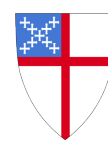


ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

If you are thinking it's been awhile since you've received a newsletter, you are right. I'm sorry I haven't had time to put my fingers to the keyboard and produce one but I have been busy both with church events and home. Tanya was nice enough to continue with interviewing our parishioners. Jen Lovelace is featured in this issue.

We continue to be busy here but not as busy as the last few months. June 25th is our auction. There are sign-up sheets on the board outside the kitchen entrance. Please help in some capacity if you possibly can.

CHURCH NEWS –

2nd Annual Family Picnic - Sunday service in the labyrinth [weather permitting] @9:00am following the service [about 11:00am] the picnic will begin. Make one of your favorite recipes or try a new one out on us and bring to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS-

The vestry is in the process of looking for a new way to do Sunday school. We are checking into using a divinity student to run it for school aged children. We are hoping to use a babysitter for the younger kids with age appropriate activities for them. I will be keeping all parents informed as to how we are doing with this and also asking for your input. We hope to start something new in Sept. The vestry is creating a questionnaire for all parents of school aged children to fill out for us. Feel free to talk to any vestry member about this subject.

FINANCIAL NEWS

- In March we collected \$4,647.82 on Sundays and an extra \$1,308.00 from our Corned Beef dinner. In April we collected \$4,394.88 with an extra \$1,123.66 from our April tag sale. We sent over \$600.00 to our BAWA project! May brought in \$4,263.04 with an additional \$1,091.31 from the second tag sale.

WOMEN'S GROUP INFORMATION

- I recently purchased two DVDs titled Women of Faith. The program has been in Hartford before and will be again this year but it is coming the weekend of our Christmas fair. It offers a chance to hear other women's stories of pain and happiness. If you are interested in watching the DVDs let me know. We can pick someone's house that has a decent sized tv and lots of popcorn and have a Ladies Night.
- **DINNER OUT- JULY14th at Pattaconk Bar/Grille in Chester @6:30.** We are going to have a choice of three meals chicken piccata, steak or broiled cod. I have to know if you are going and what you want to eat by JULY11th. The cost will be in the price range from \$17-\$20. Coffee and soda are included in price. I'll let you know as soon as I know the exact prices for the meals. You can pay me ahead so there will be less \$\$ issues at the dinner. Please plan on coming.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY-I am careful not to confuse excellence with perfection. Excellence, I can reach for; perfection is God's business. Michael J. Fox

Meet Jennifer Lovelace:

I met Jennifer at her house in Higganum to chat over a breakfast of coffee, bagels, and homemade blueberry muffins. She's hung a hummingbird feeder on the porch outside her kitchen, and as we chatted the tiny birds kept us company. Jen was born in Long Island and, as an infant, moved with her family to Higganum after her dad, who worked for SNET, was transferred to the area. Jen had a happy and active childhood, graduated from HJK, and went on to work for Aetna for ten years. Now, Jen is raising her children, Emily, 11, and Chelsea, 7, in sixth and second grade, respectively. "My kids are my life," Jen says of the pair. The family just recently returned from a week-long trip to Disney, which she reports was a complete success and a lot of fun. In her spare time, Jen sells Tastefully Simple products, and is very involved in the St. James community. Regarding St. James, Jen says "I first started at St. James when I was about three. Family friends suggest we go there and we did for several years. My grandparents would come up special to kick off the holiday season by attending the Christmas Fair. Oh, how they loved that fair! Somehow, it always fell around their anniversary too. I am so very happy and blessed to be back at St. James. The people are my second family here!" The kids are also frequently involved in church events, and are exceedingly helpful and hardworking waitresses at the various suppers. Jen

recently made snacks for the St. James Relay for Life team and stayed overnight at the Relay with the kids - all three could be seen walking for the better part of the evening. Of St. James, Jen says she's a "lifer" - and of Jen, St. James says "Thank-you for all that you do!"