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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 9-13 9 a.m. – noon

The theme for VBS this year is
“Shipwrecked - Rescued By Jesus”



At Shipwrecked, venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. It will be filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch and even taste. We sing, play games, go to the imagination station, enjoy skits, and help make our own theme snacks.

VBS is open for all children age 4 – 11; Registration forms are available from the church or preschool office. Registration is only \$20 for the week (\$18 for second and third children from a family), but forms must be in the church office by June 25!

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Worship Services:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Contemporary
Worship
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Rite I
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rite II

We are currently seeking volunteers who would be interested in helping staff our VBS. We are looking for both adult class leaders and enthusiastic helpers (teen or adult) for classes for children ages 4 – 11. We also need at least one adult and some teens to supervise playground games and activities. Those who can help the entire week are most appreciated, but kitchen helpers and aides could sign up for one or more days. Sign up sheets will be posted in the narthex. After Memorial Day we will post a list of supplies we could use for snacks and crafts.

NOTE: *Volunteers age 17 and older must have state-required background checks. We can help you get these. If you have them from another job, a copy of your certification is acceptable. They are good for 3 years.*

HOLY CROSS RETREAT



Once again, as we have done for over 29 years, a contingent from St James has gone on a retreat to Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York. **The next retreat is scheduled for Friday afternoon January 18 to Sunday, January 20, 2019.** This is the 3rd weekend in January, the weekend after Martin Luther King Day.

The cost for the weekend is to be determined and can be paid in installments prior to the weekend. The fee covers room and meals and the programs.

We will be car pooling, leaving Friday afternoon and back by dinner on Sunday. Many in the parish have gone and found it a wonderful experience.

A Letter with all the information and a schedule of payments will be sent out during the summer. If you have not attended in the past contact the church office or e-mail wwmcm@Comcast.net to be placed on the mailing list.

Circle the date and make plans to be with us as we take part in what has been a highlight of the year for many.

WELCOME OUR GUEST PREACHER - JUNE 3

On Sunday, June 3, we will be joined by the Rev. Canon Betsy Ivey from our diocesan office. She will be the preacher at both the 8 and 10:15 services, and meet with the Vestry at 9 a.m. She will be interested in hearing about our mission as a congregation, and how the diocese can be supportive of that mission. If you have questions about the work of the diocese, you may ask her anything while she is here. You may also wish to check out the diocesan website at www.diopa.org to see what kinds of programs and resources the diocese offers.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

May 21	Monday	Summer Office Hours begin: 8:30 – 12:30 Mon - Thursday
May 25	Friday	Last Day of Preschool
May 28	Monday	Memorial Day Parade in front of church – volunteers needed
May 31	Thursday	Rev. Kelley returns to office from vacation
June 3	Sunday	Guest preacher at 8 & 10:15 services
June 5	7:30 pm	First Tuesday Book Club – meet in parish library
June 11	10-1	Spiritual Companions
June 11-15		Preschool summer camp
June 18	7:30 pm	Finance & Property Meeting – rector's office
June 20	7:30 pm	VESTRY meeting – parish library
June 25-29		Preschool summer camp
June 25	Monday	REGISTRATION for Vacation Bible school due in Office
July 4		Office Closed
July 9-13		VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: 9 – 12 noon
July 16	7:30 pm	Finance & Property meeting
July 16-19		Parish secretary on Vacation
August 20	7:30 pm	Finance & Property meeting – rector's office
August 23		BETH WILLIAMS LAST DAY in office BEFORE RETIREMENT*

**Look for information on farewell celebration for Beth after her 26 years of service in the near future.*



Calling all Crafters

Do you love to craft and have a glue gun within reach at all times? Are you not creative but you are really good at following directions? Either way, we need you!!!

We will be creating crafted goods to feature at an arts and crafts fundraising event in November, but we need to get our glue guns fired up now!

We will plan to meet every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m., in the church library, our next meeting will be May 31st.

We are also in need of supplies. If you have the following, please set them aside - shells (especially clam and scallop), sea glass, floral wire, wreath forms (wire or foam), round Christmas ornaments (glass or foam), wooden paint stirrers, yarn, wine corks, Scrabble tiles, buttons (colorful and white, not brown/tan), wood of various sizes (contact for exact needs), newspaper, craft paint, paint brushes, glue guns, glue sticks, craft glue, black Sharpies, miscellaneous crafting supplies that are gathering dust because you never got around to making that amazing something

If you are interested in crafting or have supplies to donate, please reach out to Roanna at roanna_m@hotmail.com.

