



*They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. Psalm 1: 3*

**From the Rector, The Rev. Charlie Barton+**

The Theme of the Annual Meeting was “*Honor the past, enable the present, give hope for the future.*”



It is spring and everything is full of life! This issue is full of news of new shoots, existing stock with new leaves, and venerable branches still bearing

fruit. I’ll offer a condensed version of my report from the annual meeting so that we continue to be connected and informed even if we were not able to be present. Your parish is, in the words of the Rev. Mary Glasspool (the Bishop’s Canon), “flourishing!”

Let’s start with the beauty of the earth...you know about the blessing of the Hunt, we have done that forever...But now, we are doing a new thing. We’re inviting the Hunt for Rogation Day (April 27<sup>th</sup>): a day when they don’t need to worry about who’s holding their horse; a day when we can join together in giving thanks for creation at

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**The Reverend Eugene Sutton, Canon Pastor, Washington National Cathedral, is Bishop-Elect!**

The majority of Bishops and Standing Committees of the Episcopal Church consenting, Canon Sutton will be ordained and consecrated a bishop by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and all Bishops of The Episcopal Church present at 11:00 AM on June 28, 2008, at Washington National Cathedral.



**Greetings from the Bishop-Elect**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am both honored and humbled to be elected your bishop in the wonderful Diocese of Maryland. I, Sonya and our family look forward to being among you as fellow travelers in this exciting journey!

I would like to express my hopes and dreams for our new ministry together in the form of a prayer. We continually give thanks to God, who in Christ makes “a new creation...the old has passed away,  
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*Bishop Creighton with St. James Confirmands*

behold, all things have become new." In gratitude let us pray for God's guidance for a blessed future together:

*O Lord our God, look with favor upon your pilgrim people in the Diocese of Maryland. Help our bishops, priests, deacons and lay ministers lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility, gentleness, and patience. May our life together be infused by the grace of truth and the spirit of reconciliation; in times of celebration may we freely rejoice, and in times of distress may we listen to and forgive one another in love, always eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Open our hearts to receive the Living Christ in our midst; may we never tire to seek him in prayer and action, and in works of mercy and justice throughout the world. This we pray in the name of Jesus our Savior, Amen.*

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the altar and at coffee hour. I've asked all of them to bring a cup of earth from a location of meaning and beauty, along with a picture of the view.



We'll mix the earth that all of us bring in a wheelbarrow in the church. We'll post the pictures in the Parish Hall (Macdonald Hall). We'll be blessing the soil

for ourselves, for them, and for our neighbors. So bring a friend who does not have a church home and show them what they're missing!

Give thanks for the service of Ed Tillman, who has served as your Junior Warden; and for Meredith LeRoy, our retiring (but not shy) Registrar. Thanks also to Mark Lynne who has led us into greater stewardship over the past three years. Remember all those whose ministry has brought us safe thus far, and all who have contributed their time, their talent, and yes, their treasure. Their foresight has given us what we have today, including our endowment- a source of flexibility and possibility that serves us well. It is the water of the past that makes possible the flowers of the present.

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And it is our toil in the present that prepares the land to bring forth future harvest. Give thanks for Ministry Community Heads who lead, and serve, and call out the best in us. And also for our new Junior Warden, Don Greenawalt, and our new Registrar, Amy Patterson. Thank your Church Staff, lay and ordained- your support has enabled us to become larger, stronger and more able to do what you wanted to have done. Support our four new vestry members in the work they will do for us: Alex Secor, Kari-Ann Lynne, Bruce Roush and Larry Haislip. Larry is also running for Diocesan Council.

Thank yourself, if you are one of the 202 people who pledged. The 13% increase in the average amount pledged really helps us to do the ministries to which we each are called.

And what of the future? The river that has its source in the past flows on beyond this horizon and this generation. Did you know that Bishop Creighton confirmed 16 of our young people on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April? They are now ready to take their place in the life of the church in a more full, more adult, way. Don't you want to support them with your time, talent and treasure so that their interest in the church will continue?

Our new Junior Warden's 19-year capital projects plan will be done before you know it. Won't it be good to plan for major work well in advance?

The Mustard Seed Funds have recently received an inquiry about the mechanics of a gift in excess of \$100,000. Have you considered your gift?

Ask a vestry person about our relationship with St. Mary's, Walbrook. Better yet ask anyone who worshipped with them here on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, or who rode the bus down to St. Mary's on the 20<sup>th</sup>? I echo the words of a St. Mary's parishioner that were spoken at the same time as ones from our Senior Warden, Frank O'Toole, "should we do this again?" The flowers are out and glorious. The Son is shining upon us. The river flows forward from 1750 and into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and "all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well." *Blessings, beloveds of Christ, Charlie Barton+*



**Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,**

Three years ago, when I left for seminary it seemed that I would be away such a long time, and indeed, it was very hard to be away from you, my friends and family of faith. And now, it is hard for me to believe that I am already about to graduate. You have been so much a part of my formation as a Christian and in helping me to discern a call to ordained ministry. And you continue to be - I want you to know how much it has meant to me and how much it has supported me to know that you have been praying for me. Thank you also for the financial support that you have provided not only for seminarians in general but especially for me while in school. So I ask you to share in the celebration of my graduation, and know that you are in my heart.

QuickTime™ and a decompressor are needed to see this picture.

living in/out Christian community. I always used to say that I wanted to live in the “St. James Commune,” which was my idealized notion of living in faith community. Well, seminary was kind of like that! But as in real life it is not ideal – we get to know each others’ faults and hard edges as well as our gifts and learn to accept, encourage, love, be there for one another in joy and suffering and hold each other accountable, and all this in



very close proximity to one another, and being with each other everyday for most of the day. I developed strong relationships with my peers and learned a lot from and with them. I am so grateful for the opportunity to go to seminary and in particular to Sewanee!

I do not yet know where I will be called to serve, but I know that God is preparing the way. However, I am nearly positive that it will be in the Diocese of Maryland.

My love and greetings to you all,  
*Laura Brecht, your “seminarian”*

*The University of the South  
Requests your prayers and presence at a  
Convocation  
In the University’s Sesquicentennial Year  
For the  
Conferring of Degrees and Saint Luke’s Crosses  
For the Graduating Students  
From the School of Theology  
And the awarding of Honorary Degrees  
In All Saints’ Chapel  
Sewanee, Tennessee  
On Friday, the ninth of May  
Two thousand eight  
At ten o’clock in the morning  
The Service will include a festal Eucharist*

This time of formation at seminary has been such a great blessing and privilege. I never could have imagined it before experiencing it. The learning in classes with wonderful professors was only a portion of what I gained from seminary. At Sewanee, being at residential seminary is about

**THE GOOD OL’ SUMMER TIME** – I know that it is hard to believe, but the end of the year is fast upon us. Soon we will say good-bye to school books and programs and say hello to vacations and relaxation. The work of the church goes on, however, and even though we have only two services per Sunday during the summer, we still need acolytes. Laura Green will put a sign-up sheet on the acolyte board in the parish hall where you can volunteer for summer service. The summer is a time to work with a new team, or at a new service. It is a time to hone your skills or try something new. So sign-up early and often! Art+



**Social Ministries Community in Sunday School**



The Sunday School received a certificate of appreciation from the diocese for collecting \$97.19 for Bread for Itipini. The certificate is posted on the Sunday School bulletin board in the lobby. Nancy Machen led our last project. We made twenty

file folder games to send to the children of the ARK to take home. As with all of our projects, we end with a thank you gift to the 5th and 6th graders for all their service. Thanks to our parishioners, Nancy Machen, Kathy Welk, Kelly Francis, Val Smalkin and most importantly the Sunday School children of Saint James for another exciting year. Please contact Karen Underwood if you have any questions or suggestions for SMC in Sunday School.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Thursday, June 5 -8:00 to 9:00am**

Episcopal Community Services of Maryland will hold its Second Annual Breakfast and Award Celebration. The crew of the Godly Grille are preparing breakfast. Tickets \$50 (\$35 tax-deductible) 410-467-1264.



**VESTRY CLASS OF 2011**



**Larry Haislip**



**Kari-Ann Lynne**



**Bruce Roush Alexandra (Alex) Smith  
A GIFT TO HONOR LORI SPENCER**

Lori Spencer was a member of the Women’s Bible Study that meets each Wednesday during the school year at 9:30. Lori also regularly participated in the Healing Eucharist in our meditation Chapel on Wednesday mornings. The chapel was a place for her to come for healing, encouragement, and companionship during the long days of her disease.

Several years ago, Charlie+ began to collect funds to build beautiful doors for our chapel, which now has plain steel doors at its entrance. To honor Lori, we are again collecting funds for these doors, which will be put up as a memorial to her. The Bible study group is making a donation toward these memorial doors. Contributions can be made to the Lori Spencer memorial/chapel doors fund.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:** Articles for the



St James **June newsletter** are due **May 15**. You may call me at 410-440-0473 or e-mail me at [avila@pbworld.com](mailto:avila@pbworld.com). **Collating and Folding Day will be May 22** from 9:00 to 11:00am in the Parish Library. Call Susan in the Office at 410-771-4466 if you have time to help.



If you would like to know more about The Healing Hands Foundation, please contact **Marco V. Avila**, at 410-440-0473, via e-mail at [avila@pbworld.com](mailto:avila@pbworld.com). Visit the web site [www.thhfoundation.org](http://www.thhfoundation.org). THHF is collecting toys, clothes, over the counter medicine, pencils, books, etc. for their upcoming Medical Mission in Quito, Ecuador in August 2008. Marco and his family are members of the parish.

**OD WORK BEING DONE**

We have a very special group of women that participate in our *Casseroles on Call* Ministry. Casserole based meals are delivered, in a timely manner, to those who have needs due to illness, surgeries or other stressful situations in their lives. The group of women that participate in this ministry have been very active in the last six



months. From September through March, approximately 70 casseroles have been provided to several different parish families. There were several other women in our parish that came forth and volunteered to help out during this busy time. A special thank you is extended to all who participated in this work. This is our way of

expressing caring and help at a time when it is most needed. *Casseroles on Call* is a very important part of Pastoral Care Ministry at James. There is an old adage that says, "Many hands make light work." We are always happy to accept new members into our group. If you enjoy cooking and would like to join the *Casseroles on Call* group, please call Marge Bowen at 410-877-7680 or talk to me during our Sunday coffee hour. *Marge Bowen*



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Call  
our  
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**IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE** – But this year's Blender is just about over! Just one more meeting before we pack things up for the summer and begin to think about what next year might look like. So join us won't you?



**SUNDAY  
May 18th**

**9:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Fun Stuff**

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**May 2 – 3** – Diocesan Convention. Baltimore Convention Center

**May 2** -The Combined Youth Choirs of St. James under the direction of Val Smalkin have been invited to participate in the opening Eucharist at 9:00am.

**May 4** – The Rev. Canon Mary Glasspool preaches at all services at St. James.



EKK Concert 3:00pm. **Note change of location:** North Harford High School 211 Pylesville Rd. Pylesville [www.deercreekchorale.org](http://www.deercreekchorale.org)

**May 10** – Newcomers Dinner, 6:00 to 9:00pm in Macdonald Hall. Call Allison Doriss if you can help prepare a festive welcome.

**May 11 – Pentecost: Baptisms. Vestry Commissioning at the 10:15 service.**



It's not just pancakes when the Men's Organization cooks. Bring your Mom and Grandmom for the annual **Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 11.**

**May 16 – 17** Commemoration of the Life and Ministry of Justice Thurgood Marshall, at St. Mary the Virgin and St. James Lafayette Square. See flyer on Wider Church bulletin board.



**May 18** – Trinity Sunday, Last Sunday School and last Worship 9. Choir Awards!

**June 1 - Memorial Concert at 4:00pm**

Though not part of EKK, Jeanne Klusewitz and I will be giving an organ recital sponsored by Susan and Miles Baxter in memory of Susan's mother, Helen Ohrenschall. Helen was a great lover of organ music, and generous in her support of music at St. James'. The congregation is invited to join friends and family in this celebration of Helen's life. *Soli Deo Gloria, Henry Chen*

## EKK - Eine Kleine Kirchenmusik OUR CONCERT SRIES

The next concert of our series, **3:00 p.m. on May 4**, featuring *The Deer Creek Chorale*, takes us AWAY FROM St. James', to the gorgeous and comfortable new theater at the North Harford High School. For the past few years our Monkton church has welcomed the Chorale, founded and led in fall of 2005 by our own Marty Banghart. As the "Maryland Conservatory Chorale," there were 14 members. Last spring, with 52 soloists and choristers, the church was barely able to accommodate the singers at the front, and the audience spilled out the back and down the steps.



This year the group has grown to an amazing 70 members, including our own Carole Sakamoto, Suzanne Zantop, and Lee Woolford. In 3 short years, the group has outgrown both the church and the Susan Tucker Moore Theatre . . . thus the change in venue!

"Come to the Music," **Sunday May 4 at 3:00 p.m.**, "highlights the music of Mozart, Bruckner, Richard Schumann, Z. Randall Stroope, Bizet, and the Beatles as well as styles from opera, motets, arts song, gospel to gypsy songs. Two of the novelty pieces feature water glasses and sayings from *Poor Richard's Almanac*. There is simply something for everyone's musical palette. Interspersed in the program will be soloists doing works by Vaughn Williams, Gilbert and Sullivan, Brahms and others."

"Please don't miss this special celebration of music. Bring your whole family and spread the word. Seating is unlimited...and comfortable.



There will be a reception afterwards in the new atrium. Take this opportunity to visit the fine new facility in our proximity!" The address is 211 Pylesville Rd. Pylesville

Md. 21132; directions can be found on the website: [www.deercreekchorale.org](http://www.deercreekchorale.org)! *Marty Banghart*

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Support YOUR Music Series, but at North Harford High! *Henry Chen*

## Caring for God's Creation: Living Our Faith



Saturday, April 5, I attended the Episcopal Diocese's "Green Gathering: A Conference on Caring for God's Creation." I learned many new things from Dr. George Fisher (Professor at both Johns Hopkins U. and St. Mary's Seminary). Dr. Fisher revealed dozens of places in the Bible where God emphasizes the important responsibility of people to care for his creation. Congressman John Sarbanes spoke enthusiastically about legislation, which would mandate outdoor education and recreation for children, in order to help them care for God's creation and to also motivate children to exercise outdoors for life long health benefits and to appreciate the beauty of nature.

Next, we focused on Baltimore's Food and Faith Project, in which Joan Norman was highly praised for her outstanding leadership in helping to feed many of our city's poor with locally grown healthy food.

Lastly, we discussed the Presiding Bishop's to the U.S. Senate stating (in part)"... Many in the faith community have long been aware of the ways in which our lack of concern for the rest of creation results in death and destruction for our neighbors. We cannot love our neighbors unless we care for the creation that supports all our earthly lives..." Full text of letter at: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/79901>.

Overall, it was a very informative workshop followed by an interfaith service in the Peace Chapel led by the Rev. Charles Mercer. I hope to share with our church community some of the information I've collected. Caring for Creation is a life-long learning process coupled with discernment and action. The diocesan Environment Committee, chaired by Paulette Hammond (410-467-3750, meets monthly at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. *Doreen Passaniti*



## SUMMER PROGRAM: JUNE 9 - AUGUST 8

Full and/or Half Day Sessions

SJA offers a quality summer program for children ages 4 to 16. These coed activities provide exceptional camp experiences to nurture children's growth academically, socially,



athletically, spiritually, and emotionally in a secure and nurturing environment. SJA is committed to offering an array of traditional, gifted, theatrical, outdoor, and athletic programs in a safe and serene setting. Most programs take place on St. James' 100-acre campus.

Programs include Adventure Activity Camps, as well as, Art, Computer, Dance, Field Hockey, Soccer, and Theatre Camps! Back by popular demand:



Lego Robotics Challenge, Summer with My Doll, and Outdoor Adventure that includes hiking, canoeing, and spelunking!! And new this year: Gymnastics, Tennis, Coconut, Licorice & friends, and How to Raise a Webkinz and MORE!!! For a Brochure, call the Academy @ 410-771-4816 or email [JConnelly@saintjamesacademy.org](mailto:JConnelly@saintjamesacademy.org)



MID-ATLANTIC EPISCOPAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### St. James Academy Hosts the 2008 Fair

On Friday, April 11 St. James Academy welcomed over 300 students from: Christ Episcopal, Grace Episcopal, Queen Anne's, St. Albans, St. Anne's, St. James Academy, St. John's, St. Martin's, St. Patrick's, St. Paul's, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, and Washington Episcopal. The Fair began with a welcoming address and best wishes from Dr. Legenhausen. Father Barton addressed the gathered

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administrators, faculty, students, and parents and welcomed their pursuit of knowledge. Saint James was well represented in all areas of the MAESA Fair Competition:

#### *ART EXHIBIT*

April Roberts - Grade 4  
Mollie Keyser - Grade 4  
Elizabeth Weglein - Grade 6  
Amanda Keyser - Grade 6  
Christie Davison - Grade 8  
Connor Kohls - Grade 8  
Timothy Glorioso - Grade 8  
Jeffrey Mattheiss - Grade 8

#### *SCIENCE FAIR*

Madison Varvaris - Grade 7  
Tom Bennett - Grade 7  
JC Lazzaro - Grade 7  
Grant Cunningham - Grade 7  
Haley Keller - Grade 7  
Jack Waterhouse - Grade 7

#### *MULTIMEDIA COMPETITION*

Calvin Garay - Grade 7  
Renee Wilson - Grade 8

#### *SPELLING BEE*

William Larrabee - Grade 4  
Taylor Kern (Alternate) - Grade 4  
Dan Mattheiss - Grade 6  
Bob Weisbecker - Grade 8  
Frank Marzella - Grade 8  
Warren Chew (Alternate) - Grade 8

#### *GEOGRAPHY BEE*

Timothy Blount - Grade 5  
Maddalena Blondell - Grade 6  
Tristan Hester (Alternate) - Grade 6  
Will McAvoy - Grade 7  
Bryant Jacob - Grade 8  
Riley Babcock - Grade 8

SJA students won trophies in the following categories:

Bob Weisbecker 1<sup>st</sup> Place Spelling Bee (7-8)  
Will McAvoy 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Geography Bee (7-8)  
Renee Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Multimedia (7-8)  
J.C. Lazzaro 1<sup>st</sup> Place Science (7-8)  
Madison Varvaris 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Science (7-8)  
Haley Keller 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Science (7-8)

**Congratulations to all our participants and winners! A special thank you to all members of the MAESA Fair Committee, faculty, administrators, and parent volunteers for all your hard work in this very successful academic celebration!**