



THE CHRONICLE



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WE REMEMBER FOUR CHURCH MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY PASSED

Aileen Trix

Aileen Trix, a longtime member of St. James, who moved to live on Hilton Head some time ago, passed away on October 7, 2010. Aileen's husband, Phelps, preceeded her in death. This charming couple served St. James in many ways and all who have known them miss their ready smiles and constant willingness to edify St. James Church. Aileen was active in ECW and participated in the many activities this dynamic ladies group carried out. Rummage sales and Greens Market were among these projects but Aileen was most known for the programs she gave to the ECW. Being a librarian for the Southfield Public Library, Aileen was very skilled at presenting book reviews. Her wit and intelligence captivated her audiences who were most entertained. Aileen, always seeking knowledge, was an active participant in WOW, the long standing "Women on Wednesdays" bible study and was in the choir.

Aileen and Phelps have three children: Natalie, Frances and Herbert, five grandchildren: Peter, Stephen, Sarah, Paul and Ramsey and two great-grandchildren, Clair and Ellis.

A memorial service for Aileen Trix will be held at St. James on Saturday, December 11, 11:00 a.m. in the St. James Chapel.

Dale Klemans

With a presence bigger than life, Dale Klemans left us this October with sweet memories and much inspiration from the life he lived. Dale was the stepfather of Libby Dinwiddie and father-in-law to The Very Reverend Phillip Dinwiddie. Dale is survived also by his wife Barbara, daughters: Dina, Mary and Ruth and eleven grandchildren: Mary Lorene, Lucy, Eli, Abigail, Samuel, Joe, Carolina, Lily, Isabell, Thomas and Anna.

As a longtime Island resident, Dale served as the immediate past president of the Grosse Ile Rotary, President of the Grosse Ile Youth Center, and on the Board of Directors of the Grosse Ile Country Club (where he was an avid golfer) and the Grosse Ile Islanders. Here at St. James, he served as an usher. Dale was educated as an electrical engineer and worked for U.S. Steel and National/Great Lakes Steel in management.

The creative side of Dale shined as an exceptionally talented actor. Dale was a graduate of the Pittsburg Playhouse. "On Golden Pond" where Dale had the role of Norman Thayer and stage managing "Our Town" were just a couple of the many roles Dale held in the Islanders history of theater. He also played at the Wyandotte Community Theatre. We cannot forget Dale's role as the Prophet in the Grosse Ile Boar's Head festival. His booming voice spoke the words of Isaiah as if it were God himself speaking.

With Dale's many accomplishments, his greatest pride and passion was in his children and grandchildren. He cherished them all and never missed an opportunity to teach them lessons and share his knowledge. As his wife Barbara said, "I am a much better person for the years Dale has been in my life". The same goes for all of us who had the pleasure of knowing this quintessential gentleman.



Winifred Lucy Gertrude Denson Shaw (Winnie)

Passed away on September 20, 2010, just 8 days short of her 92nd birthday.

Winnie was born on September 28, 1918. She grew up in Wyandotte attending Saint Stephens Episcopal Church and falling in love with her husband Frank of 71 years.

Winnie was well known for her great sense of style and for always looking "sharp" even if you surprised her at her door in the early morning, or anytime for that matter.

She and Frank built their house on Grosse Ile, on Highland Street in the late 1930s. It is still admired for its quaint East Coast appeal with crisp white clapboard siding, smooth black shutters and front door. Her favorite tree, a magnolia with sculptural grace ("Good bones" as she would say) still punctuates the front lawn. This sweet and gracious home, filled with light, art work, antiques, good design and love, is where she raised and adored her family: Karen, Nancy, & Dick. She was so very proud of each of them at every stage of their lives, and the unique successes they had each made of their lives. She loved being a wife and HOMEmaker.

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MASSEY'S MUSINGS

A TIME OF GIVING

During this time of year, in the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany, we have the tradition of giving and receiving gifts. Families gather together to exchange presents with one another as signs of affection and gratitude.

Saint Nicholas, the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is generally and almost universally acknowledged as the original embodiment of Santa Claus, one of the preeminent gift-givers of all modern time. In Germany, tradition holds that Nicholas places candies and other gifts in the shoes of good little children on Christmas Eve. In other European countries he bestows his favors on children in varied ways.

In the United States, Saint Nicholas was endowed with the name of **Santa Claus** and took upon him the vesture of the jolly old man in the Coco-Cola ads of the early 20th century who gives gifts according to an arbitrary system of "good and bad" children.

But neither Saint Nicholas nor Santa Claus is the origin of gift-giving. To Christians, the most incredible gift-giver is our heavenly Father, who gave us, at Christmas, his only Son to be our Redeemer and Salvation. No greater gift has ever—or will ever—be given.

Yet God, in his infinite wisdom, gives each of us, every year, a new gift that is beyond price. Every January first we are given the gift of a new year—a year in which we can begin anew on a road of closer fellowship with the Lord, a year of redemption for past failings, a year of renewed devotion in worship and prayer.

We Christians have the greatest gifts ever given to humankind. How do we respond to these gifts? How do we accept them? How do we put them into action?

We begin with prayer that we can be what God has called us to be, to be the people he has created in his own image, to be his messengers in this 21st century. It is by our witness to this broken and shattered world that we can show forth the greatest gift of all time—our salvation by a loving and caring and giving God.

Soli Deo Gloria!
Lance A. Massey



HOLIDAY SMILES:

Father Phil gathers the tiny trees youth made during "Little Angels Night", prior to the annual Saint James Greens Market.

Kids big and small enjoyed building little trees and other crafts which were sold at Greens Market (I'm guessing relatives bought up most of the kids' tiny trees!)

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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO PASSED

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She loved sewing, gardening, dancing, walking, swimming, SMILING, remembering you and what was important to you...whoever you were: young, old or in between. You were important to Winnie. Winnie loved Saint James and the people there...She loved the place. The Antiques Room at all the Saint James Rummage Sales was always the place to find Winnie. She would point out the most amazing treasures so that you wouldn't miss a thing!

At Greens Market, Winnie worked tirelessly, building "Little Trees". Often when they rang the tinkling bell that announced the first tree was finished, it would be for Winnie's tree! Hers were always the most perfect shape...the most tender and slender taper from bottom to top, the perfect shape for a faerie's Christmas. All the decorators would jump at the chance to decorate Winnie's trees! Winnie loved her cottage Up-North in the summer as well as spending the Winter collecting shells and walking on the beach in Gulf Shores Alabama.

She LOVED her grandchildren...Nancy's Christie & Leigh, and Dick & Mimi's Dominic and Theo. They were the joy of her life. When Great-grandchildren came, it took her over the moon...Christie had a son, Taylor and just at the end Leigh and Briggs welcomed little daughter Frankie Raye into the world on August 28th. Winnie was overjoyed! It was a good, long life, well lived in kindness, care and love...A graceful life. I'll bet the other angels are looking good, just a little more put together, now that Aunt Winnie has arrived. I can't wait to see what she's done with the place! I will deeply miss her until then and I know you will too. Winnie Shaw will be lovingly remembered by many and forever missed by all those whose lives she touched. What a blessing to know her, to love her, and to be loved by her.

Her grateful niece, Amy

Uncle Frank Shaw is living at The Atria/King Haven, on King Road in Riverview. Phone: 734-479-2140.



BLESSING OF THE GREENS: Barbara Massey is accompanied by Lance Massey, St. James minister of music, during a musical interlude at the annual Blessing of the Greens, the Friday before Greens Market.

Maxine Collins

Maxine passed away on October 13, 2010. She was 91 years old. Her husband Lorin Collins II preceded her.

Maxine and Lorin founded Island Memorial Park Cemetery.

Maxine lived on Grosse Ile for a very long time. She was Deputy Township Clerk of Grosse Ile and a solid member of Saint James since 1956. Maxine was always active in E.C.W. where her being a hard worker, a GOOD cook, and her possession of a great sense of humor, were always appreciated! Maxine loved her children and their friends, always offering an open door and a filled dinner plate to anyone who showed up with her kids...Tom, Sharon, Mason, Lorin III, Pam & Ross. She loved her 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

When Tom moved back home to Grosse Ile with his son Davin, who was in early Junior High at the time, Maxine became a Mom to Davin as well as the dear grandmother she had always been. She helped Tom to raise him all the way through High School. There was so much love in that house! Davin grew up to be a wonderful contributing person, just like his dad and his grandmother.

Maxine was a loving mother-in-law to Tom's Margie as well as to all the other spouses of her children. She was a greatly admired woman in her home, in her workplace, in her church, and in her community. It was such a blessing to have had her among us for so long. Maxine you will be missed always. Here is a recipe for Cheese-Vegetable Soup that Maxine would make for Rummage Sale and Greens Market lunches. I loved that soup and she gave me the recipe written out in her tidy printing. Here it is:

Cheese-Vegetable Soup: Maxine Collins

1 quart water
4 chicken bouillon cubes
2 cups diced celery
2 cups chopped onions (small bite size pieces)
2 1/2 cups chopped potatoes (small bite size pieces)
1 bag California-blend frozen vegetables (cauliflower, broccoli & carrots)
2 cups Cream of Chicken soup (2 cans)
1 pound Velveeta cheese (cut into cubes or slices)
1 cup milk (optional)
Dissolve bouillon in water, add all vegetables and cook for 30 minutes.
Add soup and cheese (stir to melt the cheese)
Add milk if too thick (Maxine always added at least a 1/2 cup)
Simmer for a few minutes and serve.

Thanks again for the comfort food Maxine!

82ND SAINT JAMES GREENS MARKET



We had another great Greens Market. Thank you to all who participated!

- Pal Craft made \$1,260 to help the Christian Palestinian women in Bethlehem and we sold chutney which benefits Trinity ECW/Monroe.
- We donated all the wreaths and roping that you see around St. James as well as wreaths to St. James staff.
- A wreath and an arrangement were given to the Grosse Ile Garden Club auction which also benefits charities.
- Some of the members of the G.I. Garden Club also helped us decorate.
- Children of the church also participated by making little trees and decorating them.

Men and women gathered together to participate in a joyous endeavor. I especially want to thank Lance for alerting me to the truck with part of our greens on Monday and for **Frank, Walt, and Bernie** for helping me remove these greens. When the next truck came on Saturday: **Frank, Amy, Joan, Walt, and Jeannine** were there to help unload that truck. The guys who helped set up and tear down under the direction of **Bernie Vandenberg**. Thanks to Sue and Christy with the help of Jack for putting together the Blessing of the Greens on Friday night. Thanks to **Jay Tissott** and **Jack Hartley** for cutting the roping. We missed **Jennifer Phillips** this year, who was out having surgery on her ankle and **Mary Phillips** who was caring for Jennifer. So many other people helped and we are so grateful.

God bless all of you, Carolyn Hoey and Madeleine Jones



GREENS MARKET WEEK

Advent Interlude and Service of Light 2010

On Monday, December 6, we experienced an evening we will not soon forget! We began our journey in the library with **Madeleine Jones** telling her story in a “traveling format”. We moved on to the Godly Play Room, to Galloway Hall, to the Fireplace Room, and finally to the Chapel. All along the way, there were candlelit stations, where the story of Mary and baby Jesus' life, “The Wonderful Impossible”, unfolded.

A beautiful Godly Play medieval fresco tile was displayed at each station. Madeleine Jones, a gifted story teller, held the group of thirty spellbound with her gentle, yet intentional style. The spirit built in beauty and wonder, as we progressed.

Barry VanEngelen lent his beautiful guitar playing to our singing along the way. Once in the Chapel we were greeted by a candlelit Baby Jesus covered in sheer white lovingly created by **Amy Kohair**, to demonstrate that He was coming but had not yet arrived. We shared the simple beauty of the Evening Prayer Service of Light, led by **Father Phil**. We learned about the historic meaning of the greens we prepare at Greens Market to use in our homes and church for Advent and Christmas. A bundle of these blessed greens was laid at the feet of Baby Jesus.

Randi Mammo presented an ethereal flute solo as we contemplated our Lord, the season, and the peace of the moment. As the service came to a close, we took the bundle of greens outside to the Nativity where Randi placed them in the manger, where they will remain until Christmas Eve, when they will be replaced by Baby Jesus. Prepare for His coming.

After this we adjourned to the Fireplace Room, ablaze with candles, for a light meal and the warmth of good friendship. It was a very special evening.

Amy would like to thank Frank for helping her prepare the meal and set up, hauling all her supplies, and for being patient. Thank you **Lynda VanEngelen** for your support, for helping to light the many candles in the fireplace room, setting out the meal, and then cleaning it up! **David Howell** and **Tina Wirtel** were also a huge help with clean up and making it look as though we hadn't been there at all! **Linda Shannon** and **Herman Rugel**, Tina, Barry, Frank, **Carolyn Hoey**, and Father Phil were wonderful to help Madeleine, lighting the candles for the journey, greeting participants in the library, leading our prayers, shepherding the flock, and putting the stations away after the fellowship. Barry's patience and gentle kindness throughout was a gift. His music, and Randi's, gave the whole program life. Thank you, **Paula McSweeney** for staying late with the copier repair man and running the programs at the last minute! Thank you dear Madeleine for maintaining your vision, for your patience. Thank you, Amy for sharing your light.

What would we all do without our smiling friends?

Remember to remember the peace of CHRISTmas, to keep it in your heart throughout the year, but always bring it out to share.

*With love and thanks, always.
Amy Kohair & Madeleine Jones*



OUT THERE WITH OUTREACH—DECEMBER/JANUARY

The Chronicle will be going out early this month so I cannot make the report after the Dec. meal at Spirit of Hope but this is how it is being planned...

Saturday, December 18, 2010, will be our Christmas Ham Dinner at Spirit of Hope. We have a good crew signed up to go. It will be different this year. Normally we do that whole day alone but this year we will prepare and set up and Sacred Heart will serve like a usual 3rd Saturday. Sacred Heart will make the Christmas Cookies for dessert and our Saint James Youth Group will make their traditional Candy Poppers for the Christmas treat! As is the other tradition, Dear Joy and her friends from the Oakwood O.R. will come to man the kitchen for serving as usual for the Christmas Meal so that Sacred Heart can be in the Dining Room. We will meet in our Chapel Parking lot at 8:20 a.m. and you will be home before noon. We love being with Joy and as she was key in saving Frank's life just 2 years ago, we will stay for the whole day as our pleasure!

Saturday, January 15, 2011, will be different this year as well.

Sacred Heart would like a chance to cook and we would like a chance to serve, so we will do a "flip-flop" in January! We will leave our Chapel Parking lot that day at 10:45 am and will return at around 2:30 pm.

We will need around 16 people between the kitchen and the dining room, so please sign up. It is always a good day when we can be "Out there with the people" and a wonderful way to start the New Year.

We will resume Soup Kitchen as we know it in February but may do the "Flip-Flop" on a future month!

Thank you dear friends and may you enjoy the Merriest Christmas & Happiest New Year ever, full of all His blessings!

With all our love, Amy & Frank Kohair

Christmas Week CHRIST-NET: IMPORTANT CORRECTION as of December 1, 2011

Another important change has occurred. **Debbie**, the person in charge of Christ-Net was in a car accident and will not be able to offer her leadership and her Church for Christ-Net during the Christmas week of Dec. 19 through Dec. 25. This week is now "back in the court" of the Grosse Ile Inter-faith Council. The Saint James night to serve and Chaperone at the Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church, will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21 and will go through the night until 7 a.m. Please talk to **Jane Colwell** or **Sue Lowery** if you can help. Also, the people will be there all day on Christmas day and it seems that all the churches may be needed on that day. Let Jane know if you can be of help then as well.

Remember, Mary & Joseph were looking for a place to stay too. We can offer them a safe haven to sleep and eat, which is the heart of Christmas. Please keep Debbie in your prayers. Her car was totaled. By the mercy of God, she survived but was really knocked around. Please pray that this will not result in chronic issues.

As Christmas gifts, the Christ-Net clients are given McDonalds and Target Gift Cards on Christmas Day. (These are the cards of Christ-Net choice as alcohol is not available at either place.) If more cards are received than needed for Target, the surplus cards may be used to purchase supplies for Christ-Net.

To this end I would ask you to consider donating a Target gift card, in the amount of \$10. to be used as a gift, or possibly for supplies. We will see that the gift cards reach **Terry Morreau** at Sacred Heart before Christmas Day.

ECW UPDATE

Sunday, January 9, 11:15 am, there will be a general meeting.

Wednesday, Jan 12, after the 10 am service, there will be coffee and conversation.

Monday, Jan. 17 at 6 pm for a salad potluck and the program at 7 pm (slides and information about Iceland. Remember the eruption that took place there last year. Well you can see what else is on the island of fire and ice.)

Wednesday, Jan 26, after the 10 am service will be coffee and conversation.

Remember the annual tea party will be on **Sunday, February 13** at 4 pm.



ALL SMILES AT THE GOODIE TABLE: Saint James 82nd annual Greens Market 2010.

BRIEFLY...

A special thank you to all the people who volunteered to do a coffee hour during this past year. Often, when no one had signed up for a particular Sunday, several people just showed up in the kitchen and made sure there was coffee and dessert and then stayed to clean up. The unexpected donations of bagels, donuts, cake or cookies always arrived when needed most. Please volunteer to do a Sunday so we can keep the coffee going!

Thank you, **Tom Nankervis** for making kid friendly tree frames for our Little Angel Night. The little trees constructed and decorated by our church youth and parents for our Greens Market were darling! What a wonderful family night of giving. Thank you parents, grandparents and kids. Thanks also go our program helpers: **Angela Barton, Beth Holliday, Nancy Crysler, Courtney McNeil, Colleen McLough, Father Phil, Sandy Hahn and Madeleine Jones.**

We cannot accept rummage sale items until after April 17, 2011. We ask that you PLEASE DO NOT leave anything by the back door or in the garage area until that time. We need to be able to have access to the tables and chairs stored in that back room and cannot have rummage accumulating far in advance of the sale. It is also a fire hazard!



COME ONE, COME ALL!

IT'S TIME FOR THE SAINT JAMES SNOW BALL!!!

When: Saturday, January 29, 6:30 until 8:30 p.m.

What: Chase the winter blahs with your friends, group dance and food!!

FREE FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

Who: Young, Old, Singles, Pairs, Families, Friends, wanting to have fun!

Please Sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board, so we have a count.

Questions? Call Amy Kohair: 734-693-0694

Or Lynda VanEngelen: 734-671-5735

PIANO FOR SALE: A Chickering Console Piano, located in front of the organ at the altar in the main church at Saint James is for sale. The piano was built in the USA in 1950. (A Chickering is regarded as slightly lower than a Steinway.)

Please look at it any time that the church is open. If you are interested, please call **Julie Kohn** at 734.676.1778 or cell 734.558.7686. You may also email her at: fsuitcase@gmail.com.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3.....Michael Glover, Tommy Shumate
- 4.....Paul Holliday, Guy Hutchison
- 5.....Paul Blanks
- 6.....Elizabeth Hartley, Esther Hemsworth
- 9.....Malcolm Dugliss
- 10.....Brad Buhl, Susan Faistenhammer
- 12.....Curt Crysler
- 13.....Robin Knudsen, Mia Pascarella
- 14.....Dennis Bracey
- 15,,,,,,Mackenzie Lowler
- 17.....Jennifer Phillips
- 19.....Jim Farrell
- 20.....James Petras, Megan Petras
- 21.....Sally Southerland
- 22.....Lynn Blanks, Beverly Brow, Nancy Crysler, Andrew Southerland
- 24.....Bob Beaubien, Charlotte Glover, Justin Howard, Carol Nankervis, Douglas Treadwell
- 25.....Jill Smereka
- 26.....Julia Shamus
- 27.....Denise deBeausset
- 30.....Thomas Nankervis
- 31.....Mary Breiling



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