

# the Joyful Noise

of St. James' Episcopal Church

## Thanks, Giving

by John Hockett

Thank God! How often we use that phrase. Think of all the times we thank Him, such as at a birth, a marriage, a beautiful day, a recovery from illness or when our mistakes turn out harmless. As Christians, we can never be thankful enough for Christ and our salvation. We give thanks to God in all our church services in prayer and singing; we bring as gifts and offerings part of the abundance He grants us, and well we should, for our lives are filled with the God's gifts. What would we do without family, friends, trees and flowers, sunsets and clouds, art and music? Can you imagine life without the blue sky, pets to love and amuse us, without the hope of salvation?

Love God! God has given each of us talents and experiences which make each of us unique. Through these He helps us to prosper and to find satisfying, meaningful uses of the time He grants us. He has sent the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us each day and to comfort and sustain us. Above all, God gave us His Son, and through Him, eternal life. How can we thank Him for such love? By loving Him and honoring His gifts and using them wisely. We can live so others see Christ through our lives. When we share His love with our neighbor we honor Him. We can support our church as it carries out its mission of good news for all. When we speak out to protect the natural world, combat injustice or praise the good, we are serving Him through love.



Serve God! The scriptures tell us to be good stewards. A steward is an overseer, an administrator, an accountant, a caretaker, a minister. What do we administer for God? Our time, talents and money. What do we oversee and protect for God? Our families, our church community, our natural world. To whom do we minister? Everyone! For what does God hold us accountable? All his gifts. These are great and weighty tasks God gives us as we follow Jesus. We need to pray for strength and guidance and plan well if we are if do well.

Stewardship begins at home. We budget our resources to provide for personal and family needs, being careful to measure needs against wants. As we make our budgets, we have an opportunity to provide support for our church's mission. Your pledge can be more than "membership dues"; it is a chance to give back to God in love. Giving to the

church and through charities is sharing our hope for the future with others. In hard times and emergencies we always expect to help others. For some, every day is an emergency and even small gifts can make a big difference.

Like money, time and talent can be budgeted. Do you plan time to care for health, the refreshing of body and spirit? Time set aside to share love with family and friends lightens everyone's burden and stores up

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## New Seminarian

I'm Jeff Baker, your new seminarian. I attend Bexley Hall in Columbus. My home parish is Grace, Mansfield. My wife's name is Kristin and we have two daughters, Amanda (10) and Jaclin (7). St. James is my choice for field education because you have the esteemed reputation as a stable, loving community and I hope to learn lots from you all. I will be here for at least the school year serving in whatever capacity is needed, to share my experience with you and to smooth out my growth edges. Evelyn has very graciously agreed to be my mentor and I look forward to serving with her and the rest of the community. Thank you all for such a wonderful welcome. Hospitality is a sign of the Holy Spirit at work!

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*The Collect for St. James': "almighty and everlasting God, who didst move Thy servants in times past to establish and sustain this parish of St. James: Grant us grace so to follow their good example that we in our time may fulfill Thy will for us by knowing, loving, and serving Thee and Thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."*

The Mission of St. James Episcopal Church is to be an inclusive community of God's people, appreciative and accepting of each other's gifts, who welcome all who desire to be strengthened, and loved by our Lord through offerings of worship, spiritual growth, service, and pastoral care.



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## Evelyn's Epistle

My Dear Friends,

I'm always struck at how willing people are to help or participate when, first they are asked to participate, and second, if they know what it is they are expected to do. I think this is true for almost everyone. Sometimes we don't volunteer because we're not sure what's entailed in the request and sometimes because we think maybe someone else wants to do it more.



It helps to have a clear sense of things and that is what the Vestry began to do at the Vestry Retreat in October. We chose a few areas of our common life that we feel we can grow in or become more intentional about and then we determined what the goal was and what steps would need to be taken to accomplish the goal. Then we looked at what we had to see if it was clear enough for us to be able to measure in the next year, whether or not we had made any progress toward achieving our goals.

Now, before I tell you what we felt were goals worth our time and energy, let me tell you that every church needs to be doing certain things just for its existence. Those are summed up in the acronym, SWEEP.... stewardship, worship, education, evangelism, and pastoral care. Some of those things we do really well, like worship and pastoral care, and some of them we don't support as well like education and evangelism.

Our goals for the 2004-2005 year reflect what we feel we can do better and what would support our common life together. This is not to reflect our entire mission or every aspect of our ministry but instead, areas that we know we want to move forward in or be very intentional in supporting. As someone put it in the mission discernment process, we do need to fix what isn't broke.

- We did identify four goals for our parish...
- To be a warm, welcoming community.
- To enable every person to fully participate in our common life.
- To make the best use of our resources of skills, time, and money.
- To provide more fellowship opportunities throughout the year.

We are welcoming but we can be more welcoming through advertising and individual attention. We do

encourage people to participate in our common life but we can better care for our members through a more systematic way of making sure everyone knows they are valued. We are good at being faithful with our outreach but what about our time? And community is strengthened by spending time together. People rarely come to know one another because they sit in the same pew.

More specifics of how you can be a part of plan will come to you in the mail. For now, pray to discern the gifts you bring to the church and how God is calling you to use them.

I continue to be incredibly grateful to be doing ministry with you.  
Evelyn

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memories. Have you prayed about stepping forward to help in church activities, about sharing your talents? We often are unsure about our talents, uncertain that we can do what needs to be done. An infant tries to walk for the first time and gains a new skill; we can put aside doubts and grow, too. Each of us has a little the church needs and untried talents. Give them to God and you will receive much more than you give.

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There will be a  
**Community  
Thanksgiving  
Service** sponsored  
by the Wooster Area  
Interfaith Partnership  
on *Wednesday,*  
*November 23rd* at  
7:30 pm at the  
Performing Arts



Center at Wooster High School. Julia Fishelson will be the speaker that evening. The Blue Jeans Band from First Presbyterian will be leading in praise music. A community choir from area churches will also add to the spirit of thanksgiving.

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## Home Communion



Communion can be brought to you at home or in the hospital whether you find you cannot make it to church for two weeks or two months. Please call the office if you would like to arrange for communion.

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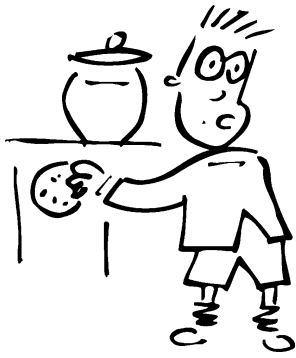
I am Ilene Michels-Hothem, a retired English teacher now involved with Hothem Enterprises, a real estate firm. Hugh and I have two college-age sons, Chip and Craig. We have been married 24 years and I am a graduate of Florida State University and St. John's College in Flushing, NY. Hugh is a graduate of Mt. Union and Princeton Seminary in New Jersey.



My name is Tucker Handley and I moved here from Omaha, Nebraska, to take a job at the Counseling Center of Wayne and Holmes Counties here in Wooster. My job involves writing quality assurance reports for the agency, and administering surveys and other evaluation methods to measure client improvement. I earned my Master's degree in Sociology from the University of Nebraska in May 2005. I'm originally from Birmingham, Alabama, where most of my family is, and where I grew up and received my bachelor's degree in 2001. I'm still getting used to the Wooster area, this being the first time I've lived in a small town. I had belonged to an Episcopal church in Omaha, then I started coming to the Sunday night services at St. James after moving here, found I enjoyed the informal atmosphere and the intimacy of the service. I'm happy to be here in Wooster and look forward to being a part of the parish here at St. James in the future.

Hello, my name is Steve Cook. Thanks to all the early birds of the 8:00 a.m. service, who have been so friendly and welcoming. I feel at home, and I've only been coming to services for a short time. I am an attorney and teacher. I run several teaching clinics at the University of Akron School of Law, and teach several courses. My wife, Sue, and I live a bit south of Wooster at the Woods at Wulamo. Thanks again for your warmth and caring attitude. I look forward to becoming more involved with St. James.





## St. Nick's Cookies

If you like to bake, make dough, ice or just have a fun time with friends, you are more than welcome to join in. St. Nicholas Sunday is December 4th and he will be visiting the services and passing out cookies to everyone. The cookies need to be

made the week prior and so we need your help.

Thurs. Dec 1 10:00 am Bake Cookies at my house

Thurs. Dec 1 7:00 pm Ice Cookies in the Parish Hall

Fri. Dec 2 10:00 am Bag cookies in the Parish Hall

There will be a sign up sheet posted. If you have any question, please ask Ruth Brown 330 264-3691.

Also, this is my 5th year to do this and I am looking for someone to take it over. It is a very easy project. Thanks for your help.

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## The Editor's Bit

The battle against chronic procrastination continues, but with a new moral twist. Is it OK to submit to one of the seven deadly sins in order to conquer another? Is a little evil OK to defeat a bigger one? Before we plunge into this, remember that your editor is *not* a theologian and so prone to error. However, he *is* a human being and so faces the same dilemmas as everyone else in the world. So let's start with a little background.



For many years now, I have been toying with the idea of removing my mustache. The small hairy caterpillar sits quietly above my mouth, hiding an imperfection in my top lip. It's not that I grew the 'tash to do that; it just happens to fulfill that role. Apart from a period of about one week some fifteen years ago, this little furry patch has been there since I was able to rub hair from my spotty teenage face with nothing more than a wet cloth. Other than a few baby pictures, I suspect there are no images of me in existence that exclude my fluffy friend.

Yet with age comes two changes to how facial hair works; it gets grayer and more brittle. Most of the time I now look like I've been eating an ice cream cone and forgotten to wipe my face. And the brittleness is such that when I use scissors for trimming, there is an audible "click" as the blades snicker-snack through the tiny trees. By the time I reach fifty, I suspect they'll be a noise abatement order taken out against me. So removing the mustache sounds like a good idea.

However, here's where the moral issue sneaks in: removing the 'tash is clearly a sop toward one of my much-discussed sins – vanity. There's no life-threatening condition here, and the fate of my family or career does not depend on whether or not I keep the fuzz. Therefore, it's plain, old vanity stepping in, tempting me to take a dip in that fictitious fountain of youth in a desire to stop looking older.

One the other hand, I've been putting off this action for years now, saying, "Maybe next week" or "As soon as the weather gets a little warmer," and this strikes me as the rumblings of another sin – sloth. Regularly readers will be aware that I have tackled both vanity and sloth over the years, but more so vanity. This is probably the first time both have appeared at the same time.

It seems to me that I can "leverage" vanity to fight sloth, and if that's the case, is it right? Or would it be "better" if I used sloth to temper the vanity, bearing in mind that I think vanity is my greater failing?

And all because of a mustache! Who would have thought that such a moral conundrum could reside in a trivial case of how to deal with facial hair? I don't recall St. Thomas Aquinas devoting a paragraph to "On the removal of whiskers and the sin therein" in his *Summa Theologica*. Then again, I don't know whether he had a mustache himself, so maybe this sort of issue is the province of the more hirsute philosophers. I know Karl Marx and Friedrich Nietzsche were both particularly hairy, but *Das Kapital* and *Also Sprach Zarathustra* were both noticeably quiet on the issue of personal hygiene. So, no help from the moral philosophers then – it's up to me to solve the problem myself.

I shaved it off. Forgive me for pandering to vanity, but I dragged a sharp, new, triple blade across the petrified forest and returned my face to its baby-soft original state. I chalked up a victory against procrastination,

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## November Birthdays

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|----|--------------------|----|-----------------|
| 4  | Scott Simmons      |    |                 |
| 5  | Merlin Peterson    |    |                 |
| 6  | Janet Calhoun      |    |                 |
| 9  | Al Burger          |    |                 |
| 10 | Gloria King        |    |                 |
|    | Louise Plusquellec | 24 | Mary Radosevich |
|    | Jeff Smart         |    | Pat Zoller      |
| 11 | Geoffrey Schmidt   | 26 | Marilyn Tanner  |
| 15 | Mardy Heuchling    | 27 | Janice Miller   |
| 17 | Emily Gard         | 28 | Troy Schmidt    |
| 19 | Ray McCall         | 29 | Jane Richardson |
|    | Tristan Graser     | 30 | Susan Russell   |
| 20 | Violette Bonvallet |    |                 |
|    | Eddie Kurzenberger |    |                 |
|    | Michael Symonds    |    |                 |



My name is Gloria King. I started coming to St. James last fall, but became ill in November and did not return till April. I'm a retired registered nurse, a mother of five and a grandmother of nine. I enjoy cooking (especially desserts), heirloom sewing, quilting, embroidery and knitting. In my spare time, I enjoy reading a good book and also like going to movies. I enjoy being a part of the St. James community. My week doesn't seem to go as well if I miss church on Sundays.



We are Sue and Chris Reynolds and came to Wooster from Waltham St. Lawrence, England. Sue is from Monks Risborough, Bucks, and Chris is originally from Nashville, Tennessee. We have two children, Charlotte and Joshua.

## November Anniversaries

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|-------|---------------------------|
| 3/51  | Dwight and Maxine Hayes   |
| 6/05  | David and Sarah Fierbaugh |
| 27/82 | Matt and Robin Sharp      |
| 30/91 | Scott and Ronda Simmons   |



Please add your name to the sign up sheets on the bulletin board for greeters and Coffee Hour hosts/hostesses.



When you or a member of your family is in the hospital, please let the office know. Due to new privacy regulations, the hospital is no longer allowed to give us that information.



Hi. My name is Lynn Clayton and my husband, Bruce, and I are recently married and have just moved back to the Wooster area. We are both graduates of the College of Wooster, Bruce in 1999, me in 2001. Bruce went to Chicago to do graduate work at Northwestern University, where he obtained his Master's degree. He is currently working on his PhD while teaching in the Sociology department at the College of Wooster. Since my graduation, I have been working as Education Director for AIM for the Handicapped, a non-profit organization based in Dayton, Ohio, which provides movement therapy primarily to children with disabilities. I am currently searching for a job in the Wooster area. As a student at Wooster, I attended St. James and am pleased to be able to share such a friendly group of people with Bruce.



The cost for flowers is \$40 plus tax for two arrangements. You are welcome to share dates with another family. If you wish to donate, please sign the calendar in the North Street Entrance. Flowers are ordered by Connie Cook or Velda Cross, altar guild directors, from *Com-Patt-ibles*, who sends a bill to the parishioner. If you have special instructions, please indicate it on the calendar or give Connie or Velda a call on (330) 345-1416. The flowers are yours to take after the 10:00 service

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| Nov. 6  | Gloria King in celebration of life, children and grandchildren                      |
| Nov. 13 | Troy and Alison Schmidt in honor of their son, Geoffrey's 21 <sup>st</sup> birthday |
| Nov. 20 | Jane Richardson in thanksgiving for friends and loved ones                          |
| Nov. 23 | Janice Miller in thanksgiving for family and friends                                |

The 2005 flower calendar is posted in the North Street entrance, if you would like to provide flowers for the Sunday services.

## Jeremy's Story *from Hal and June Hulit*

*Hal and I, along with Kay Anderson of Corpus Christi, TX, one of Hal's daughters (mother to Jeremy), want to express to the whole St. James congregation a HUGE thank you for their constant prayers for our grandson, Jeremy Anderson. Jeremy returned from Iraq approximately one week ago today at 3:30 in the a.m. landing in Maine in route to the state of Washington where he will be staying for six to eight weeks for debriefing.*

*Jeremy's name appeared each week in the church bulletin and was part of the corporate prayers for approximately one year. He had several "near misses" while in Iraq and each one of those near misses made the front page news here in the US. I asked Kay, his mom, to ask Jeremy to write something about his experiences with those near misses.*

*Again we thank the congregation of St. James for their prayers. Below is an email from Jeremy about those experiences:*

I've been asked to tell you about the instances this year when we dodged injury/death by nothing more than the grace of God. That should not be too difficult; it was easy to see the hand of God over there. One major incident was when our chow hall got bombed on December 22, 2004. We were told that we were going out on a company mission at 12 noon. The chow hall opened up at 11:30 am and stayed open till about 2:00 pm. Everyone was out in the motor pool getting ready to go out on our mission, and we were all kind of complaining about having to miss lunch chow, because there was nothing else until dinner.

At about 11:52 am we heard what sounded like a mortar round coming or landing near the chow hall. When we all looked over, there was a huge plume of smoke coming out of the chow hall roof. A few seconds later, a Staff Sergeant came running over and said for anyone with a CLS (Combat Life Saver) bag to get to the chow hall immediately.

Everyone dropped their gear and sprinted toward the chow hall, but when we got there it was worse than anyone had expected. There were bodies and blood everywhere. There were soldiers and civilian contractors, and injured people were trying to walk out of the chow hall, with even more who could not move. The final kill count was more than 30, and more than 60 seriously hurt. We later found out that it was not a mortar round at all, but a suicide bomber who somehow got on the base and walked into the chow hall and blew up. Without the mission that we were to go on, most of the people in my company would have been dead or very badly hurt. Two hundred of my friends could have been hurt that day, and instead, one was hurt, and he has already made a full recovery.



The next incident where I could see the hand of God took place in July of 2005. My platoon was out doing a dismounted patrol of the busiest area of our sector. For some reason, our vehicles were too close together, and all 35 people in our platoon were either walking up the side of the road or bunched up against a wall. Normally we keep a lot of space between vehicles and people, in case of an explosion, but for some reason this day we were tightly bunched up. The next thing I knew, we heard a loud explosion go off about 100 meters up the road. It was a

suicide car bomber. We got on our trucks and drove up the road and blocked it off. The car bomber had driven into one of our A company vehicles with no injuries and no vehicle damage. I still have no idea why A company was in our sector – they had never come into our area before. One thing I know for sure is that if the car had not hit A company, and it had come another 100 meters up the road, we would have lost a good portion of our platoon that day.

The last incident is when Sgt. Jonathan Herst was wounded. Our 4th platoon found a bomb on the side of the road, so they blocked off the road and called Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) to come blow up the bomb. Typically, when we block off a road, we put out spike strips to keep car bombs from hitting us. When

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my squad dismounted the truck, Sgt. Herst was the first off and out in front putting out the spike strip. A second bomb, one we did not know was there, blew up. Everyone was very close to this huge explosion, but for some reason the blast was mostly in one direction. Unfortunately that direction was right at Sgt. Herst. He was badly hurt on his left leg, so Spc. Joseph Waln performed first aid and got him back on the truck. Within five minutes Sgt. Herst was back on the base and in the hospital. The doctors said that they were amazed at how lucky he was, and said that had Spc. Waln not executed first aid on him, he would not have made it to the hospital. Without doubt, Sgt. Herst had an angel on his shoulder that day.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has offered their prayers this year. Thank you all. Jeremy



Please plan to join Dan & Sue Gorman and Pete & Margo Miller as we host another Ethnic Dinner to celebrate our newcomers!

Sunday, November 13, 2005  
5:30 p.m.  
The Miller home: 484 Oakley Rd.  
Wooster, Oh

Since you are new to St. James, we'd be pleased for you to be our guests at this meal. Others will bring food and all table service will be provided. You do not need to bring anything but yourselves.

**RSVP to the Gormans 330-262-0973** no later than Friday, Nov. 11. Thank you!

Aloha, Auf Wiedersehen, Ciao, Au revoir, Adios, See you soon!

## United Way: Community Needs

by Brebda Linnick, Executive Director, United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties



Although the current focus in the world of giving is turned toward the aftermath of the global natural disasters of floods, earthquakes, and hurricanes, United Way needs your help to develop long-term strategies to attack the root causes of the issues we as a local community face. Your financial support helps fund programs that address the immediate needs of local families, but it is my hope that you will be moved by this message to join one of United Way's ongoing Vision Councils, working on strategies to address root causes of these conditions. While your immediate response is appreciated, your long-term sharing of time, talent, and treasures is what will create lasting change. To find out how you can truly impact our community, call United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties today at 330-264-5576.

Meanwhile, here are some local realities:

### Health Care

Some 14,000 local residents do not have any health care  
FACT: The Viola Startzman has seen a 62% increase in the number of Wayne County residents coming through its doors, approximately 85% of whom are employed  
FACT: Hospice had a 15% increase in the number of patients served YTD with no corresponding increase in reimbursement. Their reimbursement hasn't decreased, but they have seen an increase, so they are seeing more patients with the same dollars. 84% of those patients were age 65 or older.

### Mental Health

FACT: Home-based intervention services for families with a severely emotionally disturbed child or youth are experiencing a significant increase in demand. Even though staff is carrying almost double the recommended caseload for such an intensive service, there is a waiting list that often exceeds 10 families.

### Senior Citizen and People with Disabilities

FACT: The Golden Friends Adult Day Services had adequate funding through Dept. of Job & Family Services, to serve seniors with limited income but who

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by Louise  
Plusquellec

I knew it was going to be a good weekend from the minute I got into the car with Sue, Pat and Ilene to drive to Loyola of the Lakes. After all, when a group of four women can individually read the directions and still manage to get lost, but then decide getting lost was really a good thing because they got to see such beautiful countryside, you know these are women you want to spend a weekend with!

Loyola of the Lakes is a Jesuit retreat center located in a spacious setting on acres of lush and lovely grounds. Having never been to a retreat before, I didn't know whether to expect a repeat of childhood summer camp, with rock-hard bunk beds and bathrooms a half-day's hike away, or a Hilton Inn facsimile with chocolates on the pillows at night and room service a phone call away. What I found was something in between, and much better than either. Our rooms were tiny and spare, but private and comfortable. The food was good, the accommodations for group activities were just right.

And group activities were what we had! Not the embarrassing kind that make you want to crawl into a hole out of sight, but the kind in which you relax, you talk, you laugh a lot, you get to know new friends and to know old friends better. I saw a small notice on the door of my room which described the center as having "a long tradition of silence, except for occasional groups..." We had definitely been given permission to be an occasional group! And although our weekend was full of loud talk and laughter, there was much more than just that. Our theme was "Celebration", and we celebrated quilt making, hymn singing, our Anglican heritage, the stages of womanhood, food and drink, and each other! It was an enriching and sustaining potpourri of stimulating conversation, life stories, worship, singing, and feeling surrounded by the support and acceptance of 35 other diverse yet caring women.

It was raining and very cool most of the time we were there, and so it was disappointing not to be able to do the Stations of the Cross outside on the lovely grounds. But for me the coziness of being inside together made up for it. And if the "togetherness" caused anyone to go on overload at any point, everyone understood if you wanted to "retreat" to your little room for a while, to read or think or just enjoy some solitude, knowing your

support group was just down the hall.

Gwen and her fabulous committee worked very hard and successfully to provide us with a fruitful and memorable 35 hours. I am already looking forward to next year, when I can be one of the "old-timers" telling weird and wonderful stories of former retreats, many of which begin with the words "Remember that time when Kim...?"

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## Ton of Love

Change your calendar if you marked it for **Ton Of Love**. The date of the weigh-in is *Sunday November 20th*. You may bring in staples for the **People to People** ministry from November 13th to the 20th. This can be done any time the church is open for other events. The bags and boxes of groceries can be placed in a designated area of the hall until weigh-in time at coffee hour on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.



by Peggy Hockett

Here's a new idea for the Ton Of Love: If your schedule or health makes it difficult for you to buy and drop off groceries for this important project, you may donate cash. Give your donation to Evelyn and she will get the needed groceries at a discount store. The groceries will be weighed in at the same time as those brought to the church. The money must be received prior to or on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The People to People Ministry is struggling to keep up with a growing population of people in our community who qualify for help. Many demands for charity have been made for very important causes beyond our city and county this year but we just can't fail to take care of those burdened with poverty in our own community.



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There will be a quick meeting of the men following the second service on **November 6th** to see if there is interest in having a men's retreat. See Matt Sharp or Bob Kendall.

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*Remember, you can check the St. James' website for calendar information and updates. Just go to <http://www.stjameswooster.org>.*

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# November 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:45 pm Centering Prayer group	2 7:30 am H.E. 10:00 Scripture Study 7:00 pm Choir	3 12:05 pm Brown Bag concert. Jason Metheney 7:00 Outreach Committee	4 DIOCESAN CONFERENCE	5 DIOCESAN CONFERENCE
6 UTO Ingathering and All Saint's Day 8:00 am H.E. 10:00 H.E. 9:00 Choir 9:30 Sun. School 11:00 Coffee 5:00 pm H.E.	7 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	8	9 7:30 am H.E. 10:00 Scripture Study 11:00 Book Group 7:00 pm Choir	10 12:05 pm Brown Bag concert. Fare Thee Well and friends	11 EVELYN VACATION	12 EVELYN VACATION
13 Ton Of Love 8:00 am M.P. 9:00 Choir 9:30 Sun. School 10:00 M.P. 11:00 Coffee 5:30 pm Newcomers Dinner	14	15 6:45 pm Centering Prayer group  <i>JN Deadline</i>	16 7:30 am M.P. 10:00 Scripture Study 7:00 pm Choir  EVELYN VACATION	17 12:05 pm Brown Bag concert. COW Brass Choir	18	19
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27 8:00 am H.E. 9:00 Choir 10:00 H.E. 11:00 Coffee	28	29	30 7:30 am H.E. 10:00 Scripture Study 11:00 Book Group 12:30 pm Evelyn at Clericus 7:00 pm Choir			

13th November: 8:00 am Kim Watkins, Lay Leader; Elsie Miller, preaching. 10:00 am Damon Hickey, Lay Leader; Elsie Miller, preaching

20th November: 8:00 and 10:00 am Jeff Baker, preaching

## United Way

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did not yet qualify for support from Area Agency on Aging 10-B's PASSPORT program. The state DJFS decided to limit funding to adults without children. This decision resulted in funding for Golden Friends Adult Day Services dropping to \$20,000 from the anticipated \$70,000 in previous years.

FACT: Goodwill has seen flat funding for the last three years and has increased the number of people they served by 12% from 2003 to 2004, and they have already experienced an increase by 3% over 2004 through October. They have been significantly challenged this year as they have seen increased competition for clothing donations which is the life blood of their program funding.

### Youth

FACT: Big Brothers Big Sisters has many Wayne and Holmes County boys who are in desperate need of positive male figures but few men who have signed on as volunteers.

### Housing

FACT: Wooster Interfaith Housing has full Program Houses and 3-4 families on a waiting list.

FACT: There are 700+ families on the waiting list for Wayne Metropolitan's Section 8 Housing Program.

### Emergency Needs

FACT: The Salvation Army is experiencing three times the amount of calls for utility bills. The monies they have for this help will be spent by the end of the month; however, they get a new allocation the first or second week in Nov. but they don't know in what amount. Their rents and security deposit monies will be expended by December and their calls have been about 4 times what they were with only \$4,000 a month available for that need. There are no more housing trust fund monies for the Army until the year 2007, so they will be limited as to what they can do for anyone except those in the shelter. For the very first time in 10 years, the Army has been unable to meet the requests that they are receiving and they have been good honest requests.

FACT: People to People Ministries has seen an increase of 14% in the total dollars of assistance it has provided in this past year. Here is the breakout of where the help was needed:

	This Year	Last Year
Utilities	\$168,847	\$146,920
Shelter	\$ 77,622	\$ 59,127
Transportation	\$ 5,528	\$ 4,171
Health	\$ 91,603	\$ 89,765
Food	\$ 168,410	\$ 155,163

## Editor's Bit

(from page 5)

followed the same day by another mighty swipe against indolence – I replaced a light fitting in the basement laundry room that hadn't worked for years: it took me 30 minutes *including* the trip to the hardware store. Oh the shame!

I don't know how long the mustache will be gone. Maybe it will be back in a week; maybe never. Doubtless they'll be suggestions from my family and friends as to which way I should go, but then if I use this advice, am I not submitting again to vanity, growing or not growing it to "look better?"

No wonder Aquinas, Marx, and Nietzsche gave this one a wide berth.

## Centering Prayer Group will Continue to Meet

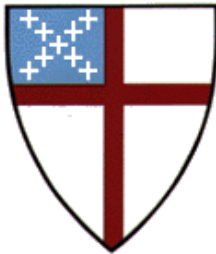
Several members of the St. James community have been meeting to support each other and introduce still others, to the practice of Centering Prayer.



While we have met every Tuesday since September 7 (when many of us were first introduced to this practice), we are now going to continue this group work **every first and third Tuesday of the month.**

We will continue to meet up stairs in the Sunday School class room from **6:45 pm to 7:30 pm** and invite any one interested in this form of contemplative prayer (or to investigate other forms) to join when ever the spirit moves you to do so.

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## What's Happening at St. James

- 3rd November**      **Brown Bag concert, 12:05 pm. Jason Metheny**
- 10th November**    **Brown Bag concert, 12:05 pm. Fare Thee Well and friends**
- 13th November**    **Welcome Dinner, 5:30 pm, The Miller home: 484 Oakley Rd.**
- 17th November**    **Brown Bag concert, 12:05 pm. COW Mercury Brass**
- 23rd November**    **Community Thanksgiving Service, 7:30 pm Wooster High School**

November, 2005

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