



# ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

JUNE 2015

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## **This Month in Stewardship: Chains**

Our recent Maintenance Morning, uncovered a need to replace the chains in our tower carillon. These chains have become weather-worn and rusty and some are at risk of breaking. The image of the chains brings to reflection our stewardship relationship to this property and to each other.

The first is more easily perceived, perhaps. The bells in the tower are dated 1903. It is not clear if the chains have lasted that long or whether some other maintenance committee making an inspection, saw them worn, say 50 years ago or whether these are the original. The point is that in order for the carillon to last another 100+ years, the chains will need to be upgraded now. Given that our property contains a church dating back to 1859 and the Mitcham House, dating back to the turn of the century (correction: last century), things are going to wear out and need replacement, if we are to share them forward into the future. That is good stewardship. We need to take care of what has been presented to us, so that it can be given forward. As this repair continues, get ready to see pictures of the old chains as they are replaced.

The second point of reflection on the stewardship of each other is a bit more spiritual. While we may think of chains as binding or holding something together, as in the chains that hold a ship's anchor or more poignantly, the image of a slave being held by shackles and chains, try to visualize a

number of spiritual chains that contain links to the past and each other.

When a bishop-elect is ordained, hands are laid on by three bishops as they call forth the Holy Spirit. This is a tradition that extends back in time to the early church. In similar fashion, we see this linking when a priest is ordained and when one of our youth is confirmed by a bishop. Imagine that for roughly two thousand years we have a direct link back to Jesus. We may celebrate in one of these services on only rare occasions in our lifetime, but we do celebrate the Holy Eucharist each week with each other. Imagine if you will, the next time that you share the peace at church, that you are reaching back as a link in a long chain that travels back to Jesus.

Our links go back to the past and on to the future.  
Now that is deserving of a hug.

Paul Bartkus



## **Speaking of Links.....**

Yes, links. It also refers to a golf course. And of course, it is not too late to sign up to play the links, or eat the buffet, or volunteer to help at the event, or to sponsor a Tee Box Sign! See registration form in the back of the church. See information on page 6.

## Responses to the Survey Results

Are you wondering if anyone is reading the surveys that were completed last winter? To be sure the members of the Music Committee have read the results and are trying to respond to some of the comments.

Hymns are now being selected by the Music Committee, under the direction of chair, Chika Okoye. The committee is trying to use many familiar hymns along with just a few new ones. From Easter to the end of June, only one new hymn will be introduced. It was selected for the words, but it is also an easy-to-sing tune. Are you interested in joining the Music Committee to help with this very important task? The committee has access to *The Episcopal Church Musician's Handbook* which lists appropriate hymns for each Sunday and special services. So the selection process is rooted in sound theological choices and the committee is not working in a vacuum. Contact Chika Okoye and let her know that you are willing to serve in this capacity.

Rev. Betsy Myers and I worked to increase the tempo on many hymns while she was with us. On the Sundays when I am the Supply Organist, I am trying to continue with a faster pace on many of the hymns, if appropriate. And what about the resounding rendition of *Down by the Riverside* sung as a Postlude on May 17! What a joy to have the congregation singing along on the refrains! Hopefully this is satisfactory for those requesting more upbeat music. Let us make a joyful sound unto the Lord!

Please be sure to let Chika Okoye, chair of the Music Committee or any of the committee members - Wendie Germain, Louise Olshan, Marge Schafetz and Melissa Vitalos - know if you are happy with our efforts.

Louise Olshan  
On behalf of the Music Committee  
Chika Okoye  
Chair, Music Committee

## 7th Annual Golf Outing is Coming Soon!

The 7th Annual St. James' Golf Outing will be held on June 29 at Farmstead Golf & Country club. Registrations have started rolling in and the excitement is growing. The organizing committee has been hard at work in the background lining up sponsors and players, getting the prizes together and preparing for an excellent event. We are hoping to break our previous record number of golfers this year. As in years past, restaurants and golf courses in the area have been generous in donating gift certificates as prizes.

There is still time to join in the fun. There is still space available for players. Hole sponsorships are a great way to help out, and cost \$50 for a parishioner or family (deadline is June 14th). In either case, just fill out one of the forms found in the Great Hall or in the Narthex.

Even if you don't play, Farmstead puts on a great spread for dinner. At a cost of \$30 for those not playing golf, a buffet dinner is available and the opportunity to join in the fun of the raffle and 50/50.

Contact any of the committee members for more information. Dan Miller, Phyllis or Paul Bartkus, Meg or Bill Critchley, or Barbara Olesen.

Let's hope for great weather and a very successful Golf Outing!

Dan Miller



## Almost Time to Start the Summer Backpack Program.

We need volunteers to prep and run the program. Please spread the word.

### 1. Manage the client lists (need one volunteer)

Maintain the list of clients. Input the handwritten notes from GIVE into a spreadsheet to create the usage reports. Every two weeks create the "Delivery" list based on the data from the Client List Callers. Skills needed: email, excel

### 2. Client List Caller (have two volunteers need three or four more)

Every two weeks call the clients on your list and remind them about the GIVE. Record if your client needs delivery and report it to the Client List Manager by Thursday pm before GIVE. Record any special needs or dire circumstance for your clients.

### 3. Fresh Food Donation Coordinator (one leader and multiple recruiters)

Recruit and finalize with local vendors to provide fresh produce. Arrange for delivery or pick up on GIVE days.

### 4. Fresh Baked Goods Coordinator (one leader and multiple recruiters)

Recruit and finalize with local vendors to provide fresh bagels. Arrange for delivery or pick up on GIVE days.

### 5. Cloth Bag Coordinator (one leader and multiple recruiters)

Recruit and finalize with local vendors to provide cloth bags.

### 6. Thank you letters (one volunteer)

Take the pre-written letter, enter the proper name and address, print and mail to all donors.

Linda DeLoreto

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\* Special thanks go out to Mary Testerman who \*  
\* has been the coordinator for the \*  
\* School-Year Backpack program. She is \*  
\* resigning after three years of service! \*  
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## CONGRATULATIONS DREW!

Drew Lacouture is the recipient of a 2015 New Jersey State Principal and Supervisor's Association (NJPSA) Senior Leadership Award. The award included a significant scholarship presented at a recognition luncheon held that the NJPSA training facility in Monroe Twp. that Drew attended with his parents on May 19.

Every year, the principals of New Jersey high schools pick one senior to be the school's representative for the scholarship. The student is chosen based off their leadership in school activities. Then the NJPSA selects 25 seniors to receive the scholarship. Drew is the first Hackettstown High School student to ever receive the scholarship.



For Weekly Announcements and what's happening at St. James' visit our webpage: [stjameshackettstown.org](http://stjameshackettstown.org)  
Check out the new calendar!  
Sign up for email news!

# HONORING OUR GRADUATES

**2015**

NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL	Degree/Future Plans
Kevin Honigsberg	College	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	BS in Hospitality Management
Katie Lacouture	College	Widener College, University, PA	Bachelors of Social Work, Cum Laude
			Beginning service to our country through AmeriCorps, Denver, CO in Oct. 2015
Jeanette Nolan	College	Warren County Community College	(2) Associate Degrees
			Early Childhood Education and Secondary
Sylvia Okoye	College	Lehigh University	Masters in Engineering
Tina Okoye	College	Lehigh University	American Studies, Sociology Concentration
Drew Lacouture	12 <sup>th</sup>	Hackettstown High School	Attending Salisbury University, Salisbury MD
			Major: Elementary Education
Alex Van Clef	8 <sup>th</sup>	Great Meadows Middle School	
Amelia Quelly	6 <sup>th</sup>	Washington Borough Memorial School	Warren Hills Middle School
William Fleck	Elementary	Brass Castle Elementary	
Linda DeLoreto	EFM	The University of the South	EFM Certificate
Margaret Jenkins	EFM	The University of the South	EFM Certificate
Carol Novrit	EFM	The University of the South	EFM Certificate
Barbara Snyder	EFM	The University of the South	EFM Certificate

**CONGRATULATIONS  
GRADUATES!**



Kate  
Lacouture

## Bell Choir “Notes”

The St. James’ Multi-Generational Bell Choir started practicing again on April 19, preparing pieces that were played in May. On May 3, the choir played *Prelude* from the *Second Suite for Handbells* by Michael Helman. The piece was fun to play as it used several different bell ringing techniques, such as shake, martellato (gently ringing the bell into the foam on the bell table) and martellato lift (gently ringing the bell into the foam and then quickly raising the bell). On May 17 the choir played *Echoes* by Bill Ingram. The echo sound is created by ringing a bell and then gently tapping the rim of the bell on the foam. Other techniques used in the piece included shake and martellato. This piece was also great fun to play.

On May 17 the members of the Bell Choir for this school year were recognized for their dedication to the choir. Since I took two long vacations during this time, the members were very good about watching for rehearsal dates and dates for playing in church.

This spring we were happy to welcome back Pat and Richard Hawkins as ringers. We also welcomed their talented singing.

St. James’ is truly blessed to have such dedicated and faithful members of the Multi-Generational Bell Choir. This year the ringers were David Bernauer, Scott Carson, Pat Hawkins, Richard Hawkins, Drew Lacouture, Pam Laura, Chika Okoye, Tina Okoye, Sam Olshan, Marge Schafetz, Amelia Vitalos and Melissa Vitalos. Many thanks to each of you for a terrific year.

We congratulate both Tina and Sylvia Okoye on completing their Master’s degrees. We wish Tina the very best as she heads west to begin a new job.

Godspeed! The Bell Choir will certainly miss her talents. We hope that Sylvia will be around in the area for some ringing in the future.

Wishing the members of the Bell Choir a very relaxing and refreshing summer.

Louise Olshan

## Post Easter Singing and Ringing

From April 12 through May 24 I was the Supply Organist. I scheduled the Bell Choir to ring twice within these dates and also formed a little singing group to help lead the congregational singing and to sing an anthem. Regular Senior Choir members, Nancy Miller and Melissa Vitalos, joined in the effort. I am most appreciative of Pat and Richard Hawkins and David Bernauer who returned to St. James’ to help with this singing effort. Chika Okoye has been faithfully singing with the group and Tina Okoye has joined in when she is available. Nancy Miller, post knee surgery, has been making the climb into the balcony to be with the group. Stella and Koyote were also with us before their move.

On April 19 Pam Laura and David Bernauer rang a bell accompaniment for the closing hymn on several verses.

On April 26 Pat and Richard Hawkins, along with a friend of theirs, Stan Wantrobski, sang as a three-part trio, *This Alone*, for the anthem. The comments they received afterwards were most flattering.

On May 3 the Bell Choir rang as the anthem.

On May 10, Rogation Sunday, the singing group sang *For the Beauty of the Earth* as an anthem.

On May 17 the Bell Choir rang as the anthem and the singing group sang the postlude, *Down by the Riverside*. I still find myself singing the piece, focusing on



the words “ain’t gonna study war no more” and praying that there will be an end to war soon. We sang this piece for Memorial Day which was the following weekend.

Pat has been selecting the singing anthems. I have then sent the music to the singers and we have been rehearsing on Sunday mornings before the 10 AM service. This is all the more remarkable as Pat, Richard and David sing in another church at an 8 AM service and then have to hurry to St. James’.

Many thanks to Tina Okoye who sang the descant to the Communion hymn, *Alleluia, Alleluia*, on several Sundays. I know that I had goosebumps while she was singing. Father Guy has been preaching about joy and being joyful Christians. The descant brought real joy to me as I played the organ and listened. It has also been a joy to hear the hymns sung in parts.

What fun we have been having in the balcony. I have enjoyed this extra music each Sunday and, while I am not compensated for the additional work, I hope that it has been enhancing the worship experience for the congregation. It has been a true joy to work with the singers and ringers, all of whom love to sing or ring to the glory of God.

Please feel free to contact me about singing with this group. I should be returning as Supply Organist in late June and hope to have more music included in the services at that time.

Louise Olshan  
Supply Organist



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**Katherine Lacouture** graduated cum laude from Widener University in Chester PA with a Bachelors Degree in Social Work (BSW) on

May 15th. Katie was also awarded the “Outstanding Senior Project Award” by the School of Helping Professions for her project on the “Transition to Nursing Home Life for New Residents”.

While at Widener, Katie participated in many activities. She was a member of the Widener Choral Ensemble all four years for which she received a music scholarship. Katie’s other interests included Alternative Spring Break (ASB) where she traveled to North Carolina, Florida and Texas to work on building for local Habitat for Humanity chapters. She served as an ASB team leader for two years. Katie was also a member of the Widener Women’s Rugby Club where she played passionately for three years and served as Club Vice President for two years.

Katie interned at the Delaware County, PA Office Serving the Aging where she helped monitor placements in variety of residential settings and helped investigate complaints brought by residents and families. Katie’s quality work as an intern lead to her be assigned additional hours as paid staff at the agency her last semester.

Katie is lifeguarding and teaching swimming lessons at the Panther Valley Pool this summer. In October, Katie will begin a 10-month assignment with AmeriCorps. She will be assigned to the Southwest Region based in Denver, Co. Assignments will be throughout the Rocky Mt states and the Southwest.

**CONGRATULATIONS KATE!**

# MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PICTURES



Displaying Our Banner



Marchers from St. James'



Dave Handville and Chloe

## St. James Annual Picnic

Sunday, June 14th

10:00 AM (One service only)



Field of Dreams, Independence Township

Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please consider bringing a side dish and/or dessert.

Directions: Head west out of Hackettstown on Rt. 46. Go approximately 5 miles on Route 46 and make left on to Cemetery Road. Go approximately 1 mile and turn left in Field of Dreams Complex.

## JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> Journal Deadline for June Trinity Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM The Church El Shaddai	<b>1</b> 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Ocean Grove Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Literacy Tutoring 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling 8:15 PM EIM Evening Prayer	<b>3</b> 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM El Shaddai Church	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Honoring the Graduates 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM The Church El Shaddai	<b>8</b> 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Ocean Grove Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Literacy Tutoring 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling 8:15 PM EIM Evening Prayer	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM El Shaddai Church	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Church Picnic - One Service Flag Day 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM The Church El Shaddai	<b>15</b> 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Ocean Grove Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Literacy Tutoring 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>17</b> 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM El Shaddai Church	<b>18</b> 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Father's Day PACK - Summer Backpack Program 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM The Church El Shaddai	<b>22</b> 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Ocean Grove Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Literacy Tutoring 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>24</b> 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM El Shaddai Church	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> GIVE - Summer Back Pack Program 7:30 PM El Shaddai Church Great Hall
<b>28</b> Journal Deadline for July/August 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM The Church El Shaddai	<b>29</b> 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Ocean Grove Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Literacy Tutoring 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>1</b> 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM El Shaddai Church	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day

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## St. James' Staff & Vestry

Priest in Charge	Rev. Arthur "Guy" Fouts
Rector Emeritus:	The Rev. Clarence Sickles
Parish Administrator:	Julie Mills
Substitute Organist	Louise Olshan
Bell Choir Director:	Louise Olshan
Sexton:	Pauline Volkert

### Vestry

Senior Warden:	David Lacouture
Junior Warden:	Barbara Olesen

Paul Bartkus	Peter Quelly	Bill Critchley
Nancy Miller	Chris Krauss	Claudia Scala
	Chika Okoye	Janice Cipriani

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