

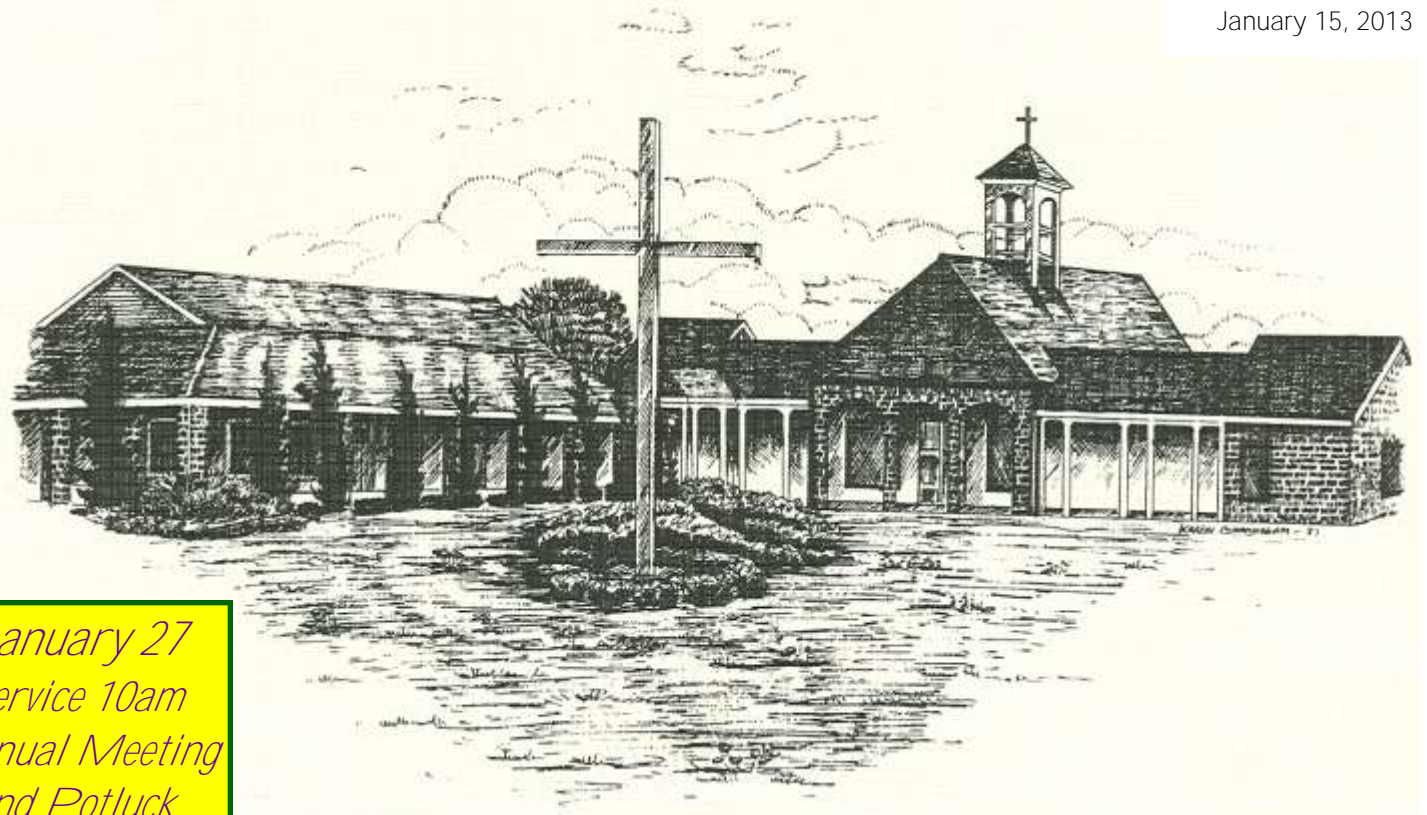
The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

2050 Bert Kouns
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January 15, 2013



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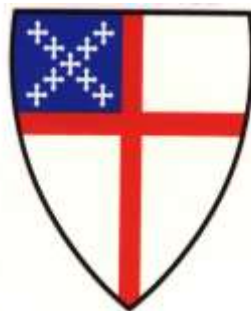
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A MESSAGE FROM MORGAN

Dear Family of St. James,

Well, the world did not end on December 21, 2012, so it's a new year and we all made it to 2013! I thought we had a wonderful Christmas season together and we are headed full steam into Epiphany and beyond. I know it's pretty apparent in this issue of our newsletter that the next big thing going on around these parts is our Annual Meeting on January 27th; however, I wanted to take a minute to talk with you about how important this day is in the life of our church.

While it is true that Annual Meeting is mandated by the canons of our diocese, it's not meant to be just one more long, boring meeting that everyone feels obligated to attend. Annual Meeting is our chance to sit together as a parish and look back at all that we accomplished in 2012, note growing edges, and set goals for 2013. It's family time where we get to sit across from one another and share a meal, catch up and remind ourselves why we hang around each other in the first place. We also get to elect new parish leaders to the vestry and elect people to represent our parish at diocesan convention in the Fall. In a way, Annual Meeting sets the tone for the new year and gives us all things to aim for together. We'll break it up this year with food, reports from different people (no listening to me drone on endlessly), mixed media presentations, roundtable discussions, and there may even be an item or two thrown on to the agenda for pure entertainment.

So please mark your calendars and plan to stay after the 10 a.m. service on January 27th for the Annual Meeting. I'm excited to dream together about where God is calling us in 2013 and about new ways in which we can make Christ known in our surrounding community!

Blessings,

Morgan +



Outreach News

At our parish-wide Advent party we collected toys for CASA to give to the children they serve. We also collected specific items for two families who are involved with Catholic Charities. As the oldest daughter wanted a mattress to share with her younger sisters, several parishioners pooled resources which added up to enough money to buy the mattress and some additional items. Thanks to all who reached outside of their homes and families to make Christmas more special for strangers in need. At the right is a letter sent to St. James in response to the second portion of money we sent for the mattress.



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December 18, 2012

St. James Episcopal Church
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Dear Friends,

Once again, we find that the good people of St. James have stepped forward to help more of those who come to us at Christmas with no way to buy the items for their children that any parent hopes to at this time of the year.

We thank you for your continued donations for our project to give a truly blessed and happy Christmas to two families in our area. We can't thank you enough for remembering these ones and Catholic Charities! Your gift of \$150 will go a long way toward completing the requests of these dear children of Christ.

May you all enjoy a very blessed Christmas and New Year. Please come by to visit with us any time and let us show you around our plant and especially, Gabriel's Closet, our "shop" for low-income new moms, their infants and small children. God bless you all!

Sincerely,

Jean Dresley
Executive Director

*Thank you for all you do for others!
Merry Christmas!*

* Please feel free to use this letter as part of your Internal Revenue Tax documentation for your 2012 Income Tax Return. This letter will certify that that you did not receive any goods or services in exchange for your donation.

Vestry Meeting Highlights—December 2012

The last vestry meeting of 2012 was held on December 30th. Most of the discussion concerned the upcoming election of three vestry members and delegates/alternates to the diocesan convention in October 2013.

The annual meeting will be after the one service (10am) on January 27th with a potluck luncheon to be held in conjunction with the meeting. Everyone is urged to attend and bring lots and lots of food. There will be some interesting reports by fellow parishioners.

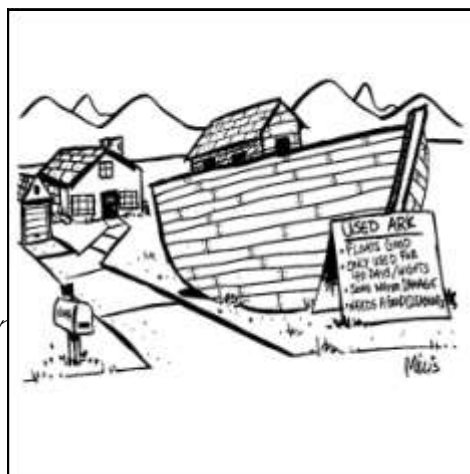
St James now has a fully operational security system. As a reminder, this is not to keep people out, but to keep people safe while here. Smile as you walk on our sidewalks...cameras are watching you!

Soon to be on the property, a new "Episcopal Church Welcomes You" sign. Thanks to those two wonderful people about to move to North Carolina for your donation of the sign. You will be missed.

Plan to attend the annual meeting and find out what our parish will be doing in 2013. I'm sure exciting times are on the horizon!

—Janie Parker

Clerk



MESSAGE TO ST. JAMES PARISHIONERS

Marty and I are in the middle of our relocation to North Carolina. Soon we will be leaving the people of St James and finding a new church home in Brevard. We will sorely miss being with you and we are very hopeful that many of you will make your way up to visit us.

St James has been an important part of my life these past few years. It was where Marty and I were married and it has helped sustain me to face the challenges of my illness. For Marty, it has been her spiritual base since her childhood. Her parents called St. James home and you joined with her in nurturing John Alex who now is rector of a church in Mississippi.

My belief in God is that he is not only among us; he is also in each of us. Truly God is Love and that "God is Love" is what Jesus wanted us to internalize. Indeed, Jesus so perfectly internalized "God is Love" until it permeated every cell of his earthly body and he became God. While we will never attain that level of perfection, we are to be vigilant in our efforts to nurture and maximum that "God is Love" approach to our time on earth. When Jesus told us that when we ministered to the poor and needy, we were ministering to Him, I think he was being literal. The poor and needy, like us, have God within them. Our efforts for them are efforts for God in them. When we accept that God is a part of each of us, then concepts of racial prejudice, gender bias, and the like clearly have no legitimacy. In the same light when we recognize that God is a part of each of us, then no challenge is beyond our reach.

To me, the role of a church is to discover where God resides in each of its members and through education, nurture, and exercise to maximize the "God is Love" that resides in each other. The people of St James epitomize that philosophy. We encourage each other. We complement each other. We lift each other up. In the process the "God is Love" part of our being expands and grows stronger. That growth, unless allowed to wither and atrophy, will remain with us forever.

In that sense, St James will always be a part of us and we will always be a part of St James. You have made us more aware of the "God is Love" that resides in us and I like to believe that we somehow have made each of you more aware of and in touch with the "God is Love" which resides in you. May God Bless each of you.

Michael & Marty

LESSONS AND CAROLS INSPIRED US



The choir at St. James gifted the parish with a beautiful service of Lessons and Carols on December 2. Several parishioners made a day of it, attending the 8:30 Eucharist, followed by breakfast in the Parish Hall, and staying for Lessons and Carols at 11am. The music and readings provided enough inspiration that some St. James members traveled to Minden the following Sunday to participate in the Lessons and Carols service at St. John's. Thanks to Kathy Deal for providing photos.



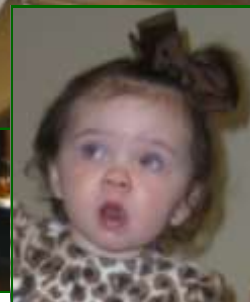
Attending Lessons and Carols for Advent is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. I attended lessons and carols at St. James the first week of Advent, which I thoroughly enjoyed. After seeing the write-up about St. John's lessons and carols the second Sunday of Advent in our church bulletin, Jimmy and I decided to go to St. John's. We thought it would be nice to see Fr. Bill officiate in his new church, which we have not been in, and see some of the people we volunteer with when St. Luke's medical van goes to Minden. It was a great service, and was good to see most of the people we work with.

—Kathy Deal

January 15, 2013



**Christmas Pageant
December 16, 2012**



Photos provided by Debbie Fitzpatrick and Kathy Deal.
Thanks, ladies!



THE MISSION CONTINUES...

Kathy, a frequent volunteer with St. Luke's, uses her interest in photography to document many of our mobile clinics. She was at the Men's Health Day in November and provided these wonderful photos.

The Men's Health Day was held at the Southern Hills Recreational Center and was organized by LSUS Feist-Weiller and Louisiana Cancer Control Partnership. It focused health issues that affect the men of our community, such as, prostate cancer, diabetes, hypertension, and elevated cholesterol. St. Luke's played a part by offering diabetes screenings. We saw over 75 men and made several onward referrals for follow-up care.

There are many ways to volunteer with St. Luke's. Kathy is a great example of how you can contribute to this ministry by sharing your talents and skills.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Brenda Nims at 318-424-0156 or stlukesmedicalministry@yahoo.com.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to St. Luke's Episcopal Medical Ministry please send it to P. O. Box 53074, Shreveport, LA 71135.

St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry is an outreach ministry of the eight Episcopal churches in Northwest Louisiana. Following the command of Christ we strive to improve the health of underserved communities in Northwest Louisiana by providing preventive health screenings, basic health services, patient education and referrals via our 34 foot medical RV.

St. Luke's Medical Ministry at Southern Hills



St. Luke's Medical Ministry went extremely well at the Men's Health Day at Southern Hills, November 17th. The additional volunteers freed Brenda, Ron, and Lois to concentrate on sticking each client's finger for a blood glucose test. Jimmy got the medical van properly placed and set up, then we were ready for people. Each person had a page with a list of different stations to visit. Brody got them started by filling in "blood sugar" next to St. Luke's Medical on their sheet, and I added a sticker indicating they had been at our station. Inside the van, Matt, a college student volunteer, took down their name and other information. Ron, Lois, or Brenda would do the blood glucose test and put the results on Matt's information sheet. Rory would then put all the client information in Brenda's program on her computer. Things went so smoothly that I was able to get a few good pictures.



—Kathy Deal

	<i>The 1st Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>The 2nd Sunday of Lent</i>
	<i>FEBRUARY 17</i>	<i>FEBRUARY 24</i>
	<i>Deuteronomy 26: 1- 11 Psalm 91: 1- 2, 9- 16 Romans 10: 8b- 13 Luke 4:1- 13</i>	<i>Genesis 15: 1- 12, 17- 18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3: 17- 4:1 Luke 13: 31- 35</i>
	TO BE NAMED	TO BE NAMED
	Mona Freeman Ron Maberry	Lynette van Heerden Larry Lashley
	Dan Bennett	Dan Bennett
	Pat Parker Lois Maberry	Mona Freeman Karen McDonald
	Kelly Parker Rory Fitzpatrick Gunnar Lyles	Melanie Winkler Austin Shelton Mason Garner
	Kelly Parker Elizabeth Ollendike	Kelly Parker Elizabeth Ollendike
	Pat Parker Denise Shelton Sissy Brown	Roger Wilkinson Wain Thompson Mary Taylor
	Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott

FEBRUARY 2013

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Kelly Parker	2 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Ethan William Morris
n Holy Eucharist w/Uncion HAPPY BIRTHDAY Debbie Knight	7 Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM	8	9
 Wednesday Service AM & 6PM	14 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Dan Bennett HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Brad & Katie Butler Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM	15	16
Holy Eucharist w/Uncion  Play, Dinner, Study at 6PM	21 Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM	22	23 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Rev'd Sue Bell Trey Gibson
m Holy Eucharist w/Uncion  Play, Dinner, Study at 6PM	28 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Eamon Alan MacIntire Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM		



		<i>The 4th Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<i>The Last Sunday after Epiphany</i>
		<i>FEBRUARY 3</i>	<i>FEBRUARY 10</i>
LECTIONARY		<i>Jeremiah 1: 4- 10 Psalm 71: 1- 6 I Corinthians 13: 1- 13 Luke 4: 21- 30</i>	<i>Exodus 34: 29- 35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3: 12- 4: 2 Luke 9: 28-36.(37- 43a)</i>
VESTRY PERSON		CURTIS SHELTON	TO BE NAMED
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	8:30 11:00	Lynette van Heerden Larry Lashley	Janie Parker Larry Lashley
LAY READER	11:00	Dan Bennett	Lois Maberry
LECTORS	8:30 11:00	Mona Freeman Kathleen Calhoun	Pat Parker Janet Moore
ACOLYTES	8:30 11:00	Melanie Winkler Rory Fitzpatrick Gunnar Lyles	Melanie Winkler Austin Shelton Mason Garner
ALTAR GUILD		Janie Parker Linda Endicott Denise Shelton	Janie Parker Linda Endicott Denise Shelton
USHERS	8:30 11:00	Lorain Thrash Mike Kendrick Sara Lewis	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Ron Maberry
MASTER OF CEREMONIES VERGER		Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott

February Anniversaries

Brad & Kati Butler	February 14
Jack & Sissy Brown	February 18
Matt & Kelly Parker	February 21

February Birthdays

Kelly Parker	February 1
Ethan William Morris	February 2
Debbie Knight	February 6
Kinsley Ann Peyton	February 10
Lynette van Heerden	February 10
Hannah Matlock	February 11
Eugenie Bryant	February 11
Dan Bennett	February 14
Chance Sims	February 16
Betty Langhorst	February 18
Brandon Taylor	February 18
Trey Gibson	February 23
The Rev'd Sue Bell	February 23
Rory Fitzpatrick	February 25
Connor Hunt	February 26
Eamon Alan MacIntire	February 28



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Ashley Purland has moved to
310 Tallow Lane
Shreveport, LA 71105

The new e-mail for St. James parish office is
stjames_sport@comcast.net

COME, DANCE WITH ST. JAMES

The famous St. James Mardi Gras Ball will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2013 in the Parish Hall from 7 until 11 p.m. Bill Bush and his combo will again entertain us. As you remember, this is a BYOB and BYO snacks event. Set-ups and ice will be provided. Tickets will be handled through the St. James Church office, so please contact Jnanne at 686-1261. The cost will be \$100.00 for a table of 8, or \$20.00 for an individual. A few larger tables will be available. Specific seating will be assigned when you make your reservation. Order your tickets today for this fun event!!



BIBLE STUDY HAS RESUMED

We have started a new bible study that meets every other Tuesday at 6pm. We are reading Beth Moore's James Mercy Triumphs. The next few meeting dates are **January 22, February 5, and February 19.** It's not too late to join us! Contact Holly Johnson at 318-347-1307 or hjohnson0821@yahoo.com with questions or to join the group.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Fantasy Football is over and we offer congratulations to our winners, Curtis Shelton for the Men's League and Debbie Fitzpatrick for the Women's League. Curtis has designated the men's pot to be donated to KAIROS. Debbie has designated her winnings be donated to the RENZI After School Program.

PLEASE HELP UPDATE THE PARISH DIRECTORY

Please notify the office if you have a change of address, telephone number, or e-mail address that you would like to share with the parish. The next Parish Directory will be distributed in January 2013. Please help us to print accurate information. Contact the parish office at stjames_sport@bellsouth.net or phone (318) 686-1261, Monday-Thursday, during regular business hours of 8:30am to 2pm.

CONVENTION DELEGATE NOMINEES

Suzy Adcock
Mike Endicott
Debbie Fitzpatrick
Sara Lewis
Lois Maberry
Kelly Parker
Denise Shelton
Kathy Watkins

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VESTRY MEMBERS

- Communicant in good standing
- Member of St. James for at least six months
- At least sixteen (16) years of age
- Contributor of record during the preceding year
- Keenly interested in all aspects of St. James
- Regularly attend services and parish events
- Able to serve on the vestry
- Able to speak up and to listen to others
- Able to put St. James first when making decisions
- Faithful to the concept of confidentiality
- Possess a sense of humor

The persons on the following page have been nominated for the 2012 vestry. Each meet the above requirements

Volunteers Continue Traditional First Sunday of the Month Breakfast

Thanks to several families who have volunteered this past year to continue the traditional first Sunday of the Month Breakfast in the Parish Hall in between Church Services.

We will post a sign up roster for folks to sign up for one of the twelve months for 2013. Curtis Shelton has already handled the January breakfast. I believe that Tommy and Mattie Mosley have agreed to help me one month with a special treat of Omelets. Can't wait for that! February sounds like a good month for that!

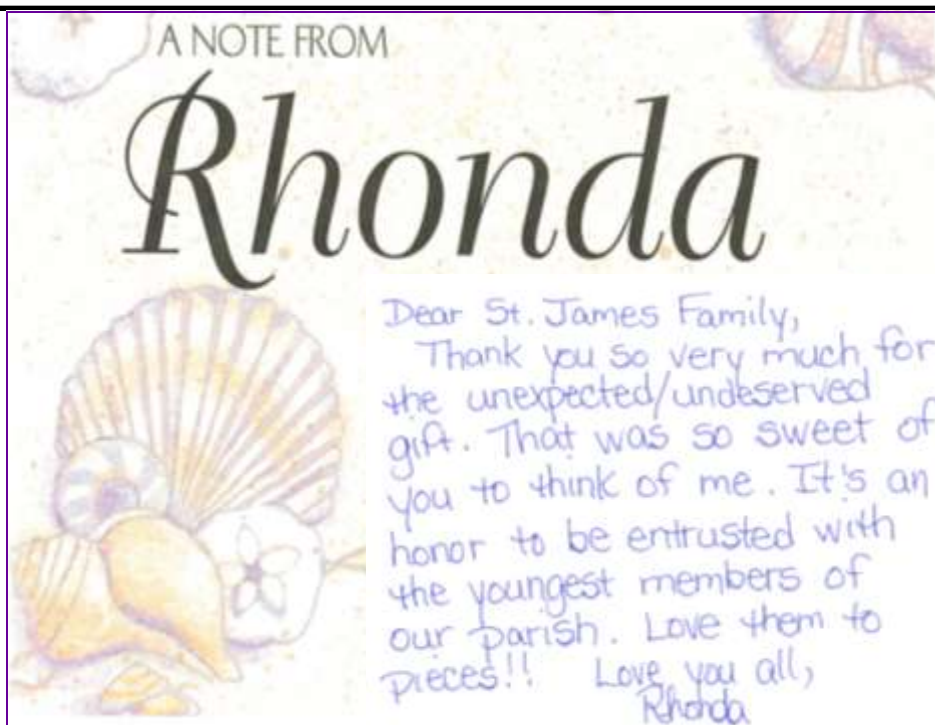
Thanks, again, everyone for helping us with the breakfast schedule. I hope you can sign up soon.

Paul Moore
Jr. Warden



Thanks for the Christmas gift. You took me by surprise! I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity and will put it to good use.

—Jnanne



NOMINEES FOR VESTRY



Hi! I am Lois Maberry and would like to serve on the Vestry of St. James Episcopal Church. I have been an Episcopalian since birth and was raised in an Episcopal home. I have been a member of St. James since 1999 and was a member of St. Mathias here in Shreveport before that. I have served on the St. James Vestry once before and have served on the Vestry at 2 other churches. I have also taught Sunday school both to children and adults, been active in youth ministry for over 25 years, worked with the ECW here at St. James and am active with the Out-

reach committee. I served this past spring on the Transition Committee of the dioceses to coordinate the activities surrounding the election and consecration and installation of Bishop Jake Owensby. Recently I have acted on my call to the Deaconate and have entered the discernment process. I chair the Board governing St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry and actively volunteer on the Van. I am married, have 3 wonderful children and a precious granddaughter. I work part time as a Physical Therapist. I feel St. James is in a wonderful position to make positive changes in our neighborhood and be a beacon of hope and God's love to those in need. I want to be a part of the Vestry to work in the direction God is leading us.

Dave Caporossi has been an active member of the St. James family for over a year, participating in many areas of congregational life. He faithfully attends Sunday services and offers help with setting up and cleaning up for parish-wide activities.

He's been a member of the Episcopal Church since his confirmation at St. James on November 6, 2011. He came to Shreveport in 1983 and retired in 2005 after 35 years of employment from GM, where he worked as a supervisor. His initial visit to St. James was upon an invitation from a good friend, Dan Bennett, and he felt so welcome and loved that he decided to join our family.

I've attended St. James for about 19 years. I've been a long-standing member of the choir and ECW (am a substitute treasurer for this). I also help with EYC activities and am part of a group who take turns teaching Sunday school for the children. I help with many of the work days at church, greening of the church, cook with the men's group for our pancake supper, helped to start our community garden and have helped with most of our fundraisers. I've also enjoyed being an active participant in several of our Lenten series and have helped with our ecumenical luncheon. I'm a helper for many things and master of none. I realize being on the vestry is a commitment and will take a little extra time every month. I'm willing to serve in this capacity for the three years stated and pray that I will be an asset.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Kendrick



Curtis Shelton. Born 1960 in Shreveport, Louisiana as one of six children. I attended Jesuit High School, then NSU-Natchitoches majoring in psychology, then LSU Law School. I am married to Denise, and the father of Lauren, Nicholas and Austin. I work at the Shreveport law firm of Ayres, Warren, Shelton & Williams, which I and my three partners started in 2008, after having practiced law together for 20+ years. I have attended St. James for about three plus years. I was received as an Episcopalian at St. James after having grown up as a Catholic.

The people at St. James have kindly shared God's many blessings with me, and I will be glad to be of service on the Vestry if the congregation, after prayerful consideration, may so decide. I was asked about serving on the Vestry before, and I have done so. I will continue in that role if that is God's will. If not, then I welcome any opportunity to serve God and his church in any other way.





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Dear Friends at St. James,

On behalf of all of us here at the Jersey Shore, I wanted to send our thanks to you for your donation of \$600 in gift cards to local Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. The kindness and care that you have shown through your gift is a wonderful example to all.

I wanted to share just a few examples of those that have benefitted from your generosity:

- A school for disabled children with many families displaced. It is difficult enough to lose your possessions and your home, but having to do that with a severely disabled child can bring extra stress to a family.
- A firehouse in Oceanport that was turned into a temporary shelter.
- A firehouse in Port Monmouth that acted as a clearinghouse for severely affected communities in their area.
- Many individual families with children that were displaced. What a terrible site it is to see all of a family's belongings in a pile in the front yard. We had volunteers simply driving through towns that were devastated and handing out gift cards to people cleaning out all of their possessions.
- Purchase of moving supplies (boxes, tape, bubblewrap) to help people pack up items that were able to be saved.
- Purchase of a small non-electric heater for a family that cannot afford to relocate but has been without power since the storm.
- A hospice organization to help those affected by the storm that are also caring for a loved one in the final weeks and months of their lives.

The list could go on and on of those that have been helped by your kind gift. We thank you for partnering with us and trusting in our ability to reach out to those so severely affected by Hurricane Sandy. We have been honored to be able to pass your gift on to our grateful community members!

Peace,

Jill Osis
Parish Administrator
12/24/12

In addition to the \$400 in gift cards sent by the Outreach Committee, St. James parishioners gathered together \$600 in gift cards that were mailed from the parish office. Below is the thank-you sent from Fr. David Perkins of Trinity Episcopal Church which has been designated as a state distribution center for those affected by Hurricane Sandy. To the left is a more detailed letter telling how the cards are being distributed—sent by Jill Osis, the Parish Administrator at Trinity.

Dear Joanne,
Your packet of gift cards arrived today! When I poured the contents out on Jill's desk (your counterpart here), she was amazed. The cards already are at work - a Home Depot card to someone in need!
Thank you! Please share our thanks at St. James! Love, David



BUT HAVE YOU MADE A PLAN?

It's that time of year, again. Time to institute that New Year's Resolution. This is something that we may have done whimsically or set with some serious change in mind. Either way, chances of success are greater if we also have a plan regarding how we will accomplish our goals. It is much easier to confidently say we will lose ten pounds, stay in touch with family and friends, get to church before the service starts, or take the family on a real vacation if we decide in advance what steps we intend to take to make that happen.

The same holds true for the rest of our lives. We set ourselves goals of buying a house, raising a family, getting a job in our chosen profession, and a myriad of other greater and lesser objectives. And often we realize that the goal requires small steps to achieve complete accomplishment. We educate ourselves, save our money, investigate the best schools and neighborhoods. We set priorities and do what we must to make our dreams a reality.

Sometimes along the way we make adjustments. The economy changes, our lives change, or we discover that what we once wanted it not so important to us, anymore. Or we reach a goal **and find we really didn't realize exactly what it entailed and we really don't like it much.** Our goals change and we evolve with them.

The same thing happens in our spiritual life. As we grow in our Christian lives our view of the world and of the Church changes. As our spiritual selves mature, we discover that our goals shift from what we wish to get out of attending Church to how we wish to give to others in our Church life. Either way, we still need a plan in order to reach our goals. And we need to be open to making adjustments to our strategy as circumstances change around us.

St. James offers us many avenues of spiritual growth and many opportunities to share with others, within our community and beyond. With the annual meeting coming up, let's take the time to prepare and plan together. We need leaders who will serve St. James well, and we need to be supportive of them and ready to assist them in accomplishing the goals of the parish.

Let's work together to make a plan.

—Jnanne Zepeda

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE

If you would like an announcement placed in the Sunday bulletin, please submit it by 10:00 am on the previous Wednesday. The office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. Announcements that are in printed form may be mailed, sent through e-mail to stjames_sport@bellsouth.net, or dropped at the parish office.

Newsletter deadline: February 1st

SPREAD THE WORD

Would you like to brag on your family's achievements, share family milestones with friends, or invite the parish to an upcoming event? You can do so easily by submitting articles to the parish office for publication in the Spirit. There is always room for news of a baptism, wedding, or school achievement. Photographs and stories can be sent via e-mail to stjames_sport@bellsouth.net or dropped off at the parish office. And if you are shy about doing the writing, just telephone the information to 686-1261 and the writing will take care of itself.

***Our Mission Statement: A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD TO WORSHIP,
LOVE, AND SERVE.***

Our Schedule of Services:

Sunday—Holy Eucharist, 8:30am

followed by Coffee Hour and donuts in the Parish Hall

Sunday School, 9:45am

Holy Eucharist, 11:00am

Wednesday—Holy Eucharist with Unction, 10am

Bible Study, 10:30am



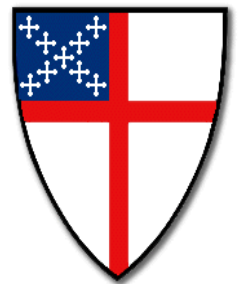
VAYA CON DIOS, SARAH!

St. James will certainly miss one of our most faithful members when Sarah Roberts Salmela moves to Boise, Idaho to live with her daughter, Debra. Sarah has attended St. James since becoming a member in June of 1976. Both her daughters were confirmed at St. James; Lisa in 1977 and Debra in 1978. Both daughters held their weddings at St. James: Lisa in 1993 and Debra in 1995, so St. James has definitely been a family affair for Sarah.

Sarah has not only been a faithful parishioner of St. James but has also served in many different capacities during her 37 years. She has served on the vestry twice, when Dan Krutz was rector and again when Rocki Proffitt was rector. She served as director of the Altar Guild for 25 years, and many Sundays we see Sarah serving at the altar as Eucharistic minister. In addition, Sarah has been on numerous committees at St. James including search committees for rector and discernment committees for the diaconship. She is a member of the Daughters of the King and has served as a leader in the DOC.

Sarah was the first person in the diocese to complete the lengthy Education for Ministry study and went on to be the first person from St. James to serve on the Executive Diocese Committee. She has also been on the Cursillo staff at Camp Hardtner in previous years. Since her retirement she has served as a volunteer at Highland Hospital.

Those of us who know Sarah well appreciate her dry sense of humor as well as her ability to say what she thinks. Sarah is honest, forthright and a truly spiritual person. As you can tell from the above resume, she has been a tireless disciple for our church. I know her church work will continue at St. Michael's Cathedral in Boise. (Episcopal, of course!) We will miss you Sarah, but we wish you every happiness in your new home and your new church.



Vaya con Dios, Sarah. May God be with you till we meet again!

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