

ST. JAMES NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 a.m. - RITE I
9:00 a.m. - RITE II
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11:15 a.m. - RITE II

LIVESTREAM

9:00 &
11:15 a.m.
- RITE II

SUMMER SERVICE TIMES

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
8:00 a.m. - RITE I
10:30 a.m. - RITE II & Livestream

MT. LEBANON CHAPEL
8:30 a.m. - RITE II
9:30 a.m. - RITE II

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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

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YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 a.m.
2018 South 16th Street

HOLY EUCHARIST

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

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ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE

THURSDAYS | 7:00 p.m.
Choir Room

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

THURSDAYS | 6:30 p.m.
Graham Parlor

BISHOP'S VISIT: HOLY BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, April 23, 2023, The Right Rev. Robert Skirving, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, joined us for a very special service of Holy Baptism and to administer confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations. We'd like to take a moment to welcome the newest members of St. James Parish.

REAFFIRMED

Elizabeth Crouch Blackwell
Jane H. McGann
Edward Bryson Poucher
Nancy Westwood Uzzell

BAPTIZED & CONFIRMED

Eric Christopher Stimson

CONFIRMED

Diana Chamblee-Poucher
Mary Katherine (Kate) Dawson
Justin Owen Norwood
Janet K. Seapker
Robert Street Uzzell
Carrie Eleanor Young

RECEIVED

Robert Craig Ferber
Tammy Rebecca Norwood
Beverly Elaine Setz
Eleanor Catherine Slugg
Richard Emerson Wilkins





From the Rector

*"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to
the house of the Lord."
Psalm 122:1*

Dear Parish Family,

The poet T.S. Eliott once wrote, "April is the cruellest month." Unfortunate for him not to experience the past month here at St. James! Indeed, our worship, gatherings and celebrations filled the season. We have so much for which to be grateful.

St. James entered April with a full house combined 10:30 am service on Palm Sunday. The palm procession made quite a visible statement to Third Street travelers that morning, and the Passion Narrative - complete with voices across our congregation - set a good context for the Holy Week to come. Noon day Eucharists through the week kept the sacred timeline moving forward until Maundy Thursday evening. That worship, complete with a traditional footwashing and the stripping of our altar, created a beautiful tone for the three days to follow.

Good Friday was a sunny day, as we gathered for Stations of the Cross at our beautiful Mount Lebanon Chapel. The new handmade banners were an extraordinary addition to the occasion, which finished with worship inside the Chapel. Our downtown Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, complete with a baptism, allowed for our first celebration of the risen Christ.

Easter was a joy. Well over 800 people filled our pews across five services to praise God with abounding alleluias for the foundational moment of our faith. Our sanctuary was absolutely beautiful. May I offer thanks to all those who contributed with their hands and hearts of love for our Easter celebrations.

April also witnessed our youth creating Easter baskets for children at Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry. We launched twenty-four people to experience and witness the beauty of the Holy Land, and sent nine Men on Missioners to offer tangible support to our friends at Glory Ridge in Madison County.

Bishop Rob joined us on the afternoon of April 23rd, as eighteen adults made their commitment (or re-commitment) to Christ, through baptism, confirmation, reception and reaffirmation. Here was another meaningful reflection of hope for our parish family.

In and among the days of April, we gathered in our sanctuary to celebrate many lives well lived. We came together in small groups to share a meal, or to learn more fully about our neighbors here in Wilmington, or to reflect on shared experiences of grief, or to discuss racial reconciliation. Our smaller group gatherings are powerful ways for us to build community..

How beautiful that on the very last day of April, our Evangelism Commission provided a welcome luncheon in the Great Hall for over twenty five newcomers to our parish family. Thank you Evangelism Commission!

With April behind us, we move forward with great momentum for the seasons to come. I remain grateful to serve as your Rector, and to share in this vibrant and joyful community of Christ.

Faithfully,

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

Vestry Corner

"He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" -Luke 24:6-7

The preparation for Holy Week and Easter is long, as it should be. Lent prepares us to receive the Resurrection. Now we move forward with thanksgiving. A small group of MoM just returned from Glory Ridge. The goal was to help prepare the grounds for the upcoming summer youth group missions. Glory Ridge is a multi-denominational Christian camp in western North Carolina that emphasizes a combination of service work and worship. We at SJP are so fortunate to have access to Glory Ridge and Trinity Center. In serving others, we serve ourselves.

The SJP Outreach Committee met last month with the Vestry. As a member of St. James, you can be proud of how far your service to others extends. When parishioners present opportunities, the Committee responds. Areas of past support continue. This year's Outreach assistance has been expanded to Eden Village "tiny" homes, the Northside Grocery Cooperative, 2Share, and additional funding for Rise Against Hunger. Each month in the Grapevine there is a spotlight on an Outreach organization, look for opportunities to share your time and talents. The extent of Outreach service is only limited by the amount of funds available.

Which brings us to another service opportunity. Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity is organizing a "Unity Build" for next Fall to address the critical need for affordable housing in this region. The Build will consist of two new homes located in Castle Hayne. St. James along with 10 other churches has been asked to be involved. The fundraising goal for the two homes is \$90,000.00. To learn more about the Unity Build, please visit capefearhabitat.org/buildforunity/. Before a commitment is made, we need to assess the desire of our parish family. Do you want SJP to support a Unity Build? Are you willing to contribute your time and/or your money to a Unity Build? To respond visit stjamesp.org/blog/unitybuild.

What a joy to celebrate our growing parish family at the end of April. Bishop Rob Skirving visited for a special Sunday afternoon service. We celebrated an adult baptism, and the confirmation and reception of 19 members. It was a beautiful service and witness to God's work and presence in our community. We are all looking forward to another season of worship and fun at Mount Lebanon Chapel. Services will start on May 28th. An opening celebration for all ages is scheduled for June 4th at 4pm. Bring a side or dessert to share, we'll provide the main course and beverages. There will be live music, a bouncy house, and a great chance for fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

-Leslie Jarrett (Senior Warden) & Alex Murchison (Junior Warden)

A MAY AWAY FOR THE REV. CHERYL BRAINARD

This season marks the fifth year of ministry at St. James for our Associate Rector, the Rev. Cheryl Brainard. I am grateful to Cheryl for her leadership and service, and especially since my arrival as Rector in 2021. We are fortunate to have her as an integral part of our clergy team and parish.

With gratitude for Cheryl's dedication, and with the full support of our Wardens and Vestry, Cheryl has accepted my invitation for a one month leave of absence from St. James. The simple hope is to offer Cheryl an extended opportunity to rest, refresh, and spend time with her beloved family.

Cheryl will begin her leave on Saturday, April 29th and be away from our parish through Saturday, May 27th. This timing comes as a natural pause between our Easter Day celebrations and the summer opening of Mount Lebanon Chapel, which will take place on Sunday, May 28th.

We continue to be fully prepared to support all liturgies, ministries and pastoral care needs during Cheryl's time away. As always, you can reach out to me as well as our Associate Rector, Gray Hodsdon. In addition, our new Executive Assistant to the Clergy, Leah Magruder, is ready and present in the office every day to receive information and assist in facilitating all aspects of our strong pastoral care team.

We wish the Brainards a safe and restful time away and will be happy for her return on Pentecost Sunday. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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



Faith Formation :

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:10 AM

DISCIPLES' CLASS - Lippitt Room or Zoom

- **MAY 7, 2023: Susan Ingle's Recent Trip to Israel**
 - *Speaker: Susan Ingle*
 - Susan returns to the Disciples' Class to talk to us about her recent trip to Israel—what she saw, what her impressions are about Israel as it was in Biblical times, and Israel as it is today.
- **MAY 14, 2023: Youth Sunday: Reception for our Seniors**
 - Our Youth will lead us in a time of worship during our 9:00 a.m. Service. Following the service, we'll gather for a time of fellowship and celebration.
- **MAY 21, 2023: End-of-Class-Year Celebration & Planning**
 - Disciples' Class members and guests will gather to celebrate the conclusion of a year of study and spiritual growth, and to plan for our program next fall and winter. Suggestions for subjects and speakers are encouraged and will be discussed.

FAITH DISCUSSIONS - Stephen Ministry Room

- **MAY 7, 2023: What does it mean to love our neighbors?**
- **MAY 14, 2023: Gathering with our parish family.**
- **MAY 21, 2023: How do we love our neighbors as ourselves?**

JUBI-LATTE ROUNDTABLE - Cookie's Office
On Sunday Mornings, our 6th-12th graders are invited to join us in Cookie's office for the Jubi-Latte Roundtable, with coffee & conversation.

FAITH ADVENTURERS - 2nd Floor Milton Hall
(4th and 5th graders): Grab a cozy seat and get ready to get lost in Narnia. This winter/spring, we will set out to uncover the themes in *Wonder*.

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 the wonder in God's creations.

BOOK REVIEW CORNER

Welcome to the Book Corner! Join us as we share some of the books that have been of interest to members of this committee in learning more about race and racial issues in our world. Members share books we hope will inspire you to read and learn as we all work together to share the message of Jesus' love for us and ALL of our neighbors. Check back to see what books we are reading!

May Book Review by Linda Murchison

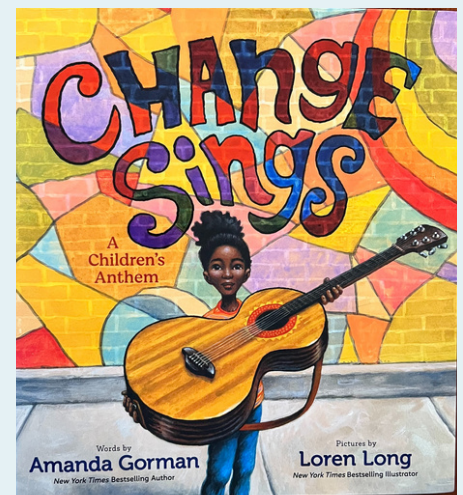
CHANGE SINGS - A Children's Anthem

Words by Amanda Gorman, Pictures by Loren Long

*"I can hear change humming
In its loudest, proudest song.
I don't fear change coming,
And so I sing along."*

Change Sings is a picture book by presidential inaugural poet Amanda Gorman. In this story, anything is possible when our voices join together. As a young girl leads a cast of characters on a musical journey, they learn that they have the power to make changes - big or small - in the world, in their communities, and most importantly, in themselves. It is a call to action for all ages to use our abilities to make a difference. *Change Sings* is full of wonderful illustrations by Loren Long, a well-known children's book illustrator. Amanda Gorman became famous for the powerful poem she wrote and read at President Biden's inauguration, called *The Hill We Climb*.

FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RACIAL UNITY



Happening at St. James

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Betsy Bede, Randy Coupland,
Daryn Liu, Bob Workmon



SAVE THE DATE: PARISH PICNIC

June 4 | 4:00-6:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

Save the date! We're hosting a Parish Picnic at Mt. Lebanon Chapel on Sunday, June 4! The grill is ready, a bouncy house is in the works, and the band is picking songs! Make plans to join us for a time of fellowship, music, food, and fun.

ADULT CHOIR

Thursdays | 7:00 PM | Choir Room

Love to sing? Come join the fun in the choir room—we always have an extra chair. Remember, when you sing for church you pray twice. And the Lord says make a joyful noise!

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 with gather for a time of prayer and fellowship. If you would like a direct link sent to your email each morning, please reach out to communications@stjamesp.org.



MEN ON A MISSION: GLORY RIDGE

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM):

OPEN HOUSE NIGHTS!

Thursday, May 4 & 11 | 6:30 PM | Graham Parlor

Ever wonder what the Education for Ministry program is really like? This May brings the perfect opportunity to find out! Our EfM classes are hosting two Open House Nights. On Thursdays, May 4th and 11th, at 6:30 pm, join us in the Graham Parlor to come and see for yourself. We very much look forward to having you share in a night of study with us and discern if next year's EfM incoming class answers God's call for you. Have questions? Please reach out to Karen Clark at clark11@gmail.com.

QUIET REFLECTION IN MAY

Saturday, May 6 | 7:30 - 8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

If your spirit longs for peace and rest, join us at Mt. Lebanon Chapel for a time of quiet and refreshment from 7:30-8:30 AM. You are welcome to come for as much or as little of the hour as you wish. There will be interludes of quiet piano music during the hour. Some poems and prayers will be provided should you wish to have something to read in the silence, or bring your own reading material. ALL ARE WELCOME!

SJP YOUTH HOST: PARISH MOVIE NIGHT FEATURING "BREAKTHROUGH"

Sunday, May 7 | 4:00-6:00 PM | The Great Hall

The St. James Youth invite you to join us for a Parish Movie Night! Sunday night, May 7, at 5 pm we will be watching the movie, "Breakthrough" in The Great Hall. It is a true story that will inspire and amaze you. Recommended for 6th - 12th graders and all interested adults. We will also have a "Pop Corn Extravaganza", featuring a wide variety of popcorn flavors to enhance our movie night experience. Hope to see y'all there!

MOVIE NIGHT

EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GATHERING

Friday, May 12, 2023 | TBD | The Coggins' Home

Ladies (21+) are invited to join us as we gather in May! This group meets once a month to discuss Podcasts, books and the day to day challenges of living faith. Join together in prayer, fellowship, and connect with other women! If you have questions about this group or would like to RSVP to Erin Becker for directions, please reach out to Erin at communications@stjamesp.org.

SIP'N'SEE- SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW

Sunday, May 14 | 5:00-7:00 PM | Perry Hall

Come check out all of the items up for bid at the 2023 St. James Youth Silent Auction. We'll host a fun evening of fellowship, activities, youth friendly beverage, snacks, and share all of the wonderful plans our St. James Youth have for the funds raised by this year's auction. Don't forget to check out the "Cash and Carry" room with goodies for sale!

COMMUNITY OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL

Wednesday, May 24 | 5:00 PM | Graham Parlor

Our Community of Hope International folks are invited to join us for a continuing education night with the Rev. Deacon Kitty Davis on Wednesday, May 24th in the Graham Parlor. If you have questions about this gathering or Community of Hope International in general, please reach out to Linda Murchison at lindamurchison65@gmail.com.

BREAD BREAKERS HOSPITALITY AT HOME: MAY EVENT

Sunday, May 21 | 4:00-6:00 PM | The Maynard Home

The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in May! The Maynard & Colonna Families have teamed up to host this great event. Please bring whatever appetizer, side or dessert you would like to go with the entrees. We will have juice boxes, water, and some beer and wine.

Who are the Bread Breakers? For those who are new to St. James, the Bread Breakers began as a group of families with young children. With this group, you'll find a little chaos and a lot of laughter. Come join the fun. You don't need to have kids to be a part of the community! **All are welcome.**

YOUTH SUNDAY IS MAY 14

Sunday, May 14 | 9:00 Service

Join us at the 9:00 Worship Service for a special time of gathering led by our St. James Youth. Following that service, we'll gather for a time of fellowship and celebration of our Seniors.

In the evening, we will kick off our Annual Silent Auction with a "Sip'N'See" night in Perry Hall. Proceeds from the Silent Auction and Cash and Carry will go to support our Youth Outreach Projects.



PARISH HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday, May 29 | All Day

Please note that the St. James Parish office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observation of Memorial Day.

Celebrating Pentecost

The season of Pentecost brings so many reasons to celebrate. On Sunday, May 28th, we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit among us and the birth of the Church. We wear red in honor of the fire that descended on that first Pentecost so long ago.

For our parish family, we will also celebrate the return of the Rev. Cheryl Brainard from her short sabbatical and the opening of Mt. Lebanon Chapel for Summer Worship!

May 28th marks the first Sunday of our Summer worship schedule:

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

Sunday, May 28, 2023



Outreach & Community

OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT: ONE LOVE TENNIS

The mission of One Love Tennis is to empower and inspire young people, ages 5-12, especially those at risk, to positively change their lives through participation in a tennis and academic enrichment program. Lenny Simpson - or Coach Lenny as his students call him - together with his wife Joann, established One Love Tennis in 2013. Now the Program is run and operated from Dr. and Mrs. Eaton's home at 1406 Orange Street, where Lenny learned to play tennis as a young person growing up in Wilmington. There Lenny and JoAnn provide a safe venue for tennis practice, lessons, matches, and academic tutoring.

For more information, please visit One Love's website: one.love.tennis.org



OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: LEMONADE AT MT. LEBANON

Sundays, May 28 - September 3rd

As we get ready to open Mt. Lebanon Chapel for the summer, you're invited to share in the ministry of cookies and lemonade! Each Sunday while we worship at Mt. Lebanon Chapel, we're looking for parishioners to sign up to provide and serve lemonade and cookies following the 9:30 a.m. service. Thanks to Rev. Phillip & the MLC Board, we now have a permanent outdoor table available for our use, so no more table set up is needed. If you are interested in providing supplies or serving, please visit our website to sign up!



CFRW: SECOND SATURDAYS

Saturday, May 13, 2023

St. James Outreach invites you to join us for the 2023 Second Saturday Cleanups with Cape Fear River Watch. Our next clean up will be on May 13, 2023 at 9:00 am. A location will be shared closer to the date. You can sign up on CFRW's website or contact parishioner David Joyner for more information (davidbilljoyner@gmail.com).

MoM: GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER

Tuesdays, May, 2nd & 16th 2023, 4:30 PM

Thursday, May, 25th 2023, 4:30 PM

The MoM Squad continues to serve meals to the homeless on the first and third Tuesday of each month! The Good Shepherd Center appreciates our efforts and we've added an additional opportunity to serve! Men on a Mission will now serve on the fourth Thursday of each month as well! This new opportunity means that we need additional volunteers for later in May. Please let us know if you can serve. Shifts run from 4:30 PM to about 7 PM. The guys who have already done this found it to be a very simple, yet highly rewarding, experience. If you can stand for 45 minutes, you can do this! Reach out to Brian McMerty to volunteer! (bmcsmerty@arris.partners)

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
- Sunday School Teacher
- Office Volunteer Ministry
- Parish Shop
- St. James Choir

THE ST. JAMES YOUTH 2023 SILENT AUCTION

HERE'S A PREVIEW OF SOME OF OUR AUCTION ITEMS:

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated so far! We couldn't make this happen without you. Here is a short list of just SOME of the wonderful items up for bid. You can view more on our Auction website: 32auctions.com/SJYAuction2023.

- 5 Days at Wrightsville Dunes Condo | Jane Rippy
- Handsmocked Baby Gown | Jane Rippy
- Lighted Number 8 & 6' Balloon Arch | Dub's Party Details, LLC - Cary Gustavson, owner
- Oversized Cabaret Art on Canvas | ACM
- Caramel cake | Porter Young
- 4 Days at Green Cove Mountain House | Frank & Berta Hamilton
- Handmade Baby Quilt | Barbara Swann
- 50 Home-made Raviolis | Sheila & Fred Osann
- Electric Piano | Courtney Anderson
- 3 Custom Designed Flower Arrangements | Marietta Gwathmey
- \$100 Gift Card to Restaurant of Choice | Louise & Jared Lane
- Directional Sign Made for YOU | Russell Clark
- Jack Bloomquist Soup Tureen & Bowls | Martha Bachman
- Ben Silver Tie | Virginia Callaway
- Ansel Adams Print (24"x30") | The Rippys
- A Night In - Basket (Wine and Book) | McArtors
- Baby Shower in a Basket | Della & Thornton Wortham
- Inflatable West Marine Motor Boat | Della & Thornton Wortham
- Kay Ballard Column Painting (20" x 16") | Kay Ballard
- Metal Wine Rack 36 bottles | The Woodruff Family
- Wood & Mint Upholstered Antique Chair | Anonymous
- Signed UNC Basketball Print (42.5"x22.5") | The Rippys
- UNC Victory on Senior Day (31.5" x 24.5") | The Rippys
- Waterford Crystal Flutes | The McArtors
- Equine Chiropractic Adjustment | Leslie Jarrett, DVM
- Dog Chiropractic Adjustment | Leslie Jarrett, DVM
- Original Oil Painting on Canvas | Gail Doyle Smith
- Mirimichi Green Soil Amendment Treatment | The Cowdens
- Simple Estate Plan | Michael Becker & Rountree Losee

DONATION DEADLINE: 4/19
BIDDING BEGINS: 5/14
BIDDING ENDS: 5/17

To help raise money for our materials, our travel and our outreach opportunities, The "Silent Auction 2023" will be held Sunday, May 14 - 17 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. In addition to the online auction, we'll be hosting a "Cash and Carry" shopping opportunity with small items available for purchase on the Youth Hall.

Don't forget to TELL YOUR FRIENDS to reserve these dates so they, too, can BID and WIN!

WHERE DO FUNDS RAISED GO? ST. JAMES YOUTH OUTREACH

Our St. James young people are committed to worship in action! Along with their friends and adults who accompany our young people on their journeys of faith, our St. James Youth take on several outreach and service projects during the year. This summer many of our young people will be serving God through Outreach & Mission.

During 2023 - 2024, our young people will be working on projects locally, domestically, and abroad. Earlier this year, our youth collected over 300 stuffed animals to give to children of refugees, built over 130 Easter baskets for children of migrant farmworkers, and have begun to sign up for summer mission experiences!

"Glory Ridge" in Madison County will be our week-long outreach opportunity where we will repair homes, begin to build a home for one of the families for whom we have worked whose home burned to the ground a little over a month ago.

In July, fifteen of us will fly to Ecuador to repair, build, share, learn and worship with our new Ecuadorian friends and we will learn about their history and culture. Historically, St. James has been a leader in helping people who have need that can be met by our gifts and talents.

During the coming year, our youth will be experiencing Episcopal worship in a variety of traditions and cultures, providing Bible School for children, and renovating and building homes, schools, and churches. As a result of our activities we hope to come away with a keener sense of God at work in us both here in Wilmington and in the world.



yo! YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

STARBUCKS HS BIBLE STUDY

Wed. / 7:00 AM / 16th St. Starbucks

The Starbucks Bible Study is a favorite. We've consistently had an average of 25 participants each week. All St. James High School Youth are invited to join us each Wednesday for our weekly "Check In & BIBLE STUDY." Stay tuned for the summer schedule. If you're interested in participating reach out to Cookie Cantwell at Cookie@stjamesp.org or Jane Rippy at janerippy@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

JUBI-LATTE ROUNDTABLE

Sundays | 10:10 AM | Cookie's Office

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

YOUTH SUNDAY IS COMING!

Sunday, May 14 | 9:00 Service

YOUTH SUNDAY is SUNDAY, MAY 14, 9:00 am Worship Service ALL 6th - 12th Graders are INVITED to contact Cookie Cantwell at cookie@stjamesp.org if YOU would like to participate in this amazing Worship Experience! We need Readers, Chalice Bearers, People to give the Homily, Music, Lay Eucharist Ministers, and more!

REGISTER NOW: GLORY RIDGE MISSION EXPERIENCE - 6/11-17

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MAY 18

"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!

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 residents' 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!

DATES TO KNOW!

QUITO MISSION TRIP - July 13-21

VBS TWISTS AND TURNS - July 31-August 3

WELCOME SUNDAY - September 10



Children's Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL SHEPHERDS

We have a few more Sundays of our Spring Programing.

Consider joining our Children's Chapel Shepherds in May to see what the buzz is all about. Children's Chapel Shepherds join our parish children for a special look into the gospel. Shepherds help safely direct our little ones to and act as an extra set of adult hands to assist our Clergy and Sunday School teachers as they lead the Chapel. These special shepherds are so important to our Children's Ministries. Visit our website to sign up! stjamesp.org/childrens-chapel/

PLANNING FOR 2023-2024

Over the Summer, we'll be planning for Fall Faith Formation. If you feel called to be a part of our Sunday School Program, as a Teacher or Substitute Teacher, please reach out to Ansley Trask at christianinformation@stjamesp.org to let us know! We'd love to have you as part of the planning process.

BUSY BAG MINISTRY

Did you know that we have special Sunday morning activity bags available for those who get the wiggles or need something to do with their hands? You can find our Busy Bags in the transept entrance each Sunday. If you would like to donate to the Busy Bag ministry, please reach out to Ansley Trask at christianinformation@stjamesp.org.

FAMILY FUN EMAIL LIST

Did you know we have a special email list for families with kids? Email Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org to have your contact information added today!

VBS: Twists & Turns

July 31 - August 3, 2023

Get ready to spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for this year's St. James Vacation Bible School. Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. They'll find that even when they mess up it's never "game over." The fun runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday, July 31 through Thursday, August 3rd!

VBS 2023 is \$40 per child. Registration is now live at stjamesp.org/blog/vbs-twist/ and spots are going fast! Scholarships are available. Reach out to Ansley Trask at Christianinformation@stjamesp.org.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're calling on our parish family to help us make this our best Vacation Bible School yet. There lots of ways to get involved! Here are some of the ways **YOU** can be a part of our 2023 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!

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Class 2025: **Dean Gornto** | **David Joyner** | **Erin Trask** | **Brandon Candler Tully**

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