

# **NEVERTHELESS- October 2011**

**St. James the Less, Episcopal Church**  
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## **Calendar of Events**

**Oct. 2, 10am:**  
**Blessing of the Animals**  
**follows the service – outside**  
**on the front steps.**

**Oct. 3, 11am:**  
**ECW meets at Fork Church.**

**Oct. 10, Columbus Day:**  
**Church office will be closed.**

**Oct. 11, 7pm:**  
**Vestry meeting**

**Oct. 15:**  
**Rison-Sutherland wedding**  
**7pm: Supper Club meets**  
**for “pot luck” in Brydon Hall.**

**Oct. 16 & 23:**  
**African Team Ministries**

**Oct 23, 10am:**  
**Acolyte Recognition Sunday**

**Oct. 29, 9am-3pm:**  
**Diocesan Youth Day**

**Oct. 30, 5:30pm:**  
**Outreach Dinner**

**Nov. 6:**  
**All Saints’ Sunday**

## **A Letter from the Rev. Charles Joy**

My Dear Friends,

A couple of months ago Dale Hill and I were having a conversation with someone from St James the Less, and neither of us can quite remember who. The conversation included speaking of Edna St Vincent Millay and the artist from Richmond who created her statue in Camden, Maine. If the person we were speaking with will identify themselves, I have something to give you!

On another level, this experience reminds me again that our life every day is textured with many conversations. Most of them are forgotten, but they are nonetheless formative in our daily growth and development. It’s a little like our meals. What did you have for dinner on the third Thursday of March? We don’t remember very much or very long about ordinary meals, but each one is ingested into our bodies and contributes to our physical life even if the great majority of the meals are forgotten.

When my mother entered the very last years of her life, her memory failed, but at first the process erased only recent things. Memories of long ago remained intact. I used to call her on the telephone in Connecticut, and we would talk at length about the people who lived in Sullivan, Maine in her childhood. She could remember them clearly, and stories about them all. I had heard of those people all my life, and although most of them had died before I was born, my mother and I could maintain connection through those conversations. Those telephone visits together kept us connected as conversations tend to do. They were made possible by the layers of years of speaking back and forth of old and long memories.

The Gospels are the product of many conversations; Jesus talking to his friends and to mostly nameless people in Palestine; the apostles speaking their memories of Jesus and forming them into the gospel texts and into the Church’s theology; our speaking together week after week as we reflect together in sermons and in prayers the long remembered conversations of the Christian people, although most of the speakers have been forgotten.

It's important to cherish the words that we share; important to value our ability to speak together of the things of the heart and of the affairs of the faith that gives us life; important to remember that in such small and mostly unmemorable ways we feed one another's spirits. Our words don't have to be memorable to be vital to our health and welfare. That's why I love this prayer that I sometimes use before we collaborate together in a sermon: "Grant, O God, that the words that we say and the words that we hear may find their life in the Word that is your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

JOYfully yours,

Charles

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### ***Passages:***

We welcome two new families into the Saint James the Less household:  
William and Evelyn Tweel----and Sergio, Freda, Gabrielle Zachary and Danielle Sergi.

Born: Russell Vaughan Palmore Yancey, September 25. He is the grandson of the late Russell Palmore and the grand nephew of Condé Hopkins and Lelia Wehman.

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We mourn the loss of Robert Edward Jordan, husband of Pat,  
who died on August 24.  
*May his soul and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.*

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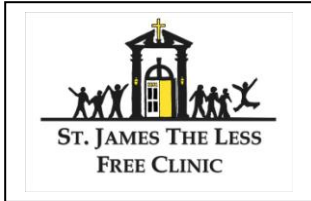
### ***Announcements:***

**Supper Club:** Please join us, even if you haven't signed up! The first of this year's dinners will be a pot luck affair, held in Brydon Hall at 7pm on Saturday, October 15.

**Opportunities for Ministry:** A new bulletin board has been mounted in the main hallway. Please read and consider the many ways in which you can use your talents to help SJTL to continue grow and to meet the needs of the local community.

**Episcopal Church Women (ECW):** The Annual Meeting of the Diocesan ECW will take place on Tuesday, October 25, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Annandale. Information will be posted on the bulletin board.

**African Team Ministries:** Handmade items will be on display for sale after services on Oct. 16 and 23. All proceeds are used to help lift our brothers and sisters in Africa out of poverty.



## **Saint James the Less Free Clinic** – October 2011

Volunteers are the foundation and backbone of St. James the Less Free Clinic. We are always seeking enthusiastic volunteers to work with clinic patients as well as “behind the scenes” jobs. We utilize volunteer workers with medical as well as administrative skills; attempt to make the work at the clinic fun and rewarding,

while creating a positive, uplifting, loving environment for the patients who seek medical care.

**Volunteer Opportunities - Healthcare Providers:** The clinic relies upon medical and dental health professionals to volunteer their time to provide treatment, education and support to our patients. The healthcare providers volunteer from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings of their choice.

**Medical:** Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, medical technicians, medical assistants, and others are needed on a regular and ongoing basis.

**Dental:** Dental opportunities include dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants.

**Pharmacy:** Pharmacy technicians, dispensing technicians with strong organizational skills are always in need to assist with our pharmacy program.

**Health Education:** From promoting regular clinic activities and health outreach, volunteers are needed to advocate for patients in need of resources beyond the capability of the clinic, to provide health information and administrative support and to ensure that everyone has access to the best healthcare and healthcare resources. We presently are seeking volunteers to help with nutrition and diabetic education.

**Volunteer Opportunities – Administrative:** The clinic depends on the administrative volunteers who prepare for, and assist, the healthcare providers. They are involved with many aspects of the medical and dental clinics, maintain records, and provide support and resources for the patients we serve.

**Telephone Volunteers:** Volunteers are always needed to take telephone messages and assist patients through phone interviews as they begin the eligibility process.

**IT Support:** In an attempt to run with the “big dogs,” we seek volunteers to compile and input statistical data, maintain and update our website.

**Publicity/ Fund-raising:** As we rely on grants and donations to run the clinic, and because we strive to provide the clinic “for the people, from the people of Hanover,” we are often invited to speak to community groups. We are in need of volunteers who would like to speak on behalf of the clinic, man event booths, design fundraising materials and brochures, write articles for the newsletter, and assist with mass mailings.

**Grant Writers:** We are always in need of volunteers to write grants for the clinic. This is an invaluable gift.

### **Volunteer Opportunities – Other:**

**Facility/Maintenance/Grounds keeping Volunteers:** It is great to have people to help with indoor/outdoor property clean up and improvements, as well as interior projects like painting, repairs and minor construction.

**Clinic Dinner Program:** Volunteers who love to cook (for 25 folk) can sign up to provide a dinner for the volunteers who work on Wednesday nights. Your culinary skills are very appreciated.

### **Party Coordinator:**

As we are preparing to celebrate our 5th year (Oct. 25) as St. James the Less Free Clinic (THANK YOU VERY MUCH!) there is a great desire to celebrate and honor the volunteers who have done everything to make this happen. As the volunteers are so busy making everything happen, there seems to be little time for creating a really cool event. It would be wonderful to have a group of volunteers who know how to party to help make it happen.

--Susan Hubbard

# “IRENE” Before and After

## Cutting Garden



## Rectory



Our thanks go out those nameless heroes who spent countless hours cleaning up!



## Heavenly Creations - November 18-20

It's time once again to prepare for our annual fundraiser, the Heavenly Creations Arts and Crafts Show held here at St. James the Less. The Show displays the work of 40 regional artists. The artists pay a booth fee and also donate 20% of their sales to the church. We have pottery, baskets, jewelry, furniture, fused and stained glass, quilting, carved and painted wood folk art, wreaths and much more.

### **AND IT IS ALL HANDMADE!**

PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Friday, November 18 from 6pm to 9pm (Opening night wine and cheese reception)

Saturday, November 19 from 9am to 4pm

Sunday, November 20 from 9am to noon

We are thankful for all your support at past Shows. Last year the Show made \$6,283.35; 1/3 went to the Church operating budget and 2/3 went to supplement Chenery Grant funds. We hope we can count on you to volunteer again this year.

### **WE NEED INVENTORY PEOPLE, WRAPPERS AND GREETERS.**

PLEASE CONTACT RON AND DANI PETITT TO VOLUNTEER AT 798-6548, [rpetitt928@gmail.com](mailto:rpetitt928@gmail.com). There will also be a sign-up list on the bulletin board next to the Choir room. Please save your paper grocery bags for the show.

The Heavenly Creations Committee is excited about this year's Show and, with your help, we look forward to another successful year. Call or email me with any questions that you may have.

--*Marcia Hill* - 798-4615 - [mfhill@hotmail.com](mailto:mfhill@hotmail.com)

**Are you a person who loves to make craft projects, knit, sew, etc.?** The Heavenly Creations Art Show committee needs you! We are going to have a display area at the show (Nov. 18-20) where we will sell handmade, donated craft items made by our church members. Since the show comes close to December, items suitable for Christmas giving are very popular. 100% of the profit from the craft sale will be given to the church. If you have 1 or many items that you would like to donate, or if you have questions about what to make, please contact me right away.

--*Jenny Bruce* - 798-0922

**Your help is also greatly needed in stocking the Gourmet Food section.** Your offerings of jams, jellies, pickles, herbs and baked goods sell out very quickly, so donate a little extra if you can. These contributions are 100% profit for SJTL and are an important draw for the show. Thanks in advance!

--*Jenny Bruce* - 798-0922