

The St. James' *Epistle*

November 29th, 2009

Advent

Dear Beloved of St. James,

The season of Advent begins in a time of darkness as the days are getting shorter and the nights are getting longer. After all we have a God who created all things, and it is no surprise that nature has a way of revealing spiritual truth. Jesus used metaphors such as seeds, soil, and growth in his parables to illustrate the nature of the Kingdom of God. Light and darkness are major themes in the scriptures symbolizing the love and hope of the gospel versus the sin and death in the world. It is fitting that Advent begins this way and that we light candles as a way to say to the darkness: No, you will never overcome the light.

This advent we will begin reading the gospel of Luke. The name Luke means 'light' and God used him to share the message of light that came into this dark world. This advent as we pray for light, there is an abundance of darkness in our world from economic calamity to global terrorism and war. Some-times it seems as if our troubles will overcome us, and we are tempted to lose hope and give in to the darkness. God's promise is that will never happen. "In him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of all people." Jesus is the light of the world and in Him rests the hope for the entire world. In Advent we look forward to that time when he will put away darkness forever. Until that time the season of Advent becomes a living reminder that the light of the world is near.

Advent begins with the lighting of a single candle on the Advent wreath. The candlelight increases until Christmas when the glow of candlelight greets the birth of our Savior. I like how one author put it,

"Every candle we light becomes a protest of light against the darkness. They declare to every power of darkness that there is a light that shines, and that the darkness will never be able to overcome it."

We are invited to be the people in whom and through whom that light shines to the world.

I invite each of you to join me in a holy and hopeful Advent always shining with the light of Christ in our lives. I also invite everyone to join me in the daily discipline of prayer and meditation during these days leading up to Christmas. *You can decide to set aside time for your faith.*

May the light of Christ be ever so present in your lives,

Marya+

Words from Outgoing Senior Warden

It has been such an honor to have had the opportunity to serve the St. James community in the capacity of Warden.

Over the past two years, we have moved through some seismic issues with grace, dignity and success.

When I was asked to fill this position, I hesitated due to my working hours, new marriage, long commute, and frequent travel. I said, at the get go, that a lot of what we will do will have to be through electronic means in order to fill these gaps. In fact, I telecommute to Washington DC every day from my office in Cambridge with good results, so the same principles could be applied to this role.

Our community has broken new ground in discovering the ability of the Internet to get much accomplished and to not miss a beat.

This trend will continue in the areas of evangelism, administration and committee work, to name a few. The web site already serves as a very important outreach tool (it was through the St. James Web Site that I obtained enough information to want to come and see); coupled with new Web 2.0 social networking and other media, we will be freed up to do God's work all the more effectively and efficiently.

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I am glad to part of this new trend; who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks? And I know we are going to have a great new Senior Warden with Alice Claps and her immeasurable energy and competence. And her expertise in "Doodling" and other electronic collaboration tools.

I will miss my current role, but now look forward to continuing Worship duties and exploring other ways to contribute. Thanks for your support; I am very grateful to you all.

Jim



Parish Office is open from 8:30am to 1:30pm Mon. through Fri. Please note that the office will be closed on the following days:

Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th
In Observance of Christmas

Friday, January 1st
In Observance of New Year's Day



and Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, January 17th, 2010
Following the service in the parish hall

Employment Opportunities . . .

The U.S. Census Bureau will hire nearly 1.2 million people to execute the 2010 Census. In the Boston region, the Bureau will open more than 20 temporary offices and hire numerous full-time and part-time positions from now through next spring. The work is short-term, but the hourly wage is competitive and a Census job can provide a needed boost during this time of high unemployment. To learn more about Census job opportunities, visit the 2010 Census website at <http://www.census.gov/rochi/www/2010Jobs.html>

Staff Meeting
Friday, Dec. 4th - 12:15 - 2:15pm

Worship

Holiday Worship Schedule

Watch for these Special Events
And
Sunday Happenings

1 Advent

Sunday, 11/29 -- 9:30am --
Service of Morning Prayer w/Ante-Communion
Officiant: The Rev. Marya DeCarlen
Preacher: Julia Steer

2 Advent

Sunday, 12/6 -- 9:30am --
Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Stewardship Wrap-up

3 Advent

Sunday, 12/13 -- 9:30am --
Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Service of Healing,
Eucharistic Visitors, Health & Healing Ministry

4 Advent

Sunday, 12/20 -- 9:30am --
Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve

Thursday, 12/24 -- 10:00pm --
Candlelight Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

1 Christmas

Sunday, 12/27 -- 9:30am --
Service of Morning Prayer, Rite I
Officiant: Jim Harrison
Preacher: Christi Humphrey

2 Christmas

Sunday, 1/3/2010 -- 9:30am --



Service of Lessons and Carols



Say it with Flowers . . .

Did you know that the flowers in the church every Sunday are given by members to glorify our Lord and to honor, or remember, loved ones? These arrangements beautify our church and enhance our worship.

We are now accepting orders for Holiday Memorial Flowers. These flowers will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas season, and can be ordered in memory of, or thanksgiving for, loved ones. Interested parties may complete the Memorial Flower Order Form available at the bottom of this newsletter, or by contacting the parish office at 978-373-1270 or saintjameschurch@comcast.net.



On a Musical Note . . .

On November 15th, after our Sunday church service, our organ received its fall maintenance. This year Tim Hawkes tuned and inspected the organ. As I sat through the tedious four hours of playing each note individually directed by Tim's prompts such as "next", or "wait a minute, I've got to stretch my legs", I thought of writing this little article about the St. James' organ.

During the tuning visit, for which St. James' Church budgets about \$200 per year, the organ is first checked for any winding or action issues. Then the technician, with the assistance of a key-holder, attempts to tune all the pipes that are out of tune. Sometimes, due to 100-year-old tuning devices called (tuning scrolls), the pipes are difficult or impossible to

tune. In some cases, the organ technician has no choice but to leave these problem pipes out of tune.

This summer, I contacted Tim Hawkes in regard to replacing tuning scrolls on a number of pipes that need restoration. After a short visit to assess the organ's needs, Tim had a few of his own suggestions, which ranked from "should be done as soon as possible" to "would be nice . . . at some point". One very important issue Tim brought up has to do with our front pipes and the toeboard upon which these pipes rest. Fixing the toeboard will not change the way the organ looks, but will significantly improve the organ's structural soundness, as well as the sound of our front pipes.

At some point, what would be nice is to also improve the look of our organ, in particular the front pipes. Years ago, a colorful stenciled design decorated our organ's front pipes, which one sees a lot on organs of this period. One of our parishioners possesses a black and white photograph depicting the original look of our organ. As is the case with valuable antiques, proper restoration is ideal, but costly.

In his proposal, Tim writes about the St. James' organ: "this instrument has served the parish's musical needs for over 110 years. In the recent past, the organ has had restoration work done piecemeal. A few outstanding sections remain in need of restoration work." Then he describes the work he could do to address those concerns. Tim Hawkes was chosen as one of two organ technicians to write a proposal on how they would address the needs of our organ.

According to the Organ Historical Society's on-line database (see link below), the organ at St. James is an Opus 81 Woodberry & Harris Company, from 1890 (an enlargement of a much smaller organ built by Joel Butler in 1870). There are a total of 750 pipes, 15 ranks, 2 manual keyboards and a 27-note pedalboard (which the organist plays with her feet). By today's standards, a replacement value would be somewhere in the area of \$270,000. Our antique organ is both interesting and valuable!

Tim Hawkes is also part of our church organ's history. He rebuilt our organ's winding system and added a new blower over a decade ago. Tim comes from a family of organ builders. A nice part of such a legacy is the inheritance of very unique, specialized tools for organ servicing. When I complimented him on the assortment laid out around our communion rail, he said: "they belonged to my father, Walter Hawkes".

It is good to have a local, experienced organ technician who has done extensive work on the organ

in the past once again caring for our pipe organ. It is also good to have dedicated and caring parishioners like Marilyn Diehl and Starr Anderson, who are currently applying for grants that will make the necessary organ restoration possible. God bless their good work.

Andrea DeGiovanni
Organist and Music Director

(<http://organsociety.bsc.edu/SingleOrganDetails.php?OrganID=36609>)



Choir Rehearsals
Tuesday Evenings, @ 6:30pm

Christian Formation

A note from Christi Humphrey -

Time has flown by since I joined the staff in June. When I first saw the job posting, the line that caught my eye expressed what St. James was seeking. It said that you were looking for someone to help “develop communities of practice in the areas of stewardship, healing ministries, prayer and mission.” The person would be charged with “encouraging adult formation, intergenerational activities and discipleship.”

As I have worshiped with you, sat beside you in meetings, shared coffee and studied the Bible with you, I have heard and observed your affection for each other and the Christian community that you form. Marya and I have meet regularly to flesh out my role and we see it evolving into one which will use my past experience in Christian formation and my ministry as a Spiritual Director. My focus will not be so much putting together small groups, but promoting Christian formation and providing opportunities for spiritual care. The traditional role of a spiritual director is to accompany an individual on their journey of faith. The spiritual director listens for where God is active in the directee’s life. As a spiritual director working within a congregation, I foresee myself listening for, encouraging and facilitating opportunities for St. James to affirm its life as a Christian community and strengthen discipleship. Being followers of Jesus Christ has never been easy. Paul’s letters to the early communities attest to that. The question that seems to under gird my ministry at St. James is how can I support, nurture, facilitate and affirm your

discipleship? How can I assist you in living your faith in daily life?

Throughout the newsletter, you will see notices of opportunities for education and fellowship. Please take advantage of these events. If there is a topic or issue which you would like to learn more about -- faith, spirituality, the Bible, the Episcopal tradition, God, prayer or anything related to living life as a modern day Christian, please be in touch either through email at cchumphrey@comcast.net or by phone at 508-633-7466 “*I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through the Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses know-ledge so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*” The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 3:16-19

Economic Downturn “House Meeting” December 6th after worship

What are the hopes and dreams that you have for yourself, your children, your grandchildren? How has the current economic downturn affected your ability to achieve your dreams? Are you anxious because your retirement account is dwindling away? Are you concerned about funding your children’s college education? Have you, or a member of your family, experienced a recent “downsizing” in the workplace?

On December 6th, Rosemarie Buxton in conjunction with Merrimack Valley Project (MVP), will be hosting an economic downturn “house meeting” here at St. James. People of all ages and family demographics are invited. Rosemarie will begin with a reflection on a piece of scripture and then facilitate a time of sharing stories about how the current financial crisis has affected people's present situations, and their hopes and dreams for the future.

The Merrimack Valley Project was created to unite religious, labor, and community organizations in campaigns to expand economic opportunities and good jobs, save and create affordable housing, and to address other issues related to the welfare of the Merrimack Valley region and, through these campaigns, to develop the leadership skills of Valley residents, parti-

cularly those who are underrepresented in public life.
For more information visit their web site at
<http://www.merrimackvalleyproject.org/index.htm>.

Please plan to attend this important
conversation. If you would like more information, or
are interested in attending, contact Christi Humphrey
at cchumphrey@comcast.net or 508-633-7466.



Coming in 2010! *A Slice of Faith -*

What happens when you mix pizza, an evocative Christian video, your favorite beverage and a few of your faith friends? Come and find out at one of the upcoming "Slice of Faith" events. Are you interested in exploring your relationship with God and Jesus? These occasional gatherings will take place within the home of a St. James host, pizza will be served and a short video from Rob Bell will be viewed. Rob's work has been praised and described as contemporary and relevant for today's seekers, whether new to Christianity or a long-time believer. A discussion of how the video struck you will be facilitated, making room for sharing a broad range of viewpoints. For more information contact Julia Steer at jsteer45@comcast.net

Epiphany Panel Discussion -- *Faith and Social Issues*

A panel discussion is being planned on how faith informs those in the political arena. Members of the different political parties will be invited to share how their faith informs their work in the Massachusetts legislature, specifically in the areas of health care and the economy. More details will be forthcoming.

"Spirituality of Parenting" Coming this spring!

A Spirituality of Parenting series is being planned for the spring. This monthly conversation for parents of all ages, and stages, will create a place for sharing the challenges and gifts of faithful parenting and explore topics like prayer, faith practices for our homes, faith development, and how to walk more deeply into faith as we share faith with our children.

Commit? *Coming in Lent 2010*



What Would It Mean to Live More Deeply into the Baptismal Covenant?

What is Commit?

Commit? is an adult Christian faith formation program focused on Baptism and the Baptismal Covenant. Gathering in small groups around a shared meal, participants consider together the big questions about who God is and what it might mean personally to live more deeply into one's identity in Christ.

Conversations in Commit? springs from short readings in Scripture, pre-modern tradition, and contemporary Christian writers. Participants in small groups delve into the riches of Scripture and the Christian tradition by relating themes to their own experiences, values, and commitments. Commit? is part of *The Klesis Project: Connect? Commit? Covenant!* The first piece, *Connect?*, was offered at St. James about two years ago and we look forward to continuing the series.

Who Might Benefit From Commit?

All who seek a deeper connection with the Christian story and vision while building authentic, life-giving relationships with the people of Saint James may benefit from participating in Commit? For more information, or to express interest in participating, contact Christi Humphrey.

Children's Ministries

PARENTS . . . PLEASE SAVE THE DATES!!

SATURDAY, DEC. 19TH FROM 9AM TO 12 NOON
PAGEANT DRESS REHEARSAL - PIZZA TO FOLLOW

SUNDAY, DEC. 20TH @ 9:30AM
SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Diocesan News

Family Ministry News

A seasonal resource for all kinds of families, and those who work with them

Walking the Path

... an excerpt from an article by Mary Ann Christie Burnside

Mary Ann is a developmental psychologist, educator, and founder of Hearts and Minds, a Lexington, MA-based organization that educates adults and children about mindful awareness in relation to self, others, and daily life. She is also a member at Church of Our Redeemer, Lexington.

Those of us who seek God long for Him. We thrive when we feel His presence in our daily lives and we grieve when we feel estranged from Him. I know that is certainly true for me.

Parenting, which I view as an ongoing spiritual retreat, can be both an awakening to and a balm for our longing for God, and for ourselves. In fact, parenting is nothing less than a sacred ministry. Those of us who are called to nurture children, hold much more than their physical well being in our hands. We clothe our children and feed them; we love them and we teach them. In all that we do and leave undone, we shape how our children come to see, and be, in the world. As parents, what we do and say matters now and for generations to come. Our children deserve our utmost awareness and care, the best that we can give at any given moment.

Does parenting sound harder than you already thought it was? Daunting, even? Hard work, yes -- Sacred, yes -- Daunting, no. We already have the capacity to be connected and aware, to act with love toward ourselves and toward one another, to be spiritual. Jesus said "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you ... Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven and all things will be added unto you." Our spiritual capacity is as innate as our capacity to breathe, think, and feel. It is our birthright. Beyond capacity, we have access to God's grace in all the moments of our lives, because God is always available to us. Always. The rest is up to us. We can make ourselves available to God by walking with purpose on this parenting path to which we've been called.

Practicing Spiritual Parenting

Here is a simple but powerful spiritual practice for parents: Begin wherever you are by setting a daily intention for yourself. Setting an intention can be as simple as saying "Today, I will focus on what's good in my relationship with my child" or something wider, such as "Love goes before me and guides my every step." A daily intention describes our deepest desire for how we wish to be in the world, but it's more than a desire. An intention is an intent, a set of fully conscious decisions and choices about how we will act, about what we will say and do. In this sense, an intention is like a map that we use to chart a path that we feel passionate about following.

Why is intention important? Recent research in the field of neurology suggests that intention primes the brain. The practical implication is that when we set an intention, we begin to orient ourselves toward things that support our intention, which means we begin to notice things that can help us. Over time, an ongoing practice of intention becomes generative: The more we seek to be fully awake in our relationships and lives, the more we connect with thoughts and experiences that lift up and support us on our paths.

Remember Love: An Intentional Exercise

Close your eyes for a few seconds and bring to mind your children. Consider where God is in your role as a parent or in your relationship with them. Spend a few minutes writing a one-sentence intention that captures the love you have for your children and a longing for how you wish to behave toward them.

Post it up around your house. Carry it with you. Memorize it. Say it silently to yourself as often as you need to. Say it aloud when you want to. Share it with your child if you are inclined.

As you go through the day, bring your intention to mind. Then notice what you notice. Pay attention to whether, and when, you feel closer to yourself, your children, or to God.

Health & Healing

Upcoming Blood Pressure Clinics

On the 2nd Sunday of each month following the 9:30 service, a member of our Health & Healing team is available to conduct blood pressure clinics and address your health questions and/or concerns.

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Please drop in on the following Sundays:

December 13 th , 2009	Marilyn Diehl, RN
January 10 th , 2010	TBA
February, 14 th , 2010	TBA
March 14 th , 2010	TBA
April 11 th , 2010	TBA
May 16 th , 2010	TBA
June 13 th , 2010	TBA

Health Precautions And Common Sense

The following guidelines can be followed as we enter the flu season both with regard to normal flu strains and the additional presence of H1N1.

While you are still healthy and showing NO symptoms of H1N1 infection, proliferation can be prevented by adhering to the following practices:

- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly
- Be aware that the only portals of entry are the nostrils and mouth/throat, so resist all temptation of touch your face
- Gargle twice daily with warm salt water (or Listerine if you don't trust salt)
- Clean your nostrils a least once daily with warm salt water (saline), or by blowing your nose hard once daily and swabbing both nostrils with cotton buds dipper in warm salt water
- Boost your natural immunity with foods that are rich in Vitamin C and other citrus fruits
- Drink as much warm liquids (tea, coffee, etc.) as you can . . . drinking warm liquids has the same effect as gargling. The wash proliferating viruses from the throat into the stomach where they cannot survive

Common sense dictates that we act responsibly in light of the World Health Organization designating H1N1 as a pandemic because of its global spread. Precautions at St. James' are based on this information and in order to be responsible to one another as part of our commitment to the covenant of Baptism. Therefore:

If you are ill with head or respiratory symptoms, do not come to the church for worship or any other event.

Also, at the Exchange of God's peace, acknowledge one another verbally if you are not feeling well.

Similarly, when receiving Communion:

Do not dip the consecrated bread in the chalice. Either receive the wine directly from the chalice, or receive communion only with the bread.

The sacrament of Holy Communion is complete and entire in either species. If you do not wish to receive the chalice, cross you arms over your chest after consuming the bread. This may sound like an odd request but there are members of the congregation who, because of chronic medical conditions, live with a higher degree of illness vulnerability. Therefore, what might be a mild case of an illness for many of us, can be for them, a more serious matter. Thanks for your understanding!!!

Fellowship

Hospitality Hour

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for, by this, some have entertained angels without knowing it . . .

-- Hebrews 13:2

Now that we are getting ready to welcome in the New Year, it is once again time to recruit Coffee Hour hosts. Hosting Coffee Hour is easy – all you have to do is bring some goodies to go with the coffee, set up in the parish hall and put things away afterward.

Rosemary Schacht will send you a reminder the week before you're scheduled, so you don't even have to remember your selected dates!

Please consider helping out one or more Sundays. You may sign up on the clipboard in the parish hall, or contact us at 978-373-1270 or saintjameschurch@comcast.net.

Mission & Outreach

Thanks from Coming Home Inc. (CHI)

Our thanks to everyone at St. James for your support of Coming Home Inc. (CHI). CHI is a non-profit organization run by a group of volunteers from St James Episcopal Church, Trinity Church in Haverhill and the Episcopal City Mission.

Our goal is to offer affordable housing and day care in Groveland. This is part of our ongoing updates to let you know how we are doing.

Recently we have had meetings with the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. We are hoping that the Diocese will help us with additional financial support for our project. The initial response has been encouraging but there is still work to be done.

We are continuing to have communication with the Haverhill Community Action Program regarding a Day Care collaboration and are exploring other potential financial partnerships for the program.

One of the assets owned by CHI is a store-front property on Washington Street. Some parishioners were concerned that the landscape around the point property was in need of some tender loving care. We have mowed, weeded and tidied up the property.

If you have questions about Coming Home Inc, talk to a member of our Board or send your inquiries to projectmanager@cominghomeinc.org.

John Anderson
President

Please keep our DR Missioners in your prayers as they prepare to depart for the Dominican Republic on January 23rd, 2010

Property

Property Report Fall 2009

Projects accomplished for 2009

1. Preparation, sanding, caulking, painting exterior of church
2. Pointing brick foundation where needed
3. Carpentry repair of siding and sills
4. Repair of flashing on roof of church
5. Ground level grading to divert water away from church
6. Repair of brick front steps (rectory)
7. Replacement of old steel oil tank with a new Roth 275 gal. galvanized, double walled, rustproof tank (rectory) thank you to Steve Shea of Stocker/Shea Oil Co. for all his help and getting us a good deal
8. New roof on the garage at the rectory
9. Servicing all 3 oil burners. Church, Parish hall, Rectory

Projects we hope to get done before winter

1. Pump out septic tank, Parish Hall
2. Organ maintenance and tuning

Projects accomplished have all been paid with the help of the Stokes loan received this summer and, The Memorial Building and maintenance funds received in memory of Audrey Lawrence!

Respectfully submitted,
John Cole and Mark Prescott

Stewardship

The 2010 Pledge Campaign is in full-swing, but new pledges are still needed. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex. Please see Kim Berents for details.

News from Family & Friends

On Nov. 25th, Yuri Arsenault, son of Lisa and Marty Arsenault of Merrimac, auditioned for the Great American Marching Band (official Macy's Day Band) and made it! They take 2 kids from each state. At this writing, Uri is the only one from Massachusetts.



Welcome Hunter Andrew

Son of Trisha Trask & Nick Malfatti
Born November 23rd, 2009

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

Michael Philip Brousseau, son of Keri Robertson and Michael George Boursseau, on May 3rd, 2009.

Rose Thomasina Shanahan, daughter of Amy and Rick Shanahan on May 31st, 2009

Jaiden Lucas Mustone, son of Ashley Meredith Mustone and Juan Abdiel Carrion Velaquez on September 27th, 2009

Jackson Thomas Rocco, son of Kayla Doris Neenan and Brian Alexander Rocco on November 1st, 2009

Kamryn Lang Schacht, daughter of Megan Lee Schacht on November 1st, 2009

Jason Charles Santapaola, son of Danielle (Waldner) and Jason Santapaola on November 1st, 2009

Confirmation/Reception

Mary O'Connell Klueber, on May 16th, 2009, in Grace Church, Lawrence – The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris presiding.

Judith Norton Senfleben, on May 16th, 2009, in Grace Church, Lawrence – The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris presiding

Neil Robert Senfleben, on May 16th, 2009, in Grace Church, Lawrence – The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris presiding

Julia Eleanor Steer, on May 16th, 2009, in Grace Church, Lawrence – The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris presiding

Colleen Travers, on May 16th, 2009, in Grace Church, Lawrence – The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris presiding

Marriage

Charlie and Cindy Waldner, St. James Episcopal Church, Groveland. The Rev. Marya DeCarlen presiding.

Deaths/Burials

Viola Poston, on March 15th, 2009, St. James Episcopal Church, Groveland.

Nancy Shaw Esty, on April 29th, 2009, St. James Episcopal Church, Groveland.

Charlie Waldner, on May 8th, 2009, St. James Episcopal Church, Groveland.

Julia Jean Arsenault, on May 21st, 2009, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newburyport

Ralph Prescott, on July 3rd, 2009, St. James Episcopal Church, Groveland.

Claire (Hewitt) Wyka, St. James Episcopal Church, Groveland

Audrey Jean Lawrence, on August 10th, 2009, St. James Episcopal Church, Groveland.

Charlotte Gates Pasquale, on August 10th, 2009, St. James Episcopal Church, Groveland.

Paul Privitera, on November 12th, Cautadella Funeral Home, Methuen, MA.

EPISTLE Schedule for 2010

Deadline

Wed., Feb. 8th, 2010

Distribution Date

Sun., Feb. 14th, 2010

Christmas Flowers, 2009

Christmas is a time to remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for God's blessings. At Christmas, we decorate the church with beautiful flowers and greenery given *in memory of* loved ones, or *in thanksgiving for* a person or event.

You are invited to be a donor for our Christmas Flowers. Please complete this form, and return it either in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office by Monday, December 20th. You may also call it in (please leave the details on the answering machine) 978-373-1270, or email the information on this form to saintjameschurch@comcast.net

Checks may be made payable to St. James' Church and marked "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. Your donation may accompany this form, or you may send it along at your convenience.

Your generous response will help St. James to maintain this lovely holiday tradition. However, we wish this to be an opportunity for everyone and there is no specified donation amount.

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Donor Name and Phone (email)

Flowers are given in memory of:

Flowers are given in thanksgiving for:

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