

**SUNDAY SERVICES ONLINE ONLY DUE TO COVID-19**

# THE GRAPEVINE

ST. JAMES PARISH • WILMINGTON, NC

WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020

THE REV. JAY SIDEBOTHAM



## **A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. JAY SIDEBOTHAM**

Greetings to the St. James' community in this unusual Easter season. Amidst the health challenges, the fear and anxiety, the loss of life, the financial uncertainty, I've been inspired by the ways that St. James' has responded. Thanks be to God for all the ministers of our congregation, young and old, clergy and lay people, who are helping us live faithfully.

In this season, as we look to the days ahead, I wanted to share some news about my own ministry. I have been invited by St. James' Church in New York City to serve as an interim associate rector on a part time basis. It's a community I've known, as I began my ministry at this church when I was seminarian way back when. It is a church that has done a lot of creative work with RenewalWorks.

The plan: I would work 2 weeks out of the month in New York. The other two weeks will be dedicated to RenewalWorks, either in Wilmington or on the road. I suspect my time with St. James (NYC) would be 18 months or so. Maybe one way to think about it, after 7 years at St. James' (ILM), it's an extended sabbatical.

This would start in September. I'll be around St. James' until then, looking forward to helping with our collection of services downtown, at Lebanon and Burgaw. After September, I would not be at St. James' (ILM) most Sundays, although I told Pierce I'd be glad to help when I'm in town.

I am so grateful for the time I've had with you all so far. You've made me a better priest, a more faithful disciple. I'm hoping that can continue in some way after this interim stint is over. I do know this: You are in extraordinarily good hands under the leadership of Pierce, assisted by Cheryl and Chris and an awesome staff, a committed Vestry, a great congregation guided by the Spirit.

Frances will come with me to NY as she wishes, but Wilmington will remain our home. There are still details to work out, and you've probably noticed that we all live in uncertain times. Who knows what life will be in September, but I did want to let you know about these plans as they currently stand.

It's been a great privilege to be at St. James over the past 7 years. I've so enjoyed serving along side you all, in the work of God's kingdom, the way of love, following Jesus as best we can. I'm grateful. I'll look forward to engagement with St. James (ILM) in days ahead when this assignment is up.

Thanks for your prayers and your support along the way.



# ST. JAMES UPDATES

## SERVICES SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING

### ONLINE RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT:

[www.stjamesp.org/covid19](http://www.stjamesp.org/covid19)

## GIVING ONLINE

To help make it easier to donate and support St. James Parish, we'd like to include this QR code that will take you directly to our general donation page or if you prefer, you can visit: <https://onrealm.org/StJamesParish/give/pledge>

Thank you for your support!



## CONDOLENCES TO:

Ed Whitesides and family on the passing of Ed's father, William (Bill) Plaxico Whitesides, Jr.

## IN OUR PRAYERS:

Beau Butler, Tim Dols, Adrienne Jackson

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

James and Kathryn Barmore on the birth of their son, Henry Edward Barmore. Proud grandparents are Lynn and Bill Calder, proud great grandfather is Lynwood Grissom.



Sarah Wright Hicks wed Michael Dale DeVries April 18, 2020, in a private ceremony at Mason's Inlet, north of Wrightsville Beach, aboard the "Louisa" of Middle Sound, NC.



Sassy Fuchs on celebrating her 100th birthday. We're so thankful to have her as part of our St. James family.



## HELP HUB FUNDRAISER

With COVID-19, Help Hub is seeing a drastic increase in need. We're hosting the first-ever Great St. James Parking "Lot-ery" to raise funds for the Hub. All funds would be designated for the Help Hub. The prize is a reserved parking spot at the church for the fall.

## ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for school year 2020-2021 is OPEN. Anyone interested in visiting and touring the Day School should contact Amy Taylor at [director.dayschool@stjamesp.org](mailto:director.dayschool@stjamesp.org). All registration is done through the St. James website, [www.stjamesp.org/registration](http://www.stjamesp.org/registration).

## SUMMER CAMPS 2020

While we are aware of the possibility that these dates could change, we are still planning for our fabulous SJDS summer camps. Here are this year's summer camps:

- Camp week 1: June 1-5: Transportation: Planes, Trains and Automobiles!
- Camp week 2: June 22-26: Let's go on a Safari!
- Camp week 3: July 20-24: Olympics
- Camp week 4: August 10-14: Knights and Princesses

Online registration are OPEN at [www.stjamesp.org/](http://www.stjamesp.org/)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Families should be receiving Christian Formation emails on Sunday mornings that include talking points, activities, or a mixture depending on the age of your child. We are continuing to pray for your children and your families. Not being able to meet in person makes all of us sad, but we hope that you and your children know that we all miss them and can not wait to see them again soon. If you are not receiving communications and would like to receive them, please email [christianformation@stjamesp.org](mailto:christianformation@stjamesp.org) and we will get you added to the list.

## ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT

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

## ST. JAMES VISION STATEMENT

To build community through ministries that strengthen our faith.

## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH MOMENT**

by Steve Thomas

With a little extra time available to read lately, I was able to catch up on a book that I picked up off the “Free Books” table at the Diocesan House a little less than a year ago. I do not take time to read very often, unfortunately, but this one was calling to me. It is entitled *People of the Way, Renewing Episcopal Identity*, by Rev. Dwight J. Zscheile. Maybe it’s because of an unfair stigma or maybe because the Bishop didn’t praise it with an “Aahhh, that is a good one!” - I just wasn’t expecting the moving and oddly coincidental message that I read.

Rev. Zscheile’s primary point in the book which was supported completely by research was: not only do traditional Episcopal Churches *need* to change to remain a relevant force in spreading the love of Christ in today’s society, but the Episcopal Church and other Anglican Churches actually have a long history of being the *first* to adapt and change over history in order to best connect with people where they are. We are a people that truly understand God’s charge to us to reach out to our neighbor and love them as we would want to be loved. We even understand it if that way of reaching out is slightly different than we ourselves would prefer. We strive to meet our neighbors where they are.

I will not attempt to summarize what was an amazing little book, but I would rather like to share with you one of the many passages that struck me as significant (Spoiler Alert: This excerpt is from the concluding chapter):

*“Renewing the identity of Episcopalians in the U.S. involves the intestinal formation of Christian disciples in community. The church once largely assumed families or the surrounding culture shouldered responsibility for that task (or at least strongly supported the church in its efforts to do so). Today, developing Christian disciples must be the church’s first order of business. Without renewed discipleship, it’s hard to see how the church can offer much that’s distinctive to its neighbors. It’s hard to envision much of a future.*

*Fortunately, the Anglican tradition offers rich resources with which to meet this challenge. The Prayer Book includes a robust vision for the shape of Christian life and ministry in the baptismal covenant. We have unique gifts to contribute to the church and society. What is required is a new kind of posture, one of learning, innovation, experimentation, and discovery. Rather than assuming we have everything figured out and under control (the establishment attitude), we must embrace the identity of learners, even when learning entails failure. Out of those failures (if we reflect upon them) comes growth. After all, to be a disciple is to be a learner. The alternative is a different, much more catastrophic kind of failure – the failure to pass on a vibrant faith to new generations and populations and to live into our identity as participants in God’s ongoing mission of creating and restoring community in Christ.”*

That, admittedly, is a lot to drop on you before you have read all the case leading to it, but I do recommend the book to you if you are interested. What I think that is especially timely / ironic is that I read that conclusion to the book just after the Vestry unanimously adopted a new way to organize the functioning of St. James Parish. The new organizational structure is centered around the idea of empowering all of you lay leaders to have ideas, try them, and to learn and grow from those new ideas. The intent is that we engage more and more in the ministry of Christ until we ultimately force this ministry out of our doors to our greater community in an overflow of love that cannot be contained. Fellow Parishioners, look forward to a new way to love together and to spread that love as Christ taught us all.

## **NHDC: ACCEPTING DONATIONS**

Drop off Unopened, Unexpired donations to 3151 S 17th Street, Wilmington. St. James is proud to be a member of the New Hanover Disaster Coalition. Through the NHDC we work with other partners in the Wilmington Community to provide for others. Our collective efforts make big impacts for many people. Through this partnership we have a system to distribute much needed items to those in the most need. Please consider making a donation of items on our website. If you have any questions please contact The Rev. Chris at [chris@stjamesp.org](mailto:chris@stjamesp.org)

## **GLORY RIDGE**

June 14-20 | *Glory Ridge Mission Trip*

Taking each day as it comes and understanding that we don’t know what the future holds, St. James Youth Ministries is stepping gently into the future and is encouraging people to register for our Glory Ridge 2020 Mission Experience. We hope to send our 6th-12th graders and interested adults to Glory Ridge again this summer. If you are interested in learning more, please visit our website or reach out to Cookie Cantwell at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org).

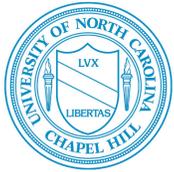
# CELEBRATING OUR ST. JAMES YOUTH CLASS OF 2020

We praise God for allowing us to be a part of these young people's lives and wish them all the very best as they graduate high-school and head to college.

SJP YOUTH - SENIORS 2020

## Parker King

We're so excited for you, Parker! Parker is planning to attend the UNC Chapel Hill in the fall.



SJP YOUTH - SENIORS 2020

## Laura Kate Lindstrom

Congratulations, Laura! Laura is planning to attend NC State in the fall.



SJP YOUTH - SENIORS 2020

## Miles Lindstrom

We're so excited for you, Miles! Miles is planning to attend UNC in the fall.



SJP YOUTH - SENIORS 2020

## William Sloan Mickle

Congratulations, William! William is planning to attend UNC in the fall.



SJP YOUTH - SENIORS 2020

## Jack Sloan

Congratulations, Jack! Jack is planning to attend UNC in the fall.



SJP YOUTH - SENIORS 2020

## Margaret Sprunt

Congratulations, Margaret! Margaret is planning to attend the University of Mississippi in the fall.



SJP YOUTH - SENIORS 2020

## Augusta Ramsaur Trask

Congratulations, Ramsey! Ramsey is planning to attend Washington Lee University in the fall.



SJP YOUTH - SENIORS 2020

## Vance Young

Congratulations on graduating from Cape Fear Academy, Vance! Vance is planning to attend UNC in the fall.



## **STEPPING FORWARD IN FAITH**

### *RENEWALWORKS FOR ME*

During this time of “social distancing” each of us may have had some time to ponder the journey that we are on and how we might grow in our faith. How do each of us take the next steps towards a deeper relationship with God and with one another as the Body of Christ?

RenewalWorks for Me may be a way for you to discover where you are on your spiritual journey and how you might continue to grow in faith. RenewalWorks for Me is a personal and guide for your spiritual journey. It begins with a brief online series of thought provoking questions, “The Spiritual Life Inventory.” This survey will help identify a starting point where you can continue to grow in your spiritual life. This online survey will take approximately 10 - 15 minutes. Within minutes, you will receive an email with your results. You will also receive an invitation to continue this journey of faith by signing up for an eight week series of customized emails with suggestions, reminders, and tips for how that you can grow spiritually and for ways that you can go deeper in love of God and neighbor.

RenewalWorks for Me is FREE.....it will only “cost” your time. If you have any questions, please email Lindamurchison65@gmail.com or Jay@stjamesp.org

Invitation and information to follow about how to participate in a zoom meeting for anyone who joins this journey with RenewalWorks for Me.

## **MORNING PRAYER CONTINUES**

*Monday-Friday During Quarantine | 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. | Zoom*

Our Weekday Morning Prayer continues through quarantine! We’d love to have you join us on weekday mornings at 8:00 am for Morning Prayer on our Zoom! Zoom is a video conferencing tool that allows us to hear and see one another. You can now find copies of the readings and the link to the Zoom Meeting on our website.

## **TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

You’re invited to join us on Zoom for a Bible Study! The Episcopal Church is putting together the Good Book Club. As a denomination, we’ll be reading through the book of Matthew. You can find a full schedule for the daily readings and the login information for the Zoom sessions on our website: <https://www.stjamesp.org/blog/tuesday-night-bible-study/>. Whether you’re up to date on the readings or not, please join us at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays for Bible Study, lead by the Rev. Jay Sidebotham on Zoom!

## **PEOPLE COMPUTERS JESUS BIBLE STUDY**

Join us for People Computers Jesus Bible Study (PCJBS). We are “meeting” Wednesday Mornings online. If you’re interested in participating, reach out to Cookie at Cookie@stjamesp.org to learn how! This Bible Study is led by our St. James Youth Group!

## **GRAPEVINE SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER**

As with St. James’ tradition, our Grapevine publication is moving to a bi-weekly publication schedule for the summer season from May 17th through Labor Day. The Grapevine will continue to be published online.

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## NEXT WEEK AT

# ST. JAMES PARISH

### ONLINE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### MONDAY, MAY 11 - FRIDAY, MAY 15

MORNING PRAYER DURING QUARANTINE  
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom | Led by Jay Sidebotham

You can find the Morning Prayer linked on our website around 8:00 a.m. Please let Erin at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) know and she will help you get access to the video.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 12

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 PM | Zoom | Led by Jay Sidebotham

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

PCJ BIBLE STUDY  
8:45 AM | Zoom | Led by our Youth Group and with Youth Advisor support

#### SUNDAY, MAY 17

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:00 AM | YouTube

Sunday Morning Worship may be found several ways. The easiest will be through our email that will come on Saturday night. Simply click the image link to view the service.

You may also view it on our YouTube Page which may be found by searching "St. James Wilmington" on YouTube or on our Facebook page which is found at, [www.facebook.com/stjamesp](http://www.facebook.com/stjamesp).

**EDITORIAL DEADLINES:** The deadline for the May 12th e-blast and May 17th Grapevine is Friday, May 8th.

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