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THE GRAPEVINE

ST. JAMES PARISH • WILMINGTON, NC

WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2020

THE REV. CHRIS HAMBY

WHAT'S NEXT?

What's next? This is something I have been asking myself over the last week. How do we move forward as church professing love? How do I, as a father, explain what is happening? How do we as a church community, steeped in an incredibly complex history stand up for those marginalized voices? How do we take good-intentioned words and take action? Will we go into the streets and walk hand-in-hand with all of God's children to let the world know we are people of action? How will we show the love of God to those who are hurting and are not being heard?

I wish I knew what was next. I can pray. I can listen. I can talk to my friends who have different experiences of life because of the color of their skin. I do not want my two sons to ever think someone is lesser because of perpetuated racism.

My oldest son is three. His great-grandmother is 95. He will see her again this summer. If he lives until 95 that's 190 years of history between the birth of his great-grandmother and his death. He could tell his great-grandkids about his great grandmother. Perhaps a story or two but he will have had a memory of his great-grandmother.

190 years of life between a great-grandmother and great-grandson who will have talked. Exchanged stories. Influenced one another in overt and subtle ways. It has only been 155 years since the rebellion was brought to a peaceful end at Appomattox Court House.

It seems like a different age entirely but it's not been that long in the long-arc of history. Think of all the things said or institutional systems that have not died or have been created with ill-intent or made in ignorance. What prejudices are passed along, unintentional or not, over a few generations which can influence subtle thinking which can span nearly two-hundred years?

It is often said, "Time heals all wounds." That might be true but these wounds are still fresh. They are still deep. We are not even to the scarring portion of our collective healing because scarring is a reminder. You can't have a reminder

when the wound is still bleeding.

What's next? Love. Follow the path of love just as Presiding Bishop Michael Curry wrote eloquently on Pentecost Sunday in The Washington Post:

"So what is the path of love? In times like these, how can we find it and follow it?"

When I think about what love looks like, I see us channeling our holy rage into concrete, productive and powerful action. In this moment, love looks like voting for leadership at the local, state, and federal levels that will help us to make lasting reform. Love looks like calling on officials and demanding they fulfill their duty to protect the dignity of every child of God.

Love looks like making the long-term commitment to racial healing, justice and truth-telling – knowing that, without intentional, ongoing intervention on the part of every person of goodwill, America will cling to its original, racist ways of being.

Love looks like working with local police departments to build relationships with the community and develop mechanisms that hold officers accountable. It means ensuring that no police officer with a history of unauthorized force or racialized violence is shielded and allowed to endanger the lives of those they've sworn to protect and serve.

Love looks like all of us – people of every race and religion and national origin and political affiliation – standing up and saying "Enough! We can do better than this. We can be better than this."

What does love look like? I believe that is what Jesus of Nazareth taught us. It looks like the biblical Good Samaritan, an outsider who spends his time and money healing somebody he doesn't know or even like.

What America has seen in the past several days may leave us wondering what we can possibly do in this moment to be good Samaritans – to help heal our country, even the parts we don't know or like. But we have the answer. Now is the time for a national renewal of the ideals of human equality, liberty, and justice for all. Now is the time to commit to cherishing and respecting all lives, and to honoring the dignity and infinite worth of every child of God. Now is the time for all of us to show – in our words, our actions, and our lives – what love really looks like."

ST. JAMES UPDATES

SERVICES SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING

ONLINE RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT:
www.stjamesp.org/covid19

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Bill Hale, Adrienne Jackson, Alan Jones, Jocelyn Lynch

CONDOLENCES TO:

Gail Smith on the death of her mother, Lil Doyle

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

We're trying something new! A Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom! The fun starts Sunday at 10:00 a.m. We'll have our St. James Rector Search Committee Co-Chair: Reid Murchison on hand to help answer any questions you may have about the rector search process. We'll be using Zoom's breakout room feature to create smaller group settings so that you can visit with different members of our parish family! Find out more info on our website: <https://www.stjamesp.org/blog/virtual-coffee-hour/>

HELP HUB FUNDRAISER WINNER

Congratulations to the Jarretts!



OFFICE HOUR REMINDER

Summer Office Hours began May 26:

8:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Thursday;

8:30 am to 12:30 pm on Friday.

GIVING ONLINE

To help make it easier to donate and support St. James Parish, we'd like to include this QR code that will take you directly to our general donation page or if you prefer, you can visit: <https://onrealm.org/StJamesParish/give/> Thank you for your support!



MEET ON ZOOM: RENEWALWORKS FOR ME

Thursdays | 7:00 P.M. | Zoom

All who are participating in RenewalWorks for Me are invited to join a weekly zoom group meeting with Jay Sidebotham on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Even if you haven't read or haven't started RenewalWorks For Me yet, come join us and see what it's all about! Find information about the Zoom on our website. If you would like to be emailed the link to join each Thursday, please reach out to Erin at communications@stjamesp.org.

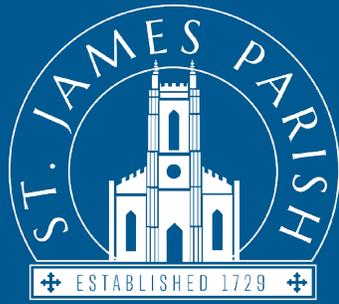
STEPPING FORWARD IN FAITH

RENEWALWORKS FOR ME

During this time of "social distancing" each of us may have had some time to ponder the journey that we are on and how we might grow in our faith. How do each of us take the next steps towards a deeper relationship with God and with one another as the Body of Christ?

RenewalWorks for Me may be a way for you to discover where you are on your spiritual journey and how you might continue to grow in faith. RenewalWorks for Me is a personal and guide for your spiritual journey. It begins with a brief online series of thought provoking questions, "The Spiritual Life Inventory." This survey will help identify a starting point where you can continue to grow in your spiritual life. This online survey will take approximately 10 - 15 minutes. Within minutes, you will receive an email with your results. You will also receive an invitation to continue this journey of faith by signing up for an eight week series of customized emails with suggestions, reminders, and tips for how that you can grow spiritually and for ways that you can go deeper in love of God and neighbor.

RenewalWorks for Me is FREE.....it will only "cost" your time. If you have any questions, please email Lindamurchison65@gmail.com or Jay@stjamesp.org



2020 St. James Rector Search Committee

(Presented in
Alphabetical Order)

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Elizabeth Hinshaw

Susan Ingle

John Jordan

Connor Keller

Betsy McDonald

Sonja McFarland

Alex Murchison

Sheila Osann

Ann Parker

Ginny Woodruff

To Our Parish Family,

The search for a new rector is underway. A major aspect of the work of the Rector Search Committee is to create a parish profile. We are about to begin a two-step process that will help us describe our church to potential candidates. The first step is conducting a parish-wide survey and the second is holding a series of focus groups. The intent of both is to canvas the entire congregation to get an overview of who we are as a congregation, including our strengths and weaknesses, and who we want to become. We need to hear from you in **both** steps.

The survey will be available June 15 and the focus groups will be held the weeks of June 15 and 22. We encourage **every** member of **all families** to participate. There will be two special focus group sessions for youth only.

The survey, which is completely anonymous, consists of multiple choice questions and should take between 20 - 30 minutes to complete. A link for the survey will be in the Grapevine, the weekly E-blast, and on the St. James website. For those of you who are not comfortable taking the survey online, a paper version will be available. Please contact the church at 910-763-1628 to arrange to pick one up or have one delivered to you.

The focus groups will consist of 8 participants with 2 facilitators, will last approximately 90 minutes, and will be held in the Great Hall. All the recommended health precautions, including wearing of masks, social distancing and hand sanitizer will be in place. To take part in a focus group, please visit the St. James website: <http://www.stjamesp.org/focus-groups> to sign up for a specific date and time. If you are not internet savvy, please call Ginny Woodruff at 763-6236 and leave a message. She will work with you to find a time convenient for you to participate. Zoom options will also be available for those who are uncomfortable coming to the church.

We thank you in advance for your participation and input in this phase of our search process.

If you have questions about the survey, please contact:

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If you have questions about the focus group, please contact:

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Faithfully yours,
The Search Committee

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MOMENT: JUNE 6, 1944

By Todd Hinshaw

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

"We say a special prayer for our parish military members and their families". We hear this call to prayer every Sunday and it is always relevant, perhaps even more so this weekend. June 6, 1944 is widely considered a turning point within a war that may have otherwise rewritten history if Nazi forces had advanced through France. Allied troops departed landing craft under a full moon and rising tide as they reached the beaches of Normandy and found enemy fire and land mines while navigating steps over dead soldiers to continue onward. It must have been arduous and yet they persisted and eventually turned the tables toward good rather than evil. It was not without a huge price. Many soldiers never survived the first steps off the landing craft and those who did are often haunted by the atrocities they witnessed, some choosing to never speak about it.

Ray Lambert, who now lives in Moore County, NC was one of those who never spoke about the events of D-Day until several years ago, fearing that the story would die as the few remaining survivors passed. Ray, now 99 years old was a 24-year-old Army medic when that gate on the landing craft dropped in the early morning hours and he was welcomed to Normandy by a bullet that pierced his right arm. He continued onward, somehow managing to drag others to safety behind a small outcropping of concrete now known as "Ray's Rock". In his book "Every Man A Hero" he paints a portrait of sacrifice and gives us a glimpse of what it may have felt like to be part of this historic day. Let's just say that the words hero and humility barely begin to describe him. Ray was never one for the spotlight and still deflects praise when others call him a hero. You see Ray is a dying breed, an American treasure, and we should all try our best to hold onto the values of his generation- selflessness, fearlessness, humility, and strength among others.

We have similar heroes at Saint James Parish and within our community. Let's take this weekend to seek them out and say thank you. Sadly, most WWII veterans have passed but their spirit is alive within our active military members and their families. How can we honor these unsung heroes? Visit the cemetery on Market Street or plan a trip to DC to pay tribute at any of the war memorials. Send a note or place a call to a family member, neighbor or total stranger who has served or is currently serving. We can honor them by taking time to recognize their sacrifice and uphold the values of this great generation.

QUIET REFLECTION AT LEBANON CHAPEL

Please note that the invitation for Quiet Reflection at Lebanon Chapel, scheduled for the first Saturday of the months of June, July, August, September and October will be cancelled until further notice. Many of us would cherish this opportunity right now. While we wait to worship together in person again, we will hold the picture of this beautiful chapel and its grounds in our minds and hearts, and give thanks for the time when we can safely return.

MORNING PRAYER CONTINUES

Monday-Friday During Quarantine | 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. | Zoom
Our Weekday Morning Prayer continues through quarantine! We'd love to have you join us on weekday mornings at 8:00 am for Morning Prayer on our Zoom! Zoom is a video conferencing tool that allows us to hear and see one another. You can now find copies of the readings and the link to the Zoom Meeting on our website.

ST. JAMES VISION STATEMENT

To build community through ministries that strengthen our faith.

PEOPLE COMPUTERS JESUS BIBLE STUDY

Join us for People Computers Jesus Bible Study (PCJBS). We are "meeting" Wednesday Mornings online. If you're interested in participating, reach out to Cookie at Cookie@stjamesp.org to learn how! This Bible Study is led by our St. James Youth Group!

ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for school year 2020-2021 is OPEN. Anyone interested in visiting and touring the Day School should contact Amy Taylor at director.dayschool@stjamesp.org. All registration is done through the St. James website, www.stjamesp.org/registration.

GRAPEVINE SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER

As with St. James' tradition, our Grapevine publication is moving to a bi-weekly publication schedule for the summer season from May 17th through Labor Day. The Grapevine will continue to be published online.

ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT

To welcome all to grow in love of God and neighbor.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020

For the class of 2020, this graduation season has been filled with disappointment and uncertainty. We'd like to take a moment to congratulate and give thanks for the the St. James Parish High-School Seniors. If we are missing anyone whether they currently attend or not, please do not hesitate to let us know.

<i>Sadie Aylesworth</i>	<i>Wiiio Alexandra Meinheit</i>
<i>Will Carter</i>	<i>William Sloan Mickle</i>
<i>Lilly Chiavetta</i>	<i>Elle Newkirk</i>
<i>Robbie Harley</i>	<i>John Earnhardt Oden Jr.</i>
<i>Conard Henderson</i>	<i>Sam Schneider</i>
<i>Jackson Cromley Hicks</i>	<i>Jack Sloan</i>
<i>Duncan Ingram</i>	<i>Margaret Sprunt</i>
<i>Parker King</i>	<i>Hanna Elks Smith</i>
<i>Bellamy Koonce</i>	<i>Mary Davis Thompson</i>
<i>Laura Kate Lindstrom</i>	<i>Augusta Ramsaur Trask</i>
<i>Miles Lindstrom</i>	<i>Vance Young</i>
<i>Nelson MacRae III</i>	

DRIVE THRU "GRADUATION" CELEBRATION FOR OUR ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL 4'S STUDENTS

Wednesday, June 10 | 10:00 a.m. | St. James Parish

On Wednesday, June 10, starting at 10:00 a.m. we will celebrate our terrific SJDs fours classes and their families with a drive thru celebration in the gym parking lot! This is a fabulous group of children, and we wish them all the best as they head to kindergarten! They are so very ready!

<i>MRS. BULLARD'S CLASS:</i>	<i>MRS. DAUGHTRY'S CLASS:</i>
<i>Oliver Abrams</i>	<i>Lux Batten</i>
<i>Jack Aylesworth</i>	<i>Corbett Brown</i>
<i>Charlotte Cook</i>	<i>Ellison Brown</i>
<i>Davis Luther</i>	<i>Bria Gibson</i>
<i>Whit McGee</i>	<i>Cutlar Gray</i>
<i>Julia Anne Neyra</i>	<i>Evie Knight</i>
<i>Harper Pflaumer</i>	<i>Crew O'Connor</i>
<i>Everett Thomas</i>	<i>Nash Robertson</i>
<i>William Ventura</i>	<i>Walker Whitley</i>
<i>Oceana Winberg</i>	<i>Liam Willetts</i>

Hooray for our FABULOUS 4's (now mostly 5 now!)

A MESSAGE ABOUT GLORY RIDGE

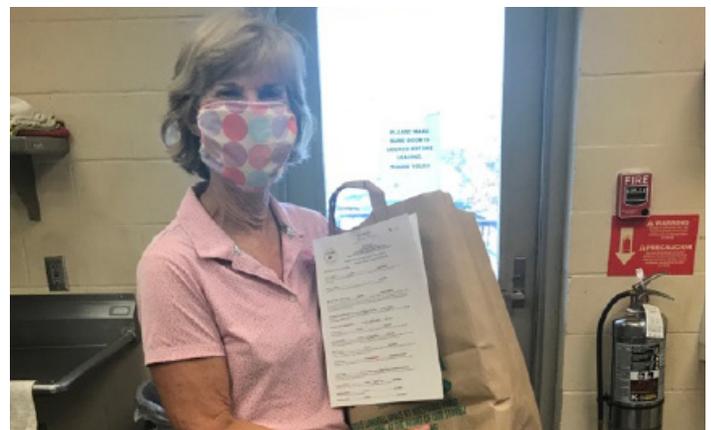
I wanted to let you all know that I am keeping you and all of those in your community who were committed to going to Glory Ridge this summer in my prayers. I am sure the news might have been expected, it was nonetheless, disappointing. I am not sure there is anything I can do, but if there is, please don't hesitate to reach out. Again, know that I am praying for you and those in your community who were excited about and committed to this ministry. I know some of you are already planning and creating, which reminds me that we are still in the season of Easter where hope rises, and Jesus' love remains among us.

Stay safe and well,

Emily Gowdy Canady, Youth & Young Adult Ministry,
Diocese of East Carolina

A THANK YOU FROM MEALS ON WHEELS

Molly Roush and Missy Pretlow would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers that participated in MOWS this past Sunday. Thank you to the wonderful chefs, the volunteers who gave oranges and brownies and to the great drivers. Not only was food needed at this time but just to see a person outside of their own home was very special. Also a special thank you to Bill McKenzie who worked so hard to receive all items. Look for upcoming emails for the September MOWS.



NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES PARISH

ONLINE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY, JUNE 8 - FRIDAY, JUNE 12

MORNING PRAYER DURING QUARANTINE
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom | Led by Jay Sidebotham

You can find the Morning Prayer linked on our website around 8:00 a.m. Please let Erin at communications@stjamesp.org know and she will help you get access to the video.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

PCJ BIBLE STUDY
8:45 AM | Zoom | Led by our Youth Group and with Youth Advisor support

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

RENEWALWORKS FOR ME
7:00 PM | Zoom | Led by the Spiritual Growth Committee

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

MORNING WORSHIP

8:00 AM | YouTube | www.youtube.com/st-jamesparish

Sunday Morning Worship may be found several ways. The easiest will be through our email that will come on Saturday night. Simply click the image link to view the service.

You may also view it on our YouTube Page which may be found by searching "St. James Wilmington" on YouTube or on our Facebook page which is found at, www.facebook.com/stjamesp.

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the June 16th e-blast and June 21th Grapevine is Friday, June 12th.

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