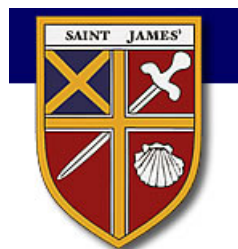
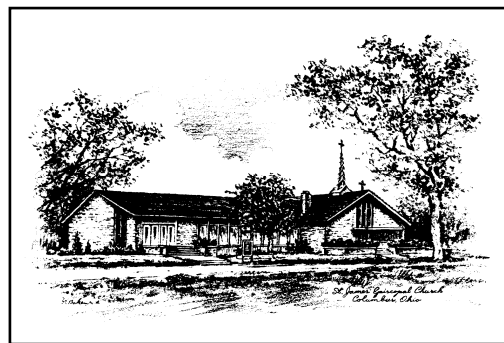


Around Saint James'...

April 11th, 2010



Columbus, Ohio



St. James' Episcopal Church - Organized 1881

WILDLIFE HABITAT NEWS

In celebration of Earth Day, the Habitat Team will sponsor coffee hour next Sunday (April 18) following both masses. Also, the ECW Treasures will be on display for early bidding. Following the 10:30 mass - In addition to the light brunch, there will be a puppet show and the opportunity for the children to plant some flower seeds into trays for the butterfly garden.

ECW NEWS

Please join us at our monthly meeting of Episcopal Church Women on April 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lamborne Room. We will be making greeting cards – always fun!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT THE CLINTONVILLE RESOURCE CENTER

Volunteers are needed to help provide and serve "Sunday Breakfast" at the Clintonville Resource Center on three Sundays in April --- the 11th, 18th and 25th — from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. This is what we need each Sunday:

- Four (4) volunteers to serve with our friends at the CRC.
- People to provide six (6) main dishes (feeding 8 to 10 people),
- People to provide four (4) gallons of milk
- People to provide two (2) gallons of juice.

Casserole/slow-cook dishes should be fully cooked prior to the event; however, foods can be reheated just prior to serving (in the new stove purchased by a grant from the diocesan ECSF!).

You can support our service to our neighbors by being on-site Sunday morning, providing any of the food or beverages the day of the breakfast. Just bring your gift to the church at 9:30 a.m. and leave it in the Lamborne Room.

Sign-up sheets are located in the hallway in the North Wing just outside the Lamborne Room. And please turn in your receipts (see article elsewhere in this issue). Thanks!

Don't miss this chance to serve our neighbors in our own backyard. Questions? Contact Rick Warren at 477-8372 or rwarren5@columbus.rr.com

NEEDED FOOD ITEMS FOR THE CLINTONVILLE RESOURCE CENTER

Please continue to bring canned and other nonperishable food items to be delivered to the Clintonville Resource Center food pantry. Needed especially this month are tuna and fruit juice. Also, non-food items are always welcome, as the Food Assistance Program does not cover these items (think cold and flu season, think facial tissue!). Please bring your donations to mass on Sundays or Wednesdays and place them AT THE BASE OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT (there's Holy Water in it during Eastertide!)

before mass or as you approach the altar. Our baptism calls us to service. What better image could remind us of that vocation than a vision of our gifts to help meet the needs of others in the very font that reminds us of God's gracious gift of new life to us in Jesus Christ!

TEA AND TREASURE SALE IS COMING!

Please clean out your attic and look for some good junkie! Our ECW is planning the Tea and Treasure sale for April 25th and we need your donations to make this sale a success. Any antiques, collectibles, just stuff that isn't you anymore – we want it! Call Nora Huber at 783.6672 if you need an item picked up. Or, just bring items to church and we can store it in the downstairs kitchen. Thank you so much!

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

The offering for Sunday, April 4th was \$ 3973.00 for general operating expenses; \$ 176.00 of the open plate offering is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund..

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Bid ECSF's silent auction April 5-15: The first-ever online auction to benefit community ministry across the diocese opens the day after Easter. By Holy Week we had over 70 amazing items, with more added daily. Here's just a sampling: great tickets to the May Festival and the Cincinnati Reds, an evening at the Opera with the Bishop, home-made quilts, a spirited selection of beers and wines, cooking gear, travel packages, restaurant gift cards, a pastel painting of your garden, and a tram tour of Spring Grove, Cincinnati's legendary work of landscape architecture, are just a few of the amazing items in this year's auction, with proceeds going into ECSF grants to churches meeting myriad human needs across Southern Ohio. Browse the catalogue and bid at www.BiddingForGood.com/ECSFsouthernohio

CHURCH CLEANING

During Mark Gordon's hiatus from his volunteer work as our sexton, the following folks have signed up to clean the church in preparation for our Sunday worship:

Date	Family
4/11/10	The Youngs
4/18/10	The Becketts
4/25/10	Matt and Jen Couch
5/2/10	
5/9/10	Eric Reasoner
5/16/10	

We still need some folks to volunteer to clean prior to May 2nd and May 16th.

What's involved is emptying the trash in the Lamborn Room, the kitchen, parish office, choir room and Nursery; vacuuming and mopping entrances, the hallway by the Lamborne Room, the Lamborne Room itself, and the south hallway, parish office, music room and Nursery; vacuuming choir and altar area, dusting as needed (including the pews); cleaning the first floor bathrooms (toilets, sinks, sweep and mop); cleaning tables and dusting in the Lamborne Room; and anything else you think needs some attention.

For more information or to sign up please contact Steve (614-202-0518) or Julie (614-572-4522) Young or e-mail them at steveyoung140@gmail.com or gageja@email.unc.edu.

WILDLIFE HABITAT NEWS WE COULD USE A BENCH IN THE GARDEN!

Team members were asked to renew their commitments at the Annual Meeting. If there are any folks who were not present for the meeting and who would like to be a part of this exciting ministry, please contact Roberta Gordon at robertajg@earthlink.net or call at 614-873-5722, or cell 614-406-4405. If you are not in a position to participate in the gardening aspect, folks are needed to maintain the bird bath -- clean out once a week and keep it filled with water. Providing clean water is a critical part of the habitat.

Some exciting news - a few weeks ago, a beautiful mockingbird was feasting on the last of the berries on one of the shrubs in the back of the church. To my knowledge, a mockingbird has never been sighted here before. To hear a mockingbird sing will certainly bring a smile to your face and joy to your heart.

It would be wonderful if there were a bench for the butterfly garden where a person could sit and listen to the birds, watch their antics in the birdbath and observe the butterflies as they gracefully flutter from flower to flower. There is a poem that states in part, "One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth." Is anyone feeling moved to donate a bench?

CHRISTIAN FORMATION ON SUNDAYS AT ST JAMES

CHILDREN'S FORMATION **10:30 a.m.**
Meets in "The Tabernacle" (South Wing, downstairs)
Children's formation begins at 10:30 am and children join their families at mass during the Passing of the Peace and the announcements. Contact: Deacon Elise

YOUTH FORMATION **9:15 a.m.**
Meets in "The Tabernacle" (South Wing, downstairs)
Junior high and high school youth meet together from 9:15 – 10:15 am for fellowship and Bible Study. Contact: Deacon Douglas

ADULT FORMATION **9:15 a.m.**
Meets in the Lamborne Room (North Wing, upstairs)
Contact: Deacon Elise

BIBLE STUDY **6:30 p.m.**
Meets in the Lamborne Room (North Wing, upstairs)
April 11th – May 20th The Acts of the Apostles
The evening concludes at 8:00 p.m. with the service of Compline (Night Prayer); Contact: Mother Lynn
All are welcome to any or all of these opportunities!

TURN IN YOUR RECEIPTS

If you look at the red bucket by the front door or the baptismal font currently receiving canned and non-perishable food items, you will realize that the congregation of St James provides a good amount of in-kind contributions to what we might call outreach or "mercy" ministries. These are ministries that focus on helping meet the needs of others. Our help often takes the form of food or durable goods purchased for distribution through the Clintonville Resource Center (CRC) or some other nonprofit organization. It also includes our Thanksgiving Day meal and the meals we provide for His Place at St John's, Town Street — items and meals for which those who donate a baked dish or in-kind items for the meal are not reimbursed by the church or nonprofit organization.

Such receipts can become part of the church's ministry outside the parish, particularly with respect to our annual parochial report. Our annual mission share to the diocese, which is our expected contribution in support of the mission and ministry of the Diocese and thus the larger Church, can be redefined based on the total amount of our outreach contribution.

If you have receipts you'd like to use in this way, please bring them to church and place them in the offering plate. These receipts cannot be used to offset your pledged or regular contribution, but they can make a difference to reduce our mission share amount. For accounting purposes, when turning in receipts please note what the purchase is for ("Back-to-school items", "food for CRC", "His Place meal", etc.). Thanks!



BREAD Nehemiah Action Assembly May 3rd at 6 PM, the Veteran's Memorial

Over 2,500 people rallied at Veterans Memorial in 2009 to focus attention on the problem of vacant and abandoned housing in our community. On Monday, May 3, 2010, the organization will gather more than 3,000 people to focus on youth at risk.

In house meetings, people told about the fear of losing their kids to the street, fear of losing their neighborhoods to crime, and fear of losing family members to violence. The Nehemiah Action will stand up to the fear. Call the BREAD office for more information (614-220-9363).

FACTS ABOUT YOUTH AT RISK

Youth crime, violence and gangs are on the rise in Columbus.

- There has been at least one shooting in Columbus every day in 2010. In 2008, police received 12,530 reports of shots fired in the city, an average of 34 a day. This total represented a 9 percent increase from 2007 (Columbus Dispatch website);
- In 2009, out of the 83 killings in Columbus, about a quarter of the victims were under the age of 25, and 8 of the victims were under 15. Almost half of those suspected or arrested in connection with the 83 killings were under 25. (Columbus Police Department Interview);
- Columbus Police Department officials report that 25% of the killings in Columbus in 2009 were gang-related.

Tuant students and school drop-outs are prime targets for recruitment into gangs

- Chronically truant students are 16 times more likely to use illicit drugs than non-truants; 21 times more likely to commit a serious property crime; 12 times more likely to commit a felony, and about 7 times more likely to be arrested (Henry & Huizinga, 2005).
- Median Annual Income for High school graduates in Columbus is \$25,420 (2007 dollars). Median annual income for high school drop-outs is \$10,981. Median annual income for college graduates is \$21,556 higher than those of high school drop-outs (Cities in Crisis, 2009; Education Research Center);

Too many kids are falling through the cracks at school;

- Columbus has the **ninth worst graduation rate** (44.7%) among the 50 largest school systems in the country (Cities in Crisis, 2009; Education Research Center):
- Columbus City Schools issued **4,262 out-of-school suspensions for truancy** in the 2008-9 school year (EMIS report, Ohio Department of Education)—despite the fact that this practice is against the written policy of the School district (Guide to Positive Student Behavior, p. 24);
- Reynoldsburg City Schools had 111 out-of-school suspensions for truancy and South-Western City Schools actually **expelled** 31 students for truancy (EMIS reports).
- Columbus City Schools issued more than 15,000 out-of-school suspensions for "disruptive behavior" (EMIS report)—despite the fact that the District's official discipline policy strongly discourages out of school suspension for disruptive behavior.

There are effective ways to improve student behavior

The BREAD Organization got the Franklin County Prosecutor to spearhead the development of a model truancy reduction program at our 2006 Nehemiah Action. The Prosecutor along with BREAD

and other stakeholders developed Project KEY which is in six schools. The results:

- Reduced chronic truancy by 55% in those six schools;
- Improved student attendance for more than 200 students; Philadelphia, which has a higher poverty rate than Columbus, improved graduation rates by 23% over a ten-year period (1995-2005) to 62% (Cities in Crisis, 2009)

What We Want:

- Enforce Current Policies;
- Expand Programs that Work; and
- Identify other "evidence-based practices" that would help Columbus to address its problems.

SAINT JAMES VESTRY

The members of St James Vestry constitute the elected leadership of the congregation. Please feel free to give them a call if you have questions and/or comments about the life of the parish.

Class of 2011

Jane Christy 614.570.1545
 Neal Lee 614.451.8003
 Steve or Julie Young 614.478.0560, Junior Wardens

Class of 2012

Martha Beckett 614.436.2371
 Todd Colquitt 614.854.0306
 Eric Reasoner 614.253.1401, Senior Warden

Class of 2013

Paul Scanlan 614.833.3880
 Jim Turner 614.358.4838, Junior Warden

PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for those who are in need our prayers:

Zillia, Darlene, Sam, Eula, Tom, Jackie, Adjoa, Patricia, Nancy, Christopher, James, Bill, Jim, Karen, Logan, Vicki & family, Jeff, Rose, Jean & her family, Patsy, Sally, Meredith, Brendan, Rick, Chin, Bill, Matthew, Jennifer, Elizabeth, Isaiah, Mary, Jane, Betty, Rebecca, the Engrim family, Loretta, Charlotte, Ron, Devin, Wendy, J.J., Milton, Linda, Jay, Nancy, Pat, Richard, Russell, Mary Pat, Francis, Audrey, Phyllis, Dede, Jan

We offer thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or other important events this week:

Jean Brown, Rick Warren, Jean Hoitsma, David Fawcett, Eric Hoitsma, Renner Owusu David & Michelle Fawcett

We pray for those expecting a child:

**Paul and Karen Staley
 Steve and Julie Young
 Scott and Julia Davis
 Joe and Wendy Panzner**

We pray for those who have died:

**Rest eternal, grant to them, O Lord
 And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

SERVING AT THE ALTAR

Celebrant: The Rev'd Lynn Carter-Edmands

Preacher: The Rev'd Elise Feyerherm

Deacon:s The Rev'd Douglas Argue & The Rev'd Elise Feyerherm

08:00 a.m. - Low Mass, Rite I

Lector: Jim Turner

Intercessor & Server: John Osmond

10:30 a.m. - Sung Mass, Rite II

Lectors: Blair McGinnis, Wendy Panzner

Eucharistic Minister: Jane Dishong

Intercessor: Matt Couch

Acolyte: Janet Bailey

Thurifer: Jim Blazer

Organist: Larry Hayes

Altar Guild

**Isabel Brown, Cindy Kollmer, Chin Osmond
 Tena Stewart**

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	8 AM (30) 10:30 AM (124)
WEEKDAY ATTENDANCE	5