

# the Joyful Noise

of St. James' Episcopal Church

## How About A Generosity Campaign?

by Damon Hickey

When Evelyn asked me to chair the Stewardship Committee this fall, I had to ask myself what “stewardship” actually meant to me. First, I don’t much like the word, because practically the only time it’s used anymore is in reference to God and the Church, and usually in respect to money. Originally, a steward was a household servant who took care of the finances and property of wealthy families. Or, a steward was someone who took charge of the kingdom when the monarch was away or too young to rule on his own. Stewards had a lot of power. Even though they didn’t own their masters’ property or rule the kingdom in their own right, by acting in the name of the master or the king they became movers and shakers. Jesus told his followers that to be good stewards in the eyes of God, they needed to become like their master—like God. And he modeled for them what that meant by washing their feet and giving his life for them.

Today we use “stewardship” primarily to mean giving time, talents, and money, usually to the Church. The idea is that we don’t own anything; all that we have and are is entrusted to us by God, and we’re accountable to God for what we do with it. Since the Old Testament says we are to give one-tenth of it back to God (that is, to the priests of the Temple) before we do anything else, stewardship has come to mean for many Christians primarily what percentage of your income you pledge to the Church.

But that’s not what Jesus meant when he talked about good and bad stewards. He never mentioned “giving to the Church” (or Synagogue or Temple), but he talked a lot about *giving generously*. He said that God loves a



*cheerful* giver. He praised the poor widow who had barely enough to live on, yet gave it to people who were even poorer than she was. He told the rich man who wanted to inherit eternal life that his possessions were in the way, and that he should go sell all he had, give it to the poor, and only then come follow Jesus. In both cases, Jesus made clear to his disciples that holding on to what you’ve got can keep you out of God’s kingdom, not because God doesn’t want you there but because you wouldn’t be happy in a kingdom where no one tried to hold on to anything but God.

So here’s the dilemma. On the one hand, as followers of Jesus and members of

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Fall Ingathering Sunday is November 12th, 2006.

Do you have a blue UTO box or UTO blue envelope? There are some in the south vestibule and also in the Parish Hall on the table with the UTO poster.



from Joyce Roe

From the Clay Center, Kansas: "God of abundance, how can we thank you enough for all you have shared with us? As we practice our giving, enlarge our hearts, that our hands and feet may follow you to do your work. In all that we do, may we give thanks, sharing our gifts with all in need. Amen."

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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 Greet, Grow, and Give in the name of Jesus Christ.

## Generosity Campaign *(from page 1)*

his Body, the Church, we want to become more like God and more like Jesus by becoming *more generous*. We want to learn to trust God more, to be less afraid, to get our priorities straight, to relieve the suffering of others, and to *enjoy giving*. On the other hand, as followers of Jesus and members of his Body, the Church, we—our time, talents, and money—are needed by the Church if it is to grow in its spiritual life, its mission, and its impact for good in our community. Both involve giving, but they're not the same. *Generosity* isn't just a matter of how much or what percent of your income you give to the Church. But even if you're not a generous person, the Church still needs your money in order to keep its doors open and to carry out the mission its Lord and Head, Jesus Christ, has given it.

Here's how I've resolved the dilemma for myself. First, I believe it's important to *support the Church generously*. If Wooster Episcopalians don't support the Episcopal Church in Wooster, who will? We belong to it and we get the greatest benefit from it. How can we not support it? I give to Public Television, Public Radio, United Way, Apollo's Fire (the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra), and a host of other worthy causes. I vote in favor of bond issues for schools, libraries, and other public services. These are good causes, and it's right that I give to them. But the Church means more to me than any of them. It's where I was born, where I was married, where we and our daughter were baptized, where I'll die, and where I'm reborn. It's where I'm fed every week with the only food that never perishes. It's where my ashes will rest when I return to the dust. It's my primary faith community. It's my family. In its larger expression as the Kingdom of God, it's where I want to spend eternity. The services I receive and value—pastoral care, weekly Holy Eucharist, a close and caring community of friends, spiritual formation—have to be paid for. The ministries the Church carries out in the community, such as the AA groups that use the Parish Hall undercroft, People to People Ministries, the Viola Startzman Free Clinic, Habitat for Humanity, the apartment over the Church House that we make available to a homeless family, Evelyn's ministries, and the various wider ministries of the Episcopal Church and our diocese, will happen only if members give themselves and their money to support them. So I'm not going to apologize for asking you to give generously to St James'.

But giving generously to the Church is also important to your own spiritual life, in two ways. First, it forces you

to think about your priorities. If you feel as though you can't give more to the Church, is that because you might not be able to afford prescription medicines and food? Or is it because you might not be able to afford something else that you'd like to have but that you don't really need? Most of us aren't really in danger of starving or becoming homeless, but we're in mortal danger of putting our hearts—and our treasure—in the wrong places. So giving generously to the Church forces you to think about your priorities. And if you're responsive to God, that may lead you into a more abundant life.

Second, giving generously to the Church is important because to do it, you have to take a risk. You have to overcome your fear of not having enough by trusting that God will supply your needs if you don't hold back. I *want* to be a generous person, to live with open hands rather than with clenched fists that grasp on to what I have and fight off anyone who challenges my tightfistedness. But you don't get to be generous by holding back. You get to be generous by trusting God, opening your hands, and letting go. Trust leads to generosity, which leads to greater trust, which leads to still greater generosity—provided, of course, that God holds up God's end of the deal. According to the Bible, God actually challenges us: Test me. Open your hands. Let go. Give generously. And see if I don't shower you with blessings! Some Christians think that means God will make them rich. Maybe God does want some people to become financially successful, but I don't believe that's what God's telling us in the Bible and through the life and teachings of Jesus. I believe that the blessings God promises are not monetary; they're spiritual. Give, and you'll become a more generous person. Let go, and you'll become a less fearful, more trusting person. Give, and you'll be able to give even more. Give generously, and you'll be more like your Father who is in heaven. Give, and you'll become a citizen of the kingdom where no one needs to hold on to anything but God.



Bishop David Bowman's visitation is November 5. There will be one service at 9:30 a.m. followed by brunch. The Bishop will meet with the vestry following the brunch.



## Evelyn's Epistle

Dear Friends,

The other day, I received an email from my niece Beth, letting me know she had started a "Blog" for her son

Kolby. It's an easy way for her to share pictures and stories about him with all the family and friends who are so far away. Later in the week, she told me that she had serendipitously gotten the Blog when trying to comment on someone else's Blogspot. She had been so inspired by this site that she wanted to send a thank you to its author. The Blog is called *Three Beautiful Things*. It is posted by a British journalist who writes short entries on three things she saw or thought of that she considers beautiful. They are not necessarily things that one would glance at and respond with a sigh of happiness but they are often thought provoking, sometimes humorous, and many times touching.

What it inspired in my niece was a desire to see the beauty and take joy in the ordinary things that make up our ordinary lives. What would our lives be like if we were more aware of the beauty around us, more grateful for the ordinary gifts in a day, more generous with ourselves and others?

When I can step back from my own busyness, my own tasks, and look at the bigger picture of life and living, I am struck by how grateful I am for all the things that make up the day, the week, and on and on. The words of the prayer called *A General Thanksgiving* in the Prayer Book on page 836 help me remember that for which I am truly grateful.

*Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.*

*We thank you for the blessings of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.*

*We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.*

*We thank you for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.*

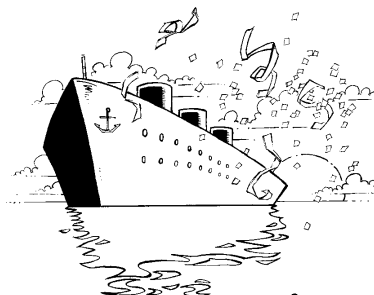
*Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to live again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom*

*Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.*

Sometimes it takes someone else to remind us about the generosity of God, in our lives and in our loves. I believe there is a transformation that comes from faith. We first accept God's love, then respond in gratitude, then live in generosity, led by the Holy Spirit. I'm glad my niece was inspired. I know her son inspires her daily as well and I am often inspired by her view of the world. May we all have those voices in our lives that keep us aware of how blessed we truly are.

God's peace and joy be with you.

Evelyn



## Cruise Ship St James

*Peggy Hockett*

**BOAR'S HEAD/  
YULE LOG FESTI-  
VAL DECEMBER  
30, 2006 TRINITY  
CATHEDRAL,  
CLEVELAND  
3:00 p.m.**

There is little information about this event now as they are still asking for players and choir members. Once we

get the information if 20 or more people are interested we will try to put together a cruise ship adventure.

Possible future events:

- A Progressive Dinner
- Board game night or bingo (for snacks or white elephant prizes); this will include children and be held in the church hall.
- Bowling

## November Birthdays

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



## November Anniversaries

- 3/51 Dwight and Maxine Hayes
- 6/04 David and Sarah Fierbaugh
- 27/82 Matt and Robin Sharp
- 30/91 Scott and Ronda Simmons



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.



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.



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.



- Brown Bag: Nov. 7  
Timothy Mann
- Brown Bag: Nov. 9  
Voices from COW
- Brown Bag: Nov. 16  
The Wooster Brass
- Brown Bag: Nov. 30  
Karen Bricker

For those people who don't have a computer and would like to be added to the telephone tree, please call Pat Petsch at (330) 262-9506 or Nancy Slaydon at (330) 262-8561.



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

- Nov 5 Gloria King/Flo Sprosty
- Nov 12 Jim and Celia Smart in celebration of their son Jeff's birthday  
Susan Baxter and Ben Gard in celebration of their daughter Emily's birthday
- Nov 19 Alan and Jackie Kiefer in memory of their parents
- Nov 26 Martha Dutton in celebration of the birth of her great-grandson, Frederick Horace Williamson

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

# St. James' Peace and Justice Committee

*Susan Figge*

“Will you strive for justice and peace among all people?”

Members of the Peace and Justice Committee have found the following websites useful for thinking about or taking action on policy issues related to economic and social justice, stewardship of resources, and peace and non-violence.

1. The website of the Episcopal Church USA:  
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org>
2. Follow the link from the homepage to ONE Episcopalian:  
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ONE>

ONE Episcopalian™ is a grassroots partnership between The Episcopal Church and the ONE Campaign to rally Episcopalians – ONE by ONE – to the cause of ending extreme poverty in our world and achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

From here, follow the links to the Episcopal Public Policy Network and to Peace and Justice Ministries:

[http://www.episcopalchurch.org/peace\\_justice.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/peace_justice.htm)

3. The website of the Ohio Council of Churches:  
<http://www.ohcouncilchs.org/>

Follow the links for Public Policy, Legislative Policy, and Social Justice

4. Sojourners/Call to Renewal  
These combined organizations, under the leadership of Jim Wallis, seek to articulate a biblical vision of social justice and are committed to putting poverty on the forefront of the political agenda for the 2008 elections.

<http://www.sojo.net/>  
<http://www.calltorenewal.com/>

5. [www.OHVOTES.org](http://www.OHVOTES.org) is a non-partisan voter participation initiative that provides resources to nonprofits in order to help incorporate nonpartisan voter participation and education activities into their ongoing work. It also provides non-partisan information on candidates and ballot issues across the state and on non-profit voter

participation and education activities permissible for non-profits.

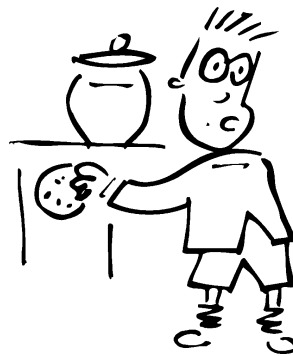
Upcoming event: **Saturday, November 19, 10:00 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Wooster.**

The Wooster Area Interfaith Peace and Justice Network, of which we are a part, is sponsoring a second meeting on issues of health care in Ohio. Dr. Johnathan Ross, from Single Payer Action Network (SPAN) will speak. Dr. Thomas Kelly, Director of the Cleveland Clinic/Wooster, will respond. Sen. Ron Amstutz and Rep. Jim Carmichael have also been invited to attend. This promises to be a constructive and informative meeting.

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## St. Nick's Cookies

*by Ruth Brown*



We'll be baking St. Nicholas Cookies again and need help. We'll be baking on Thursday, November 30th at 9am at my house at 1561 Avalon. There will be a sign up sheet. We will also be icing that same evening at the church at 7:00 pm and bagging on Friday, December 1st at 10:00 am at the church. If you can't

make any of those times, we also need dough made, which can be dropped off at my house. We had a great time last year so come join the fun. Questions? See Ruth Brown.



## The Departed

As a rule, film remakes limp behind the originals. A drastic case in point is the recent and dreadful *School for Scoundrels*, inspired by the charming and hilarious 1960 British classic of the same title that featured Ian Carmichael, Terry-Thomas, and Alastair Sim.

A spectacular exception to that rule is Martin Scorsese's **The Departed**, based on the slickly crafted 2004 Hong Kong crime thriller *Infernal Affairs*. Screenwriter William Monahan has taken that script, and while there are many scene-for-scene replays, he has essentially transformed it into something rich and unforgettable. The heart-pounding excitement of the plot is there, but finally it is a compelling story of the characters themselves and their dilemmas. The whole does not suggest that it is or could be anything but a very American film, firmly set in a South Boston where class and ethnic backgrounds are always palpably felt. I found the original clever and entertaining, but it didn't turn a lot of intellectual or emotional muscles. Monahan's brilliant script, Scorsese's direction, and the focused talents of a distinguished cast and crew make this one of Scorsese's most memorable films.

The film begins with grainy footage of civil rights unrest in the 1970s. A husky voice-over comments contemptuously on those who don't simply take by force whatever they want. "I don't want to be a product of my environment," he says, "I want my environment to be a product of me." Emerging from the shadows in sinister silhouette is Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson), leader of an Irish crime gang. (Why an Irish gangster is given the name of the best-known Mafioso of his era, I am at a loss to say.)

In an early scene he enters a grocery store to shake down the owner. An awestruck little boy named Colin Sullivan is in the store. Frank, who knows his father, buys him a bag of groceries, encourages him to do well in school, and tells him that when he is through with his studies, he should come to see Frank, who will take good care of him. It is as if this Mephistophelian character, at once magnetically charming and thoroughly terrifying, were sealing a contract for the boy's soul.

And so it is. A tight close-up of the boy's face dissolves to the young man at graduation from the police academy. At the end of the ceremony, Colin (Matt Damon) breaks away from his fellow graduates as he sees a slowly passing car from which Costello smiles broadly at him. Colin will join the force, but he will be Costello's inside man and source of police information.

Another young man, Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio), joins the force at the same time, but such is his brilliance and acumen that he is singled out for special service by Captain Queenan (Martin Sheen) and Sgt. Dignam (Mark Wahlberg). He is to become a police informant inside Costello's gang. The course is not easy or smooth. He will ostensibly lose all connection with the police, and he will serve time in jail for assault and battery.

As the story develops, both sides become aware that they have a mole in their midst, and they set out to destroy him before he can destroy them. Photography and editing draw the parallels between the two men whose lives both become elaborate fabrics of lying and deception on opposite sides of the law.

Colin can charm and deceive with his ready smile and quick wit, but the eyes are always cool and watchful. We watch him closely, wondering how he manages, where his loyalties may really lie, whether there are limits to his ruthlessness, whether it is possible for anyone to know this man.

Billy, inside the gang, must watch or participate in the violence of their work, and it takes a terrible toll on him, especially as he must always keep his emotions to himself. This is the third time that DiCaprio has worked with Scorsese, a director who brings out the very best in this talented young actor.

The parallels between the two men extend, unbeknownst to each other, to their intimacy with a police psychiatrist (Vera Farmiga). Farmiga does admirably with a part that is contrived and drawn to serve the plot.

Nicholson, I am told, accepted the part because, having

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# The Departed

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recently played mostly comedy, he was eager to embrace a thoroughly evil character. He does it with immense relish. Costello is a man who doesn't need to do what he does; he does it because it is such a wonderful game and he is so good at it. His character is bizarre and compelling. It is a tribute to DiCaprio that his inwardly conflicted character manages to hold the screen with Nicholson in the many scenes they share.

The film has been rated R for profanity, violence, and sex. There is plenty of gore and mayhem, though it is not on a level we have seen in other Scorsese films. I can't recall another of his films, however, that also had so much laugh-out-loud humor put into the essentially dark mix. And the entire mix serves the world that this gifted director conjures best: the mean urban streets that are the murky setting for deception, fragile loyalties, and betrayal of others and self.

This is an immensely satisfying and accomplished piece of work. The cinematography of Michael Ballhaus and the cutting by Scorsese's favorite editor, Thelma Schoonmaker, support outstanding performances on all sides. I savored every one of the film's 149 minutes. I felt I was in the hands of a great filmmaker at the top of his form, and it is a film I intend to study and enjoy many times over.

asked him if he had one that you could use to call someone and talk. You know, using a voice. I appreciate that his puzzled look was probably because he couldn't see my club, saber-tooth loincloth, and the scars on my knuckles where I dragged them along the floor. He took out the "Neanderthal Special," which you had to hold in your hand and speak into. I gratefully accepted.

I've also gone back to using a little black book to record random thoughts, questions, and observations. For just under \$20, I bought myself the hippest of low-tech devices, the Moleskine Pocket Lined Notebook. For the PETA sympathizers out there, I should point out that it is NOT made from the leathery flesh of a small, cute, furry, earthworm-eating critter, but is pronounced /moh lass KEY nay/ rather than "mole skin."

Each Moleskine has a rigid, bound oilcloth 'moleskine' cover, with a durable thread bound binding and fine Italian acid-free paper pages. Moleskine notebooks also have a built-in elastic closure that holds the cover closed, a ribbon placeholder, and an expandable accordion pocket in the back made of cardboard and oilcloth, which I use for business cards, tickets, and a few colored index cards.

My input device of choice is a Pentel Twist-Erase 0.9 mechanical pencil that adds a whopping \$4 to the cost of this "Personal Digital Assistant" (PDA). Another advantage of the Pentel is that it includes a delete function; there's an eraser at one end. Some people swear by gel pens, but there's something about a pencil that feels just right. Furthermore, it shows up just fine against the slightly cream-colored paper.

What, I hear you ask, do you actually write in your Moleskine? Well, here are a couple of random extracts:

2-23-06: The "Brasserie des Poissons" in Neuchâtel, Switzerland, serves a wine called "Chateau d'Auvernier," which is uniquely cloudy because it is unfiltered, and is only available in January and February.

4-30-06: "Lend me your gun and I can shoot myself" is an examples of an ambiguous statement.

7-3-06: Someone who is getting old and forgetful can be described using the metaphor "their cheese is sliding off the counter."

I try to keep comments down to just a couple of lines rather than write an extended monologue. If I want to do that, I simply go back through my notes and open up a Microsoft Word document. Just like the one I'm writing now.

The big news in the Moleskine world is the announcement that they are bringing out a new offering which is a combined weekly planner and notebook, or what I used to call a "diary."

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## The Editor's Bit

In real life, most of you know that I work at the cutting edge of specialized computer technology for folks with disabilities. This involves directing the efforts of software and hardware engineers to produce robust and not inexpensive boxes that talk. I have to read about WiFi, BlueTooth, LANs, WANs, VPNs, and transporter beams. OK, so I'm lying about the transporter beams, but sometimes I wish I could say "Beam me up, Mr. Scott" and take a break from the hi-

tech world that hurtles along at breakneck speed.

So I try to cultivate a neo-Luddite attitude whenever I can. For example, at my last visit to the Verizon store to replace a broken phone, the salesman showed me a mind-spinning array of phones that could let me send text messages, surf the Internet, download music, take high-resolution photos, capture videos, and pinpoint my location to within 6 inches. I

# Be The Change You Hope For

by Dick Figge

Members of St. James and other Wooster parishes went to Ashland University on October 3 to hear Jim Wallis, theologian and commentator on ethics and public



life. Wallis is President and Executive Director of Sojourners and the author of the bestselling book *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*.

Wallis addressed the issues raised in his book. He described himself as a 19th century evangelist,

reminding us that evangelism of the 19th century fought against slavery and for women's suffrage. Speaking in the 21st century, he said, "I want to rescue evangelism from fundamentalism."

Wallis charged that people on the political right have hijacked the language of faith for their own interests, and those on the left often ignore faith issues in the political arena. To hear the right tell it, you'd think God is pro-rich, pro-war, and pro-Republican. To hear the left tell it, you'd think that spiritual concerns have no place in politics.

Wallis's passion is for the point where religion and politics intersect. He urged the audience to hold both their religious communities and their government accountable to values of justice, peace, equality, and the environment.

"The monologue of the religious right is over, and a new dialogue has begun," Wallis said. "When I find 2,000 verses in my Bible about poverty, I insist poverty is a moral issue."

"Bad religion pulls out our worst stuff — hatred, fears," he said. "Good religion pulls out our best stuff — compassion, hunger for justice, tolerance and love."

"My friends," said Wallis, "we've had too much bad religion in America. Now it's time for some good religion."

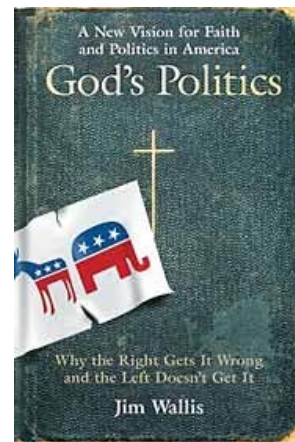
"Our nation is hungry for a politics of love and a politics of resolutions," Wallis said. "We need a new moral center. Don't go left. Don't go right. Go deeper. The

two great hungers in the world are hunger for spirituality and hunger for social justice, and the connection between the two is the one the world is waiting for."

It is too easy to despair as we confront the biggest global problems of our time, whether they be Darfur or global warming, he said. We are called upon to hope and to act on faith. "Faith" he told us, "is for the big stuff. The reason I'm tired of left-right is they paralyze and polarize the conversation. My Bible says if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you can move mountains."

He said not to sit back and expect politicians to effect necessary changes. In Washington, he said, you can always recognize members of Congress: they walk around with their index finger raised, trying to tell which way the wind is blowing. We need to determine the direction of that wind.

"Politics is failing so we have to change politics," he said. "What changes politics is social movements. Gandhi said, 'Be the change you hope for.'"



# November 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 7:30 H.E. 9:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	<b>2</b> 10:00 am Evelyn in Elyria 12:05 Brown Bag: Timothy Mann, Organ 7:00 pm Outreach	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:00 am Investiture of K. Jefferts-Schori Trinity Commons
<b>5</b> All Saint's Day Bishop David Bowman 9:00 Choir 9:30 Confirmation 10:30 Brunch 4:00 pm Evensong - Gambier	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Evelyn at area Clergy Meeting	<b>8</b> 7:30am H.E. 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Book Group 7:00 pm Choir	<b>9</b> 12:05 pm Brown Bag: Voices from COW	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> UTO Ingathering 8:00 am H.E. 9:00 Choir 9:30 Adult Forum 10:00 Sunday school 10:30 H.E. 11:30 Coffee	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30 am H.E. 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Book Group 7:00 pm Choir	<b>16</b> 12:05 pm Brown Bag: The Wooster Brass	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
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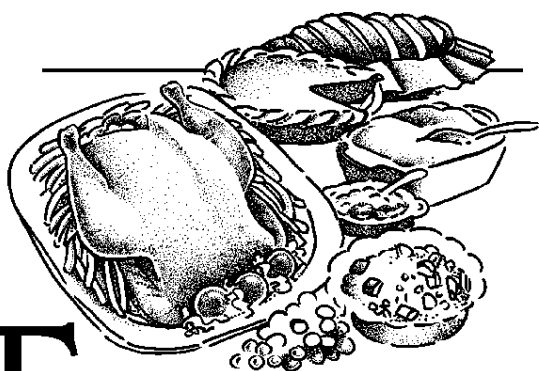
*Remember, you can check the St. James' website for calendar information and updates. Just go to <http://www.stjameswooster.org>.*

## The Editor's Bit

(from page 8)

Instead of tapping the screen of your Palm Pilot to open up a new activity, using a drop down menu to select a time, and clicking a window to assign the activity to a specific category, you turn the pages of your Moleskine to the date you want and write with a pencil. Imagine that! What a brilliant idea. No problems with losing your charger, crashing the software, or miss-entering a time zone, just the occasional broken lead (click the end of the pencil for more) or a misspelled word – use the *delete* function.

Sometimes, old is good. Or even better.



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## “Beat the Bug” 2006

After getting your flu shot, hand-washing is the most effective way to stop the spread of illness. The flu shot prevents or minimizes symptoms from influenza strains that have been identified as most likely to circulate during the 2006-07 season.

Influenza viruses spread through droplets that come from the nose or mouth when the infected person coughs or sneezes. The virus can also live on objects like faucets, door handles, doorknobs, toys and telephones for up to 48 hours and can be transmitted by contact from your hand to your nose or mouth. The good news is that by washing your hands thoroughly with soap and water or by using an antibacterial gel, you can reduce your risk of becoming infected. Wash your hands before and after eating, after using the restroom and after blowing your nose.



Ruth Brown RNC Parish Nurse

## Report from the Treasurer

Selected statistics for first nine months of the year:

	<u>Nine months Ended</u>		<u>Change from Prior Year</u>	
	<u>9-30-06</u>	<u>9-30-05</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Operating revenues	\$ 131,961	\$ 124,617	\$ 7,344	5.9%
Operating expenses	<u>153,325</u>	<u>143,033</u>	<u>10,292</u>	7.2%
Operating (deficit)	( 21,364)	( 18,416)	( 4,235)	
Overall (deficit)	(20,453)	( 26,892)	6,439	



It is normal to have a deficit in the first nine months, since St. James receives a large proportion of its operating revenues in the last three months of the year. However, for the first nine months 2006, operating expenses have increased more than operating revenues. Operating expense are higher than last year due to normal increases and especially large increases in our heating expenses.

The difference between the overall deficit and the operating deficit is the overall deficit includes contributions made to non-operating funds such as capital, building, and memorial funds. It also includes investment income and depreciation expense.

Last year the St. James auction provided a large boost to the Church's finances. It was also a fun event for all who attended. Everyone is encouraged to attend this year. Please contact the Treasurer, John Cook, if you have any questions concerning the finances of St. James.

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## What's Happening at St. James

- 2nd Nov**                    **Brown Bag: Timothy Mann, Organ, 12:05 pm**
- 5th Nov**                    **Bishop Bowman and Confirmation, 9:30 am**
- 9th Nov**                    **Brown Bag: Voices from COW, 12:05 pm**
- 16th Nov**                   **Brown Bag: The Wooster Brass, 12:05 pm**
- 22nd Nov**                   **Community Thanksgiving Service, WHS, 7:00 pm**

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