



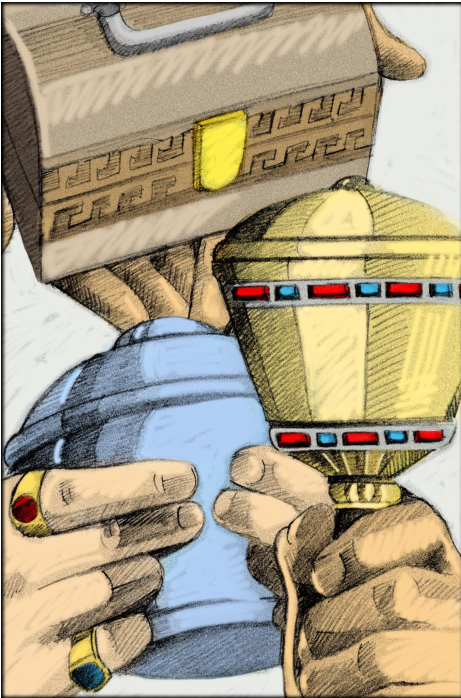
# St. James Episcopal Church

*Restoring people to God & each other in Christ*

## ***THE EPISTLE***

La Grange, Texas

January, 2007



### ***Epiphany***

#### **Looking Ahead**

- Jan 1 Church Office Closed
- Jan 4 Altar Guild Luncheon
- Jan 4 Preschool returns to school
- Jan 8 ECW Meeting
- Jan 8 Men's Club Meeting
- Jan 13 Men's Club BBQ
- Jan 14 Annual Parish Meeting
- Jan 15 Preschool Closed
- Jan 15 Deadline for February Epistle
- Feb 6 Preschool Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

#### ***From the Rector***

#### **Light and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

As the year 2006 wanes, I give God thanks for everyone at Saint James' Episcopal Church. Many people support the ministry of this church with their time, skills, and money, and I thank you for all that you do. I would especially like to thank Carol Crain for her leadership as the Senior Warden this year, and Jenny Thompson and Sam Kuninger for their service on the vestry. I also thank Heidi Ullrich, Julie and Jim Holmes, Elva Ulbrich, and Evelyn Grant for all their work at Saint James'.

We accomplished much this year. We had a booth at the La Grange Area Business Expo. Our choir has grown. The Saint James' Rock Pilgrims participated in the Relay for Life.

Supper Club continues to be a great opportunity to introduce newcomers to the church. The Men's Club and Episcopal Church Women provide opportunities for fellowship and service. Many of our members also give their time to Area Ministries for Emergency Needs (AMEN), the Second Chance Emporium, and at Saint Mark's.

Next year we will continue to worship, serve, and welcome newcomers to the Fayette County area. At the same time, we need to develop a plan to address our debt for the renovation of the Church and the purchase of the lumberyard. These are challenges we need to face but I am most hopeful that we will overcome these challenges as we proclaim the Good News and serve one another and the community.

In the new year before us, "May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit."

***-Daryl Hay***

## UPDATES



### Letter to the Parish

Dear St. James Parishioners,

David and I had the opportunity to briefly visit St. James at the end of July. You were kind, and allowed us to show our daughters the church where we were married on Oct. 9, 1999. Hannah took one look at the church and concluded that Mommy and Daddy were married in a "beautiful castle."

I have sad news to pass on to my St. James family: David died on October 18, 2006. He had been undergoing chemotherapy for melanoma that was diagnosed in February, 2003. We traveled to Houston at the end of September for further treatment, but the cancer was no longer treatable.

The girls were able to say goodbye to David the day before our seventh wedding anniversary. David and I were able to reminisce together about that wonderful day that we shared with many of you. We had very happy memories about a beautiful ceremony, with Jewish and Episcopal traditions, with beautiful music, and a supportive, loving Church.

I have enclosed a copy of David's obituary.\* I wanted to share it with you all since David was Jewish he did not often come to services with me. You all may not know him well. Also, I am so very proud of the work he did as a scientist. He was brilliant and accomplished so much in spite of his long battles against several cancers and kidney disease. He loved golf. I remember fondly playing at the La Grange Country Club course with him. He was a great and gracious person- on and off the golf course.

Warm Regards,  
Heather Poetschke Klug

\*Dr. Klug's obituary is posted in the Parish Hall.

### 2007 Trinkets and Treasures Sale



The ECW's Second Annual Trinkets & Treasures Sale will take place on March 31, 2007. Start locating, saving and collecting items now: furniture, jewelry, antiques, house wares, etc.; no clothes, please. **All items should be in sellable condition:** clean and in working order.

### Birthdays

- 1/3 Victor Ettredge
- 1/3 Justin Jones
- 1/6 Bob Browning
- 1/9 Donna Jones
- 1/16 Cindy Woodrome
- 1/18 Dianne James
- 1/18 Joanna Walker
- 1/26 John Bradley
- 1/27 Bettye Allen
- 1/28 Sandy Northrup
- 1/29 Mary Kahanek
- 1/31 Danny Zitterich



### Anniversaries

- 1/5 Ken & Dianna Berg
- 1/16 Larry & Mary Kahanek
- 1/23 Bob & Dawna Browning
- 1/28 Alfred & Suzanne Artz

*If we have missed a birthday or anniversary, please contact the Parish Office.*

### Children's Christian Education

Children's Christian Education for kids under 10 will resume at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 7. We are now using the Episcopal Children's Curriculum published by Morehouse which utilizes stories, activities, and colorful pictures. Our first theme of the year is "Jesus: Healer."

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| January 7  | Epiphany                |
| 14         | Wedding at Cana         |
| 21         | Jesus Heals a Blind Man |
| 28         | Prayer for the Sick     |
| February 4 | Jesus                   |

Beginning February 11 we will begin "Baptism: People in Covenant."

Please come and participate in this new educational opportunity for your child. If you have any questions, please call Father Hay or Penny Sengler.

### Men's Club News

The next Men's Club BBQ will take place on Saturday, January 13.

The Men's Club will meet at the home of Ken Berg at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8. All men of the church are encouraged to attend.

**Safe Church Ministry Policies**

Our baptismal promise "to respect the dignity of every human being" calls us to do everything possible to make our churches safe places for God's children. That is why the Episcopal Diocese of Texas adopted *Safe Church Ministry Policies* in 2004. A revised edition of these policies has been released and all congregations are required to put them into practice. The Saint James vestry officially adopted the new 2007 policies in October of 2006. These policies include such things as:

- Requiring all clergy, paid personnel, and regular volunteers of the church to receive Safeguarding God's Children training.
- All church personnel and regular volunteers must complete a standard application, criminal records check, and other background checks.
- Monitoring and supervision of children at all times by at least two unrelated adults while maintaining proper adult/child ratios.
- Procedures for the reporting of inappropriate behaviors

These are just some examples of the requirements. More information concerning these policies will be given to the congregation at the Annual Meeting in January. We will also schedule this Spring a Safeguarding Children's Training for all paid personnel and regular volunteers. Fr. Hay will work the Vestry, Heather Herschell, who heads our preschool, and others to ensure that Saint James' complies with the policies. The policies are available in the Church Office for anyone to review. If you have any question or concerns please contact Fr. Hay.

**Preludes and Postlude**

The music of the church is not performed for our entertainment but for God's glory and to help participate in praising God. At each Sunday service, our organists set the stage for the service by playing a prelude, a piece of music that prepares the congregation for worship. At the end of the service, the organists traditionally play a piece that sends the congregation into the world with the main themes of the service in their hearts and minds. So take notice of the beginning and the end of the service and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**Altar Guild Luncheon**

The Altar Guild Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2007 at Frisch Auf! Country Club at noon. Please join us as we can relax a bit, review our schedule for 2007 and catch our breath!



**The St. James' Playground**

The St. James' Playground is available for the use of the St. James' Preschool and the children of St. James' Episcopal Church. Please remember to replace the equipment in its proper place after using the playground. Please also remember that children on the playground are to be supervised at all times by at least two unrelated adults. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Father Hay or Heather Herschell.

**The 158<sup>th</sup> Council of the Diocese of Texas**

Diocesan Council will take place this year in Austin, Texas, hosted by Saint David's. Nearly 1,000 delegates from around the diocese will gather for worship and business on February 9-10, 2007. Diocesan Council conducts the business of the church by approving the diocesan budget, canons and resolutions. There also are always many Episcopal Church related exhibitors, vendors, and organizations to visit while at council. Our delegates this year are Fr. Hay, Helen and Bob Hays, and Sandy and Greg Northrup. Our alternate delegates are Katrina Packard and Weldon Koenig. Consider visiting Council this year. It is a great opportunity to see firsthand the breadth and the depth of the great Diocese of Texas.

**ECW Update**

The next ECW Meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8 in the Parish Hall. Carol Crain and Ann Campbell will serve as our hostesses.

ECW Project Team 4 will tend the flower beds of the church for the month of January.



### Worship Schedule

#### Sundays:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite One  
 8:45 a.m. Breakfast/Fellowship  
 9:30 a.m. Church School  
     Bible Study  
     Choir Rehearsal  
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
 11:30 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

**Child care** is provided on Sundays from 9:15 to 12:00 for children ages two to five years. The nursery is located in the Preschool Building.



### Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, Bishop  
 The Rev. Daryl T. Hay, Rector  
 Heather Herschell, Head of St. James Episcopal Preschool  
 Heidi Ullrich, Parish Administrator & *Epistle* Editor  
 Evelyn Grant, Financial Administrator  
 Elva Ulbrich, Music Director  
 Jim & Julie Holmes, Organists  
 Penny Sengler, Church School Teacher

### Vestry and Officers

Carol Crain, Senior Warden  
 Greg Northrup, Junior Warden  
 Gene Holt  
 Dianna Berg  
 Helen Hays  
 Matt Herschell  
 Sam Kuninger  
 Lil Landry  
 Jenny Thompson  
 John Bradley, Treasurer

### Ministry Chairs

Acolytes & LEMs: Helen Hays  
 Altar Guild: Katrina Packard  
 AMEN: Alfred & Suzanne Artz  
 Building & Grounds: Greg Northrup  
 Christian Education: Penny Sengler  
 Communications: Diana Kuninger  
 Daughters of the King: Charlotte Hillbolt  
 ECW: Ann Rogers  
 Endowment: Joe Bailey  
 Finance: John Bradley  
 Invite a Friend: Gene Holt & Justa Helm  
 Kitchen: Helen Hays & Dianna Berg  
 Long Range Planning: Bob Hays  
 Men's Club: Ken Berg & Gerald Campbell  
 Outreach: Dianna Berg  
 Pastoral Care: Vera Zitterich  
 Second Chance: Frances Stepchinski  
 Stewardship: Bob Hays  
 Supper Club: Ann Campbell  
 Ushers: Helen Hays

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### St. James' Mission

Our mission is to restore people to God and each other in Christ.

### Our Core Values

Christ-centered worship in the Episcopal Church tradition  
 Our caring relationships and fellowship  
 Our historical presence in the community  
 Our involvement in community outreach  
 Our growth in spirituality, service and size

**DEADLINE**

### Deadline for articles for the February Epistle is 1/15.

If possible, please submit your article via email to st-james@cmaaccess.com. Please report errors and omissions.

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