

ST. JAMES' NEWSLETTER

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February-March 2019

A LETTER TO THE PARISH

It is my pleasure to serve Saint James' Episcopal Church, Montross and Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Nomini Grove as your priest. I was first asked to supply at St. James' by the Rev. Dr. Prentice Kinser back in 2010, and I have done so on many occasions since then. I have also served Saint Paul's for many years. As a retired priest in my mid-70s, I am not allowed to enter into any commitment to a parish that goes beyond one year's duration. This commitment can, however, be renewed annually, and I am suggesting that we do so at the end of each June.

The vestries of Saint Paul's and Saint James have agreed to share a priest, and, when the time comes for me to more fully retire, that they will seek together to find my successor. They have agreed that on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month the two congregations will worship together at Saint James and on the second and fourth Sundays they will worship together at Saint Paul's. Philip McKenney has caught the current spirit of Saint James' in a couple of cartoons. The first of these Bishop Goff shared with the Annual Convention of the Diocese.

♦ IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS ♦

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♦ February-March Ushers ♦

FEBRUARY		MARCH	
X		3	Bill Jenkins Eddie Weston
		17	Phil McKenney John Harvey Jenkins

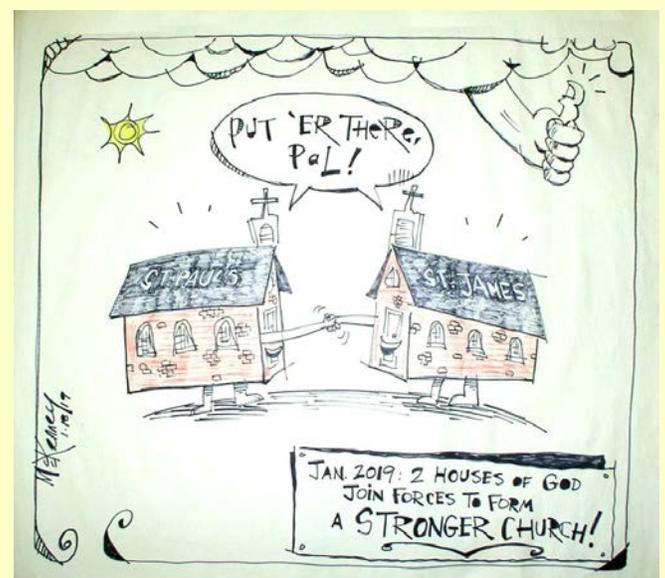
♦ February-March Lay Readers ♦

FEBRUARY		MARCH	
X		3	Elizabeth Beckham Robert Chapman
		17	Bonnie Chandler Phil McKenney

♦ February-March Altar Guild ♦

FEBRUARY		MARCH	
Barbara Jenkins		Bonnie Cooke	

The second cartoon is more recent and captures the current moment.



This year on the fifth Sunday after the Epiphany we had as our Gospel reading the following passage from Luke:

[Our Lord] said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. (Luke 5:4-7)

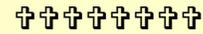
The word "Nave" is Latin for ship. The church is a ship. Saint James' and Saint Paul's are two ships, and our Lord is calling on us to go out into the deep in partnership to bring in a miraculous catch of men and women, girls and boys for God's Kingdom. Simon and the others did not know what the result of their putting out into the deep would be any more than we can know what our putting out into the deep, out into the mission field of this part of the Northern Neck of Virginia, will be. Simon Peter and the others put out into the deep because they trusted their master. We are to trust Jesus and to work as two ships in partnership to bring in a mighty harvest.

This year Easter Day is almost as late as it can possibly fall. This means we observe eight Sundays after the Epiphany with the Last Sunday after the Epiphany falling on March 3. On March 5 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., we will have at Saint James' our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper hosted by the men of Saint James and Saint Paul's. The next day at 5:00 p.m. at Saint James I will lead the Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Each Wednesday in Lent and the Wednesday in Holy Week there will be a service at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church at noon. The churches of the Montross Ministerial Association each take a Wednesday to host and lead this service. Our turn is Wednesday, April 17. On Good Friday, April 19, we will have a community service at St. James' at noon.

This is a time of transition for us and for the Diocese of Virginia. I am not sure there has ever been a time that wasn't a time of transition. God is constantly calling us into a new future. The Diocese has scheduled a series of "listening sessions". If you have thoughts on this moment in the life of the Diocese of Virginia, or if you have questions, you

might like to attend the last of these which will take place at St. Margaret's School on March 4 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Faithfully,
Chris+



Meals on Wheels

April is our month to deliver Meals on Wheels. We need volunteers for each Tuesday and Thursday during the month. In addition, Anne Marie Sisson and her helpers will prepare a "goodie basket" to deliver to each recipient on one of the days. Small gift items are needed for the baskets, and we welcome donations.

Mite Boxes

Once again, this year we encourage all of you to deposit your change each day in a "Hope Chest" for Episcopal Relief and Development. The boxes will be gathered on Easter morning. Please be generous with this offering, which helps people affected by disasters and emergencies around the world in Christ's name.

Outreach

We accept donations for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and Soles4Souls at any time. Thanks to Barbara Jenkins and Anne Marie Sisson who carry on this benevolent work.

Happy February Birthdays

Dennis Tucker Tom McCready
Robert Nevin Augustus Nevin
Rob Wittman



Happy March Birthdays

Lynn McCready Elizabeth Beckham
Aggie Toone Molly Nevin
Brandon Chandler Val McWilliams