

THE GRAPEVINE

ST. JAMES PARISH • WILMINGTON, NC
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LOVE WILL FIND A WAY

You never know what tomorrow will bring. This is a mantra that I have been repeating in my head from time to time as I navigate the outside world and life as a parent of a newly minted two-year-old and a three-year-old. One day it is taking another trip to get x-rays for a broken leg for the youngest, fixing the wooden train track, assisting with a puzzle, or replacing batteries for the 143rd time. Sometimes, the moment's crisis is the immediate need for a certain song. A few songs are requested more often than others by the toddler alliance in our home, and a recent selection is "You've Got to Hide Your Love Away" from the 1965 album *Help!* by the Beatles. "You've Got to Hide Your Love Away" is one song from a musical book, and now the toddler alliance knows this song is something they can request; it has become one often played and has made me ponder the lyrics while a three-year-old sings the chorus.

The last few lyrics are what stand out to me most because what John Lennon was seemingly grasping was that only fools (clowns as Lennon says) would hide their love even if it ends up hurting in the end because love is that important since love will find a way.

We have had a momentous year, and the last couple of weeks have only amplified the anxiety, rhetoric, polarization, name-calling, and unease. As the church, and more specifically, the community of St. James, we need to remember that love will find a way. Will showing love and receiving love be easy? No. Will our efforts

be rebuked from time to time? Most certainly. Jesus never said following the way of Christ would be a cakewalk, but he did demonstrate love to all. How are we to demonstrate love to those within our own homes, families, neighborhoods, and especially in our church?

I find it fortuitous that "You've Got to Hide Your Love Away" has been played so often in our home recently; it is a welcome change from Tony Pastor's 1944 single *One Meatball* as the toddler music tastes knows no bounds, because "You've Got to Hide Your Love Away" is the third track on their album *Help!* I need somebody to help me, not just anybody, to help me to remember that love will find a way even when it becomes hard. I need to remember that Christ loves me, you, and everyone, even when we feel down.

Help me to know love. Help me to receive love. Help me to give love. Help me demonstrate the love needed in to many broken hearts. Lest I forget that love will find a way.

Love will find a way

Gather 'round all you clowns

Let me hear you say

Hey, you've got to hide your love away



ST. JAMES UPDATES

INDOOR SERVICES SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING

ONLINE RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT:
www.stjamesp.org/

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Michael Stovall, Vic Venters

CONDOLENCES TO:

Jennifer McGee on the death of her uncle,
Allen S. Depland

SERVICE TIMES

Our in-person services take place outdoors, two at Mt. Lebanon Chapel and one at our Downtown Campus. As we move further into winter, we will be adjusting our Sunday service times in the hopes that the outdoor services will be warmer and have better lighting for attendees. We are hosting our outdoor services at the following times:

Mt. Lebanon Chapel

9:30 AM- Holy Eucharist - Rite II

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Livestreamed)

Downtown Campus

4:00 PM - Winter Worship

ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the Day School is OPEN for currently enrolled students, siblings of currently enrolled students, children of parishioners and siblings of previously enrolled students. Registration for all others opens on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

SACRED GROUND FIRST SESSION TUESDAY

Tuesdays | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom

What is "Sacred Ground?" - Sacred Ground is a race dialogue series designed for these times. It is focused on the challenges that swirl around issues of race and racism, as well as the difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue we need to have with each other about them. It invites participants to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, and to do so in a personal way, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story. It holds the vision of beloved community as a guiding star - where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God, where we weep at one another's pain and seek one another's flourishing.

How do I get involved? - reach out to Ginny Woodruff at ginny@vcwoodruff.com.

FIRST MEALS ON WHEELS OF 2021

On Sunday, January 31st, St. James will be delivering hot meals to elderly shut-ins again this month. Please join us and help out with this vital ministry, especially during the time of this pandemic. We need volunteers to drive and deliver meals and volunteers to provide tangerines and Chips Ahoy cookies. We also need one early riser to help us pack the meals. Please contact Molly Roush at (910)471-1690 or email her at mollyroush@hotmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2021 wrapped up on December 28th as planned with a total of 306 pledges totaling \$ 1,166,701.85 (roughly \$218,298 under our approved 2021 Budget goal of \$1,385,000). Even though the drive is complete, it is not too late to make or increase a pledge to St. James to help us meet our Vision & Mission! Please finalize your pledge today either through the church office or online.

PLEDGING & GIVING ONLINE

To donate and support St. James Parish, visit: <https://onrealm.org/StJamesParish/give/pledge>. You can visit stjamesp.org/stewardship for a video with step-by-step instructions for pledging online.

BRUNSWICK STEW SALE IS HERE!

Get ready for one of St. James Youth Ministries' tastiest fundraisers. Order your Brunswick Stew today on the St. James website. Barbara & Cameron Bush will be creating their Award Winning Brunswick Stew for just \$10 per Quart. Please email Cookie Cantwell at Cookie@stjamesp.org with any questions.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS: COME READ

We are in need of more Lectors to read during our Sunday services. If you are interested in reading at one of our services, please reach out to Suzanne at Coordinator@stjamesp.org.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY HOURS

January 18, 2021 | ALL DAY

Both the St. James Parish Office and St. James Day School will be closed on Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MOMENT

by Palmer Hackler

I have been so blessed to be a part of an amazing youth community for 4 years now, and the people in it have really changed how I view being a Christian. I started youth group in 6th grade which was really fun, and then I started going on youth trips like the Virginia Creeper Trail and the ski trip in West Virginia. I actually learned to ski there. As you can probably guess, there was a lot of tumbling down the mountain. I have made countless friends and fun memories during youth group, ski trips, and an event called Happening which is my all time favorite.

There is no feeling like it, maybe because we have no phones or are staying in a little camp. Time really stops and you learn to enjoy and appreciate the little things more and more each time you go. I served for the first time on team during Happening #75 this spring. It has a completely different feeling than when I was a candidate. I knew the ropes and got so little sleep but it was worth it to be able to see the look on the candidates' faces when we sang, talked by the bonfire, and listened to the different talks given by the youth. It truly is so special and everyone should experience it!

Then, in high school I got to start Port City Java Bible Study. We wake up early each Wednesday morning to talk about our week and a scripture before we go to school. Even through the Coronavirus Outbreak, Cookie has made it possible to continue sharing our highs and lows of the week. It truly is one of the many great things I get to look forward to.

I have been guided by many sweet and caring people such as Cookie Cantwell, Frank Gwathamey, Ginny Woodruff, Jane Rippey, and the list goes on and on. All of these people are helping me with my spiritual journey. Cookie has been so on top of everything from making sure we have food and a nice place to sleep, to making sure each youth group and bible study meeting is the highlight of our week!

LENT-IN-A-BOX BUILDERS

Planning for St. James Lenten programming is underway and one of the many great offerings coming is the Lent-In-A-Box. If you are interested in helping our team to assemble/ wrap these boxes prior to their distribution on Sunday, February 14th, please reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org and she will help you get connected! Please stay tuned for how to request your box in the coming weeks.

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays | 5:15 p.m. | St. James Lawn

All 6th - 12th graders are encouraged to gather at St. James after the "Winter Worship at 4" Service. If you cannot come to this worship experience, please join us at 5:15 pm for a Youth Group Gathering to learn more about how we will be gathering as a "Youth Community" while we are in this phase of Covid - 19. 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.

SHROVE TUESDAY: PANCAKE DRIVE-IN

Shrove Tuesday, February 19th | 5:00 p.m. | RSVP REQ.

While we can't gather together as we have in years passed, the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Drive-In is on! If you would like to order Shrove Tuesday Pancakes for your family, please request your food and reserve your time to pick up your pancakes in the Perry Hall Parking Lot through our website. A \$2 per person donation is suggested but not required.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: THE PATH

Wednesdays | 11:00 a.m. | Zoom

Join us as we read through The Path. We'll walk in the footsteps of faithful men and women who have done their best to follow God's call. Follow the path of God's love all the way from the beginning to the end, from Adam's creation to John's revelation. Contact Cheryl at cheryl@stjamesp.org to sign up or to order the book.

WALK IN LOVE: THURSDAY NIGHTS

Thursdays | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom

Join a small group on Thursday evenings on Zoom as we look at take a journey through The Book of Common Prayer, the Christian life, and basic beliefs of our faith, guided by two Episcopal priests - Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. Walk through the liturgical year, the sacraments of the church, habits of daily prayer, and the teachings of Anglican Christianity. Contact Cheryl at cheryl@stjamesp.org to sign up.

GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER EXPERIENCE

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 | Registration Requested

One of our St. James traditions is the Guardian Angel Prayer experience. We invite adults to take time this Lent to pray for a young person in our parish. If you agree to be a "Guardian Angel" during Lent, you will receive information about the young person who will be assigned to you. Please remember to keep your identity as their "angel" a secret and to pray for him/her each day. Have questions? Visit our website to learn more!

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES PARISH

MONDAY- FRIDAY, JAN. 18-22

MORNING PRAYER

8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom | Led by Cheryl Brainard

MONDAY, JAN. 18

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

All Day | SJDS & Parish Office Closed

FELLOWSHIP AA

7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, JAN. 19

ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

OPEN TO AT-LARGE COMMUNITY

All Day | St. James Website

TUESDAY STILL MATTERS

8:30 AM | Zoom

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

9:00-11:30 AM | Zoom

WDAA BASKETBALL PRACTICE

6:30-8:30 PM | Perry Hall

SACRED GROUND SESSION 1

7:00 PM | Zoom

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

PCJ BIBLE STUDY

7:30 AM | Zoom | Led by our Youth Group and
with Youth Advisor support

BIBLE STUDY: THE PATH

11:00 AM-12:00 PM | Zoom

HALO HOOPS BASKETBALL

4:00-6:00 PM | Perry Hall Gym

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

6:00-8:30 PM | Zoom

THURSDAY, JAN. 21

WALK IN LOVE

7:00 PM | Zoom

SUNDAY, JAN. 24

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel | BYOS*

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10:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel & ONLINE |
BYOS*

WINTER WORSHIP AT 4

4:00 PM | St. James Parish | BYOS*

YOUTH GROUP

5:15 PM | St. James Parish

***BYOS:** Bring Your Own Supplies- Please bring your own masks, chairs, picnic blankets, etc.

RESTRICTIONS AS OF 12-9-2020: We are limiting indoor gatherings to 10 individuals and unlimited attendance outside provided that social distance protocols are being followed.

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the January 26th e-blast is Friday, January 22nd.

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