
THE GRAPEVINE

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FROM THE RECTOR

THE REV. C. PHILLIP CRAIG, JR.

Dear St. James Parish Family,

November will usher in our autumn season together, and the transitions that I write to share with you today.

There are two significant changes taking place within our St. James Parish ministry team. As these are my decisions as Rector, I want you all to hear of these changes from me. In my mind and heart, these are timely and appropriate opportunities for growth, both for our parish and for the individuals involved.

The first transition I wish to share is that Chris Hamby is leaving St. James Parish and his role as Associate Rector. Chris has been here for five years, serving honorably and diligently through a great deal of change within the parish and leading our pursuit of mission throughout the pandemic. St. James has been strengthened by his work, and we are grateful for his ministry. At his choice to allow his attention to fully focus on discerning his next call, Sunday, November 14th will be Chris' last official Sunday. More information, including a purse link, will follow on how we can thank Chris for all he has done for St. James and give our best to him on the next chapter of his life.

The second change is the addition of a Parish Administrator to our staff. This was a position the Vestry foresaw as a critical need in the months preceding my arrival at St. James. Now that I have been here for almost six months, I agree. This full-time role will provide professional support to the administrative needs of our

parish, and allow the Rector and Clergy to focus attention and priorities towards relationship building, worship, formation, pastoral care and pushing us to achieve our strategic plan. With that in mind, I am delighted to announce that Florence Ellen Cowden has accepted this position. She begins her new role on November 1st.

It's wonderful to honor that we are just over a week away from the first full worship gathering of the entire St. James Parish family in more than 18 months. Next Sunday, November 7th, we'll all be under "one roof," celebrating both the feast of All Saints' and the blessings of our life together. Please make plans to attend either the 8:00 am (Rite I) or 10:30 am (Rite II) Eucharist. Invite your friends! There will be offerings for our children at the 10:30 am service (including the reopened nursery). A complete celebration will not be possible without you, so please join us!

As I have said all along the way, please know that I am open to your thoughts, reflections, and comments. I encourage you to reach out to me directly if you would like to discuss any of these announcements. I look forward to seeing you on November 7th and beyond.

Faithfully,



Phillip

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A PRAYER FOR OUR CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 817

ST. JAMES VISION STATEMENT

To build community through ministries that strengthen our faith.

ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT

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

ST. JAMES UPDATES

ONLINE RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.stjamesp.org

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Bill Brown, Genie Gretz, Polly Rust, Laurens Wright

CONDOLENCES TO:

The friends and family of Elizabeth Labouisse Wright

Gorda Singletary and family on the passing of Dr.
Henry "Hank" Pate Singletary

Ava Hyatt Trask and family on the passing of Ava's
father, Kenneth Ernest Hyatt

Marion and Ted Gettings on the passing of Marion's
brother, Franklin "Jose" Jackson

Lee Williams and family on the passing of Margaret
Elizabeth "Beth" Lewis Williams

The Rev. Chris Hamby and family on the passing of
Chris' cousin, John Walker Worten

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Ruth Carver (great-grandmother), MaryBeth and Bill
Tallman (grandparents), and Michelle and Hunter Gray
(aunt and uncle) on the birth of their newest family
member, Cooper William Kabigting.

Kevin and Taber Stockstill-Tornes on the birth of their
son Howie Norbert Tornes

Tom and Hope Hackler on the marriage of their son
Powell Hackler and his new wife, Janet!

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES: NOVEMBER 7

Online Worship

10:30 AM- Livestream from St. James Parish

Downtown Campus

8:00 AM- Indoors- Holy Eucharist - Rite I

10:30 AM- Indoors- Holy Eucharist - Rite II

5:00 PM- Outdoors- Live at 5: Out of the Darkness

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES: NOVEMBER 14 AND BEYOND

Online Worship

9:00 AM- Livestream from St. James Parish

Downtown Campus

8:00 AM- Indoors- Holy Eucharist - Rite I

9:00 AM- Indoors- Holy Eucharist - Rite II

10:00 AM- Indoors- Faith Formation

11:15 AM- Indoors- Holy Eucharist - Rite II

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS WELCOME SUNDAY! PARISH WIDE CELEBRATION

November 7 | 11:30 a.m. | St. James Parish

Make plans to join us on Sunday, November 7, for our Welcome Sunday Celebration as we share in the joy of once again worshipping together under one roof at St. James Parish! We'll enjoy music, hot dogs, and a time of fellowship with our church family.

ALL SAINTS NAME SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Monday, November 1, 2021

Our All Saints tradition continues! Please use the form below to let us know who you would like to remember on All Saints' Sunday, November 7th, 2021. The deadline to submit is Monday, November 1st. If you have someone from the past year whom you wish to remember, please call the office at (910-763-1628) or fill out the online form.

stjamesp.org/remember

OUT OF THE DARKNESS LUMINARY WALK: LIGHT UP THE PATH

Sunday, November 7, 2021 | 5:00 p.m. | St. James Parish

Each year St. James Youth Ministries takes part in the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk held at Wrightsville Beach in November. Last year, the walk was split into smaller walks due to the pandemic. St. James hosted a lovely luminary walk and raised over \$5,000 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Join us for a very special Live at 5 type worship before the walk! Plan to bring your chair or picnic blanket and join us for a time of fellowship kicking off the St. James Youth Out of the Darkness Luminary Walk.

We're once again inviting our parish family to participate by purchasing luminaries in honor or in memory of someone who has been impacted by or lost to suicide. You may now order your luminaries, sign-up to walk, and donate to this great cause on the St. James Website! Have questions? Reach out to Cookie at Cookie@stjamesp.org or Jane Rippy at janerippy@yahoo.com. stjamesp.org/luminary

MEALS ON WHEELS TODAY

Sunday, October 31, 2021 | All Day

St. James is once again responsible for delivery of Meals on Wheels. Please be praying for our Meals on Wheels team as they reach out to our community today. Anyone wanting to volunteer for future Meals on Wheels preparations or delivery please contact mollyrroush@hotmail.com or missypretlow@gmail.com.

A LETTER FROM OUR TREASURER

St. James Parishioners:

As we enter the final quarter of 2021 and look towards what the future holds for 2022 and beyond, I want to take this opportunity to provide a brief update on finances at St. James Parish.

To begin, it has been a great year for St. James. We welcomed the Rev. Phillip Craig and his family to Wilmington this past June. Our various Ministry Commissions, all led by volunteer parishioners, have begun implementing the objectives outlined in our recently-adopted Strategic Plan. There is a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm at the corner of Third and Market and I would encourage each of you to lean in and discover new ways to make an impact. So, if 18+ months of "Covid" has you feeling a little distant, reach out or just show up to learn more about where you can get plugged in and recharged.

From a financial standpoint, St. James is on solid footing. Our wonderful staff continue to manage expenses well. We are operating below budget year to date in this area. On the revenue side of the equation, we are coming out of the summer season when pledge income traditionally slows down and entering the final months of the year when pledge receipts traditionally pick back up. We are on track to meet our revenue goals but need your help to do so. If you have an unfulfilled 2021 pledge, please fulfill it by year-end. If you did not pledge in 2021 but wish to support the ministry of St. James, please reach out to Maria or simply send in a donation. Your support is needed, and I can assure you that St. James will be a good steward of these financial resources. Our Commission leaders and their ministries are thinking "Big" on ways to live into our Mission and need your support to make that possible!

As we look towards 2022, our Stewardship Committee, led by Hayden Kirby and Suiter Currin are transforming the way we look at giving; as year-round ministry - not an annual obligation. This ministry is what allows St. James to make a continuous difference in our community. Your regular giving helps St. James make a positive impact on countless Wilmington families each year. It allows St. James to support the Diocese of East Carolina in service of not just Wilmington but many rural towns across the region that are economically disadvantaged as compared to our robust coastal city. Because of your generosity, St. James is able to provide financial support to nonprofits serving the less fortunate within the Wilmington community. It also funds our parish ministries, allowing groups like Men on a Mission to go out and make a difference performing service projects wherever there is a need. These are just some of the many benefits of stewardship; so, if you haven't done so already, please give thoughtful consideration to your role in this important ministry.

Sincerely,

Mike Brown
Treasurer

FORWARD TOGETHER: STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We look forward to what the year ahead will bring. There are many opportunities and needs before us as a community. As of 10.27.2021 we have received 174 pledges, compared to the 362 we received as part of our 2021 campaign. We encourage you to make your pledge today! You can even pledge online.

174 Pledges to date, totalling - \$809,711

Ages: 25-39 - Average Pledge \$6350

Ages: 40-59 - Average Pledge \$4048

Ages: 60-79 - Average Pledge \$4590

Ages: 80+ - Average Pledge \$5097

ST. JAMES FOUNDATION

What is the St. James Foundation? The St. James Foundation is a dedicated non-profit that oversees the care and preservation of our gorgeous campus. From air conditioners to restoring parapets, the funds from the St. James Foundation are integral to preserving our historic campus for future generations. We invite you to learn more about how you can support the St. James Foundation on our website at stjamesp.org/foundation.

PLEDGING & GIVING ONLINE

To donate and support St. James Parish, visit: onrealm.org/StJamesParish/give/pledge. You can visit stjamesp.org/stewardship for a video with step-by-step instructions for pledging online. Gifts may also be made to the St. James Foundation. Visit: stjamesp.org/st-james-foundation for more info.

PARISH WIDE EVENTS

BRIGHTMORE HYMN SING

Friday, November 5, 2021 | 2:00 p.m. | Brightmore
Join us for our Annual Hymn-Sing at Brightmore!
Please know that our annual hymn-sing at Brightmore is scheduled for Friday, November 5th at 2 pm! If you would love to be a part of that afternoon, please send this information along to John Sullivan at music@stjamesp.org!

QUIET REFLECTION

November 6, 2021 | 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
Join us for a time of contemplated prayer and meditation at the beautiful Mt. Lebanon Chapel on the first Saturday of November! Have questions, or would like to sign up to help open the chapel for future Quiet Reflection dates? Please reach out to Linda Murchison at lindamurchison65@gmail.com.

MORNING PRAYER: VETERAN'S DAY

Thursday, November 11, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. | Zoom
You're invited to join us for a special edition of Morning Prayer! We'll be dedicating this time of prayer to our Veterans! An email will be sent out with the Zoom link on Thursday morning if you wish to join. If you are not on our email list, please make sure to let us know! Contact Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

ECW BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 14 | Sunday Morning | St. James Cloister
We are planning our First Bake Sale in far too long! We NEED bakers -sweets, cookies, cakes, pies, breakfast and dinner casseroles; We NEED some helpful hands in organizing; We NEED help pricing and collecting money; We NEED help with setting up.... in short, WE NEED YOU! Learn more at: stjamesp.org/blog/ecw-bake-sale

BREAD BREAKERS' HOSPITALITY AT HOME

November 14, 2021 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Trask Home
Join us for Hospitality at Home! We will be at the Jarrett Home on Sunday, November 14 at 4pm. Bring a dish to share, and St. James will provide the meat. RSVP via the MeetUp Page or by contacting Chris@stjamesp.org.

OFFICE HOURS UPDATE- VETERAN'S DAY

Thursday, November 11, 2021 - Church Office and Day School
Please be aware that the Parish Office and St. James Day School will be closed on Thursday, November 11th in observation of Veteran's Day. Regular Office and School Hours will resume on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS UPDATE- THANKSGIVING

November 24-26, 2021 - Church Office Closed
Please be aware that the Parish Office will be closed on November 24th - 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

Thursday, November 11, 2021 | 5:30 p.m. | St. James

The Wardens, Vestry and People of St. James Parish request your prayers and presence at the institution of The Rev. Claude Phillip Craig, Jr. as the 27th Rector of St. James Parish and to celebrate our New Ministry Together!

The Rt. Reverend Robert Skirving Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina Presiding

Thursday, November 11th, 2021

At 5:30 in the evening

Reception to follow



YOUTH LED THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 21, 2021 | 5:00 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
Our St. James Youth will once again be leading us in a very special time of worship as we give thanks this holiday season. Please stay tuned for more details!

SAVE THE DATE: ST. NICHOLAS IS COMING TO ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL

Saturday, December 11, 2020

Please join us for a socially distanced, drive-by visit with St. Nicholas at St. James! Enjoy coffee and crafts in your car as you await your turn to visit with Santa and have your photo taken with him on the front lawn of our beautiful church. The price this year is \$25 per car, and you may reserve your spot for a 30 minute window of time to enter the parking lot. Please stay tuned for how to RSVP and reserve your time.

ANNUAL MEETING SAVE THE DATE- DECEMBER 5

Our Annual Meeting is set for December 5th, during the Faith Formation hour on Sunday Morning. More details will be announced as we draw closer to December. During this meeting we will elect a new Vestry slate, and share information regarding plans for 2022, the budget, and what to expect as we move forward together.

We would like to take a moment to share with you the names of the candidates for the *Vestry Slate Class of 2025*:

RACHEL COLONNA



Rachel grew up in the Christian faith and joined the Episcopal denomination in 2012 when she and her husband Bram Colonna, were married. In 2019 they relocated to Wilmington, NC from

Charleston, SC. They joined St. James with their two young children; Stella and George. Rachel has been serving as the Communication Liaison on the Outreach Committee. She is personally very involved in St. James Angel Tree Ministry, Bread Breakers community, Meals on Wheels, and serves as a lay reader at Mt. Lebanon. Rachel is an Account Executive at Benefitfocus.com, Inc. and sells software to state government officials across the country. She is excited to work with the Vestry to keep our young families engaged at St. James.

ALEX MURCHISON



Alexis a 69-year-old lifetime, baptized, and confirmed member of SJP. His wife Anne, son Ned and Elizabeth, daughter Anne and Ford, and 6 grandchildren are all baptized members of St. James.

Anne and Alex both believe that encouragement for our family is best led by example. His St. James Parish experiences include Junior Lenten Choir (for those who may remember six weeks of daily 5:00 services with sermons), a Lay Reader, a Lector, a Junior Warden, a chairman of the Diocesan Convention, and a participant of Men on a Mission. His most recent service was as a member of the Rector Search Committee, through which God led us to Phillip and Jennifer Craig. That journey has become the single most spiritually rewarding experience in his life. He is pleased and proud to have the Craigs as his friends. "The energy and talents of the parishioners of St. James Parish are remarkable. We have been through a challenging period, yet we are poised to do wonderful things, both for ourselves and our community. I am honored and thrilled to be a part of it."

WEB COWDEN



Originally from Lexington, KY, Web moved to Wilmington in 2006 and has been a member of St. James ever since. He has been involved in a variety of ministries including the Youth Group, the Men's

Breakfast Team, Men on a Mission, and Co-Chair of the Parish Life Commission. Web is the COO of Mirimichi Green, a local manufacturer of sustainable products for the Landscape Supply Industry, and in his free time cheers on his Kentucky Wildcats sports teams. He is married to Florence Ellen, and has three children, Millie, Houston, and Web.

BARBARA WHITESIDES



Barbara has been a member of St. James since her family moved to Wilmington in 1993. Their family grew upon our arrival and continues to grow as they have added significant others for each

child (two weddings coming up!) and one grandson with a second on the way! While Barbara grew up as a Presbyterian minister's kid in a family full of Presbyterian ministers, the Episcopal Church has been her church home since they started their family. This will be Barbara's second term on the Vestry - she was part of the Light a Fire Campaign to expand our campus to a full city block! She has had the privilege of enjoying the leadership of a variety of rectors, assistant rectors and seminary students. She has taught Sunday school for 4th and 5th graders (her very favorite St. James opportunity), helped with the Junior Choir, been an acolyte advisor, served on the Day School Board, volunteered and travelled extensively with the youth group, cooked and served with St. Martha's Guild, taught Bible Studies for women (teenagers and older) and she is currently serving as Commission Co-Chair of the Faith Formation Commission. Barbara is also currently serving on the Trinity Center Board of Managers. "I think of St. James as my 'family,' and I look forward to this exciting time of new opportunity for our Parish."

OUTREACH & MORE - GET INVOLVED

RISE AGAINST HUNGER- WE NEED YOU!

November 6, 2021 | 3 Sessions: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. | Perry Hall

St. James Parish is inviting neighbors to come together in an effort to End World Hunger, in partnership with Rise Against Hunger. Rise Against Hunger meals are distributed through global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, vocational training and respond to crisis.

If you are interested in being on the team to set up before or help clean up after this important event, please reach out to Janet Ward at janetwrld@aol.com.

Sign up today by using the QR Code to the right.



ECW - EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Sunday, November 21, 2021 | 3:00 p.m. | Graham Parlor

Join us on Sunday, November 21, at 3:00 p.m. in the Graham Parlor for the November meeting of the Episcopal Church Women. All women of St. James are invited to attend as we wrap up our Annual Bake Sale in November. Have questions about this meeting or want to help? Please reach out to Beth Cornelison at cornelisonbeth@gmail.com.

GET INVOLVED!

As Rev. Chris shared in a previous Grapevine, there are no "volunteers" at St. James. We do ministry. If you are interested in learning how you can minister 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
- Altar Guild
- Linen Guild
- Ushers
- Wedding Guild
- Office Ministry
- Parish Shop
- St. James Choir
- Care Guild
- St. Martha's Guild
- Men on a Mission
- ECW

Contact Erin at communications@stjamesp.org to learn more!

A SAFE PLACE: COAT DRIVE

Deadline to donate: November 8th | The Bacon House

We will be holding a Winter Coat Drive to benefit the members at A Safe Place. From now until November 8, please bring new or gently used winter coats in all ladies sizes (XS-XXL) to the Bacon House. They can be any style (ski jacket, down jacket, wool, etc); they don't have to be new but please make sure they are clean before dropping off. If you need someone to come pick it up for you, please contact Tanner Dodson at tannerbanks82@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

OTHER OUTREACH INITIATIVES ON THE HORIZON

Stay Tuned for More Details On:

The Annual Turkey Dinner Drive

Angel Tree Project

If you would like to be involved in supporting these projects, please reach out to us at communications@stjamesp.org.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MOMENT

by Rachel Pace

One of my great joys and spiritual delights is bringing my grandson to church at Mt. Lebanon Chapel for the 9:30 service. When we have picked him up from his house, he sometimes resists going. (Some Sundays, I too would rather stay home) But when he gets to church, he is happy to be there. He is always so glad to see Miss Shannon with her smiles and snacks and stickers. During the service he likes to play with his cars and trucks and dig in the dirt but I know he is listening because he repeats some of the phrases he hears. The way he loves to share the Peace with everyone is an inspiration and a lesson to me on greeting everyone with love and joy. And he really looks forward to receiving the 'wafer.' It is hard to make him wait in line! I know that everyone comes to the Eucharistic feast with different understandings of its meaning. My own understanding has changed over time. Even depending on what is happening in my life at the moment can change my spiritual perspective of communion. What I know and what I think my grandson knows is that everyone is welcome to the table. And, of course, when the service is over he makes a beeline to the cookies and lemonade that all the wonderful volunteer folks bring every Sunday. One of my favorite stained glass windows in 'downtown' church is in the transept - Jesus surrounded by children. The story behind it comes from Mark 10:16 "And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them."

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER CONTINUES

Monday-Friday | 8:00 a.m. | Zoom

Start your day with a little prayer! Join us on Zoom for a time of prayer, fellowship, and music. Sign up for our email list by reaching out to communications@stjamesp.org.

GRIEF MINISTRY: LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF AND LOSS

November 1, 15, 29 | 5:00 p.m. | Graham Parlor or Zoom

When someone you love dies, you experience grief in a number of ways and one size does not fit all. We also grieve many things other than death and we want to acknowledge this also. There is grief that comes from loss of a health, loss of a job, sending a child off to school, and losses that come from divorce, to mention a few. Please reach out to the Rev. Cheryl Brainard at cheryl@stjamesp.org for more information.

BIBLE STUDY: THE VOICES OF SCRIPTURE

Tuesdays, November 2, 9, 16 | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom each Tuesday night as The Rev. Phillip Craig leads us in a new Bible study, called "The Voices of Scripture." Each week we'll be taking a look at different figures in the Bible and seeking to understand their unique perspectives and contributions to the Biblical narrative. Exploring the human experiences of these historical figures helps us to better connect with scripture as we seek to grow in faith.

stjamesp.org/blog/the-voices-of-scripture

BIBLE STUDY: THE PATH

Wed., November 3, 10, 17 | 11:00 a.m. | Zoom or the Graham Parlor

Join us as we continue our journey through The Path. We'll walk in the footsteps of faithful men and women who have done their best to follow God's call. Follow the path of God's love all the way from the beginning to the end, from Adam's creation to John's revelation. Contact Cheryl at cheryl@stjamesp.org to sign up or to order the book.

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST RETURNS

Wednesdays | 12:10 p.m. | St. James Sanctuary

We are so very excited to be offering Holy Eucharist during the week. Take a few minutes during your Wednesday lunch break to come and celebrate the Eucharist with us!

EPISCO-POSSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, November 3 & 17 2021 | 8:15 p.m. | Zoom

All women (Age 21 and up) are invited to join us for Bible Study! We're currently reading through the book of Hebrews. We meet every other week on Zoom! Contact Leslie Jarrett (Leslie.H.Jarrett@gmail.com) or Michelle Gray (michelle.gray@nhcs.net) to learn more!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MOMENT: THOUGHTS ON FAITH FORMATION

by Barbara Whitesides

A question I bring up when discussing the plans for Faith Formation moving forward at St. James is this: How can we help people understand that their life will be better (whatever that may mean to you) by being a part of St. James? It sounds like "what can I get?" But I like to say it's much more. Your life will just be better if you are a part of this faith community than if you were not. You will be changed, and your life will be changed as well. (I sound a little like a mom there, sorry!)

My life (and that of my family) has been changed by the encounters of "thin places" at St. James - those places where we have felt most close to God. Here is just a small list. In the choir loft on Easter Sunday mornings surrounded by 30 children, a tuba and a bag of lemon drops. In Madison County, watching 6th grade girls learn to swing a hammer. Sitting in the pew of church watching my children crawl around on the floor with crayons and paper to keep busy. Watching a Native American pow-wow in Fort Washakie, WY. Cleaning dishes and packing up food after a funeral in the Great Hall kitchen. Seeing a 5th grade boy emerge from under a table wrapped in toilet paper after "Jesus" says the words, "Lazarus, come out." Climbing the tower in the dark on Easter Sunday morning with all of my family to see the sun rise and sing "Welcome Happy Morning" in that weird falsetto voice. Sitting outside at Lebanon Chapel watching and listening to the osprey as they circle on Sunday mornings. Stripping the altar on Maundy Thursday ... every time. Sitting next to my children hearing them recite the prayers and creeds from memory. Hearing my father's and my husband's and my son's voices singing that long Gloria in "Angels We Have Heard on High." Discussing scripture with women of all ages as we try to discern what God wants us to learn. Getting notes from members of my church family when I needed to know someone cared. Hiking, riding bikes, riding horses, in a raft - all over the country with St. James youth. Coming back into the sanctuary after a long time away ... hope we will feel that feeling again soon.

St. James makes us better, and we could all use a little of that right now.

FAITH FORMATION CONTINUED

CONTEMPLATION WITH COMPANIONS, SCRIPTURE AND QUIET

Thursdays, November 4 & 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom

All are invited and warmly welcome to join this weekly gathering. Come once and see what it's about, come a few times, drop in when you can, come from wherever you are since we are meeting by ZOOM, join every Thursday - whatever works for you. We will divide the time between practicing a contemplative way to listen to Scripture, using questions to help us reflect, a time of practicing contemplative prayer/meditation in silence which is simply a way to open ourselves to God's loving presence without using words, and a time for sharing at the end. No experience necessary - just curiosity and a desire to connect with God a bit more deeply. Questions are most welcome. Please email Linda Murchison, lindamurchison65@gmail.com

EDUCATION FOR (LAY) MINISTRY 2022

The Education for Ministry (EfM) daytime group will begin a new year January 2022. We meet Tuesday mornings from 9 - 11:30 am. We have several openings and friends from all churches are welcome.

EfM is a 4-year study that only asks for a yearly commitment. This program has been provided through the School of Theology in Sewanee, TN for over 40 years. It enables participants to explore and deepen their Christian belief through the study of the Bible, Christian history, and theology. We examine our own beliefs and reflect on applying scripture to our everyday lives. We work to deepen our faith and to discover how to express it in service to others.

What EfM has meant to our participants:

"one of the most meaningful and exciting activities I have participated in"
"the thoughtfully planned 4-year program was a wonderfully fulfilling part of my life"

"a chance to connect with other Christians in a loving and welcoming environment"

To learn more about EfM and the Tuesday morning program please contact: Rachel Pace (H) 350-0248 or (M) (910) 612-9777 rppace@hotmail.com
Please make plans to register by December 2021.

Visit sewanee.edu/EFM

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MOMENT: A REFLECTION

by Watson Barnes

In reflecting on my life in the Episcopal Church and the journey it has taken me on, I have thousands of memories. These memories are usually defined by the sensations they created for me, and how they have continued to be present over the years.

The first one that comes to mind is running up the carpeted stairs at St. Timothy's in Wilson and hearing that same creak every time...and now, I'm pretty sure the same creak can be heard while climbing the stairs in Milton Hall. I can also remember searching for an alb in the vesting room when I was a crucifer in high school. I always tried to find a cotton one, as opposed to those scratchy polyester albs, and the same goes today at St. James (it seems like the C.M. Almy company, which must have a monopoly on the alb market, would go all cotton at some point).

Other memories and sensations include the welcome scent of pancakes, bacon and coffee as I used to walk through Anderson Hall as a kid, and now when I walk into the Great Hall. Or the combined smell of the woodwork, brass, and communion wine during the service. I always loved the cold midnight air that could be felt when leaving the late service on Christmas Eve, full of anticipation and inspired after singing Silent Night, and then Hark the Herald Angels Sing. Every time I hear the groan of an old radiator, I think about EYC lock-ins at St. Timothy's or sleeping in the Great Hall while manning the old homeless shelter.

My parishes have always had great rectors and clergy. I remember whenever a priest at St. Timothy's would retire, Mom and all of her friends wept at the loss, but then ushered in a new rector with tremendous enthusiasm and ended up loving them just as much. I've felt the same at St. James about our clergy. They work tirelessly to minister to our parishioners, and for me, have inspired feelings of great love and respect over the years.

All these memories, and all the amazing community we can experience as Christians and Episcopalians, are just simple examples of the rich spiritual life available to us, and proof that God is always present and working among us.

YOUTH GROUP

PORT CITY JAVA BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, November, 3, 10 & 17 | 7:00 a.m. | S. 17th St. PCJ
Good News! Our Youth Ministries Port City Java Bible Study is back in person. Youth are invited to join us at 7:00 a.m. at the Port City Java on S. 17th Street for a time of prayer, Bible study, and caffeinating. If you're interested in participating, reach out to Director of Youth Ministries, Cookie Cantwell, at Cookie@stjamesp.org.

SJP YOUTH: BLESSING BAGS

November 14th | 5:00 p.m. | St. James
Our St. James Youth will be meeting to assemble blessing bags for those in need. Reach out to Cookie to learn more! Cookie Cantwell, at Cookie@stjamesp.org.

SUNDAY NIGHTS!

Sundays | 5:00 -7:00 p.m. | Perry Hall & The Youth Room
On Sunday evenings without special events, we'll meet at St. James Parish, downtown in Perry Hall at 5:00 pm. All 6th - 12th graders are encouraged to come and to participate in a uniquely wonderful experience of faith, fun, food and friends. YES! Bring your friends! Let the JOY begin! As people of God, it is good & it is helpful to gather together to share our lives and our faith. Often, we can feel that our lives are living us instead of each of us living the lives that God is inviting us to live. Each Sunday evening we will gather to enjoy being together! We will laugh, play, learn, serve and remember who we are as people of God. God calls each us of by name to "Come & Follow Me." Our goals are to stay safe and to allow God to create an environment where a community of faith, fun, outreach and service can be experienced and shared. Questions? Contact Cookie Cantwell, cookie@stjamesp.org, or call or text 910-264-5910

ADVENT PROGRAMMING 2021

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE AT:

stjamesp.org/services/

TENTATIVE ADVENT PROGRAMMING

We are thrilled to be back and worshipping together under one roof! In anticipation of a joyful advent season, we'd like to take a moment to share our plans for Adult Faith Formation.

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

- Sunday, Nov. 28-** Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making Event between services
- Sunday, Dec. 5-** Annual Meeting & St. Nicholas Visit for Children and Youth
- Sunday, Dec. 12-** Bishop Parsley leads Advent Study Part I in the Great Hall
- Sunday, Dec. 19-** Christmas Pageant at 9:00 Service & Bishop Parsley leads Advent Study Part II in the Great Hall during Faith Formation Hour
- Sunday, Dec. 26-** Lessons & Carols

WEEKLY OFFERINGS DURING ADVENT

- Tuesdays, Nov.30, Dec. 7, 14, & 21:** Voices of Scripture Advent Edition - 7:00 PM on Zoom
- Wednesdays, December 1 & 16:** Episco-Posse Bible Study, Advent Edition - 8:15 PM on Zoom
- Each Weekday:** Morning Prayer on Zoom

ADVENT WORDS

Get creative with Advent Words! We'll be looking for creative submissions from our parish family as we meditate on this year's Advent Words. All are invited to participate in submitting photos, art, music, poetry, anything that matches one of the words on the list. Let's take the time to contemplate the season of Advent together. Want to select a word? Reach out to Erin at communications@stjamesp.org and she will assist you!

November 28: Promise	December 12: Expectation
November 29: Strength	December 13: Share
November 30: Soul	December 14: Exult
December 1: Path	December 15: Stir
December 2: Justice	December 16: Gladness
December 3: Fulfill	December 17: Bountiful
December 4: Heart	December 18: Sing
December 5: Praise	December 19: Blessed
December 6: Everlasting	December 20: Feed
December 7: Offering	December 21: Generations
December 8: Messenger	December 22: Magnify
December 9: Splendor	December 23: Flock
December 10: Repent	December 24: Greeting
December 11: Compassion	December 25: Child

NOVEMBER AT ST. JAMES

SUNDAY SERVICES

See the second page of this Grapevine for a breakdown of the Sunday Services!

NOTES:

Please keep in mind that this schedule may change as we continue forward through the pandemic and hurricane season. You can always find the most up-to-date version of our St. James Calendar at:

stjamesp.org/

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>10.31- SUNDAY SERVICES MEALS ON WHEELS All Day Perry Hall</p>	<p>1- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom LIVING WELL IN GRIEF 5:00 PM Graham Parlor FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM Great Hall</p>	<p>2- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom EfM 9:00 AM Great Hall Zoom MEN'S AL ANON 5:15-7:00 PM Great Hall VOICES OF SCRIPTURE 7:00 PM Zoom</p>
<p>7- SUNDAY SERVICES WELCOME SUNDAY CELEBRATION 11:30 AM St. James LIVE AT 5 5:00 PM St. James OUT OF THE DARKNESS: LUMINARY WALK 6:00 PM St. James</p>	<p>8- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom VESTRY MEETING 5:15 PM Bishop Wright Room or on Zoom FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM Great Hall</p>	<p>9- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom EfM 9:00 AM Great Hall Zoom MEN'S AL ANON 5:15-7:00 PM Great Hall VOICES OF SCRIPTURE 7:00 PM Zoom</p>
<p>14- SUNDAY SERVICES ECW BAKE SALE 8AM - 12 PM St. James HOSPITALITY AT HOME 4:00 P.M. The Trask Home YOUTH GROUP 5:00 P.M. Perry Hall</p>	<p>15- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom LIVING WELL IN GRIEF 5:00 PM Graham Parlor FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM Great Hall</p>	<p>16- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom EfM 9:00 AM Great Hall Zoom MEN'S AL ANON 5:15-7:00 PM Great Hall VOICES OF SCRIPTURE 7:00 PM Zoom</p>
<p>21- SUNDAY SERVICES ECW Meeting 3:00 P.M. Graham Parlor YOUTH LED THANKSGIVING SERVICE 5:00 P.M. Mt. Lebanon</p>	<p>22- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM Great Hall</p>	<p>23- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom EfM 9:00 AM Great Hall Zoom SJDS THANKSGIVING PROGRAM & FEAST 11:00 AM Great Hall 11:30 AM Perry Hall</p>
<p>28- SUNDAY SERVICES ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENT 9:00 A.M. St. James</p>	<p>29- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM Great Hall</p>	<p>30- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom EfM 9:00 AM Great Hall Zoom MEN'S AL ANON 5:15-7:00 PM Great Hall VOICES OF SCRIPTURE 7:00 PM Zoom</p>

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3- PCJ BIBLE STUDY 7:00 AM Racine PCJ SJDS PARENTS COFFEE 8:30 AM Bacon House Lawn THE PATH BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM Graham Par. or Zoom HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM Chapel EfM: 6:30 PM Zoom EPISCO-POSSE 8:15 PM Zoom</p>	<p>4-MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM Choir Room CONTEMPLATION WITH COMPANIONS 7:00 PM Zoom</p>	<p>5- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom HYMN SING 2:00 PM Brightmore</p>	<p>6-QUIET REFLECTION 7:30 AM Mt. Lebanon SUNRISE AL-ANON 7:45 AM Great Hall RISE AGAINST HUNGER All Day Perry Hal</p>
<p>10- PCJ BIBLE STUDY 7:00 AM Racine PCJ MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom THE PATH BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM Graham Par. or Zoom HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM Chapel EfM: 6:30 PM Zoom</p>	<p>11- VETERANS' DAY Office and SJDS Closed VETERANS' DAY MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY 5:30 PM St. James</p>	<p>12- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom</p>	<p>13- SUNRISE AL-ANON 7:45 AM Great Hall</p>
<p>17- PCJ BIBLE STUDY 7:00 AM Racine PCJ THE PATH BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM Graham Parlor HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM Church EfM: 6:30 PM Zoom COHI: 6:30 PM Graham Par. EPISCO-POSSE 8:15 PM Zoom</p>	<p>18- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM Choir Room CONTEMPLATION WITH COMPANIONS 7:00 PM Zoom</p>	<p>19- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom</p>	<p>20- SUNRISE AL-ANON 7:45 AM Great Hall</p>
<p>24- THANKSGIVING BREAK BEGINS FOR SJDS AND THE CHURCH OFFICE MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM Church</p>	<p>25- THANKSGIVING DAY- OFFICE & DAY SCHOOL CLOSED. MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom</p>	<p>26- THANKSGIVING BREAK - OFFICE & DAY SCHOOL CLOSED MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM Zoom</p>	<p>27- SUNRISE AL-ANON 7:45 AM Great Hall</p>
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