

ST. JAMES NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL 2023 SPECIAL EDITION GRAPEVINE

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FALL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RITE I WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. | St. James Parish

FAMILY BREAKFAST

8:30-9:10 a.m. | Great Hall

FAITH FORMATION HOUR

9:10-10:00 a.m. | St. James Parish

RITE II WORSHIP

10:15 a.m. | St. James Parish

IGNITE: SJP YOUTH

5:00 p.m. | Bishop Wright Room



2023 PARISH RETREAT - JOIN US AT THE TRINITY CENTER

The 2023 Parish Retreat will be here before we know it. Make plans to join the St. James Parish family at the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores **September 29 -October 1**.

What does the cost include? Lodging for 2 nights and all meals from dinner Friday, September 29th through breakfast Sunday, October 1. Plan for 4:00 PM check-in on the 29th and 11:30 a.m. check out on the 1st of October.

- Single Occupancy Rooms - \$210
- Family Rooms - \$170 per adult, \$64 per person between 5-17 yrs, \$24 per person for children 1-4 yrs.

The full itinerary and details on what types of programming to expect will be released as we get closer to the retreat!

We plan to have spiritually driven, fun and engaging offerings for all ages. Scholarships are available.

Have questions about the Parish Retreat? Please reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

WEEKDAYS AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY-FRIDAY

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER

Monday-Friday | 8:00 a.m. | Zoom

MONDAYS

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Mondays | 11:00 AM | Register for Location

GRIEF MINISTRY: LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF & LOSS

1st and 3rd Mondays | 5:00 PM | Zoom & Graham Parlor

SABBATH EXPLORATION GROUP

2nd & 4th Mondays | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Room

TUESDAYS

COMMUNITY OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING

Tuesdays | 5:30 p.m. | Location will Vary

WEDNESDAYS

HIGH SCHOOL STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 7:00 a.m. | 16th St. Starbucks

TELLING YOUR STORY THROUGH GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Wednesdays | 9:00 a.m. | Graham Parlor

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: HEBREWS FOR EVERYONE

Wednesdays | 11:00 a.m. | Graham Parlor or Zoom

HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays | 12:10 p.m. | St. James Chapel

THURSDAYS

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. | Graham Parlor

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursdays | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Room

From the Rector

"What are you looking for?"

John 1:39

Dear St. James Parish Family,

If you are like me, there remains within you a small sense of hope and mystery- every single day - when you go to your mailbox. Yes, I know and accept that the overwhelming majority of the "snail mail" we all receive mostly encompasses bills to be paid and solicitations to be made. However, that will never fully take away my curiosity and interest with what might be found in the delivery of the day.

It's a wonderful and encouraging thing to see a personal letter or note, often with familiar handwriting, with your name on the envelope. Even more so - an invitation! Perhaps to a celebration of marriage, or a birthday, or simply a fun and festive gathering of friends. It means something to be included. It means something to be invited. I trust you know that feeling.

On behalf of the St. James staff and program volunteers, I am delighted to share with you a robust and engaging 28 page invitation for the fall season at St. James Parish. Please take the time to look through the variety of offerings, which include both Sunday mornings and opportunities through the week. There is a rich and diverse variety, for your interest and engagement. Please include yourself. All are welcome!

The Gospel of John records a moment when two soon to be disciples - Andrew and John - both filled with interest and curiosity, approach Jesus to learn more about him. Jesus asks them the same question that he asks of all of us: "What are you looking for?"

We hope and pray our fall season will offer you opportunities to find what you are looking for, and that you (and your family) will more deeply engage yourself in the life of our parish, as we all seek to see and follow Jesus Christ our Lord.

You are invited. Come and see!

Faithfully,

Phillip

Phillip



Vestry Corner

Dear St. James Parish Family,

It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to another wonderful summer season at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. Mt. Lebanon Chapel is such a unique setting to worship God and enjoy the beauty of His nature. We are truly blessed with this treasure. The Mount Lebanon committee, led very capably by Frank Hamilton, is earnest in overseeing the property while maintaining its serenity. Mt. Lebanon Chapel is well positioned for the future.

While we see the close of one season, we are excited to once again be back together as one community. As Reverend Craig noted recently, the Church is about “our” journey together, not alone. So it is with much anticipation that we start this Church season with one main service on Sunday mornings, beginning with Welcome Sunday on September 10th. It will be fun to see so many smiling faces. With concern over parking, we have reconfirmed with our generous neighbors the use of their available parking, on Sunday mornings: First Bank, Wells Insurance, First Citizens Bank, and Hogue-Hill Law Firm. Also, city meters for street parking are free all day Sunday.

Congratulations to the coordinators and volunteers for our Vacation Bible School. It was a huge success with over 75 youngsters learning, playing and dancing. If you haven’t already, please look at the pictures and videos. Keep an eye on our emails for the link. You must see Bill Calder dancing!

If you want to get more involved in the life of St. James, now is the time. The next several months are packed with opportunities for participation and involvement. To remind you of some of these, we have: Rise Against Hunger, Jazz and Race Symposium, Parish Retreat at Trinity Center, Diocesan Revival with Bishop Curry, a Habitat Unity Build, and more. Please refer to your this Special Edition Grapevine for a listing of times and dates.

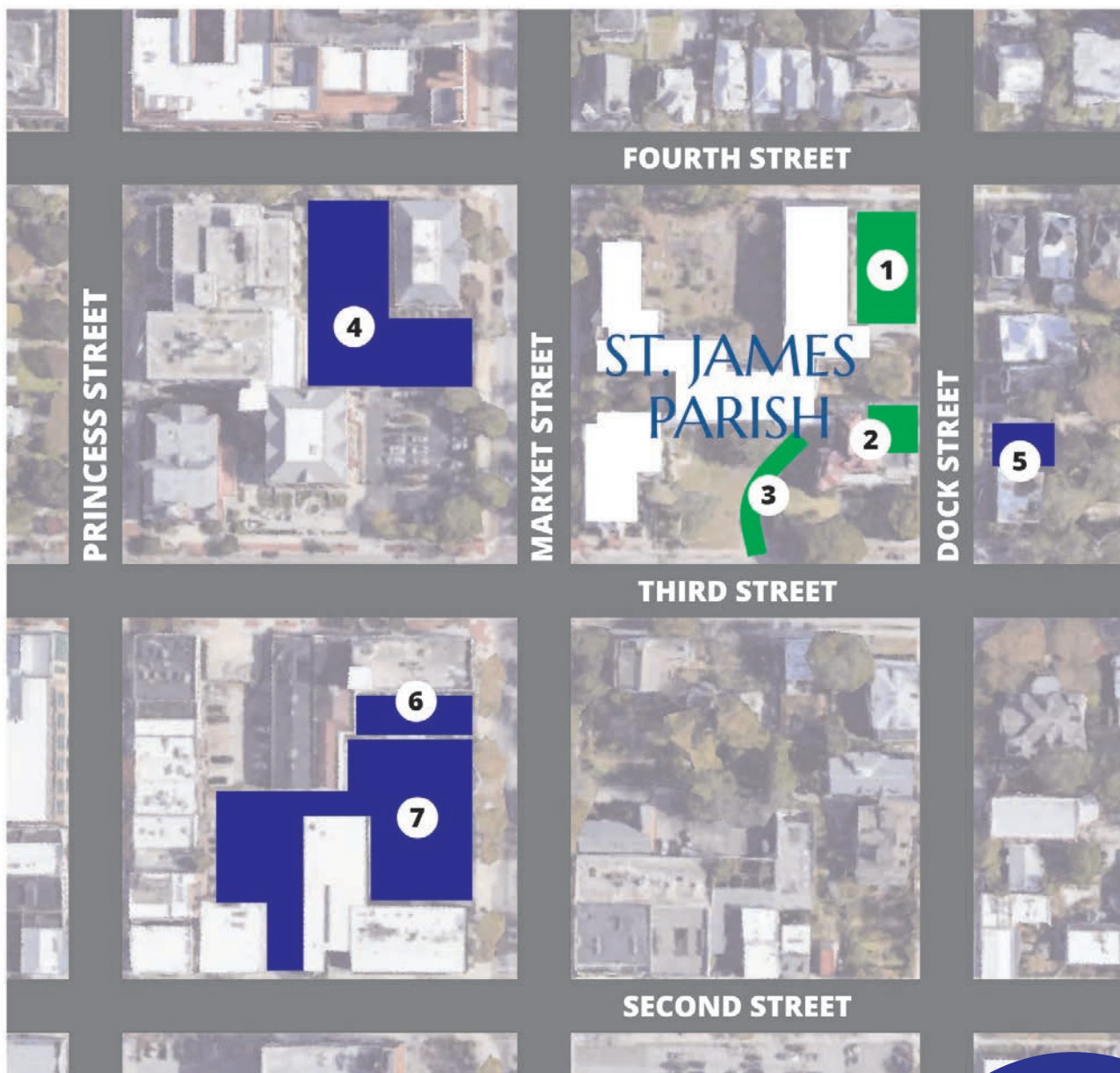
The Vestry held its summer retreat in early August. The retreat is an opportunity to reflect on things that are going well, and to discuss improving things that need help. As always, please communicate your concerns to any member of the Vestry.

See you downtown.

Leslie Jarrett (Senior Warden) and Alex Murchison (Junior Warden)



PARKING AT ST. JAMES



PARKING LOTS AT & NEAR ST. JAMES

1. PERRY HALL LOT - HANDICAP PARKING AVAILABLE
2. BACON HOUSE LOT - SENIOR PARKING AVAILABLE
3. FRONT CIRCLE - HANDICAP PARKING AVAILABLE
4. FIRST CITIZENS BANK LOT - **SUNDAYS ONLY**
5. HOGUE HILL, LLP BUILDING - **SUNDAYS ONLY**
6. WELLS INSURANCE BUILDING - **SUNDAYS ONLY**
7. FIRST BANK - **SUNDAYS ONLY**

STREET PARKING

is available along 3rd, 4th, Dock, and Market Streets.

Meetered parking along Market Street is free on Sundays & Holidays.

ST. JAMES PARISH BUILDINGS AND PARKING AREAS

Parking is available through the week and on Sundays on Market, 3rd, Dock and 4th Streets, adjacent to the church. Although the street parking is free, please note that on weekdays, parking on Market, 3rd and 4th Streets (other than the block of 4th Street behind the church property) is restricted to 2 hours, after which parking fines may be imposed by the City of Wilmington. For now, there are no time restrictions for Dock and 4th Streets adjacent to the church property.

During the week, the Bacon House lot is reserved for clergy & staff. Please park in the the Perry Hall lot.

Faith Formation at St. James

On behalf of our dedicated clergy, staff and a host of passionate parishioners, we are honored and excited to share with you our St. James program offerings for the fall season. In looking through the following pages, you will see ample evidence of the faith filled and enthusiastic planning and work that has taken place. There are rich and diverse opportunities for all ages. We are so grateful to everyone who has contributed to this robust and meaningful endeavor.

Our Sunday morning Christian Formation classes begin at 9:10 am. Wonderfully, they are surrounded on each side by the heart of our time together, which is worship. With that in mind, please do come to Church. There we are all fed by Christ's word in scripture, in our prayers and hymns, and in the shared blessing of Eucharist. As a reminder, this is our schedule:

8:00 am	Rite I Holy Eucharist
8:30 am	Family Breakfast
9:10 am	Christian Formation Hour
10:15 am	Rite II Holy Eucharist
	Children's Chapel (during the service).

Worship and programs will take place all week long. We invite you to take note of our Wednesday evening sessions (beginning October 25th), which include a meal together in our Great Hall.

Our thanks again to all who have contributed to all of these offerings. All are welcome! In the meantime, please continue to keep our parish family in your daily prayers. We look forward to seeing you along the way.

Faithfully,

The St. James Clergy



FALL FAITH FORMATION

Every Sunday, we invite parishioners to join us in our Sunday Morning, Faith Formation Classes beginning at 9:10 a.m. Apart from Sundays when we all gather together, we will offer Adult, Youth, and Children's options:

Disciples' Class, in the Lippitt Room

Faith Discussions, in the Stephen Ministry Room

Youth (6th-12th Grades), in the Youth Room located on the lower level of Perry Hall

Children (Pre-K - 5th Grades), meet in the Sunday School Wing on the second floor of Milton Hall

SEPTEMBER

9/10 ~ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: No Faith Formation Classes - Welcome Sunday Gathering
9/17 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Faith Formation Classes Meet
9/24 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Faith Formation Classes Meet

OCTOBER

10/1 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Faith Formation Classes Meet* Parish Retreat Weekend
10/8 ~ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Faith Formation Classes Meet
10/15 ~ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Faith Formation Classes Meet
10/22 ~ Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: Faith Formation Classes Meet
10/29 ~ Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost: Faith Formation Classes Meet

NOVEMBER

11/5 ~ All Saints Sunday: Faith Formation Classes Meet - Combined Adult & Youth Faith Formation for Out of the Darkness
11/12 ~ Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Faith Formation Classes Meet
11/19 ~ Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Faith Formation Classes Meet
11/26 ~ Last Sunday after Pentecost: Faith Formation Classes Meet

DECEMBER

12/3 ~ First Sunday of Advent: No Classes Meet
12/10 ~ Second Sunday of Advent: Faith Formation Classes Meet
12/17 ~ Third Sunday of Advent: Faith Formation Classes Meet
12/24 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve: No Classes Meet
12/31 ~ First Sunday After Christmas: No Classes Meet

JANUARY

1/7 ~ First Sunday after the Epiphany: Faith Formation Classes Meet
1/14 ~ Second Sunday after the Epiphany: Annual Meeting

If you have any questions or need more information about any of the Christian Formation offerings, please contact:

The St. James Clergy, at clergy@stjamesp.org for more on Adult Faith Formation

Ansley Trask, Children's Ministries Coordinator, at christianformation@stjamesp.org for more on Children's Faith Formation

Cookie Cantwell, Director of Youth Ministries at cookie@stjamesp.org for more on St. James Youth Programs

DISCIPLES' CLASS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS | 9:10 A.M. | THE LIPPITT ROOM

The Disciples Class was established some years ago for those who seek to know more about what it means to truly be a disciple of Jesus. This fall, we invite everyone to join us in the Lippitt Room on Sunday mornings for presentations and discussions centering on “Living in the Spirit.” Our studies will focus on subjects to include the “Fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5: 22), the Gifts of the Spirit (I Corinthians 12: 4-11), Our Call to Ministry (Matthew 25: 35 – 40), and The Way of Love (Presiding Bishop Curry’s practices for a Jesus-centered life). We will also take time to explore what it means to listen to the Holy Spirit and to keep the Sabbath. The Disciples Class will also offer sessions focused on other timely subjects and seasons of the church, celebrating Advent and Lent.

SEPTEMBER

September 17, 2023: Time With Dr. Catherine Meeks

Guest Speaker: Dr. Catherine Meeks

Join us as we hear from Presidential Volunteer Service Award Winner Dr. Catherine Meeks, Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing in Atlanta, GA. Come learn about the work the Episcopal Church is doing toward racial healing and the work we still need to do.

September 24, 2023: Rediscovering the Sabbath

Speaker: The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley

The ancient wisdom of keeping Sabbath is ripe for renewal in our stressed culture. Come see what sabbath time means and discover new ways to practice it in your life.

OCTOBER

October 1, 2023: Parish Retreat Weekend - Combined Faith Formation

Speaker: The Rev. Cheryl Brainard

While some of our parish family are away at the Parish Retreat, we invite those in town to join us for a special Faith Formation hour where we will discuss some of the lessons and prayers shared at the Parish Retreat.



October 8, 2023: Fruit of the Spirit - Part I

Speaker: The Rev. Robert Bayley

Jesus said we, like trees, are known by our fruit. In this class we will explore ways to work in tandem with the Holy Spirit to experience fruit that serves us and others well in our relationships. This is an applicational class focused on Galatians 5:13-26.

October 15, 2023: Fruit of the Spirit - Part II

Speaker: The Rev. Robert Bayley

Jesus said we, like trees, are known by our fruit. In this class we will explore ways to work in tandem with the Holy Spirit to experience fruit that serves us and others well in our relationships. This is an applicational class focused on Galatians 5:13-26.

October 22, 2023: Fruit of the Spirit - Part III

Speaker: The Rev. Robert Bayley

Jesus said we, like trees, are known by our fruit. In this class we will explore ways to work in tandem with the Holy Spirit to experience fruit that serves us and others well in our relationships. This is an applicational class focused on Galatians 5:13-26.

October 29, 2023: A Veteran's Journey of Faith

Speaker: Ron Copley

Ron will share with us his unique journey returning to Vietnam as a combat veteran. Through the lens of hindsight, life experiences, and spiritual growth, Ron's perspective on the terrible experience of the War has changed rather dramatically over the years.

NOVEMBER

November 5, 2023: Out of the Darkness Weekend

Speaker: To Be Announced

Join us for a special combined Faith Formation hour inspired by and led in collaboration with our young people as they complete their Phenomenon experience and prepare to serve at the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention walk.

November 12, 2023: Living Our Faith through the Help Hub at the Harrelson Center

Speaker: Sonja McFarland

As we contemplate our call to ministry, Sonja McFarland shares about the ministry of the Help Hub and how our parish family helps fuel the wonderful work being done right next door.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

November 19, 2023: Living Into What Matters

Speaker: The Rev. Geoffrey Hoare

Join us in the Lippitt Room for a presentation by the Rev. Geoffrey Hoare. He will be sharing some thoughts on the Christian life and how to live into what truly matters.

November 26, 2023: Living Well Through Advent

Speaker: The Rev Cheryl Brainard

Once again this Advent, we will be offering the *Living Compass® Spirituality & Wellness* program booklets for Advent. Together, we will look at scripture readings through the lens of Advent, using the text *Living Well Through Advent*. Take a break from the hustle and bustle to slow down during Advent.

DECEMBER

December 3, 2023: First Sunday of Advent - Combined Faith Formation Classes

All are invited to join us for an inter-generational-faith-formation hour on the first Sunday of Advent. Together we'll explore the lessons of the advent wreath and each family will have the opportunity to produce their own wreath.



December 10, 2023: Second Sunday of Advent - “The Second Coming of Christ”

Speaker: The Rev. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Join us in the Lippitt Room as the Rev. Phillip Craig shares a look forward as we ponder what the Season of Advent has to teach us about the second coming of Christ.

December 17, 2023: Third Sunday of Advent - “The First Coming of Christ”

Speaker: The Rev. Gray Hodsdon

The Season of Advent lends itself to the contemplation of the gift of Jesus' life and ministry on earth. During this class, the Rev. Gray Hodsdon invites us to delve deeper into the first coming of Jesus Christ.

DISCIPLES' CLASS

December 24: Christmas Eve - No Faith Formation Classes

December 31: New Year's Eve - No Faith Formation Classes

JANUARY

January 7, 2024: Disciples' Class Meets

Speaker: To Be Announced

We look forward to beginning a new year with the Disciples' Class!

January 14, 2024: No Faith Formation Classes Meet - Annual Meeting

FAITH DISCUSSIONS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS | 9:10 A.M. | STEPHEN MINISTRY ROOM

Each of these Faith Discussions' sessions is a guided, round-table discussion around a set topic to be announced during the two weeks prior to each session, during which all have the opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences, from greatest joys to deepest challenges. All adults are invited to join in these discussions as we explore how our faith in God meets our daily lives.

SEPTEMBER

September 17, 2023: Gathering with the Disciple's Class in the Great Hall for: Time With Dr. Catherine Meeks

Guest Speaker- Dr. Catherine Meeks

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OCTOBER

October 1, 2023: Parish Retreat Weekend - Combined Class

Speaker: The Rev. Cheryl Brainard

While some of our parish family are away at the Parish Retreat, we invite those in town to join us for a special Faith Formation hour where we will discuss some of the lessons and prayers shared at the Parish Retreat.

October 8, 2023: Faith Discussions Meet

October 15, 2023: Faith Discussions Meet

October 22, 2023: Faith Discussions Meet

October 29, 2023: Faith Discussions Meet

NOVEMBER

November 5, 2023: Gathering with the Disciple's Class and Phenomenon for a special Out of the Darkness Weekend Presentation

Speaker- To be Announced

Join us for a special combined Faith Formation hour inspired by and led in collaboration with our young people as they complete their Phenomenon experience and prepare to serve at the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention walk.

November 12, 2023: Faith Discussions Meet



November 19, 2023: Faith Discussions Meet

November 26, 2023: Faith Discussions Meet

DECEMBER

December 3, 2023: First Sunday of Advent - Combined Faith Formation Classes

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December 10, 2023: Faith Discussions Meet

December 17, 2023: Faith Discussions Meet

December 24: Christmas Eve - No Faith Formation Classes

December 31: New Year's Eve - No Faith Formation Classes

JANUARY

January 7, 2024: Faith Discussions Meet

January 14, 2024: No Faith Formation Classes Meet - Annual Meeting

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

BREAD BREAKERS

Get to know other young adults and young families at St. James Parish through the Bread Breakers! The Bread Breakers began as a group of families with young children. With this group, you'll find a little chaos and a lot of laughter. Come join the fun, you don't need to have kids to be a part of the community! All are welcome. This group has regular monthly meet-ups; kids welcome! Activities vary from dining out, to potlucks, to volunteering at the Good Shepherd Center.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

Episcopal Church Women, ECW, have championed women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family. They are an affiliate of the Episcopal Church and celebrate that Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Their women's ministry and children's programs feed, educate, and provide community grants around the world. They are a volunteer organization that creates a legacy for Episcopal Church Women to lead future generations with stewardship in Christ.

EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GROUP

Ladies (21+) are invited to join us as we gather once a month to discuss the Don't Mom Alone Podcast, books and the day to day challenges of living faith. Join together in prayer, fellowship, and connect with other women!



FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

FOYER GROUPS

Contacts: Sheila Osann (osannsbe@aol.com | 910-399-2588) & Nina Inge (ninabet55@gmail.com | 804-564-8655)

The Foyer Groups are getting ready to begin a new season. This January new groups will be announced. All leaders are asked to touch base with their members and plan one or two gathering this spring.

Anyone who is interested in joining a Foyer Group will be invited to sign up. Depending on how many new members we have, we will either form a new group or assimilate them into existing groups.

For those who have never been in a Foyer Group, they are small groups of parish members who gather about every six weeks thought the year. The gatherings can be dinner at a restaurant or in members' homes, brunch after church, a dinner at the beach or whatever the group and host want to plan. It's a wonderful way to get to know parish members in a smaller setting. With our growing church, this is a golden opportunity to socialize and have lots of fun.

MEN ON A MISSION

Men on a Mission, affectionately known as "MoM," is a group of St. James men who join forces in a fun way to focus on Service and Fellowship at St. James and throughout our community. We currently have over 200 members. If you would like more information and get updates about future Men on a Mission service and fellowship ministry opportunities, please contact Brian McMerty, bmcsmerty@arris.partners. We would love to have you join us!



SUNDAY MORNINGS & EVENINGS

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY MORNINGS | 9:10 A.M. | THE YOUTH WING

SUNDAY EVENINGS | 5:00 P.M. | THE BISHOP WRIGHT FOOM

St. James Youth Ministries is preparing for the joy of getting back in rhythm as we share our lives, serve other people, learn more about ourselves and our friends. We will enjoy being together as we learn, as we worship and as we engage in the JOY of following and serving Jesus! This year we (6th - 12th graders) will gather together on Sunday mornings (6th - 12th graders) for "Jubi-Latte" - a roundtable discussion focused on knowing Jesus and following Jesus in our daily lives. On Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 6:30 pm in the Bishop Wright Room, St. James and we will IGNITE friendships, fun, faith and serving Jesus. Lock-Ins, Service Projects, Happening, New Beginnings, Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 7:00 am, Shop & Hop, Wrap & Yap, Corn Mazes, Mission Trip to Glory Ridge "Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk, The Guardian Angel Prayer Experience, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Ski Trip to Winterplace and many more exciting and meaningful gatherings! Bring your friends and join us for an amazingly wonderful year of sharing our faith as we serve other people! YES! WE ARE ST. JAMES YOUTH MINISTRIES! COME AND JOIN US. Be a part of this amazing creativity, joy, fun and faith. QUESTIONS? Contact Cookie at cookie@stjamesp.org or 910.264.5910

SEPTEMBER

September 17, 2023

9:10 AM | Jubi-Latte Roundtable meets
5:00 PM | IGNITE! The Journey Begins

September 24, 2023

9:10 AM | Jubi-Latte Roundtable meets
5:00 PM | IGNITE! Faith, Friends, Faith

September 30, 2023

7:00 PM | Parish Retreat: Special Fireside IGNITE!



OCTOBER

October 1, 2023

9:10 AM | Joining with the Adults in Great Hall!

October 8, 2023

9:10 AM | Jubi-Latte Roundtable meets
5:00 PM | IGNITE! Growing Through Challenges

October 15, 2023

9:10 AM | Jubi-Latte Roundtable meets
5:00 PM | IGNITE! "aMAZING fun Corn Maze"

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for one of our favorite fall activities, the corn maze at Galloway Farm. The Maze Craze we'll be in the maze from 5:00-6:00 and plan to be home around 7:30. Please invite your friends and stay tuned for how to register.

October 22, 2023

9:10 AM | Jubi-Latte Roundtable meets
5:00 PM | IGNITE! Youth Gathering

October 29, 2023

9:10 AM | Jubi-Latte Roundtable meets
5:00 PM | Stay tuned for details on a special Parish-Wide event led by the St. James Youth.

NOVEMBER

November 5, 2023: Phenomenon & Out of the Darkness Weekend

9:10 AM | Joining with the Adults in Great Hall
12:00 PM | Out of the Darkness Walk

Imagine a weekend designed to rekindle your inner spark, challenge your perspectives, and solidify your faith journey. That's exactly what "Phenomenon" is all about! Being a teenager is an adventure in itself—packed with highs and lows, discoveries and questions. As we're on the cusp of defining our identities and shaping our futures, what better way to support this journey than with a dedicated event tailored for this transformative period? Phenomenon isn't just a 3-day weekend lock-in; it's a place to connect deeper with your faith, discover the phenomenal force within you, and embrace life's remarkable moments. This is your chance to not only strengthen your faith but also forge deeper connections with peers and mentors, all while discovering the extraordinary essence that lies within you.

November 12, 2023

9:10 AM | Jubi-Latte Roundtable meets
5:00 PM | IGNITE! Seeing the Divine

November 19, 2023**9:10 AM | Jubi-Latte Roundtable meets****5:00 PM | Thanksgiving Service**

Save the date! our St. James Youth will be leading us in a special time of thanksgiving and worship at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. Join us as “we gather together to ask the Lord’s Blessing” and as we ponder all for which we can be thankful! Everyone is welcome....people of all ages. Let’s share our Blessings and Thanksgivings!

**November 26, 2023****9:10 AM | Jubi-Latte Roundtable meets****No IGNITE! this weekend****DECEMBER****December 3, 2023****9:10 AM | First Sunday of Advent - Combined Faith Formation Classes**

All are invited to join us for an inter-generational-faith-formation hour on the first Sunday of Advent. Together we’ll explore the lessons of the advent wreath and each family will have the opportunity to produce their own wreath.

5:00 PM | Lessons & Carols

IGNITE! joins with the wider parish family to participate in Lessons & Carols.

December 10, 2023:**9:10 AM | Jubi-Latte Roundtable meets****5:00 PM | IGNITE! Shop’N’Hop**

We will gather at Walmart on Market Street to SHOP for families with children who need our help at Christmas. We will divide into small groups and use our Youth Ministries Outreach Budget to purchase meaningful gifts for each family member. Once we complete our purchases, we will HOP over to IHOP for a delicious supper. Join the fun! Help other people! Bring your friends! SHOP & HOP!

**December 17, 2023****9:10 AM | Jubi-Latte Roundtable meets****5:00 PM | IGNITE! Wrap’N’Yap**

It’s time to WRAP all of the gifts that we have purchased at “Shop & Hop.” Even if you could not join us for “Shop & Hop” there are LOTS of gifts to wrap so please come and help us! We will also be watching a Christmas Movie as we act like an ELF and WRAP our gifts!

December 24: Christmas Eve**No Faith Formation Classes or IGNITE!****December 31: New Year’s Eve****No Faith Formation Classes or IGNITE!****JANUARY****January 7, 2024****9:10 AM | Jubi-Latte Roundtable meets****5:00 PM | IGNITE! Beginning a New Year****January 14, 2024****9:10 AM | Annual Meeting**

During our Faith Formation hour on Sunday Morning. All ages are invited to attend this meeting. Those who have been confirmed or received as members of St. James are encouraged to attend to participate.

5:00 PM | IGNITE! Youth Gathering**SAVE THE DATE: SKI TRIP**

Mark your calendars and plan to register for the Winter Place Ski Trip. January 26-28, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS | 9:10 A.M. | MILTON HALL - SECOND FLOOR

Faith Built Through Wonder (*3's and 4's*): 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.

Faith Foundations (*Kindergarten and 1st grade*): 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 Builders (*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 Adventurers (*4th and 5th graders*): Grab a cozy seat and get ready to get lost in a good book. This fall, we will set out to uncover God at work in the stories around us. This is a Bible study not to be missed!



SEPTEMBER

September 17, 2023: Sunday School Classes Meet

September 24, 2023: Sunday School Classes Meet

OCTOBER

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December 10, 2023: Pageant Practice During Faith Formation

December 17, 2023: Pageant Day!



December 24: Christmas Eve - No Faith Formation Classes

December 31: New Year's Eve - No Faith Formation Classes

JANUARY

January 7, 2024: Sunday School Classes Meet

January 14, 2024: Children's gathering! - Annual Meeting

OFFERED BY THE RACIAL HEALING COMMISSION
OF THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA

1st Annual Jazz & Race Symposium

Jazz and Racial Healing intersect in many ways. Join us as we listen to jazz and learn more about its history from The Rev'd Skip Walker. Dr. Catherine Meeks will share from her extensive involvement in Racial Healing in the larger Episcopal church and beyond.

St. James Episcopal Church

Wilmington, NC

September 16 - 1:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Dinner included.

Registration required by Sept 8th:
stjamesp.org/jazz



ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ATTEND WE DO
ASK FOR A DONATION TO OFFSET THE COST OF THE
EVENT.

If you are interested in volunteering as a greeter or
for this event or you would like to assist with set up
or clean up, please reach out to Catie Hodsdon at
cmrichardson93@gmail.com.



In Our Diocese

OPEN HOUSE, OPEN HEARTS: EXTENDING GOD'S WELCOME IN EAST CAROLINA

Mark your calendars for Open House, Open Hearts:
Extending God's Welcome in East Carolina, an Episcopal
revival festival with Presiding Bishop Curry: October 21,
2023! Open House, Open Hearts will be a family-friendly,
rain-or-shine festival of fun and worship that promises to
be an event you won't want to miss!

Some things to get excited about: an interactive ministry
fair, activities for individuals and the whole family,
headlining speakers, live music, food trucks, worship, and
opportunities to pray together and make new friends!

We also invite your prayers for this time of revival, and our
revival prayer team shares this prayer:

*Holy and amazing God, we ask you to open the hearts and minds of
the people of East Carolina to what your Holy Spirit is preparing
for us. Remind us of your presence in our everyday life so that we
can see your hand at work in the world around us. Strengthen the
leaders of our upcoming Revival and show them the path you are
laying out. Help us let go of the things that distract us from your
purpose, and show us where our focus should be. Sustain our energies
before, during, and after this Revival so that we may be the agents
of transformation you have called us to be. Empower us to engage
our neighbors so we can share the loving, liberating, life-giving Good
News of Jesus. In his holy name we pray.*

Amen.

Thank you for your prayers as we prepare for this major
event in our diocese (and prayers for good weather are
appreciated too), and stay tuned for more details!

As we draw closer to the festival, St. James Parish will
be reaching out regarding carpooling and potential bus
options for our parish family and our neighbors.

If you are interested in participating as a volunteer for
or have general questions about this special event, please
reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

6th-12th Graders are invited to join us for the Youth Gathering
at our October revival festival, **Open House, Open Hearts:
Extending God's Welcome in East Carolina**. We will be
learning more about what The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry
does and we will take part in a service project that will benefit the
ministry.

There will be a t-shirt art contest for YOUTH who are registered
for the event. That will be part of the registration process. There
is a cost for the gathering: it is \$25, which covers the shirt & lunch.

This event is open to all 6th-12th graders and their adult leaders
(Day event adult to youth chaperone Safe Church ratios apply.)

Registration opened August 23rd & closes October 1st.

dioec.regfox.com/youth-gathering-at-the-festival

WEEKDAY AND WEEKNIGHT FORMATION

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER

Monday-Friday | 8:00 a.m. | Zoom

Start your day with prayer, music, and fellowship! Join us on Zoom for a time of prayer, fellowship, and music. Sign up for our email list by reaching out to communications@stjamesp.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays | 12:10 p.m. | St. James Chapel

Join us in the St. James Chapel for a Noonday Eucharist. Offered each week throughout the year.

COMMUNITY OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SERIES

Tuesdays, Beginning Sept. 5 | 5:30 p.m. | Location will vary

St. James Parish is once again opening the door for individuals to acquire the skills to handle different situations in their every day journey and to grow spiritually deeper in their relationship with God through a pastoral care ministry called The Community of Hope International (COHI). COHI

creates communities committed to pastoral care, and equips lay persons to learn to “listen with the ear of their heart”; to be present in a compassionate, listening, non- controlling manner in order to make a difference in the health and well-being of those in need. We invite you to prayerfully consider if you are being called to share your spiritual gifts within this church and community to take part in the upcoming Community of Hope training class. This particular training will be in partnership with St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. You may find the tentative training schedule [HERE](#). Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. beginning in September. Contact the Rev. Cheryl Brainard at cheryl@stjamesp.org for more information.



HIGH SCHOOL STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 7:00 a.m. | 16th St. Starbucks

The High School Starbucks Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 a.m. (16th Street Starbucks). This Starbucks Bible Study will be held each week unless it is a school holiday or a teacher workday. All young people are encouraged to join us for this “youth-led” experience where friendships are strengthened and sharing our thoughts are shared. It is a great time to ponder and to ask questions. It is a wonderful time to get to know the other young people and to hear the whisper of God. Questions? Contact Cookie at cookie@stjamesp.org, Jane Rippy janerippy@yahoo.com or Ginny Woodruff Ginny@vcwoodruff.com. We hope to see you there!



GRIEF MINISTRY: LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF AND LOSS

1st and 3rd Mondays | 5:00 PM | Zoom & Graham Parlor

When someone you love dies, you experience grief in a number of ways; one size does not fit all. The way we react to and process grief depends on the relationship, manner of death, if and how you were able to say goodbye, your beliefs, your background, and your personality. We grieve many things other than death and we want to acknowledge this also. There is grief that comes from loss of health, loss of a job, sending a child off to school, losses that come from divorce, to mention a few. Join us as we lift up one another as we learn to live well in the midst of grief and loss. Contact the Rev. Cheryl Brainard at cheryl@stjamesp.org for more information.

SABBATH EXPLORATION GROUP

2nd & 4th Mondays, Beginning Sept. 25 | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Room

Find rest, renewal and delight in our busy lives by the practice of keeping the Sabbath Holy. As Christians we can renew this ancient tradition to find the fullness and balance God meant for us to have in our busy and productive lives that sometimes seem empty. We will explore what this Sabbath time means from a Christian perspective and how to move into the rhythm of it using simple practices. Guidance will be provided by Bishop Henry Parsley and Rev. Mary McKnight and we will be using several books (Sabbath by Wayne Muller and Sabbath by Abraham Joshua Heschell). If you are interested in participating, the group will meet every 2nd & 4th Monday from 5:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m., starting September 25th for six sessions, ending on December 11. Please make a commitment to the group to attend every session if possible. Register by calling the church office. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Davis or Rev. Cheryl Brainard.

TELLING YOUR STORY THROUGH GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Wednesdays, Beginning Sept. 20 | 9:00 a.m. | Stephen Ministry Room

Guided Autobiography is offered throughout the country and around the world. It is held at UNCW through the Osher Life Long Learning Institute (OLLI) here in Wilmington, where it is very popular and classes are small, making it often hard to get in. Here at St. James, Mary McKnight, a retired Presbyterian pastor, will be offering Guided Autobiography for seven weeks in the Fall. She has led many small groups, including writing groups and retreats. From experience, she knows that being in a Guided Autobiography group can be a rich and quite meaningful practice. Classes at St. James are on seven Wednesday mornings (*Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 and Nov 1*), from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.. Before signing up, please check your calendar to be sure you can commit to the whole 7-week process. The classes and resources build on each other, so this is not a “drop-in” class. To register, please contact the Rev. Cheryl Brainard at cheryl@stjamesp.org. The cost is \$45 (scholarships are available). Space is limited.

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: HEBREWS FOR EVERYONE

Beginning September 6th | 11:00 a.m. | Graham Parlor or Zoom

The Book of Hebrews can be a daunting task if undertaken without any knowledge of the Old Testament or of other teachings in Holy Scripture. Some find it difficult because it uses ideas that are strange to us. However, Hebrews is full of interesting nuggets and the powerful message is just as relevant today as it was when written. If you are looking to learn more about the Bible, deepen your relationship with God, or are simply interested in an engaging weekday community activity, mark your calendar for every Wednesday this fall or drop in as you can. Each session is stand-alone so no worries if you have to miss. Please email Cheryl at cheryl@stjamesp.org if you would like a study guide.

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: ADVENT

Beginning November 29th | 11:00 a.m. | Graham Parlor or Zoom

The Wednesday following Thanksgiving, our Wednesday Bible Study group will kick off their Advent Study. Please come as you are able.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM)

Tuesday Mornings & Thursday Evenings | Reach out for details!

The Education for Ministry (EfM) Tuesday morning EfM is a 4-year program taken one year at a time. This program has been provided through the School of Theology in Sewanee, TN for over 40 years. It helps participants explore and deepen their Christian belief through study of the Bible, Christian history, and theology. We examine our own beliefs and reflect on applying scripture to our everyday lives. The goal is to deepen our faith and to discover how to express

it in service to others. To learn more about EfM and the Tuesday morning program contact Rachel Pace at rppace@hotmail.com, to learn more about the Thursday evening program, contact Karen Clark at clarkk11@gmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAYS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Wednesdays | 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. | Children's Chapel

Mark your calendars for this fall children's choir dates!

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays in the late afternoon.

The children's choir will sing on Sunday, November 19th.

Below is the practice schedule.

- October 25
- November 8
- November 1
- November 15

Please contact John Sullivan at music@stjamesp.org if you have any questions!

PARISH DINNERS

Wednesdays, Oct. 25 - Nov. 15 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. | Great Hall

We invite you all to save your Wednesday nights for dinner and fellowship. Dinner will be hosted in the Great Hall. A donation of \$10 per person/ \$25 per family is requested to help support this wonderful family ministry. Stay tuned for how to RSVP. If you would like to volunteer to help host these wonderful dinners, please reach out to communications@stjamesp.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAITH FORMATION

Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m. | Great Hall

Join the Rev. Phillip Craig for a special study on

Wednesday nights later this fall! This offering will occur in conjunction with the parish dinners. Stay tuned for details.

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Room

For the 4 weeks of Fall Wednesday Night Fellowship

Dinners, our choir practice will shift to Wednesday nights

REGULAR CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursdays | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Choir Room

Choir practice always begins with vocal warmups peppered with encouraging quips and anecdotes from Choir Director John Sullivan. As a transition from warmups we sing through the hymns for the upcoming Sunday to polish up the phrasing and four-part harmonies. Then we work on our parts for upcoming anthems. But hold onto your seats, because the rapid fire musical quotes and jokes will delight you and keep you ready for more singing! Remember when you sing for church you pray twice. And the Lord says make a joyful noise!! So come join the fun in the choir room—we always have an extra chair! If you are interested in learning more about joining the St. James Choir, please reach out to music@stjamesp.org.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

QUIET REFLECTION

First Saturday of the Month | 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

Our lives, our communities, our world is noisy. We are bombarded all day long with much that asks for our attention. There is little space to slow down, be quiet, rest our spirits. Just as we need air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat for our survival, our emotional and spiritual wellbeing needs silence and undistracting spaces to think, to rest, simply to be still, to listen for the moment of the Spirit.

If your spirit longs for this kind of quiet and rest, join us at Mt. Lebanon Chapel on the first Saturday of each month, for a time of quiet and refreshment. The quiet is 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. There are no rules about how to do this, just an invitation and an offering to a beautiful, sacred space in which to sit and rest.

Quiet Reflection will be offered the first Saturday of each month through and December. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Questions – email Linda at lindamurchison65@gmail.com

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Saturday, September 9 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Perry Hall
St. James Episcopal Church in downtown Wilmington invites our community to join us for the annual Rise Against Hunger (riseagainsthunger.org) Meal Packing event returns to on Saturday, September 9, 2023. Rise Against Hunger is an inter-national relief organization distributing food and aid to the world's most vulnerable. St. James will help in this mission by packing meals which will be sent all over the world. Rise Against Hunger allows us to serve folks in 76 different countries who are experiencing hunger and food insecurity.

We are hoping to gather over 250 volunteers to help support this event. Over the course of two shifts (9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.), we will prepare packages of food which Rise Against Hunger will then distribute near and far. The St. James family will provide all of the supplies needed but we need more hands to help make this event possible. We're reaching out to our neighbors to help us take on world hunger.

Childcare is provided for very young children; we welcome you to bring older children to participate alongside you. To learn more about the event, donate, or register, visit the St. James website stjamesp.org/blog/rah23. Have questions about this event? Please reach out to Don Brainard at dabrainard12@gmail.com.

WELCOME SUNDAY: FAMILY BRUNCH

Sunday, September 10 | 8:30 -10:00 a.m. | Great Hall

Make plans to join us for breakfast on Welcome Sunday. We'll be hosting an extended parish-wide breakfast hour complete with fun, food, and fellowship!

WELCOME SUNDAY: BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, September 10 | 10:15 a.m. Worship

On Welcome Sunday, September 10, we want to celebrate and bless the beginning of another school year.

Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks, school bags, or lunch boxes to worship. The 10:30 a.m. service on Welcome Sunday will include a special blessing lifting up children and students of all ages, dedicating them to God's glory as we begin a new school year.

We also invite teachers, aides, principals, administrators, secretaries, cafeteria workers, librarians, janitors, and bus drivers...come to church to be blessed, affirmed in your vocation, and encouraged as you serve children and families in your daily work!

VESTRY MEETINGS

Second Mondays | 5:15 p.m. | Graham Parlor

Our Vestry gathers on the second Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the Graham Parlor to discuss the business of the parish and to hear from our parish family. These meetings are open and members of St. James Parish are welcome to attend.

MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER

The MoM Squad has agreed to serve meals to the homeless on the first and third Tuesday of each month and the fourth Thursday of each month. Please let us know if you would like to serve. Shifts run from 4:30 p.m. to about 7:00 p.m. 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! (bmcsmerty@arris.partners)



CAPE FEAR RIVER WATCH

St. James Outreach invites you to join us for the 2023 Second Saturday Cleanups with Cape Fear River Watch. Clean ups typically begin 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).



MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT A SAFE PLACE - CASTLE HAYNE

Saturday, September 16 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm | ASP

On September 16, Men on a Mission will head to the new Castle Hayne farm of A Safe Place to Go. ASP needs some light work done of various sorts to make the shelter a much nicer and safer place for the women who are protected there, so we will break into teams of 2-4 and knock it all out in one morning. We will start at 8 AM and should be done well before noon. No skill is required as each team will have a good leader. Please sign up using the form below and show your/our support for A Safe Place as they fight human sex trafficking in our community and provide a safe place for victims to recover! There will be plenty of food and beverages of all sorts on hand for our enjoyment. Reach out to Brian McMerty to volunteer! (bmcmetry@arris.partners)

BREAD BREAKERS: SEPTEMBER HOSPITALITY AT HOME

Sunday, September 24 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Trask Home

The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in September! The Trask Family is signed up to host this great event. We invite everyone to bring a side dish and join us at 4:00 p.m. on the designated day to enjoy time together in a family-friendly atmosphere for a potluck-style dinner. Kids, Friends, and Guests are welcomed! If you'd like an adult beverage and are of age, please feel free to BYOB. RSVP online!

Who are the Bread Breakers? The Bread Breakers began as a group of families with young children. With this group, you'll find a little chaos and a lot of laughter. Come join the fun, you don't need to have kids to be a part of the community! All are welcome.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Wednesday, October 4 | 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

All are invited to bring your non-human family members to our Annual Blessing of the Animals on Tuesday, October 4 at Mt. Lebanon Chapel from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. We'll celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by blessing our furry, feathered, or even scaled, friends!

Please make sure all pets are appropriately leashed or contained.

NEWCOMER MINGLE

-A.K.A- THE HARDY PARTY

Sunday, October 8 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Hardy Home

This fall, the 'Hardy Party' is BACK and all newcomers are invited. Sunday, October 8, Join us at the beautiful waterside home of Drs. Marie and Stuart Hardy off of Greenville Loop Road. Directions will be shared with those who RSVP as we draw closer to event day. Get to know each other, the Vestry and the Clergy at this fun event featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres, plenty of parking and childcare onsite with advance registration. This is the premier church community event for newcomers and you'll want to attend. Stay tuned for how to RSVP!

BREAD BREAKERS: OCTOBER HOSPITALITY AT HOME

Sunday, October 15 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Clark Home

The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in October! The Clark Family is signed up to host this great event. We invite everyone to bring a side dish and join us at 4:00 p.m. on the designated day to enjoy time together in a family-friendly atmosphere for a potluck-style dinner. Kids, Friends, and Guests are welcomed! If you'd like an adult beverage and are of age, please feel free to BYOB. RSVP online!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Tuesday, September 5, 2023, the St. James Parish Office will resume regular fall hours:

- Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The St. James Parish Office will be closed on:

- Labor Day - Monday, September 4, 2023
- Veterans Day - Friday, November 10, 2023
- Thanksgiving - November 22 - 24, 2023
- Christmas - December 25 - 27, 2023
- New Year's - Monday, January 1, 2024

MORE DATES TO KNOW

STUFF THE TRUCK

Saturday, October 14 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | St. Paul's
2SHARE Inc. is hosting its first Stuff the Truck fundraiser on Saturday October 14th from 10am-2pm in the parking lot of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They are asking for donations of new linens and household items including twin & full sheets sets, twin & full blankets/quilts/comforters, pillows, sets of flatware, sets of pots and pans, bath towel sets, bath mats, shower curtains and curtain rings, mattress covers, lamps, lamp shades, and metal platform bed frames. 2SHARE is an all volunteer non-profit that picks up donated furniture and delivers it to Cape Fear area residents in need. These items will supplement the donated furniture we receive to help families in need make their houses feel like home. Please stop by and help us Stuff the Truck! For more information on 2SHARE visit 2shareinc.org.



MEN ON A MISSION: OCTOBERFEST

Sunday, October 22 | 3:00-5:30 p.m. | Figure Eight Island
The St. James Men on a Mission are celebrating Octoberfest on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 – 5:30 PM! This event is open to all men of St. James and any male guests 21+ years old, and it is being hosted by Steve Coggins at his Figure Eight Island home.

Come join us for festive food and wonderful fellowship with a great group of guys. The St. James Brew Crew is brewing a special Octoberfest surprise for us to enjoy!

There is plenty of free parking nearby, but you must register by Friday, October 20 to get on the island. If you need transportation, have trouble registering and/or have questions, please contact Brian McMerty at bmcmetry@arris.partners, Web Cowden at web.cowden@mirimichigreen.com or David Brownlow at david.brownlow@themurchisongroup.com.

Net proceeds from this event will go to 2Share, a local ministry collecting furniture, fixtures and household items, and delivering them at no charge to those in our community with the greatest needs. Register online now!

ALL SAINTS EUCHARIST

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 | 12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
Join us in our downtown chapel for a special Eucharist on All Saints Day. Keep an eye on our calendar. We will be offering Eucharist on holy days through-out the church year in addition to our regular Wednesday Noon-day offering.

PHENOMENON

November 3-5, 2023 | St. James Parish

“Phenomenon” is a 3-day weekend lock-in specially crafted for our teenagers, and it promises more than just activities and talks. It’s a faith-filled voyage designed to awaken the wonder within and to guide our youth in recognizing their invaluable worth. They’ll be encouraged to challenge boundaries, rekindle passions, and ignite a profound passion for life. But “Phenomenon” also serves a higher purpose. In tandem with the “Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk,” our event seeks to shine a light on the vital importance of mental health and community support. It’s a powerful testament to our commitment to guide our youth not just in spiritual matters, but in their holistic well-being.

Suicide prevention isn’t just about addressing the crisis; it’s about cultivating an environment where our youth feel seen, heard, and cherished. Where they recognize that their faith journey is intertwined with a community that loves, supports, and believes in them. Dare to join us on this transformative journey. Let’s come together to foster an environment where every teenager can embrace their unique gifts, find solace in their faith, and feel empowered to navigate life’s challenges.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK

November 5, 2023

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s (AFSP) Wilmington area “Out of the Darkness Community Walk” will take place on Sunday, November 5, at New Hanover High School. Our St. James Youth and supporting community will gather at 3:00 pm to help place Luminaries in memory of people who have died and/or in recognition of friends, family and “special” people in their lives.



ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS

Thursdays, November 2, 9, & 16 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Newcomers, are encouraged to make plans to be a part of our St. James Orientation for Newcomers (SJON). Meet us in the Great Hall to learn about St. James Parish; meet the clergy; find programs and ministries to suit your interests. Childcare provided with reservation. Stay tuned for reservation details.

HYMN SING

Friday, November 17th | 2:30 p.m. | Kempton

We're very excited to bring back one of our favorite fall traditions. You're invited to join members of the St. James Choir for Hymn Sing at the Kempton. We'll share a time of song and celebration with the residents. All voices welcome! Come and request your favorite hymn. Have questions? Please contact John Sullivan at music@stjamesp.org.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

Sunday, November 19 | 5:00 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

Save the date! our St. James Youth will be leading us in a special time of thanksgiving and worship at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. Join us as "we gather together to ask the Lord's Blessing" and as we ponder all for which we can be thankful! Everyone is welcome....people of all ages. Let's share our Blessings and Thanksgivings!

ADVENT MORNING - MINI RETREAT: WATCHING & WAITING

Saturday, December 2 | 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. | Lippitt Room

Through poetry, Scripture and prayer practices, we will explore waiting and watching for Jesus to be born again in our lives, our hearts, our communities, our world. Along with Mary, the mother of Jesus, we will wait, watch, make space, ponder, and anticipate anew what the birth of Jesus means.

ADVENT WREATHS

Sunday, December 3, 2023 | 9:10 a.m.

All are invited to join us for an inter-generational-faith-formation hour on the first Sunday of Advent. Together we will explore the history and meaning of the advent wreath, and each family will have the opportunity to produce their own wreath to take home. Please stay tuned for updates on this special morning together.

LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 3 | 5:00 p.m. | St. James Parish

Make plans to join us for Lessons and Carols featuring our St. James Choir! Together we'll welcome the season of Advent with song and scripture.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

Advent 2023 sees Christmas Eve and the Fourth Sunday of Advent fall on the same Sunday. As such, we'll be offering a unique service schedule on the 24th to help allow our Altar Guild and Seasonal Decorating Committee plenty of time to prepare for the afternoon and evening services.

Our Service Schedule for Christmas Eve 2023 will be:

9:00 AM - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Rite II

4:00 PM - Christmas Eve Liturgy

6:00 PM - Christmas Eve Liturgy

10:30 PM - Christmas Eve Liturgy



CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25th, we will offer a Christmas Service at 10:30 a.m. both in-person and via our livestream. All are warmly welcome!

EPIPHANY MORNING MINI RETREAT: FOLLOWING THE LIGHT

Saturday, January 13 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Lippitt Room

What/Who is the light we are following? What gives us light for the journey and hope in the darkness? What gifts do we have to offer? Through poetry, Scripture, and prayer practices, we will explore these questions Epiphany gives us the opportunity to consider. Men, women, parishioners, friends, younger and older are welcome. Registration is requested and will be available through the church's website and e-newsletters. Childcare will be available upon request.

Contact person: Linda Murchison, lindamurchison65@gmail.com

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 14 | 9:10 a.m. | St. James Parish

Our Annual Meeting is set for January 14th, during our Faith Formation hour on Sunday Morning. All ages are invited to attend this meeting. Those who have been confirmed or received as members of St. James are especially encouraged to attend to participate in voting. During this meeting we will elect a new Vestry slate, and share information regarding plans for 2023, the budget, and what to expect as we move forward together.

MINISTRY & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The church is not a building. The church is people. The people of St. James Parish are what make ministry happen! We couldn't serve our community without each of you. Not sure how to get involved? Never fear! We have a ministry for you. Ushers, Lectors, Writers, Photographers; whatever your strength, we can help you find a place to use it! Below are a few of our current needs. If you don't see one that fits you, please feel free to reach out to Bill McKenzie at coordinator@stjamesp.org and he will help you get connected.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

HELPING US CONNECT: UPDATING THE DIRECTORY

REALM is our online directory & ministry tool designed for real-time connection. It helps St. James connect with you and you connect with us. REALM allows you to manage your personal information and who is allowed to see it, control your giving, and keep in touch with the groups that matter to you. And yes, it does have an app so you can keep in touch on the go.

If you aren't already connected with REALM and would like to be, please let us know! In order to access the information in REALM, parishioners must be invited by a member of the St. James Staff. This measure is to help ensure we protect your personal information.

In preparation of our directory project, a group of dedicated parishioners will be reaching out to help you make sure your REALM contact information is correct and that the settings are to your preference. Our dedicated team of volunteers and staff members plan to begin contact with families this fall so please keep an eye out for them.

If you have questions about how St. James uses REALM or your REALM account, please reach out to Maria Hollopeter at finance@stjamesp.org or Leah Magruder at leah@stjamesp.org.

CARE GUILD: PEN PALS

Love to connect with others through the written word? We have the perfect opportunity for you! We are in need of more PenPals! We're looking for members of St. James who write a good note. Pen Pals write shut-ins, those recovering at home, and those in assisted living to help make these members feel connected even though they may not have been involved in Church activities for a while. As a pen pal, your commitment is to write the same three or four parishioners once a month for the next six months. If you are interested, please contact Beth Souther at bethsoutherfish@gmail.com and she will help you get started.

JOIN ST. MARTHA'S GUILD

St. Martha's Guild provides care to St. James parishioners by delivering meals to the sick, the bereaved, and to families with new babies. We also write notes, make phone calls and deliver simple gifts or food to individuals and families confronted with life's ups and downs. St. Martha's Guild is also responsible for the coordination of our parish's funeral receptions. This guild is comprised of more than 100 members working in teams headed by monthly team leaders. We work closely with the clergy and the church office for updates on parish needs. We welcome new members! Please consider becoming a part of this rewarding ministry. Contacts: Jane Rippy, janerippy@yahoo.com & Mary Elizabeth Roberts, maryelizabethroberts@seacoastrealty.com



EVANGELISM

GREETER MINISTRY

This fall, we'll be hosting a new round of Greeter Training! This means we're opening up the Greeter Ministry to new recruits. If you know someone (yourself included) who would make an excellent Greeter with their warmth and enthusiasm for the Christian family, please reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

NEWCOMER EVENTS

With so many wonderful events on the horizon, we invite established St. James parishioners to come and be a part of welcoming our newcomers by engaging with our newcomer driven events. Each year we host mingles, tours, and our St. James Orientation for Newcomers. The most important part of each of these events is the opportunity they create for newcomers to meet and form genuine relationships with the St. James family. If you would like to learn more about how you can help support these special events, please reach out to Randy Inge at randybinge@gmail.com or Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

OUTREACH

ASP LUNCHES

St. James Parish is actively a partner with A Safe Place, the Wilmington organization that focuses on prevention, advocacy, and restoration to assist victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. One of the ways we assist ASP is by providing lunch for the twenty girls who visit the Outreach Center twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) to meet with their case managers, their substance abuse counselors, receive employment assistance and attend life skills classes all in a safe and welcoming environment. This meal can be as simple as a pizza or sub-delivery gift card, a pickup from a favorite bbq or fried chicken outlet, or a really appreciated and rare home-cooked meal. If you are interested in providing a lunch for these girls please visit the MealTrain Sign Up. There are 8-10 opportunities per month!

Have questions about this ministry? Please reach out to Cathy Halligan at cathyfballigan@gmail.com.

EDEN VILLAGE HOME GROUPS

Eden Village is building a tiny home community for the chronically homeless. It will have 31 tiny homes for those experiencing homelessness, primarily those living in hospitals. Having a home is a key component in long-term health care. If you'd like to get more involved with Eden Village, consider joining St. James' Home Group. This group of 6-8 individuals will support one of the village's residents. This would include monthly check-ins with the resident either preparing a simple meal together, stopping by for a porch chat, or sending messages of encouragement throughout the month. There may also be work in the month of July to prepare the home for this resident as well. This is an important and unique opportunity to meet our neighbors, so if you are interested in joining this group, please contact Catie Hodsdon at cmrichardson93@gmail.com.

2SHARE FURNITURE

2Share is a small group of local volunteers who started an ad hoc effort, in 2017, to take in furniture donations that we then delivered to those in need in our community. In 2018 in the aftermath of Florence, they significantly expanded their efforts. As a no-profit, all-volunteer, grassroots ministry, they work cooperatively with many local organizations in Wilmington. There are regular opportunities to serve alongside this group! If you would like to participate, please contact: Alex Murchison, alexsmurchison@gmail.com, & Don Arabian, Wilmingtonsfagv@gmail.com

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

The Angel Tree Project is an annual Christmas project in which parishioners give gifts for children in need. St. James sponsors children from the newly combined Community Boys and Girls Club. Each year, our parish family shops for over 100 local children. If you would like to help organize this project, please reach out to Rachel Colonna at [Rachel Colonna, rcolonna85@gmail.com](mailto:rcolonna85@gmail.com)

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is an Outreach Ministry of St. James Parish. On the fifth Sunday in any given month, we are responsible for preparing, packaging, and delivering meals to approximately 180 grateful Meals on Wheels recipients, who are elderly or disabled shut-ins, many of whom have little to no social interaction or hot meals other than Meals on Wheels. These clients would often go hungry without this ministry, so your active participation in this vital program is greatly appreciated.

Contact: Missy Pretlow, missypretlow@gmail.com

Fall 2023 Dates:

October 29

December 31

RACIAL HEALING COMMITTEE

BOOK REVIEW CORNER

Welcome to the Book Corner! Join us as we share 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 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.

September Book Review by Barbara Whitesides

The Night is Long but Light Comes in the Morning.

By Dr. Catherine Meeks

We are excitedly anticipating the visit by Dr. Catherine Meeks, Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing. Dr. Meeks will be with us at St. James for the Diocesan Jazz and Race Symposium on September 16th and will preach at St. James the following Sunday, the 17th. We are fortunate to have Dr. Meeks share her wisdom and experience with us.

In light of her visit, we thought it might be a good idea to highlight her newest book, *The Night is Long but Light Comes in the Morning*. (There will be copies of her book available for purchase that weekend.). The foreword of her book is written by Bishop Michael Curry.

The description of the book from Amazon includes the following: "In this new book, she (Dr. Catherine Meeks) shares highlights and insights from her journey and offers a much-needed meditative guide for the weary and frustrated. By looking inward and at each other clearly, she argues, good people of all backgrounds can forge a long term and individual path to making a difference. With personal stories and thoughtful direction, she takes the reader on the trajectory from self-awareness to recognition of the past to a new and individual way forward."

Another review of the book:

"There is so much kindness in these pages that you may not notice at first how disruptive they are to your accustomed ways of thinking, being, and doing. Once you do notice, it is too late to escape. Like the angel who wrestled Jacob all night long, Catherine Meeks cares too much to let you go without a wound that can change your life, and a blessing to go with it. If you want to be well, hang in with her to the very end, because she is a healer and so is her book."

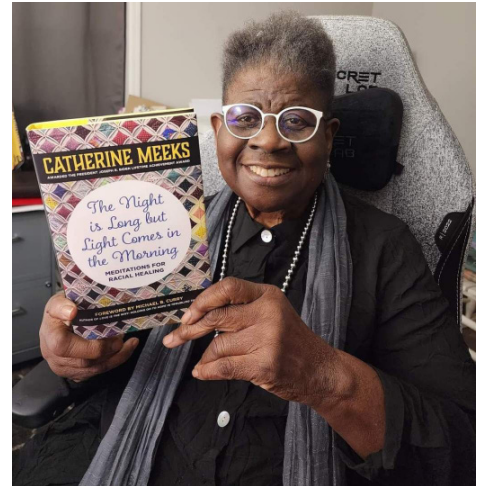
—Barbara Brown Taylor, Author of *Learning to Walk in the Dark*

Full disclosure: I have not yet read this one, but am looking forward to purchasing one during Dr. Meeks' visit and even possibly having it signed by her. Make plans to do the same!

BE A PART OF THE ONGOING MINISTRY - RACIAL HEALING

Our St. James Racial Healing Committee is committed to the furtherance of our Baptismal Covenant to respect the dignity of every human being. This committee fosters compassion and mutual understanding among people of different racial identities and seeks to create a trusted community of love and healing. Interested in joining us? Please prayerfully consider if this ministry is one that God is calling you to join. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We would love to talk with you.

Committee Contacts: Ginny Woodruff, ginny@vcwoodruff.com, Barbara Whitesides, whiteside6@me.com



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: JAZZ & RACE SYMPOSIUM

Jazz and Racial Healing intersect in many ways. At the 1st Annual Jazz & Race Symposium, presented by the Diocese of East Carolina, we will hear jazz music and some African-American History. Dr. Catherine Meeks will also speak about her involvement in Racial Healing in the larger Church. To help put this wonderful event together, we are helping the Diocese gather volunteers to set up, serve meals, greet, and help clean up. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please visit our Sign Up Genius or email Caite Hodsdon at cmrichardson93@gmail.com.

Please note: If you are interested in attending the event in addition to volunteering, you will still need to register to help us get an accurate headcount for seating and catering.

PARISH LIFE



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

During the fall, we'll be hosting a series of Wednesday Night Dinners. These family evenings out are a parish favorite! To help make these dinners a success, we need a few more hands in the kitchen. If you would like to participate in this special ministry, please reach out to communications@stjamesp.org.

FAMILY BREAKFAST AT ST. JAMES

In September, we resume one of our favorite St. James Parish traditions, Sunday morning Family Breakfast at church! To help us get started, we are looking for some Team Leaders to help us take on this wonderful ministry.

Anyone can be a Team Leader! Team Leaders are responsible for recruiting enough people to fill out their team. A team typically needs 4-6 adults to make it happen. Kids are welcome and are great at helping set the tables and collect dirty dishes as well as some sous-chef-style cooking!

What's for breakfast? Typically, we serve simple breakfast staples like scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, fruit, cinnamon rolls, etc. Teams are asked to supply whatever food they want to serve. We average 50-75 meals per Sunday!

Do we get up with the chickens? Teams are to arrive around 7:30 a.m. to begin setting tables and cooking. Breakfast is served from 8:30-9:10 a.m. in the Great Hall to catch the people coming to the 9:10 Faith Formation Hour and leaving the 8:00 a.m. service.

We hope to have enough teams so that each only rotates through 3-4 times per year and plan to host our first breakfast on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

If you are interested in being a Team Leader, or simply joining a team, please reach out to Web Cowden at web.cowden@mirimichigreen.com

WORSHIP

JOIN THE ST. JAMES CHOIR

The musical heritage of the Episcopal Church is one of the world's richest and most deeply spiritual musical traditions, and music is a central part of our liturgy at St. James. Sacred music is a form of prayer and enables us to express that which is otherwise inexpressible. It enables us to touch the central depth of our humanness and opens a door that enables us to know the presence of God. Our beautiful liturgies for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost offer glorious music to assist in our yearly journey through Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection. St. James offers many ways to be a part of this musical tradition.

Contact: John Sullivan, music@stjamesp.org

THANKING OUR SUMMER MUSICIANS

Many *many* thanks to those who shared their musical gifts so freely this summer, enhancing and enriching our worship on Sunday mornings at Mt. Lebanon Chapel, truly allowing us to sing and "pray twice."

St. James Youth:

Diana Keller, violin

Mae McDonald, violin

Featuring:

Zach Bugg, piano

Steve Mueller, guitar

Tim Ford, guitar

ACOLYTES

Acolytes are 5th - 12th graders who participate and help lead the 10:15 am worship service. They are also invited to participate in other special worship services through out the church year. Contact: Kathy Bush, kathybush1995@yahoo.com

LECTORS

Lectors play a special role in our worship. Volunteers read the Old or New Testament lessons or Prayers of the People during Sunday worship services. Contact: Bill McKenzie, coordinator@stjamesp.org - Leadership opportunity available.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMS) is a group of men and women licensed by the bishop to assist clergy in serving wine and bread at communion and to take communion to parishioners who are unable to attend services. Contact: Carl Keller, ckeller68@ec.rr.com

USHER MINISTRY

Ushers play a key role in the orderly flow of worship. From handing out bulletins, to collecting offering and facilitating communion, our Usher team helps keep Sunday morning running smoothly. All are invited to participate in this special ministry. Contacts: Franklin Rouse, franklin@franklinrouse.com, Mason Hawfield, III mason.hawfield@ubs.com

THE MINISTRIES OF ST. JAMES PARISH

Get to know the St. James Parish Community through our different ministry areas! Here is a quick breakdown of the Commissions and ministries within St. James Parish. We invite you to learn more about each of these wonderful ministries by reaching out to the contacts on this handout or by visiting our website: stjamesp.org/ministries.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Congregational Care is crucial to our St James family. During hard times and happy times for our members, Congregational Care ministries strive to show love and support to one another through a variety of ministries.

Contacts: Jane Martin, martinjane@ec.rr.com,
The Rev. Cheryl Brainard, cheryl@stjamesp.org

CARE GUILD- Contact: Beth Souther, bethsoutherfish@gmail.com

COMMUNITY OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL (COHI)-

Contact: The Rev. Cheryl Brainard, cheryl@stjamesp.org

FLOWER GUILD- Contact: Jane Martin, martinjane@ec.rr.com

HOSPITAL VISITORS- Contact: Charlotte Davis, cdavis4921@gmail.com

LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF- Contact: The Rev. Cheryl Brainard, cheryl@stjamesp.org

CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER TEAM- Contact: Virginia Hardy, varbos37.vb63@gmail.com

ST. MARTHA'S GUILD-
Contacts: Jane Rippy, janerippy@yahoo.com & Mary Elizabeth Roberts, maryelizabethroberts@seacoastrealty.com

SUPPORT GROUPS- Contact: The Rev. Cheryl Brainard, cheryl@stjamesp.org

EVANGELISM

The Evangelism Commission is a core part of who we are as a faith community. The mission of the Evangelism Commission is to "Invite, Welcome, and Connect."

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GREETER MINISTRY- Contacts: Frances Trask, francestrask9@gmail.com, & Elizabeth Hinshaw, ehinshaw@ec.rr.com

NEWCOMER OUTREACH-
Contact: Beth Souther, bethsoutherfish@gmail.com

NEWCOMER EVENTS-
Contact: Randy Inge, randybinge@gmail.com & Ann Mueller, anniam4nc@gmail.com

PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING CLASS- Contact: The Rev. Cheryl Brainard, cheryl@stjamesp.org

ANNUAL AZALEA FESTIVAL & MT. LEBANON CHAPEL TOUR- Contact: Ann Mueller, anniam4nc@gmail.com

PARISH MEET & GREET-
Contact: Ann Mueller, anniam4nc@gmail.com

TOURS OF DOWNTOWN CAMPUS- Contact: Beth Souther, bethsoutherfish@gmail.com

ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS (SJON)-
Contact: Randy Inge, randybinge@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION

Every Sunday, we invite parishioners to join us in our Sunday Morning, Faith Formation Classes beginning at 10:10 a.m. We also offer Bible Studies and other opportunities to pray and gather throughout the week.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES-
Contact: Ansley Trask, christianformation@stjamesp.org

NURSERY SERVICES- Contact: Ansley Trask, christianformation@stjamesp.org

YOUTH MINISTRIES- Contact: Cookie Cantwell, cookie@stjamesp.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION-
Contacts: The Rev. Cheryl Brainard, cheryl@stjamesp.org, The Rev. Gray Hodsdon, grey@stjamesp.org, & Frances Trask, francestrask9@gmail.com

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY- Contacts: Karen Clark, clarkcl11@gmail.com, & Rachel Pace, rppace@hotmail.com

ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES-
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SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMMITTEE- Contact: Tom Dodson, Tom.Dodson@southstatebank.com

OUTREACH

St. James Parish is deeply involved with the community. We believe we can only build a stronger community by working together. We put the motto of “Love your neighbor as yourself” at the forefront of our work! Here are a few of our partnering ministries.

Contact: Ashley Walton, ashleyls@yahoo.com & Alex Wnek, Alexandra.wnek@sptech.com

2SHARE FURNITURE- Contacts: Alex Murchison, alexsmurchison@gmail.com, & Don Arabian, Wilmingtonfagr@gmail.com

A SAFE PLACE- Contacts: Mary Boney Clark, mbdclark@gmail.com, & Tanner Dodson- tannerbanks82@gmail.com

ANGEL TREE- Contact: Rachel Colonna, rcolonna85@gmail.com

EPISCOPAL FARM WORKER MINISTRY- Contact: Taber Stockstill-Tornes, taber.stockstill@gmail.com

HELP HUB- Contact: Sonja McFarland, helphubdirector@gmail.com

MEALS ON WHEELS- Contact: Molly Roush, mollyroush@hotmail.com

ONE LOVE TENNIS- Contact: Ashley Walton, ashleyls@yahoo.com

RISE AGAINST HUNGER- Contact: Don Brainard, dabrainard12@gmail.com

THE PARISH SHOP- Contact: Karen Clark, clarkcl11@gmail.com

EDEN VILLAGE- Contacts: Catie Hodsdon, cmrichardson93@gmail.com, Taber Stockstill-Tornes, taber.stockstill@gmail.com

NORTHSIDE FOOD CO-OP- Contacts: Alex Wnek, Alexandra.wnek@sptech.com, David Joyner, davidbilljoyner@gmail.com

PARISH LIFE

St. James Episcopal invites you to come and see! We’ve made a commitment to maintaining our connection while fostering our relationship with our neighbors and with God.

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BREAD BREAKERS- Contact: Rachel Colonna, rcolonna85@gmail.com, The Rev. Gray Hodsdon, gray@stjamesp.org

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)- Contact: Karen Clark, Clarkcl11@gmail.com

FAMILY BREAKFASTS- Contact: Web Cowden, web.cowden@mirimichigreen.com

FOYER GROUPS- Contacts: Sheila Osann, osannshe@aol.com & Nina Inge, ninabet55@gmail.com

MEN ON A MISSION (MOM)- Brian McMerty, bmcmetry@arris.partners, Web Cowden, web.cowden@mirimichigreen.com, David Brownlow, dbrownlow@ec.rr.com, The Rev. Gray Hodsdon, gray@stjamesp.org

PARISH EVENTS - Contact: Marietta Gwathmey, mgwathmey@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS - Contact: Brandon Tully, brandoncandler@me.co

COMMITTEE FOR RACIAL UNITY

The St. James Committee on Racial Unity was formed in the fall of 2022 to address next steps. Our hope is to offer more education, outreach, and relationship-building opportunities to address racial relations in our community and beyond.

Committee Contacts: Barbara Whitesides, whiteside6@me.com, Ginny Woodruff, ginny@vcwoodruff.com

WORSHIP

An important part of our heritage as Episcopalians is that our lives are centered around worship which engages the energies of the entire congregation, rather than a performance by the clergy.

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MUSIC & CHOIRS- Contact: John Sullivan, music@stjamesp.org

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BAPTISMAL BANNERS- Contacts: Brandon Tully, brandoncandler@me.com, Jennifer Craig

LINEN GUILD- Contact: Topsy James, topsyjames@aol.com

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS- Contact: Carl Keller, ckeller68@ec.rr.com

LECTORS- Contact: Bill McKenzie, coordinator@stjamesp.org

USHERS- Contacts: Franklin Rouse, franklin@franklinrouse.com, Mason Hawfield, III mason.hawfield@ubs.com

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