

# the Joyful Noise

of St. James' Episcopal Church

## St. James' Cup Overflowing

Jeff Baker

I can hardly believe that this academic year is coming to a close. I can honestly say that I won't miss the constant nagging demanded by a rigorous course load. Always there is another paper to write or test for which to prepare. I am looking forward to some quality time off to spend with my wife and kids unencumbered by homework. Do not misunderstand me, I love seminary, but I have been going solidly through the last couple years, breaks included. Also, with the end of this academic year comes the end of my Field Education class, which prompted me to come into your midst, the wonderful parish of St. James. But, this is not

to thank, especially Cameron Maneese and Celia Smart, for their attention and gentle guidance. I have relished our short time together in the 'Seekers Class' this winter where we discussed various aspects of what it means to be of this diverse community called Episcopal. I have particularly enjoyed preaching amongst you. Your constructive criticism and feedback has and will continue to be a tremendous learning source as I prepare for my first call church. Serving with you I have felt completely accepted and awestruck by your outreach toward a simple seminarian.

I especially want to thank Evelyn. Her mentoring and encouragement have been invaluable. She has become more than a mentor; she is a friend walking with me on my spiritual journey. I am humbled that she agreed to continue this voyage with me, helping me avoid the pitfalls and enlightening the positive aspects of the priesthood as well. Her experience and presence has fortified my call when I have felt vulnerable.

I look forward to another year with you all. And, if this next year is only half as fruitful as the last, I will be truly blessed. I have been told that hospitality is a sign of the Holy Spirit. If this is true, St. James' cup is overflowing. My prayer remains to grow in love with you as we walk together in the service of our Lord, Jesus.

goodbye.

I have learned so much from you and have so very much more to learn. The diocese has encouraged and Evelyn has graciously accepted to be my mentor over the next year, making St. James my internship site. Thus, I will remain in this inspiring community a bit longer. I am overjoyed to be able to continue our relationship and live into God's promise with you.

I have cherished my time working with the children and teachers in the church school and would be remiss not



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



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Our Spring Ingathering for United Thank Offering was May 7th. The Blue Boxes and Blue UTO envelopes that were brought in contained \$633.24. A check has been forwarded to the Diocesan Coordinator for UTO.

**UTO**  
*Every day*  
from Joyce Roe

Thank you to all who participated in this Outreach project.

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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

Evelyn's Epistle



My Dear Friends,

Over the last couple of months, I've had wonderful opportunities to worship and pray in a variety of places, from a small parish in New York City, to the Province V Young Adult retreat in Indiana, to Trinity Cathedral for the annual renewal of ordination vows, to the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, MA. Through these opportunities I have become increasingly aware of how deeply embedded my spiritual life is in the sacramental ministry of the church. As a parish we regularly celebrate five of the seven sacraments of the church. Weekly we join in the Eucharist where we are fed and strengthened for our ministries. We celebrate baptism as people seek new life in Christ and are joined in the Body of Christ. We are witnesses and support persons who make an adult commitment to their baptismal promises when they are confirmed by the Bishop. Every now and then we share in the happiness as a couple commits themselves to one another in marriage. Sometimes we even get to participate in an ordination service.

There are two other sacraments in the church that are more personal and often forgotten. They are Unction and Reconciliation. Unction is the laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing. People seek healing for different things; for illness, physical pain, emotional pain, or memories. If there is a desire, we will start having anointing after the Sunday services on the third Sunday of the month. I envision that people could come to the altar rail, one at a time, thus assuring privacy and space for prayer. I would ask that others respect this time and if remaining in the church do so in a quiet and prayerful manner.

The other sacrament we have in the church is the Reconciliation of a Penitent, which we frequently refer to as Confession. There are two forms of this rite in the Prayer Book, on page 447 and page 449. Confession had been a significant part of my spiritual growth but something I had not used in years. While I was at the monastery, I took advantage of the opportunity to make a confession. I share this with you because I think the Rite of Reconciliation is the most underrated sacrament of the church and can be one of the most freeing and healing experiences. Sometimes the General Confession said during the Eucharist, or my repentance in my

private prayer is not for me to let go of actions or inactions that I regret. For me, the openness to another person in confession, someone who is not burdened by my disclosure, allows me to feel both accountable and at the same time, reinforces the truth that we all fall short of the grace of God and are in need of God's forgiveness. As someone who has sat on both sides of the sacrament of reconciliation, I see the priest for confession, not as a person sitting in judgment, but as a fellow person on the journey, who also struggles to live faithfully. What I get from confession is the letting go of whatever I truly repent of... to be told and to accept that God does forgive me and I can go forward without dragging around sins that God has removed from me. It's a clean slate, a new beginning, freedom to start living for God and loving God anew. Just as in the Roman Catholic Church, the Prayer Book states, "The secrecy of a confession is morally absolute for the confessor, and must under no circumstances be broken." When the sacrament is completed, it's over. Only the person seeking the sacrament can ever discuss the experience.

If anyone would like to take advantage of this sacrament, you can do so by making a private appointment. If you would like to make a confession and would be more comfortable with another priest, I can refer you to someone appropriate.

I am so thankful to be in a church that, through sacrament and prayer, offers ways for people to seek wholeness in their lives. I find healing, growth, and grace in my life in the church. I pray you do to.

May you have a refreshing and joyful summer.  
Evelyn



In a recent issue of the Joyful Noise, we shared Bea Wylie's new address - and it turned out to be wrong! For those of you who have been mailing a new pen-friend (!) here is the correct address for Bea:

357 Kendal Drive  
Kennett Square, PA 19348-2342

Sorry for any confusion.

## Polar Spirituality *by Margo Miller*

I felt it as our Zodiac neared the beach. I saw them in the thousands long before I scrambled out of the inflatable boat into the cold South Atlantic Ocean. We learned there was a colony of 100,000 on Salisbury Plain on South Georgia Island, Antarctica, and I was blessed to see and hear and smell most of them. All my



senses were ablaze and I was overwhelmed with the glorious awareness of God's presence. The King penguins, closely related to the Emperors of *March of the Penguins* fame, stood in huge masses along a quarter mile of beach. Others positioned themselves shoulder to shoulder, covering a side of a low mountain. The Kings, smaller, but more colorful than Emperors, were young, old, in between and not-yet-hatched. I witnessed parents balancing eggs on the tops of their feet as big, brown, furry, gumdrop-shaped chicks waddled from place to place. Our rules dictated we stay at least two yards away from the flightless birds, but the penguins were not bound by our restrictions. The adolescents were curious, and, if we sat on the ground, were likely to come over for a visit or climb into an empty lap! The half-grown penguins had encountered few humans and accepted us as strange cousins.

As predators patrolled the waters of the ocean, the penguins lived peacefully interspersed on shore with other creatures many times their size. Thousands of fur seals, hunted almost to extinction near the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, cavorted and teased each other as they romped all over the sand. They, too, came in assorted sizes, and the giddy youngsters skillfully avoided collisions as they chased in and out of the water. Each gaze in every direction provided a kaleidoscope of movement accompanied by a cacophony of trumpeting and snorting. The absolute joy, peace, and wonder I experienced in those three hours will stay with me for the rest of my life. Every day my mind and spirit go back to that most heavenly place, Salisbury Plain, South Georgia Island.

## The Circus Comes to Town

If God's presence is obvious on Salisbury Plain, then the circus must have come to town elsewhere on South Georgia Island, Antarctica. From goofy, miniature, black and white Charlie Chaplin walkers, to giant slug seals performing the worm-dance down the beach, we saw it all. The Southern Elephant seals, resembling humongous slugs, can weigh up to four tons with a length of 15 feet. We usually found them flopped together in piles of three to seven creatures, as this arrangement helped them molt. We were witnesses to a much more interesting phenomenon, however, which never failed to amuse us. From time to time, the Elephant seals need to blow air (sometimes salty mist,) through an opening on their heads. As they blow, they "toot" and their bodies puff up momentarily. As we looked at the piles, each seal seemed to take his turn tooting and puffing, thus reminding us of a living calliope!

The real clowns on the island, of course, were the penguins. The Rockhoppers needed nothing more than their appearance to make us laugh. With their small size, orange beaks, red eyes and long, droopy, yellow, extended eyebrows, they were one of my favorites. The nearly-grown Gentoo and Adelie chicks, on the other hand, delighted us with their behavior, as they chased their moms up and down the rocky hills, nagging for more food. These scenes created much squawking and



flipper flapping until Mom finally relented and provided her chick with additional half-digested nutrition. Not to be outdone, young adult King penguins offered their version of a guy asking a girl for a date. Once he began clacking his beak repeatedly with his head down, she could respond in kind, if interested, or just walk away. As mating season was over, we figured this ritual was just practice for next year! And there will be a next year, and decades and centuries, for these amazing creatures, if man does his best to keep this part of the world as it is now: unpolluted, uninhabited and unspoiled..

## June Birthdays

- 1 Marilyn Carman  
Mary Hickey
- 2 Bob Davis
- 3 John Cook
- 6 Jack Martin
- 7 Justin VanHouten
- 8 Jeanie Helbert
- 11 Emily Grifo
- 12 Janet McGinty
- 15 Ken Nuzum
- 16 Mary Gasser
- 17 Sean Harriman
- 23 Fern Hamilton
- 26 Matt Sharp
- 27 Dan Iceman  
Ruth Brown



## June Anniversaries

- |       |                              |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 4/60  | Bill and Jean Barnes         |
| 4/53  | Ed and Mary Eberhart         |
| 7/99  | Charlie and Ruth Brown       |
| 9/56  | Bob and Leslie Breeden       |
| 12/71 | Ned and Barbara Brooks       |
| 20/81 | June and Hal Hulit           |
| 21/89 | Cyril Ofori and Amelia Laing |
| 22/68 | Denny and Janet Brayer       |

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Curtis and Marjorie Hillyer on the birth of their daughter, Isabella Nancy born May 8. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 ½ oz., was 20 inches long and joins a brother, Connor.

And congratulations to Evelyn Manzella, whose grandnephew, Kolby Christopher Summerlin, was born on May 10<sup>th</sup>. He weighs 8 lbs 1 oz, and was 19 inches long. Both he and Beth are doing great.



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.



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.

## Baptism

Thomas Birke Simmons will be baptized on June 11. He is the son of Scott and Ronda Simmons and brother of Emma.



The black mailbox in front of the office is being used by the apartment upstairs for mail. Please **do not put items in there for the office.** You may use the mail slot or leave items between the doors to the right of the mailbox, but please let the office know.



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 Velda Cross, altar guild directress, from *Com-Patt-ibles*, who sends a bill to the parishioner. If you have special instructions, please indicate it on the calendar or give Velda a call on (330) 345-1416. The flowers are yours to take after the 10:00 service

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| June 4  | Joan Stanford in thanksgiving for family                          |
| June 11 | Janice Miller in memory of Chuck                                  |
| June 18 | Cyril Ofori and Amelia Laing in thanksgiving for family blessings |
| June 25 | Alan and Jackie Kiefer  |

The 2006 flower calendar is posted in the North Street entrance, if you would like to provide flowers for the Sunday services.



## Meals Together and Every Woman's House

For the last several years, St. James has participated in the *Meals Together Program* at the United Methodist Church. I want to tell you a little bit about this program and encourage you to participate in any way possible.

In 1988, a group of people from a number of Wooster area churches organized *Meals Together*, to provide one hot meal a week to the needy in our community. Each month it serves approximately 250 meals in the basement of the United Methodist Church. The patrons include those who are physically and/or mentally challenged, aged, unable to work or who are working at entry-level wage jobs. On an average night a number of children attend with their parents.

From personal experience I can tell you that this is a fun and insightful event to participate in. This year we will be serving a picnic style dinner. The event takes place on June 22 from 4-6. There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church. We are also soliciting funds to offset the cost of the meal. Anyone wishing to make a contribution can see Cameron Maneese or me.

The Outreach Committee is also once again collecting toiletries and cell phones for *Every Woman's House*. When you are traveling please remember to take the complimentary toiletries with you. We will accept unopened containers/packages of soap, shampoo, hand lotion etc. These items are greatly appreciated luxuries to the people at *Every Woman's House*. We will also be accepting cell phones. Please look for the baskets at the back of the church.

Sue Gorman



## Requesting Nominations for Diocesan Offices

Christ has touched your life and blessed you. Through baptism you have been graciously made a member of the Body of Christ, the People of God. While we experience the community of faith in our home

parish, we are tied together in our life and witness

through the diocese. The diocese draws its leadership from every parish, every community throughout the diocese. The more that leadership reflects the rich, broad gifts and experiences and points-of-view of the people of the diocese, the more effective our shared ministry and witness is.

Please consider submitting your name as a nominee for a diocesan committee. At the Diocesan Convention to be held Friday and Saturday, October 27-28, the convention will elect people to serve on the following: Trustees of the Diocese, Standing Committee, Episcopal Community Services Foundation Development Council, Diocesan Council, and the Cathedral Chapter.

Each body has both lay and clergy members. Most of these meet monthly, some less frequently. Most terms are for three, four, or five years. These bodies deal with the broad, important issues, policies, and resources of the diocese.

Detailed information about each body is available on the diocesan web site, <http://www.dohio.org>, or from The Rev. Alan James, Executive Officer of the Diocese. Feel free to nominate yourself or other people. If you nominate someone else, please get their permission to be nominated before submitting their name. The deadline for submitting potential candidates to the Nominating Committee is Monday, August 21. We invite you into a process of prayerful discernment to see if you, or someone you know, may be a good candidate for one of these important leadership positions.

## The Editor's Bit



With summer approaching – and I have to take this on faith because the current weather isn't really good evidence to support that hypothesis – I thought I'd offer some advice on "food ordering" to anyone bound for England. That's England, UK and not New England, USA. I know they sound the same, but you can only drive to one of them. Contrary to rumor, British cooking is not "boil

it for two hours and if there's any flavor left, boil for another two," but rich and varied. However, to make the best of your experience, a few simple pointers may make all the difference.

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## The Editor's Bit (from p.6)

1. Do not be surprised if you ask for a ham sandwich and are given two slices of bread with ham in between. Period. If you want lettuce, tomato, mayonnaise, cheese, or anything else that comes standard with a US sandwich, be explicit. In the UK, a ham sandwich is precisely that – no more, no less.

2. If you want a *Musketeer* chocolate bar, ask for a *Milky Way*. If you want a *Milky Way* chocolate bar, ask for a *Mars* bar. I know it sounds complicated, but that's the Brits for you!

3. Salad is NOT a starter. *Salad* is something you eat along with your main meal. The only people who eat salad for starters are foreigners and rabbits. Oh, and a *fruit salad* is a dessert, which is fine if you want to eat your meal backwards.

4. If you want *chips*, ask for *crisps*; if you want *fries*, ask for *chips* - unless you are in an establishment that serves classic American food, such as McDonalds or Burger King, where you will almost certainly be given some crispy sticks of processed potato that have all the nutritional value of cardboard and the appeal of mulch. If offered *mulch* as an alternative to *fries* in such an establishment, say yes.

5. The English have been eating food with silverware for hundreds of years more than the Americans, who discovered knives and forks some years after the Second World War. Even if you have an American accent, rest assured that the Brits will give you silverware rather than slop your food into a large trough. They will, however, call it *cutlery*. This is because they use words to describe what items are used for (*cutlery* for *cutting*) rather than what things look like (*silverware* because it's *silver*). The former makes much more sense, but then again, the English have been speaking English for many years longer than the Americans.

6. Do not, under any circumstances, use the phrase, "Excuse me, my good inn keeper, but this ale is warm." This is a crime punishable by deportation (if you're lucky), imprisonment (if you're unlucky), or even death (if you utter the words in front of some Manchester United soccer fans who have just seen their team lose to the US soccer team). Unlike American beer, which is created to be served ice cold, real English ale has to be served at something called "cellar temperature" – the

temperature of the actual cellar where ale is stored, below the bar. Ideally this works out to be around 55 F, so unless the pub's cellar is one fire, drink your ale stoically and only speak if it is to remark on how wonderful it is.

7. Finally – and this is very important – remember that when the English talk about *tea*, they mean *tea*, which comes from varieties of the plant *camellia sinensis*. Anything else that people care to boil in water and drink is not tea. *Mint*, *jasmine*, *chamomile*, and *sage* are herbs; *raspberry*, *blackcurrant*, *strawberry*, and *guava* are fruits. If you want an herbal drink or a fruit drink, just ask for one. Otherwise, refrain, under all circumstances, from asking for any of these weird and wonderful plants as *tea*, because that's enough to make an Englishman dump coffee in Boston harbor.

Follow these "Seven Steps to Happiness" and all will be well. Have a great vacation!

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## New Episcopal Church Women's Logo

The Cross represents Christ and our service to Him in the world. The Circle stands for our hope for wholeness in our lives. The out-flowing lines from the center depict the many works of the Episcopal Church Women, going out into the world. The intertwined



lines represent our lives centered in Christ. This symbol is on the banner for the South Central Deanery, which was handmade by Sylvia Cornell of St. Paul's Church, Mount Vernon, OH. The banner was on display at the ECW Annual Diocesan Meeting on May 16th in Cleveland. Check out the website for the National ECW: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ecw>



Jacqueline Winspear, “**The Maisie Dobbs Mysteries**”: *Maisie Dobbs*, *Birds of a Feather*, *Pardonable Lies*, and *Messenger of Truth* (forthcoming in August)

I’ve fallen for Maisie Dobbs, with her midnight-blue eyes and raven-black hair caught up in a chignon at the nape of her neck from which tendrils insist on escaping. But don’t worry: she won’t threaten my marriage. For one thing, she’s much too old for me.

Born around 1900, Maisie was thirteen when her mother died. Her father, Frankie Dobbs, a costermonger who sold produce from his cart in London’s Covent Garden, found himself unable both to support his daughter and to pay off his late wife’s medical bills. Necessity forced him to defer their plans for Maisie’s education, and to place her in service as a maid to a wealthy couple, Lord Julian and Lady Rowan Compton. A bright, curious girl, Maisie could not resist the library of the house in Belgravia where she served. And so she arose every morning before the rest of the house had awakened in order to explore its treasures.

Inevitably she was found out, but instead of dismissing her, Lady Rowan apprenticed her to Dr Maurice Blanche, a medical doctor, psychologist, social benefactor, private investigator, and guru. From him Maisie learned not only what books could teach her, but also how to use her intuition, to listen to her own body’s signals, to empathize with others by mirroring their body language, to role-play encounters in order to capture emotions, to record every detail in an investigation, to look for patterns and connections, to map cases in order to discover gaps needing further inquiry, and to meditate in order to let the unconscious mind do its work. Maisie was a person with important psychic gifts, which Dr Blanche taught her to enhance.

Her education at the hands of Dr Blanche led to a scholarship to Girton College, Cambridge, where she found herself among young women from a social class

well above her own. When her socialite roommate Priscilla Evendon enlisted in the nursing corps, Maisie decided to follow her example, and was sent to field hospitals near the trenches in France. Before departing, she met and fell in love with Dr. Simon Lynch, who was also on his way to France. Through letters and occasional meetings, she and Simon fell ever-deeper in love, until fate brought them to the same field hospital. When it came under fire, their lives were changed forever.

Returning home after the war, Maisie completed her education and became Maurice Blanche’s assistant in his private investigating firm. In 1929 Maurice retired and turned over the business to “Maisie Dobbs, Psychologist and Investigator.” Like Maurice, she proved to be an extraordinary investigator who was not content to turn up facts for her clients, but insisted on using her

knowledge in ways that would help if possible to bring about healing of everyone concerned. But by prying, however gently, into the lives of others, she was forced to confront scars in her own, and to begin the long, painful process of healing herself.

Age difference isn’t the only thing coming between Maisie and me. As real as she may seem, she’s the fictional brainchild of British author Jacqueline Winspear. But although she may never have walked the streets of Lambeth or the lanes of Kent, Maisie has a reality and complexity unusual in fictional heroines of mystery stories. Not only does Winspear bring her to life. She also evokes the sights, sounds, smells, mannerisms, speech, and emotions of her world. And she does it without sensationalism, managing to convey, for example, the horrors of the battlefield trenches and the utter

cold, sodden, crushing exhaustion of an army field hospital, yet without explicit, sensational descriptions of battles and wounds. We may think of Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome as a modern phenomenon, but Winspear paints for us a post-war London in which battlefield veterans whose sleep is haunted by unspeakable nightmares come out late at night to walk the streets, zombie-like, until dawn. British to the core, they

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## Scriptorium

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“got on with it,” but at a terrible psychological price. Like her heroine, Winspear is meticulous, and there is not a false note to be heard. She compares her writing to Maisie’s detecting, both of which pay close attention to real-life detail. Because of her successful evocation of a bygone society and era, Winspear has won historical-fiction as well as mystery awards for these books.

The first two mysteries are out in paperback. The third will be in paperback late this month. The fourth will be published in hardback in August. Summer is here. Consider taking Maisie with you on vacation. She won’t take up much room, makes a wonderful traveling companion, is an excellent listener, and will leave you more at peace with yourself and aware of the people and places you’ve visited. She’s very much at home in bookstores and libraries, which is where you’ll probably find her. So introduce yourself and invite her along. Although I’ve fallen for her, it would be a crime for me to try to keep her to myself.

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## Holy Humor

How many Evangelists does it take to change a lightbulb?

Only one, but the bulb must repent of its darkness and be willing to be changed.

How many Liberals does it take to change a light bulb?

Ten, but they will need to debate whether or not the bulb actually exists. Even then, they still may not change it, for fear of alienating those who use florescent bulbs.

How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?

None. God has predestined when the lights will be on and off.

How many Roman Catholics does it take to change a light bulb?

None. They use candles.

How many Pentecostals does it take to change a light bulb?

Ten, one to change the bulb, and nine to pray against the darkness.

How many Charismatics does it take to change a light bulb?

Three, one to cast it out, and two more to catch it as it falls.

How many Baptists does it take to change a light bulb? At least 15. One to change the light bulb, and two or three committees to approve the change. Oh, and also one to provide a casserole.

How many Independent Baptists does it take to change a light bulb?

Only one, because any more than that would be Ecumenicalism.

How many Episcopalians does it take to change a light bulb?

Three. One to call the electrician, one to mix the drinks and one to talk about how much better the old one was.

How many Mormons does it take to change a light bulb?

Five. One man to change the bulb, and four wives to tell him how to do it.

How many Unitarians does it take to change a light bulb?

We choose not to make a statement either in favor of or against the need for a light bulb. However, if in your own journey you have found that light bulbs work for you, that is fine. You are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your personal relationship with your light bulb, and present it next month at our annual Light Bulb Sunday Service, in which we will explore a number of light bulb traditions, including incandescent, fluorescent, three-way, long-life and tinted, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence.

How many Amish does it take to change a light bulb? What’s a light bulb?

*Editors postscript: These may have already played before in a previous issue of the Noise, but I have now been Editor for so long that I forget what has been published. Nevertheless, I thought they were funny enough to get summer off to a good start! See you all in Spetember when the Joyful Noise fires up again!*

# June 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Evelyn at Clergy Day	2	3 10:00 am to Noon Ordination of Deacons - Cathedral
4 8:00 am H.E. 9:00 Choir 10:00 H.E./Baptism 11:00 Coffee 5:00 H.E.	5 11:00 am Evelyn at meeting in Akron 7:30 pm ECCO Ohio at First Presbyterian	6 10:00 Bible Study Evelyn at area Clergy Meeting	7 7:30 am H.E.	8	9	10
11 8:00 am H.E. 9:00 Choir 10:00 H.E. 11:00 Coffee 5:00 pm H.E./Choir Picnic	12 Evelyn at ECSF meeting	13 10:00 am Bible Study  <i>General Convention through 21st</i>	14 7:30 am H.E. 11:00 Book Group  <i>Evelyn at General Convention</i>	15  <i>Evelyn at General Convention</i>	16 Ohio day at General Convention  <i>Evelyn at General Convention</i>	17  <i>Evelyn at General Convention</i>
18 People to People 8:00 am H.E. 10:00 H.E. 11:00 Coffee	19 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	20 10:00 am Bible Study	21 7:30 am H.E.	22 6:00 pm Meals Together	23 6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	24 4:00 pm Barker/Lever Wedding
25 8:00 am H.E. 10:00 H.E. 11:00 Coffee 5:00 pm H.E.	26  Evelyn on Vacation through July 4th	27 10:00 am Bible Study	28 7:30 am H.E. 11:00 pm Book Group	29	30	

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

# July and August 2006

**TAKE NOTE:** We expect the weekly Bible study, Wednesday morning Eucharist and book group to continue through July and August. Check the bulletin or our website for any changes or additions in the schedule.

Office will be closed July 4

## July Birthdays

4	Chris Reynolds, Liz Glick
7	Karen Kendall
12	Matthew Varga
14	Alan Kiefer
15	William Varga
17	Molly Mathias
	Kimberly Koerber
20	Tony Gallagher
	Bob Kendall
	Celia Smart
	Ronda Simmons
23	Ella Spitler
24	Connie Cook
25	Al Moxon
	Richard Brooks
29	Sue Reynolds
	Joshua Reynolds
30	Suzanne Waldron
	June Hulit



## July Anniversaries

3/04	James and Laura McGinty Bowen
7/90	Maurice and Pat Watson
8/67	Stan and Diane Hales
9/05	Tim and Kate Gallagher
10/81	Steve and Liz Glick
12/97	John Strong and Dana Schmidt
12/52	Dan and Janet Calhoun
14/04	Joey and Jessica Graser
16/05	Jason and Sarah McGinty Crabtree
18/86	Dan and Sue Gorman
22/72	Rob and Mimi Reiheld
29/95	Don and Nadine Foster

## August Birthdays

1	Nancy Reynolds	18	Gwen Bayless
2	Dorothy Meenan	20	Sophia Anderson
	Joan Stanford	22	Devon Spitler
3	Bob Breeden	23	Shirley Buytendyk
	Emma Strong	26	Mark Tickton
	Catherine Strong	30	John Lange
5	Bea Wylie		Tim Urang
6	Erma Myers		
11	Ken Plusquellec		
16	Clara Patton		
17	Jane Miller		
	Claire Walworth		
	Ben Gard		

## August Anniversaries

3/74	Jim and Celia Smart
3/68	John and Susan Russell
4/01	Scott and Stephanie Blanchard
7/93	Ray and Julie Henderson
8/98	Paul and Carrie Bonvallet
9/69	John and Lynn Lange
11/84	Richard and Joan Stanford
13/83	Russell and Velda Cross
16/69	Bob and Karen Kendall
20/66	Ron and Barbara Hustwit
24/57	Ken and Louise Plusquellec

## Flowers for July and August

July 2	Open
July 9	Stan and Diane Hales in celebration of their anniversary
July 16	Open
July 23	Open
July 30	Dana Schmidt and John Strong in celebration of the birthdays of their daughters, Emma and Catherine
Aug 6	Janice Hutton in memory of loved ones
Aug 13	Joan Stanford in celebration of her anniversary
Aug 20	Bob and Karen Kendall in celebration of their 37th anniversary
Aug 27	Open



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## What's Happening at St. James

- 3rd June**                      **Ordination of Deacons, Cathedral, 10:00 am to noon**
- 5th June**                      **ECCO Ohio, First Presbyterian, 7:30 pm**
- 11th June**                     **Choir Picnic, 5:00 pm**
- 13th June**                     **General Convention 2006 - through till 21st**
- 22nd June**                    **Meals Together, 6:00 pm**
- 24th June**                    **Barker/Lever wedding, 4:00 pm**

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