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From the Rector

Dear Parish Family,

This week I had the wonderful opportunity to gather with the 2023 cohort of our St. James "Praying Shapes Believing" program. This was the last of seven meetings for the group. I was surprised and delighted to see how many participants there are this year. Importantly, this group represents a rich variety of faith perspectives and backgrounds, all with the common desire to learn more about the unique history and traditions of our beloved Episcopal Church. A service of Confirmation, Reception and Re-affirmation will take place for this special group with Bishop Rob Skirving at St. James at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 23rd. All are welcome!

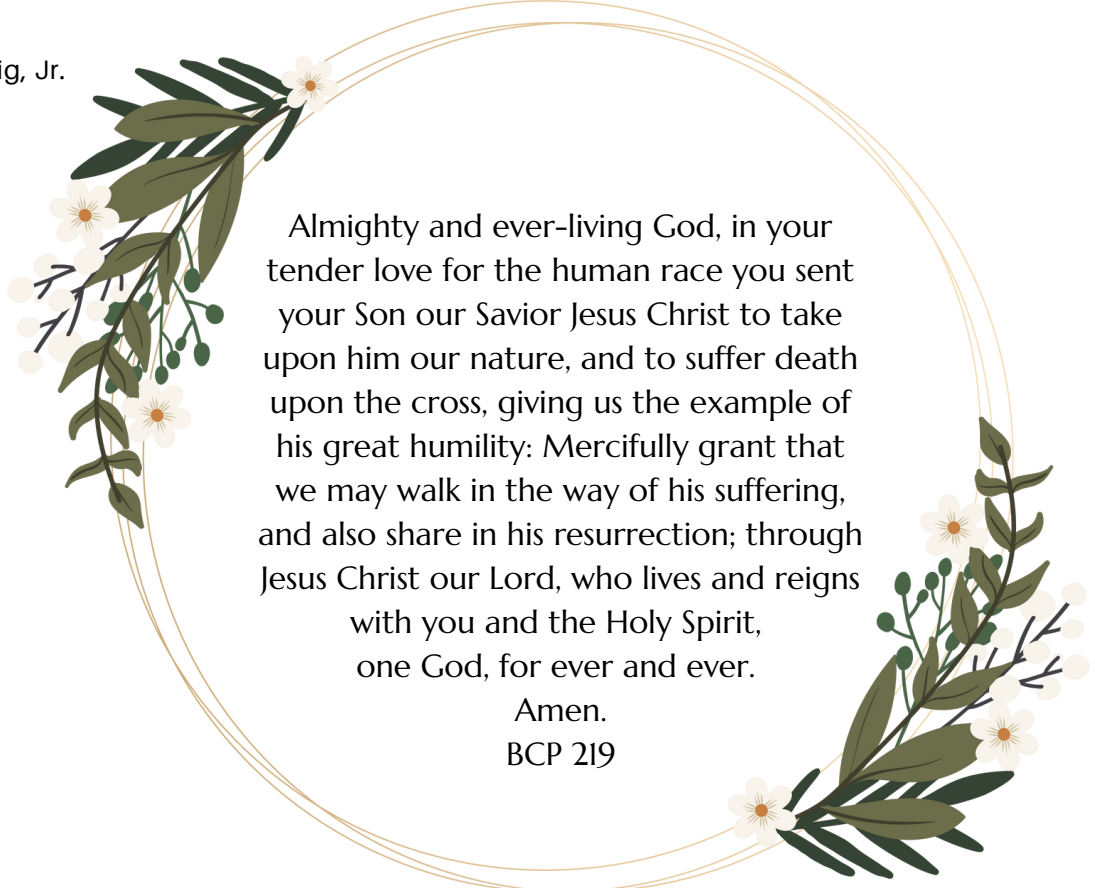
The theme for the final conversation this week centered around how we all come to know the central story of our Christian faith, and then how we are commissioned to share that story with the world. I was inspired by many of the comments around the room, and the willingness of those gathered to speak from their heart about what they have learned, and how they might intentionally apply those learnings in the future.

The timing for this conversation was perfect, as all of us are all moving into the very week which remembers, honors and celebrates the central story of our faith. With that in mind, I encourage you to fully participate in all of our Holy Week worship offerings. Jesus's triumphant entry in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the solemnity and grief of Good Friday all set the stage for the truly life changing grace of our Easter celebration. Indeed, this is our story to know, our story to live, and our story to tell.

Blessings,

Phillip+

The Rev. C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
phillip@stjamesp.org

A decorative floral wreath made of green leaves and small white flowers with yellow centers, arranged in a circular shape around the central text.

Almighty and ever-living God, in your
tender love for the human race you sent
your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take
upon him our nature, and to suffer death
upon the cross, giving us the example of
his great humility: Mercifully grant that
we may walk in the way of his suffering,
and also share in his resurrection; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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Vestry Corner

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it. -Psalm 118:24*

Twenty years ago the **St. James Foundation** was formed with the mission to support the needs of St. James Parish's historic church campus in perpetuity. **Claire Parker** is the current chair for the Foundation Board and spoke during our most recent Vestry meeting. During the meeting we discussed and agreed to a long range plan to grow the Foundation to support the ongoing needs of the church. For reference, this year we budgeted 95k towards repairs and maintenance. Over the next five to seven years the expected capital improvement and replacement needs of our historic church campus is over a half million dollars. This is just a small part of why we are excited to create a long range plan to grow the Foundation. A well-supported Foundation will allow St. James to achieve our mission of welcoming all to grow in love of God and neighbor.

We continue to be grateful for the **Safety Committee** led by **Bill Tallman** who are diligently working on making our campus safe and accessible. Based on feedback the Nursery has been moved across the hall from its original location. So rather than sharing a wall with the cloister, it is now directly across in a more interior room. We are working on the best way to allow access and will update with any changes. For now, knocking on the 'Day School Entrance' door or asking an usher or greeter if you need help finding the nursery are appropriate.

Thank you to all who participated in and contributed to the **Lenten Wednesday night suppers**. A special thank you to **Brandon Tully** for spearheading these wonderful gatherings of our parish family. Over 100 parishioners of all ages gathered on these evenings and it was a beautiful time of fellowship, friendship and more proof of the family that is St. James Parish.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions, concerns or ideas.

-Leslie Jarrett (Senior Warden) & Alex Murchison (Junior Warden)



WELCOMING LEAH!

We are so excited to welcome a new member to our St. James Parish Staff. Leah Magruder is joining us as our Executive Assistant to the Clergy. You may have already seen her at parish events or around campus. Leah and her husband, Wes, recently moved to the Wilmington area and we are so thankful to have the opportunity to get to know them both.

In her role as Executive Assistant to the Clergy, Leah will be providing direct support for all aspects of the administrative, pastoral and sacramental work of the Rector and other clergy. She will assist with calendars and scheduling, including pastoral care and visitations. In addition, Leah will have primary management of our membership database, and offer staff support toward pastoral care and our Christian formation programs.

Leah brings extensive experience in education, administration and parish life. Her husband, Wes, is a Methodist minister, and they have three grown daughters. With her family's ministry to several faith communities and mission experiences, Leah is uniquely qualified to understand the complexities of a clergy person's schedule and the need for support.

Leah's office will be on the second floor of Bacon House, next to Phillip's office. Her email with St. James is leah@stjamesp.org. We invite you to reach out to her to introduce yourself and share your St. James story.



HOLY WEEK AT ST. JAMES

APRIL 2 - PALM SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM - Rite I
- 10:30 AM - Rite II & Children's Choir Presentation
- 1:00 PM - Breadbreakers' Baseball Outing
- 5:00 PM - Guardian Angel Celebration

APRIL 3 - MONDAY

- 8:00 AM - Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 12:10 PM - Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 PM - Living Well in the Midst of Grief

APRIL 4 - TUESDAY

- 8:00 AM - Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 12:10 PM - Holy Eucharist

APRIL 5 - WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 AM - Starbucks HS Bible Study
- 8:00 AM - Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 12:10 PM - Holy Eucharist

APRIL 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 8:00 AM - Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service at St. James

APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY

- 8:00 AM - Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Liturgy at Mt. Lebanon Chapel

APRIL 8 - HOLY SATURDAY

- 8:00 PM - The Great Vigil of Easter at St. James



EASTER LILIES & MUSIC

Remember someone special this Easter by donating \$25 for Easter Lilies or music!

Bulletin printing deadline is 11:59 p.m. on *Sunday, April 2nd*. We'll continue to accept donations after that time however, the names may not appear in the bulletin.

GUARDIAN ANGEL CELEBRATION

Our Guardian Angel prayer experience began on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Palm Sunday.

On Sunday, April 2nd at 5:00 p.m. Guardian Angels and their youth prayer partner will gather together in the Great Hall for a special time of celebration!

APRIL 9 - EASTER DAY

- 6:30 AM - Tower Service
- 8:00 AM - Rite I
- 9:00 AM - Rite II
- 10:15 AM - Parish Celebration on the Lawn
- 11:15 AM - Rite II



EASTER EGG HUNT

St. James Children's Ministry is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt following the 9:00 a.m. service on Easter Day at 10:15 a.m. Please plan to bring your own basket.

Please send in 12 stuffed eggs by Palm Sunday. There will be an Egg Drop off box outside of the Day School office. If you would like to help with the Egg Hunt, please reach out to Ansley Trask.



Faith Formation Opportunities:

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:10 AM

DISCIPLES' CLASS - Meets in the Lippitt Room or Via Zoom

- **April 16, 2023: Helping Our Neighbor: The Healing Place of New Hanover County**
 - *Guest Speaker: Brian Mingia, Director of The Healing Place of NHC*
 - The Healing Place is a peer-led residential drug and alcohol recovery facility which is on-track to be opening in early 2023. It will be the only peer-led residential recovery program in Southeastern North Carolina which will provide treatment to both men and women at no cost to the individual. Brian will present information about the facility and the resources which it will offer to those seeking recovery from addition to drugs or alcohol.
- **April 23, 2023: Helping Our Neighbor and Ourselves: Dealing with Mental Health Issues**
 - *Speakers: Marion Gittings and Louise Coggins*
 - Marion Gittings and Louise Coggins join together to present new information and resources for dealing with mental health issues. Marion is introduced in the January 22 description, above; Louise is also a parishioner at St. James and has been a practicing LCSW for the past 48 years. Her volunteer work over the years includes service on many academic and philanthropic boards; and she has been active in issues relating to anti-racism, human trafficking, the status of women, and domestic violence. She is currently in private practice at the Porters Neck location of the Trinity Wellness Center.
- **April 30, 2023: Neighbors: Bringing Together What We Have Learned**
 - *Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Robert Bayley*
 - Dr. Bayley returns on April 30 to consider the various areas we have covered since last Fall and to provide new spiritual insights into the call to serve our neighbor as ourselves. This year, we have heard messages of hope and outreach from speakers within our parish, our diocese, and our larger community; and these messages will be brought together in this concluding presentation on knowing and serving our neighbors.

FAITH DISCUSSIONS - Meets in the Stephen Ministry Room

- **April 16, 2023: What does it mean to love self?**
- **April 23, 2023: Gathering with Disciple's Class in the Great Hall**
 - *"Helping Our Neighbor and Ourselves: Dealing with Mental Health Issues" Speakers: Marion Gittings and Louise Coggins*
- **April 30, 2023: How do we love ourselves as Christ loves us?**

JUBI-LATTE ROUNDTABLE - Meets in Cookie's Office
On Sunday Mornings, our 6th-12th graders are invited to join us in Cookie's Office for the Jubi-Latte Roundtable, with coffee and conversation.

FAITH ADVENTURERS - 2nd Floor Milton Hall
(4th and 5th graders): Grab a cozy seat and get ready to get lost in Namia. This winter/spring, we will set out to uncover the themes in *Wonder*.

FAITH BUILDERS - 2nd Floor Milton Hall
(2nd and 3rd graders): Building Faith Brick by Brick. We will explore the Bible in an imaginative way using our minds, hands and LEGOS!

FAITH FOUNDATIONS- 2nd Floor Milton Hall
(K5 & 1st Graders): Building a foundation in faith invites learning about God using the Bible as our road map. Explore, create and marvel at God's big love for us!

FAITH THROUGH WONDER- 2nd Floor Milton Hall
(3s & 4s): Explore God's love for us. We will engage in stories, create crafts and enjoy time together exploring all the wonder in God's creations.



Books: Connecting Generations

INSPIRED BY SHERI CASTLE & YOU: ECW COOK BOOK 2023



Ladies, I want to share a sincere THANK YOU to all who came out on last Tuesday evening to share in ECW's celebration reception for our speaker Sheri Castle. THANK YOU to all who brought your favorite appetizers, finger food, sweet treats, and a THANK YOU to all who made recipes from Sheri's cookbooks. A special THANK YOU to those who helped in the kitchen, those who helped serve, clean -up and set-up—many thanks.

The evening was so much fun and Sheri shared such delightful stories that she kept us laughing! What I can say is that Sheri was so impressed with the ECW turnout that she said would love to come back anytime. She said thank you for ECW giving her our St James cookbook -it has a special place on her bookshelf.



In speaking with some of the ladies, it was suggested that we try and work on an updated St. James' cookbook. One of the threads of Sheri's talk was how food and community are knit together in our stories. Why we love this particular recipe because it was Aunt Becky's etc. As Sheri shared, whether it is something from our family, our location, our resources, or our culture, -that is what makes a favorite recipe. It is what makes it special because it knits food and our community together!

Let's start creating a new St James Cookbook, let's include our stories as to what makes this recipe special to our hearts, and then let's have a cook off!!

Karen Clark, Clarklc11@gmail.com

BOOK REVIEW CORNER

FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RACIAL UNITY

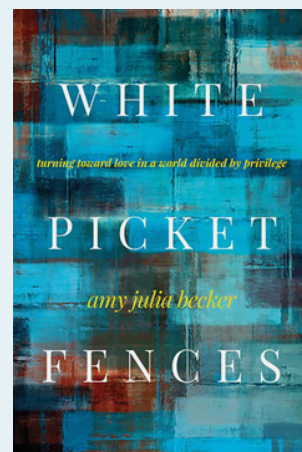
Welcome to the Book Corner! Join us as we share (over the coming months) some of the books that have been of interest to members of this committee in learning more about race and racial issues in our world. Members will share books we hope will inspire you to read and learn as we all work together to share the message of Jesus' love for us and ALL of our neighbors. Check back to see what books we are reading!

April Book Review by Barbara Whitesides

White Picket Fences: Turning toward Love in a World Divided by Privilege
by Amy Julia Becker

If you are looking for a book to dip your toe into the conversations around race and privilege in today's world, you might want to consider this book. This memoir is well-written and relatable as the author comes aware of the role privilege has played in her life in many varied ways. The author's early years were spent in small town Eastern North Carolina! I found her growing awareness of race and racial issues very familiar to my own upbringing and exposure. A simple example of recognizing that the bookshelves in her children's rooms only contained books about people that looked just like them was thought-provoking for me. Her honesty, while not shaming or guilt-inducing, helped me to see and understand places where I also was unaware of the privilege of the life I was given. In her book, I found hope and insight.

A review of the book states: "Through Amy Julia's raw and vulnerable story-telling, I discovered not only the harm my own privilege has caused but also a God-birthed desire to actively engage in reconciliation and healing. Captivating and deeply personal, *White Picket Fences* is Amy Julia's best work yet." - Jeannie Cunnion, author of *Mom Set Free*.



Happening at St. James



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Bette Baueries, Randy Coupland,
John Furniss, Sassy Fuchs,
Nancy Creighton Poe, Bob Uzell,
Bob Workmon, Jane Woodbury

ADULT CHOIR

Thursdays | 7:00 PM | Choir Room

Love to sing? Come join the fun in the choir room—we always have an extra chair. Remember when you sing for church you pray twice. And the Lord says make a joyful noise!

LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF & LOSS

1st & 3rd Mondays | 5:00 p.m. | Graham Parlor or on Zoom

When we face an ending or a loss, we can experience grief in a number of ways and one size does not fit all. Come join us as we take this journey together. Reach out to the Rev. Cheryl Brainard at cheryl@stjamesp.org for more information.

MORNING PRAYER

Mon. -Fri. | 8:00-8:30 a.m. | Zoom

Come join us for the Daily Office of Morning Prayer! Each weekday on Zoom with gather for a time of prayer and fellowship. If you would like a direct link sent to your email each morning, please reach out to communications@stjamesp.org

BREAD BREAKERS EVENT!

Sunday, May 7 | 4:00-6:00 PM | Perry Hall

Save the date! The St. James Breadbreakers' are planning to host a fellowship on Sunday, May 7th. Stay tuned for more details.

FULL COURT FELLOWSHIP RESUMES!

Sunday, April 16th | 7:15 PM | Perry Hall

Men of the parish are invited to join our High School boys for pick-up basketball games on Sunday evenings at 7:15 p.m. following Youth Group. Have questions about this offering? Please reach out to Mark Bartholet at mark.bartholet@gmail.com.

EPISCOPOSSE GATHERING

Thursday, April 27, 2023 | 7:00 PM | The Hodsdon Home

Ladies (21+) are invited to join us as we gather in April! This group meets once a month to discuss Podcasts, books and the day to day challenges of living faith. Join together in prayer, fellowship, and connect with other women! If you have questions about this group or would like to RSVP to Erin Becker for directions, please reach out to Erin at communications@stjamesp.org.

NEWCOMER LUNCH & CAMPUS TOUR

Sunday, April 30 | 12:30 p.m. | Great Hall

Save the date! Sunday, April 30, Newcomers and "oldcomers" are invited to join us for the Spring Lunch and Downtown Campus Tour! Following the 11:15 a.m. service, at around 12:30 p.m. We'll gather in the Great Hall for a time of food and fellowship. Come get to know the St. James clergy and other members of our parish family in a relaxed atmosphere. Following lunch, we'll form smaller groups for campus tours. Guides will take you through the campus and introduce you to classrooms and meeting spaces. You will also receive information about programs and ministries offered at St. James Parish. Time commitment is about an hour and 15 minutes. Since a meal will be served, an RSVP is kindly requested. Please email Erin at communications@stjamesp.org to let us know you plan to attend. Childcare is available with your advance reservation.

QUIET REFLECTION RETURNS

Saturday, May 6 | 7:30 - 8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

If your spirit longs for peace and rest, join us at Mt. Lebanon Chapel for a time of quiet and refreshment from 7:30-8:30 AM. You are welcome to come for as much or as little of the hour as you wish. There will be interludes of quiet piano music during the hour. Some poems and prayers will be provided should you wish to have something to read in the silence, or bring your own reading material. ALL ARE WELCOME!

SIP'N'SEE- SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW

Sunday, May 14 | 5:00-7:00 PM | Perry Hall

Come check out all of the items up for bid at the 2023 St. James Youth Silent Auction. We'll host a fun evening of fellowship, activities, , snacks, and share about all of the wonderful plans our St. James Youth have for the funds raised by this year's auction.

Outreach & Community

OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT: GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Did you know that it's North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Child Advocate Month? This April, by proclamation of Governor Cooper, we honor the contributions of over 5,400 North Carolina Guardian ad Litem volunteers across the state and invite you to consider joining the cause. Being a North Carolina Guardian ad Litem is an investment of time, energy and heart. But as many volunteers have said about this opportunity "Being a GAL volunteer has by far, been one of the most rewarding and humbling things I have ever done."

To learn more, visit volunteerforgal.org, call 1-800-982-4041, or go to facebook.com/ncGuardianAdLitem. Also, you can contact Ashley Walton, co-chair of the Outreach committee, at 704-906-8439 or ashleyls@yahoo.com to answer any preliminary questions.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Sunday, April 30, 2023

St. James is once again responsible for the delivery of Meals on Wheels. We need volunteers to deliver meals to elderly and shut-ins! Anyone willing to drive a route, cook, pack, or bring cookies or tangerines is greatly appreciated. If you are able to help us pack, please plan to be in the Perry Hall Kitchen by 7:30 am on the 30th. If you are interested in cooking or providing supplies, please reach out so we can send the recipe for the meal.

SECOND SATURDAYS

Saturday, April 8, 2023

St. James Outreach invites you to join us for the 2023 Second Saturday Cleanups with Cape Fear River Watch. Our next clean up will be on April 8, 2023 at 9:00 am. A location will be shared closer to the date-of. You can sign up on CFRW's website or contact parishioner David Joyner for more information (davidbilljoyner@gmail.com).

MoM: GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER

Tuesday, April 4th & 18th, 2023, 4:30 PM

The MoM Squad has agreed to serve meals to the homeless on the first and third Tuesday of each month. We are covered for March, but need volunteers for April. Please let us know if you can serve on either April 4th or 18th. Shifts run from 4:30 PM to about 7 PM. The guys who have already done this found it to be a very simple, yet highly rewarding, experience. If you can stand for 45 minutes, you can do this! Reach out to Brian McMerty to volunteer! (bmcmetry@arris.partners)

THANK YOU FOR PRESERVING OUR HISTORIC GRAVEYARD

Over the past couple of years, Virginia Callaway has been hard at work preserving the history of our historic graveyard. As she worked diligently to chronicle the past, Wes Clewis and our St. James Men on a Mission came together to preserve the physical graveyard. We want to take a moment to thank all of the parishioners who have had a hand in caring for the graveyard and lovingly restoring the stones, tombs and grounds. This spring we are beginning to see the fruits of your labor!



Service Opportunities

If you are interested in learning how you can serve with our church family, there are tons of great ways to get involved! Here are a few ministry opportunities with immediate availability to serve (aka, we need you):

- Lectors/Readers
- Altar Guild
- Sunday School Teacher
- Acolytes/Crucifers
- Ushers
- Office Volunteer Ministry
- Greeters
- Wedding Guild
- Parish Shop
- PenPals
- Chalice/LEM
- St. James Choir

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER 2023

Save the date! Our 2023 St. James Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 31-August 3rd. If you would like to help plan, organize, or donate to this year's VBS, please reach out to Ansley Trask at christianinformation@stjamesp.org!

We'll be sharing more information about how to register and sign up to volunteer as we get closer to the summer!



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL SHEPHERDS

Looking for a fun way to engage with Sunday mornings? Consider joining our Children's Chapel shepherds. To help safely direct our little ones to and in Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings, we're in need of some additional adult hands to assist our Clergy and Sunday School teachers as they lead the Chapel. These special shepherds are so important to our Children's Ministries. Visit our website to sign up! stjamesp.org/childrens-chapel/

BUSY BAG MINISTRY

Did you know that we have special Sunday morning activity bags available for those who get the wiggles or need something to do with their hands? You can find our Busy Bags in the transept entrance each Sunday. If you would like to donate to the Busy Bag ministry, please reach out to Ansley Trask at christianinformation@stjamesp.org.

FAMILY FUN EMAIL LIST

Did you know we have a special email list for families with kids? Email Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org to have your contact information added today!

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

STARBUCKS HS BIBLE STUDY

Wed. | 7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks

The Starbucks Bible Study is a favorite. We've consistently had an average of 25 participants each week.

All St. James High School Youth are invited to join us each Wednesday for our weekly "Check In & BIBLE STUDY." If you're interested in participating reach out to Cookie@stjamesp.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS: JUBI-LATTE ROUNDTABLE

Sundays | 10:10 AM | Cookie's Office

Our youth put the Latte in Jubi-latte. During the Sunday School hour, 6th-12th graders gather for a special roundtable in Cookie's Office. Get ready to be caffeinated and talk about God. If you're interested in participating and have questions, reach out to Cookie.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

- 10:10 am - Faith Formation | Cookie's Office
- 5:00 pm - Guardian Angel Celebration | Great Hall

WEDNESDAYS IN APRIL

- 7:00 am - Starbucks Bible Study | 16th St Starbucks

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - EASTER DAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

- Ecuador 2nd Payment Due

SUNDAYS, APRIL 16, 23, 30

- 10:10 am Faith Formation | Cookie's Office
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group | Great Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

- Silent Auction Donation Deadline

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - APR. 21- MAY 4

YOUTH SUNDAY- MAY 14

SILENT AUCTION- MAY 14-17

GLORY RIDGE MISSION EXPERIENCE - JUNE 11-17

QUITO MISSION TRIP - JULY 12-21

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - COME VOLUNTEER!

JULY 31-AUGUST 3

THE ST. JAMES YOUTH 2023 SILENT AUCTION

DONATION DEADLINE: 4/19
BIDDING BEGINS: 5/14
BIDDING ENDS: 5/17

To help raise money for our materials, our travel and our outreach opportunities, The "Silent Auction 2023" will be held Sunday, May 14 - 17 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

We are writing to ask you for a donation to this Auction. Entries can be "one-of-a-kind" items, such as jewelry, original works of art, vacation homes, hunting or fishing opportunities. Gift certificates from local restaurants, entertainment opportunities, legal, medical and automotive services, tickets to college or professional sports events, gourmet dinners and cocktail parties are always popular items.

Please USE YOUR IMAGINATION and have fun with your ideas. And..... YES! You may write a check! Please make it out to "St. James Youth Ministries." Each item that is donated and each check that is written will be used to help other people while we learn so much from them! Oh, YES! You may also donate an item/service/beach house/mountain house/ boating experience/cooking class..... use your imagination. All donations, financial, Items, experiences, etc. will be greatly appreciated and used for helping out world be a better place.

We thank you in advance for your help and your support. We thank you for your investment in the lives of our young people. **Please have all gifts / donations at the church by April 19** so we can publish the exciting list of items and their donors in the ST. JAMES MAY GRAPEVINE.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our ONLINE SILENT AUCTION, May 14 - 17 so that you can join the fun! Watch for further details about this event and TELL YOUR FRIENDS to reserve these dates so they, too, can BID and WIN!
If you have any questions, please call us. Thank you!

PAST ITEMS DONATED: Mountain Home, Beach Home, Cooking Class, Boating Experience, Cabins in the Woods, Wine, Babysitting, Smocked Dress, Sonicare AirFloss Pro, Soil Treatment, Premium Car Wash for ONE Year, Handmade Baby Quilt, Paintings, Vasectomy, Crystal Lamps, Jewelry, Homemade Ice Cream, Chiropractic Adjustment, Gift Certificates, Meals

delivered to your Home, Flower Arrangements, Caramel Cake, Gift Certificate to Restaurant of your Choice, Dolls, Interior Design Services, Dog Training, Cooked Smoked Pork Shoulders, Dinner for 20 people, ETC. USE YOUR IMAGINATION!



ST. JAMES YOUTH OUTREACH WORSHIP IN ACTION

Several exciting and wonderful experiences await our St. James young people, their friends and adults who accompany our young people on their journeys of faith. This summer many of our young people will be serving God through Outreach & Mission.

During 2023 - 2024, our young people and adults will be participating in Outreach Opportunities and Projects within Wilmington & in other places within our world. Already we have collected over 300 stuffed animals to give to children who will benefit having a snuggly stuffed toy nestled up next to them.

"Glory Ridge" in Madison County will be our week long outreach opportunity where we will repair homes, begin to build a home for one of the families for whom we have worked whose home burned to the ground a little over a month ago.

In July, fifteen of us will fly to Ecuador to repair, build, share, learn and worship with our new Ecuadorian friends and we will learn about their history and culture. Historically, St. James has been a leader in helping people who have need that can be met by our gifts and talents.

During the coming year, our youth will be experiencing Episcopal worship in a variety of traditions and cultures, providing Bible School for children, and renovating and building homes, schools, and churches. As a result of our activities we hope to come away with a keener sense of God at work in us both here in Wilmington and in the world.



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Associate Rector **The Reverend Joseph "Gray" Hodsdon**

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