



The MESSENGER

INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE OUR LIFE AND MINISTRIES AT ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

Sunday, August 23, 2009

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 - 10:30 a.m. Combined Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
 - 11:30 a.m. Lay Ministries Fair in Bishops Hall**
 - 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel
- *Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year B
 Revised Common Lectionary
 Daily Office: Year ONE

The Lectionary — August 23 - 12 Pentecost: *First Lesson:* 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; *The Psalm* 84; *Second Lesson:* Ephesians 6:10-20; *The Gospel:* John 6:56-69.

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A New Ministry Has Formed

A new ministry has formed! The **Home Alone Ministry** is designed to assist parishioners who live alone and have faced a trauma of some kind such as a disabling injury or surgery. Nancy Jo Poirrier will chair this ministry. Please visit with her at the Ministries Fair this Sunday and learn more. If you would like to volunteer you may sign up at the Fair.

Nancy Jo already has an extensive email list and she will use this to ask for volunteers to help with the "parishioner in need" for a designated period of time, usually about 10 days.



Assistance will take the form of providing a hot meal, running an errand, transportation to

medical appointments and forwarding any requests to the clergy.

Volunteers do not have to commit to specific tasks in this ministry until the call goes out for volunteers. However, those who do not already receive *From the Parish* who are interested in volunteering, may sign up at the Ministries Fair, or send your email address to npstudio@bellsouth.net.

Fifth Sunday Celebration on August 30

World-renowned Episcopal theologian, Phyllis Tickle, holder of the Doctor of Humane Letters from the Berkeley School of Divinity at Yale University, will be our speaker for all of the August Fifth Sunday events.



Photo by Pete Cereen

The schedule for **August 30 begins with a combined 10:30 a.m. service** at which Mrs. Tickle will be the guest homilist. Following the service, char-

Volunteer St. James — Lay Ministries Fair this Sunday

By Helen Campbell, Lay Ministries Coordinator

A few Sundays ago, Fr. Holland described the enthusiastic response of the Day School children to his request for volunteers. He said that he was amazed by their "unbridled eagerness." He also said that somewhere along the way between childhood and our becoming adults, we lose our naïvete, our unbridled eagerness to volunteer.

Our human nature gives us a healthy fear of the unknown. Thankfully, there are no unknowns about volunteering at St. James! This year, our Lay Ministries Fair is **this Sunday, August 23, immediately following a combined 10:30 a.m. service.** All volunteer chairs will be available to describe and recruit new volunteers for their ministries.

Please, come and see and prayerfully consider being a St. James Volunteer. Don't be afraid to try something new and different. If it is not your gift you can always try something else, and we have several ministries in desperate need of additional volunteers.

Ruth Martinusen, the faithful chair of our **Nursing Home Ministry** reports that there are between twenty-five and fifty nursing home residents at-

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broiled hamburgers with all the trimmings will be served to our neighbors and parishioners.

Mrs. Tickle will meet and hold informal conversation with St. James youth at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Suite.

Parishioners, their guests, diocesan clergy, and the general public will hear more from Mrs. Tickle at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall parlor.

The nursery will be open for children three months to four years of age during the evening event.

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www.stjamesbr.org

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to Jesus Christ, united in mission,
reaching out to seekers.
We live in joyous witness to the power of grace
and divine compassion in our lives.*

Vacation Church School is a "Round the World" Success

Eighty-eight children breezed into St. James for all or part of the week of July 27-31 for a whirlwind tour of the globe, our church, and Psalm 104. Each day began with a gathering in church during which **Father John** introduced small portions of Psalm 104, complete with a child dressed up as God surrounded by four torches ("wrapped in light as a garment").

The older kids then headed onto the stage of Bishops Hall to prepare a dwelling in the style of a different country each day (prayer partners Honduras, Uganda, and Japan, followed by Greece and the U.S.A.). This portion of the day was expertly organized and led by **Elizabeth Scully** with **Vaki Nikitopoulos** as her helper. As the younger children then visited the dwelling-place, they learned about the climate, religion, food, and culture of each country. Each child received a blow-up accurate globe of the world (compliments of **Susan Rolfs**) that they were able to take home on Friday.

The children's mornings also included learning a song in the language of each country (with **Alison Nikitopoulos**), mak-

ing a craft related to the country with **Stephanie Campbell** (tambourines, African drums, origami, fish, and rain sticks), and creating food reminiscent of each country (fruit roll-up burritos with rice krispies, popcorn lambs, cheerio bracelets, banana bugs, etc.) with **Moira Fontenot**, **Alexis Garland**, and **Caroline Whitley**.

Children also took a tour through the church and the campus to learn a little bit more about our buildings and worship spaces. On Monday, **Nora Say** showed them communion vessels and vestments from an Altar Guild perspective. On Tuesday, **Lynn Schlossberger** took the children on a prayer walk into church and described the architecture and the windows. On Wednesday, children went into the chapel with **Mother Laurie** to see how it is similar and how it is different from the big church, complete with lots of prayers of thanksgiving. On Thursday, **David Culbert** did a pipe organ demonstration complete with chances to play a note on the organ, see the very smallest organ pipe, and try to make more noise than

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The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Margaret Ewing Roy by her family;
in memory of her mother, *Katie Ruth F. McNair*, by Emalie LaNasa; and,
in honor of *Vivienne M. Francis* on her 92nd birthday by Mary Linda Francis.

The August arrangements in the Parish Hall foyer are by Mildred Taylor.
The Coffee Hour arrangement is by Nancy Jo Poirrier.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

For the dear departed: Mary Betts, mother of Kay Betts; Carolyn Bishop

Prayers are asked for: Debbie Terrell, Clyde Harrelson, Courtney Blencke, Betty Lind, Linda Bowsher, Kip Gremillion, Mary Hall, Elizabeth Kent, the family of Gordon A. Pugh, Fred Schneider, Randy Lamont, Margaret Benton, Bea Stirling, Boney Richardson, Peggy Brandes, Mary

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Sue Tweedy, Donoghue, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda, Angie Denny, Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Carole, Anne and

Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Jim Bogan, Ava Jet Blencke, Pennye, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris, Carolyn Glusman, Tom Raggio, Estelle Schilling, Vic Roy, Anne Howe, Betty Romero, Lillian Shipes, Marguerite Godwin, Donie Schmidt, Tommy Kirkpatrick, Mary Ann Ford, Peyton Meyer, Melinda Rott, Ken Shuler, Russell Fish, Marion Hart LeBlanc

For those in the Armed Forces: Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, Cpl William Martin, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, Captain K. Joshua Calmes, Captain Charlie Hines

Birthdays August 21-27

- 21 Brent Caldwell, John Scott, Claude Reynaud, Gayle Parker, Julia Poirrier, Magdalena DiSanto
- 22 Victor Roy, Robin Marschall, Manette Sammons, Tammy Brice, Charlotte Wright, Jason O'Neal
- 23 Martha McCrory, Pam Gladney, Randi Ellis
- 24 Joey Furr, Robert Outland, Jay Noland, Conner Bergeron, Caroline Whitley
- 25 Caroline Jenkins, David Dansky, Todd Lambert, James Perry
- 26 Elizabeth Sowers, Jim Coleman, June Brooks, Anna Katherine Bardwell, William Casey, Avery Ogden
- 27 David Evans, Linda Gibson

Children's Choir Announcements

Calling all singers! Children's Choir has begun! All children ages three (and potty-trained) on up through the third grade and our Mastersingers are all invited to join us at 8:45 in the choir room for our rehearsals.

There is no need to sign up; just show up any Sunday morning. We looking forward to seeing many faces, old and new.

Mastersingers

If your child is even remotely interested in singing in this choir for children in the 2nd grade and older, please email Alison Nikitopoulos at anikitopoulos@stjamesbr.org.

Holy Land Tour next Lent

The Rev. AJ Heine and his wife, Holly, will accompany a Lenten Trip to the Holy Land February 23-March 4, 2010. St. James parishioners, their family and friends are invited to consider joining the Heine's and members of St Augustine's in Metairie in the few spots remaining. Per person rates are \$3389 double; single rate \$4139; triple rate \$3,359. These rates include: air taxes and fees/surcharges of \$400, air from New Orleans, hotels, 14 meals, tour with professional guide and motorcoach transportation in Israel. For more information, please contact **Eva, Don or Whitaker Bell** at Bell Tours, 225-753-8801 or don@belltours.net, or visit www.collettevacations.com/group-page/index.cfm?ID=357214

Vacation Church School

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the organ playing at its loudest. Many children mentioned that this was their favorite part of the week. On Friday, children filed upstairs in the Parish Hall to see the Good Shepherd and True Vine Atrium spaces and to see how those were similar and different from the big church and the chapel. **Cathy Peever** and "**Mister Bob**" **Laughlin** led this portion of the day.

The week would have been absolutely impossible without the help of our 30+ volunteers. Alison Nikitopoulos describes a superb organizing committee made up of **Elizabeth Scully, Haley Nassif, Susan Rolfs, and Maria Bowen** who created the artwork on our beautiful t-shirts. At the Bad Girls' Book Club on the Thursday before VCS, she managed to recruit **Carole Wright** and **Mary Francis** to help with registration on Monday morning. This turned out to be the

most chaotic part of the week. (Carole and Mary decided that they will never show up early to a Bad Girls' Book Club again!) They were extremely helpful and had excellent suggestions for next year. Our group leaders included **Amy Kurtz** (pre-K), **Bobbie Aviles** and **Linda Gibson** (Kindergarten), **Katherine Creech** (1st grade), **Caroline Ross** (2nd grade), **Susan Rolfs** and **Joan Moore** (3rd-5th grade). They were helped by all kinds of people: Father John's wife and daughters: **Celene, McKenzie, and Isabella Miller, Sarah Catherine** and **Carson Saurage, Mary Brandon Harrell, Haley Nassif, Douglass Coleman, Baylee Platt, Sophia Aviles, Taylor Andres, Kathleen Foil, Ali Rancatore, Elizabeth Hayes, Taylor and Ashley Alfonso, Robert Whitley, and Katie Campbell**. One thousand "thank you"s to each and every one of you.

Volunteer

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tending the services and one or two volunteers are not enough to assist everyone with the service. St. James volunteers go to Ollie Steele Burden Manor on the first, second, fourth and fifth Mondays each month at 10 a.m., and to St. Clare Manor on the third Tuesday at 10 a.m. Please consider being a part of this important ministry and sign up at the Ministries Fair, August 23.

The **Greeters Guild** offers a unique opportunity to become involved in the day to day activities of the church. Greeters provide a warm welcome to visitors to the Ministries Center offices. They direct visitors to an office or meeting in the Ministries Center and assist the staff in answering the telephones. Volunteers serve from 9 to 12 or 1 to 4 each day. Volunteers may work one day a month or as often as their schedules allow. **Carole Wright** is the enthusiastic and loyal chair and welcomes all newcomers to this ministry!

The flowers on the altar find new life each week following the Sunday services. **Barrie Griffin**, chair and her volunteers work on a

once a month schedule to pick up the altar flowers from the chapel and deliver these flowers to two homebound parishioners who can no longer attend church, are ill or "in need." The **Altar Flower Ministry** volunteers find this to be one of the most satisfying and pleasurable ministries.

St. James has joined forces with **Volunteers in Public Schools**. V.I.P.S. trains and places tutors in East Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools. When children are given the opportunity to work one-on-one with an adult, their reading and math skills greatly improve. **Elizabeth Whitley** urges you to consider this ministry and make a difference in the life of a child. The time commitment is minimal; just thirty minutes twice monthly.

This Sunday, August 23, immediately following the combined 10:30 a.m. service you will have the opportunity to fulfill your baptismal covenant in "seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself." Come with childish eagerness and volunteer!

Repairs to the city sewer line is the cause of the sidewalk missing at the handicapped entrance to the church. The city will be burying a five-foot diameter pump and grinder in the area between the sidewalk

and passageway in front of the Celtic garden as a solution to problems which include our sewer backups, odors and cleanups. We will have to replace the slate walkway when their work is complete.



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We proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and invite you to join with us in ministry together in his name.

Ministries and Worship August 21-27

Friday, August 21, 2009

8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist

Saturday, August 22, 2009

Sunday, August 23, 2009 - 12 Pentecost - Lay Ministries Fair

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

11:30 a.m. Lay Ministries Fair in Bishops Hall*

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Chapel

Monday, August 24, 2009

11:30 a.m. Yoga Class

5:30 p.m. Day School Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group

Noon Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

Thursday, August 27, 2009

Noon EFM

5:30 Interfaith Meeting

Lay Ministry - Sunday, August 23, 2009

7:30 a.m. Mary Jarnagin, Joyce Rucker, John Bilisoly
Ushers 10:30 a.m. Hillary Poirrier, Trey Roberts, Alan Miller, Brian Murphy, J. Cooper Harrell

Acolytes 10:30 a.m. Sarabrent McCoy, Jacob Shapiro, Joseph Shapiro

Eucharistic Ministers 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
10:30 a.m. Carole Wright, David Warrington
5:00 p.m. John Ozier

Lectors 7:30 a.m. Cathy McHugh
10:30 a.m. Bill Hines, Judy Foil

Intercessor 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
10:30 a.m. Bill Campbell

Welcome Committee 10:30 a.m. Bahin Leonard, Rieta Reiser

Altar Guild 7:30 a.m. Mary Jarnagin, Karen Kennedy
10:30 a.m. Maretta Creveling, Rieta Reiser
5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley

* Indicates Child Care Provided for Children Three Months to Four Years of Age