

THE CHAPEL OF
ST. JAMES THE FISHERMAN

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To the Gathered Community of St. James the Fisherman,

It's hard to believe that only a few months ago, we were enjoying each other's company in our beautiful summer chapel. St. James had a great season with strong attendance and generous giving. We heard some outstanding preachers and excellent music, frolicked at some wonderful house parties, and welcomed the new bishop of Massachusetts on our patronal feast day.

By now, most of us have returned to our "school year" lives. Beach chairs and umbrellas are stowed away; sailboats and kayaks are out of the water; and houses have been readied for the winter. The Chapel is closed for the season; and our attention has turned to school, work and family demands. The summer of 2016 is a fond memory.

There are some 12,000 people who call the Outer Cape home on a year-round basis. While the Cape is beautiful, charming and quiet during the off-season, life can be challenging for many permanent residents.

Take, for instance, Jamie. If you have eaten in one of Wellfleet's restaurants, you've probably met her. Jamie began as a server when she was a teenager. Now she is an experienced professional, someone the best restaurants rely on to make the season a success. However, with expensive housing costs, it can be hard for even the hardest-working servers to survive here. In 2008, Jamie moved into a summer house her parents had purchased in 1979. However, the place needed critical but unaffordable repairs and updates for year-round living. Fortunately, Jamie qualified for home repairs through the Housing Rehabilitation Program of the Community Development Partnership, an organization partially funded by a Chapel outreach grant.

Or consider our senior citizens who live year-round on the Outer Cape. With a grant from the Chapel, Wellfleet in Need (WIN) assists village seniors with vital and necessary expenses that cannot be covered by traditional funding sources. The WIN fund has helped with vehicle repairs so an elder can continue to work or visit a loved one in a nursing home and assisted with gas cards, dental bills and hearing aids.

This year, local shell fishermen and oyster farmers are facing a very difficult winter. In October, a norovirus was discovered in the harbor, and as of this date (11/7) all the shellfish beds in Wellfleet are still closed. There were no oysters for Wellfleet's 16th annual Oysterfest, causing a hardship for already struggling families. In addition, oyster fisherman had to pick up their product and return money for anything that was sold to the wholesale market after September 21st. Grants from St. James to Lower Cape Outreach and the Food Pantry will assist our local fisherman and their families this winter.

Our contributions to the Chapel of St. James the Fisherman really make a difference in the lives of our year-round neighbors. As we prepare to celebrate the Chapel's 60th anniversary, we invite you to:

- Be extra generous in your year-end donation to St. James so that we might continue this important tradition.
- Remember the year-round residents of Wellfleet and the Outer Cape in your daily prayers.
- And mark your calendars now for a grand celebration of the Chapel's 60th anniversary on Sunday, July 23!

Until we meet again, be safe, be well, and may God bless you!

Faithfully, your Priests-in-Charge,

The Very Rev. Tracey Lind

The Rev. Danielle Thompson

Proposed Outreach Grants for 2016

Cape Abilities	\$1,500
Serves individuals with disabilities on Cape Cod by providing education, counseling, and residential, therapeutic, social and employment supports.	
Community Development Partnership	\$1,500
Develops and delivers programs that foster an economically and environmentally sustainable Lower Cape Cod community.	
Dexter Keezer Fund	\$2,000
Assists people of Truro in meeting genuine crises through individual grants.	
Habitat for Humanity	\$2,000
Develops affordable housing for Cape Cod residents; houses in Eastham and Truro are in planning or in construction.	
Helping our Women	\$1,000
Provides direct assistance to Outer Cape women diagnosed with chronic, life-threatening, or disabling conditions.	
Homeless Prevention Council	\$1,500
Helps people at risk of losing their homes on the Lower and Outer Cape.	
Hospice of Cape Cod	\$1,500
Provides hospice services to the Outer Cape.	
Lower Cape Outreach	\$4,000
Provides emergency assistance of food, clothing, and financial support.	
Mustard Seed Kitchen	\$2,000
Prepares and delivers meals in Wellfleet, Truro, and Eastham.	
Outer Cape Health Services	\$2,000
Provides urgent and primary health care services.	
Wellfleet Alzheimer's Association	\$1,000
Provides support on the Lower Cape to people with Alzheimer's and their families.	
Wellfleet Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary	\$2,000
Specifically provides scholarship assistance to year-round residents for their children to attend education camps.	
Wellfleet in Need	\$2,000
An arm of the Wellfleet Council on Aging; provides immediate assistance with medicine, food, and basic needs.	
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