

ST. JAMES NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# GRAPEVINE

GROWING TOGETHER IN LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR



## IN THIS ISSUE

FROM THE RECTOR- THE REV. C. PHILLIP CRAIG, JR.

VESTRY CORNER

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT ST. JAMES

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

AND MORE!

WELCOME SUNDAY 2023



# HAPPENING AT ST. JAMES

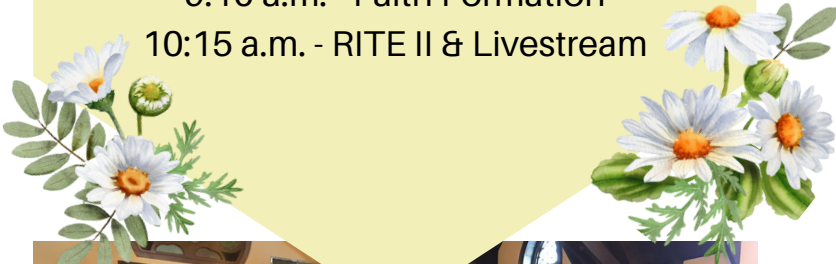
## SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

8:00 a.m. - RITE I

9:10 a.m. - Faith Formation

10:15 a.m. - RITE II & Livestream



IGNITE! SUNDAY NIGHTS WITH SJP YOUTH



OUR ST. JAMES CHOIR BEHIND THE SCENES



RISE AGAINST HUNGER 2023

## WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

# M

### MORNING PRAYER

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 8:00 a.m.

Join us on Zoom

### LIVING WELL IN GRIEF

1st & 3rd MONDAYS | 5:00 p.m.

Graham Parlor or Zoom

### SABBATH EXPLORATION

2nd & 4th MONDAYS | 5:00 p.m.

Group Member Home

# T

### EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m.

Register for Location

# W

### HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

SELECT WEDNESDAYS | 8:00 a.m.

2018 South 16th Street

### GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY

WEDNESDAYS | 9:00 a.m.

Stephen Ministry Room

### HEBREWS FOR EVERYONE

WEDNESDAYS | 11:00 a.m.

Graham Parlor or via Zoom

### HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAYS | 12:10 p.m.

Celebrating Holy Communion

# T

### EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Thursdays | 6:30 p.m.

Register for Location

### CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursdays | 7:00 p.m.

St. James Choir Room



# From the Rector

*I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

*Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

*Ephesians 3:18-20*

Dear St. James Parish Family,

What an amazing prayer by Paul - a true affirmation of the power that comes through God's grace and hope for each of us, individually, and also for the mission and ministry of St. James Parish.

When we gather together in worship, or in small groups, support our young people, or offer our time in service, we celebrate that Jesus changed everything and that God is now sending us, every single one of us, into the world to share and live out the good news. That's what we are about as followers of Christ.

This season, we now embrace and honor the fellowship and good work that our mutual financial stewardship plants and supports. Your designated and personally meaningful pledge for 2024 allows us to prayerfully plan our programs and outreach for the year to come. Such endeavors require firm and dedicated budgets. With our campus, programs and outreach partners, a strong budget is crucial to our ministries both to our parish family and to our wider community.

I want to echo the words of our 2024 Stewardship Committee leaders and thank you for your strong and faithful investment in St. James Parish. The manner by which you specifically pledge your financial resource allows us to make a real difference in the lives of the people that we serve in Jesus' name. Just like Paul, we celebrate that there is a power at work within us, as God's people, to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

Blessings,

*Phillip+*

The Rev. C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

[phillip@stjamesp.org](mailto:phillip@stjamesp.org)





# Vestry Corner

*"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." - 1 Peter 4:8*



At the end of our vestry retreat in August, we went around the room and everyone shared a take-away from our time together. The take-aways included the testimony of our youth, energy, decluttering our space, progress, all talents and perspectives, follow-through, openness, collaboration and gratitude. Our time together was very full and covered many aspects of our parish. We talked about stewardship, worship, gave feedback and more. One of the things I respect most about members of the vestry is their willingness to communicate in an open and honest way so that nothing is left unsaid. I think this openness of communication and honesty has allowed for vestry members to feel connected to one another in a sweet reminder that we are all a part of God's family. That connection and experience is just one small part of what makes being on the vestry such a unique opportunity. I share this because we are now asking for nominations for the next class of vestry to be elected at our annual meeting on January 14th. Please take a moment to read more about the vestry nomination process in the October Grapevine publication.

In September we were delighted to have Ansley Trask (Children's Ministries Coordinator) and Cookie Cantwell (Youth Ministries Coordinator) join us to share their experience and thoughts of how we can best serve the young people of St. James Parish. It takes a LOT of time, energy and money to keep these programs running especially as they continue to grow! The children are busy with Sunday morning formation, Vacation Bible School, Children's choir and the desire for additional programming for our upper elementary youth. The youth program is nonstop with weekly programs including their well attended Starbucks Bible Study and their new Sunday evening gathering Ignite! The youth also has many special events throughout the year including many service opportunities and mission trips! Please keep our children and youth in mind as you make your 2024 Stewardship pledge!

We are now in full swing with our new Sunday morning schedule! Thank you to the Breakfast Teams for continuing to provide a delicious meal starting at 8:30am on Sundays! Please join us for Faith Formation hour by participating in either the Disciples Class or Faith Discussions, both classes are open to all and require no prep work! These groups have worked hard to develop a robust and interesting schedule of topics to continue to grow in our faith.

Please continue to reach out if you have any questions, comments or thoughts.

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



# SEEKING: Vestry Nominations

What is the Vestry? The term 'Vestry' originally came from colonial days when in England the male parishioners would gather in the 'vestry' (room where clergy vested) to elect churchwardens each year. Once in America, the parishes were much larger and since every male parishioner could no longer fit in the 'vestry' room, they started electing 12 parishioners to serve for life on the church vestry. Today, the number and length of term varies but the vestry members continue to serve as 'the legal representative of the parish with regard to all matters pertaining to its corporate property.'

Who is on the Vestry at St. James? At St. James we elect four members each year to serve a three-year term on the vestry. In addition to the twelve elected parishioners, non-voting members include the Clerk (Dianne MacAskill) and Treasurer (Mike Brown). We strive to have a cross-section of our congregation represented by vestry members, who are active in the many ministries and opportunities available at St. James. The vestry has a huge responsibility to our parish and members of it spend many hours sharing their time and talents.

How do I nominate someone for vestry? At St. James anyone is welcome to nominate or submit themselves for consideration on the vestry. Please reach out to any member of the vestry nominating committee to submit names for consideration. You are also welcome to e-mail submissions to Leslie Jarrett (Senior Warden) at [Leslie.H.Jarrett@gmail.com](mailto:Leslie.H.Jarrett@gmail.com). **Deadline to submit nominees is Sunday, October 15, 2023.**

Who is on the Vestry Nominating Committee? This committee is comprised each year of a blend of parishioners selected by the churchwardens. The members include the Senior Warden (chair), Junior Warden, a current Vestry member and three parishioners (including one previous St. James senior or junior warden). This year the nominating committee is composed of Leslie Jarrett, Alex Murchison, Brandon Tully, Florence Ellen Cowden, Bill Bivins and Kathryn Barmore.

What happens next? The nominating committee will gather to prayerfully consider all the nominees, then they discuss and select for recommendation the next class of vestry candidates. The Senior Warden then calls the nominees to ask if they are willing to serve. Once four vestry candidates have accepted the call, brief biographies of the incoming vestry slate are gathered and published at least 30 days prior to the Parish Annual meeting. Finally, at our **Parish Annual Meeting (January 14, 2024)** we formally elect the vestry class to start their three-year term.

Who should I nominate for Vestry? You can nominate yourself or someone else for consideration. As you consider who to nominate think about someone in our St. James community whom you admire? Someone whose leadership and vision would enliven the life, worship and governance of our parish. Who in your life here has touched you with their witness and commitment? Who has set an example of fulfilling the ministry of the laity? Have you yearned to help lead the Church in a new way?

What qualities are we looking for in a Vestry member?

- Leadership and a track record of service in one or more ministries
- Commitment to the mission of St. James parish (To welcome all to grow in love of God and Neighbor)
- Participation as a pledging member of St. James Parish
- Willingness to accept God's call to serve

What is the commitment like? The vestry meets the second Monday of the month in addition to two retreats during the year. Meetings vary in length but often last about two hours. Additionally, vestry members serve on a variety of committees including Finance, Day School Board of Directors, Lebanon Chapel Board of Directors, St. James Foundation, Buildings and Grounds and Stewardship. Vestry members serve as liaisons to the St. James Commissions and continue to be actively involved in parish activities.

*Serving as a member of the Vestry is one of the most rewarding challenges this Church can place before you. Thank you for helping to identify our future leaders and for opening the door for them to become part of an extraordinary group of people, brought together by God's will, lifted up by prayer, and enlivened by purpose.*

**Deadline to submit nominees is Sunday, October 15, 2023.**



# STEWARDSHIP 2024

Dear Parish Family,

We, your St. James Stewardship Committee, are thrilled to announce the Parish's 2024 Pledge Drive, which begins today, Sunday, September 24th and concludes in celebration on November 12th. Last year, the Stewardship Committee asked you to help the Church seize the opportunity to fuel the forward momentum, and build for the future. Your response was absolutely incredible, with record levels of funding pledged in support of 2023. Let us pause there and say thank you for helping achieve this record in such an uncertain time and for your support of the daily life of St. James.

This has been an inspiring year of renewal and reinvigoration for St. James. Each passing year sees us growing as a Parish family, in numbers, energy, and spirit, and 2023 was among the most exceptional. Many things went into that progress, and we would be remiss if we did not give due credit to the practical and spiritual leadership of our wonderful Clergy, the countless hours volunteered by the Parish members and the deep, positive impact of our devoted staff. Our growth and momentum truly are palpable.

In the year ahead, the Clergy and Vestry have made a commitment to invest further in the St. James community. Specifically, the **people** who make up our community, including life-long members and the visitors that we welcome each week; the **place** where we gather to worship on Sundays and around which we anchor our time together; the **programs** that bring us together, offering us opportunities to gather and grow as a faith community.

Such investments also include the resources to support the people, place and programs of St. James and this is the season when we ask one another to prayerfully consider making a pledge to support the work of our Parish. Money is an inherently uncomfortable topic to discuss, no matter how one approaches it. Even the word evokes a veritable collage of emotions, from stress and anxiety about how to earn and apply it to our obligations, to worry about how to teach our children about it, to pity and empathy for the unequal distribution of it in our society. Asking you to pledge your money to the Church is no exception to this rule of discomfort. But it is an incredibly important ask, one that goes to the very heart of our purpose here at St. James as we welcome all to grow in love of God and neighbor.

We are excited to shepherd this year's Pledge Drive and do not take our appeal to you lightly. Please know that participation is meaningful no matter the level; there is simply no gift too small. What is important is that we each contribute from our hearts and in a way that is manageable for you and your family. Do also remember that a pledge is not a debt, it is just a promise, made in the moment it is submitted. We all experience a change in circumstances from time to time and if you have pledged and circumstances change, we understand that there may be a need to revisit or even amend that pledge in the future. Please do not be shy about reaching out with your questions. We want to hear from you and we look forward to receiving your pledge for 2024.

In closing, let us end where we began, with thanks for all you do for St. James Parish. Your support is crucial to the fabric of our community and we are grateful for your consideration today of your financial support.

Thank you,

Your Stewardship Committee



## MEET THE 2024 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### CO-CHAIRS



Allen Trask, III



Kristine Montalto

### MEMBERS



Mary McLean Evans



David Jarrett



Lin Spears



PLEDGE NOW



# DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA

## Updates to know!

### JAZZ & RACE SYMPOSIUM

We were honored to host the First Annual Jazz & Race Symposium in Perry Hall on Saturday, September 16. This event brought together over 200 people from across the Diocese of East Carolina and our greater Wilmington community to hear presentations from Dr. Catherine Meeks and Reverend Skip Walker on racism, its impact on our collective life together, how we answer the call to eradicate racism, and what jazz can teach us about these interwoven concepts. This event would not have been possible without the efforts of several area parishes including St. Paul's, St. Mark's, Holy Cross, St. Andrew's On-the-Sound, Church of the Servant, and St. Mary's providing supplies and volunteers, nor would it have been possible without those from St. James who volunteered to provide incredible hospitality. We'd also like to offer a special word of thanks to Ginny Woodruff who serves on the Diocesan Racial Healing Commission and worked as co-chair on this event. We look forward to future opportunities to engage with our community and diocese as we strive to live more fully into our Baptismal covenant, honoring the dignity of every human being.



### OPEN HOUSE, OPEN HEARTS: EPISCOPAL REVIVAL IN EAST CAROLINA POSTPONED

Our Bishop has shared a thoughtful piece sharing the decision to postpone our Episcopal Revival. Open House, Open Hearts: Extending God's Welcome in East Carolina will be rescheduled to a later date. We invite you to read the Bishop's full message online at: [diocese-eastcarolina.org/blog/on-postponing-east-carolinas-episcopal-revival-open-house-open-hearts/](https://diocese-eastcarolina.org/blog/on-postponing-east-carolinas-episcopal-revival-open-house-open-hearts/).



We look forward to the rescheduled event and will be sharing news of a new date as it becomes available. As the Bishop said, *"I do not believe that our efforts will be wasted. Rather, they will contribute to the success of our next attempt to come together in celebration of God's good news for us and for all people."*

### AROUND THE DIOCESE:

- **Fall Festival at St. Philip's**, Southport, October 7 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- **ECW Harvest Bazaar at St. Paul's**, Beaufort, Online (October 7-21) and In-Person (November 4) options.
- **Icon Writing Retreat with Teresa Harrison at St. Peter's**, Washington, October 12-13.
- **Author Danielle Shroyer at St. Philip's**, Southport, October 14, 9:00 a.m.
- **Lobsterfest at St. Francis by the Sea**, Salter Path, October 14th
- **Ciampi Quartet at St. Peter's Washington**, October 29 at 4:00 p.m.
- **Share the Light Artisan Fair at Good Shepherd**, Wilmington, November 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Cursillo EC-103 at Trinity Center**, November 9-12



# Faith Formation in October

## SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:10 A.M.

### **DISCIPLES' CLASS - Meets in the Lippitt Room or via Zoom**

The Disciples Class was established some years ago for those who seek to know more about what it means to truly be a disciple of Jesus. This fall, we invite everyone to join us in the Lippitt Room on Sunday mornings for presentations and discussions centering on "Living in the Spirit." Our studies will focus on subjects to include the "Fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5: 22), the Gifts of the Spirit (I Corinthians 12: 4-11), Our Call to Ministry (Matthew 25: 35 - 40), and The Way of Love (Presiding Bishop Curry's practices for a Jesus-centered life). We will also take time to explore what it means to listen to the Holy Spirit and to keep the Sabbath. The Disciples Class will also offer sessions focused on other timely subjects and seasons of the church, celebrating Advent and Lent.

- October 8, 2023: Fruit of the Spirit - Part I - The Rev. Robert Bayley
  - Jesus said we, like trees, are known by our fruit. In this class, we will explore ways to work in tandem with the Holy Spirit to experience fruit that serves us and others well in our relationships. This is an applicational class focused on Galatians 5:13-26.
- October 15, 2023: Fruit of the Spirit - Part II - The Rev. Robert Bayley
  - Jesus said we, like trees, are known by our fruit. In this class, we will explore ways to work in tandem with the Holy Spirit to experience fruit that serves us and others well in our relationships. This is an applicational class focused on Galatians 5:13-26.
- October 22, 2023: Fruit of the Spirit - Part III - The Rev. Robert Bayley
  - Jesus said we, like trees, are known by our fruit. In this class, we will explore ways to work in tandem with the Holy Spirit to experience fruit that serves us and others well in our relationships. This is an applicational class focused on Galatians 5:13-26.
- October 29, 2023: A Veteran's Journey of Faith - Speaker: Ron Copley
  - Ron will share with us his unique journey returning to Vietnam as a combat veteran. Through the lens of hindsight, life experiences, and spiritual growth, Ron's perspective on the terrible experience of the War has changed rather dramatically over the years.

### **FAITH DISCUSSIONS - Meets in the Stephen Ministry Room**

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

- October 8, 2023: Topic to be announced on October 2nd
- October 15, 2023: Topic to be announced on October 9th
- October 22, 2023: Topic to be announced on October 16th
- October 29, 2023: Topic to be announced on October 23rd

**October 1, 2023:**  
Combined Adult Faith  
Formation -  
Meets in the Great Hall

### **JUBI-LATTE ROUNDTABLE - Meets in the Youth Room**

On Sunday Mornings, our 6th-12th graders are invited to join us in the Youth Room for the Jubi-Latte Roundtable, with coffee and conversation.

### **FAITH ADVENTURERS - 2nd Floor Milton Hall**

(4th and 5th graders): Grab a cozy seat and get ready to get lost in Narnia. This fall, we will set out to uncover the themes in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

### **FAITH BUILDERS - 2nd Floor Milton Hall**

(2nd and 3rd graders): Building Faith Brick by Brick. We will explore the Bible in an imaginative way using our minds, hands and LEGOS!

### **FAITH FOUNDATIONS- 2nd Floor Milton Hall**

(K5 & 1st Graders): Building a foundation in faith invites learning about God using the Bible as our road map. Explore, create and marvel at God's big love for us!

### **FAITH THROUGH WONDER- 2nd Floor Milton Hall**

(3s & 4s): Explore God's love for us. We will engage in stories, create crafts and enjoy time together exploring all the wonder in God's creations.



## REFURBISHING THE GREAT HALL KITCHEN

There is truly something special about how fellowship centers around the breaking of bread. Our parish family has shared many wonderful meals together. We are blessed to have two kitchens on campus that enable us to feed our community! The Perry Hall Kitchen and the Great Hall Kitchen both see regular use. For those who partake in the Sunday Morning Family Breakfasts, the Great Hall Kitchen holds a special place in our hearts.

The St. James Buildings and Grounds Committee approved the restoration of the Great Hall Kitchen with Director of Facilities, Wes Clewis, leading the charge. Over the summer, the Great Hall Kitchen underwent a transformation. This transformation was not without its challenges. Interior and exterior walls were stripped and refinished, flooring was replaced, and cabinets were redone. All of the dishware was cleaned and organized with the help of Billie Holland. A rather substantial leak was found during the remodeling process. Thanks to his expertise, Wes was able to fix the leak and repair the walls that were damaged. With his timely response, work was able to continue with minimal delays.

When we gathered together once more for Welcome Sunday, the Great Hall Kitchen was beautifully refurbished and ready to serve our parish family once more. We are so thankful for the many hands and hearts that helped make this happen, we especially thank Wes for his dedicated ministry in preserving our historic campus and ensuring that it functions to meet our parish's needs.

*To help support the upkeep and preservation of our historic campus, we invite you to participate in our 2024 Stewardship Campaign.*

## NEW IN THE KITCHEN



DURING RESTORATION



AFTER RESORTATION



REPAIRING THE LEAK



BEFORE



DURING EXTERIOR RESTORATION



AFTER EXTERIOR RESTORATION



# LET'S GET TOGETHER

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Wednesday, October 4 | 5:45 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel**

All are invited to bring your non-human family members to our Annual Blessing of the Animals on Tuesday, October 4 at Mt. Lebanon Chapel from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. We'll celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by blessing our furry, feathered, or even scaled, friends! *Please make sure all pets are appropriately leashed or contained.*

## QUIET REFLECTION IN OCTOBER

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

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

## NEWCOMER MINGLE

### - a.k.a.- The Hardy Party

**Sunday, October 8 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Hardy Home**

This fall, the 'Hardy Party' is BACK and all newcomers are invited. Sunday, October 8, Join us at the beautiful waterside home of Drs. Marie and Stuart Hardy off of Greenville Loop Road. Directions will be shared with those who RSVP as we draw closer to event day. Get to know each other, the Vestry and the Clergy at this fun event featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres, plenty of parking and childcare onsite with advance registration. This is the premier church community event for newcomers and you'll want to attend. RSVP online or by emailing Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

## VESTRY MEETINGS

**October 9 | 5:15 p.m. | Graham Parlor**

Our Vestry gathers on the second Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the Graham Parlor to discuss the business of the parish and to hear from our parish family. These meetings are open and members of St. James Parish are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity for those considering serving on the Vestry to get a feel for the work of the Vestry in our parish.

## WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER

**Mon. -Fri. | 8:00-8:30 a.m. | Zoom**

Come join us for the Daily Office of Morning Prayer! Each weekday on Zoom with gather for a time of prayer and fellowship. If you would like a direct link sent to your email each morning, please reach out to Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

## LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF & LOSS

**1st & 3rd Mon. | 5:00 p.m. | Graham Parlor or 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 information.

## SABBATH EXPLORATION GROUP

**2nd & 4th Mon. | 5:00 p.m. | Group Member Home**

Find rest, renewal and delight in our busy lives by the practice of keeping the Sabbath Holy. As Christians we can renew this ancient tradition to find the fullness and balance God meant for us to have in our busy and productive lives that sometimes seem empty. We will explore what this Sabbath time means from a Christian perspective and how to move into the rhythm of it using simple practices. The group will meet every 2nd & 4th Monday from 5:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m., starting September 25th for six sessions, ending on December 11. Please make a commitment to the group to attend every session if possible. Register by calling the church office. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Davis or Rev. Cheryl Brainard.

## HEBREWS BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays | 11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or via Zoom**

Join Susan Ingle and the Rev. Cheryl Brainard for a Wednesday Bible study focused on the book of Hebrews. We will meet in the Graham Parlor or via Zoom on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. beginning September 13th. Have questions about this offering? Please reach out to Cheryl at [cheryl@stjamesp.org](mailto:cheryl@stjamesp.org).

## HOLY EUCHARIST

**Wednesdays | 12:10 PM | St. James Chapel**

Join us in the St. James Chapel for a Noonday Eucharist. Offered each week throughout the year. We especially encourage you to attend on Wednesday, November 1st as we celebrate All Saints Day.



### IN OUR PRAYERS:

Randy Coupland,  
Rob Gallagher, Lani Lawrence,  
Pete Muller,  
Norman Sutherland,  
Della Wortham

## SOCK HOP: FALL DANCE FOR ALL AGES!

**Sunday, October 29 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM | Perry Hall, St. James**

What is a "SOCK HOP"? "A "sock hop is a dance party from the 50s & 60s where you take off your shoes and dance in your SOCKS on a gymnasium floor." Our St James "Sock Hop" will be more than just dancing. Our teenagers will be providing an evening of music, dancing, and fun as we come together to provide "SOCKS for the SOCKLESS" This "IGNITE" SOCK HOP will be fun for all ages. It will offer warmth and care for people in our Wilmington community who are in need of SOCKS to warm their feet.

**Why Socks?** Cold weather is looming, and many people will be without a warm place to reside. Some people will lack even the most basic essentials. A pair of warm socks might seem trivial. Socks can be a fantastic gesture of warmth, kindness, and compassion.

**Groovy Tunes Across Time** With a musical lineup from the 50s & 60s, there will be music for every generation! Whether you're 2 or 122, you'll enjoy dancing to music that will bring back memories and that will help shape new memories. The fabulous Jonathan Graves will be our DJ for the evening, ensuring our feet don't stop moving.

### Here's How You Can Light Up the Night:

- Wear your quirkiest, most colorful socks! Flaunt them during our Crazy Sock Contest, and you might win an exciting prize.
- Donate packages of NEW SOCKS .... ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED. St. James will be teaming up with "The Help Hub" and "Good Shepherd Center" to ensure the people needing these socks will get them.
- "KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF" with a Coke or Root Beer Float. Delight in our Ice Cream Bar. Joy and nostalgia will be in each cup!

Want to contribute to the planning of this joyous event or to help organize this SOCK HOP? Got some ideas? Drop an email to Cookie at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org) or text 910-264-59100. Remember, your attendance means more than just a lively evening—YOU will raise awareness about the needs of people who need help as the temperatures drop. Let's IGNITE warmth for those who need it most, ONE PAIR OF SOCKS AT A TIME!

# SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JAMES

## BREAD BREAKERS:

### HOSPITALITY AT HOME

#### OCTOBER EDITION

**Sunday, October 15 | 10:30 - 1:00 PM | The E. Clark Home**

The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in October. Ellison Clark and others have teamed up to host this great event. We'll be gathering at the Clark's home to enjoy a time of fellowship and fun. Please bring whatever appetizer, side or dessert you would like to go with the entrees. RSVP now online or by emailing Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

## MEN ON A MISSION:

### OCTOBERFEST

**Sunday, October 22 | 3:00-5:30 PM | Figure Eight**

The St. James Men on a Mission are celebrating Octoberfest on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 - 5:30 PM! This event is open to all men of St. James and any male guests 21+ years old, and it is being hosted by Steve Coggins at his Figure Eight Island home. Come join us for festive food and wonderful fellowship with a great group of guys. The St. James Brew Crew is brewing a special Octoberfest surprise for us to enjoy! There is plenty of free parking nearby, but you must register by Friday, October 20 to get on the island. If you need transportation, have trouble registering and/or have questions, please contact Brian McMerty at [bmcmerty@arris.partners](mailto:bmcmerty@arris.partners), Web Cowden at [web.cowden@mirimichigreen.com](mailto:web.cowden@mirimichigreen.com) or David Brownlow at [david.brownlow@themurchisongroup.com](mailto:david.brownlow@themurchisongroup.com). Net proceeds from this event will go to 2Share, a local ministry collecting furniture, fixtures and household items, and delivering them at no charge to those in our community with the greatest needs. Register online now!



# AROUND THE PARISH

## WEDNESDAYS AT ST. JAMES

Fall Faith Formation is here! We invite you all to save your Wednesday nights for dinner, song, study, and fellowship  
**October 25th - November 15th.**

- **5:45 - 6:15 PM:** Children's Choir Practice - Children's Chapel
- **6:00 - 7:00 PM:** Parish Dinner - Great Hall
- **7:00 - 8:00 PM:** Bible Study led by the Rev. Phillip Craig - Bishop Wright Room
- **7:00 - 8:30 PM:** Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Please contact Mr. John at [music@stjamesp.org](mailto:music@stjamesp.org) if you have any questions!

Fall 2023 Dates:

- October 25
- November 8
- November 1
- November 15

Presentation: November 19 at 10:15 a.m. Service

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

We invite you all to save your Wednesday nights for dinner and fellowship in the Great Hall. A donation of \$10 per person/ \$25 per family is requested to help support this wonderful family ministry. If you would like to volunteer to help host these wonderful dinners, please reach out to [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

## BOOK STUDY

Join the Rev. Phillip Craig in the Bishop Wright Room at 7:00 PM for a special study on Wednesday nights later this fall! This offering will occur in conjunction with the parish dinners. Stay tuned for details.

## CHOIR REHEARSAL

Following dinner, the St. James Choir will meet to rehearse for Sunday morning worship. If you are interested in learning more about joining the St. James Choir, please reach out to [music@stjamesp.org](mailto:music@stjamesp.org).

## EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM): CONSIDER JOINING US THIS FALL

Time is running out! If you'd like to join Education for Ministry this fall, please reach out as soon as possible. We invite you to deepen your faith through the study of the Bible, history, and theology! Education for Ministry is a 4-year program that is provided through the School of Theology in Sewanee. Enjoy the benefits of a formal curriculum surrounded by friends. This class invites lively discussions, contemplative prayer, and offers the chance to connect with other Christians in a loving and welcoming environment. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Karen Clark at [clark11@gmail.com](mailto:clark11@gmail.com) or Rachel Pace at [rppace@hotmail.com](mailto:rppace@hotmail.com)

## COOK BOOK UPDATE

The St. James Cookbook Project is officially underway! We are currently in the layout and basic editing phase. This means, that if you have a last minute recipe to add, its not too late! Please reach out to Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) to see how you can submit your recipe or help support the Cookbook Project.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD COMING THIS FALL

St. James Parish, along with other community churches, committed to participate in the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Unity Build. Once the build dates have been published, we'll be sharing how to sign up to participate in the build. If you are unable to help physically but would like to still support the cause, the fundraising goal for the two homes is \$120,000 and there are several ways to give. To learn more about the Unity Build, please visit [capefearhabitat.org/buildforunity/](http://capefearhabitat.org/buildforunity/).

---

# 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    | • Altar Guild   | • Sunday School Teacher     |
| • Acolytes/Crucifers | • Ushers        | • Office Volunteer Ministry |
| • Greeters           | • Wedding Guild | • Parish Shop               |
| • PenPals            | • Chalice/LEM   | • St. James Choir           |

# OUTREACH

## OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT: 2SHARE STUFF THE TRUCK EVENT!

**Saturday, October 14 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | St. Paul's**

2SHARE Inc. is hosting its first Stuff the Truck fundraiser on Saturday October 14th from 10am-2pm in the parking lot of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They are asking for donations of new linens and household items including twin & full sheets sets, twin & full blankets/quilts/comforters, pillows, sets of flatware, sets of pots and pans, bath towel sets, bath mats, shower curtains and curtain rings, mattress covers, lamps, lamp shades, and metal platform bed frames. 2SHARE is an all volunteer non-profit that picks up donated furniture and delivers it to Cape Fear area residents in need. These items will supplement the donated furniture we receive to help families in need make their houses feel like home. Please stop by and help us Stuff the Truck! For more information on 2SHARE visit [2shareinc.org](http://2shareinc.org).



## CAPE FEAR RIVER WATCH: SECOND SATURDAY CLEAN UPS

**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

St. James Outreach invites you to join us for the 2023 Second Saturday Cleanups with Cape Fear River Watch. The CFRW takes the month of July off for the clean ups so the next clean up will be on October 14, 2023 at 9:00 am. A location will be shared closer to the date. You can sign up on CFRW's website or contact parishioner David Joyner for more information ([davidbilljoyner@gmail.com](mailto:davidbilljoyner@gmail.com)).

## SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER

**Tues., October 3rd & 17th 2023, 4:30 PM**

**Thursday, October 26th 2023, 4:30 PM**

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

## SERVING OUR NEIGHBOR: ST. MARY'S BURGAW NEEDS A HAND

**Saturday, October 14 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | St. Mary's**

**Saturday, October 21 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | St. Mary's**

As you may or may not know, St. James supports a small, growing parish in Burgaw called St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The majority of their church members are older. St. Mary's is preparing to replace the flooring of their fellowship hall, and they need help moving the furniture in that area about 30 feet into their narthex, and then return the furniture to the fellowship hall after the flooring is installed. St. Mary's reached out to our parish family to see if we can lend a hand to help them move the furniture. Brian McMerty is working to arrange carpooling and a post service hotdog lunch at Paul's Place Famous Hotdogs for lunch on our way home! If you are interested in helping out at St. Mary's on one or both of the dates above, please email [bmcmerty@arris.partners](mailto:bmcmerty@arris.partners).

## A SAFE PLACE LUNCHES

St. James Parish is actively a partner with A Safe Place, the Wilmington organization that focuses on prevention, advocacy, and restoration to assist victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. One of the ways we assist ASP is by providing lunch for the twenty girls who visit the Outreach Center twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) to meet with their case managers, their substance abuse counselors, receive employment assistance and attend life skills classes all in a safe and welcoming environment. This meal can be as simple as a pizza or sub-delivery gift card, a pickup from a favorite bbq or fried chicken outlet, or a really appreciated and rare home-cooked meal. If you are interested in providing a lunch for these girls please visit the MealTrain Sign Up. There are 8-10 opportunities per month! Have questions about this ministry? Please reach out to Cathy Halligan at [cathyfhalligan@gmail.com](mailto:cathyfhalligan@gmail.com).



## MEALS ON WHEELS IS COMING!

**Sunday, October 29th**

Meals on Wheels is an Outreach Ministry of St. James Parish. On the fifth Sunday in any given month, we are responsible for preparing, packaging, and delivering meals to approximately 180 grateful Meals on Wheels recipients, who are elderly or disabled shut-ins, many of whom have little to no social interaction or hot meals other than Meals on Wheels. These clients would often go hungry without this ministry, so your active participation in this vital program is greatly appreciated. Contact: Molly Roush [mollyroush@hotmail.com](mailto:mollyroush@hotmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATE: HYMN SING

**Friday, November 17th | 2:30 PM | Kempton**

We're very excited to bring back one of our favorite fall traditions. You're invited to join members of the St. James Choir for Hymn Sing at the Kempton. We'll share a time of song and celebration with the residents. All voices welcome! Come and request your favorite hymn. Have questions? Please contact John Sullivan at [music@stjamesp.org](mailto:music@stjamesp.org).

## RAMPING UP WITH REALM ONLINE DIRECTORY



REALM is our online directory & ministry tool designed for real-time connection. It helps St. James connect with you and you connect with us. REALM allows you to manage your personal information and who is allowed to see it, control your giving, and keep in touch with the groups that matter to you. And yes, it does have an app so you can keep in touch on the go.

You'll notice that our parish family is beginning to use REALM more frequently for RSVPs and event registrations. This will make it easier for you to find details and contacts for your parish events!

If you aren't already connected with REALM and would like to be, please let us know. In order to access the information in REALM, parishioners must be invited by a member of the St. James Staff. This measure is to help ensure we protect your personal information.

With some recent changes in our staff office, we're delaying the start of the calls for the REALM update project. If you would like to help us update your information, please reach out to Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) and she will help you update your information.

If you have questions about how St. James uses REALM or your REALM account, please reach out to Maria Hollopeter at [finance@stjamesp.org](mailto:finance@stjamesp.org).

# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS IS ON THE WAY!

**Sessions on November 2, 9, & 16 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

Newcomers, those who have been a part of our community for less than a year, are encouraged to be a part of our St. James Orientation for Newcomers (SJON) Series. Meet us in the Great Hall to learn about the Episcopal tradition, St. James Parish's mission and ministries, and meet the clergy. The SJON Series is a great way to connect with others in our parish family and find programs and ministries to suit your interests.

Childcare provided with reservation.

Please use the QR Code to register online or you may register by emailing [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) or calling the church office.



## PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING - RETURNS IN FEBRUARY 2024

Our adult inquirer's class doubles as a confirmation class for those who are interested in joining the Episcopal Church. It's also a wonderful way to get to know other members of our parish and refresh your knowledge of the Episcopal tradition. Plan to Join us for evening sessions Feb 1- March 14, 5:30-7:15 PM.



NEWCOMER ORIENTATION



HARDY PARTY - NEWCOMER MINGLE

# ENGAGE MEET OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



## IGNITE! GOES TO THE CORN MAZE

**Sunday, October 15 | 4:30 PM Departure**

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for one of our favorite fall activities, a corn maze! Plan to meet at St. James at 4:30 pm and return to St. James approximately 6:30 pm. The cost of each ticket is \$12 (Scholarships are available by contacting Cookie!) Deadline for registration is October 8. YES! Friends are welcome! Please use the link Online to register.

## OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK

**November 5, 2023**

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's (AFSP) Wilmington area "Out of the Darkness Community Walk" will take place on Sunday, November 5, at New Hanover High School. Our St. James Youth and supporting community will gather at 2:15 pm to help place Luminaries in memory of people who have died and/or in recognition of friends, family and "special" people in their lives. If you would like to join our youth as they prepare to serve hotdogs and place luminaries, please reach out to Cookie Cantwell at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org) to see how you can get involved.



## IGNITE! SUNDAY NIGHTS WITH ST. JAMES YOUTH

**Sunday Evenings | 5:00 -6:30 PM | Bishop Wright Room**  
Youth Group on Sunday Evenings - get ready to "IGNITE!!" Ignite is not another program; it's an invitation..... An invitation to embark on a transformative journey to discover the unique SPARK that lies within you and to experience God's Love more fully. Beginning this Fall, this FUN and enriching journey will be immersed in music and into thought-provoking discussions, while partaking in fun activities. We will be meeting together each Sunday evening so mark your calendars now for Sunday Youth Gatherings of fun, Faith, friends and fellowship!

## YOUTH BIBLE STUDY AT STARBUCKS

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

The High School Bible Study at Starbucks is back in action. This High School Bible Study will be held each week unless it is a school holiday or a teacher workday. All young people are encouraged to join us for this "youth-led" experience where friendships are strengthened and sharing our thoughts are shared. It is a great time to ponder and to ask questions. It is a wonderful time to get to know the other young people and to hear the whisper of God. Questions? Contact Cookie at [Cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:Cookie@stjamesp.org), Jane Rippey at [janerippy@yahoo.com](mailto:janerippy@yahoo.com) or Ginny Woodruff at [Ginny@vcwoodruff.com](mailto:Ginny@vcwoodruff.com). We hope to see you there!

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

**Sunday, November 19 | 5:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel**

Save the date! our St. James Youth will be leading us in a special time of thanksgiving and worship at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. Join us as "we gather together to ask the Lord's Blessing" and as we ponder all for which we can be thankful! Everyone is welcome....people of all ages. Let's share our Blessings and Thanksgivings!

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- October 29 | Sock Hop - *See the full write-up earlier in this magazine!*
- December 10 | Shop'N'Hop
- December 17 | Wrap'N'Yap



ST. JAMES PARISH



EST 1729

25 S. Third Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

NONPROFIT  
ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
WILMINGTON,  
NC PERMIT NO.  
298

# ST. JAMES PARISH



EST. 1729

Rector **The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.**

Associate Rector **The Reverend Cheryl Brainard**

Associate Rector **The Reverend Joseph "Gray" Hodsdon**

Organist & Choirmaster **John Sullivan**

Parish Coordinator **Bill McKenzie** | Finance Administrator **Maria Holloper**

Director of Youth Ministries **Cookie Cantwell**

Day School Director & Children's Ministries Coordinator **Ansley Trask**

Communications Director **Erin Becker** | Registrar **Marybeth Tallman**

Director of Facilities **Wes Clewis** | Sexton **Norman Sutherland**

## VESTRY

Senior Warden **Leslie Jarrett**

Junior Warden **Alex Murchison**

Treasurer **Mike Brown** | Clerk **Diane MacAskill**

Class 2023: **Kay Dougherty** | **Tom Hackler** | **Leslie Jarrett** | **Al Marr**

Class 2024: **Rachel Colonna** | **Web Cowden** | **Alex Murchison** | **Barbara Whitesides**

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

## Contact Us

25 S. Third Street | Wilmington, NC 28401 | Office: 910-763-1628

Visit us online: [www.stjamesp.org](http://www.stjamesp.org) | Facebook: [facebook.com/stjamesp](https://facebook.com/stjamesp) | Instagram: [@StJamesParish](https://instagram.com/StJamesParish)