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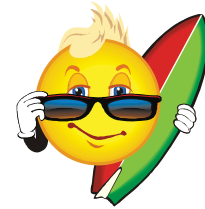


WORSHIP TIMES FOR JULY & AUGUST

8:30 am and 10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS FOR JULY & AUGUST

Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



INTERIM RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear People of St. James,

A time of new opportunities is upon us as the parish prepares to welcome its new rector, Gary Nicolosi, and his wife Heather at the beginning of August.

At parish council in May, Gary named a priority of his for your new ministry together. He asked that parishioners come together in home gatherings between September and the end of the year. An exciting and promising period is beginning. Do find out about these gatherings and make plans to attend one of them.

Please continue, as ever, in daily prayer for the health and vitality of this parish, also for its leaders, and for Gary and Heather as they prepare to come to London. Remember, God is busy, always and everywhere bringing new life to people and to the more than human world. Pray that the people of St. James' will celebrate and become involved wherever God is already at work in the world.

Sincerely in Christ,
Graham Bland



NEW RECTOR APPOINTED to St. James Westminster

Message from Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi

I am delighted to be coming to St. James Westminster, and I look forward to getting to know the parishioners and being part of the London community. I am both humbled and honored to be invited to lead such a large and successful church in Canada, and I hope to build on the excellent work of my predecessor and take St. James to the next level in ministry.

Needless to say, this is an exciting time for the Nicolosi family as we begin to say good-bye to friends here in British Columbia but also anticipate making many new friends in London.

As I prepare to assume my duties at St. James on August 1, I take comfort in counting on the support of a dedicated parish ministry team, the selection committee members, wardens and church leaders, and the good people of the parish to help me navigate my first year in the community. Thank you again for your confidence in me to be your pastor, and we shall see each other soon.



Blessings,
Gary Nicolosi

**MORGAN'S
FAREWELL CONCERT**
Sunday, June 13th at 3 pm

Morgan Jones and Stephen Holowitz will perform together one last time before Morgan's big move to Kiev, Ukraine this summer. The concert will feature highlights of their previous collaborations, including jazz standards, Gilbert & Sullivan selections, and the songs of Winnie-the-Pooh.

Admission is by donation, with proceeds being divided between the St. James Westminster Music Fund and aiding with Morgan's move overseas.

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

Wednesday Evenings in July at 7:30 p.m.
St. James Westminster Memorial Garden

We invite you to join us for a series of performances by local artists.

- July 7th** **New Cumberland**
(traditional bluegrass)
- July 14th** **Claire Danaher**
(contemporary singer/songwriter)
- July 21st** **Karianne Pasma & Angus Sinclair**
(voice and piano)
- July 28th** **Scallywag**
(contemporary celtic)

Remember to bring a comfortable lawn chair in which to relax and enjoy these warm musical evenings.



PARISH PICNIC - Sunday, June 27th
after the 10:30 a.m. Service on the Bruce Street Lawns

Hot dogs, hamburgers, hot and cold drinks will be provided by the Nurture Committee. Please bring a salad or dessert to complete to lunch. Everyone welcome - games for the children and other surprises. In the event of rain, it will take place in the Great Hall.

I recently came across the book, *Living with Purpose in a Worn-out Body*. While it was written to offer spiritual encouragement for older adults specifically, I must say that I found this small book to have tidbits of wisdom suitable for all ages. I have included one small reflection below.

Rev'd Val

Psalms 37: 23-24

*Our steps are made firm by the Lord, when he delights in our way;
though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand.*

James 4:8

Come near to God and he will come near to you.

SENSIBLE SHOES



I have several pairs of shoes on the bottom of my closet.

All are sensible in an unfashionable kind of way.

They are practical with thick, nonskid soles, easy to slip on and off, some with adhesive strips instead of ties.

I keep my favourite pair nestles under the edge of my bed within easy reach.

Sensible shoes are snug enough but not too tight, just right for calloused feet with yellowing nails.

Today when I put on my sensible shoes, I will say a prayer for children around the world who have none.

When I stroke my swollen ankles, I will say a word of thanks that I can still walk.

O Lord, give me hope beyond reason, faith beyond common sense, life beyond old age.

On this day, let these sensible shoes walk close to you.

Buchanan, Missy. *Living with Purpose in a Worn-out Body*. Upper Room Books, 2008

A GREAT FAITH QUEST YEAR!

We have come to the end of another great Faith Quest year. We had a lot of fun learning about Noah and the Flood, Daniel in the Lion's Den, All Saints, Angels and Shepherds, The Prodigal Son, Psalm 23, The Last Supper, Resurrection according to Matthew, and Pentecost. I hope everyone enjoyed the Pentecost Part on May 23rd. Many thanks to Esther Robinson and her committee for making the cupcakes and helping to plan this event.

Thank you to the many volunteer teachers and shepherds who have helped this year. More volunteers are always welcome - 8 volunteers a month are needed. I hope you all enjoyed your time with our great St. James kids. Look for emails from me in August/September for next year.



Summer Sunday School

In June, July and August, Sunday School operates a little differently because of lower attendance.

June - JK-Grade 5 children meet in Chapel as usual for Gathering at 10:15.

- JK/SK kids will then go to their normal Young Children and Worship class in the East Room.
- Grades 1-5 kids will go all together to the basement gym to hear stories and activities about *13 Very Bad Days and How God Fixed Them*.
- All children will be back in the main service for communion.

July and August - JK-Grade 5 children meet in basement gym at 10 am to continue with *13 Very Bad Days and How God Fixed Them*.



Vacation Bible School

COME JOIN US for GOD'S GREAT GET-TOGETHER!!! There are still many spaces available at Baobab Blast Va-

cation Bible School here at St. James. Feel free to invite your friends to come along too, even if they don't come to St. James or another church.

This FREE camp week runs:
Monday, July 26 - Friday, July 30
9 am-12 pm

or
Tuesday, August 3 - Friday, August 6
9 am-12 pm

We will worship, make crafts, play games, sing songs, and eat snacks. This is a great week of God calling us to Community. The community grows and is strengthened by all of the connections that are made during the week. At God's Great Get-Together, community has a ripple effect. There are many opportunities to help before, during and after VBS. Contact Laura Manias through the church office for more information, to sign up, and to volunteer. Check out the displays on the bulletin board in the parish hall too for posters for this year's VBS and pictures from last year.

Thanks everyone! Many blessings for a lovely summer!

Laura Manias



GET READY FOR THE GREAT DANDELION HUNT!

In response to an abundance of little yellow friends throughout our yard, the St. James Westminster Green Team is sponsoring the first-ever Great Dandelion Hunt. At the church picnic on June 27, two teams will compete for glory and fabulous prizes for the group that extracts the most dandelions and other weeds from our garden.



Please bring weed-extracting tools labelled with your name to be used for all our competitors. Adults and children can join a team.

AN UPDATE FROM THE ST. JAMES WESTMINSTER CHURCH FOUNDATION

Twice each year, our Parish Council meets as Members of the St. James Westminster Church Foundation. Consistent with the Foundation's By-Law, Members serve as the Board, the governing body for the Foundation. The day-to-day business of the Foundation is carried out by its Directors, Treasurer and Secretary. On May 19, 2010, Members held the Annual Meeting of the Foundation to review reports of the 2009 Foundation Year. As well this year, Members reviewed and adopted the proposed changes to the By-Law which were endorsed at the parish Vestry meeting held last January.

As a result of those changes, the number of Directors was increased from six to eight, plus the Rector who is a Director, ex officio. Four Directors were elected at the annual meeting. In order to begin the implementation of the new terms of office, Peter Gilpin and Mary Marshman Finley were elected to three-year terms, and Judi Blackburn and Jeff Chapleau were elected to four-year terms. The changes to the By-Law call for Directors normally to serve no more than two four-year terms. As a result, it is anticipated that two new Directors will be needed each year for the next three years. Anyone who might be interested in serving in this way is encouraged to speak to any current Director. The other Directors are Don Letton, Andrea Manias, John Thorpe and Steve Wilson and Esther Robinson serves as Foundation Secretary.

Directors recently received word that a parishioner, who prefers to be anonymous, has made a \$6,000 contribution to the Foundation in recognition of a 60th wedding anniversary. As always, gifts to recognize special events are welcome, as are planned gifts through bequests. Several recent donors have found changed capital gains tax provisions regarding gifts of shares to be helpful as well. Anyone wishing to consider gifts and bequests is encouraged to contact a Director.

The primary purpose of the St. James Westminster Church Foundation is to receive and invest capital so as to support outreach projects supported by the parish and the Grants Committee and to sustain the mission of the parish. The legacy of past contributions plays an important role in the present life of our parish and all are encouraged to support the Foundation in order that its work may continue and thrive.

ST. JAMES YOUTH NEWS

As we close out the school year and our regular youth group schedule, it is a good time to reflect on the past ten months with each other. We are blessed to have a strong, faith-filled community at St James where children and families gather together to worship, celebrate and walk along side each other on this wonderful journey of God's love.

We have had some wonderful discussions and activities ranging from the serious to the silly, all the while knowing that St James is a safe place to wonder, question, worry, laugh and be accepted and appreciated. Our Sunday Night Live and Taize services have complemented our regular Sunday meeting times. The opportunities we have had to serve one another in Christ's name through outreach, volunteering, teaching and fundraising have been great sources of growth for us as individuals and collectively.

Fourteen of our Seekers youth group members and their leaders are off to Taize on July 1st for what will be an incredibly transformational experience for all involved. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to all who have supported our preparation for this trip over the past few years. We look forward to sharing our stories with our St James family when we return.

As I take leave from my position as Director of Family Ministry I thank the St. James staff and wardens for their support, and parents and children for sharing their lives with me over the past few years. I look forward to sitting with you in the pews!

Have a blessed and adventurous summer!

Ann

MISSION TO PERU

Mira Flores, a district in Lima, is home for us while we are in Peru. Typical of most of the homes in Mira Flores, the double iron entrance gates, sharp shards of glass or metal cemented into the top of the walls and the high voltage wires around the perimeter of the property keep us safe. While daunting on our first visit, these measures now seem quite acceptable. Close to us are typical businesses and the Anglican Cathedral.

Most of the missions we visit are approximately 1 hour from Mira Flores. It is quite interesting to see the landscape change from that of lush gardens and palm trees to run-down homes and businesses situated almost on the roadside. Once we pass the Pan American highway, the division line for rich and poor, we begin to see the shantytowns at the base of the foothills of the Andes Mountains. Although mostly dirt roads and dilapidated homes are visible in the shantytowns, there comes across a feeling of peace once you get away from the traffic and noise of the busy main streets. Vivid colour is absent from the shantytowns, except for the odd blue tarp roof or coloured, discarded billboard which is used for a wall. Any greenery has been planted by the homeowners and must be faithfully watered by hand. It is here where we have come to revisit friends and meet new people.



Our first mission visit this year was Santa Maria Virgen cluster of missions. Since the roads are gravel, narrow, winding and difficult to drive, we were asked to walk to the top of the foothill. The road was a steep, dirt path that was taxing on our bodies, still unaccustomed to the 30 degree weather. Next we climbed over 100 steep cement steps with a small landing after every 15 steps. We landed at the top of the hill to be greeted by the local residents. Here we handed out some supplies to moms and their children. Sitting in the shade of the wooden structure they use for their church, the view was spectacular. From here we could look 360 degrees to see all the shantytown neighbourhoods on the hills and in the valleys. Many of the parishes are built into the sides of the rock mountain. The women are the laborers, chopping into the solid rock to remove stones.



Another day we visited San Mateo, a parish school we have seen the past few years. We were greeted with the children performing a rain-forest dance for us. San Mateo has come so far in a few years. This year they started a lunch program for the school children. They are raising funds for the program which keeps the children at school longer during the day instead of sending them home to abusive homes and neighbourhoods.

We visited a few new parishes this year which are funded by the Compassion Project. These schools teach the children nutrition, healthy living, spiritual guidance and school work. One school we visited was on the coast. It was quite a contrast to see the run down, wooden shacks built on the sand on one side of us and then look out to the beautiful, rolling ocean waves on the beach on the opposite side.

Each mission is unique because of the location and circumstances. Even though they appear to have so little, they are able to help so many people. A soup kitchen we visited consisted of a structure on a dirt floor. The roof allowed sunlight to slip in through various cracks and holes. A two burner gas stove was all that was used to cook 3 meals a day for 125 people. Some families who are unable to purchase these meals for each family member will purchase one meal and share it, ensuring that each day they will have some healthy food. They don't have running water at the soup kitchen, so must have the water trucked in and stored in large plastic containers. One large container was kept just inside the door of the building. Here the children would wash their hands and faces in the murky coloured water before eating their meal.

While in Peru, we strengthened previous bonds while creating new friendships. As well, we delivered 11 suitcases filled with donated supplies. Thus our mission, even though having a few bumps along the way, was a real success.