



The Disciple

A Monthly Publication of St. Jude's Church

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November 2016

We're about to enter the season of Advent. On Sunday mornings one of the recurring messages in the Scripture readings and hymns will be **hope**. In his book *The Dance of Hope*, author William Frey, retired Episcopal Bishop of Colorado writes: "Hope is the ability to hear the melody of the future. Faith is the courage to dance to it today." Hope is one of the greatest gifts God has given us in Jesus Christ and hope is also one of the greatest gifts we can offer the world.

Hope is in short supply these days for many reasons. We live in an age of materialism. Advertising ads tell us our lives will be infinitely better if we buy what they have to offer. The spirit of the age tells us something must be studied, dissected, and proven in order to know what's true. In contrast the letter to the Ephesians tells us we will never understand who we are and what we were created for without a spiritual rebirth:

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power (Eph. 1:17-19).

There are many imitations of this genuine hope in our society but none ever deliver what's promised. Politicians tell us to elect them with slogans like the one Pedro used to get elected in the movie *Napoleon Dynamite*: "Vote for me and all your dreams will come true." Cheap substitutes for the genuine hope we have in Christ are always based on a naïve view of human nature (we are

essentially good and will continue to get better with more self-help techniques and effort) and wishful thinking. Christian hope springs from the Spirit and then takes shape in the world when we live hopeful lives.

Douglas Twitchell tells this story about his great grandfather that embodied what hope looks like "incarnate" or in the flesh. When his grandfather was growing up - in the Depression Era - his father (my great grandfather, of course) had polio, which left him crippled. He was a farmer, so being crippled was obviously a great hardship. (Somewhere, years ago, I remember seeing an old old video of my great grandfather feeding the chickens on his hands and knees). One of the consequences of my great grandfather's polio was that my grandfather had to take on a great deal of the responsibility for making the farm run. A heavy responsibility and a lot of hard work. I'm sure that his work ethic was probably passed on to his children.

During the Depression Era, there was a year when the crops weren't good, and the family was running desperately short on food. The great dilemma was this: they were running short on potatoes, and had to decide...*Are we going to eat the potatoes, or are we going to go hungry so we can plant them for a new crop this spring?* It was a terrible dilemma, which brought them face-to-face with the issue of short term satisfaction over long term benefits. In the end, they did both. My great grandfather, when he told the story to my father, said "We ate the potatoes, but we peeled them with very thick peelings, and planted them." And they had the best crop of potatoes ever. This story is one that demonstrates the concept of delayed gratification; rather than just focusing on the current desire, the family was

willing to skimp a bit, and put off what they wanted now in order to reap a greater reward later. It's an ability that is often lacking in our world; we want what we want, and we want it NOW.

Romans 8:24-25 tells us that "hope" is waiting for what we don't yet have, and those who hope, wait patiently. And I find myself thinking: *If my family, that lived through the Great Depression, could put up with a little hunger, and wait patiently for the hope of a great new crop of potatoes, what right do I have to be impatient in far less life-threatening situations?*

When you set the altar up for a worship service, make and keep a financial pledge to the church you call your church, open up and read your Bible, pray, go to choir practice, you are planting potato peels. You are re-affirming that "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." And that you look forward with hope to his coming when in the words of Julian of Norwich, "All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well."

Advent blessings,
Bob+



Sunday, November 6, 2016



Children's Choir -- 9:15-9:30AM on Sunday mornings

Adult Choir -- 6:00-7:30PM on Wednesday evenings

9:35-10:15AM on Sunday mornings

The choir is preparing music for All Saints commemoration, Lessons and Carols in December, and anthems for Advent Sundays and Christmas Eve services. Interested singers are encouraged to attend.

Nov. 6th -

- *Pie Jesu* by Andrew Lloyd Webber
- Choral Litany for Faithful departed
- *Jesu Joy* by Bach, soloist Allison Herndon Campbell

Nov. 12th -

- Massing of the Colors with choir ensembles and community soloists

Nov. 13th -

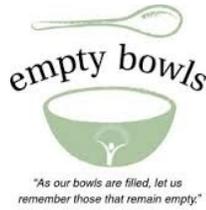
- *Down by the River to Pray*
- *Simple Gifts*

Nov. 20th -

- Thanksgiving Hymn and Anthems

Nov. 27th -

- First Sunday in Advent Holly Carols



Parishioners,

The 2016 edition of Lowcountry Empty Bowls will be November 15th and the 17th at Trinity Hall (St. Anthony's Catholic Church). On Tuesday the 15th, we will be serving lunch from 12-2pm, and dinner from 5:30-7:30pm. On Thursday the 17th, we will be serving dinner from 5:30-7:30pm.

St. Jude's is among the churches that have been asked to contribute to this event which raises funds to help feed those in need. St. Jude's has been asked to provide 5 soups and 5 desserts for EACH meal. A crock pot of each soup is requested.

Tickets are \$10.00 each. Tickets will be in the church office in early November.

Please contact me at this email address, sharvin@lowcountry.com, or on my cell phone at (843) 908-2069, if you are willing to contribute.

We would like organize this so that we do not all bring dishes for the same event.

Thanks,
Scott Harvin

PARISH FAMILIES MINISTERED TO...



...Cindy and Charles Lucas

We try to have an ongoing Food/Flower/Card/Soup Ministry and we feel bad when we do not know or find out late about a need in our church family. Please be certain to contact the church office and let us know of a need in our parish family whether it's a meal or a visit from the Rector.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST at ST. JUDE'S



Would like to thank everyone in advance for taking time to help out with this ministry. Also remind them to pick up key for building sometime during the week before they need it.

THANKS,
Dana

NOVEMBER

- 6th Gale Doggette
Gilda Barnwell
Scott Harvin
- 13th Stacy & Benjy Kennedy
Christine Stroble
- 20th Charles & Cindy Lucas
Matt & Holly Mardell
- 27th Dana Cheney
Brad Ackerman
Charlotte Valentine

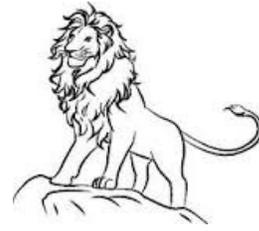
BIBLE STUDY GROUPS



(If your group is not listed please call the church office 549-1050)

Women's Bible Study - The Monday night Women's Bible Study meets from 6-7:30PM and beginning November 7, The group will be studying a 7-session series entitled "Seamless." It covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible into a greater story of scripture. The goal is to gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of the Bible. *Please contact Debbie Jones, 843-866-7735, to sign up and get a book.*

- The DOK meets on the first Sunday of each month at 9AM in the Vestry Room in Skardon Hall.
- The only requirement for membership is a commitment to prayer and serving our Lord!
- If you are interested in learning more about DOK, a study/training for new members is currently underway.
- If you have an interest and would like to begin the discernment process please join us at the September meeting which will be on **Sunday, November 6.**
- For more information, or contact Ann Walters (843) 560-0710, or Marianne Holmes, (843) 844-8400.



“FEARLESS GENEROSITY”

Stewardship 2017

Our 2017 stewardship season is off and running. As of October 27th we have 28 pledges totaling \$108,616. If you have not already, now is the time to get yours in. If you are not currently pledging, please give prayerful consideration to making a commitment. A full 93 percent of our total budget stays in our parish to fund staff salaries, ministries, & operations. St. Jude's is our church, let's give it our full support.

.... to this past month's Breakfast Volunteers, Joe & Ileen Grange, Harvey Nichols, Jack & Toni Jackson, Peter Martin, Paul & Sue Yin Hinson, Colleen Marion, Bob and Katie Smith, Glenn & Patricia Utsey, Madison Utsey, and the Youth Group.



...To those who are helping to keep the food pantry stocked, bags made and brought to the closet, and going out the food for assistance cases.

...Julia Waddell, Laurens Hall, Martie & Erwin Hooker for serving supper to the youth group.

...David Mays for helping to clean up church grounds after Hurricane Matthew

...Everyone who organized, prepared food and served for the Bishop's reception luncheon.

...Ben Harrison for all he does to repair and replace just about everything at St. Jude's.

...Laura Reasonover to organizing a wonderful Fall Carnival for the children.

...Everyone who donated supplies to help the people on Edisto Island after Hurricane Matthew.



UPDATE ON PARISH HANDBOOK

The Vestry voted to produce the Parish Handbook in August for a delivery on the First Sunday in September. Calendar and schedules will run from September 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018. The new deadline for submissions will be announced closer to that release date.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Andrew Smith | 14 Peter Martin |
| 2 Jay Schrimpf | 17 Stephanie Ospitale |
| 2 Jimmy Skardon | 17 Karen Hinen |
| 5 Toni Jackson | 18 Susan Martin |
| 6 Sharon Ackerman | 22 Nancy Feild |
| 6 Dicky Mitchell | 27 Montine Tilman |
| 9 Holly Mardell | 28 Stephanie Horowitz |
| 10 Mickey Iverson | 28 Andrew Vance |
| 12 Gale Doggette | 28 Colleen Marion |
| 12 Gail Thomas | |



SEPTEMBER VESTRY NOTES

September 12, 2016



Treasurer's Report:

	9-1-16 – 9-30-16		1-1-16 – 9-30-16	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income				
Open Plate	2,656.65	1,750.00	15,983.30	15,750.00
Pledge	11,889.00	15,076.67	118,264.00	135,690.00
Other	0.00	250.00	1,010.30	2,250.00

Treasurer's Report: Bob Smith presented the Treasurer's report and Stewardship report. He reported that as far as Income, the Open Plate is about on budget. Pledges are under budget by about \$5500 for the month and \$14,238.33 for the year to date. Expenses year to date, are under budget as of August 31, 2016.

Stewardship Report: Bob Smith stated that the theme for this year's Stewardship is, "Fearless Generosity." Testimonies by individuals are being placed as inserts into the bulletin for the next few weeks. Bob stated that he hopes for a successful stewardship. Pledge packets will be available at both services on the second Sunday of October.

Rector's Report: Father Bob presented information on a Vision Meeting he was planning with a group of individuals to come up with ideas on how to help people gain access to existing goods and services provided by local churches, non-profits, and government agencies to fulfill our calling as followers of Christ.

Margie Williams reported that St. Jude's Women will meet at the Rectory for a planning meeting on September 20, 2016. Participation by the St. Jude's Women in Operation Christmas Child sponsored by the Ministry of Samaritan's Purse was discussed. Women who participate are given a list of items to be purchased to fill shoe boxes that are sent to the Ministry to be distributed to children.

Fellowship: Kathie Smith reported that the first Good Friday that was held at Martie and Erwin Hooker's had been successful, a really fun night. She stated that about 50 people had attended. The next Good Friday will be an Oyster Roast in February at Ben and Susan Harrison's.

1 **The Women of St. Jude's** will meet at 6:00 pm in Skardon Hall. We will begin the evening with a meal, then pack shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse - **Operation Christmas Child.**

6 **Daylights Savings Time ends,** set clocks back 1 hour at 2AM

6 **DOK meeting,** 9AM in the Vestry Room in Skardon Hall.

7 **Monday night Women's Bible Study,** The group will be studying a 7-session series entitled "Seamless." It covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible into a greater story of scripture. The goal is to gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of the Bible. *Please contact Debbie Jones, 843-866-7735, to sign up and get a book.*

11 *Veteran's Day*

14 **Vestry Meeting,** 5:30 PM.

15 **Lowcountry Empty Bowls** will be at Trinity Hall (St. Anthony's Catholic Church). We will be serving lunch from 12-2pm, and dinner from 5:30-7:30pm.

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17 **St. Jude's Veterans' Fellowship,** 6:30PM in Skardon Hall.

20 **Pantry Sunday**

20 **Deadline for newsletter** submissions

24 **Thanksgiving Day,** OFFICE CLOSED

24 **Thanksgiving Day Feast** in Skardon Hall, 11AM



ST. JUDE'S THANKSGIVING FEAST

Luke tells us that Jesus said:

"When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not Invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

We hope this scripture will add the perspective you need to participate in St Jude's Thanksgiving program.

We need your assistance in providing a Thanksgiving Feast to the needy, shut-ins, and anyone else who would like to come.

We need volunteers to help set-up, serve, deliver and clean-up after the meal.

Your Outreach Committee **CAN NOT DO IT ALONE.** Please let us know when and how you will help.

We need: Cooked turkeys

Raw turkeys(15# or less) thawed please.

Hams

Cranberry sauce

Money for: paper products, vegetables, cooking oil, etc.

Bring your cooked turkey donation to Skardon Hall at one of the following times:

- Wed, Nov 23 and place in refrigerator
- or Thursday morning.

PLEASE do not wait until the last minute to tell us how you will help. At times, we have bought turkeys then turkeys show up unannounced at the last minute.



PARISH MEETING December 4, 2016

Vestry elections will take place on Sunday, December 4, 2016 immediately after the 10:30 AM worship service. Outgoing vestry members are Paul Pye, Tracy Johnston, Scott Harvin, and Margie Williams. Requirements for vestry service are: regular attendance for worship services, financial support of the parish, a confirmed communicant at least 18 years of age.

If you would like to have your name listed for nomination, or would like to nominate someone, please contact Fr Bob in the church office @ (843) 549-1050.

ST. JUDE'S VESTRY STANDARDS

In addition to the requirements found in the Parish Cannons, the following expectations for Vestry service also apply:

1. All candidates for Vestry must agree with the purpose and goals of the parish as written in the Parish Vision Statement:

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- a. The immediate implication is that Vestry members will strive to be faithful disciples themselves.
 - b. They will actively encourage others to be disciples.
2. Vestry members will be regular in attendance at meetings and worship.
 - a. Make a special effort to attend all regular and special services of the church.
 - b. Encourage and promote participation of others in church service and activities.
 3. Ministry responsibilities.
 - a. Always stay informed of the activities and needs of the church.
 - b. Understand and support each other in our individual ministries.
 - i. Take care to listen carefully.
 - ii. Respect the views of others.
 - iii. Commit to making the right decision.
 - iv. Follow through with commitments - if unable, advise others immediately.
 4. Strive to have a DAILY Devotion and Pray regularly for:
 - a. Mission
 - b. Parish
 - c. Church
 - d. Each other.
 5. Be a pledging member of the church, striving by 1% increments, to reach a tithing goal of 10%.
 6. Vestry Meetings:
 - Committee's will submit their written reports by the preceding Monday.
 - Vestry members will read all pre-meeting materials and come prepared for discussion.
 - Vestry Agendas will be mailed the preceding Tuesday to allow adequate time for review.
 - Meetings will not continue beyond 1 ½ hours unless a majority of those present vote to continue.

YOUTH GROUP MEALS



November

2	Margie Williams	549-5488
9	Bethel Presbyterian	
16	Sydney & Walter Haynes	908-9113
23	NO Meeting! Happy Thanksgiving!!	
30	Tracy & Johnny Johnston	549-1165

Congratulations!

~A baby girl was born to Victoria Harrison Lemacks and Ryan (Gator) Lemacks on Friday, October 21. Annabelle Ryan Lemacks, 7lbs.,5oz., is the granddaughter of Andy and Becky Harrison and the great-granddaughter of Ben and Susan Harrison. Thanks be to God and the medical profession that all are fine.

~Katie and Jesse Smith have a second daughter, Adeline Rhodes Smith, born September 26, and Logan and Lawton Smith's daughter, Eliza Pearl Smith was born on October 22. All are doing well and for that we are grateful.
Kathie and Bob Smith



Do you feel your child is ready to receive Holy Communion? Please let Fr. Bob know. He will talk with you about arranging some times to meet with them immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service in the church. He will teach them what we believe about receiving Holy Communion. Also, if your child has already begun receiving Holy Communion and you would like them to receive instruction from Fr. Bob they are welcome to come to these sessions, too.



HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE OPPORTUNITY!

The Memorials Committee has obtained a case of Hymnals and Books of Common Prayer to replace some well used volumes in the church. These new books are available as an opportunity for Remembrance, Honorarium, or Thanksgiving for a loved one or event! The cost is \$20 for each prayer book or hymnal and can be forwarded to the church office. Please include the name of the person(s)/event you would like inscribed in each book.



VOICES OF COLLETON COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Fantasia Noel 2

Thursday, December 1 and Friday, December 2
7 pm
at First Baptist Church



ST. JUDE'S VETERANS' FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, November 17
6:30PM in Skardon Hall.
Please RSVP: 843-217-9248

St. Jude's Church

The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

St. Jude's has worship services

Sunday at

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Christian Education

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays at

12 noon Holy Eucharist

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

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The Lord Jesus Christ,

Head of the Church

The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, *Bishop*

The Rev. Bob Horowitz, *Rector*

David Martin, *Organist/Choirmaster*

Bob Smith, *Parish Treasurer*

Lisa Marsh, *Parish Administrator*

Vestry Members

Margie Williams, *Senior Warden* '16

Jack Jackson, *Junior Warden* '18

Paul Pye, *Fellowship* '16

Tracy Johnston, *Pastoral Care* '16

Scott Harvin, *Outreach* '16

Gilda Barnwell, *DCW* '17

Anthony Herndon, *Finance & Stewardship* '17

Charlotte Valentine, *Christian Education* '17

Byron Lee, *Evangelism* '17

Marvin Jones, *Memorial* '18

Kathie Smith, *Fellowship* '18

Julia Waddell, *Youth* '18

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Return Service Requested

A PRAYER FOR ST. JUDE'S

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern St. Jude's by your Holy Spirit, that in our goals, our plans and our actions, we might always seek and heed your voice, follow your guidance, and pursue that course of action which will build your Church, and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.