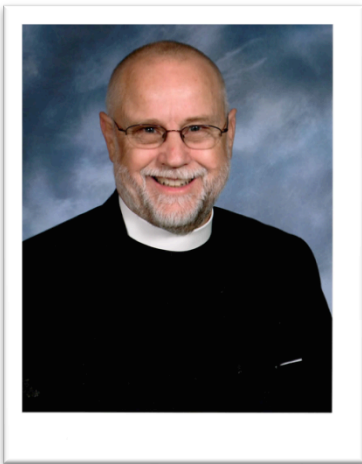


St. James Newsletter

June 2013

From the Rector

Capital Projects for the Love of God and Neighbor



God calls us to renew the physical fabric of our extraordinary buildings.

We do this to strengthen our presence as a conduit for the love of God and neighbor in this region and beyond. Please mark your calendars for 11:15 a.m., Sunday, June 9. At that time, Maryann Doyle, our parish's Capital Campaign Consultant, will share the results of the feasibility study she conducted from May 19 through May 21 in Woodstock.

Maryann interviewed thirty-three members of the St. James community. These conversations followed the presentation by architect Duo Dickinson on the broad scope of the Capital Projects and the range of estimated costs.

At the Coffee Hour following the 10 a.m. service on June 9, Maryann will report her findings. There will be the opportunity to ask questions. The

Vestry will be making decisions soon on the various priorities. They need your input in order to make the best decisions for the future of St. James' mission of love and service. Please join us!

Yours in Christ, Norman

Remember the Fair!

**Sign up sheets are now posted in the Parish Hall.
Stop in and join a committee!**

**The St. James 89th annual fair will be held on July 20th.
Donations will be accepted as of June 24th.**

**We accept household items, linens, toys, books, music,
artwork, furniture, tools, and food for our bake sale.**

Please remember - no clothing will be accepted.



Answers to Frequently Asked Questions About St. James' Biomass Furnace Options

What are the costs and savings of a biomass (wood-based) system?

Currently St. James' fuel oil usage costs approximately \$23,407 per year. The approximate cost to install a Pellet System is \$160,000; the estimate for yearly fuel savings for Church, Parish Hall and Rectory is \$10,534, and the payback would be 15 years. A Cordwood System would cost approximately \$137,000 (not including a storage shed); the yearly fuel savings would be \$14,052. The estimated cost for a part-time worker to feed the furnace is \$4000 per year. This would mean about a 14-year payback, and a contribution toward the local economy.

What about the oil furnace the church bought in 2012?

The oil furnace installed in 2012, at a cost of \$21,500, would serve as a back-up to a wood-burning system. If the fire went out on a cold day, the oil furnace would automatically kick in. Also, the wood system would be designed to replace 90 percent of the oil usage. The oil furnace would still be needed for certain conditions.

Don't wood furnaces pollute?

Traditional wood stoves and furnaces are smoky. The type that St. James is considering is more sophisticated, employing a secondary combustion chamber. It burns the wood and it burns the smoke. Very little pollution comes out of the chimney.

Wood releases carbon when it burns. Would that contribute to global warming?

The carbon returned to the atmosphere when wood is burned is captured by new tree growth over the course of decades, creating a balance. The carbon released into the atmosphere by oil, natural gas and coal comes from the life and death of plant and animal life over millions of

years. Its concentrated injection into the atmosphere through the burning of massive quantities of these fossil fuels adds carbon above and beyond Earth's pre-industrial carbon dioxide levels, causing global climate change.

Will we run out of wood one of these days?

Woodstock is surrounded by properties with significant, renewable woodlots. Responsible care of the forests in our area naturally produces enough cordwood for our needs, and for the needs of many more users. We would only use cordwood that is harvested in a sustainable manner, meaning the overall amount of wood never diminishes.

What about the environmental impact of a Wood Pellet System vs. a Cordwood System?

Pellets have a larger carbon footprint than locally grown cordwood. The raw material for pellets, generally wood, requires transportation from the source. The wood goes through a process to create the pellets. The product then is delivered to dealers and to the end users. These activities all depend on the use of fossil fuels. Burning wood pellets is still better for the Earth than oil, natural gas or coal.

Feasibility Study Results Sunday, June 9, 2013

**Presentation by Capital Campaign
Consultant Maryann Doyle
11:15 a.m.**

Please join us for coffee hour prepared by the Vestry and hear the findings of the feasibility study for moving forward with the capital campaign projects.

Sunday School Report

The Sunday School Program will continue through June before taking the summer months off. We will be following the *Living the Good News* Multi-Generational Curriculum during June, along with tailoring some activities unique to St. James.

Our participation in Sunday School Program remains stable. During the Winter-Spring of 2012, we had an average of about five children per Sunday. During the fall of 2012, we had an average of about seven children per Sunday.

Lora Wise joined us as Sunday School Program Co-Director on October 21, 2012. For the Christmas Pageant, we had 18 children participating in the pageant and they gave a wonderful performance. During the Winter-Spring of 2013, we had an average of about six children per Sunday.

Carl Groppe frequently updates our *Saint James Episcopal Church Sunday School* Facebook® page with our Sunday School program activities and we encourage you to “like us.” We thank Carl for his efforts.

Enjoy the summer,
~ Kim Edgar, Sunday School Co-Director

Summer Schedules at St. James

Rev. Norman MacLeod will be on vacation from June 17 to July 2, and from August 2 to August 20. During his absence, The Rev. Betty Berlenbach will preach and celebrate at Sunday services. Sari White, Parish Administrator will be out of the office June 3-7.

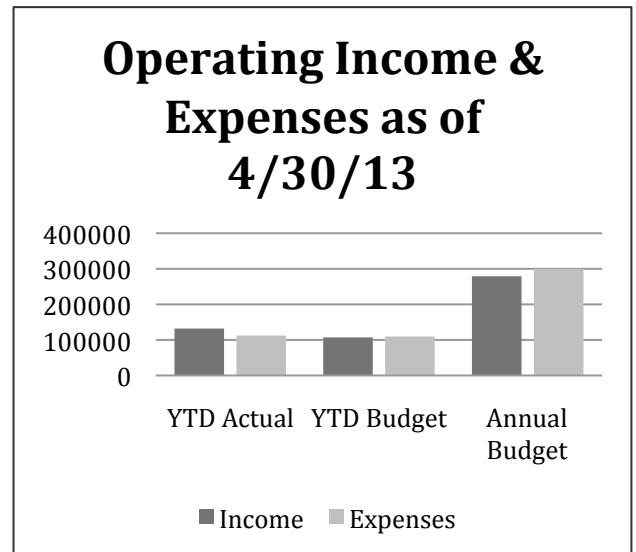
Summer Choir



Do you enjoy singing but can't commit the time to the St. James Choir? Beginning June 2 and continuing on during the summer season, we welcome anyone who has a desire to sing to join our informal 'summer' choir. Just gather on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for a brief rehearsal and then sing at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Thank you to all who returned a filled bag for the food shelf on Pentecost Sunday.

Treasurer's Report



Through the end of April, income is a bit ahead while expenses remain close to the projected budget. Some early pledge receipts have provided good cash flow so far this year. Thank you for your continued support.

Choral Recital A Musical Celebration of God's Glory

On Sunday, June 9 at 5:00 p.m. the St. James Choir & Choristers will join forces with ProMusica Vermont in a recital featuring liturgical works of Johann Sebastian Bach.

The recital will include the triumphant Cantata for the Feast of the Ascension, “Praise God in his kingdoms” (BWV 11) and a Cantata for the Trinity, “Praised be the Lord, my God” (BWV 129). Through the texts and music, Bach tells of the glorious Ascension of the Lord forty days after His Resurrection and depicts the great mystery of the Holy Trinity, God in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Will you please join us through your support and attendance celebrating these two victorious events in the life of the church?

The Rev. Norman MacLeod will lead a pre-concert discussion on the Trinity and the Ascension at 4 p.m.

This program is free and all are invited. Donations are encouraged to help cover the musician fee.

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Save the Dates

Sunday, June 16

Meeting & Breakfast to Plan for 89th St. James Fair

**9:00 a.m. Breakfast followed by information and chance to
sign up for committees.**

Sunday, July 28

St. James Mid-Summer Picnic

At King Farm

128 King Farm Road, Woodstock



St. James will provide hot dogs and burgers. Please bring salads, side dishes, desserts, and beverages to share. Picnic will begin at noon.