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# THE GRAPEVINE

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ST. JAMES PARISH • WILMINGTON, NC  
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## FROM THE RECTOR

### THE REV. C. PHILLIP CRAIG, JR.

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

Dear St. James Parish Family,

Psalm 122 is one of my favorites. In particular, I love the simple opening line, which presents a spirit of hope, gratitude and enthusiasm. To me, these seventeen words encapsulate the very heart of our life together as a parish family.

*"I was glad"*: These words remind me of God's desire for our lives. To be glad is to be pleased and delighted. I believe that God calls us into a life of joy. In my mind, this is different than a life of happiness, which our culture often promotes. Joy is more of a lens for all that we experience, and a hopeful manner by which we can reflect upon all of the events that come our way.

*"when they said to me ..."*: These words remind me that we are not meant to be alone. God calls us to be in relationship and community with one another. That means being present and intentional, with patience and care and understanding. Being in community also means a willingness to speak with truth and to be accountable to one another. And, as we read in the Book of Common Prayer, to respect the dignity of every person.

*"let us go..."*: These words remind me of the importance of an invitation. I remember that Jesus met those fishermen early in his ministry. He said "come and follow me," and they did, and their lives were forever changed. You and I have opportunities every day to invite and

welcome newcomers into our midst, and to share the good news which binds us together. Perhaps you might consider who you could invite to come and follow you!

*"to the house of the Lord..."*: These words remind me, of course, of the remarkable way our St. James Parish family is blessed with extraordinary locations by which to worship and praise our God. Yes, our historic downtown sanctuary and Mt. Lebanon Chapel are lovely and distinct. The true house of the Lord, though, lies in the faith-filled spirit of those gathered together.

There are still many "unknowns," as we move into the month of October. Wonderfully, there are also "knowns." We know we are not alone. We know have been called by Christ into this beloved community - to live lives pointed towards His joy. And finally, we know that there are others who have not yet found their way, and that we are to invite them into the story.

Please remember my desire to hear from you, and learn more about your stories. My door is open, and my contact information is below.

Faithfully,

*Phillip*  
Phillip

*phillip@stjamesp.org*  
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## A PRAYER OF SELF-DEDICATION

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer page 832*

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## 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](http://www.stjamesp.org)

## IN OUR PRAYERS:

David Champney, Cissy Loughlin, Laurens Wright

## CONDOLENCES TO:

Lee Williams on the passing of his mother,  
Dr. Jo Watts Williams  
Van King on the passing of his sister,  
Sylvia King

## SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

For the time being, we will continue to offer services at the following times:

### Online Worship

9:30 AM- Livestream from Mt. Lebanon Chapel

### Mt. Lebanon Chapel

8:30 AM- Holy Eucharist - Rite II

9:30 AM- Holy Eucharist - Rite II

### Downtown Campus

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

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

## PLEDGING & GIVING ONLINE

To donate and support St. James Parish, visit: [onrealm.org/StJamesParish/give/pledge](http://onrealm.org/StJamesParish/give/pledge). You can visit [stjamesp.org/stewardship](http://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](http://stjamesp.org/st-james-foundation) for more information.

## 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
- Faith Formation Leaders
- 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](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) to learn more!

## OFFICE HOURS UPDATE

September 28, 2021 - SJP Office Closing Early

Please be aware that the Parish Office will be closing early on Tuesday, September 28 for staff team building. Regular Office Hours will resume on Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m.

## BIBLE STUDY: THE VOICES OF SCRIPTURE

Tuesdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 | 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/](http://stjamesp.org/blog/the-voices-of-scripture/).

## PORT CITY JAVA BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, September 29, 2021 | 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](mailto:Cookie@stjamesp.org).

## BIBLE STUDY: THE PATH

Wednesdays, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 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. The Path is the story of the Bible, excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version so that it is clear and easy to read. 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](mailto: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!

## 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](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org). You can get a direct link sent to the top of your email in box each morning!

## ON TITHING

by Bram Colonna

I remember growing up and watching my mother write a check in the church pew and putting it in the offering plate. She would also give my sister and me a dollar or two to put in the offering plate as well. While a dollar might not be much, it was to me then. For me, giving has always been important. And while I may not have always been as diligent as I should have been, it always stood out in my mind.

Now, having children of my own, it's important for me to, in turn, leave the same image in their mind and to know the importance of giving. Tithing for me and my wife is something near and dear. God provides for us, so we should repay the favor. For us, giving not only helps with the upkeep of the church, but it provides opportunities for the less fortunate both near and far.

It's a blessing to see the impacts we can make on those around us from the gifts God has provided us.

## PARISH RETREAT FIRST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER!

Friday, October 1 - Sunday, October 3 | Trinity Center

It's been far too long since we've gathered together for a parish retreat. This fall we plan to host a retreat at Trinity Center in Salter Path, NC. Plan to join us from Friday, 10/1/21 at dinner time through Sunday, 10/3/21 after a small Sunday morning service and breakfast. This will be a wonderful time to get to know our new Rector, The Rev. Phillip Craig, and our church family. To see costs and register, please visit our website: [stjamesp.org/retreat](http://stjamesp.org/retreat).

## VESTRY NOMINIATIONS UNDERWAY

Deadline to submit a name to the Wardens: October 1, 2021

Your vestry nominating committee will be meeting very soon, and we are asking for your input and nominations by October 1. We hope to have a cross-section of our congregation represented by members, who are active in the many ministries and opportunities available at St. James. The vestry has much responsibility to our parish and members spend many hours sharing their time and talents. Please complete the online form ([stjamesp.org/nomination](http://stjamesp.org/nomination)) for nominating your nominee or feel free to contact one of your wardens, Steve Thomas at [steve.thomas@live.com](mailto:steve.thomas@live.com) or Jane Martin at [martinjane@ec.rr.com](mailto:martinjane@ec.rr.com). You may also use this same process for any one who would like to or should be nominated to serve as a Delegate to the 2022 Diocesan Convention in Wilmington on 2/11-12/2022.

## QUIET REFLECTION

October 2nd, 2021 | 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

While we aren't able to open the Chapel for Quiet Reflection in September, please make plans to join us for a time of contemplated prayer and meditation at the beautiful Mt. Lebanon Chapel on the first Saturday of October! 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](mailto:lindamurchison65@gmail.com).

## LIVE AT 5

Sunday, October 3, 2021 | 5:00 p.m. | St. James Parish

Mark your calendars! Live at 5 is back on Sunday, October 3rd. Plan to bring your chair or picnic blanket and join us for a special time of fellowship kicking off the St. James Youth Out of the Darkness Luminary Walk.

## OUT OF THE DARKNESS LUMINARY WALK: LIGHT UP THE PATH

Sunday, October 3, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. | St. James Parish

Each November the St. James Youth Ministries takes part in the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk held at Wrightsville Beach. As it was in 2020, this year's event has been split into smaller walks due to the pandemic. In 2020, St. James hosted our first ever, Out of the Darkness Luminary Walk and raised over \$5,000 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

This year, we'll again be hosting this special Luminary walk. We will be the only walk in the Wilmington area. The money that we raise through our Out of the Darkness Walk will be significant towards improving education about Suicide and its prevention. All donations will go to The American Society for Suicide Prevention.

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 Cantwell at [Cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:Cookie@stjamesp.org) or Jane Ripppy at [janeripppy@yahoo.com](mailto:janeripppy@yahoo.com).

[st.jamesp.org/luminary](http://st.jamesp.org/luminary)



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

*Next date October 4, 2021 | 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. The way we react to and process grief depends on the relationship, manner of death, if and how you were able to say goodbye, your beliefs, your background, and your personality. 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](mailto:cheryl@stjamesp.org) for more information.

## **EPISCO-POSSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

*Next Meeting October 6, 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](mailto:Leslie.H.Jarrett@gmail.com)) or Michelle Gray ([michelle.gray@nhcs.net](mailto:michelle.gray@nhcs.net)) to learn more!

## **CONTEMPLATION WITH COMPANIONS, SCRIPTURE AND QUIET**

*Thursdays, starting October 7, 2021 | 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](mailto:lindamurchison65@gmail.com)

## **ECW - EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN MEETING**

*October 10, 2021 | 3:00 p.m. | Graham Parlor*

Join us on Sunday, October 10, at 3:00 p.m. in the Graham Parlor for the September meeting of the Episcopal Church Women. All women of St. James are invited to attend as we prepare for our Annual Bake Sale in November. Have questions about this meeting or want to help spearhead the Bake Sale? Please reach out to Beth Cornelison at [cornelisonbeth@gmail.com](mailto:cornelisonbeth@gmail.com).



## **BREAD BREAKERS' HOSPITALITY AT HOME**

*October 23, 2021 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Jarrett Home*

Join us for Hospitality at Home! We will be at the Jarrett Home on Saturday, October 23rd 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](mailto:Chris@stjamesp.org).



## **MEN ON A MISSION SAVE THE DATE**

*Sunday, October 24 | 3:00-6:00 p.m. | Rocky Point Farm*

Save the Date: The Men on a Mission are having an oyster roast on October 24 starting at 3:00 p.m. hosted by Frank Gwathmey in Rocky Point at the farm at the end of Mooretown Rd. Stay tuned! More details to come.

## **OCTOBER 31st MEALS ON WHEELS**

*Sunday, October 31, 2021 | All Day*

St. James is once again responsible for delivery of Meals on Wheels on Sunday, October 31, and we need volunteers to make a cold pasta dish ( recipe will be included in email for any volunteers); to drive a route; to provide seedless grapes; or to provide brownies from Sam's or Costco. Anyone wanting to volunteer or needing more information should contact [mollyroush@hotmail.com](mailto:mollyroush@hotmail.com).

## **RISE AGAINST HUNGER- NEW DATE SET FOR NOVEMBER 6th**

Later this fall, 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 [janetwrd@aol.com](mailto:janetwrd@aol.com).

## **ALL SAINTS DAY - WELCOME SUNDAY!**

*Sunday, November 7 | All Morning | St. James Parish*

Make plans to join us on Sunday, November 7, for Welcome Sunday. We'll be gathering together under one roof at St. James Parish for a time of community and worship. We encourage you to stay tuned for a sneak peek of what to expect!

## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH MOMENT: THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

by Lindsey Gregg

As kids, many of us were taught the sweet, simple hymn, "This Little Light of Mine." There aren't many things more precious and heartwarming than listening to a child sing about God's love for us. The words and the tune of "This Little Light Of Mine" are easy and repetitive. As children, it taught us that Jesus loves us so much that he gave us each a special gift, which, whether we realized it or not, offered us confidence and hope. But I learned that the hymn actually offers a wonderful and important message and it turns out it has translated throughout my lifetime.

I had heard and sung that song countless times as a little girl but when I was 18 years old, my classmates and I watched Bishop Michael Curry as he gave the keynote speech at our high school graduation. Back then, he was not yet Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. He came to our small school to offer advice to a group of high school girls about to embark on the world as adults and his entire speech was formulated around "This Little Light Of Mine." He reminded us of the classic hymn and enthusiastically instructed us to go out into the world as new graduates and let our light shine! However, the additional sentiment he offered was something I'd never really considered- that when we let our light shine, it allows others to do the same. The words were what I had sung for years and the melody hadn't changed. Bishop Curry's contagious energy and sincerity offered us a whole new perspective on the song. Until Bishop Curry reframed the song's message for us as adults, I hadn't really thought about how that faithful act would impact others.

The fellowship that we experienced at graduation has stayed with me. (If you're going to start your adult life taking advice from anyone, it doesn't get much better than Bishop Curry!) Jesus said let my light shine and Bishop Curry helped me learn why. That's simple enough, right? But suddenly in adulthood, you're not warmly encouraged by your teachers or surrounded by old friends like a comforting blanket. Now there are bosses and coworkers and new cities and responsibilities. If you're lucky enough to have figured out how to shine your light, you're cautiously fumbling around its brightness. There were many great people those first few years in the "real world" who would shine their own light and allow me to do the same. But there were also instances where I felt dimmed. It took time but I finally realized that the shining light was what would point me in the right direction. The people that I needed to surround myself with would let me shine my light and I hoped that, in turn, they would feel comfortable doing the same around me. Letting your light shine is an act of trust between two individuals and faith between us and Jesus. Fellowship didn't just exist within the walls of a church or during a service. It consistently exists within a community when we shine collectively our lights.

Now, as the parent of a young child, I see how children shine a light everywhere they go. They're not thinking about why they do it or how that encourages others. They're learning stories about God and Jesus and songs like "This Little Light of Mine" to teach them about faith and love. As Owen's mom and dad, my husband and I try to encourage our son to find what he loves and pursue it. It's my job as his parent to remind him of Jesus's love for us and encourage him to shine just as the hymn encourages us. And hopefully he and his friends learn by watching us all shine our lights too.

## **CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS AND STEWARDSHIP- IN A BOX**

Box Pick Up: October 10, 2021

Deadline to Request a Box: October 5, 2021

To help us get excited for All Saints and our new Forward Together Campaign, our Stewardship Committee and our Faith Formation Commission are joining forces to bring you a special edition, All Saints in a Box!

In the box you can expect to find:

- Forward Together Meditation Cards
- Saint Challenge Bingo
- I Am a Saint Too! Journals
- Special All Saints Craft Activity
- And more!

You may request your box today by visiting [stjamesp.org/allsaints](http://stjamesp.org/allsaints) or by emailing Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

## **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](http://stjamesp.org/foundation).

## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ON THE VESTRY

WE are about to choose four new vestry members for OUR vestry, and hopefully some of my musings will inspire many of you to consider being part of this ministry. As I finish my third and last year, my mind and especially my heart are full of where our church has been and where we are going. As Phillip often says, "It's all good" and it is! That is not to say these last 5 or so years have been the smoothest in our history.

Your vestry members have prayed and worked, laughed and cried, dreamed and listened, made big decisions and trite decisions, taken vacation days to be at retreats, zoomed and met together, hugged and kept our distances, prayed more, dreamed more, agreed and disagreed, never stopped respecting one another, worried a little and grown in our faith, seen so many of our prayers answered and waiting for a few more answers, given thanks for so many leaders in our church family and looked for ways to get more of us involved, felt great humility and also great gratitude for this historically significant church and for our wonderful parish family. Going forward, these wonders will continue, but with Phillip now chosen, called, and among us, those little worries and trite decisions are lessening. Praise God!

A vestry has responsibilities as stated in church canons such as shared leadership with the rector and functions much as a board of any nonprofit, with responsibilities for finances and management of property and human resources. As stated in a publication from The Episcopal Church Foundation, "Many aspects of the vestry's role are defined by entities beyond the congregation -local, state, and federal laws and diocesan and Episcopal Church canons—as well by the church's own constitution and bylaws. This publication goes on to say so much more about a vestry's role in wrestling with questions of faith and the mission and vision of the congregation.

I could share so much more. There are so many leaders and hard working staff members making significant impacts on our parish. We are stronger now in so many ways as we continue forward. Phillip and his family are excited to be here. THE Spirit emanates from them. One of my prayers is that each of you recognize The Spirit that is working among us. I also pray that we can worship all together soon. I pray that we will all prayerfully consider being part of the success of our stewardship campaign. We have much to do to the glory of God. Let us all dream as one.

Much love,

Jane Martin

Junior Warden

## VESTRY NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Have questions about joining the vestry or nominating a candidate? Meet our 2022 Vestry Nomination Committee. They can help you get started!

Steve Thomas	Brian McMerty
Jane Martin	Jean Smith
Pem Jenkins	Erin Trask

## BRIGHTMORE HYMN SING SAVE THE DATE

*Friday, November 6, 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 6th at 2 pm! While things may change depending on COVID developments, please know that we are currently planning "full steam ahead" for this wonderful event! If you have any favorite hymns that you would love to be a part of that afternoon's program, please send this information along to John Sullivan at [music@stjamesp.org](mailto:music@stjamesp.org)!

## THE ST. JAMES CHOIR WANTS YOU!

*According to St. Augustine, "To sing is to pray twice."*

Get to know another part of the St. James community and lend your time and talent as we lift our prayers and praises to God!

**Why sing?** Research has shown that singing can be good for you on many levels. It may help lower stress, boost immunity and lung function, enhance memory, improve mental health, and help you cope with physical and emotional pain. Of course, you can sing on your own in the shower or to your favorite tunes on the radio....

**You can also sing in the St. James Choir!**

As we return to our Historic downtown sanctuary with three services beginning on November 7, there will be opportunities to sing at our more casual 9:00 a.m. service, where the choir sits downstairs at the front of the congregation, or at the more traditional 11:15 a.m. service, where the vested choir sings from the choir loft.

Look for more information regarding Thursday evening choir rehearsals (7:00-8:30 p.m. each Thursday). We anticipate these will resume in mid to late October or early November. Please contact John Sullivan at [music@stjamesp.org](mailto:music@stjamesp.org) with any questions!

## ALL SAINTS BOOK SERIES

Sundays Starting October 3, 2021 | SJP YouTube

St. James Children's Ministries is teaming up with some of our church family to share special stories of different Saints as we begin our march towards All Saints Day on November 7th! Keep an eye out for a new Saint Story each Sunday on our YouTube Channel and other social media.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES EMAIL LIST

We are so excited for November and the potential return to in-person Sunday School! That being said, faith formation never stops. Each Sunday, Shannon Lockamy, our Director of Children's Ministries, sends out emails tailored for each age group to enjoy Sunday School activities and stories at home.

If you aren't already on our email list and would like to be, please reach out to Shannon at [christian.formation@stjamesp.org](mailto:christian.formation@stjamesp.org) or Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).



## LET YOUR JOY RING OUT

Over the last year or so, we've gotten into the habit of sharing what we call #sjpmomentsofjoy. Each week we take the time to share the joys of our church family both large and small.

One weekly moment of joy stands out for many of our parish families, the ringing of the bells at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. While our single bell has always been loved, there is something special about watching all of the young members of our congregation participate in the service through the ringing of bells. Each Sunday, we've watched more and more little ones get excited about the start of church and getting to vigorously ring their bell!

We invite you to continue to share your moments of joy with us by submitting them to Erin Becker, our Director of Communications, [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).



## SJDS TEACHER WORKDAY

Friday, October 8, 2021

Our SJDS School year off to a fantastic start! Students and teachers have enjoyed days of learning, playing, and growing together! On Friday, October 8, SJDS will be closed for a Teacher Work Day! We hope you will all enjoy your 3-Day weekend!

## SJDS COFFEE ON THE LAWN

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 | 8:45 a.m. | St. James

On Wednesday, October 13, after drop-off, please join our clergy, other parents and Day School Director, Amy Taylor, for coffee on the lawn in front of the Bacon House.

## FRIENDLY REMINDER TO SET UP YOUR SJDS 2021-2022 VIC CARD LINK

Please link or re-link (you have to re-link your card every year to the Day School). Our school code is 5264. The associate at the Customer Service desk can help you. SJDS receives funds based on the number of linked cards, and a portion of the proceeds on the sale of all HT brand items... an easy fundraiser for us! Ask your friends and family to link their VIC cards, too!



# YOUTH GROUP

## 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 of us 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](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org), or call or text 910-264-5910

## HAPPENING #76

*October 15-17, 2021 | Trinity Center*

Happening is a weekend retreat for 9th - 12th graders that focuses on faith, friends and fun. It is a retreat that is "Youth-Led" with Adult Support. Happening #76 will abide within CDC Covid - 19 Safety Standards. Please contact Cookie Cantwell, [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org), or Jane Rippey, [janerippy@yahoo.com](mailto:janerippy@yahoo.com) for further information.



## BECOMING A LEADER

*by Will Carter*

The first time I was introduced to the St. James Youth Group was in sixth grade. I had been attending St. James church and Sunday School for years but now I could attend fun events and hang out with the big kids. Every Sunday I was experiencing something new. At first it was things like messy games, where we play twister but with chocolate syrup or other gross ingredients on the spots, or the lock-in, where we played games and watched movies while being "locked-in" the youth room. In seventh grade, I took a risk and signed up for Glory Ridge. I didn't really know anyone that well except for my siblings, Mollie and Hinton Carter, whom most of y'all probably know. My expectations were honestly pretty low because I had never been away from home for that long and I didn't think that doing construction work for a week would be fun at all. But I took a chance, I went for it, and it could not have been a better experience. However, all through my Youth Group "career", there had been one event that I hadn't attended. An event exclusive to high schoolers. An event that my siblings had been talking about for years. They were talking about Happening.

Happening is my favorite Youth Group activity by far. If you don't know, it's a weekend long, youth led retreat made up of young, old, and everything in between. Music, dancing, good food, it's got it all. It's also where the title of this passage comes in. The first time you go to Happening, you are what's called a "Candidate". They are led by the "Team", a group of youth and adults that have already attended Happening at least once. There are many different roles that a Team Member can hold. The first time or two, you will most likely be a Small Group Gopher, who is someone that helps the candidates with anything they might need. Once you do that a few times, you can move up to Energizer or maybe even Skit Team/ Maitre D. These are more on the entertainment side of things. And then, there's the upfront leadership roles. Rector, Head Gopher, and Chaplain, along with three others who observe them and will eventually become upfront leaders themselves.

I am lucky enough to be the Chaplain at the next Happening which will be starting in October. As I've grown physically, mentally, and spiritually, I have realized that I have become the people I used to look up to at youth events. I'm also starting to notice that some of the younger crowd are just as committed as I was and still am.

All I can hope is that I can inspire them to become leaders as well.

## **SJP YOUTH: DEFY WILMINGTON**

*October 17th | 5:00 p.m. | Defy Wilmington*

Our St. James Youth are invited to join us for a time of fun and fellowship at Defy Wilmington on Sunday, October 17th! Bring your friends!

## **SJP YOUTH: HAUNTED WILMINGTON**

*October 31st | 5:00 p.m. | St. James Parish*

Join us for a tour of Haunted Wilmington and enjoy local stories and history! One of our favorite stories features the St. James Graveyard.

## **GRAPEVINE PUBLICATION & MAILING**

With more Grapevine content coming to you weekly in digital format, we've created a more robust version of the Grapevine to be mailed out on a monthly basis! This transition helps ensure you receive a comprehensive look at what's happening at St. James in the month ahead. We'll also continue to link the month's PDF version to each week's email.

*We'll be taking this opportunity to refresh our Grapevine Mailing list! If you would like to be on the updated mailing list, please make sure to let us know.*

Please reach out to us in the Parish Office (910.763.1628) or send our team an email at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) to let us know you'd like to **receive or continue to receive** the monthly printed Grapevine.

## **ONE LOVE TENNIS: SPONSOR A CHILD!**

Exciting news from one of our partnering local outreach programs! Our friends at One Love Tennis are hosting a tennis clinic with Katrina Adams on Saturday, October 2nd. We would like to invite you to help support this special event by sponsoring a child to participate in the tennis clinic! The training sessions cost \$50 per child and each child will receive a copy of Katrina Adams' new book, "Own The Arena" in addition to the unique experience of training with a tennis pro! To sponsor a child so they can participate in a clinic and meet Katrina Adams, please contact Lenny Simpson at 910-520-9264 or email [info@one-love-tennis.org](mailto:info@one-love-tennis.org).

## **SUBMITTING ROOM AND PUBLICATION REQUESTS ONLINE**

With so many great programs and activities at St. James, we're making it easier to find and submit information! Did you know you may submit a publication request, or reserve a room with St. James facilities on the website?

**To submit a room/space use request form visit:**

[stjamesp.org/room](http://stjamesp.org/room)

**To submit a publication request form visit:**

[stjamesp.org/publications](http://stjamesp.org/publications)

Have questions? Reach out to Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

## **STAFF RETREAT: UNDERSTANDING STRENGTHS**

*by Erin Becker*

In September, the St. James Parish Staff took time away from the parish office to join together for a very special session of team building. With The Rev. Phillip Craig's addition to our church family this summer, this time provided a great opportunity for us to better understand one another. In lieu of your typical get to know you games, we went a little deeper, using a program called Management By Strengths.

Before our time together, each team member was asked to complete a quick 5-minute questionnaire. This questionnaire was designed to help us determine our temperments and what strengths we have in our communication styles. We arrived at the Staff Retreat with our individual results, not really certain of what to expect with the training before us.

Mike, with MBS, lead us through an enlightening session about the four distinct temperment types and how their assortment helps shape our individual understanding of different methods of communication. As a snap shot, the four types breakdown roughly as:

- Red - Direct: Prioritizes efficiency in getting to the heart of the matter.
- Green - Extroversion: Orients around collaboration and people.
- Blue - Paced: Focuses on planning and timeline coordination.
- Yellow - Structured: Values process and going "by the book."

Understanding how each of us have our unique distribution of these temperment traits allow us to figure out how to best communicate with each other when it comes to reaching a common goal. We've taken to displaying our results in our offices. We invite you to ask us about them!

**If you would like to check out the MBS Program for your family, please visit [strengths.com](http://strengths.com) and click "The MBS Survey." Our Acct # is 2620 and our password is SJP2021.**

# OCTOBER AT ST. JAMES

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### Online Worship

9:30 AM- Livestream

### Mt. Lebanon Chapel \*BYOS

8:30 AM- H.E. - Rite II

9:30 AM- H.E. - Rite II

### Downtown Campus

8:00 AM- H.E.- Rite I

10:30 AM- H.E. - Rite II

**\*H.E.:** Holy Eucharist

**\*BYOS:** Bring Your Own

Supplies. *If you plan to sit outside, please bring your own chairs, picnic blankets, etc.*

## 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/](http://stjamesp.org/)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p><b>9.26- SUNDAY SERVICES</b>            DIRECTORY PICTURES            Between Services            YOUTH GROUP            5:00 PM   Perry Hall</p>	<p><b>9.27- MORNING PRAYER</b>            8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom            SPIRITUAL GROWTH            COMMITTEE MEETING            4:00 PM   Zoom            FELLOWSHIP AA            7:00 PM   Great Hall</p>	<p><b>9.28- MORNING PRAYER</b>            8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom            EfM            9:00 AM   Great Hall   Zoom            MEN'S AL ANON            5:15-7:00 PM   Great Hall            BIBLE STUDY            7:00 PM   Zoom</p>
<p><b>3- SUNDAY SERVICES</b>            PARISH RETREAT            Concludes 11:00 AM            LOWER CF DEANERY            3:00 PM   St. Pauls            LIVE AT 5            5:00 PM   St. James            LUMINARY WALK            6:00 PM   St. James</p>	<p><b>4- MORNING PRAYER</b>            8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom            LIVING WELL IN GRIEF            5:00 PM   Graham Parlor            FELLOWSHIP AA            7:00 PM   Great Hall</p>	<p><b>5- MORNING PRAYER</b>            8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom            EfM            9:00 AM   Great Hall   Zoom            MEN'S AL ANON            5:15-7:00 PM   Great Hall            BIBLE STUDY            7:00 PM   Zoom</p>
<p><b>10- SUNDAY SERVICES</b>            ECW BAKE SALE            8:30 AM   Mt. Lebanon            ECW            3:00 P.M.   Graham Parlor            YOUTH GROUP            5:00 P.M.   Perry Hall</p>	<p><b>11- MORNING PRAYER</b>            8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom            VESTRY MEETING            5:15 PM   Bishop Wr.            FELLOWSHIP AA            7:00 PM   Great Hall</p>	<p><b>12- MORNING PRAYER</b>            8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom            EfM            9:00 AM   Great Hall   Zoom            MEN'S AL ANON            5:15-7:00 PM   Great Hall            BIBLE STUDY            7:00 PM   Zoom</p>
<p><b>17- SUNDAY SERVICES</b>            HAPPENING #76            All Day   Trinity Center            YOUTH GROUP            5:00 P.M.   Perry Hall</p>	<p><b>18- MORNING PRAYER</b>            8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom            LIVING WELL IN GRIEF            5:00 PM   Graham Parlor            FELLOWSHIP AA            7:00 PM   Great Hall</p>	<p><b>19- MORNING PRAYER</b>            8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom            EfM            9:00 AM   Great Hall   Zoom            MEN'S AL ANON            5:15-7:00 PM   Great Hall            BIBLE STUDY            7:00 PM   Zoom</p>
<p><b>24- SUNDAY SERVICES</b>            MoM: Oyster Roast            3:00 P.M.   Rocky Point            YOUTH GROUP            5:00 P.M.   Perry Hall</p>	<p><b>25- MORNING PRAYER</b>            8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom            FELLOWSHIP AA            7:00 PM   Great Hall</p>	<p><b>26- MORNING PRAYER</b>            8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom            EfM            9:00 AM   Great Hall   Zoom            MEN'S AL ANON            5:15-7:00 PM   Great Hall            BIBLE STUDY            7:00 PM   Zoom</p>
<p><b>31- SUNDAY SERVICES</b>            YOUTH GROUP-            HAUNTED WILM.            5:00 P.M.   Perry Hall</p>		

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>9.29-</b> PCJ BIBLE STUDY 7:00 AM   Racine PCJ</p> <p>MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p> <p>THE PATH BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM   Graham Parl.</p> <p>HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM   Chapel</p> <p>EfM 6:30 PM   Zoom</p>	<p><b>9.30-</b>MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p> <p>SJDS PARENTS NIGHT 6:00 PM   Day School</p> <p>CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM   Choir Room</p>	<p><b>1-</b> PARISH RETREAT 5:00 PM   Trinity Center</p> <p>MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p>	<p><b>2-</b>PARISH RETREAT All Day   Trinity Center</p> <p>QUIET REFLECTION 7:30 AM   Mt. Lebanon</p> <p>SUNRISE AL-ANON 7:45 AM   Great Hall</p>
<p><b>6-</b> PCJ BIBLE STUDY 7:00 AM   Racine PCJ</p> <p>MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p> <p>THE PATH BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM   Graham Par. or Zoom</p> <p>HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM   Chapel</p> <p>EfM: 6:30 PM   Zoom</p> <p>EPISCO-POSSE 8:15 PM   Zoom</p>	<p><b>7-</b> MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p> <p>CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM   Choir Room</p>	<p><b>8-</b> SJDS TEACHER WORK- DAY: No School</p> <p>MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p>	<p><b>9-</b> SUNRISE AL-ANON 7:45 AM   Great Hall</p>
<p><b>13-</b> PCJ BIBLE STUDY 7:00 AM   Racine PCJ</p> <p>MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p> <p>SJDS COFFEE ON THE LAWN 8:45 AM   Bacon House Lawn</p> <p>THE PATH BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM   Graham Parlor</p> <p>HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM   Church</p> <p>EfM: 6:30 PM   Zoom</p>	<p><b>14-</b> MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p> <p>CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM   Choir Room</p>	<p><b>15-</b> HAPPENING #76 Evening   Trinity Center</p> <p>MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p>	<p><b>16-</b> HAPPENING #76 All Day   Trinity Center</p> <p>SUNRISE AL-ANON 7:45 AM   Great Hall</p>
<p><b>20-</b> PCJ BIBLE STUDY 7:00 AM   Racine PCJ</p> <p>MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p> <p>THE PATH BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM   Graham Parl.</p> <p>HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM   Church</p> <p>EfM: 6:30 PM   Zoom</p> <p>EPISCO-POSSE 8:15 PM   Zoom</p>	<p><b>21-</b> MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p> <p>CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM   Choir Room</p>	<p><b>22-</b> MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p>	<p><b>23-</b> SUNRISE AL-ANON 7:45 AM   Great Hall</p> <p>BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME 4:00 PM   Jarrett Home</p>
<p><b>27-</b> PCJ BIBLE STUDY 7:00 AM   Racine PCJ</p> <p>MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p> <p>THE PATH BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM   Graham Par.</p> <p>HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM   Church</p> <p>EfM: 6:30 PM   Zoom</p>	<p><b>28-</b> MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p> <p>CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM   Choir Room</p>	<p><b>29-</b> MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM   Zoom</p>	<p><b>30-</b> SUNRISE AL-ANON 7:45 AM   Great Hall</p>

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