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# St. James Times

Saint James Episcopal Church

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## Spiritual Reflection is For All of Us

For the past six months, the Saint James Vestry has spent the first 30 minutes of their meetings in prayer and study. At our Vestry Retreat, the former covenant was replaced with a Vestry Rule of Life. Each meeting we read our rule of life, reminding ourselves and one another how we choose to be the Vestry of Saint James together. Lectio Divina (holy reading) is one of our spiritual disciplines. We begin with a prayer; then we read a passage listening for a word, image, phrase, something that speaks to us in the passage, and then using mutual invitation (inviting another to share), we share our thoughts. The passage is read a second time and another question is answered, then read a third time and another reflection question is shared. This process has enabled us to reflect, share, and to listen to others. This deepens our own experience as well as our relationship with one another. Not everyone thinks alike, and that challenges us to see with new eyes.

Members of the Vestry are also called to be spiritual leaders in the parish along with the Rector. Not just people dealing with building issues and financial matters. Being grounded in prayer and study is a way for the Vestry to deepen their own spiritual lives and to truly live into their roles as leaders in the parish. We are in discernment at Saint James. And since being grounded in study and prayer is necessary for discernment, the Vestry would like every committee at Saint James to join with them in their monthly study. Each month following the Vestry meeting, we will publish a Committee Study to be used by each group. There will be an opening prayer followed by a scripture passage or spiritual reading and three questions. The passage is to be read aloud three times, with silent reflection after each reading and a sharing based on three different reflection questions. We hope that each committee of Saint James will join with the Vestry in this spiritual discipline. Please contact Kathryn+ if you have any questions.

Blessings,  
Kathryn Costas



## BILL FRAZIER AND SONS

### Bill Frazier and Sons Travel to Washington

My dad was recently treated to a special weekend in early June. My brother, Scott, arranged for all of us to fly to Washington for a weekend of Marine Corps-related activities.

We ( Sallie couldn't go due to taking care of her husband, Vernon, who is recovering from a stroke) started the afternoon with meeting up with John Deitel, an old friend and fellow Marine, who now works with Homeland Security, protecting our national interests—that's all he could tell us! John was waiting for us with a Marine Corps wheelchair, reserved parking next to the Eighth and I Marine Corps Barracks and parade ground, and street from the Evening of all ranks Daddy and him when a hand and give him a "challenge coin." You'll have to let him explain its use.



a reserved table at a popular Irish pub directly across the entrance. After a tasty meal, John escorted us into compound and to our reserved seats on the grass. The Parade ceremony was awesome and inspiring. Marines stopped by before and after the ceremony to talk to thank him for his service. A humbling moment came for Marine 3-star General knelt beside him to shake his hand and give him a "challenge coin." You'll have to let him explain its use.

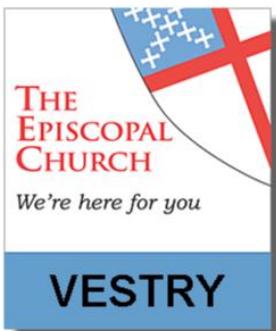
All day Saturday was spent exploring the Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, VA. After a full day of touring, we had an afternoon snack at a replica of the Tun Tavern where the Marine Corps began in 1775 in Philadelphia. Saturday evening was spent at the hotel reminiscing and relaxing. Sunday, we enjoyed another special flight back to Charlotte.

Thanks to my brother for arranging everything. My role was mainly supportive and to push the wheelchair as needed. Friday, Daddy was fairly reliant on it but by Saturday afternoon, he was walking more than riding, and that was heartening to see. We shared stories and memories, and family bonds were strengthened. All of us, and especially Daddy, will look back fondly on this trip for many years, and hopefully take another one in the near future to Camp Lejuene.

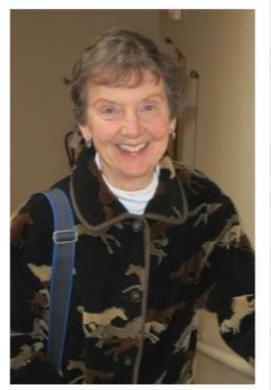
*By Mac Frazier*



## JULY VESTRY MINUTES



*Provided by Senior Warden Barbara Busch  
Monday, June 20 Vestry Meeting, In Brief*



*You may request a copy of full Vestry minutes after they are approved at the following month's meeting.  
You will find full approved minutes on the church website; go to*

[www.saintjamesepiscopal.org](http://www.saintjamesepiscopal.org). Also, Vestry meetings are open, so you are welcome to attend. Below is a summary of topics discussed and actions taken at this month's Vestry meeting, provided by Senior Warden Barbara Busch.

We started with opening prayers, a prayer list made by vestry members, and a reading of the Vestry Rule of Life for 2016. This month we used an opening prayer for a committee meeting and a poem by Teresa of Avilla as the basis for meditation. A suggestion is to have every committee and group that meets at St. James use the same prayer and meditation each month.

We then approved the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the May meeting, reports from the treasurer, senior warden, interim rector, and inreach/outreach, and approval of the job descriptions for the Music Director and Sexton. Other job descriptions will be reviewed at a later meeting.

Deacon Melissa Eggers was present to announce her retirement as an active deacon, effective July 3. We will have one service on July 3 at 9:30 AM followed by a meal.

We approved summer nursery hours starting at 10 AM and running until the end of the 10:30 service.

Kathryn will take one week of vacation in Sept. and another week later in the year.

Our new phone system is installed and working.

John Limbrunner and Tim Scobie volunteered to organize a fixed asset inventory.

Mutual Ministry Review is required every three months during the interim period. We discussed what is working well and what needs improvement.

James Hogan reviewed the issues concerning ventilation in the organ pipe area. More information will be gathered for the July meeting.

Our website needs updating. Kathryn recommended Digital Faith as the web host. We need someone to do the work involved. Qualified volunteers are preferred, but a paid person might be needed.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Vestry Meeting: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 6 PM (This is a change from the previous date of Monday, July 18. In 2016, Vestry meetings are usually scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Each Month.)**

## BREAD FOR THE WORLD



### ***ST JAMES Episcopal Church Offering of Letters***

June 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2016(Sorry this one is late)

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD** is a **collective Christian voice** urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. God's grace in Jesus Christ moves us to reach out to our neighbors—whether they live next door, in another state, or on another continent.

Pentecost Sunday, a great number of members did just that. During our congregational lunch after the combined 9:30 service many came up to write and sign their name to letters. Each letter was requesting our Senate and District Congressional Representative to stand up against world hunger by funding financial legislation that could help young mothers, children, and pregnant women. We had a great turn out! All of us from the CARE Committee wish to thank each of you who took the time to write at our display tables or to take home the labels and stationary to write from home.

**Bread for the World** this year is supporting a \$230 million funding program for mother and child nutrition. This increase should happen in the Global Health Account in the State Department Foreign Operations Appropriation Bill. In addition, if congress would pass the **Global Food Security Act** and help reform the way it provides food aid, this would ensure continued US investments in agriculture, thus improving nutrition and increasing the productivity of small land farmers. Reforming food aid will also allow the US to provide humanitarian

assistance in a timely and more effective way. With these reforms, women and children will be more likely to receive the right kind of nutrition in the 1000 day window between pregnancy and age 2.

But Bread for the World not only supports food aid but also educational programs that address basic food needs like good nutrition for children and pregnant women. With US government assistance relief services and other agencies, we are helping mothers provide the correct nutrition their children need for mind and body development. This allows all of God's children to **SURVIVE AND THRIVE** on our planet.

Thank you again for your participation. If you would like to write your local Representative or Senator about Bread for the World and other nutritional funding below are their names and addresses.

**By: Care Members, Jennie Deal, Betty Purcell, Charlotte Reid**

**Senator Thom Tillis**  
185 Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Senator Richard Burr**  
217 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 25010

**Congressman Mark Meadows**  
1024 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

MANY PEOPLE CAME OUT TO WRITE!



## WRITING!





## GOOD

### DEEDS

We all know that Hank and Gloria Friberg do a wonderful job with the Backpack Program for children's lunches. But did you know that they also volunteer at a pharmacy? Busy, busy people!!

As luck would have it, I have the opportunity to work alongside Hank and Gloria once a week at the **Helping Hands Pharmacy and Clinic** across from our St. James. **Helping Hands** is a non-profit medical clinic and pharmacy for uninsured people living in Caldwell County. Helping Hands is completely funded by private donations from our community. A detailed interview is given to each possible client and current financial information is requested. Once the requirements are met for assistance through the clinic they are issued identification and can begin to receive free medical and pharmacy services. A donation for these services is suggest but not necessary. Wendy, a full time employee in the pharmacy explained that the medicine is donated through drug companies. Charity events are also held to raise monies for the remaining drugs needs along with employee salaries and facility expenses. These two industrious church members give **two hours** or more **twice** a week on Wednesday and Thursdays to give out medicine from the pharmacy. They have been volunteering well over two years now and know that pharmacy inside and out!

A church member, Lily Bunch suggested to Hank and Gloria that they volunteer at the clinic. Now to be fair, many people from all over the Lenoir area give time at the clinic and pharmacy. Nurses, office and reception personal, pharmacists, and caring people like Hank and Gloria.

To be involved with the pharmacy one has only to know the alphabet, read names and have a winning smile and caring manner. The pharmacist who volunteers each day will fill the prescriptions and the volunteers bag them and place them in ABC order in clear plastic hanging bags. The client comes to the window, shows their card and takes their medicine. This pharmacy allows many people to receive much needed medical help and who would not be able to afford these type of services otherwise.

One of the many reasons Gloria and Hank volunteer at Helping Hands is that they both enjoy the interaction with the staff and the clients who come to the pharmacy. If you would like to know more about this medical and pharmacy clinic, contact Helping Hands, 810 Harper Avenue NW, Lenoir, NC 28645 or call 828-754-8565 or go to their web site at: [www.helpinghandsclinic.org](http://www.helpinghandsclinic.org).

Volunteers are always welcome!

Follow our blog at:

[www.thegoodnewsatstjames.wordpress.com](http://www.thegoodnewsatstjames.wordpress.com) for more Good Deeds by our church members!



**pills and more pills**



## A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF!

**By Charlotte Reid**



### **2016 June Room at the Table**

**By: Melissa Eggers**

Although June 11 was a very hot day, things rolled on nicely with the Room at the Table meal, as they always do in the Hogan Room on the second Saturday at 4:00. Joining Jennie Deal as a co-captain was team member as well as friend and neighbor Roz MacGuire. It was not difficult for them to plan their team's menu because it's the same menu this team has used since Room at the Table's inception: pinto beans with ham, macaroni and cheese casseroles, greens, slaw, fresh tomatoes (given to Jennie for

half price by a vegetable lady because she admires this ministry), cornbread and also rolls, and for dessert brownies and ice cream sundaes.

Many of the guests talked about how much they love the food this team serves. Not only do they love the particular foods, but also they rave about how it is prepared. And for the first time this team ran out of ice cream, probably because of the terrific toppings provided for the sundaes, which included banana slices. 57 guests came to dinner, with 40 take-outs. Leftover beans and ham, macaroni and cheese, slaw, and rolls were taken to Bethel Colony, who was thrilled to receive the food.

Almost everyone on the team contributed in some way or other, but only about half of them could be present at the meal. So other parishioners such as Craig Mills and Annette Beam came to help. In addition, some members of the Universal Unitarian Church came and pitched in at this meal.

This team also does a great job of involving family, friends, and neighbors in helping out. Four team members are not parishioners of St. James, but they are here faithfully at each of the team's meals. A particularly happy story for this team is that of a young man named Brylan Teague. His mother, Mary Teague, is one of the non-St. James team members who always participates by providing cornbread when the team is at bat. Her son Brylan has helped this team also ever since he was 13 years old. At this meal his participation was recognized, along with the announcement that he graduated from Hibriten the Friday evening before this meal. After not getting home until 3:30AM on Saturday, he still showed up to help with our meal that afternoon! We hope Brylan will be back to help this team every time he is home from UNC-Charlotte on this team's R@T weekends.

Here is a listing of the names of everyone who participated in any way at all with this meal, whether by being present, providing food, shopping, or contributing money:

Roz MacGuire

Jennie Deal

Don Bushman & Lucy McCarl  
 Martha Combs, Emma  
 Betty Purcell  
 Nancy Havrilack  
 Mary Teague  
 Brylan Teague



Becky Whisnant

Jim and Melinda Crawford

Leigh Anne Frye

Maggie Martin

Reavon Prestwood

Brad Prestwood

Nancy Havrilack

Betty Purcell

Mary Teague

Brylan Teague

Becky Whisnant

Cathy Kaminsky

Charles Senf

Jan Kahle

Larry Bailey

Rosemary Rowland

John and Christine Limbrunner

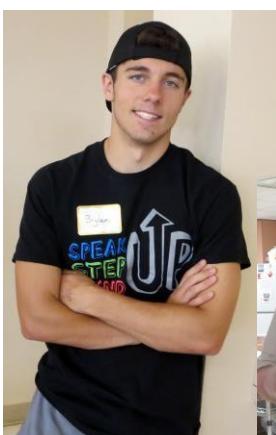
Roger Muckenfuss

Melissa Eggers

Kathryn Costas

Gloria and Hank Friberg





## **GOOD TO KNOW: BUTCH OWENS**

*In 2004 and for the next five years or so, the monthly issues of the church newsletter contained a series of articles about particular parishioners. Sometimes the articles were about newcomers, and sometimes names were chosen completely at random. One of the first persons written about was Butch Owens. Here is that article—again, for those of you here in 2005—and for those of you newer folk, here's your introduction to Butch. Then follows an update, bringing us up to the present year of 2016 with Butch.*

**From February, 2005:**

Butch Owens has been a jack-of-all-trades here at St. James, having served this church in many ways since coming here around 25 years ago. We have Lorraine Mummert to thank for Butch and Laura's presence here. When they married 26 years ago, they first lived in Meadow Wood Garden Apartments, where Lorraine was their neighbor. They weren't very pleased with the church they were attending at the time, so when Lorraine invited them to her church, they attended here and have remained at St. James ever since. Butch has served as an acolyte himself, been in charge of the acolytes, taught Sunday School, served on the search committee that called Ingram here, been on the Vestry, served as Junior Warden, and now serves on the Altar Guild. That is a lot of service to the church in 25 years. His heart may belong most of all to acolyte service and helping out the children and youth who participate in it. When asked what he would spend a goodly sum of money on at St. James, Butch had a very specific thing in mind: a new, lighter-weight processional cross. The one we have now, he says, is top heavy and too difficult for some young people to carry.

Butch says that when they first came here and experienced an Episcopal Church service, it seemed kind of foreign at first. But he says this was the friendliest congregation they'd ever known; in fact, he says that's still true of us as a congregation and is one of the best things about us. When asked what he likes best about Episcopalianism, Butch's response was this: in an Episcopal church, the service doesn't change to fit the people; rather, we change to fit it. It is an intriguing idea, and one you might not have considered before. But on mulling over that statement, its truth becomes apparent, doesn't it? Indeed, our liturgy remains the same—through the years and in all Anglican churches throughout the world. When we come to this church, we know there will be a Book of Common Prayer to use and a liturgy in which we will participate and to which we will adapt ourselves in order to do so. There is something appealing, Butch thinks, about the fact that we as individuals must see ourselves as subordinate to the liturgy and live out that truth by adapting to fit it.

In addition to his dedication to St. James, Butch is a devoted family man. Both he and Laura are in their early 50's and have been married for 26 years. They have one son, Matthew, aged 22, who has given them a grandson as well, Caelin, age 2. Butch gives as the three milestones of his



life his marriage to Laura, Matthew's birth, and his grandson's birth. And when asked when and where he is happiest, his answer is "being around family." His childhood was also family oriented, with his family doing lots of activities together, like Butch and his two brothers getting out in the yard and playing ball together. The greatest loss of Butch's life so far has been the death of his father in 1985. His mother, now in her 70's, is still living.

Butch's two regrets in life are ones that many of us have in common with him: he wishes he had been more motivated when he was younger, and he wishes he'd taken better care of his health. Who of us doesn't have the same wishes, to one degree or another? But he is general quite contented with life, and his wishes are simple ones. The perfect day for Butch would be getting up at 5:30, which is something he does now because the morning is his favorite part of the day. He'd have waffles and bacon for breakfast, go for a ride, have barbecue for supper, and watch television. Since he does most of those things with great frequency now, his life is already pretty much the way he wants it to be. When he retires in another 12 years or so, he and Laura would like to travel more, but they always want to come back home, Butch says.

Laura describes her husband's greatest strengths as being loyalty and conscientiousness. He has worked at the same place for 19 years and doesn't mind going further than others are sometimes willing to do, like staying over to work longer when it's necessary. At home, he helps out around the house and takes care of things and, again, goes out of his way to make certain things are done right. That has been our experience of Butch as well, when you think of it, as his fellow parishioners at St. James. Butch is present, serving the church, just as he has been doing for a quarter of a century, making certain that things are done right and going the extra mile to see that they are. People like Butch are the life-blood of the church, and we appreciate all he does out of his loyalty to St. James.

### **The present, June 2016:**

Butch is presently a patient at Lenoir Health Care, where he is undergoing rehabilitation after one of his legs was amputated below the knee several weeks ago. In addition to regaining strength, Butch will be fitted with a prosthesis so that he will be able to walk again. He is determined to get his mobility back.

Since 2005, Butch's health has declined for a couple of major reasons. He had triple bypass surgery on his heart in 2006, after which he was not able to get around as actively as he had been able to do. So being sedentary contributed further to already poor blood circulation as a result of diabetes that was first diagnosed 31 years ago. Diabetes caused the health of Butch's legs to become poor, especially in the last two years, during which he has had various surgeries and periods of hospitalizations and rehabilitations.

But Butch's enjoyment of life remains strong. In 2013 he retired after 28 years of service with the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Preceding those years were 16 work years at Kentwood Florist. Now he enjoys being at home during the day with their two Scotties, Maggie and Charlie, whom you see pictured with Laura and with Butch at our 2011 Blessing of the Animals. At least one of them comes to this St. James event every year.





Following son Matt's marriage at St. James in 2008, their family grew. Wife Stephanie had two sons when they married, and together Matt and Stephanie have also had a daughter Kaylie, now age 3. The family lives in Jacksonville, Alabama. Laura and Butch go down there whenever they can, and Stephanie and Matt visit here as well. Grandson Caelin is now 13 and very much a part of the family.

Butch's mother died in 2013, and Laura's father died last year, which were both big losses. A "bucket list" item for Butch would be to go on a paddleboat cruise, like down the Mississippi River. Laura's number one wish would be to visit the Western Isles of Scotland. For now,

their main goal is to get Butch up and walking again. Butch would love to be able to walk up to the altar on Sunday mornings to receive communion. They both speak of how much their St. James family means to them, saying, "Without God's presence and the prayers and support of our church family, we would not be where we are now. We love you all very much."

When you are with Butch you are aware of his determination to maintain a good quality about his rehabilitation assignments like a man indeed, that's what he is. Butch is doing what he order to get back on his feet and back home. uncomplainingly and with steady cheer. Those with his loyalty to family and to us at St. James, good to know

*By Melissa Eggers*



perseverance and of living. He goes on a mission. And needs to do in And he does it qualities, along make Butch mighty



## Church Summer Picnic by Owen Swann and Teige West

On June 5th, over 50 children, youth, young adults, and more "seasoned" members of St. James gathered at church for our first Summer Fun Get-Together. We had planned to meet at the Mulberry Rec Center for an outdoor picnic and so that the children could use the playground, but the weather was questionable for most of the day; we ended up using the church for our rain site.

Those who attended brought delicious and varied dishes to share with parishioners. We had spinach salad, hoagies, PB&J, cookies, several kinds of dip with crackers, veggies, casseroles, lasagna, and the picnic-essential, fried chicken (Owen liked the KFC best; he had three pieces).

We had over 15 children, several members of the group, and almost all of our young adults attend. set up corn hole boards (courtesy of Evelyn Beam) covered area by the Hogan Room. They all had a time

playing underneath while it rained at the beginning afternoon. They also played foosball in the Youth/Community Room. While it did rain right at of the event, it later turned into a sunny day. Some kids used the playground area, where William a really fun game that everyone played for a long

Everyone said that they had a wonderful time, that good to come together outside of Sunday services and outreach work and get to talk, laugh, and eat. The kids absolutely loved the picnic.

Owen says, "I hope we do it again sometime soon and I hope someone brings KFC!"

We have two other Summer Fun Events scheduled, so please mark your calendars! July 17th will be the Crawdad's game. Meet at 4:45 in front of the stadium and bring your church bulletin to get a \$6 ticket. We will also have a pool party on August 7th, details TBA. We hope to see you there!

**By: Teige West**



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## St. James Prayer Service in Response to Violence in Orlando

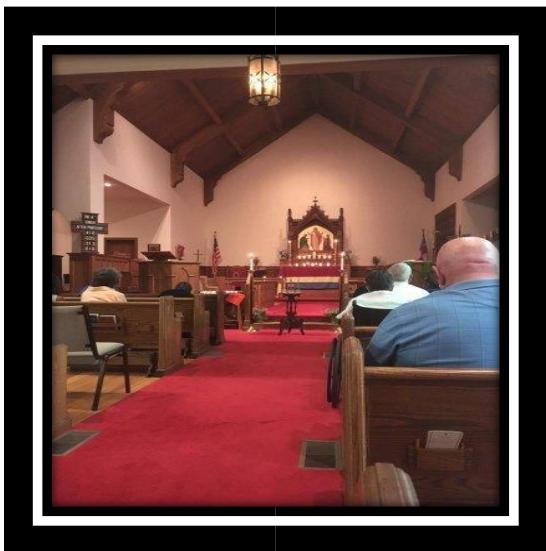
When you came to church for the Wednesday noon service on June 15, there was already energy in the air and changes to be seen. Preparation was under way for the prayer service at 7:00 that evening to mourn the people killed early on the previous Sunday morning in Orlando.

The church was absolutely humming with energy and alive with busy people working together for a common purpose. People talking together in the sacristy. All kinds of candles everywhere. Items of furniture sitting about, ready to be placed around the sanctuary for various purposes. In Kathryn's office, you found her typing the bulletin for the service and responding to people as they entered and left with questions and information to share. The activities continued through the afternoon and up until the 7:00 service. "This is what church should BE like!" I remember thinking. Even the preparations for the service felt holy and spirit-filled.

For those who were not present, here are some photos of the event to show you how lovingly the church was decorated. Thanks go to Joel Kincaid for taking these pictures and letting us use them. Thanks also to the parishioners who shared their thoughts with us about their experience of the service.

*By Melissa Eggers*







## Prayer Service Thoughts

The St. James memorial service for the victims of the tragedy in Orlando was so meaningful. I was pleased that our parish could gather as a community and share grief and love with others in this area. Reading aloud the names of the victims while God wept was an experience I shall not forget. Thanks to all who were a part of the service. *By: Betty Purcell*

The prayer service was wonderful. We had a great crowd; not only did we have many parishioners, but we had several dozen from the community. Those who attended came from every possible background, a good representation of how our country comes together in times of tragedy. The passages and prayers chosen reminded us that God has called us to love one another—a very serious responsibility that we must live everyday, when it is easy and, most importantly, when it is difficult. The rainbow flag and the rainbow hangings on the altar were surprising. I see photos all the time of Episcopal churches with rainbows, but I'd never seen that here. Equally surprising was the number of people who photographed all of that and shared with others through Facebook and text. And lastly, when Don and Kathryn were reading names of people killed, it started to rain really hard, and then, literally, when the last name (the shooter) was read, it completely stopped raining. *Teige West*

Everything about Wednesday's service was perfect—the candlelight, the readings, the music, the bell—and, of course, God's well-timed rain. I am grateful to all those who participated in the planning and preparing for the service. I saw it as a real team effort that provided a time of solace and hope in the midst of confusion, sadness, and fear. St James really stepped up! *Jennifer Greer*

When I walked into the church for the vigil last week, I was amazed at the altar. All the candles glowing and the altar hanging colors; so perfect and fitting. Thanks to the ladies who worked so diligently to set the altar for the special service. It was mesmerizing to me, as we gathered in the garden to hear the names of the Orlando victims read, the rain started to fall slowly, then a little faster, then suddenly stopped after the last name was read. Then the rain began to fall pretty hard as we all walked inside. It seemed we were all in our dear Lord's arms. My thanks to Kathryn for a beautiful service.

*By: Rebecca Sime*



## ***From Lynda Lea Bonkemeyer***

***From This Day Forward*** is an outdoor drama that tells the story of the Waldenses, a people from the Cottian Alps in Northern Italy and the founders of the Town of Valdese. The production begins with the early days of religious persecution by the Roman Catholic establishment and Louis XIV of France. The play follows the Waldenses through years of exile, a triumphant battle and return to their homeland, and the journey of a group of Waldenses to America in the late nineteenth century to find new land and prosperity.

The production has been staged each year since 1968 by the Old Colony Players, a community theater company based at the Old Rock School in Valdese. The play was written by Fred Cranford, a Burke County native.

The part of young Michael will be played by Auguste Thielemann and he would love to see a few members of the St. James family in the audience. There are ten performances, so hopefully some of you can make one this summer!

This year the performances begin on Friday, July 15 and run every Friday and Saturday nights through August 13. Performances start at 7:30pm and tickets range from \$12-\$18 dollars. For more information call the Valdese Tourism Office at 828-879-2126/888Valdese or email [bhefner@ci.valdese.nc.us](mailto:bhefner@ci.valdese.nc.us) The website to purchase tickets online is <http://townofvaldese.com>.



Thank you! Lynda Lea Bonkemeyer

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## BLY JONAS SERVICE AWARD

In the fall of 2014, the Vestry approved a service award to honor a St. James parishioner who has given to the church of her/his time and talent. Susan Strawn and Jeanne Whisnant worked on the details of the award, searching through the names of parishioners who have passed away. After prayerful consideration, it was decided that the award should be named for Bly Jonas. The Jonas family gave us their approval, and the first award was presented on Pentecost, 2015 to Eric Miller in recognition of his long service and in particular for the beautiful woodwork he has designed and created for St. James.

When names were considered for the second presentation, Larry Bailey was the most outstanding parishioner we could think of!

Larry has served St. James in so many ways – Vestry, Room at the Table, backpack ministry, allround service to our church. Larry is the one who opens the church every Sunday. He comes at all hours of the day and night when the alarm goes off. He has taken on the work of Sexton after we lost John Wright. He keeps watch on the roof and the drains so that the church does not leak or overflow! He is the person who worked with the arborist to have the trees trimmed properly.

Along with Charlene and the Millers, he worked to rebuild the Memorial Garden. He keeps track of the Mary's Grove cemetery. The ways in which Larry contributes to our parish could fill this entire newsletter. And if he suddenly left us, we would be in the midst of a nightmare!

Our selection of our first two recipients has set the bar very high for our third. The selection will be made next spring and the award presented on Pentecost.

By: Jeanne Whisnant



## Transitions



June is the time of year marked by graduations, which is one of the major life transitions. There are others such as marriages, retirements, and promotions, to name a few. When we asked people to send to the church office any transitions they knew of, here is what we received. Congratulations to one and all!

Alena Powell Jones: graduated from high school and going to college.

Liam Conrad: graduated from high school and going to prep school.

Victoria Bailey: moving from William Lenoir Middle School to Hibriten High School.

Barry Bailey: promoted to battalion chief.

Courtney Clark: graduated from Appalachian State University.

Hope Estepan: graduated from Education for Ministry (EFM).

Kathy Lyday: retiring from Caldwell County Schools.

Karen Tolbert: retiring from Caldwell County Schools.

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**Friendly reminder:** EFM needs students. If you have interest in studying the Bible in depth and having good conversations please call Jennie Deal at: 828-758-9448 or email: [jenniedeal@gmail.com](mailto:jenniedeal@gmail.com). Deadline for application is closing soon!

