://www.doers.org)) and contact me if you would like help in discerning your call to ministry.

Please know that this Every Member's Ministry program is not intended to force you to volunteer for more time-consuming activities. We hope, instead, that it provides a forum for listening to what God is calling you to do. A life lived in service to our brothers and sisters, whomever and wherever they may be, is a life that honors God. And in a church where every member names, claims, and lives his or her ministry,

Christ is ever present. He empowers us to make a difference in the world.

Throughout this Lenten season, please allow yourself some time to pause, to reflect, to talk to God, and perhaps most importantly, to listen for God's call.

Return your cards on any Sunday during Lent or bring them Easter Sunday when all collected cards will be placed on the Altar to the glory of our risen Lord.

We would love to have every church member participate in this ministry process! Your participation, with one or many ministries helps strengthen the foundation of our life together.

Thank you for your response to God's call to serve.

*Nancy Warman*

## Easter Lilies

Memorial lilies to decorate the altar and sanctuary for Easter may be ordered by contacting Gina Young (355-1779 ext. 315 or [gyoung@doers.org](mailto:gyoung@doers.org)).

Please give the name or names as you would like them to appear in the Sunday *Chimes* and send a check for \$13 (payable to St. James's with "Easter Lily" written on the memo line) no later than Friday, March 22.

The lilies will be delivered to the sick and home-bound after Easter services.





## The rhythm of days

by Cynthia Roe Brown

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

In the course of each of our days there is a rhythm, a schedule we follow. It's a routine each of us follows from the time we get up in the morning to the time we retire for the evening. We have to allow for flexibility in that rhythm: a change in a meeting or appointment, unexpected luncheon plans, a deadline for a project that pops up, or even getting absorbed in a good book and going to sleep hours after the regular time. Learning to have flexibility helps us transition to the unexpected smoothly and not with anxiousness. Of course, some days require us to stretch our flexibility muscle more than others! On the whole, there is predictability to our day.

At the Children's Center, our children also have a rhythm to their day, guided by their teachers. From the littlest ones to our older children, there is predictability about their day. Not only does it create a safe and comforting environment to learn, but it also demonstrates to the children the awareness of importance of schedules and routines. This is all done with transitions that are appropriate to each age group and developmental level. For instance, you would see the older classes, directed by the teacher, prepare for the next event or discipline in only five minutes. In the two-year-old class, the teachers prepare the children for change in perhaps 15 minutes. This teaches the children to have an understanding of the concept of time as it relates to everyday life, such as meals and sleeping, learning and playtime.

The teachers always explain the routine, telling them what will happen next. Soon the children are anticipating the regularly scheduled daily activities. They begin to make the connection between daily sequences of events: story time, activity time, lunch, nap for the little ones; and math, English, science, recess, etc. for the older ones.

They also learn flexibility with the schedule: on a certain day there is a special program or activity designed around the theme of the week.

It's interesting to watch the teachers use a 'building block' process: from recalling about the immediate past, such as after eating lunch saying "All done!" to asking the question, "What do we do after lunch?" to finally asking the children to give simple accounts of what happened that day.

Rhythms and routines are wonderful parameters to developing healthy, calm people who can learn to think through a process to its conclusion. They build a framework for each child to express himself in such a way that is creative and thoughtful. What's really neat is that it is easy to see and celebrate the uniqueness of every child within this framework.

## Vestry Resolves: Taste of St. James's Greatly Appreciated

Whereas, the Episcopal Church Women ("ECW") have supported St. James's Episcopal Church's FoodForce program with financial contributions from the St. James's Bazaar for many years, and

Whereas, the ECW membership elected to replace the St. James's Bazaar in 2011 with a newly conceived program of gourmet food sales called the Taste of St. James's, and

Whereas, under the leadership of Mary Brooks Jamison and Louise Bald as Co-Chairs and the invaluable contributions of Laura McCoy, Ida Farinholt, Laura Strickler, Gloria Prevatt, Erin Jewett, Britt Van Deusen, Meg Stott, Carrie Montague, Nancy Jordan, Carter Foster, Kathie Hoffmann, Becky Page, Caroline Stokes, Mary Kulp, and many other women of the parish, the 2012 Taste of St. James's was able to raise \$15,588 on behalf of FoodForce, which was an increase of 44% over 2011's total, and

Whereas, the Taste of St. James's offered many parishioners the opportunity to participate in FoodForce, St. James's ministry of feeding others, by:

- Preparing casseroles and baked goods to be sold;
- Creating and donating food-related art pieces for display and purchase;
- Convening to cook in small groups in the St. James's kitchen, thereby experiencing the blessing of serving others as part of a team;
- Engaging in fellowship during the "patrons party" on Wednesday, November 14; and
- Purchasing casseroles, baked goods, and donated pieces of art.

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# Ministry Galore! Needs and Opportunities

As the Spring months approach and as you discern your “ministry fit,” please consider the following ministries:

**Worship Leaders** welcome and can use additional volunteers! Please consider joining our Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) team, Lectors team (readers for Sunday morning worship services) and Usher Ministry teams. If interested please contact lay leader Michael Lantz (mwwlantz@gmail.com) for LEMs, Bennette Burks (burks@3-eng.com) for Lectors, and Harry Turton (Harry.Turton@bankatunion.com) or Brink Brinkley (asb3rd@aol.com) for Ushers, or you may contact Nancy Warman (nwarman@doers.org).

**project:Homes Build Team** always welcomes new members. Our “doer” build team assisted three elderly city

residents with house repairs, renovations, and yard cleaning last year. Each Spring or Summer our team is back to work on a designated Saturday morning. If interested in becoming a team member, please contact lay leader Kyle Martin (kyle@bkmartin.com).

**GateWay Homes Ministry** team decorated and outfitted two apartments at the Chesterfield County agency dedicated to helping those with mental illness learn skills for independent living. If you can shop, paint, sew, decorate, and laugh, you will want to join this fun-loving team! Contact lay leader Mary Slaughter (maryslaughter4@msn.com) to get your name on her team roster!

**Food Force Ministry Teams** and the **Saturday Morning Men’s Cooking Team** continue to cook



meals each week for the Freedom House Conrad Center community meal site. Each weekly food team prepares food for approximately 200 guests! Last year the men’s team cooked some 960 pounds of beef for meatloaf!

If you like to cook, like to have fun in the kitchen with friends, and like to serve, come join! Contact Mary Slaughter (maryslaughter4@msn.com) or Gigi Redmond (giredmond@mac.com) for Food Force (week day) teams and Harry Moore (hmoore@wfofr.com) for Saturday morning (once a month) gatherings.

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## Servant Ministry At Work: St. James’s Memorial Garden Team Ministry

*An update from Lay Leader  
Bill Gregory:*

“After nearly three years of work, the beautiful Memorial Book has been brought up to date and there is now a dedicated page for each person interred in the Garden. The Memorial Book can be found in the handsome case especially built for this project. This endeavor required a great deal of time, research, dedication and talent to ensure that each person had correct data as well as any personal history provided by families or friends to be included with the write-ups. In going forward, the book allows for future corrections or additions which might be provided as each page

is removable and more information can be added. These pages are beautifully prepared in calligraphy which reflects a handsome remembrance of our parishioners. This standardized approach will be used for future interments with information being supplied by families in a timelier manner. The committee is quite proud of the beautiful watercolor painting of the Garden by artist Doug Dorsey. The painting is hung above the memorial case located in the atrium and we encourage all to stop to view and appreciate the talent and hard work of our fellow parish member, Mr. Dorsey.

As in prior years, the committee dedicated itself to maintaining the Garden plantings on a seasonal basis, which

includes plant rotations, pruning, fertilizing, cleaning and maintaining the handsome fountain with the ongoing help of St. James’s staff. The crape myrtle trees are carefully maintained to encourage the magnificent blossoms throughout the summer which attract many visitors. The committee is extremely cognizant and proud of the St. James’s Memorial Garden and what a focal point it has become for those who worship with us as well as those who simply pass and often stop to meditate.”

*Many thanks to Bill and his team for their faithful ministry and hard work!*

# Stewardship



Chip Woodson,  
Director of Stewardship and  
Development

## Faith of Our Fathers

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*“Almighty God... look in love and mercy upon this congregation, called in thy Providence to plan and build for the future of Thy Holy Church.”*

**Dr. Adam Empie, 1838**

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**H**ow powerful it is to note the sentiments of those whose fervent prayers were to build and sustain Thy Holy Church. No easy task then – no easy task now. Yet, we have before us evidence of dedicated, devout, and determined parishioners who succeeded, despite wars, fires, economic downturns, and personal tragedies. We celebrate these leaders and our Heavenly Father who has brought us to this centennial year filled with hope for future generations.

These past months have offered us unique opportunities to touch that past and to capture bits of the faith of our forefathers. It is indeed a rare moment, as these relics will go back into the wall, not to be uncovered again for another one hundred years. Each Cornerstone relic carries with it a story of a person who felt the power of God’s hand moving through an uncertain time, as well as a certain belief that the parishioners of St. James’s would persist in seeking and serving Him. Clearly, the

prayers of Dr. Empie, the first rector of St. James’s, were answered.

Today we pray for the same enlightened minds, guidance and inspiration requested by Dr. Empie. It’s no great surprise that what was begun at St. James’s in 1835 is being carried forward, for like the initial parishioners of our church, there is no lack of zeal for its sustained strength.

Throughout our sanctuary we see images through which light passes, emboldened by a rainbow of colors and designs that inspire our hearts and minds. These stained glass windows offered by devoted families to honor their loved ones carry us across time. One such window, the 19<sup>th</sup> century stained glass “Alpha and Omega” window in our chapel, was acquired from Monumental Church and installed during the reconstruction of the sanctuary following the devastating 1994 fire. The window is a family gift honoring Katharine Tyndell Dennis (1896-1995). Because of this, that window will continue to illuminate



worshippers in the chapel for another hundred years.

There are many families in our parish whose generosity and leadership provide overwhelming evidence of their commitment to St. James’s. We are pleased to report that the Dennis family and others have given us a generous start through their Cornerstone Gifts to the Endowment Fund. To these families, and to many others, we hope, the future of our church is as vitally important as our past.

In this our centennial year on West Franklin Street, we are asking for Cornerstone Gifts to the Endowment Fund to secure the long-term wellbeing of the church. As we were told in the Rector’s Forum on February 3, our endowment is below that of other churches of our size, which could potentially impact the future of St. James’s. As we pass through certain historical moments in our church’s history, we are called to act. Because we are connected and inspired by our past, we can respond by contributing in a way that honors our past, looks to the future, and helps ensure that our children and their children will continue to experience the spirit of St. James’s that we enjoy today.

Blessings,

*Chip*



## New Vestry Members Elected

**A**t the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. James's Church on Sunday, February 24, 2013, the following parishioners were elected to the Vestry:

### C. Knox Hubbard, Jr.



Knox and his wife, Sarah, have been active members of St. James's since 2001. They have two children, Sam (9)

and Anne (6). Knox is currently involved in the music program, primarily through the Guitar Ensemble, and also served for several years as a teacher and rotation workshop leader in the Sunday children's education program, has co-lead parish retreat programs at Shrine Mont and Trinity Center, and served as a CARITAS volunteer.

### Gloria Prevatt



Gloria Prevatt and her husband, Michael Smith, transferred their membership to St.

James's in 2008. Gloria worked with others to create the "Taste of St. James's," which debuted in 2011. Her interest in art led to the introduction of "The Fine Art of Food", a first time exhibit of works by parish artists, that was tied into the 2012 Taste. She has served as a volunteer with the Feast of St. James's, WomanKind, and Hospitality and currently serves with the Newcomers, Name Tag, and Jazz Mass Communion Bread ministries.

### Geoff Sisk



Geoff and his wife, Jennifer (a former vestry member), joined St. James's in 1986. Geoff currently serves as an

usher, has volunteered for CARITAS, served on the host committee for The Feast, helped with annual giving and Fan the Flame and has taught Sunday School.

### Bobbie Ukrop



Bobbie has been member of St. James's since 1991 and followed her children, who were members before that.

Husband Jim was confirmed with his granddaughter, Polly, in 2008. Bobbie serves on one of the Wednesday night dinner teams, as an usher and is a past Chairman of the Children's Center. She has been a volunteer with the Bazaar, as well as with CARITAS, in which she is still active.



### Kathryn Blackwell West

Kathryn and her husband, Jay, have been active at St. James's since

1993. They have two children, Doug and Janie. Kathryn currently serves on the Missions Committee and leads the Honduras mission. She also served as a Sunday School teacher for several years and Sunday School Superintendent for two years. Other involvements

include the Bazaar, Mardi Gras, and CARITAS.

### Norvell Whitaker



Norvell was baptized and confirmed at St. James's and has been a lifelong member of the church. For the

past three years, she has served as the Acolyte Master. Prior to that, she taught Sunday School and chaired committees for the Bazaar, including the Preview Party and the Cafe.

### Stephen Watts



Currently Junior Warden, Stephen was elected to fill an unexpired one year term on the Vestry.

*We thank our committee members for their stewardship of this important process.*

### Nominating Committee

- Dena Moore, *Senior Warden Chair*
- Elizabeth Andrews, *Sunday School Superintendent*
- Pam Goggins, *Member at Large*
- John Hart, *Member at Large*
- Jan Harris, *Vestry Member*
- Scott Hetzer, *Vestry Member*
- Steve McCoy, *Vestry Member*
- Mary Watt New, *Vestry Member*
- Newnie Rogers, *Episcopal Church Women President*
- Stevie Toepke, *Member at Large*

### Resolution *from page 12*

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Vestry of St. James's Church, on behalf of the entire congregation, offers profound gratitude and congratulations to Mary Brooks Jamison and Louise Bald, as well as the other participants in the

Taste of St. James's, for their outstanding creativity, efforts, and accomplishments in making the 2012 Taste of St. James's a huge success both financially and spiritually.



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