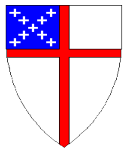


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### **Pentecost: Preach the Gospel to all people**

*From the Rector*

Back in the 1960's Bob Dylan wrote a song called, *The Times They Are a-Changin'*. This title track of the album of the same name is one of Dylan's most famous; many felt that it captured the spirit of social and political upheaval that characterized the 1960's. American society was in the midst of rapid cultural change in that decade the results of which that we still are processing today. I believe that in many ways we are also in the beginnings of another decade of rapid change similar, but different from that of the 1960's. Technology is re-writing the way we live and think about things. The younger generation is *wired differently* than we are. Young people have no use for institutions and this began in the 1960's! Because the Church is an institution we are now entering a period of great danger based on some sobering statistics. Six in ten young people will leave the church permanently or for an extended period starting at age 15, according to new research by the Barna Group. Another study noted, seven in ten Protestants ages 18 to 30 both evangelical and mainline who went to church regularly in high school said they quit attending by age 23, according to the survey by LifeWay Research. And 34% of those said they had not returned, even sporadically, by age 30. In the period from 2006 to 2010 the Episcopal Church decreased by 11% (How many were young people?) In his book, *You Lost Me: Why Young Christians are Leaving Church ... and Rethinking Faith*, David Kinnaman lists six reasons why young people are leaving church:

**Isolationism.** One-fourth of 18- to 29-year-olds say church demonizes everything outside church, including the music, movies, culture, and technology that define their generation.

**Shallowness.** One-third call church boring, about one-fourth say faith is irrelevant and Bible teaching is unclear. One-fifth say God is absent from their church experience.

**Anti-science.** Up to one-third say the church is out of step on scientific developments and debate.

**Sex.** The church is perceived as simplistic and judgmental. For a fifth or more, a "just say no" philosophy is insufficient in a techno-porno world.

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Young Christian singles are as sexually active as their non-churched friends, and many say they feel judged.

**Exclusivity.** Three in ten young people feel the church is too exclusive in this pluralistic and multi-cultural age. And the same number feel forced to choose between their faith and their friends.

**Doubters.** The church is not a safe place to express doubts say over one-third of young people, and one-fourth have serious doubts they'd like to discuss.

Along with these reasons for dropping out of Church is the problem of the “new normal” for young people. Most young adults no longer follow the typical path of leaving home, getting an education, finding a job, getting married and having kids—all before the age of 30. These life events are being delayed, reordered, and sometimes pushed completely off the radar among today’s young adults. “Consequently, churches are not prepared to handle the ‘new normal.’ Instead, churches are programmed to working with young, married adults, especially those with children says Barna Research president David Kinnaman, who after a five-year-study, declared that church leaders (and Churches) are unequipped to deal with this “new normal.”

It would seem to me that David Kinnaman is correct. For the Church the lines of the Bob Dylan song are relevant:

***The line it is drawn***

***The curse it is cast***

*The slow one now*

*Will later be fast*

*As the present now*

*Will later be past*

***The order is***

***Rapidly fadin'***

*And the first one now*

*Will later be last*

*For the times they are a-changin'.*

So what does this mean for the future of the Church? It means we must understand what is happening to young people (an anthropological paradigm shift) and respond! And this leads me to Pentecost. We will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost in May and we need to reflect on “why?” When Jesus left behind his followers with the Great Commission (*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*) he left them with a burden that they as simple, broken human beings could not fulfill on their own. So on Pentecost he sent them the Holy Spirit, his lasting presence in the world, to help them proclaim the Gospel. He also made it very clear that they were to share it with all people. We don’t often think of all people from a generational perspective, but we need to start! If the younger generation is going to come to Church, and be followers of Jesus Christ, then WE must reach out to them! David Kinnaman prescribes intergenerational ministry:

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"In many churches, this means changing the metaphor from simply passing the baton to the next generation to a more functional, biblical picture of a body - that is, the entire community of faith, across the entire lifespan, working together to fulfill God's purposes." Just like the early Christians we need to SHARE our faith both with young people and others. The Episcopal Church (along with other mainline changes) will die -that is come to an end- if we don't start engaging the society with the gospel. We all need to generationally connect with young people; it cannot just be left to the clergy only. We all know young people; so we all as Baptized Christians have a part to play in sharing the Gospel. Hopefully Pentecost will remind us that we have the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower us even when we don't feel that we have the gifts or talents to do what Christ asks of us. We are Christ's Body in this world at this time. The times may be changing but Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And the same goes for the Gospel: it is always relevant in any age.

*Fr. Carl+*

**P.S. If you would like to speak to Fr. Carl about ministry to young adults, please give him a call (294-6225).**

## May Altar Flowers

May 06 - Lunden

May 13 - Mayo

May 20 - Marilyn Norman

May 27 - Camp



# Ongoing Events at St. James

## **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Wednesday evenings at 8:30 pm

## **A.R.T.S.**

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

## **Boys Scouts**

Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm

## **Camera Club**

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7: 15pm

## **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm

## **Community Dinner at St. James'**

Last Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm

## **Food bagging at the Presbyterian Church**

The fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 am

## **Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry Distributions**

2nd Saturday of every month at 9:30 am

The last Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm

## **Healing and Holy Eucharist**

Wednesdays at noon, followed by a Fellowship Lunch

## **Junior Choir rehearsal**

Sunday mornings from 11-11:20

## **Musical Munchkins**

Thursday and Friday Mornings at 9:30 am

## **Sunday School**

Sunday morning from 10 am—11 am

## **Vestry meeting**

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:15 pm

## **Youth Group**

3rd Sunday of each month at 11:30 am

## **OUR MISSION**

*St. James' seeks to love and serve God through Discipleship, Community Service and Eucharistic Fellowship.*

*We encourage spiritual growth and maturity by educating each other in the knowledge of the Christian Gospel.*

*We seek to live in the image of Jesus Christ and invite our neighbors to participate in our family of faith.*



## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday**

9:00 am - Family Eucharist Rite II

10:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II

(choir and pipe organ)

### **Wednesday**

12:00 pm

Healing & Holy Eucharist

### **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday:

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## A BIG THANK YOU!

So many people work together to keep Holy Week and celebrate Easter in the church. So many things are happening and so many details need to be attended to. If I forget to mention anyone, please consider this a special THANK YOU to you also.

The Altar Guild gets everything polished for Holy Week and Easter (and this year to welcome Bishop Dietsche!) and works tirelessly to set up for the many Holy Week Services. Everyone pitches in at some point, but very special THANKS this year goes to Jeanne Healy, my altar guild co-chair, who worked to set up and clean up EVERY service. THANKS to all the altar guild members who assisted with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, two services on Good Friday, The Easter Vigil and the two Easter Celebrations. Special THANKS also goes to Bill Hanners and Chip Hamilton who did most of the polishing for the Bishop's service, and Holy Week and Easter.

The Choir works hard to bring beautiful music to the all the services. The choir sang for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, The Great Vigil and the 10:15 Easter Celebration. The music was beautiful and much appreciated. THANK YOU Br. Tom and everyone who sings in the choir.

THANK YOU everyone who ordered flowers for the Easter services. The church looked beautiful and the fragrance when we walked in told us that it was Easter even before we saw the blooms. Your generosity makes this possible. It is a joy to decorate the church!

THANK YOU everyone who donated to the books that the children received at the Easter Egg hunt. This is a special tradition that we hope to continue. And, THANK YOU everyone who donated candy for the Egg Hunt. The children were gleeful! And special THANKS to Tammy Matula who organized the Egg Hunt, purchased the books and made it a special day for the youngest members of our Parish. THANK YOU also to all the student helpers who "hid" the eggs, set up the coffee hour tables, and supported all the work that it takes to set up for these events.

THANK YOU everyone who baked, cooked, shopped and brought wonderful treats for both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Easter coffee hours. We had tables full of delicious food and a beautiful sunny day to enjoy your generosity. We had new people visiting who mingled with our congregation after the services and they enjoyed the fellowship and the welcome that they received at the coffee hours. This really is an important ministry!

THANK YOU to the members of the Junior Choir who worked hard to learn a challenging piece of music AND to sing it without holding their music during the service. This was only possible because they practiced diligently. They did a beautiful job, and the worshipers at the service appreciated their musical offering.

THANK YOU to Father Carl who makes sure that every detail is attended to, recruits volunteers to make sure that everything goes smoothly and, as President Harry Truman once said, makes sure that "the Buck stops here."

Lastly, a big THANK YOU to Genie McMonigle who anchors all of this with her work and presence in the church office. She is the foundation that holds all of this up.

Sincerely, Marci Hanners



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School observed Palm Sunday with a variety of special programs. The younger children in the Pre-K and P-1 classes learned the story of Holy Week through dramatic readings and symbolic snack bags which they took home. The P-2 Class journeyed through Holy Week and the cycle of the Christian year in a special class held in the Chapel after processing with the Palms. They listened, asked great questions, answered questions and prayed. The Junior High made prayer bracelets with colored beads that connected to specific Gospel passages. They had to find the passages and read them and then added the bead. The bracelets could then be used to pray their way through Holy Week.

We will continue our journey through the Old Testament through the month of May, but we will also be working on a very special church service on June 10th at 10:15 a.m. We will celebrate this year of Sunday School in song and drama.

Easter was a big day for the Sunday School children. We had a wonderful Easter Egg hunt on the lawn after the 9:00 a.m. service. We were delighted to see so many freshly scrubbed, beautifully dressed children in church, and at the Egg Hunt and wonderful coffee hour that accompanied it. The adults had as good a time as the children. Special thanks to Tammy Matula for her incredible work getting the Egg Hunt organized, and for adding the beautiful books to the celebration. Special thanks to all the student helpers who worked to set up the egg hunt and the coffee hour. It was a GREAT DAY!

## JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS



The Junior Choir sang the Mozart "Alleluia" at the 9:00 a.m. Easter Service. We had 8 singers who sang beautifully. We always say that when we sing out, God hears us and He is pleased.

We are meeting every Sunday when there is Sunday School, and we are working on the music for the Sunday School End of Year Celebration on June 10th at 10:15 a.m. We have some interesting and exciting music to sing for you, and some special guests to help us make the music great!

If you are at least in the 3rd grade and love to sing, please consider joining us. We have a good time practicing and we love to sing in church. Tammy Matula accompanies the rehearsals and Marci Hanners directs the singing. We meet right after Sunday School ends, about 11:00 a.m. each Sunday and we finish practice when the 10:15 a.m. service ends.

Sincerely, Marci Hanners & Tammy Matula



## Greeter's Schedule

9:00 a.m.



May 6 - Malcolm Diaz

May 13 - Bryan Giudice

May 20 - Jackie Kessler

May 27 - Barbara Killenberger

June 3 - Jerry Killenberger

10:15 a.m.

May 6 - LaWahna Search

May 13 - Pat Spencer

May 20 - Scott & Sharon Stark

May 27 - Florence Stoveken

June 3 - Angela Strahl

Happy Mother's Day

*Jackie Kessler*

## Field Trip Update from Marci Hanners

A great time was had by all! The day was absolutely perfect, with blue skies and comfortable temperatures. 47 travelers enjoyed the beauty and spiritual uplift of the Cathedral Church of St John the Divine, the restful and lovely gardens, the very vocal peacocks and even a climbing yellow rose in bloom in the Biblical Garden. Then we were off to the Cloisters to see the Lewis Chessmen, beautiful Medieval religious art including the Unicorn Tapestries, stunning views of the Hudson River and the Cloister Gardens. It was a great day! We plan more field trips in the future!



## Gardens of Goshen & Luncheon on the Lawn Tour Tickets now on sale

St. James' Episcopal Church will host its 9th annual "Gardens of Goshen" event on Saturday, **June 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, with self guided tours of some of Goshen's most beautiful gardens.

Advance tickets are \$40. Tickets the day of the event will be \$45; if still available (We sold out last year). Tickets include a gourmet luncheon served on linen tablecloths under a tent on the front lawn of St. James' Episcopal Church, 1 St. James' Place, Goshen, New York. Proceeds will support the St. James' Building Restoration Fund.

For tickets or information and photos from past tours visit [www.stjamesgoshen.org](http://www.stjamesgoshen.org) and click on Garden Tour. You may also mail your order request; just send a **self addressed stamped envelope**, with your check made out to St. James' Episcopal Church, to Gardens of Goshen Tour, 55 Wickham Avenue, Goshen, New York, 10924.

Call John at 845-294-9004 for any questions. You may also pick-up tickets at the Church office call the office at 845-294-6225.



**Just a Reminder**

**Mothers Day is Coming Soon**

Buy Mom a Ticket To

***The Gardens of Goshen Garden***

***Tour and Luncheon!***

The Date is Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 2012

The Price is \$40 per ticket

**Tickets are on sale now!**





# Gardens of Goshen Tour & Luncheon on the Lawn

Ticket Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**AN EMAIL CONFIRMATION OF YOUR ORDER WILL BE SENT UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT.**

Advance Tickets are \$40.00 each

**NUMBER OF TICKETS ORDERED** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Limited Day of Tour Tickets are \$45 if available. (We sold out last year)

*Make check payable to St. James' Episcopal Church*

**Mail a self address stamped envelope**

**with form & payment to**

**Gardens of Goshen Tour**

**55 Wickham Avenue**

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**ALL TICKET FORMS MUST BE RECIEVED**

**BY JUNE 10th.**



**The Community Dinner May 26**

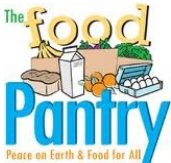


The Goshen Methodist Church will host the May 26th Community Dinner, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in St. James' Parish Hall. Call John Strobl at 294-9004 to find out how to help. We open at 4:00 p.m. to get ready for the 5:30 p.m. meal. The Dinner is always held the last Saturday of each month. Have you ever come to a Community Dinner?

**St. James' will host the June 30<sup>th</sup> Dinner. We will be celebrating 13 years of Community Dinners at St. James'. We hope the whole St. James' congregation will help in cooking for this celebration.**



**Food & Financial donations are always needed for the Pantry**  
The Food Pantry depends on food & financial donations. Please make it a habit to donate a food item each time you come to Church Services. Summer is coming, needy children will not be getting free school lunches. Food drop locations are on the table just inside the back door, and on the table just before you enter the church - both are labeled Food Pantry Donations. Financial donations may be mailed to The Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry Inc. c/o John Strobl, 55 Wickham Ave, Goshen, NY 10924. Help us to help our neighbors in need



**Goshen Ecumenical Pantry Inc. May 12 & 31**

The next distribution at the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry will be held **May 12**, (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month) **from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 33 Park Place, Goshen. Please arrive by 9:00 a.m. The Goshen Food Pantry's new **second distribution** will be held Thursday, **May, 31** (the last Thursday of each month) **from 6:30 to 7:30pm**. Help is needed; all groups (Adults, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Youth Groups etc.) are welcome to give us a hand. Please arrive at the pantry around 6:00pm to help.



**Bagging for distribution and shelf stocking**

is done at the Goshen Food Pantry, every Tuesday morning at 9:15 a.m. And on the fourth Saturday of each month (May 26.) from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Be part of this excellent opportunity for community service and/or "feel-good-for doing-something-good" service.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS  
**Stamp Out Hunger**  
FOOD DRIVE

Saturday May 12, 2012  
Please leave your bag of food, near your mailbox, for  
The Goshen Post Office collection for the Goshen Food Pantry.

## Stewardship

I hope everyone had the opportunity to attend the services from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. I believe everyone was enriched and their faith strengthened by this journey. I ask everyone who made a pledge for 2012 to get up-to-date. Expenses have increased. We need the financial support of all to be successful.

As part of your stewardship, get involved in the upcoming St. James' Garden Tours and the Great American Weekend. Help will be needed for both events. It is an excellent way to get to know your fellow parishioners. Get involved, help St. James and have some fun. You might also consider signing up to help with some of the projects being organized to improve the buildings and grounds.

This past Easter we had a traditional Baptism. In the early church, baptisms were held at Easter. This is a good time for all of us to further strengthen our own stewardship by reviewing the Baptismal Covenants. They are found on pages 304 and 305 in The Book of Common Prayer. These responses we all make define what it is to be a good steward for St. James and our community. Let us all strive to put stewardship forward in our daily lives.

" YOUR TALENT IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU "

" WHAT YOU DO WITH THAT TALENT IS YOUR GIFT TO GOD "

Sincerely, Ed Fritsche, Stewardship Chairman

### **NURSERY CARE**

There is a need for a committee to co-ordinate Nursery Care during the services. We would like to get it going by the start of the Summer Schedule on June 24th. The Children's Chapel service will be starting that day for 3 year olds and up, but we need care for the children who are under 3 and not ready for a formal service of any kind. Tammy Matula and Marci Hanners cleaned up the nursery, and more improvements are in the works. Now we need loving volunteers to help us get this going. Please contact Fr. Carl or a Member of the Vestry if you would like to help form a committee to provide this essential ministry to our church.

*Fr. Carl+*

***It's Not a Secret!***

“So, what’s your secret??” What motivates us to ask that question? Is it that we see something special in someone else and want to know more? Maybe stemming from a twinge of jealousy we want to be a little bit more like what we see in someone else?

Anyone asked this question should consider it a compliment, *(in a kind of curious way.)* We probably all know someone who seems to stay in great shape and just don’t understand how they do it. *So what’s your secret? How do you do it? How can you find the time to stay in such good shape, and if you’re not actually trying, then what exactly is your secret, because I want to know!*

The question isn’t limited to physical appearance. There are some people that just carry themselves differently as they face life’s challenges. There are those that never seem to get rattled and always seem to turn a bad situation into something positive. *How exactly do they do it? What’s their secret?* I suppose there can be a variety of reasons why it may seem like someone may “have a secret”, perhaps ranging anywhere from good genetic history to many years of dedicated effort toward change.

As Christians, we have the opportunity each day to share what may be a “secret” to everyone we meet. Jesus gave us so much to share with others, and He certainly didn’t want it to be a secret. Our Faith in Him gives us peace, freedom from sin and eternal life. Can we possibly ask for anything more? And, by the way, He gave us all that for free! His only request is that we share our Faith with others so they too can have what we have today.

With Christ in our lives the opportunities to let go of the world’s attempts to strip us of our peace and happiness are endless. We can’t do it on our own, but fortunately we don’t have to. Jesus is the reason why we can take on each day’s challenges and walk peacefully through a world of struggles.

If we’re ever fortunate enough to have someone ask us what our “secret” is, that’s our opportunity to share with them the greatest gift we’ve ever received. Tell them about Jesus, ***it’s not a secret!***

*Enjoy the Spring, Dom Perfetti*





## Birthdays

Joseph	Fedrizzi	5/01
Ryan	Somlai	5/02
Anne	Mayo	5/02
Malinda	Niper	5/07
John	Lunden	5/08
Greg	Nicholson	5/08
Gabriel	Frazier	5/11
Bethany	Lunden	5/25
Lucas	Nicholson	5/26
Trevor	Coleman	5/27
Mahim	Chellappa	5/30

## Anniversaries

Deacon Don & Lola	Lofman	5/02
Roy & Jill	Splieth	5/07

## BAPTISMS

*God Bless the newly Baptized*

Logan Thomas Peter Rich

April 7, 2012



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