

ST. JAMES NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GROWING TOGETHER IN LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR



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LEADERS IN SERVICE AWARD



From the Rector

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God;
1 John 4:7

Dear Parish Family,

This scripture passage - from the First Letter of John - was a timely part of our lectionary last Sunday morning, April 28th. There John claimed the wonderful truth that God is love, and that as children of God, we are called to model such love in all of our interactions - by word and deed. Importantly, we were reminded that love is the antidote for the anxieties and fears that we face each and every day.

With God's love in mind and heart, the transition of Associate Rector Cheryl Brainard (with her husband Don) to their new life in Georgia offers a valuable moment to celebrate her ministry, and also to honor the beautiful constellation of pastoral care that exists here at St. James - of which you are a part!

As a family of God, we are here to extend love through presence, prayer, and tangible support during times of celebration and times of challenge. The clergy, staff, and dedicated members of our Congregational Care Commission want to be sure such support takes place, and for you to know how to connect.

This part is very important! We need to know if you or your family are in the midst of a specific pastoral need. If you are someone you love is ill, or in the hospital, or having any manner of difficulty, please let us know. Don't assume that clergy or pastoral support teams at St. James are immediately aware of what might be happening in your family. We want to hear from you so that we can respond in kind.

Your clergy remain your principal points of contact for pastoral care. If you have important pastoral information to share, please reach out to us through the parish office (910) 763-1628, or through Director of Operations/Administration MaryPaul Beall (admin@stjamesp.org). MaryPaul is in our Parish Office every day and will relay information immediately to clergy and support teams. You'll read more about our lovely care team resources in the pages to follow.

Here is a very good thing. I am thrilled to share with you that the Rev. Deacon Kitty Davis, who served as a beloved Deacon at St. James until 2021, has graciously agreed in this interim season to share in the good work of our ministry team. Kitty will be available ten hours a week "in the field" for visits and pastoral care presence. We are blessed to have her back!

There are many wonderful developments that lie ahead of us. Thankfully, God is already there - leading us in His direction - the direction of love.

I close with the remarkable and fitting words of senior Sophie David, from her Youth Sunday Senior Reflection: *"Let us continue to commit ourselves to loving and caring for one another, just as our Heavenly Father loves and cares for us. May we walk together in the light of His love, supporting, encouraging, and uplifting one another, until the day we dwell in the house of the Lord forever."*

Amen!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phillip+".

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

Vestry Corner

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust. A feeling that is easily requested. Fortunately for us, our Trust is not hinged on worldly requirements but lifted up to the Lord and His faithful plan. Trust is something we'll need during this time of transition. As we prepare for the departure of Rev. Cheryl Brainard, we understand that her move is part of God's larger tapestry. We trust in His guidance for our clergy, our vestry, our staff, and our parish family

April was a bright month as we rejoiced in a beautiful month of Easter celebration. Our campus has been busy, and we are thankful and appreciative of everyone's efforts to accomplish such worthy events and gatherings with the Foundations William Alexander dinner, Bonhoeffer in a time of Responsibility speaker series, kicking off our Bread Breakers season, serving at Glory Ridge, and many more. We give thanks.

Both of our houses of worship have received new technology enhancements this month. Our sanctuary has a new video streaming device, and we are thankful to continue our Live Stream offering with more clarity. Mt. Lebanon has received a new audio system that will boost the level of outside sound for our Parishioners. Just in time! Our services at Mt Lebanon will begin this month on May 26, we look forward to offering this service all summer long. Thank you to all those involved in the planning, cleaning, and enhancements.

We know May is a busy season as our High School Seniors prepare for graduation, and many others prepare for Summer. This month we will wrap up a successful season of Faith Formation classes, an offering that is available to all ages and stages in their Faith. On May 5th we will celebrate 23 individuals in confirmation/reception/reaffirmation with the Bishop. A blessing as we see our Parish flourish.

As we reflect on all the great things shaping in our Parish we also ask that you plan ahead. Save the date! You are invited to the Parish picnic on June 2nd at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. This is a lovely chance to spend time with one another and share the beautiful nature Mt Lebanon has to offer and connect over a meal. We will see you there!

Alex Murchison - Senior Warden
Rachel Colonna - Junior Warden

BISHOP'S VISIT: CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, & REAFFIRMATION

On Sunday, May 5, 2024, 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. Including those Confirmed and Received on March 30th at the Great Vigil of Easter.

CONFIRMED

Hayley Upton Cook (03.30.24)
Alexandros Achilleas Georgiou
Kelly Nicole Georgiou
Anne Saunders Harvey
Jimmy Todd Hinshaw
Cameron Alexander MacRae
Carter Woodbury Mann
McCullough Dickson Mann
Margaret Virginia Parker

REAFFIRMED

Randall Geehring
Robert James Lanham
Katherine T. Weaver

RECEIVED

Lori Anne Langpaul Beebe
Nathaniel Howard Cook
(03.30.24)
Mirrah Warren Davy
William Whiting Davy
Carol Fesser (All Souls)
Lani Lawrence
Rodney Carson Pitts
RoseMary Russo
Lindsay Nell Smith
Edward Weaver

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMISSION OF JAMES PARISH

Congregational Care is crucial to our St James family. During hard times and happy times for our members, Congregational Care ministries strive to show love and support to one another through a variety of ministries. Our vision is to strengthen the community and our faith through giving and receiving. Lay members as well as our clergy consider it a privilege to be present for one another. If you would like to get connected, please reach out to our Director of Operations and Administration, MaryPaul Beall at admin@stjamesp.org.

CARE GUILD

Members of the Care Guild visit and write parishioners who are homebound or in care facilities. There are three teams which are assigned every three months to visit 3-5 people during the month. If you know of someone in need of a little care, don't hesitate to reach out. The leader of this group is Beth Souther, bethsoutherfish@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL (COHI)

St. James is a COHI parish. COHI training equips lay people to serve in all forms of pastoral care. Pastoral care is when a person is being "present" in a listening, compassionate, non-controlling manner to an individual or group for the purpose of consciously or unconsciously representing God to them and seeking to respond to their spiritual needs. Through ongoing, spiritual formation and practical lessons on caregiving, members learn to match theological insights and spiritual practices with their experiences of ministering to others and giving spiritual guidance. The point of contact for this group is, The Rev. Michael Singer of St. Paul's.

FLOWER GUILD

Following each Sunday's services, members of the Flower Guild rotate delivering the altar flowers to parishioners in hospitals, nursing homes, homes or to those celebrating special events. If you know someone in need of flowers, please reach out to Guild leader, Jane Martin, at martinjane@ec.rr.com.

HOSPITAL VISITORS

This is a group of St. James parishioners who have participated in the COHI training. They visit parishioners who are in the hospital. Please contact the church office (910-763-1628) if you have a hospital stay. Advance notice of upcoming surgeries is very helpful. We want to pray for you and would also like to pay a short visit when possible. The leader of this group is Charlotte Davis, cdavis4921@gmail.com.

LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF AND LOSS

With the loss of a loved one, we may all experience grief in different ways. Grief can also surround loss of a job, sending a child off to school, losses that come from divorce, etc. Presently this group meets the first and third Mondays of each month and members of this diverse group passionately support one another. Contact communications@stjamesp.org to get connected.

ST. MARTHA'S GUILD

St. Martha's Guild provides care to St. James parishioners by delivering meals to the sick, the bereaved, and to families with new babies. We also write notes, make phone calls and deliver simple gifts or food to individuals and families confronted with life's ups and downs. St. Martha's Guild is also responsible for the coordination of our parish's funeral receptions. We work closely with the clergy and the church office for updates on parish needs. We welcome new members! The leaders of this dedicated group are Jane Rippy, janerippy@yahoo.com & Mary Elizabeth Roberts, maryelizabethroberts@seacoastrealty.com.

CONTACTS TO KNOW

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- Deacon Kitty Davis - kitty@stjamesp.org
- OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: 910-763-1628

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



MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

Beginning May 26, 2024

8:30 a.m. - RITE II

9:30 a.m. - RITE II



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 (EfM)

Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m.

Register for Location

W YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 7:00 a.m.

2018 South 16th Street

HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays | 12:10 p.m.

Celebrating Holy Communion

T EfM

Thursdays | 6:30 p.m.

Register for Location

CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursdays | 7:00 p.m.

St. James Choir Room

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH PICNIC

June 2 | 4:00-6:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

This year, the Annual Parish Picnic at Mt. Lebanon Chapel will be held on Sunday, June 2nd from 4:00-6:00 p.m! In addition to all of our favorite picnic traditions- grilling, potluck dishes, live music, and a bounce house, we are taking this opportunity to share a very special send-off. During the Picnic, we'll be taking some time to thank The Rev. Cheryl and Don Brainard for their dedicated ministry and loving care for this parish family. A link to donate to Cheryl's purse is up online. Make plans to join us for a time of fellowship, music, food, fun, and a bittersweet farewell. Help us know how many burgers and dogs to cook by completing the RSVP form online or by calling the church office at 910.763.1628.

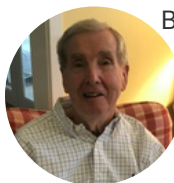


CELEBRATIONS & RECOGNITION



ST JAMES FOUNDATION HONORS TWO WITH THE DOROTHY WEATHERSBEE AWARD

The St. James Foundation hosted the William & Alexander Society dinner on April 18 to thank the generous donors who have made bequests to the Foundation to support our Parish. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the Dorothy Harriss Weathersbee Award in honor of a distinguished donor whose has who have given St. James their time, talent and treasure as well as a lasting legacy of altruism. This year's award went to two exceptional gentlemen, Robert Baird Godley and Dr. Henry Pate Singletary.



Bob Godley (1936-2023) was a dedicated parishioner of St. James and spent many hours on the grounds of Mount Lebanon Chapel where he volunteered to lead the grounds crew. His daughter, Julie Godley, shared touching memories of her father and accepted the award in his memory.



Hank Singletary (1927-2021) was a dedicated parishioner of St. James and served on the vestry. He lived an extraordinary life and made many contributions to our community. His daughter, Greta Barnes, gave a beautiful tribute to her father and Hank's wife, Gorda, accepted the award in memoriam.

The Foundation Board thanks everyone for making the evening a special celebration.

Gifts to the Foundation support the needs of St. James Parish in perpetuity. To learn how you can make a donation or bequest to the Foundation, visit stjamesp.org/st-james-foundation/.

Well-Deserved Recognition: Brian McMerty & St. James Men on a Mission

On Wednesday, May 1, the Wilmington Rotary Club honored Charles Hardy, Connie Parker, and Brian McMerty with Leaders in Service Awards! These awards are given to people in the private, nonprofit and public sectors who are chosen based on contributions made to Wilmington overall so that it is a better place to live and work. They also are business leaders who align with the rotary's mission "Service Above Self" and are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Brian is one of the founding members of our St. James Men on a Mission. When asked about the award, he was quick to point out the hard work of the many men who regularly serve our community as part of Men on a Mission. Men of a Mission includes 195 parishioners helping nonprofits Good Shepherd Center, Habitat for Humanity, 2Share, Glory Ridge, and others.



AROUND THE PARISH

The St. James Speaker Series: Bonhoeffer in a Time of Responsibility

Final Session, Tuesday May 7, 2024 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM

The St. James Speaker Series is so thankful for the wonderful evening series on the writings and work of theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Led by Bonhoeffer scholar, Dr. Wayne Floyd (husband of The Rev. Dr. Nancy Jose), *Bonhoeffer In a Time of Responsibility*, is a present-day deep dive into the wisdom of one of Christian history's most important figures.

Our final installment, on May 7, will be in the Great Hall over hors d'oeuvres and will be an open group discussion/overview of the prior presentations; how Bonhoeffer's teachings share parallels with our current culture and "time of responsibility" as fellow Christians.

Please note that there will be no dinner or a Zoom offering for this last session.

We invite you to share in this unique opportunity to hear and learn about Dietrich Bonhoeffer from one of the theologian's foremost authorities. RSVP to help us plan how many hors d'oeuvres to prepare.



MARKET STREET STAIRS

On Monday, April 29, the repairs of the Market Street stairs began. The much needed architectural work and structural supports for our historic Parish House are finally underway.



THE DIOCESAN SCHOLA CANTORUM VISITS BRUTON PARISH IN WILLIAMSBURG

On April 25th, the Diocesan Schola Cantorum, a ministry of the Diocese of East Carolina, traveled to Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg. There they sang an Evensong service at the historic church. In the above picture (taken in the Bruton Parish Graveyard), you'll spy a familiar face! Our St. James Director of Music, John Sullivan, is a tenor in the Schola Cantorum. Schola has sung Evensong at Mt. Lebanon Chapel in the past and more recently at Church of the Servant in Wilmington. This particular endeavor was a joint evensong with the choir of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh. Their director, Kevin Kerstetter, is also the director of the Diocesan Schola of East Carolina.



EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY CELEBRATES MICHAEL ROBERT

This year's EfM Thursday night group will be celebrating the graduation of our Year 4 Michael Robert's this spring. Michael will be continuing his studies as he starts classes at Sewanee Divinity following the same path as Steve Thomas. We send our heartfelt prayers. If you are looking to journey with God, be in community with God, and explore God's Call EfM is the reflection of the practicing of Jesus. Please reach out to Karen Clark at clarklc11@gmail.com.

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, 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.

Faith Formation in April

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:10 A.M.

DISCIPLES' CLASS - Meets in the Lippitt Room

During the month of May, our Disciple's class will dive into

- **May 5, 2024: Why A Diocese? The Diocesan Structure and the Episcopal Church**
 - *Led by the Rev. Phillip Craig*
 - The Rev. Phillip Craig will lead "Why a Diocese?" and share the tradition and significance behind the Diocesan structure of the Episcopal Church. We'll explore the relationship between parishes and their dioceses. As time allows, The Rt. Rev. Rob Skirving may also share with us some of his experiences with the structure of the wider church and how the role each Diocese plays in our national church.
- **May 12, 2024: What is Our Vestry?**
 - *Led by Senior Warden, Alex Murchison, Junior Warden, Rachel Colonna, and other members of our Vestry.*
 - Join current members of the St. James Vestry for an exploration of the ministry and mission-minded work of the St. James Parish. The conversation will include time for open questions and discussion.
- **May 19, 2024: The Pentecost**
 - Come join in a presentation and reflection on the event our tradition named "The Pentecost." This conversation will focus on the narrative within the scriptural timeline, as well as our understanding of the arrival of the Holy Spirit. It's the birthday of the Church! All are welcome.

FAITH DISCUSSIONS - Meets in the Stephen Ministry Room

Each of these Faith Discussions' sessions is a guided, round-table discussion around a set topic to be announced during the two weeks prior to each session, during which all have the opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences, from greatest joys to deepest challenges. All adults are invited to join in these discussions as we explore how our faith in God meets our daily lives.

- May 5, 2024
- May 12, 2024
- May 19, 2024

CELEBRATING PENTECOST

The season of Pentecost brings so many reasons to celebrate. On Sunday, May 19th, 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 final Sunday of Faith Formation and Sunday School before the opening of Mt. Lebanon Chapel for the summer worship!

May 26th 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
- 10:15 AM - Rite II at St. James Downtown



LET'S GET TOGETHER

VESTRY MEETING

May 20 | 5:30 p.m. | Graham Parlor

This month, our Vestry gathers on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 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.

COHI CONTINUING ED

Tuesday, May 14 | 5:30 p.m.

Our Community of Hope International Group will be having a joint Continuing Education session with St. Paul's on Tuesday May 14, at 5:30 pm at St. Paul's. Please RSVP to Michael Singer for more information.

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. Remember when you sing for church you pray twice. And the Lord says make a joyful noise! If you are interested in learning more about joining the St. James Choir, please reach out to music@stjamesp.org. Please note that May 9th will be our final Thursday Choir Rehearsal for the season.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: MEMORIAL DAY**
Monday, May 27, 2024 | All Day
- **PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS BEGIN**
Beginning Tuesday, May 28, 2024 | Summer Office Schedule:
 - Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Cheryl Brainard,
Orrell Jones,
Tom Robertson

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 Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org for more information on how to get connected.

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 at communications@stjamesp.org

HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays | 12:10 pm.

Join us in the St. James Chapel for a Noonday Eucharist. Come partake in Holy Communion each Wednesday throughout the year.

A COOKBOOK UPDATE

The St. James Cookbook: "Before We Say Grace" is on the way. We are currently on track to have hardbound, spiral-bound paperback, and digital versions of the St. James Cookbook available for sale in June. We do not know the final prices of each version just yet. It is our hope that we will be able to present the first copy of the cookbook to the Rev. Cheryl Brainard at the Parish Picnic on June 2nd as part of her send-off. Have questions about this project? Please reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

BREAD BREAKERS' "HOSPITALITY AT HOME" RETURNS IN MAY

May 19 | 4:00 -6:00 PM | The Clark Home

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. The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in May! Bill and Happy Clark are signed up to host this great event. We invite everyone to bring a side dish and join us at 4:00 p.m. on the designated day to enjoy time together in a family-friendly atmosphere for a potluck-style dinner. Kids, Friends, and Guests are welcome! RSVP link is up now on the SJP website. If you are interested in helping to host a Hospitality at Home gathering, please reach out to Rachel Colonna at rcolonna85@gmail.com.



TRINITY CENTER SUNDAY

Sunday, May 26

This year, our friends at the Trinity Center will be recognizing their second-annual Trinity Center Sunday, appropriately held on Trinity Sunday. Please consider donating to support this special place in our Diocese.

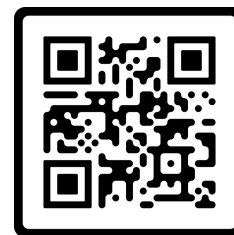
P.S. - Keep an eye out for future information about our Annual Parish Retreat at Trinity Center



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

VBS returns August 5th-August 8th. Registration for Start the Party is NOW OPEN and we have a few spaces remaining. Make plans to join us as we celebrate the Good News at VBS: Start the Party!

Register online at:
stjamesp.org/vbs24/



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 are 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.

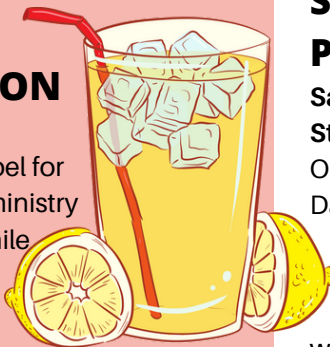
SERVING WITH ST. JAMES

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: LEMONADE AT MT. LEBANON

Sundays, May 26- September 1st

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. We have a leadership opportunity available with this ministry and are looking for someone to be available for questions for those who volunteer. Contact Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org if you are interested in learning more.

If you are interested in providing supplies or serving, please visit our website to sign up!



ST. FRANCIS GARDEN PLANTING DAY

Saturday May 11, 2024 | 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. |

St. Francis Memorial Garden

Our annual St. Francis Garden Spring Planting Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th.

Volunteers maintain the garden, and if you like getting your hands dirty, you're invited to help. Please let Kevin Hicks know if you would like to attend or want more info!

khicks@alumni.wfu.edu



ST. JAMES MEN ON A MISSION : SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER & SGT. ASHLEY VETERANS CENTER

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 bmcmerty@arris.partners.

This month we'll serve on
May 7, 21, & 23



GREETER GATHERING

Thursday, June 13 | 5:30 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

The St. James Greeter Ministry is looking for new recruits! We'd like to invite all current Greeters and any potential greeters to bring a guest and join us for a Greeter Gathering on Thursday, June 13th at 5:30 p.m. We'll enjoy fellowship and will share some reflections about our special ministry. There will be food and beverages! If you have questions about the Greeter Ministry or would like to RSVP for this event please email Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

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

OUTREACH

ON THE HORIZON:

EPISCOPAL FARMWORKER MINISTRY BACKPACK DRIVE

The school year is almost over. While it may seem early, the EFW Ministries are already working to prepare their upcoming Backpack Drive. Their campaign will kick off in June! Please be on the look out for that announcement and details for how to participate. Last year, the St. James Parish family raised over \$1,000 for this campaign and sent 50+ backpacks to kids and teens from families of migrant farmworkers in eastern North Carolina. Let's aim to do the same again this year! Contact Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org to learn more.



OUTREACH COMMISSION MEET-UP

Sunday, May 19, 2024 | 11:15 a.m. |

Lippitt Room | RSVP

All are warmly invited to join us for an OutReach Meet-Up. During the meeting, we'll share a 2024 OutReach update with a focus on our current community partnerships. We plan to discuss "open" OutReach liaison partnerships, answer questions, learn more about your OutReach areas of interest, etc. Please invite your friends and family. OutReach covers a lot of ground and we welcome all willing hands and hearts. We expect this meeting to last 45 minutes. Childcare is available with RSVP. Visit the website to sign-up. stjamesp.org/blog/outreachmeet/

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.



THE HARRELSON CENTER: BE THE LIGHT

During April, our St. James Youth gathered with 68 teens from 8 area churches to help make a difference for others and made some new friends at this year's Be the Light Outreach Event.



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.

ST. JAMES YOUTH



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks

The Wednesday 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.

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/



THANKS FOR YOUTH SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 21, we set aside some time to celebrate our St. James Youth, especially our High School Seniors. Youth Sunday remains one of our favorite worship services. The tremendous gift of our young people is highlighted in such a lovely way. Thank you to everyone who was a part of creating this beautiful service.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Silent Auction - May 12-15
- Glory Ridge Mission Experience - June 9 - 15

THE ST. JAMES YOUTH 2024 SILENT AUCTION

To help raise money for our materials, our travel and our outreach opportunities, The "Silent Auction 2024" will be held

**Sunday, May 12 8:00 PM through
Wednesday, May 15 at 8:00 PM EST**

We are writing to ask you for a donation to this Auction. Entries can be "one-of-a-kind" items, such as jewelry, original works of art, vacation homes, hunting or fishing opportunities. Gift certificates from local restaurants, entertainment opportunities, legal, medical and automotive services, tickets to college or professional sports events, gourmet dinners and cocktail parties are always popular items.

Please USE YOUR IMAGINATION and have fun with your ideas. And..... YES! You may write a check! Please make it out to "St. James Youth Ministries." Each item that is donated and each check that is written will be used to help other people while we learn so much from them! Oh, YES! You may also donate an item/service/beach house/mountain house/ boating experience/cooking class..... use your imagination. All donations, financial, Items, experiences, etc. will be greatly appreciated and used for helping out world be a better place.

We thank you in advance for your help and your support. We thank you for your investment in the lives of our young people. **Please have all gifts / donations at the church by the extended deadline of MAY 7th**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our ONLINE SILENT AUCTION, May 12 - 15 so that you can join the fun! If you have any questions, please call us.

**DONATION DEADLINE: 5/7
BIDDING BEGINS: 5/12
BIDDING ENDS: 5/15**

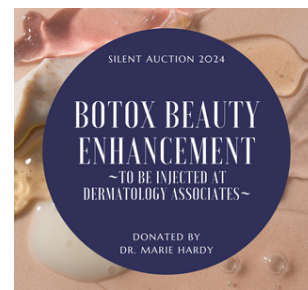


COME AND SEE- SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW

**Sunday, May 12 | 8:00 -11:30 AM |
Youth Room (Downstairs in Perry Hall!)**

Before you bid, come join our St. James Youth in Perry Hall on the morning of the 12th for our Come and See Silent Auction Preview. This will be your chance to get an up-close look at some of the items up for bid! The Cash and Carry will officially be open for business and will be a first come first serve opportunity to purchase some of our smaller items throughout the duration of this year's Auction. We invite everyone to participate and bid!

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