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August 7, 2009

We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Chapel*
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 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 9 - 10 Pentecost: *First Lesson:* 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; *The Psalm* 130; *Second Lesson:* Ephesians 4:25—5:2; *The Gospel:* John 6:35, 41-51. **August 16 - 11 Pentecost:** *First Lesson:* 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; *The Psalm* 111; *Second Lesson:* Ephesians 5:15-20; *The Gospel:* John 6:51-58.

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE GRANTS

Part 3 of a series by Phillip Wright

Eleven of the 2009 grants previously reported by the St. James Outreach Committee went to children and adult programs within our community. Over 25% of funding was directed to our own parish programs and to churches.

Grants awarded included the **We Care** ministry which provides up to 50 brown bag meals each work day to the hungry/homeless in downtown Baton Rouge. This is a signature ministry of many devoted parishioners.

The **St. James Food Pantry** distributes about 60 large bags of groceries on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Food is provided by the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, local parishioners and a major outreach grant. An additional outreach grant was awarded to purchase turkey certificates for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The **Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank**, who supplies much of the food for our Food Pantry, received a grant for its Bucks for Trucks program.

Christmas is a special time for all Christians. Our annual **Christmas Dinner** feeding of the hungry is in addition to the Fifth Sunday programs begun this year.

Boy Scout Troop 5 meets at St. James and is the oldest troop in Baton Rouge. A special outreach grant was made to assist the underprivileged boys participating in scouting. **Cub Pack 5** received needed funds to purchase merit badges and awards.

Parishioner Deborah Matherne works regularly in **Honduras** having created a sewing project for women, providing sewing machines and fabric, and with a new grant, will be able to support three teaching classes on the local level.

Support of the children's music program at **All Souls Episcopal** in the Lower Ninth Ward has been widely reported in New Orleans and national Episcopal media, as well as the July 10, 2009 issue of *The Messenger*.

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VOLUNTEER ST. JAMES

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 naive, 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 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 attending 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.

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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.*

Outreach

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Locally, a grant was made to **Baker Presbyterian Church** to assist in needed repairs to the roof damaged last September by Hurricane Gustav.

A special thanks goes to the committee members who reviewed each application and made allocations serving a balanced profile of needs. Committee members are Shirley Young, Marcia Campbell, Jill Bambury, Norman Martinusen, Jim Van Hook, Alan Miller, Caroline Ross, and Mother Laurie Brock. Melanie Clark is chair of the Outreach Committee.

Additional funding for outreach grants will be made possible next year through our Commemorative Gift Fund for Outreach Ministry.

The flowers on the altar on August 2 were given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of *Mildred Nobles Sumner* (1909-2008), who would have been 100 years old on 1 August 2009, by Wendell, Ann, Sumner and George Holmes; and, on August 9, the flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for 65 years of marriage, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren by *Janet and Billy Heroman*.

The August arrangements in the Parish Hall foyer are by Mildred Taylor.
The August 9 Coffee Hour arrangement is by Barbara Bearden.
The August 16 Coffee Hour arrangement is by Alison Nikitopoulos.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

For the dear departed: James Graham; Mildred Rogers, step-grandmother of The Rev. Laurie Brock

Prayers are asked for: Marion Hart LeBlanc, Charles Robertson, Hunter, Jonathan South, Russell Fish, Debbie Terrell, Edith Frazer, Clyde Harrelson, Courtney Blencke, Sharon Field, Marcia Campbell, the Paul Jennings family, Betty Lind, Linda Bowsher, Butch and Margo Spielman, Kip Gremillion, Mary Jane Hobgood, Michael Kennedy, Mary Hall, Lauren, the congregation of First Baptist Church-Shreveport, Elizabeth Kent, the family of Gordon A. Pugh, Fred Schneider, Randy Lamont, Margaret Benton, Bea Stirling

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarini, Marguerite Matassarini, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Sue Tweedy, Donoghue,

Bad Girls Painting

On Thursday, August 20, the Bad Girls will take a respite from our reading and try our hand at painting (this could get ugly...)

We will meet at Corks and Canvas on Jefferson Highway and begin painting at 7:00. We have 20 spots reserved, so if you've already RSVP'd to Mother Laurie, you are on the list.



If you have secured a spot, but realize you can't go, please let me know so others can join us. We only have a few more spots open. Because of the arrangement, you *must* reserve a spot to participate.

Birthdays August 2-21

- 2 Audrey Paul, Carolyn Selig, Don Bell, Jared Bradley, Elizabeth Libbers, Vernon Middleton, John Spiller, Jason Creech, Grannison Alexander
- 3 Babs Stapleton
- 4 Sharon Triche, Rawlston Phillips, Morgan Krutz, Joseph Buete, Cameron Rieger, Katherine Rieger
- 5 Charlie Matherne, Liz Harrison, Kathy Anders, George Johnson, Crawford Grigsby
- 6 Laura Bailey, Melissa Curry, Marshall Henslee, Prentiss Cutshaw, Jenny Jordan
- 7 Marguerite Matassarini, Allyson Cunningham, John Noland, Susie Heroman, Donnie Vandal, Paige Peterson, Prescott Bailey, Laura Kelley, Jack Anderson
- 8 Alice Nelson, Larry Durant, Mary Kay Brown, Louis Gagliano, Charles Oliver, Tom Easterly, Trey Lambert
- 9 Chad Phillips, Bunny Hines, Alexis Garland
- 10 Lynn Gildersleeve, Chris Sadler, Caroline Ross, Chad Jones, Bronwyn Perry, Sean Clotiaux
- 11 Blount Grant, Helen Johnson
- 12 Claudia Black, Jayne Middleton, Lauren Foil, Haley Nassif, Matthew Prutz, Isabella Jung, Katherine Gautreaux, Ethan Ott
- 13 Wally Gladney, Lisa Baker, Emily Wood, Julie Egan, Matthew Ivy
- 14 Bill Norfolk, Nora Say, Mildred Taylor, Kent Caldwell, Chet Coles, Robert Bailey, Taylor LeBlanc
- 15 Pat Womack, Carol Jumper, Connie Spann, Barbara Ann Broyles, Jenny Kurz, Emiita Lyford, Conrad Sulzer, Mary Ann Frey
- 16 Glenna Lusk, Harold Paul, Tim Kelley
- 17 Kyle Landrem, Todd McBride, Charlie Hines, Darikka Sollard, Katie Furr
- 18 Celeste Spann, James Kurts, Chris Frink
- 19 John Bateman, Nancy Jo Poirrier, Karen Speier, Ralph Hubbard, Lisa Rascoe, Bryson Agnew, Mark Prutz
- 20 Mary Lou Shetterly, Mailande Walker, Judy Foil, Michael Fontenot, Elizabeth Moore, Margo Thomas, Emory Ellis, Everett Whittington

Congratulations to ...

Elizabeth Nealy for her recent graduation from LSU earning a Ph.D in workforce education and organizational development. She hopes to find a job in the area teaching at the college level or in corporate training.

Who is Phyllis Tickle and What does She Have to Say About...?

On Sunday, August 16, parishioner Barbara Sims, retired LSU professor, former publicist for Sun Records (Elvis Presley's record producer), and lecturer for the Chautauqua Institute will introduce you to the writings of Phyllis Tickle, Doctor of Human Letters, Berkley School of Divinity, Yale University, former editor of the Religion Department of *Publishers Weekly* and author of many important books on Christianity and the Episcopal Church.

Introducing Mary Davis-Palms

Mary Davis-Palms joined the St. James staff officially on August 3 as dietician for the day school and parish, replacing the retired Gail St. Pierre. She actually began in late July preparing for the first day of classes on August 10th.

"I took on this new challenge at St. James to enhance what is in place, the goal is to build on the past," she enthusiastically reported

Mary recently retired after 35 years with the Baton Rouge School System. She was supervisor for 25 schools in the Child Nutrition Program. This is where she met Head of School Linda Chauviere, former principal at Magnolia Woods.

Linda joyfully remarked, "We are delighted to have Mary at St. James, she is a pro from whom we can anticipate good changes."

Mary is a graduate of LSU with a degree in Food Service Management & Hospital Dietetics. She worked for Baton Rouge General before joining the school system.

Her husband, Robert, is retired. They have a son and a younger daughter who graduated from LSU and is now working on a masters degree in mental health at Southern University.

Congratulations to ...

Ryan and Tara Sperandeo Ellis who gave birth to their first child, **Keegan Jaim Ellis**, on Monday, July 20. He weighed 6 lbs., 5 ozs. The family resides in Bermuda. Proud grandparents are Lou and Gordon Ellis, proud uncle is Daryl Ellis, and proud cousin is Emory Ellis.

Volunteer

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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 Whitely 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.

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!

Sunday, August 30, Mrs. Tickle will be our guest homilist for the 10:30 combined morning service and for the evening program which begins at 6:00 p.m. In the morning service, Mrs. Tickle will offer a homily on the propers for the day. The evening program is titled, "Being Church in the 21st Century: What We Are, How We Got Here, Where We Are Going."



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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 7-20, 2008 (*Lay Assignments available at www.stjamesbr.org*)

Friday, August 7, 2009

8:00 a.m. Day School Orientation

Saturday, August 8, 2009

Sunday, August 9, 2009 - 10 Pentecost

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

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service*

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

10:00 a.m. **Welcome Reception for the Rev. Mary Ann Garrett**

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II* w/EHS Choir

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

Monday, August 10, 2009

8:00 a.m. Day School Boo-Hoo Breakfast

11:30 a.m. Yoga Class

Noon Finance Committee

5:30 p.m. Vestry

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

8:00 a.m. Day School Boo-Hoo Breakfast

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group

9:00 a.m. Linda Nelson - Spiritual Direction

Noon Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

Thursday, August 13, 2009

Friday, August 14, 2009

6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 15, 2009

7:00 p.m. Wedding

Sunday, August 16, 2009 - 11 Pentecost

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

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service*

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour & Phyllis Tickle Preview Class

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

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

Monday, August 17, 2009

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

Noon Day School Executive/Finance Committee

5:30 p.m. Associate Vestry

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group

8:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution

Noon Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

Thursday, August 20, 2009

5:00 p.m. Back to School Night

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