

ST. JAMES NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# GRAPEVINE

GROWING TOGETHER IN LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR

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PARISH PICNIC SUMMER 2022



# From the Rector

Dear St. James Parish Family,

Happy Anniversary! With gratitude Jennifer and I (and family), this month are completing our first full year with St. James and here in Wilmington. To be sure, we would not have imagined in 2020 that God had such wonderful plans in mind. We remain thrilled that God has brought all of us together, and given us important work to do. I have a longer message in mind regarding my first year as your Rector, and I invite you to anticipate that letter later in July.

For now, I'll admit that this passage from the prophet Jeremiah is one of my favorites. The theological and spiritual affirmation that God is in control is comforting. I've been reflecting on it more often recently, as I ponder and pray over so many things that might seem beyond (or out of) control. For me, it's helpful to remember that Jeremiah lived in a time of great unrest. Like any notable prophet, he sought to "comfort the afflicted, and afflict the comfortable" Jeremiah leaned more often, though, toward the vision of comfort. Throughout, Jeremiah sought to remind the beleaguered people of Israel of the importance of their faith and their responsibility toward their neighbor.

Here's the reminder that I find most helpful. God's plans, as articulated by Jeremiah, are not to make us happy, or wealthy, or even to live in complete peace and comfort. Rather, God's promise is one of hope, pointing all of us toward a future where God is already waiting, where we will never be alone, and where together we will be with him.

Our Gospel readings this season are set in the last weeks and days before Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem. We hear more than once that his "face was set," and that his vision was clear. Jesus understood God's plan, one which would bring him to the cross and then to defeat death itself. How wondrous. Turns out that Jeremiah was spot on, even for the human Jesus. There has never been a plan, in fact, more beautifully designed to give us hope - in the here and now, and then a future we can neither earn nor deserve, yet which we shall obtain through the gift of our faith.

Blessings Indeed,

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



*"For I know the plans I  
have for you, says the  
Lord ..... to give you hope  
and a future."*

Jeremiah 29:11



*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." -Mark 12:30-31*

# Vestry Corner

We Wardens wanted to open this month's remarks with a bit of a "spotlight" on one of our very modest, but supremely faithful parishioners. Diane MacAskill has served as the Clerk of Vestry for so many years we have lost count. Diane attends each and every vestry meeting and records our discussions and debates in the most amazing manner. We have known for years what a gift Diane has given us, but a recent audit of our parish financials actually specifically praised the great minutes Diane prepares for us. Here's to Diane and all she has done for St. James!

As you volunteer for the many wonderful upcoming church events including with the youth group, VBS, Sunday School, and more you will likely be asked to complete a background check and some online modules. These steps come from the "Safe Church, Safe Communities" initiative from the Episcopal Church. This initiative is designed to protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults. We always want our church to be a safe place for all and are being proactive with the Episcopal Church's guidance.

On a related note, in light of the increased attendance with the lessened COVID risk and recent events nationally, the vestry did discuss and support Rector Craig's suggestion that the parish Safety Committee be re-engaged. They will review the previously-prepared Security Recommendations and update it to our current reality. Please know that any and all prudent precautions will be taken to ensure your safety at all parish events.

We are so excited to have Gray & Caitie Hodsdon who will be joining us beginning Sunday, July 17th downtown in our sanctuary. Please join us in giving them both our warmest St. James welcome!

For those that did not hear about our recent unfortunate excitement, just before the Great Thanksgiving during the Convention Service (and in the middle of an extreme storm event), our recently replaced roof sprung a leak. Accolades to our Facilities Manager, Wes Clewis, and others who immediately acted in such a gratuitous manner that the service continued unimpeded amidst adding collecting containers and mopping around the main altar. The entire Diocese and our Bishop expressed appreciation for the way everything was handled.

For those who worship this summer at Mount Lebanon Chapel and have experienced challenges hearing the service, please know that we heard you! This month the vestry approved a proposal to improve this situation with the replacement of the sound system. Please look forward to better acoustics as we worship in such a sacred place - but know that we cannot do anything to quiet the sounds of nature all around!

Please do check out the feature below about the recent 139th Diocesan Convention prepared by our Parish Administrator, Florence Ellen Cowden. St. James was well represented with Phillip, Cheryl, and five Delegates. Many significant resolutions were adopted and we encourage you to review them all at the Convention website <https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/139th-convention-of-the-diocese-of-east-carolina/>. Our parish has already started discussions with the Vestry on how we might lead with our support of these initiatives and we hope you will join us.



The Parish Picnic was held the afternoon of Sunday, June 5th and was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun for all. We estimated over 200 of all ages and generations attended and enjoyed food grilled by Web Cowden and his grillmasters, live music by The Hewlett Creek Boys (local and very talented bluegrass band), and fun in a giant inflatable bouncy house. For an event that had not been held since 2017, this resounding success guaranteed this to be a sure annual event going forward! Big thanks go out to Porter Young and the Parish Life Commission for their huge support to make this happen!!

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

# HAPPENING AT ST. JAMES

## SUMMER SERVICE TIMES

**Thru September 4**

### ST. JAMES PARISH

8:00 a - RITE I  
10:30 a - RITE II

### MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

8:30 a - RITE II  
9:30 a - RITE II

**LIVESTREAM**  
10:30 a - RITE II

## WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

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### MORNING PRAYER

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 5:00 p.m..  
Join us on Zoom

### LIVING WELL IN GRIEF

SELECT MONDAYS | 8:00 a.m.  
Graham Parlor or Zoom

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### STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 a.m.  
Study with our St. James Youth!

### HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAYS | 12:10 p.m.  
Celebrating Holy Communion

### EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

1st & 3rd WEDNESDAYS | 8:15 p.m.  
Join us on Zoom

## COMING SOON: "TELLING YOUR STORY" GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY CLASSES

We would like to know who would be interested in joining us for a special class with the Rev Mary McKnight, Certified Instructor of Guided Autobiography. This course encourages us to reflect on our spiritual and mental growth as part of our Living Well series.

Life is a story, with all of its ups and downs; challenges and discoveries. Guided Autobiography offers a series of themes and unique resources to help participants recall, organize and write their stories, two pages at a time. The seven-week process often allows participants to gain new perspective on their lives. Sharing parts of their story in a small group committed to confidentiality can bring insights not available from simply writing or journaling.

Guided Autobiography is a 45-year-old research-based program that has helped many people to recall and share their life stories. This class is for YOU if you want to write your stories, even if you have never thought of yourself as a "real" writer. Mary McKnight is a retired pastor who has led many small groups, including writing groups and retreats. She knows from experience that being in a Guided Autobiography group can be a rich and quite meaningful experience. The stories generated from the class could well become a legacy gift to hand down to your family. After all, who wouldn't treasure a few pages written by one of their great-grandparents?

2-hour classes for 7 weeks: Exact dates and time to be determined based on interest, most likely a weekday morning beginning mid-September. Cost: \$45 for the course (scholarships available) Please contact the Rev Cheryl Brainard at [cheryl@stjamesp.org](mailto:cheryl@stjamesp.org) if this course is something that interests you. Space is limited.





# Blessing the Labyrinth

## TOGETHER WE LEAVE A LEGACY

This spring, St. James began a very special project. With the support of the Vestry and the Mt. Lebanon Chapel Board, a permanent Labyrinth is being installed at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. It is our hope the Labyrinth will offer the wider community and St. James parishioners an opportunity to experience the ancient means of walking meditation that has been used by different cultures for more than 4000 years. The singular, circular path, leading to the center and returning to the outside, offers a time for reflection, a time for prayer, a time for centering, a time for calming the mind and spirit, and a time to listen to the quiet whisper of God.

In celebration of the Labyrinth's installation, St. James hosted a very special Blessing of the Labyrinth on Tuesday, June 21st:

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*Almighty God, we thank you for the beauty of creation, for making us in your image and likeness, and for calling us to be your people and follow you on the path of holiness and life. We offer this work of human hands, a Sacred Path, to be set apart and blessed as a place of prayer and worship, discernment and discovery, healing and reconciliation, celebration and thanksgiving, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

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After the 9:30 a.m. Service, on Sunday, July 3rd, our Parish family is invited to gather together around the Labyrinth for an aerial photo session, as a drone will be helping us document our beautiful addition to the Mt. Lebanon Chapel grounds.

Installing the Labyrinth at Mt. Lebanon Chapel has a fundraising goal of \$46,500. We're over halfway there! To date, we've raised \$28,750 for this special project. Together we are building a great spiritual tool for our parish and our wider community.

*To make a gift, please contact Maria Hollopeter by email: [finance@stjamesp.org](mailto:finance@stjamesp.org) or 910-763-1628 or visit: [stjamesp.org/blog/mlc-labyrinth/](http://stjamesp.org/blog/mlc-labyrinth/)*



# AROUND THE PARISH

## UN-SUNG HEROES - MEET THE ST. JAMES CHOIR

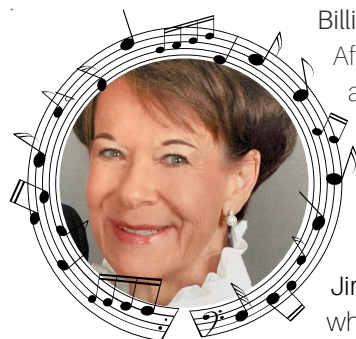
We see and hear the St. James Choir each week, and we might know the faces. With this Grapevine issue we begin to introduce the members of the choir, beginning with those who have served longest, and who share what it's like to lift our praises to the glory of God and in service to St. James Parish by means of a very special ministry.



**Martha Bachman** - I grew up in a household where Mother was a Presbyterian, Daddy was a Southern Baptist and our Northern Ohio town of 2500 people had neither of those denominations, so we became Episcopalians! Mother sang in the choir all her life, and I started in the children's choir (with my beanie) as soon as I was allowed in - I think that was when I was seven. I learned that music strengthened my faith and augmented the liturgy. I remained in choir through High School and continued when I attended Goucher College in Towson MD. where I majored in music theory and was a member of the Glee Club and Choir. I didn't participate in a choir for a number of years after college, but in 1985 I moved to a small town in NJ where there was a wonderful small parish - St. Peters, Essex Fells. I was a lay reader, choir member, substitute choir director, and organist. When Gus and I moved

to Wilmington in 1999, we found that St. James had a good music program and we quickly became members. The choir is an amazing community, with each one of us expressing our love of God through our music.

**Carol Ellis** - Knowing that I was looking for a new church home, a UNCW colleague invited me to St. James Parish in the spring of 1969. I attended for several weeks and was introduced to Charlsie Harris, the then-organist and choir director. Music has always been an important part of my life. Once Charlsie learned that and that I had been in church choirs since I was 12 years old, she "recruited" me for the summer choir. I was confirmed that fall and have been a St. James choir member ever since. The combination of worship, music, service, and fellowship that St. James offers has been and continues to be a blessing to me.



**Billie Holland** - I have been a member of St. James for over 40 years.

After attending for a short time, I joined the choir. I have always enjoyed singing and actually sang in the small church choir of my childhood. Through the years I have worn many different hats at St. James but the one that is always there for me is the choir. I find it very rewarding to be a part of the regular services and then also to be a part of the special times, such as Evensong and seasonal celebrations. Thanks be to God for helping me "make a joyful noise."

**Jim McFarland** - My earliest memories are of my mother singing in our little church in Rutherfordton, NC where I lived until I was ten. Mom could control the room playing any song anyone wanted to hear and singing along, leading the chorus, I remember her every time I sing. Mom made me sing in several choirs and take piano lessons which refined my voice and ear and the singing inspired me, the piano not as much. We traveled a bit for singing as well and it became a big part of my life. We moved to Durham where dad took a job at Duke and I continued my singing at the First Presbyterian Church downtown which had a very large sanctuary, perfect for singing, and I was inspired once again. One of my fondest memories was of singing a solo in Duke Chapel for the gathering, it was truly an out-of-body experience that inspired me even more deeply. When I was 13 the family decided to move to Columbia, SC, my church in Durham asked me to sing for them before I left. It went badly, my voice cracked fifty times, I barely got through the songs and I was mortified. We up and moved to a new town virtually the next day and I didn't sing again until I joined the St. James Choir in 1992. I had been coming to services for six months or so when word got out I could sing a bit. David and Candy, choirmasters at that time, began to ask me to join the choir which helped obviously, but I wasn't quite comfortable with my voice. A few years later, it was Jamie Graves, a beautiful, powerful tenor voice, in our choir at the time, that was the one that inspired me fully once again by awing me with his voice and praising me when I sang. I was having fun again singing and was hooked, I truly missed it the years I was away. It is truly an uplifting thing to sing, singing in the shower, in the car, in the church, whether you hit the notes or not, it is a prayer and a blessing wrapped up in one and it has never failed to make me happy.





# On the Horizon

## SUMMER NEWCOMER MINGLE

Sunday, July 31 | 4:00 -6:00 PM | The Hardy Home

After a two-year hiatus, the Summer Mingle, or the 'Hardy Party' is BACK and all newcomers are invited. Sunday, July 31, 4:00 - 6:00 PM at the home of Drs. Marie and Stuart Hardy and family, 6408 Quail Run Road (off Greenville Loop Road). 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 RESERVATION. This is the premier Church community event of the summer for newcomers and you'll want to attend. Visit our website to learn how to RSVP!

## PARISH RETREATS

Save the dates! Get ready for some long-range planning. The Trinity Center is in popular demand and we've got some dates on the books. The Parish Retreat 2023 will be from September 29th - October 1st and the Parish Retreat 2024 will be held from September 27th - 29th.

## WELCOMING THE. REV. GRAY AND CATIE HODSDON

We are so excited to welcome The Rev. Gray and Catie Hodsdon to the St. James family in July. Make plans to join us on July 17th at St. James' downtown campus for Gray's first Sunday with us!



### IN OUR PRAYERS:

Donna Chesser, Ann Cook, Lane Cox,  
Ann Dols, Bob Godley, Yvonne Fravel,  
Van King, Bitty Reich, Laurens Wright



## THIS MONTH! VBS AT ST. JAMES



Welcome to "Food Truck Party VBS" which invites children ages 3-years old through 5th grade to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! Using Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread", children are invited to pray as Jesus teaches. These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God - and our daily needs are met by God.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating supplies, please reach out to Shannon Lockamy at [chrisanformation@stjamesp.org](mailto:chrisanformation@stjamesp.org). To Register visit [stjamesp.org/blog/vbs2022](http://stjamesp.org/blog/vbs2022).

## LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF & LOSS

July 18 | 5:00 p.m. | Graham Parlor or on Zoom

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

# Service Opportunities

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

- Lectors/Readers
- Acolytes/Crucifers
- Greeters
- PenPals
- Altar Guild
- Ushers
- Wedding Guild
- Chalice/LEM
- Lemonade & Cookies
- Office Volunteer Ministry
- Parish Shop
- St. James Choir

# Food, Fellowship & Outreach

## **MEN ON A MISSION BBQ ON THE ICW!**

*Mark your calendars for August 28th!*

All men of St. James and their male guests ages 21+ are invited to join the St. James Men on a Mission under beautiful live oaks along the Intracoastal Waterway hosted by Jack and Mary Clark Sunday, August 28th from 4:00-6:30 p.m. This event will be catered by Jackson's Big Oak Barbecue and will feature another specialty brew made by the MoM Brew Crew! More information to follow. Come ready for fun, fellowship, and great food and drink in the shade and ocean breezes along the water!



## **FOYER GROUP FUN**

One of our wonderful Foyer Groups met one Sunday evening in June for a dinner at Smoke on the Water, corn hole, and cake with strawberries. Beautiful night by the Cape Fear River and lots of fun. To learn more about getting involved with a Foyer Group, please reach out to Florence Ellen Cowden at [admin@stjamesp.org](mailto:admin@stjamesp.org).



## **HILLSONG CONCERT**

Hillsong, Tauren Wells, and others are coming to perform at Live Oak Bank Pavilion on Thursday, July 28th! We've secured a block of 48 tickets for the St. James community. Our block is full, however, we encourage you to reach out to Steve Thomas if you are interested in joining us! We may be able to help you book your own ticket to the concert so that you may sit with our parish group! If you are interested in joining us for a parish outing, please use the RSVP button below to let us know or email Erin at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

## **139TH CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA**



St. James was honored to host the Opening Eucharist service on Friday, June 3, 2022. It was a beautiful service with great representation from all over our diocese. It is special to remember we are part of something much bigger than St. James Parish in Wilmington. Our diocese includes 67 Episcopal churches in eastern North Carolina.

There were two workshops on Friday afternoon, "Disaster, Relief, Recovery and Preparedness Commission (DRRPC): Are You Ready?" and "Racial Healing Commission: Stories that Work." Our own Ginny Woodruff played a part in leading the Racial Healing discussion and serves on the Racial Healing Commission for the diocese.

On Saturday morning we all met at the Ballast Hotel for a time of worship and Bishop Skirving's address. Following Bishop Skirving's address, we listened to presentations for proposed Mission Priorities. The lineup included:

- Rev. Dr. John Pollock, chair of the Commission on Ministry for the diocese spoke about our first mission priority which calls us to LEAD by supporting our worship communities and equipping lay and clergy leadership as they live into the promises of their baptismal covenant.
- Emily Gowdy Canady spoke about the second priority which was to LEARN by developing opportunities for lifelong formation.
- Rev. Richard Elliott discussed the third priority which was to SERVE, by strengthening partnerships in our communities to serve the most vulnerable in our communities.
- Rev. Skip Walker spoke about the fourth Mission Priority which calls us to HEAL as we advocate for justice & peace for all of God's children.

We were thrilled to meet the new Executive Director of Trinity Center, John Koch. Trinity Center is in great hands with John's leadership. We heard from the Trinity Board that major repairs are being completed at Trinity Center thanks to the money raised by the Journey Through East Carolina initiative started by Bishop Skirving.

Nine resolutions were passed ranging from Racial Healing to gun violence. After elections, the convention closed as it began, with worship and music. The St. James convention delegates were Rev. Phillip Craig, Rev. Cheryl Brainard, Steve Thomas, Jane Martin, Florence Ellen Cowden, Derrick Miller and Ginny Woodruff.



# Outreach & Community

## OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT: HELP HUB FOOD PANTRY

Have you heard this year's theme for VBS?! It's Food Trucks! Since we will be learning all about how God feeds us (and others), we thought it would be nice to feed the community. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Help Hub's food pantry. You can bring them to the Bacon House (the brown house at the corner of Dock and 3rd) during church office hours starting on July 18th. Let's see how much food we can collect before the end of Vacation Bible School on July 29th at 12:00 p.m.! 50 pounds? 75 pounds?!

Help Hub is located in the Harrelson Center, which can be found at 20 North 4th Street here in Wilmington. Help Hub works with those needing support in paying a bill or two, someone needing health resources, those experiencing food scarcity, and more! To know more about the Help Hub or Harrelson Center, you can visit [harrelsoncenter.org/help-hub](http://harrelsoncenter.org/help-hub).



at The Harrelson Center



## NEW MINISTRY: DIVORCE OR SEPARATION SUPPORT

If you are going through a separation or divorce, your St. James community is exploring how best we can support you.

For those of you who previously experienced a separation or divorce, any thoughts you might have on how our parish could have supported you better would also be appreciated.

Your feedback will be invaluable to us; please let The Rev. Cheryl Brainard know your thoughts.  
[Cheryl@stjamesp.org](mailto:Cheryl@stjamesp.org)

### 2SHARE Needs List

All items must be clean and in good working order.

**Living rooms:** Sofas; living room chairs, mechanical recliners (not electric), coffee tables, end tables (no glass tops), floor and table lamps; small area rugs up to and including 7x9. **We do not take sofa beds, china cabinets, hutches, low boy tables, accent pieces, most desks, filing cabinets.**

**Kitchen:** Standard size kitchen tables and chairs; small dining rooms tables and chairs; pots and pans (no scratches on Teflon surfaces), utensils, dishes, flatware, tumblers & water glasses; microwave ovens, toaster ovens, electric toasters, blenders. **We do not take major appliances.**

**Bedrooms:** Dressers, small armoires, nightstands, bed-ding new or very gently used; towels; mattresses, if they pass our inspection; we will accept box springs to the same inspection standard as mattresses but only if we are taking the mattress. **We do not as a rule take head-boards or foot boards.**

While these are the major items we accept, there are often exceptions and special needs, so it is always best to contact us and ask. We reserve the right of refusal at time of pickup.

We are an all-volunteer ministry so the more lead time we have, to pick up a donation, the better.

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## THRIVE AT 75 PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER UNDERWAY!

The Thrive at 75 Fundraising Campaign is well on its way! As you may know, this year marks the 75th anniversary of St. James Day School. Our plan to commemorate this grand achievement is by raising \$75,000 to go towards renovating and refreshing our playground! The playground has seen a lot of love over the past years, and also a lot of wear and tear. We have met with Atlantic Coast Playground group to install a safe, new facility.

Plans currently include:

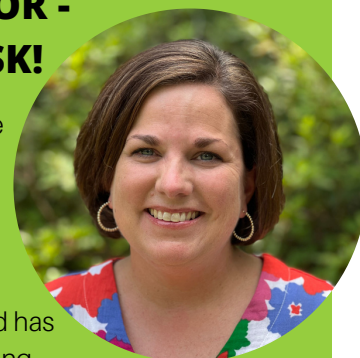
- A new large climber
- Two swing sets
- Four animal spring riders
- A small toddler climber/area
- A new storage shed
- Turf for the area where the children gather

With your help, we plan to have the new playground installed before the start of the 2022-23 school year. We hope you will consider making a gift of any amount to see this new playground come to fruition. Have questions? Reach out to [Communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:Communications@stjamesp.org) Pledge cards are available at the day school.



## NEW SJDS DIRECTOR - MS. ANSLEY TRASK!

We are delighted to announce that Ansley Trask has accepted our invitation to serve as the next Director of the St. James Day School.



Ansley is a career educator and has spent the last nine years teaching Kindergarten and First Grade at New Horizons Elementary School. Prior to that, Ansley taught for five years in our own Day School. She brings a tremendous combination of educational expertise with a heart of love and compassion for the children (and families) of our beloved school community.

We would like to thank the members of the Director Search Committee for their diligent efforts, spending time with a number of outstanding candidates for this position.

Ansley will begin her work as Director on July 15th. More information will follow on welcoming her into our community. Please keep the children, staff, and mission of St. James Day School in your thoughts and prayers as we start our new journey together.

## SJDS CAMP FUN





# yo! Youth Opportunities

## GLORY RIDGE TEAM RETURNS

What is "Glory Ridge" and why is it so meaningful to so many people? GREAT QUESTION! "Glory Ridge" is a place in the mountains near Marshall, NC "where a Carpenter mends broken hearts." Its natural beauty is enhanced by the people who come to "the Ridge" to serve people in need, to absorb the beauty of nature, to live one week experiencing the Presence of God without a gazillion distractions, and to worship under the stars as fireflies dance in the evening reminding us to embrace the "little things" that light up our lives! Imagine..... our young people do NOT have their cell phones and the adults only use their phones if supplies are needed to be brought to them on their work sites! WOW!

Glory Ridge offers something very special! It offers each of us the opportunity to slow down and to hear the whisper of God. On our worksites, work is done together and our resident's houses & their lives are improved. Our young people learn about the mountains and their culture. Lives are changed as relationships are built! Back on "the Ridge" there is time to explore the beauty of God's Creation..... the French Broad River, walking to the Overlook, sitting with friends on the top of "the Ridge, or in the Worship Pavilion talking, sharing, laughing, being together with no other distractions. Yes, Glory Ridge is simple and filled with time and space to ponder the glory and the love of our God!

YES! We worked hard on four different homes! We helped restore electricity and running water to a family whose home had been damaged by a fire and we purchased a new refrigerator & washing machine for her. We removed a rotten deck from another resident's home and build a new porch for her to enjoy. Another group built steps at two locations so the elderly residents could walk out of their houses safely. We built relationships with people who lived differently yet we worship and love the same God. We served. We listened. We learned. We laughed. We worshipped. We discovered the deep joy and God's Love & Grace together. We came back to Wilmington tired and dirty ready to go back to Glory Ridge in 2023!

**WEDNESDAY YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** Summer Bible Study with the St. James Youth continues. With everyone on the move, keep in touch with Cookie to make sure you've got the latest for time and location.

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## VESTRY

Senior Warden Steve Thomas

Junior Warden Leslie Jarrett

Treasurer Mike Brown | Clerk Diane MacAskill

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

Class 2023: Kay Dougherty | Tom Hackler | Leslie Jarrett | Al Marr

Class 2024: Rachel Colonna | Web Cowden | Alex Murchison | Barbara Whitesides

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