

ST. JAMES NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HAPPENING AT ST. JAMES

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

8:00 a.m. - RITE I

9:10 a.m. - Faith Formation

10:15 a.m. - RITE II & Livestream



AN EVENING WITH WESTMINSTER ABBEY



CREATIVE CONNECTIONS



ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY

WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

M **WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER**
MONDAY - FRIDAY | 8:00 a.m.
Join us on Zoom

LIVING WELL IN GRIEF

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

T **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY**
Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m.
Register for Location

W **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**
Wednesdays | 7:00 a.m.
2018 South 16th Street

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Wednesdays | 9:00 - 11:00 am
Green Room & Stephen Ministry Room

ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

Wednesdays | 11:00 a.m.
Stephen Ministry Room & Zoom

HOLY EUCHARIST

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

WILL YOU? SERIES

Wednesdays | 5:30 p.m.
Lippitt Room

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Wednesdays | 5:30 p.m.
Children's Chapel

T **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY**
Thursdays | 6:30 p.m.
Register for Location

CHOIR PRACTICE

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



From the Rector

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:11*

Dear Parish Family,

In the Collect (opening prayer) of our Ash Wednesday service, there is a very bold ask for God to offer us "perfect remission and forgiveness." You might have noticed, though, that this large request comes with our own agreement, as we promise with humility and intention to spend this season "lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness." I've been pondering that personal promise, here at the halfway mark of Lent.

I don't know about you, but to me the word wretched is pretty powerful. It's not a word that feels good, as I reference my own words and actions. There's not a lot of gray area with being wretched. And yet, it's true. To be wretched, I read, is to be in an "unhappy or unfortunate state." I suspect I fall into that state anytime I tend to believe I am in control of anything beyond myself, or that I have the ability to prove myself worthy to God.

Wonderfully, acknowledging our wretchedness, in the words of our liturgy, can be a right and good and - yes even joyful thing. For that is where God meets us. God takes us as wretched, rather than in any pretense we might to offer of our personal holiness or worthiness. In this season we come to God acknowledging the things we have done, and the things we have left undone. And then we prayerfully ask God to do something that only God can do - to create. In this case, to create within us clean hearts and right spirits.

Scripture affirms that we have all been created in the "image of God" (Genesis 1:26). There within us, then, lies that beautiful image - even when buried under our daily wretchedness. Thankfully, God can and will reach that image, if we are only willing to ask.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God." Let's all use these few words prayerfully - as a daily guide through this season of Lent.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phillip+". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rev. C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

phillip@stjamesp.org

*Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and
forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and
contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and
acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all
mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever. Amen.*

Vestry Corner

*Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.
Proverbs 16:3*

February brought our St. James Parish family aspirational goals and joyful celebrations. We started the month with a fulfilling weekend with The Rev. Dr. James Hawkey, Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey and Mr. Martin Castledine, the Abbey's Dean's Verger. Thank you to the many hands and hearts who prepared for this visit. As St. James Parish prepares for our 300th anniversary in 2029, it was impactful to hear of our own origin and connection to England. What a gentle reminder that Christ is our one true thread throughout history, and across the ocean.

The following week, several members of our Parish represented St. James at the 141st Diocesan Convention. The Convention provides an opportunity to gather with our brothers and sister from around the Diocese of East Carolina and support the ongoing needs of the wider Episcopal church. For those who spent their weekend traveling for this event, thank you for your presence and involvement.

On Shrove Tuesday, our hearts were fed. Our youth served pancakes and led bingo as we prepared for the Lenten season. It was so wonderful to see many families together in Lee Parish Hall, and we hope you continue this annual tradition.

The Lenten season is now here, and as Christians we use this time to reflect, pray, and focus on our love of Jesus and the sacrifice that is approaching. Have you had a chance to join one of our Wednesday night Lenten programs? Please take time to look through the Grapevine, there are more events and offerings in March that we hope you can attend.

As Spring starts to show her face on the many corners of Wilmington, we are pleased to share with you that Mt. Lebanon Chapel is also preparing for our homecoming. Mt. Lebanon Chapel's spring cleaning was completed with the installation of new matching pews, along with a modified lectern. We look forward to gathering at the Chapel in a few short months.

We pray that whatever this month brings you, that the Lord prepares your path and places many friends along your way. St. James Parish is here and we look forward to celebrating the miracle of Easter with you.

Alex Murchison - Senior Warden
Rachel Colonna - Junior Warden



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



WESTMINSTER ABBEY COMES TO WILMINGTON



SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. James Foundation

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WILLIAM AND ALEXANDER SOCIETY CELEBRATION

The St. James Parish Foundation is excited to host the William and Alexander Society celebration this spring on **April 18, 2024**.

The William and Alexander Society was founded in 2006 to recognize all who have donated or made planned charitable gifts to the Foundation. At the celebration, we will announce the recipient(s) of the Dottie Weathersby's award recognizing exceptional philanthropy. We look forward to honoring the generosity of our fellow parishioners and will share more details as we get closer to the event.

If you have included St. James in your estate plans, please contact Maria Hollopeter at finance@stjamesp.org by April 1, so that we may recognize your planned gift.

The Society is named for the first parishioners to make bequests to St. James. In 1739, William Flavell left 200 pounds in his will for the construction of "an English church in Newton" – an earlier name for Wilmington. William Faris, in 1757, and Alexander Duncan, in 1768, left money to finish the church building, which took 19 years to complete (1751-1770). Their future thinking and generosity funded the church that we know and cherish today. The Foundation's mission is to support the needs of St. James Parish in perpetuity. The Foundation oversees more than \$4 million in assets and historically distributes up to 4% of the assets annually to provide financial support for St. James at the Vestry's discretion.

If you are interested in learning more about the Foundation, please contact Maria Hollopeter or any Foundation director. Directors are listed on the parish website at stjamesp.org/st-james-foundation.

Contributing to the Foundation ensures that you are leaving a lasting legacy for the continued preservation of our campus and parish. The Foundation looks forward to honoring all who have helped provide a permanent and growing endowment to St. James Parish for this generation and those to come.



Mt. Lebanon Chapel Facility Updates

The Mt. Lebanon Chapel Board and our Director of Facilities have been busy preparing for another wonderful summer of worship at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. You will likely notice a few updates when you visit the Chapel this year. As we previously shared, the 4 mismatched pews are sold and off to new homes. With the help of Martin Custom Woodworking, the new pews matching are installed and ready for worship. In addition to the pew project, our historic lectern was thoughtfully and skillfully resized and repainted by Frank Gwathmey. A huge thank you to all of the folks who helped make this happen!

Faith Formation in March

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:10 A.M.

DISCIPLES' CLASS - Meets in the Lippitt Room

- **March 3, 2024: The Healing Ministry of Jesus as the Early Church Understood it: Acts, Epistles**
 - Led by the Rev. Robert Bayley and the Clergy of St. James Parish
 - Join us in the Lippitt Room for a Lenten Series: "Continuing the Healing Ministry of Jesus." A collaborative series from the Reverend Robert Bayley and the Clergy of St. James Parish. This series continues through the Sundays in Lent.
- **March 10, 2024: The Healing Ministry of Jesus in the Church Today**
 - Led by the Rev. Robert Bayley and the Clergy of St. James Parish
- **March 17th, 2024: The Service for Healing in the Book of Common Prayer**
 - Led by the Rev. Robert Bayley and the Clergy of St. James Parish
- **March 24th, 2024: PALM SUNDAY - No Faith Formation Classes**
- **March 31st, 2024: EASTER DAY - No Faith Formation Classes**

FAITH DISCUSSIONS - Meets in the Stephen Ministry Room

- **March 3rd, 2024: Bible Study Series: Making Space Continues**
 - During the coming weeks, the Faith Discussions group will be engaging with a special study guide to lead us through the season of Lent. Unlike typical book studies, this series is designed to be picked up one session at a time with no homework in between!
 - This week's topic: Friendship
- **March 10th, 2024: Bible Study Series: Making Space Continues**
 - This week's topic: Parenting and Family
- **March 17th, 2024: Bible Study Series: Making Space Concludes**
 - This week's topic: Hospitality
- **March 24th, 2024: PALM SUNDAY - No Faith Formation Classes**
- **March 31st, 2024: EASTER DAY - No Faith Formation Classes**

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Sundays | 9:15 - 10:05 a.m. | Choir Room

As we prepare to vest for Sunday morning worship, we'll squeeze in one more quick rehearsal with those who are able to join us in the service. We're always ready for a little extra joy and music.

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

Choir practice always begins with vocal warm ups 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.

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

FAITH ADVENTURERS - 2nd Floor Milton Hall
(4th and 5th graders): Grab a cozy seat and get ready to get lost in a book. This spring we will set out to uncover the themes of God's love for us.

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

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

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



WEEKDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

LENTEN SERIES

Wednesdays | 11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room or Zoom
Bring your Bible and join us in the Stephen Ministry room at 11 on Wednesday mornings during Lent as we examine Jesus' encounters and conversations with 5 very different people and the effect the encounters had on their lives. Each of these people has something to teach us as once again we make our Lenten journey. Every session is stand-alone and handouts will be available. Study concludes on March 20th. Questions? Reach out to the Rev. Cheryl Brainard (cheryl@stjamesp.org) or Susan Ingle.

SAVE THE DATE: EVENSONG

Sunday, March 17th | 5:00 PM | St. Mary's Burgaw
Join the St. James Choir as we gather for a special Evensong with our friends at St. Mary's in Burgaw. Members of the choir should plan to arrive early for a practice session before the 5:00 p.m. service.

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24, 2024 | St. James Parish
Come worship with us at St. James on Palm Sunday! We will offer an 8:00 a.m. Rite I Service and a 10:15 a.m. Rite II Service. The 10:15 a.m. begin on the parish lawn and will include a procession and a presentation from our St. James Children's Choir.

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JAMES

March 25 - March 30, 2024

During Holy Week, we prepare for the trial, sentencing and crucifixion of our Lord, all are invited join us for worship. Here is our tentative service schedule for Holy Week:

- 3/28 - 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service - SJP
- 3/29 - 11:00 AM - Stations of the Cross - MLC
- 3/29 - 12:00 PM - Good Friday Service - MLC
- 3/30 - 8:00 PM - The Great Vigil of Easter - SJP

EASTER DAY

March 31, 2024

Service & Event Schedule:

- 6:30 AM - Sunrise Service
- 8:00 AM - Rite I - St. James Parish
- 9:00 AM - Rite II - St. James Parish & Livestream
- 10:30 AM - Parish Celebration & Easter Egg Hunt
- 11:15 AM - Rite II - St. James Parish & Livestream
- All Morning - Meals on Wheels opportunities

LENT AT ST. JAMES

LENTEN MINI-RETREAT

Saturday, March 9, 2024 |

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. | Lippitt Room

The season of Lent is a time for introspection and self-reflection.

It is an invitation to consider the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You are invited to a morning of centering and prayer during a mini retreat on Saturday, March 9, from 9:00-11:30. Through Scripture, poetry and prayer, we will spend an unhurried morning together as we consider what the ancient practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving might mean for us on our faith journey, in our busy lives, in a world full of uncertainty and change. We will meet in the Lippitt Room. This mini retreat will be led by Linda Murchison. Childcare is available with advance registration online. Questions, please email Linda, lindamurchison65@gmail.com.



WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE & BIBLE TIME

Wednesdays | 5:30 - 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 Palm Sunday. This year, we'll offer a faith formation opportunity alongside the choir practice. Please contact John Sullivan at music@stjamesp.org or Ansley Trask at christianformation@stjamesp.org if you have any questions!

WILL YOU? LENTEN STUDY ON OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Wednesdays | 5:30-615 p.m. | Lippitt Room

Adults and youth are invited to join us for a combined time of study during this Lenten season. Our clergy will lead this combined offering. Child care for those too young for Children's Choir is available.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS -LENTEN DINNERS

Feb. 21 - Mar. 20 | 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. RSVP Online or by calling the church.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY COMES TO WILMINGTON

The St. James Speaker Series has invited The Rev. Dr. James Hawkey, Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey, and Mr. Martin Castledine, Dean's Verger of Westminster Abbey, to share with us their experiences as clergy and staff of the royal church.

Our parish family had the distinct pleasure of hearing from The Rev. Dr. James Hawkey, Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey and Mr. Martin Castledine, the Abbey's Dean's Verger. In addition to a Verger Ministry Workshop, a special presentation on the Anglican Communion with our own retired Bishop, Henry Parsley, and a sermon, our guests shared their unique experiences as clergy and staff in a Royal Peculiar and in one of the world's most highly recognized houses of Christian worship. If you were unable to participate, we invite you to enjoy a replay of "An Evening with Westminster Abbey" to get a taste of our wonderful time together.



An Invitation from the St. James Committee for Racial Unity

Saturday, April 27 | 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. | Great Hall

All are warmly welcome to the Committee for Racial Unity's quarterly meeting on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 - 11:30am with a light continental breakfast starting at 8:30am. During our time together, we will hear from Church of the Servant's Racial Equity project, explore Becoming Beloved Community- a framework developed by the National Church, and spend time evaluating our committee's goals and vision for the future. We are open to all, so whether you have already been to some meetings or are new and looking to engage, we would love to see you on April 27!

For more information on St. James' Committee for Racial Unity: stjamesp.org/racialhealing/

For more information on Church of the Servant's Racial Equity Project: cosepiscopal.com/racial-equity-project/



Becoming Beloved Community

LET'S GET TOGETHER



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Rob Bridger, Ruth Carver,
Jane McGann, Klt Mason,
Doug Weigold

LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF & LOSS

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

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

MORNING PRAYER

Mon. - Fri. | 8:00-8:30 a.m. | Zoom
Come join us for the Daily Office of Morning Prayer! Each weekday on Zoom we gather for a time of prayer and fellowship. If you would like the zoom link sent to your email each morning, please reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES

- Easter - Monday - Tuesday, April 1 & 2
- Memorial Day - Monday, May 27

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Wednesdays | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. | Stephen Ministry Room

Join us for our Drop-in Community Building Opportunity & Bible Study! Bring your creative projects—knitting, crochet, origami, scrapbooking, quilting (whittling perhaps?) or any project you can fit in your lap or on a table. Some will choose to work on mission projects together, like making socks and hats or rice bags. Others may need help with a personal project. Come and learn to sew, knit, or crochet from the pros. We meet in the 2 rooms above the Great Hall. Stay as little or as long as you can. This offering will continue through the season of Lent.

VESTRY MEETING

March 11 | 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. This is a great opportunity for those considering serving on the Vestry to get a feel for the work of the Vestry in our parish.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

• YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, April 28, 2024 | 10:15 AM | St. James Parish

• BISHOP VISIT & CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 5, 2024 | 10:15 AM | St. James Parish

• FIRST SUNDAY AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

Sunday, May 26, 2024 | Summer Service Schedule:

- 8:00 AM - Rite I - St. James Downtown
- 8:30 AM - Rite II - Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- 9:30 AM - Rite II - Mt Lebanon Chapel
- 10:30 AM - Rite II - St. James Downtown & Livestream

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):

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

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JAMES



MEN ON A MISSION: GLORY RIDGE 2024

April 25-28 | Glory Ridge

Each year many of our St. James Youth travel to the camp at Glory Ridge in the mountains of western North Carolina. Glory Ridge offers our Youth the opportunity to slow down and to hear the whisper of God through the quiet of nature and the service of others. Glory Ridge has been giving to our Youth and to our parish for many years, and the St. James Men on a Mission are giving back to the camp that makes it all possible!



April 25-28, MoM will travel to Marshall, NC to get Glory Ridge ready for summer 2024, as well as make some light construction improvements on behalf of the folks in the very impoverished surrounding area. We will send a team of 20 MoM members and male adult guests who are ready to serve in this way. No construction skills are needed, but you will need to be able to navigate the uneven paths and terrain of the camp. A \$100 per registrant fee will help cover the costs of food, lodging in the cabins, and transportation. **Register and donate online at stjamesp.org/mom-gr24**

GIVING THANKS FOR THE SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

A very special thank you to the many hands that made our Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Bingo night such a joyful event. Our youth and many wonderful supportive adults hosted a Shrove Tuesday and Valentine's Celebration of Love that will certainly be remembered!



MOM: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD AND SGT. ASHLEY CENTERS

In 2024, The St. James Men on a Mission will continue to serve dinner at Good Shepherd on the first and third Tuesdays of the month (4:30-7:00 pm), as well as at the Sgt Ashley Center (5:00-7:00 pm) for homeless veterans on the fourth Thursday of each month. If you are interested in signing up to serve with this special group of guys, please reach out to Brian McMerty at bmcsmerty@arris.partners. This month we'll serve on March 5, 19, and 28th!

LINEN GUILD

Please join the Linen Guild.

The Linen Guild assists the Altar Guild by washing and ironing the linens used during Eucharist. We have teams of two that rotate on a monthly basis. One member shared "The time during which I iron is a wonderful time for meditation and prayer, or at the very least, something meaningful to do while watching TV." Please consider this important ministry and if you have any questions, please reach out to Martha Bachman.

(marthatpb.bachman@gmail.com).

NEWCOMER CAMPUS TOUR

Sunday, April 21 | 11:30 AM | Great Hall

Save the date! Sunday, April 21, Newcomers and "oldcomers" are invited to join us for the Downtown Campus Tour! Following the 10:15 a.m. service, at around 11:30 a.m. We'll gather in the Great Hall for a time of fellowship and we'll form smaller groups for campus tours. Guides will take you through the campus and introduce you to classrooms and meeting spaces. Childcare is available with advance registration. You may register on our website or by emailing communications@stjamesp.org.

COOKBOOK UPDATE

Very soon, a full draft of St. James Cookbook will be on its way to our volunteer editors for final review! We are so thankful for the many hands that have helped with this project and your continued patience with this special undertaking. We continue to aim for a Mother's Day delivery of the 2024 St. James Cookbook: Before We Say Grace. If you have questions about the Cookbook Project, please reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.



BREADBREAKERS' "HOSPITALITY AT HOME" RETURNS IN APRIL

The Bread Breakers are a welcoming group of young adults and families that gather to share fellowship and service. Their monthly gatherings 'Hospitality at Home' include a potluck meal, plenty of time and space for conversation and fun activities for kids of all ages. They are heavily involved in activities across the parish and our goal is to help connect young adults and families to feel at home at St. James. If you are interested in helping to host a Hospitality at Home gathering, please reach out to Rachel Colonna at rcolonna85@gmail.com.

COHI CONTINUING ED

Tuesday, March 12 | 5:00 p.m.

Those who have completed Community of Hope International training are invited to a COHI Continuing Education offering Tuesday, March 12th. The Rev. Cheryl Brainard will be sharing details so please keep an eye out for those

PARISH SHOP HOURS

Sundays | 8:45 - 10:30 a.m.

The Parish Gift Shop is an important part of our community outreach efforts. There are many products in the shop that directly support local and national charities. A Safe Place, Kids Making it and Thistle Farms, are just a few of the names you may recognize. We are grateful for each purchase. These organizations are thankful for our support.



Thank you all for choosing to support the Parish Shop and sharing your generosity.

EASTER LILIES AND MUSIC

You are invited to participate in sharing the joy of tradition with the St. James Easter Music & Flower Honorarium. We will be playing Easter music and placing lilies in honor of our loved ones this holiday season. You may submit your names online at stjamesp.org/blog/lilies24/ or by completing the form below and returning it to the church office prior to the end of the day on **March 24th**. **Names submitted after this date may not appear in the bulletin.**



One dedication per \$25 donation. Please PRINT clearly. Check one on each row:

☐ Easter Lilies

☐ Music

☐ In Honor of

☐ In Memory of

Name of Person Remembered: _____

Given by: _____

Please return your completed form to the church office with your check marked "Easter Lilies" or "Easter Music"

OUTREACH

OUTREACH UPDATE: NORTHSIDE FOOD CO-OP

Update on Northside Food Co-op! Last fall, St. James contributed to Northside Food Co-op's campaign to build a brick and mortar store. We are here to announce that that campaign is now complete! NFC plans to break ground in early 2025! This is a huge accomplishment toward ending the food desert that the neighborhood, Northside Wilmington, has been in for years.

Friendly Reminder about Northside Food Co-op: NFC currently hosts Frankie's Outdoor Market at Portia Hines Park on Saturdays from 10a-2p. Also, you can attend, and bring a dish, to their community dinner on Thursdays. Check out their website: northsidefoodcoop.com/community-dinners/

or Facebook page: facebook.com/northsidegrocerystore for more information on these ways to support NFC.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UNITY BUILD

Saturdays through March 16 | Volunteer Online

The Habitat for Humanity Unity Build is underway with dates to serve in March up online now!

This build will proceed as follows:

- March 9th - Vinyl Prep
- March 16th - Vinyl Siding

These dates also have opportunity for lunch donations! To learn more about how to get involved, please visit: stjamesp.org/habitat24



MEALS ON WHEELS: EASTER DAY 2024

March 31 | Volunteers Needed

Our next Meals on Wheels delivery date falls on Easter Sunday. We will be hard-pressed to find volunteers to drive, so if you already know you will be able to take a route for meals delivery on that day, please let Molly Roush know.

Anyone willing to drive, cook, and/or bring packaged applesauce cups is greatly appreciated. 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. Your active participation in this vital program is greatly appreciated.

We are particularly in need of 10 more folks to bring packaged applesauce cups and 20 more drivers!

Special shout out to Nancy B. for making over 200 scones for us to include in our meal containers.

If you are willing and able to participate, please contact mollyroush@hotmail.com.

A SAFE PLACE LUNCHES

St. James Parish is actively a partner with A Safe Place. They focus 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. 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? Reach out to Cathy Halligan at cathyfhalligan@gmail.com.

RICE BAG MINISTRY

Love to sew? Another great way to support A Safe Place is through the Rice Bag Ministry. Pop by Creative Connections on Wednesday mornings to learn how to make rice bags. Proceeds from their sale support ASP.



2023 IMPACT REPORT

Harrelson Center's Help Hub



Help Hub engages with individuals & families seeking emergency financial assistance.



Volunteers & staff connected with an average of 70 individuals each week.
Neighbors find understanding, connection, kind words & compassion.

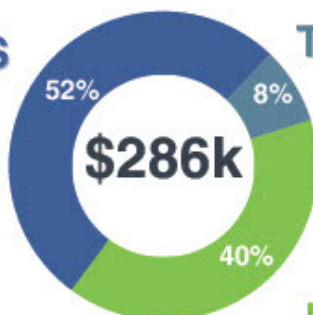
1,554 families received **\$286,000** (an average of \$184/household)



UTILITIES

\$148,000

invested in essential fees for
770 households
power | water | gas



TRANSPORTATION

\$22,100 invested in

reliable transportation for
234 neighbors

new brakes | other necessary auto repairs | bus passes



HOUSING



\$115,900 invested in maintaining
stable housing for **550** families

payments made to:
landlords | mortgage companies | recovery houses | The Salvation Army

HEALTHCARE

248 people were
counseled & connected by
our nurse care manager

- health insurance
- affordable prescriptions
- eye exams
- dental care
- mental health
- medical care



HEALTHY OPPORTUNITIES PILOT (HOP)

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024 THEME: START THE PARTY

August 5th-August 8th | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

VBS returns August 5th-August 8th. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for announcements about this year's theme! As we begin to dive into planning for another wonderful VBS, we're calling on our parish family to help us make it happen. There lots of ways to get involved! We have opportunities for all ages and abilities.

REGISTRATION FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OPENS ON MARCH 4, 2024

An email with the registration links will be sent to our parish family at around 6:00 a.m.

Want to get involved?

As we begin to dive into planning for another wonderful VBS, we're calling on our parish family to help us make it happen. There lots of ways to get involved! We have opportunities for all ages and abilities.

Here are some of the ways YOU can be a part of our 2024 VBS:

- Station Leaders
- Group Leaders
- Snacks/Hospitality Team
- Car Line Helpers
- Photographer
- Set Design
- Preparations Team
- Set-up Helpers
- Skit Leaders
- Music & Motions Helpers
- Station & Group Helpers
- Donate Funds or Supplies!

To volunteer now, please email Ansley Trask at christianinformation@stjamesp.org.



PLANNING FOR AN EASTER DAY EGG HUNT

Plans are in the works for an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Day! We need your help preparing. All are invited (especially families planning to participate in the hunt) to donate 12 stuffed eggs for the hunt. The box will be in the Day School Lobby starting **Sunday, March 3rd**. Volunteers are also need to help stuff extra eggs and set up the hunting grounds. Contact Ansley if you would like to help!



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YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
The Starbucks Bible Study is a favorite. We've consistently had an average of 25 participants each week. Youth are invited to join us each Wednesday for our weekly "Check In & BIBLE STUDY." If you're interested in participating reach out to Cookie@stjamesp.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS: JUBI-LATTE ROUNDTABLE

Sundays | 9:10 AM | Youth Room

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

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

St. James is happy to announce that The Rt. Rev'd Robert Skirving, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will be at St. James on Sunday, May 5, 2023, at 10:15 a.m. to administer the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Baptism. All are warmly welcome!

As this date approaches, the young people of St. James are invited to learn more about the history, beliefs and traditions of The Episcopal Church, about St. James Parish, and about the process of preparation that occurs as one journeys on the path toward CONFIRMATION. Beginning on March 10th during the Faith Formation hour, we will be offering a Youth Confirmation Class. Through education, experiences, relationships and group gatherings, our young people on this faith journey discern if and "when they are ready and have duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop" BCP p. 412.

ST. JAMES YOUTH

SHOP'N' BUNNY HOP!

Sunday, March 10 | 5:00 PM | Walmart & IHOP

The St. James Youth are out and shopping for Easter Baskets for Migrant Farmworker's Children in Newton Grove. After shopping is done, we'll enjoy a time of pancakes, playfulness, and prayer at the IHOP. If you're interested in participating and have questions, reach out to Cookie at Cookie@stjamesp.org

BUILDING BASKETS

Sunday, March 17 | 5:00 PM | Youth Room

Each year, our St. James Youth Group takes on a special project to help make sure children of migrant farmworkers receive a little something special on Easter Sunday. 6th-12th Graders are invited to come join us in the Youth Room from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 17th as we assemble Easter Baskets for the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry! If you're interested in participating and have questions, reach out to Cookie at Cookie@stjamesp.org

GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER

EXPERIENCE CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 24 | 5:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room

The Guardian Angel Prayer Experience is underway! "Guardian Angels" are asked to save the date! The Guardian Angel Prayer Experience will conclude on Palm Sunday, March 24th at a special gathering with our "angels" and our youth. If you have questions, reach out to Cookie at Cookie@stjamesp.org

GLORY RIDGE REGISTRATION OPEN June 9-15

During their time on the Ridge our young people will take time to connect with God's creation through quiet moments, fellowship, music, and service of the human family. We ask that our parish family lift them up in prayer as they soak in all of the love and wisdom the time together brings! Learn more about this special opportunity on our St. James website. stjamesp.org/glory-ridge/

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Youth Sunday- April 28
- Confirmation & Bishop Visit - May 5
- Silent Auction- May 12-15
- Glory Ridge Mission Experience - June 9 - 15

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