

ST. JAMES NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# GRAPEVINE

GROWING TOGETHER IN LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR



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# From the Rector

Hello St James Parish!

I trust that you have enjoyed this summer - that you've created space for memories to be cherished, and fun to be had. For our part, the parish has celebrated lives well lived, new marriages, new life, and everyday wonders here on the campuses downtown and at Mt Lebanon Chapel. I want to look at some of those happenings with you while also sharing the hope of a spectacular season ahead.

Our summer highlights included welcoming the Reverend Gray Hodsdon and his wife Catie in July. As an Associate Rector, Gray brings all of his gifts of service and spirit to bear, ministering to all, including our music and day school programs. And speaking of our wonderful day school, we were thrilled to have Ansley Trask accept the helm as our new director. Her deep well of faith, wisdom, and service to this parish is really exciting.

Along with new leaders, our beautiful and sacred campuses have undergone physical changes.

Out at Mt Lebanon Chapel, we completed the installation of our beautiful labyrinth, as well as updated welcome and information signs. We also relocated our legacy for Lebanon bricks to the front of the chapel and improved the landscaping with plantings and grass.

Downtown, we embarked on a facility-wide cleaning project which has included a clean fresh coat of paint and a furniture refresh of our Children's Chapel and many classrooms.

Our open doors and hearts have hosted a successful Vacation Bible School, service projects, and of course a robust worship schedule every day.

The Vestry retreat in early August allowed for prayerful, powerful work to be accomplished. Our mission, physical structure, ministry commissions, and committees will all benefit from the time we spent - and we count on each one of you for the good things in store to happen. More on all of that in the weeks to come!

Our summer season at Mt. Lebanon Chapel concludes on September 4th, and I encourage all of us to attend and participate in our downtown welcome Sunday on September 11th. We will gather as a whole community once again that day at 10:30, so mark your calendars now!

That service will include a traditional blessing of the backpacks, as we offer thanks for and invite God's blessings on the children we are raising. Following worship, we have a celebration - including food and drink, music, and even a bouncy house for the young and young at heart.

Our worship together is as important as our faith formation time between services. We have many offerings, all centered around the theme "Who is my Neighbor?" to explore together in the context of Christ's love. Look for a booklet soon with all the details, and plan to attend as part of our Sundays together this fall through the end of the year.

Jennifer and I, together with Sam and LucyWest in residence and EllaKathryn in Albuquerque, love the life we continue to build with you in this wonderful city. Thank you all for your kind friendship and support.

I'm grateful to be your Rector, and I'm grateful for the ministries to which Jesus is calling us together.

Please know that my door is open and you are warmly invited.

Blessings for the year to come.

The Rev. C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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*Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. -John 14:12*

# Vestry Corner

This verse from John 14:12 was heard by vestry members multiple times over the course of our mid-year retreat. We listened to this verse prior to starting our discussions and reflections and at the end as well. We encourage you to read this verse, and reflect on how it applies to your life and St. James Parish as a whole.

We took care of some official business work during the retreat - including changing our annual meeting from the first Sunday of December to January 8th! In an effort to take advantage of the enthusiasm and energy of a fresh start to the new year as well as allow for more involvement outside the busy season of Advent leading up to Christmas. Additionally, at the Annual Meeting, you will be asked to vote approval to permanently modify the St. James By-Laws similarly for future years. Please let us know if you have any questions about this requested change.

In recognition of several needs and opportunities for lay leadership, the Vestry did confirm Phillip's suggestion to formally create three new committees of the church. The Personnel Committee will be comprised of a number of appointed members to advise and support the Rector in personnel matters such as organizational structure, job duties and expectations, benefits/employee manual development, and recruitment of new talent to the church. The Buildings & Grounds Committee will be made up of appointees of the Rector also and will advise on all matters related to the parish facilities. The Racial Unity Committee has been created as well and is open for any parishioner to join and will be charged with evaluating how St. James can best and most appropriately advance relationships among people of different racial identities in our community. Finally, the Vestry approved Phillip's recommendation to elevate the Evangelism Committee to be a St. James Commission going forward in recognition of how critical this group of lay leaders is and how multi-faceted their work is and will continue to be.

Phillip started the weekend by asking us to imagine if we knew we would not fail, what is one thing we would want to do as a parish? The answers around the table included solving problems in our community (homelessness, hunger, broken families), keeping a strong sense of belonging at St. James, increasing our ability to love our neighbors unconditionally, support and lift up the other churches in our diocese, St. James being a place where families walk in and breathe a sigh of relief because they are taken care of, connect everyone to a small group, and for St. James to lead others to Christ through bold and sincere examples of our love for ALL of God's children. It was an inspiring exercise and we would likewise invite each parishioner to ponder what you feel is the one thing we should do - assuming we could not fail [with God's help!].

After hearing the story of the Good Samaritan, we then reflected on who each of us felt "our neighbor" is and how we can show them mercy. We talked about close physical neighbors to our St. James Parish campus, including other area churches, our Diocesan church neighbors, the Temple of Israel, the homeless, those who live downtown, Tru Colors, UNC-W, the Harrelson Center, and our immediate parish family. We talked about how ultimately everyone is our neighbor and that perhaps a best approach would be to start showing this mercy to those closest to us physically and moving outwards. We also acknowledged the value of asking and learning more about our neighbors so we know how best we can show mercy. Perhaps you help us in this work by reaching out to someone you have yet to meet at St. James and make a connection with them, go by Tru Colors Brewery to learn about their mission to reduce violence through unity, or visit the Harrelson Center and find a way to offer some of your time towards their good work.

The remainder of the time was spent reflecting on where St. James is now, where we're going and our hopes for the future. We can tell you with great enthusiasm that there is SO much energy and passion for St. James to be a welcoming place for all to learn to grow in love of God and neighbor - not just in the members of the Vestry & Clergy, but in all of YOU!

-Steve Thomas (Senior Warden) & Leslie Jarrett (Junior Warden)



**GREETING GUESTS  
FROM NEW YORK**



# HAPPENING AT ST. JAMES

## SUMMER SERVICE TIMES

**Thru September 4**

**ST. JAMES  
PARISH**

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

**MT. LEBANON  
CHAPEL**

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

**LIVESTREAM**  
10:30 a - RITE II

## SEPTEMBER 11 Welcome Sunday

8:00 a - RITE II  
10:30 a - RITE II  
11:30 a - Celebration

## FALL SERVICE TIMES

**REGULAR  
SUNDAYS**

8:00 a - RITE I  
9:00 a - RITE II  
11:15 a - RITE II

**LIVESTREAM**  
9:00 & 11:15 a - RITE II

## WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

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### MORNING PRAYER

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 8:00 a.m..  
Join us on Zoom

### LIVING WELL IN GRIEF

September 19th | 5:00 p.m.  
1st & 3rd Resumes in October  
Graham Parlor or Zoom

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### YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 a.m.  
2018 South 16th Street

### TELLING YOUR STORY

WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 a.m.  
Registration Required

### HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAYS | 12:10 p.m.  
Celebrating Holy Communion

### EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GROUP

3rd TUESDAYS | 11:00 a.m.  
Location varies



VESTRY RETREAT 2022

# Faith Formation Opportunities

## PLANNING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR LIFE

Join us for a special time of planning hosted by The Clergy of St James: Phillip, Cheryl, and Gray

*Wednesday, September 21, 2022 | 5:00-6:15 p.m. | Graham Parlor or Zoom*

Did you know that leaders and congregations have a responsibility to encourage their people to execute, review, and update advance directives for health care in the event that they might become unable to make and/or communicate decisions about their health care? While we often think of this as a checklist for an aging adult, it is especially important for parents to make "prudent provision" for their children according to the Book of Common Prayer page 445.

One of the greatest gifts you can give your family is to have your "papers," including your funeral plans, in order before you depart this earthly life. Burial or cremation? St. Frances Garden or Oakdale? Eucharist? Flowers? Memorials and bequests? Reading and hymns? Homily? Leave a special recipe on a card or share pictures of your travels at the reception. Join Phillip, Cheryl, and Gray for this vital program as we look at various logistical, legal, liturgical and logical dynamics surrounding the end of life, and give your loved ones an important gift. Please RSVP to [cheryl@stjamesp.org](mailto:cheryl@stjamesp.org) or call Bill McKenzie at the church office if you wish to receive a packet of information in advance.

## "TELLING YOUR STORY" GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY CLASSES

*Wednesdays, Beginning September 7  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

Register to join us for a special class with the Rev. Mary McKnight, Certified Instructor of Guided Autobiography. This course encourages us to reflect on our spiritual and mental growth as part of our Living Well series. The first class begins on September 7th. Cost: \$45 for the course (scholarships available) Please contact the Rev Cheryl Brainard at [cheryl@stjamesp.org](mailto:cheryl@stjamesp.org) if this course is something that interests you. Space is limited.

## WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR

Growing in Love of God and Neighbor in a Racially Diverse World

*Saturday, September 17, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Great Hall*

Join us for Breakfast, Bible Study, Sharing, and Prayerful Planning. All are welcome to participate in a morning of creating and planning to explore the next steps in our church's exploration of the topic "Growing in Love of God and Neighbor in a Racially Diverse World." After a simple breakfast and time for Bible Study, we will break into groups of interest for gathering ideas about ways to explore the topic of Racial Unity. We will need many voices and lots of ideas to engage as many parishioners as possible. Our Parish began to explore the concepts of racial unity and diversity early in the beginning of Covid. Many have participated in a program of education and learning entitled Sacred Ground. The question that frequently comes at the end of this series is "what are we going to do now?" It's time to take that next step, and we need your help. The success of this exciting effort depends on the participation and engagement of many hearts and minds. No previous involvement in this topic is required - just an interest and desire to get involved. Please join us! Questions? Contact Ginny Woodruff: [ginny@vcwoodruff.com](mailto:ginny@vcwoodruff.com)

## QUIET REFLECTION

*October 1, 2022 | 7:30-8:30 a.m. |  
Mt. Lebanon Chapel*

We invite you to join us on the first Saturday of each month, the next one being October 1, for an hour of quiet reflection at Mt. Lebanon Chapel from 7:30-8:30 AM. Come enjoy the peace and stillness. Walk the Labyrinth. Rest in the presence of God. All are welcome.

## LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF

*September 19 | 5:00 p.m. | Graham  
Parlor or on Zoom*

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

## WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER

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

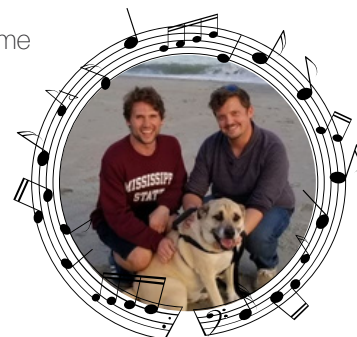
Come join us for the Daily Office of Morning Prayer! Each weekday on Zoom with gather for a time of prayer and fellowship. If you would like a direct link sent to your email each morning, please reach out to Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org)

# Thanking our Musicians

## AROUND THE PARISH

This summer, we've been blessed to enjoy wonderful music both downtown and at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. We want to take this opportunity to highlight a few of the talented individuals who helped make this possible!

**ZACHARY BUGG-** Zachary Bugg has been attending St. James since February 2021 and recently became confirmed in the Episcopal Church this summer. A native of Memphis, Zach's earliest experience at the piano he can remember is when he was four and would play hymns he learned in church by ear. He is also classically trained and has accompanied the choir or congregation in churches where he's lived in Mississippi, Alabama, Maryland, and North Carolina. Zach's "day job" is a civil engineer for a transportation planning/engineering firm. He currently resides in Odgen with his husband Scott and their Norwegian Elk Hound/Bulldog, Duke.



**TIM FORD-** Started playing music in 8th grade when I fell in love with the guitar after asking for, and receiving, a Silvertone electric guitar that Christmas! Had a four piece band all through college at University of Florida working almost every Friday and Saturday night. Loved that part of my life and somehow did graduate from the University of Florida with both a BA in Journalism and a JD from UF College of Law. I have played regularly over my 35 working years but mostly for friends, weddings, funerals. I love playing at Lebanon Chapel as it is such a spiritual place, it is a blessing for me which I enjoy greatly! The photo is with my Grandson Spencer, who sadly passed just a few years ago (way too early).

**STEPHEN MUELLER -** My mom sang in our church choir and later was the organist. I taught myself how to play at 13 in Arlington, VA. After college, I spent a year teaching guitar lessons in Charlottesville and playing solo gigs in various nightspots. During my career as a marketing editor and college professor, I played regularly for services at Episcopal churches in Arlington, Burlingame, CA and Greensboro. My style is based upon folk music with country and rock influences.



## WELCOME SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



Students, preschool through adult, bring your backpacks or lunch boxes to worship. The 10:30 a.m. service on Welcome Sunday will include a special blessing lifting up children and students of all ages, dedicating them to God's glory as we begin a new school year. All who work in schools and education are invited to be prayed for and encouraged as you serve children and families in your daily work!



Make plans to be in town on Sunday, September 11th. Our Parish family will be reuniting downtown for our Annual Welcome Sunday, to kick off fall programming at St. James. Join us following the 10:30 a.m. service to enjoy time with one another as we bounce, cookout, and more. PS- bring your old Legos to donate to our Sunday School program.



Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Hot Dog! Our St. James Youth are getting ready to kick off the school year with Dogs on the Dock. ALL 6th - 12th Graders and their families are invited to enjoy HOT DOGS on the Gwathmey's Dock. Plan to bring your Bathing Suits & bring a towel! Be ready for Fun! Fellowship! Friends! Future Festivities! Food! Have questions or need directions? Reach out to Cookie at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org).



# Food, Fellowship & Outreach

## LABOR DAY MORNING PRAYER

*Monday, September 5, 2022 / 8:00 a.m. / Zoom*

Join us for a special edition of Morning Prayer as we gather to pray and recognize Labor Day! Daily Morning Prayer is live on Zoom!

## HOSPITALITY AT HOME

*September 25 / 4:00 - 6:00 pm. / Erin and Allen Trask's Home*

The Bread Breakers invite all members of the Bread Breakers to bring a dish and join us at 4:00 p.m. to enjoy time together in a family-friendly atmosphere for a potluck-style dinner. Kids, Friends, and Guests are welcomed!

## TOGETHER WE LEAVE A LEGACY

This summer, St. James took on a special evangelism and community engagement project through the placement of a permanent Labyrinth at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. The Labyrinth offers the wider community and St. James parishioners an opportunity to experience the ancient means of walking meditation that has been used by different cultures for more than 4000 years. The singular, circular path, leading to the center and returning to the outside, offers a time for reflection, a time for prayer, a time for centering, a time for calming the mind and spirit, and a time to listen to the quiet whisper of God. Installing the Labyrinth at Mt. Lebanon Chapel has a fundraising goal of \$48,000. We're 97% of the way there. As of today, we've raised **\$46,000** for this special project. Together we are building a great spiritual tool for our parish and our wider community.

To make a gift, please contact Maria Hollopeter by email: [finance@stjamesp.org](mailto:finance@stjamesp.org) or 910-763-1628 or visit: [stjamesp.org/blog/mlc-labyrinth/](http://stjamesp.org/blog/mlc-labyrinth/)



## SUMMER NEWCOMER MINGLE

The St. James Evangelism Commission was delighted to revive the 'Summer Mingle' gathering for newcomers on July 31 after a two-year hiatus. The home of our gracious hosts, the Hardy family, provided a perfect setting for an afternoon of fellowship attended by 39 newcomers to St. James and 34 Clergy, Vestry and Evangelism Committee family members. It was a great opportunity to exercise our commitment to the passage in Matthew 25: 31-40 "....I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Upcoming Evangelism Commission plans include Newcomer Orientation and a Campus tour. See below for more information on these events.

## ST. JAMES PARISH CAMPUS TOUR

*Sunday, September 25, 2022 / 10:10 AM / Bacon House*

If you're new to St. James, you'll want to attend the tour of St. James' downtown campus. Meet in the Bacon House, which is the big brown house at the corner of Dock and 3rd Streets, at 10:10 AM, Sunday, September 25. Your tour guides will help you find the bathrooms, youth group areas, nursery, and children's Sunday school. You'll also discover Perry Hall, Bishop Wright Room, and Disciples Sunday school class, just to name a few stops. The tour will conclude in time for the 11:15 AM Church service.

## NEWCOMER ORIENTATION

*Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 PM / October 25, November 1, & November 8*

St. James Orientation, "SJO," beginning Tuesday, October 25, 2022. This three-part series provides a comprehensive look at our church.

- Session 1 - Learn your way around the St. James campus and listen to the history of the Church
- Session 2 - Get acquainted with programs and ministries you may want to join
- Session 3- Meet the Clergy and hear their stories

Contact [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) to register.

# On the Horizon

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP



As we get ready to kick-start a new season of Faith Formation at St. James Parish, we invite you all to save your Wednesday nights for dinner and fellowship from September 28th through October 26th. In addition to children's choir practice, there will be opportunities to dine and gather together for book study. Make plans to join us on Welcome Sunday, September 11th, as we share all of the wonderful new opportunities in Faith Formation this fall!

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR RETURNS THIS FALL

Attention, St. James families! Mark your calendars for this fall's children's choir! Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays in the late afternoon the children's choir will sing on appointed Sundays throughout the year. Below is the schedule. Please contact Mr. John at [music@stjamesp.org](mailto:music@stjamesp.org) if you have any questions!

Session One (Fall of 2022):

- September 28
- October 19
- October 5
- October 26
- October 12

Presentation: November 6 / All Saints Sunday

## ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES: THIS FALL

The St. James Speaker Series is thrilled to announce our fall line-up for guest speakers at St. James Parish.

- November 3 - The Rev. Becca Stevens joins us. Stevens founded Thistle Farms with a single home for survivors of trafficking, and addiction. Almost twenty-five years later, it is a global movement for women's freedom.
- December 6- Author David Zahl comes to share "How Realistic Expectations Lead to Grace for Others—and Ourselves"



**MEN ON A MISSION: BBQ ON THE ICW 2022**

## IN OUR PRAYERS:

Ann & Tim Dols, Yvonne Fravel,  
Patricia Gardner,  
Lucy Gittings,  
Judy Loutit,  
Carter McGraw,  
Polly Rust,  
Jane Tatum



## EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY BEGINS ANEW THIS FALL

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a 4-year program that invites participants into small mentored groups. These small groups engage in meaningful study and dialog which help build the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian Faith is deepened. The EfM seminar provides a curriculum that develops theologically informed, reflective and articulate laity. We would be glad to schedule a Zoom meeting with you to learn more about EfM. We hope you will want to join us in September. Have questions? Contact Karen Clark ([clarklc11@gmail.com](mailto:clarklc11@gmail.com)) 910.232.2427.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 4 | 5:30-6:15 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

We hope you'll come join us on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4, for this year's Blessing of the Animals. We'll gather at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. This outdoor service focuses on God's gift of animals, the natural world, and our responsibilities as stewards of God's creation. Please be sure all pets are leashed or properly contained.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Following Labor Day, the St. James Parish Office will return to its Regular Schedule:

**Monday - Thursday**

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Fridays**

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.





# Outreach & Community

## OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT: TRINITY CENTER



This month's Spotlight is the Trinity Center! The Trinity Center is an Episcopal camp that offers summer camp, environmental programs, a conference center, and a retreat house. The St. James Vestry recently visited the center for the weekend for their yearly retreat. They had great accolades to give about the future of the center and the director!

John Koch is the newly appointed director of Trinity Center. He has worked in 5 different Episcopal retreat centers across the country. He views the center as an "Inn," and believes an Inn's purpose is to take people in. Koch has big plans for the Trinity Center, including growth in the center's reach and active participation from parishes all over the state! If you want to know more information, please check out <https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/trinity-center/>.

## RISE AGAINST HUNGER 2022

*Saturday, September 24 | Perry Hall*

We're partnering again this year with Rise Against Hunger to combat food shortages around the globe. In particular, the war in Ukraine has impacted food shortages worldwide. Rise Against Hunger allows us to serve folks in 76 different countries who are experiencing hunger and food insecurity.

- Who: You! Join your St. James church family and others from the Wilmington area in this meaningful service project. Child care is provided for very young children; we welcome you to bring older children to participate alongside you.
- What: Over the course of two shifts, we will prepare packages of food that Rise Against Hunger will then distribute near and far.
- When: Saturday, 24 September 2022. Shifts will begin at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. You are welcome to join for one or both shifts.
- Where: Perry Hall at St. James Parish

Please RSVP by visiting [stjamesp.org/rah](http://stjamesp.org/rah). If you have questions or need help registering, please reach out to Don Brainard at [dabrainard12@gmail.com](mailto:dabrainard12@gmail.com) or 678-521-1046.

**We need 200 volunteers to support this event.**

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: LIFT UP THE VULNERABLE

*Tuesday, September 13, 2022 | 12:00 PM*

St. James Parishioners are invited to a virtual tour and information session via Zoom of LUV's facilities and programs in Sudan and South Sudan, working to prevent human trafficking. LUV is an ecumenical Christian mission organization that prevents the trafficking and oppression of vulnerable children and women in warzones. Those interested need to register at the following web address: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7uyhyy>. The Zoom meeting will occur on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. and is organized by the Outreach Commission.

## NEW SEXTON NEEDED!

St. James is looking for a new Sexton to join our team! If you know someone who would be a great fit, please let us know! The Sexton is responsible for the overall cleaning of property owned by St. James Parish. The position is also responsible for opening and closing all buildings daily. The Sexton assists the Facilities Manager in setting up and breaking down all events that take place during and after normal business hours. Sunday work is required each week during normal church services at the downtown campus of St. James. This position works as part of a team.

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# 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):

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

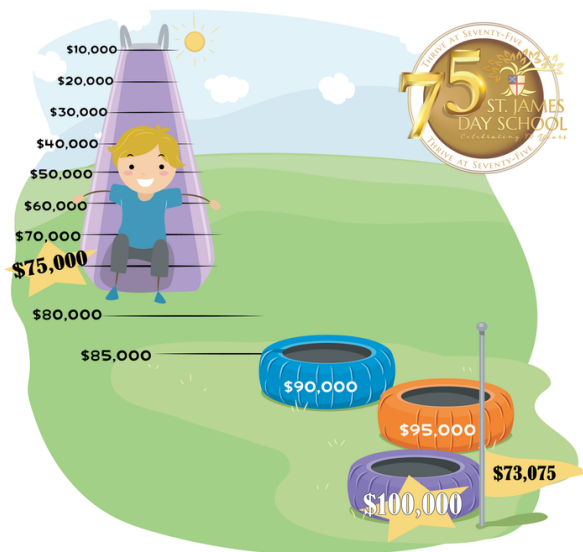


## THRIVE AT 75 PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER UNDERWAY!

The Thrive at 75 Fundraising Campaign is well on its way! As you may know, this year marks the 75th anniversary of St. James Day School. Our plan to commemorate this grand achievement is by reaching for our superstar goal of raising \$100,000 to go towards renovating and refreshing our playground! Installation is underway! We hope you will consider making a gift of any amount to see this new playground come to fruition. Have questions?

Reach out to [Communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:Communications@stjamesp.org)

Pledge cards are available at the day school.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Thank you so much for your interest in St. James Faith Formation! We're so excited to kick off the fall. If you are planning to have a 3k-12th grade student join us for Sunday School, please use this registration to help us get an idea of how many students to expect on Sunday mornings for Sunday School.

Register at:

[stjamesp.org/blog/ssreg2022/](http://stjamesp.org/blog/ssreg2022/)

## MEET OUR CHAPLAIN, FATHER GRAY!

I am thrilled to begin serving as Chaplain to our wonderful day school this Fall. Having served at a church with a robust day school the past two years, I have seen firsthand what a church school can offer to the community, families, and children it serves—the foundation of a good education, with God firmly as its core. So... what exactly is a chaplain? And why do we need one? To put it simply, a chaplain is the official pastor to a school (or another kind of institution). That means, first and foremost, I will be a spiritual resource—visibly present throughout the week and available for pastoral support. It also means I will lead most of our weekly chapel services. In addition to (Fr.) Phillip's ongoing presence, I look forward to getting to know and serve all of the children, parents, and teachers in our school community!

Fr. Gray



## SJDS 75th CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE: September 22nd

Make plans to join fellow St. James Day School alumni for an adults-only evening to remember. Join us as we enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the Parish Lawn from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Day School campus will be open for tours and there will be time set aside to celebrate the installation of the new playground.

## SJDS PARENTS COFFEE

Wednesday, September 14 | Bacon House Lawn

On Wednesday, September 14th, after drop-off, please join our clergy, other parents, and me for coffee on the lawn in front of the Bacon House. It is the perfect way to kick off the year and meet other SJDS parents!

## SPECIAL EDITION SJDS SHIRTS!

To help us celebrate 75 years of St. James Day School, we'll be selling special edition SJDS t-shirts with art by The Rev. Jay Sidebotham to commemorate the occasion. Funds raised from the t-shirt sales will go to support the Thrive at 75 campaign. Stay tuned for how to order yours!





# Youth Opportunities

## ACOLYTE TRAINING

*Saturday, September 10, 2022 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

With the summer winding down, we want to reach out to our young people and invite you to our Acolyte Training and pizza lunch on Saturday, September 10, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. With the clergy, we will be going over all the things you will need to know as an acolyte this church year. After, we will enjoy pizza and fellowship! To help give a headcount for food, please RSVP to Kathy Bush at [kathybush1995@yahoo.com](mailto:kathybush1995@yahoo.com).



## STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY

*Wednesday, September 7, 2022 | 7:00 AM*

The Starbucks Bible Study is back in action on September 7th! All St. James Youth are invited to join us each Wednesday for our weekly "Check In & BIBLE STUDY". Grab your favorite Starbucks Beverage & a tasty muffin or pastry. Enjoy this mid-week opportunity to talk, share, learn, listen, laugh and explore faith with friends. Questions? Talk to Web, Hughes, Catchie, Mae, Annie, Sophie, Will, Maggie, Robert, Palmer, Cameron, Frank, Henry, Luke, LucyWest, Cecilia, Averette, Jane, Kim, Caroline, Ginny, Marietta, Jennifer, Phillip, Cookie. Hope YOU will JOIN US! If you're interested in participating and have questions, reach out to Cookie at [Cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:Cookie@stjamesp.org)

## VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL

*September 30 - October 2, 2022*

Calling All Youth - Join Us in the Mountains! Join us as we ride rental bikes down White Top Mountain sharing the beauty of God's Creation. All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us..... youth advisers and parents are invited, too. Contact Cookie if you would like further information. After being shuttled to Whitetop, VA, bicycle 17 miles down the mountain to Damascus, enjoying the beautiful scenery and having lots of fun together with friends!

Cost (\$170, Scholarships available) includes transportation, bike rental, helmet, Saturday & Sunday breakfast and Sunday dinner. Find out more on the St. James website!

## HAPPENING #78 LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

*Sunday, September 25, 2022, 10:30 AM*

Team Meeting: SUNDAY, September 25. We will gather at 10:30 am in Perry Hall, St James, Wilmington, NC (the corner of Fourth Street & Dock Street) at 10:30 a.m.

- We will worship together at the 11:15 am St James Worship Service with several of our Happening #78 Youth Team sharing their thoughts about Happening & about our God.
- Please wear your Happening T-Shirt!
- Lunch will be served after we worship together
- We will conclude our gathering by 4:30 pm
- Please go to [www.diocese-eastcarolina.org](http://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org) to register to serve on this Happening #78 Leadership Team. Contact Jonathan Graves, [jsgraves83@gmail.com](mailto:jsgraves83@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

- **OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK**  
The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's (AFSP) Wilmington area "Out of the Darkness Community Walk" will take place on *Sunday, November 6*, at 2:45 PM at Wrightsville Beach Park. Our St. James Youth and supporting community will be setting up at Wrightsville Beach Park between 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. to serve lunch to all the people who come
- **SJY WINTERPLACE SKI TRIP**  
Make plans to join us for the Annual St. James Youth Winterplace Ski Trip! Registration is now live. Join us at Winterplace from *February 9-12, 2023*.



### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Happening #78 Team Registration Deadline is SEPT. 15
- Happening #78 CANDIDATE Registration Deadline is OCT. 6

Questions? Contact Cookie ([cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org)), Jonathan, or Emily Gowdy Canady ([egowdycanady@diocese-eastcarolina.org](mailto:egowdycanady@diocese-eastcarolina.org))



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