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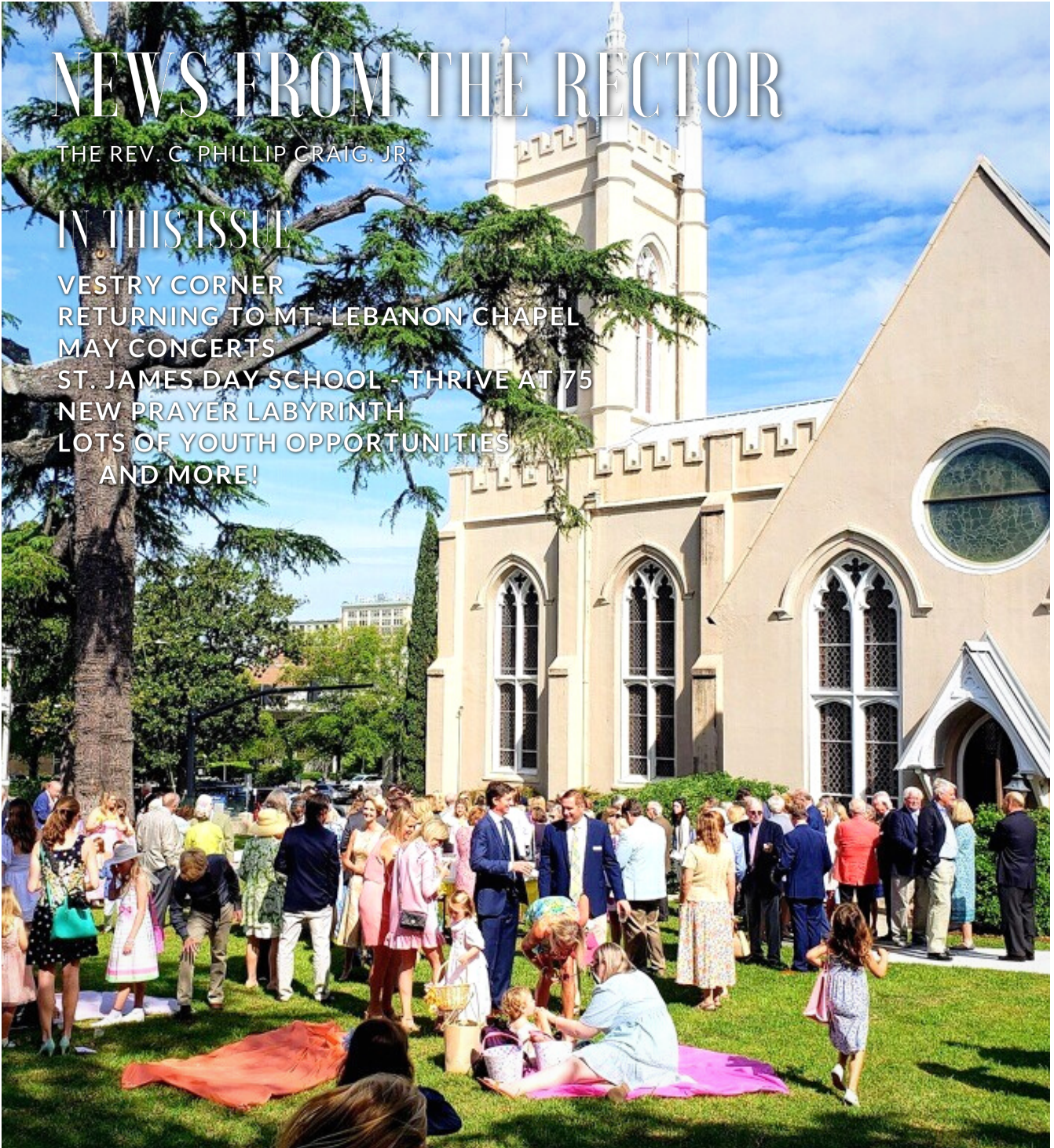
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# From the Rector

*"Behold, I make all things new"*  
Revelation 21:5

Dear Parish Family,

What an inspiring joy it was to experience my first Holy Week and Easter Sunday here at St. James Parish. My thanks to all of you who participated in such meaningful and significant ways over the course of the week. Easter Sunday was truly exceptional, both in beauty and in the manner by which we celebrated the extraordinary gift of Christ's grace and love. As our newest Third Street banner so rightly claims: "Alleluia! Jesus Christ is Risen!"

For me, this season of gratitude also has included the tremendous opportunity to spend time with many of our youth, as we prepared together for Confirmation Sunday on May 1st. Since early February, our weekly gatherings have included a casual meal, followed by conversations, reflections, learnings and even silence in our beautiful sanctuary. Bishop Rob joined us for an evening in early April to offer his perspectives and to give our confirmands the chance to know him better before "the big day." Parishioners Cookie Cantwell, Tom Tully, Jane Rippey and Andy Goodman have shared in the facilitation of this program. I will be honored to stand with them on May 1st (at the 9:00 am service) as we present our youth for Confirmation.

During this same season, Cheryl has wonderfully facilitated a parallel and successful offering for adults in our parish. The "Praying Shapes Believing" program drew much interest. I'm so happy to report that we will also see an enthusiastic group of adults on May 1st being confirmed, received, and renewing their baptismal vows.

Our full-season continues as we honor and celebrate our graduating seniors on Sunday morning, May 15th (at the 9:00 am service), and then reopen Mt. Lebanon Chapel for summer worship (8:30 and 9:30 am) on Sunday, May 22nd.

Please add to your calendar our summer parish celebration, set to take place at Mt. Lebanon Chapel on Sunday, June 5th, beginning at 4:00 pm. This gathering will include live music and a cookout, with special time to dedicate and celebrate our new Mt. Lebanon Labyrinth. More details to follow.

May I end as I began, with gratitude for this opportunity to share in ministry with all of you.

Easteride Blessings,

*Phillip*

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



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: NEW ASSOCIATE RECTOR

We are thrilled to announce that the Reverend Joseph "Gray" Hodsdon has accepted our invitation to become the next Associate Rector of St. James Parish. He and his wife Catie will be moving to Wilmington in late June.

A distinguished 2020 graduate of the School of Theology at the University of the South, Gray has been serving for two years as Curate at San Jose Episcopal Church and Day School in Jacksonville, Florida. Catie is a Certified Physician Assistant, and has been working in Hospital Internal Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville.

We are so delighted to have the Hodsdons joining our Parish family, and for the gifts and skills Gray will offer as a priest in our Church.

**Look for more information about Gray and Catie in the near future.**

# Vestry Corner

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." -Galatians 5:22-23*

As strawberries abound in their perfect sweetness, I'm drawn to a Bible verse that references 'fruit'. Re-read that verse and this time keep in mind the last line...there is no law against these qualities. You are always safe to love, celebrate with joy, share peace, have patience, spread kindness, be good, faithful, gentle and exhibit self-control. All qualities which continue to nurture and strengthen our Parish community.



It was wonderful to have our Parish together for Easter services downtown for the first time since 2019. There were abundant and beautiful flowers, powerful music, packed pews, delicious donuts, an Easter egg hunt and ample fellowship. Thank you to all who worked to make the day extra special!



We are so excited to celebrate our own Rhonda Thomas's ordination as a vocational deacon this past weekend. It was a beautiful service and we look forward to seeing how God continues to use Rhonda to bless the lives of those around her and in her future placement.



Additionally, last weekend was the first St. James hosted "If:Local". Starting Friday evening and through mid-day, Saturday, a group of women gathered to view insightful sessions from speakers like Jennie Allen, Francis Chan, et. al. We shared meals and thoughtful conversations. Special thanks to Rachel Colonna for planning such a great event. Women of the church - be on the lookout for this great event again next year!

We look forward to some big celebrations downtown in the coming weeks (May 1 - Confirmation Sunday, May 15 - High School Seniors), and then on May 22 we open Mt. Lebanon Chapel for summer services. This beautiful space recently had over 700 people come through during the Azalea Festival Garden Tour. The Labyrinth project will soon be underway at Mt. Lebanon. Have you noticed Labyrinths around town since we have been talking about them? The Arboretum...the new terminal at the ILM airport?

Many thanks to all the Commission leaders who are hard at work keeping us all connected with the needs of our parish family and community. Remember to reach out if you have or know of a need! There are always opportunities to use your gifts in meaningful and impactful ways. Speak to anyone on Vestry and we can help you get connected!

Leslie Jarrett (Junior Warden)

# MAY FAITH FORMATION

## WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

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### MORNING PRAYER

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 8:00 a.m.

Join us on Zoom

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### STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 a.m.

Study with our St. James Youth!

### HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAYS | 12:10 p.m.

Celebrating Holy Communion

### EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS | 8:15 p.m.

Join us on Zoom



Photos from our Women's Weekend ~ IF: Gathering 2022

## SUNDAYS - 10:15 AM

### SUNDAY, MAY 1 ~ Confirmation

#### 9:00 AM SERVICE

Join our church family for a time of rejoicing and fellowship as we welcome the newest confirmed members of the Episcopal Church. The celebration will take place on the lawn, weather permitting!

### SUNDAY, MAY 8

COMBINED ADULT FAITH FORMATION THIS IS US - Our May installment of "This Is Us" will gather together in the Great Hall for a special panel. Stay tune for an announcement of the topic and panelists.

## SUNDAY, MAY 15

### DISCIPLES' CLASS & FAITH DISCUSSIONS COMBINED FAITH FORMATION

Ben David, our elected District Attorney, will speak on FIGHTING CRIME by BUILDING COMMUNITY. Come hear DA Ben David discuss the challenges our city has faced during the pandemic and continues to face, including domestic violence, drug addiction, and gang activity. Linking public safety with public health, Ben will discuss a model we can all use to prevent many of the tragedies we see at the courthouse.

#### PRESCHOOLERS

Meet in the preschool classroom (across from the children's chapel) for fun Christian formation activities.

#### ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Join us in the Yoga Room as we break out into small groups after a fun gathering together!

#### 6th - 12th GRADERS

All 6th - 12th Graders are encouraged to join us for discussions, muffins and friendships.



# Education for Ministry

## FOUR ST. JAMES PARISHIONERS COMPLETE EFM PROGRAM.

The Wednesday Evening Education for Ministry (EfM) group at St. James is pleased to announce that four of our members have completed the four-year EfM program. On May 18, at the final meeting of our 2021 – 2022 EfM program year, Claudia Brown, Bill Brown, Jim McFarland, and John Sullivan will receive a Certificate of Completion from the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, in recognition of their fine accomplishments.

### FROM OUR 'GRADUATING' MEMBERS:

*Bill and Claudia Brown:* Seeking God's direction for our lives, four years ago Claudia and I entered into a program that would guide us along a path to increase and strengthen our knowledge of God's plan for both of us. Fortunately for us a program that suits this exact purpose was and is available at St. James. We joined one of two EFM groups at St. James and began this wonderful and informative four-year journey. The course curriculum covers theology, the Bible, and Christian history, and it includes a number of books by authors offering varied opinions concerning Christianity. Of course, the very important key to the success of this study effort is the two wonderful mentors, Bill Bivins and Karen Clark, who weekly guide the learning process. They are both dedicated believers who faithfully commit themselves to the success of the group's members. Sharing this experience with the members of our group has been wonderful and at the same time a blessing. EFM has been a life-changing experience for us, and what we have learned and experienced through these four years will stay with us for the rest of our lives. Our studies will be an everlasting reward for both of us.

*John Sullivan:* When I first embarked on my Education for Ministry journey, it was made clear that there would be a considerable amount of coursework in the form of weekly readings. This proved to be abundantly true, as the course includes reading the Bible over the course of two years, a third year that consisted of reading about the entire history of Christianity, and the final year included examining various aspects of theology. While this initially seemed quite onerous and made me hesitant to join, I soon discovered that it was a journey that I was not taking alone.

Each of the four levels within each EfM group travels a bit of a "sub-journey" together with intense study of that year's material, but the entire group journeys together as we learn about what other year students are studying. The group also grows together through prayer, reflection, discussion, and group exercises in theological reflection. It is bittersweet at the end of each year when fourth-year folks graduate and leave the group, yet there are new horizons as new first-year folks join in September.

A friend of mine who is not a St. James parishioner took EfM some 20 years ago with a group at St. James, and he said that some 20 years on, members of his EfM group still get together--the bonds that are created are just that strong and enduring. I have that sense myself with those with whom I have sojourned in EfM. (Another friend reviews books for publication, and he ends each review with a concise thumbs-up or thumbs-down, and in my case with EfM, I highly recommend it.)

## WHAT IS EfM?

EfM is a four-year program which includes in-depth study of the Old Testament (Year 1), the New Testament (Year 2), Christian history (Year 3), and Christian ethics and theology (Year 4). EfM provides opportunities for prayer, worship, study, and spiritual reflection in a comfortable and supportive group setting which fosters spiritual growth and helps participants to more deeply connect their faith with their daily lives. As Christians, we are called to be active participants in the church's ministry. EfM helps each participant to identify the call in their own lives, and to discern how to carry out their ministries within the parish and beyond.

The Wednesday evening EfM program at St. James, mentored by Karen Clark and Bill Bivins, is one of two EfM programs offered at St. James. The other EfM program is offered on Tuesday mornings and is mentored by Rachel Pace.

*Jim McFarland:* Knowing that God is present in my life has always been easy for me. My earliest memories are of walking through the woods saying, "This is awesome, someone very smart built this." All my life I've been surrounded by very smart people, mostly doctors, who even though they were full of godly compassion, were not the ones who built this world. EFM has taught me that we all share many thoughts, doubts, fears, victories, and failures that take up much of our daily thought and routine. EFM has helped me to understand how God and his friendship are a softener of these thoughts, and how to place them in their proper perspective. Through God's teachings and presence, I can sense the truth which gives me the strength to act. EFM has helped most in teaching me that applying faith to action and ministry, is the most important area I need to work on. It is the most difficult, especially in this day of constant condemnation, to realize that ministry through faith is the only thing that really matters. EFM taught me also that, like visiting with friends and family, visiting and spending time with God every day, multiple times a day, is necessary to the long-term health of the relationship. It is also necessary for your own sanity, a duality that smooths life's bumps and bruises and is God's greatest gift. EFM has also refreshed my memory of the value of good teachers and that teaching is comprised mostly of tolerance, understanding, and acceptance of all perspectives.

# AROUND THE PARISH



## ST. JAMES HISTORIC GRAVEYARD UPDATE

### RARE DOMED VAULTS SAVED BY A GENEROUS GIFT FROM THE ORTON FOUNDATION

Our historic graveyard has four unique brick burial vaults. In earlier days there were more, but as buildings filled the sacred acre, they were lost. Such vaults are mostly found in coastal cemeteries. They were only for the affluent, as they are made of imported handmade bricks and required a skilled mason to construct. They have walls and floors 7-8 feet deep, able to accommodate many deceased, originally on shelves.

The Orton Foundation sent cemetery conservators to examine our graves for structural integrity. Their archeological report recommended restoration methods, a source for the mortar required, and craftsmen competent to do such specialized work. They shared their knowledge of vault interiors and how they were used.

Three of our vaults are joined by retaining walls. They have no dates nor inscriptions. It is not known who is buried in them. Fortunately, the single one is dated 1786 and inscribed "Henry Toomer and Charles Jewkes' Family Vault. (See the graveyard history on our website.) St. James Parish is deeply grateful to the Orton Foundation for preserving our domed graves, ensuring they will last into the next century.



## Service Opportunities

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

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



# On the Horizon

## YOUTH SUNDAY

SUNDAY WORSHIP at 9:00 am, MAY 15, our young people will be helping to lead our Worship Service. Our Graduating High School Seniors will be recognized and our Young People will be reading the Lessons, sharing the "thoughts" during the Sermon, participating in the music and serving in a variety of other ways during our worship experience. Please come and hear the voices of our young people and receive the "gift" of their joy, spirituality and hope for the future. If YOU would like to participate within this amazing Worship Service, please contact Cookie at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org)

## SUMMER SERVICE TIMES

**May 22 - September 4**

### ST. JAMES PARISH

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

### MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

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

### LIVESTREAM

10:30 a - RITE II

## UPCOMING CONCERTS

### UNC CHAPEL HILL GLEE CLUBS

*May 9, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. | St. James*

All are invited to enjoy performances from UNC Chapel Hill Glee Clubs. The event is free to attend. Donations will be accepted and directed to the choir's budget.

### TALLIS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

*Sunday, May 22 | 4:00 p.m. | St. James*

Come enjoy the Tallis Chamber Orchestra on Sunday afternoon. The event is free to attend. Donations will be accepted and directed to The Good Shepherd Center

### ST. JAMES PARISH

## RETURN TO MT. LEBANON: MIMOSA MINGLE

SUNDAY, MAY 22 | FOLLOWING THE 9:30 AM  
SERVICE AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

*Sunday, May 22 | Mt. Lebanon Chapel*

Save the date! Sunday, May 22nd marks the return to summer services at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. We'll be offering services at 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Make plans to join us after the 9:30 a.m. service on May 22nd for our Annual Mimosa Mingle.



# Update: Labyrinth for Mt. Lebanon



## INSTALLATION COMING SOON

We're so excited to share that installation for the Prayer Labyrinth at Mt. Lebanon should be taking place in May! The Labyrinth offers a means of centering. During this time of Easter, whether alone or in the presence of others, that "still, small voice of God" may be heard. Those who walk the path may reflect on where they are in their lives. They may find a time to ask for forgiveness, for healing, for guidance or to give thanks. As the path throughout the Labyrinth winds, those who walk it may see a new direction for their lives or may find answers to questions.

With installation expected to be completed in May, we hope you will all **save the date for a parish-wide celebration on Pentecost, June 5, out at Mt. Lebanon Chapel!** As June draws closer, we'll share more information about what you can expect from this joyful occasion.

Would you like to help support this project? It is not too late to give and be a part of bringing the prayer labyrinth to these historic grounds and our neighbors at Airlie Gardens and Wrightsville Beach. Visit [stjamesp.org/blog/mlc-labyrinth/](http://stjamesp.org/blog/mlc-labyrinth/) to learn how.

*Pictured to the left: 1) Example of the labyrinth selected, 2) Installation location between the All Saints Memorial Garden and Bradley Creek*



# Food, Fellowship & Outreach

## PARISH BEAUTIFICATION DAY

*Saturday, May 14 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | St. James Parish*

Roll up your sleeves and come ready to get a little messy! It's time for our second annual Parish-wide Beautification Day. Join us downtown on Saturday morning, May 14, to paint the fence and clean the headstones in our treasured graveyard, paint and brighten the halls in the classroom area, or help with lots of other fun group projects to make our parish campus shine. No talent required, and helpers of all ages are welcome! Please plan to stay for burgers and fellowship when we finish and enjoy being with each other as a team!



## MEN ON A MISSION: BACKYARD BBQ

*Sunday, May 15 | 3:00-5:30 p.m. | The Craig Home*

St. James Men on a Mission invite all men of the parish age 21+ to come join in on a time of delicious food and great fellowship during the Men on a Mission Backyard Barbeque hosted by Phillip and Jennifer Craig! Keep an eye on our email for registration information!



## MAY: HOSPITALITY AT HOME

*May 22, 2022 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | The Currin Home*

St. James Parish's Bread Breakers is back in action with the Hospitality at Home Series! We will be meeting once a month for a time of fellowship at home. Plan to bring a 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 welcomed!



## THANKS FOR EASTER AT ST. JAMES

2020 and 2021 certainly brought unique challenges for Holy Week and Easter. With much rejoicing, we gathered together again at St. James to celebrate as a parish family. We want to take a moment to thank everyone who made the day so wonderful! The Altar guild and Decorating Committee outdid themselves all week long. Parish Life and dedicated parishioners brought family fun to the Easter Egg hunt. The Choir, Chalcists, and Acolytes helped to make Sunday morning a truly special worship. Last but certainly not least, we thank our parish staff and clergy for all of the behind-the-scenes work that goes into each and every day of church life but especially Holy Week and Easter.





# Outreach & Community

## OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT: GUARDIAN AD LITEM



Did you know that April was North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Child Advocate Month? In April, by proclamation of Governor Cooper, we honor the contributions of over 5,400 North

Carolina Guardian ad Litem volunteers across the state and invite you to consider joining the cause. Being a North Carolina Guardian ad Litem is an investment of time, energy and heart. But as many volunteers have said about this opportunity "Being a GAL volunteer has by far, been one of the most rewarding and humbling things I have ever done." To learn more, visit [volunteerforal.org](http://volunteerforal.org), call 1-800-982-4041, or go to [facebook.com/ncGuardianAdLitem](https://facebook.com/ncGuardianAdLitem). Also, you can contact Ashley Walton, co-chair of the Outreach committee, at 704-906-8439 or [ashleyls@yahoo.com](mailto:ashleyls@yahoo.com) to answer any preliminary questions.



## JOIN ST. JAMES YOUTH AND REACH OUT

Sunday, May 8 | 4:00 p.m. | Nun St. & 18th St.  
Jim McFarland and Andy Goodman will be leading our St. James Youth for an amazing service opportunity. please wear old clothes to paint. We will go out for a casual dinner afterward. Questions? Contact Cookie at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org).

## MUSIC NOTES

As choirs return to singing in church again I have learned that in many situations, long-time choir singers have used the pandemic shut-down as an opportunity to hang up their choir robes for good.

Not only have our St. James choir singers returned in full force, but we have also had new members join our ranks! So a belated welcome to Charlotta Howell, Art Shephard, Paula Shields, Tom Tully – new members of the St. James Choir! (And a belated welcome back to Bob Workmon, George Potulov, and Raymond Burt as they return from a bit of a choir hiatus!)

And many thanks to all our dedicated choir members who lead the music of our worship each Sunday, helping us "perfect the praises offered by your people on earth..." (BCP. p. 819).

Please know that the summertime provides a great opportunity for those who might be curious about singing in our choir to give it a try. Beginning on May 22 and continuing through Labor Day, the choir meets before each 10:30 service in our downtown sanctuary for a 45-minute rehearsal. Music during the summer can be comfortably "put-together" in one rehearsal. (We have a "stray-cat" policy where you can drop in or not – it is not a summer-long commitment!)

If you have any questions, please contact me!

Many blessings,

John Sullivan, Director of Music

## WOMEN'S SUMMER CLOTHING DRIVE

*Now Through May 31st!*

A Safe Place is currently in need of women's shoes and summer clothing. Starting now through May 31, we will be collecting gently used or new sneakers, sandals, and pretty much any kind of "flat" shoe, as well as women's summer clothing in size L or XL. You may drop these off at the Bacon House, or contact Tanner Dodson to arrange pick up. Thank you so much for your help!



## IN OUR PRAYERS:

Lane Cox, Bob Godley,  
Peg Rorison



## LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF & LOSS

*Mondays May 2 & 16 | 5:00 p.m. |*

*Graham Parlor or on Zoom*

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



## GET READY TO REGISTER- VBS IS ON THE WAY

July 25-29, 2022

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is Back at St. James! Stay tuned for more info on this year's theme and how to register. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Shannon Lockamy at [christianformation@stjamesp.org](mailto:christianformation@stjamesp.org).



## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL

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

Plans currently include:

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

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

# Whom to ask?

## A ST. JAMES STAFF QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

- Have a question about Baptisms, Confirmation, Weddings, or Funerals? *Reach out to our clergy at [clergy@stjamesp.org](mailto:clergy@stjamesp.org).*
- Want to request space for an event or get on the church calendar? *Email us at [requests@stjamesp.org](mailto:requests@stjamesp.org).*
- Have a general question about outreach, church events, or REALM? *Touch base with Florence Ellen at [admin@stjamesp.org](mailto:admin@stjamesp.org).*
- Need to get a room set up just so or have questions about our grounds and facilities? How about room and audio/visual setup? *Contact Wes at [wes@stjamesp.org](mailto:wes@stjamesp.org).*
- Want to know more about our Youth Ministries programs, Confirmation, labyrinths, or the Glory Ridge Mission Experience? *Talk to Cookie at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org).*
- Have a question about offerings for children's faith formation, VBS, or Children's Ministries at St. James? *Reach out to Shannon at [christianformation@stjamesp.org](mailto:christianformation@stjamesp.org).*
- Need to know more about St. James Day School? *Day School Director Amy Taylor is your best point of contact! [dayschool.director@stjamesp.org](mailto:dayschool.director@stjamesp.org).*
- Want help with determining your giving status, Online Payments with REALM, or Pledging? *Talk to Maria at [finance@stjamesp.org](mailto:finance@stjamesp.org).*
- Interested in getting involved with different ministries around St. James or joining as a member? *Reach out to Bill at [coordinator@stjamesp.org](mailto:coordinator@stjamesp.org).*
- Love music and want to learn more about the different music programs at St. James? *John is your go to! [Reach him at music@stjamesp.org](mailto:music@stjamesp.org).*
- Need help communicating an exciting offering with our church family or want something added to the website? *Email Erin at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).*





# Youth Opportunities

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION:** Join us on Sunday, May 1, for the celebration of The Sacrament of Confirmation. The Rt. Rev. Rob Skirving will be here to Confirm over 35 young people and adults. It will be quite a spiritual celebration! There will be a joyful celebration on the lawn after this wonderful worship experience!

**SILENT AUCTION 2022:** We've all been waiting for it! The St. James Silent Auction takes place MAY 1-4 ONLINE.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction support the outreach efforts of our St. James Youth as they serve our community and neighbors. Learn more at [stjamesp.org/auction2022](http://stjamesp.org/auction2022).

Youth Ministries Silent Auction items will be on display on Sunday morning in a room on the "Youth Hall." The Silent Auction will go "live" at 8:00 pm on Monday, May 1 to Wednesday, May 4. Here are some of the items on which you can bid: Beach House, Cabin on the South River, Mountain House, Collect of your Choice by Jay Sidebotham, paintings, Sound Front Condo, Duck Hunting, Pheasant Hunting, and much, much more!



## REACHING OUT!

Mittie June Fox and Hughes Henderson worked with Jim McFarland and Andy Goodman creating a porch for one of our Wilmington residents. After working hard on Our Outreach Project, we stopped by John Sullivan's House just to say "Hi!"



## STARBUCKS YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:

Every Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. a group of young people and adults gather at Starbucks, 2018 South 16th Street. We share with one another about our week and we discuss a part of Scripture that invites us to delve deeper. Questions? Ask Web, Cameron, Sophie, Hughes, Catchie LucyWest, Cecilia, Annie, Averette, Caroline, Jane, Ginny, Kim, Frank, Marietta or Cookie if you have any questions!



**GLORY RIDGE REGISTRATION:** The deadline is approaching for our 2022 Glory Ridge Mission Experience. The dates for Glory Ridge are Sunday, June 19 - Saturday, June 25. Glory Ridge is a "thin place" where the "Carpenter still mends hearts" and where tremendous things are done to help the residents of Madison County live better lives. We will work hard, worship under the stars and enjoy getting to know one another in a deeper, more meaningful way. Yes! This year we will also spend an afternoon as we go "whitewater rafting" down the French Broad River. Contact Cookie at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org) if you have any questions or if you would like to register.

- May 11 - 5:00 p.m. Glory Ridge Adult Meeting at Cookie's Home. We will be discussing our work projects and putting together the details of our 2022 Glory Ridge Mission Experience.
- May 15 - 5:00 p.m. Glory Ridge Meeting for ALL people going to Glory Ridge. This gathering will be in the Youth Room.

**KANUGA CHRISTIAN FORMATION CONFERENCE,** June 13 - 16  
Kanuga Conference Center will be hosting the 2022 Kanuga Christian Formation Conference on Monday, June 13 - Thursday, June 16. The Speakers are incredible, the Workshops are meaningful and the Kanuga surroundings are breathtaking. Go to [www.Kanuga.org](http://www.Kanuga.org) for further information or contact Cookie at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org)

**IDEAS? SUGGESTIONS? THOUGHTS?** During the month of May, Cookie Cantwell, the St James Youth Ministries Coordinator, will be working on the 2022 - 2023 Program Year for our 6th - 12th Graders. Please let her know if you have any thoughts about how we move forward into a new year of learning, sharing, growing and fun. Our hope is that we have learned from our Covid experiences and that we can now move into a "new" direction where our young people and their families will engage fully within the opportunities for Spiritual Growth and Christian Practices. [Cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:Cookie@stjamesp.org)

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