

The Saint James' Good News!

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF SAINT JAMES' PARISHIONERS AND PLANTING SEEDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Spring Rummage Sale raises funds; radiates help and hope

By Joan Hemsworth and Carole Vandenberg

Where does all the rummage come from...twice a year! Thank all of you for your donations. They allowed us to raise over \$13,500 (after expenses) which will benefit several charities supported by the ECW and fund projects at St. James. Things that can be used for our Greens Market were packed away until needed in December. Unsold books were donated to a Methodist church in Wyandotte for their sale. Better French Room unsold clothing was donated to the Downriver Community Conference Chrysalis Boutique and to Alternation for Girls. Beautiful costumes were given to DYPAC children's theater in Trenton, and the remainder of the unsold items was picked up by The Salvation Army.

Special thanks go to **Bernie Vandenberg** and **Jack Hartley** and all the men who helped clear the Sunday School rooms, laid down the vinyl flooring, setup the racks, and used their trucks to pick up large items. Thank all of you who helped in any way...setting up, unloading deliveries, sorting, delivering, checking electrical items, working in the kitchen, providing desserts, checking out on sale days, cleaning up!

Volunteers seem to appear from nowhere! In addition to our own parishioners we had dedicated workers from St. Thomas Lutheran, Sacred Heart, and GI Presbyterian Churches. People came from other Downriver communities, some who have been volunteering for many years and

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Spring Rummage Results!

Saint James Spring Rummage Sale raised more than \$13,500 to help local, national and international charities.

RUMMAGE SALE LUNCH THANKS

By Norma Smereka

The meals were really great during Spring Rummage Sale! So many people to thank: **Judy Christie** for her Jellos, **Linda Kurth** for her potato salad, **Linda Shannon-Rugel** for her couscous, **Sue Lowery** for her sloppy joes, **Nancy Cryslor** for her cranberry chicken and **Donna & Larry Crabtree** for their spaghetti. Linda Kurth & I could not keep the kitchen going without the help of **Lillian Everlove, Liz Hartley, Nancy Clark, Lorene Angellotti, and Michael Glover, & Jack Hartley.**

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Men's Ministry Update

By Curt Crysler

The Church Men's Group finds ways to have fun and fellowship in a true spirit of fun and adventure. Saturday, May 12 involved the usual men's breakfast at "Mom's" in Trenton.

From there we adjourned to the freshly remodeled American Car exhibit at The Henry Ford.

We started with a tour guide, and then progressed to taking on the exhibit each man at his own speed.

We sighed as we encountered the cars of our younger days, the cars of our fathers' days, and even in many cases our grandfathers' cars.

Each of us had his own reminiscence of grand days we lived in the past. It was a great day of fellowship and fun.



A CHEVY AT THE HENRY FORD: This Chevrolet Bel Air was just one of many cars the Men's Ministry group saw at the Henry Ford Museum on a recent outing.

Massey's Musings

Enlightened and Strengthened

By Lance A. Massey, Director of Music

With Pentecost, we conclude the 50-day season of Easter. Your Senior Choir offered the service of Evensong on 20 May to help end this wondrous season and on 27 May we celebrated with proper joy and grandeur the Feast of Pentecost.

The liturgical color for the feast is red, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit, Our Lord's gift to his disciples. ("Disciples" includes you and me, by the way!) Red flowers were presented before the Altar to be planted on the Church grounds to remind us that we, like those early disciples, are spirit-filled people.

But what does all this Pentecost business really mean? How are we filled with the Spirit? And how do we go about being a people of Pentecost?

One of the collects (prayers) of the Church gives us an answer to this last query. It says, in part: "(G)rant that by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for your service."

Enlightened and strengthened for your service. This phrase, perhaps more than any other, outlines our duty and obligation as God's Spirit-filled people. We are to go about the business of being Christ's representatives in the world. We are to be his hands and feet, working to bring people to a closer experience of the Holy.

It can be as simple as inviting someone to attend Church with you or speaking a kind word to a person in need. It could mean serving on a committee or singing in the choir or working in the soup kitchen. It could mean involvement in inter-parish activities on the island. It could quite simply mean showing forth Christ in our lives—an example for others.

Whatever your path to enlightenment and strength, whatever your method of proclaiming Christ to a broken world, know that the Holy Spirit will be there to guide, to comfort and to support you as you carry out God's work.

-Soli Deo Gloria!

Rummage Sale Lunch thanks *(from front page)*

Monday, we had Taco Soup & chips, spaghetti salad and fruit salad (we fed 60).

Tuesday, we had cranberry chicken, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, cranberry jello and fruit salad. (60)

Wednesday, we had spaghetti, green salad, fruit salad & hot bread. (64)

Thursday, we had a salad bar with tuna pasta salad, couscous, bean salad, orange creamsicle Jello, cottage cheese, & lettuce salad, and bakery bread. (60)

Friday, we had sloppy joes & buns & chips with potato salad and fruit salad. (45)

Saturday, we had giant hot dogs, sauerkraut & buns & chips with beans and fruit salad (44).

A big thank you to **Jack Hartley** and **Harold Schwochow** and **Paula McSweeney** for making sure the dishwasher was fixed twice!

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Spring Rummage Sale Wrap-Up (from front page)



some who came for the first time. A group of strong, young men from Detroit saved the day by doing a lot of the heavy lifting and carrying. Several people who were not members of St. James stayed until the very end to help clean up.

We really need more of our own Saint James people to help with clean-up on the last day. If you were not able to work this sale, please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 6, so you, too, can be part of this fund raising event.

Taking Stock Survey Preview

By Father Phil

Our Saint James survey work is off to a great start! We received surveys from 92 persons. With a completed survey having around 50 responses, we have received over 4000 data points about our dear church. These data points will help us not only identify areas to strengthen, but also help us to prioritize our work, and understand what we're doing WELL, so we can keep that great work going.

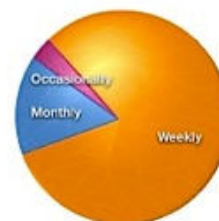
What is the road ahead? Well all the above data has been processed, sliced and diced, and presented to vestry for consideration, prayer and discussion. The vestry will meet at the Rectory on Saturday, June 9th, for a 6 hour vestry retreat focused on parsing survey results and beginning plans for development and renewal. This retreat work will be followed by two months of prep work over the summer preparing for any changes to go into effect beginning in the Fall.

Have questions? Address them to Fr. Phil or any vestry person. Thank you for holding us and this process in prayer!

Service Attended by Respondents



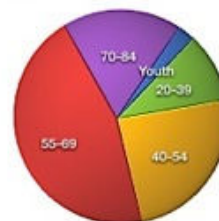
Frequency of Worship of Respondents



Years Attending of Respondents



Age Group of Respondents



Saint James in Pictures...

Take Me Out to the Ballgame...the Detroit Tigers!



Holy Saturday for Kids



Saint James in Pictures...



Brandon Dinwiddie Baptism— Easter Day

Men’s Ministry visit to Henry Ford Museum



Memorial Garden in bloom...



Spirit of Hope Sets Sail!

By Amy Kohair

On Sunday, May 20, there was a Fundraiser Cruise for the Spirit of Hope! We boarded the Diamond Belle, at 4:30 pm at the Stroh's Riverplace dock, in Detroit.

We enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner with homemade desserts! **Jim Holubka, Carolyn Hoey, Frank & Amy Kohair,** and **Jayne Fudge** with her new husband **Leonard Guerriero,** all attended from Saint James.



We were so glad to see our pal **Colleen Lough** who was Pastor Matthew's guest! There were many door prizes and things for silent auction. We made donations but we didn't win this time. That was fine though because we all won a wonderful evening. We cruised up to Lake Saint Clair and back, enjoying the Windsor and Detroit skylines. It is always a good time, this was no exception! We returned to the dock at 7:30 on the dot!

With love and thanks to all of YOU, Always, Amy & Frank Kohair



Out There with Outreach—June

By Amy Kohair

On Saturday, May 19, we were back to our usual schedule of events. **Shaun Stahlman, Nancy Crysler & Julia Allen,** and **Jim & Brandon Farrell** met Frank & me in our Chapel parking lot at 8:20 a.m. to load the cars to go Downtown to Spirit of Hope. **Nancy Clark** was ready to go but we had a good crew so she was able to stay home. We were met downtown by the **Rudzienskys: Dave, Anne, Jenny & Emma, Kate & David Hartwell** and **Meren James** with her foot in a cast! Everyone helped to unload the cars and then the tables were washed down. The peanut butter & jelly sandwich line was set up and rolling. We started to prepare the meal of two big pots of beans and franks, tons of potato salad, dill pickle spears, whole wheat dinner rolls, and bowls of sliced peaches rounded out the meal. Sacred Heart arrived at 11:30 am to serve the meal, armed with bags of cookies for dessert! We had enough for 250 people but as someone down the street was serving a surprise meal, only 130 people showed up for ours. It is okay as the left-overs were distributed to worthy places. Nothing was wasted. The cost for the entire meal was \$357.17, including \$45. for Security. Our half is \$178.59 and Sacred Heart will pay \$178.58.

Saturday, June 16, will be our next turn to prepare the meal and set up at Spirit of Hope. Sacred Heart will serve. We'll meet in our Chapel parking lot at 8:20 a.m. and you'll be home before noon. On Saturday, July 21, Saint James will do the whole day alone. There are two shifts to sign up for: 9 am—11:30 am is for set up and meal prep. 11:30 am—1:45 pm is for serving and clean up. Homemade desserts would be wonderful if you'd like to sign up on that list! On Saturday, August 18, Sacred Heart will go it alone. We will have the day off.

Please call us if you have signed up and it turns out that you can't come and make a habit of putting your name on the sign-up lists so that we know if there will be enough helpers. The sign-up sheets are now posted on the Outreach Bulletin Board for June & July. Thank you! Amy: 734-693-0694 Frank: 734-693-5904



ECW names Woman of the Year:

ECW was very pleased to present the 2012 Woman of the Year award to **Norma Smereka** at their annual dinner at the Grosse Ile Country Club. For several years, Norma has been in charge of the kitchen during both the Rummage Sales and the Greens Market. She has done the shopping for food and supplies, recruited people to cook (often times doing it herself), and supervised the cleanup. She knows how to "stretch the food" so that all the volunteers are always well fed. (See Rummage Sale lunch thank you on front page!)

If you like Coffee Hour, read this!

By Joan Hemsworth

Coffee Hour is enjoyed by all who stay after the 10 am service. It's a great way to meet and get to know each other, to celebrate the special days in our lives, and share concerns. The kids always look forward to the treats.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



But if coffee hour is to continue, we need volunteers to keep it going. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in Galloway Hall.

You would be responsible for making coffee and tea, providing a simple treat (cookies, donuts, etc.), cleaning up and locking up.

If you can't do the whole coffee hour, maybe you could bring some cookies. I am usually available to show you what to do. Please call Joan Hemsworth at (734) 675-8191 if you have questions or would like to sign up.

Interfaith reminders for May 30 and June 2

Baccalaureate Service

Inter-Faith Council is planning our Island Baccalaureate Service on Wednesday, May 30 at 7pm at the High School Auditorium with a reception following in the cafeteria. This year St. James is hosting the event. Fr. Phil along with student representatives from all Island churches will be designing the service. All church members are invited to attend. We will need a few dozen cookies to serve at the reception.

Islandfest Parade

Interfaith Council will again be marching as a group in the Islandfest Parade on Saturday, June 2. You are cordially invited to walk with us. While walking we hand out a brochure including information about all the churches,



and to the children we hand out bouncing balls that say "Smile! Jesus Loves You." Walkers are all wearing navy blue shirts. It is a fun-filled morning and a great opportunity for fellowship with friends from the other island churches. We meet in the High School parking lot at 9am.

If you would like to contribute cookies for the Baccalaureate or walk in the parade with us, please contact **Sue Lowery** (675-0417) or **Jane Colwell** (671-9446) by May 27.



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June Birthdays

- 1...Andrew Johnson, Monica Treadwell.
- 7...Audrey Lyden
- 8...Susan Lowery
- 10...Christine Bohl, Warren J. Johnson
- 11..Cole Gall
- 12...Angela Barton, Jamie Stamper
- 14...Marilou Arvin
- 17...Marjorie Treadwell
- 18...Jean Beaubien
- 19...Millie Miles
- 21...Kevin Dermody, Robyn Turner, Patricia Williamson
- 23...Dan Galleher, Jim Holubka, Connie Turner
- 24...David Christie
- 25...Phil Dinwiddie, Tommy Jones, Michael Leuchtmann
- 26...Mark Colwell, Susan Johnson
- 28...Andrew Ador Johnson, Lexie Smereka, Josie Smereka
- 29...Elizabeth Saavedra



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