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JANUARY 2022

FROM THE RECTOR

THE REV. C. PHILLIP CRAIG, JR.

The old has gone, the new is here! - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Dear St. James Parish Family,

At the annual Parish Meeting on December 5th, four new members were elected to our St. James Vestry. We are thrilled to have Rachel Colonna, Web Cowden, Alex Murchison and Barbara Whitesides begin a three year term of leadership and service. At the same time, we bid farewell to departing members Watson Barnes, Pem Jenkins, Jim Spruill and Junior Warden Jane Martin. Their tenure was full of many transitions, and St. James is all the better by their faithful commitment and hard work.

As Rector, I am grateful for the opportunity to nominate the Senior Warden, and I take this responsibility seriously. I hold in high regard the collaboration in leadership between the clergy and wardens, which I believe sets a good tone for our parish. I want to share with you my enthusiastic decision in this regard. In short, I have asked Steve Thomas to stay in that position for one more term. I have been most grateful in my first six months as Rector to witness Steve's remarkable dedication and mission minded commitment to this parish. With the need to focus on the St. James Strategic Plan in 2022, as well as the continued re-formation of our parish commissions and programs, I will be grateful for Steve's institutional experience and wisdom.

The Junior Warden is traditionally selected and named by the vestry. I am most delighted to report that Leslie Jarrett has accepted the invitation to serve in this role. Leslie will bring her own set of impressive experiences, a sharp mind and a deep faith to her work as Junior Warden. She will bring

thoughtful and fresh perspectives to the leadership conversations, and I am very grateful she agreed to this role. Please join Sr. Warden Steve Thomas and Jr. Warden Leslie Jarrett as well as other members of the vestry for Coffee & Conversation this Sunday morning. We will meet in the Great Hall during the Christian Formation hour at 10:00.

The clergy and vestry will engage in our winter retreat on January 14th-15th. At that time, we will finalize decisions for our 2022 budget, set in place more formal plans for moving our strategic plan forward, and consider broad and specific program and staffing needs for the year to come. I look forward to reporting all of these outcomes to you in the weeks to follow.

A new year always offers the opportunity to consider the old, to welcome the new and to ponder resolutions for the year to come. I am thrilled that we are looking forward, and I remain most grateful to serve as your Rector in 2022. May we all resolve to live this year with an extra measure of compassion, kindness and love. And may we most especially be thankful for the one who binds us together, Christ our Lord.

Faithfully,

Phillip
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ST. JAMES VISION STATEMENT

To build community through ministries that strengthen
our faith.

ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT

To welcome all to grow in love of God and neighbor.

ST. JAMES UPDATES

ONLINE RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.stjamesp.org

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Betty Barefoot, David Champney, Lane Cox,
Jocelyn Lynch, Amy McComb, Bill Oakley, and John Symes

SERVICE TIMES- SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

We are hosting our services at the following times:

Online Worship

9:00 AM- Livestream from St. James Parish

Downtown Campus

8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist - Rite I

9:00 AM - Holy Eucharist - Rite II (*Nursery Available*)

10:10 AM - Christian Formation

11:15 AM - Holy Eucharist - Rite II (*Nursery Available*)

PLEDGING & GIVING ONLINE

To donate and support St. James Parish, visit: onrealm.org/StJamesParish/give/pledge. You can visit stjamesp.org/stewardship for a video with step-by-step instructions for pledging online. Gifts may also be made to the St. James Foundation. Visit: stjamesp.org/st-james-foundation for more information.

FORWARD TOGETHER: STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We look forward to what the year ahead will bring. There are many opportunities and needs before us as a community. As of 1/7/22, we have received 325 pledges. We encourage you to make your pledge today! Pledges to date: \$1,325,587.

OFFICE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

We're so excited to welcome the New Year! 2022 already has some amazing programming scheduled. Along with these activities, there is a need for volunteers to participate in our St. James Office Ministry. Have some free time during the week? Sign up to serve in the parish office! Reach out to Bill McKenzie at bill@stjamesp.org to learn more.



Ministry Opportunities

EPISCO-POSSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

January 19th | 8:15 p.m. | Zoom

All women (Age 21 and up) are invited to join us for Bible Study! We're currently doing a study on Advent for the month of January. We meet every other week on Zoom! Contact Leslie Jarrett (Leslie.H.Jarrett@gmail.com) or Michelle Gray (michelle.gray@nhcs.net) to learn more!

Mid-week Eucharist

Wednesdays | 12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary

STARBUCKS @ 17th BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26 | 7:00 a.m.

Youth are invited to join us at 7:00 a.m. at the Starbucks on S. 17th St. for a time of prayer, Bible study, and caffeinating. If you're interested in participating, reach out to Director of Youth Ministries, Cookie Cantwell, at Cookie@stjamesp.org to learn more!

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION 2022

We are excited to announce new offerings for adults on Sunday mornings. Beginning in February, on the second Sunday of the month, we will have a joint class meeting in the Great Hall, called "This Is Us." This will be a three member panel of parishioners with similar careers discussing their faith journey.

Beginning January 16th, we will break out into three classes, *The Disciples* class will meet in the Lippit Room, *Faith Discussions* will meet upstairs in the Stephen Ministry room, and *The Bible Study* will meet in the Bishop Wright room.

MEET YOUR VESTRY

On Jan. 9 at 10:00 a.m. join us in the Great Hall for an introduction of our new vestry members and a Q&A session. This is a great opportunity to share ideas, comments or suggestions for the New Year.

GET INVOLVED!

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
- Wedding Guild
- Acolytes/Crucifers
- Lemonade & Cookies
- Greeters
- Office Ministry
- Altar Guild
- Parish Shop
- Ushers
- St. James Choir

Contact Erin at communications@stjamesp.org to learn more!

Newcomers Orientation: Sessions 2 & 3

While St. James Orientation offered its first session in early December, there's still time for newcomers to attend the next two. And if you missed the first one, it's totally ok! Come on out for the second and third! Please join us to learn more about St. James Parish!

Join us for the second and third sessions in the Great Hall of St. James at 5:30 PM.

Session Two, January 11, 5:30 PM: Leaders of St. James ministries and programs will tell you what they do, and how you can get involved. Vestry members will offer their perspectives, as well. One or more programs may fit your interests and talents.

Session Three, January 18, 5:30 PM: Participants will meet Clergy and staff, and get to know them as they share their journeys to the ministry, and to St. James.

Each evening's session is about 90 minutes. Dress is casual; jeans are appropriate, or if you're coming from work, your business attire is perfect too!

Register online by visiting: stjamesp.org/blog/newcomers/ or call the church office at 910-763-1628.

EDUCATION FOR (LAY) MINISTRY 2022

The Education for Ministry (EfM) daytime group will begin a new year January 2022! It's here! We meet Tuesday mornings from 9-11:30 a.m. We have several openings and friends from all churches are welcome.

EfM is a 4-year study that only asks for a yearly commitment. This program has been provided through the School of Theology in Sewanee, TN for over 40 years. It enables participants to explore and deepen their Christian belief through the study of the Bible, Christian history, and theology. We examine our own beliefs and reflect on applying scripture to our everyday lives. We work to deepen our faith and discover how to express it in service to others.

What EfM has meant to our participants:

"One of the most meaningful and exciting activities I have participated in!"

"The thoughtfully planned 4-year program was a wonderfully fulfilling part of my life."

"A chance to connect with other Christians in a loving and welcoming environment."

To learn more about EfM and the Tuesday morning program, please contact:

Rachel Pace (H) 350-0248 or (M) 910-612-9777
rppace@hotmail.com

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER CONTINUES

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

Start your day with a little prayer! 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. You can get a direct link sent to the top of your email in box each morning!

SUNDAY NIGHTS!

Sundays | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Perry Hall & The Youth Room

On Sunday evenings without special events, we'll meet at St. James Parish, downtown in Perry Hall at 5:00 p.m. All 6th-12th graders are encouraged to come and to participate in a uniquely wonderful experience of faith, fun, food, and friends. YES! Bring your friends! Let the JOY begin! As people of God, it is good and it is helpful to gather together to share our lives and our faith. Often, we can feel that our lives are living us, instead of each of us living the lives that God is inviting us to live.

Each Sunday evening we will gather to enjoy being together! We will laugh, play, learn, serve and remember who we are as people of God. God calls each of us by name to "Come & Follow Me." Our goals are to stay safe and to allow God to create an environment where a community of faith, fun, outreach, and service can be experienced and shared.

Questions?

Contact Cookie Cantwell, cookie@stjamesp.org, or call or text 910-264-5910



Update from the Vestry

The anticipation and expectation of a new year brings many feelings. We hope you are able to focus on the hope, enthusiasm and gratitude we feel as a part of the St. James family. At our last vestry meeting of 2021 we said 'good-bye' and many thanks to the Vestry Class of 2021 (Pem Jenkins, Watson Barnes, Jane Martin & Jim Spruill). Per tradition, they each gave remarks about their experience. The wisdom shared included recognition of how important the people are in making St. James a thriving community, the work of stewardship as a 'year-round' initiative and simply that 'We're real!'. We hope in the coming year St. James continues to be or becomes a place of real growth and presence in your own life. Additionally at that meeting we were very grateful to have Dianne MacAskill agree to continue her service as Clerk to the Vestry for the coming year, a role she has served faithfully in for years. Mike Brown will continue in his role as Treasurer. His time, efforts and knowledge are a huge asset to St. James. We are looking forward to our Vestry Retreat which will be held at the Trinity Center the weekend of January 14th. We will spend the retreat focused on implementation of the strategic plan and St. James mission of welcoming all to grow in love of God and neighbor. Please reach out if you have any thoughts, concerns or questions. We look forward to serving you this year.

Steve Thomas (Senior Warden) & Leslie Jarrett (Junior Warden)

2022 VESTRY

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

Senior Warden: Steve Thomas- stevethomas@live.com

Junior Warden: Leslie Jarrett Jr. - leslie.h.jarrett@gmail.com

Treasurer: Mike Brown

Clerk: Dianne MacAskill

Class of 2022

Caroline Cone- carolinecone@aol.com, Berta Hamilton- bertahamilton2@gmail.com,

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Class of 2023

Kay Dougherty - Kdoughertyearly@gmail.com, Tom Hackler - Tom.Hackler@duke-energy.com, Leslie Jarrett - leslie.h.jarrett@gmail.com, Al Marr - albert.marr@emergeortho.com

Class of 2024

Rachel Colonna - Rcolonna85@gmail.com, Web Cowden - web.cowden@mirimichigreen.com, Alex Murchison - alexmurchison@gmail.com, Barbara Whitesides - whiteside6@me.com

THE VOICES OF SCRIPTURE

Class with Rev. Phillip Craig

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom each Tuesday night as The Rev. Phillip Craig leads us in a new Bible study, called "The Voices of Scripture." Each week we'll be taking a look at different figures in the Bible and seeking to understand their unique perspectives and contributions to the Biblical narrative. Exploring the human experiences of these historical figures helps us to better connect with scripture as we seek to grow in faith.



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS



Wed, Jan 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Walk in the footsteps of faithful men and women who have done their best to follow God's call. The Path is the story of the Bible, excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version so that it is clear and easy to read. Join Susan Ingle and the Rev Cheryl Brainard as Susan leads us on a journey through Holy Week and Jesus' resurrection. We will then make our way through the remainder of the New Testament, all of which is meant to draw us closer to God.

For more information please visit: <https://www.stjamesp.org/blog/thepath/>.



Mon, Jan 24 at 6:30 p.m.

We all have different compasses inside that vie for our attention and try to guide us, and we all get out of balance at certain times. Living Compass is an invitation to love God and to be well with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind. It is based on the following verse that appears in both the New Testament and in Hebrew Scripture. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind (Luke 10:27, Deuteronomy 6:5). In Faith and Wellness Circles, our focus is on possibilities, not problems. We make space to be still to hear from God, and all are welcome wherever you are on your spiritual journey. Please consider this invitation to a journey of wellness and wholeness. There is no better time to begin again than right now.

For more information visit: <https://www.stjamesp.org/blog/livingcompass/>.



Wed, Jan 24 at 5:00 p.m.

When someone you love dies, you experience grief in a number of ways and 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 also grieve many things other than death and we want to acknowledge this also. There is grief that comes from loss of a health, loss of a job, sending a child off to school, losses that come from divorce, to mention a few.

For more information please visit: <https://www.stjamesp.org/blog/livingwell/>.



Tues, Feb 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Sacred Ground is part of Becoming Beloved Community, the Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. It is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful dialogue on race and racism by inviting participants to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to where we are today.

Each time we have run this 10-week program, over and over the constant comment has been—"I never knew... We weren't taught this... I wish I had known...." Sessions begin on zoom Feb 1 but there will be two introductory sessions with testimonials, worship and a time for Q & A. For more information visit: <https://www.stjamesp.org/blog/sacredground/>.

SJDS 2022-2023 REGISTRATION

Registration for schoolyear 2022-2023 opens for current students, siblings, and children of St. James Parishioners on Monday, January 10th. At-Large Registration opens on Tuesday, January 18th.

Please look for links to register on our website, call the church office at 910-763-1628, or email Amy Taylor at Director.Dayschool@stjamesp.org.

FRIENDLY REMINDER TO SET UP YOUR SJDS 2021-2022 VIC CARD LINK

Please link or re-link (you have to re-link your card every year to the Day School). Our school code is 5264. The associate at the Customer Service desk can help you. SJDS receives funds based on the number of linked cards, and a portion of the proceeds on the sale of all HT brand items... an easy fundraiser for us! Ask your friends and family to link their VIC cards, too!

GRIEF MINISTRY

Living Well in the Midst of Grief and Loss

When someone you love dies, you experience grief in a number of ways and 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 also grieve many things other than death and we want to acknowledge this also. There is grief that comes from loss of a health, loss of a job, sending a child off to school, losses that come from divorce, to mention a few. Please reach out to the Rev. Cheryl Brainard at cheryl@stjamesp.org for more information.

SUBMITTING ROOM AND PUBLICATION REQUESTS ONLINE

With so many great programs and activities at St. James, we're making it easier to find and submit information!

Did you know you may submit a publication request, or reserve a room with St. James facilities on the website?

To submit a room/space use request form visit:
stjamesp.org/room

To submit a publication request form visit:
stjamesp.org/publications

Have questions? Reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.



Welcome to our St. James Day School Teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year!

Toddlers:

Jordan Hooper, Jamie Miller, Anne Norris, Allen Lee, Carla Schiffel and Sara Anylan

Two's:

Patti Whitley, Joni Buckner, J.K. Thomas, Jan Bridgers, Stephanie Burney and Courtney Easley

Three's

Shannon Leas, Susan Braxton, Shannon Lockamy and Nancy Bailey

Four's

Kristie Brown and Mitzi Daughtry

YOGA:

Marsha Bonner

ST. JAMES FOUNDATION

What is the St. James Foundation? The St. James Foundation is a dedicated non-profit that oversees the care and preservation of our gorgeous campus. From air conditioners to restoring parapets, the funds from the St. James Foundation are integral to preserving our historic campus for future generations. We invite you to learn more about how you can support the St. James Foundation on our website at stjamesp.org/foundation.

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VESTRY

Senior Warden Steve Thomas

Junior Warden Leslie Jarrett

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Class 2022: Caroline Cone | Berta Hamilton | Brian McMerty | Steve Thomas

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