

Pork and Sauerkraut

At the church on **Saturday, February 16, 3:30-7:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$6.00 (\$3.00 for children) and include pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce, beverage, and dessert. Take-out available. We would appreciate volunteers to help with the meal and donations of baked goods to serve and to sell.

St. James' Mission

Grow in Christ – his love is eternal.

St. James' Episcopal Church proclaims the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We welcome all people and strive to be a parish of respectful diversity, which can experience the love and word of God. We believe that children are the treasured gifts of our Lord and are to be seen, heard, and involved. We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us into a deeper understanding of grace and a deeper knowledge of truth. We believe in the use of all gifts of time and talent to meet the needs of others, through ministry and outreach, in the service of our Lord.

St. James' Episcopal Church is a parish of the Diocese of Bethlehem,
The Rt. Rev. Paul Marshall, Th.D., Bishop

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Vestry: Marie Hanson, Junior Warden; Will Hanson, Clerk, 345-8777; Jim Dix, Treasurer, 345-6009; Fred Boote, 739-3331; Linda Hanson, 345-8777; Martha Semar, 739-2021; Donald Spencer, 366-2524; Nancy Wingert, 739-2875.

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February 2008

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**, Feb. 6, with the proper liturgy for the day, Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday services continue with the Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. each week. Church school is at 9:15.

Wednesday, March 5, Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing, 5:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 16, liturgy of the palms and the Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, proper liturgy for the day, stripping of the altar, and the Holy Eucharist, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

The proper liturgy for **Good Friday**, March 21, will be at 7:00 p.m.

Easter begins with the **Great Vigil of Easter** on Saturday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. This service is approximately as long as a usual Sunday service.

Easter Sunday, March 23, festival Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am. No church school.

To dedicate flowers for Easter or on Sundays, please call Barbara Heffner at 570-385-5543. The donation is \$25.00, payable to St. James' Episcopal Church. Our custom is not to have flowers during Lent – that is, from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week, including Palm Sunday. A number of Sundays are open after Easter.

Congratulations!

To Will and Linda Hanson on the birth of their daughter Valorie Jane.

To Al and Linda Czap and Linda Hanson, who were received at St. James' by Bishop Paul on January 13.

To Jim Hahn for arranging for the Cressona Post of the American legion to give \$1000 to our food bank and \$1500 to the Lebanon Veterans Hospital.

To the Health Service Committee of Episcopal Churches in Schuylkill County, which received a special commendation from the county commissioners for their work in Operation We Care. They collected over 800 pounds of food and items for personal care and sent them to members of our armed forces stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. The committee also received a certificate of special recognition from Congressman Tim Holden's office. Karen Spencer is our representative to the committee.

To Victor and Shirley Morris, who renewed their wedding vows at the service on January 20. They were married at St. James' in 1966, and they live at 119 School Row, Branchdale 17923.

Vestry Highlights

The vestry met on December 9 and January 8. At the December meeting plans were discussed for Christmas services, Bishop Paul's visit, vestry elections, the annual parish meeting, and a pork and sauerkraut dinner on February 16. New ministry agreements were approved for the Rector, and a budget for 2008 was approved for presentation at the parish meeting.

The main topic was a general discussion of mission in preparation for the visit of the Ven. Howard Stringfellow, Archdeacon, on January 8th. At that meeting the work of the parish was reviewed for presentation to Bishop Paul before his visit. A summary is included in the Rector's Report for 2007. The next meeting will be a short meeting of the new vestry for reorganization on January 27 after the parish meeting.

