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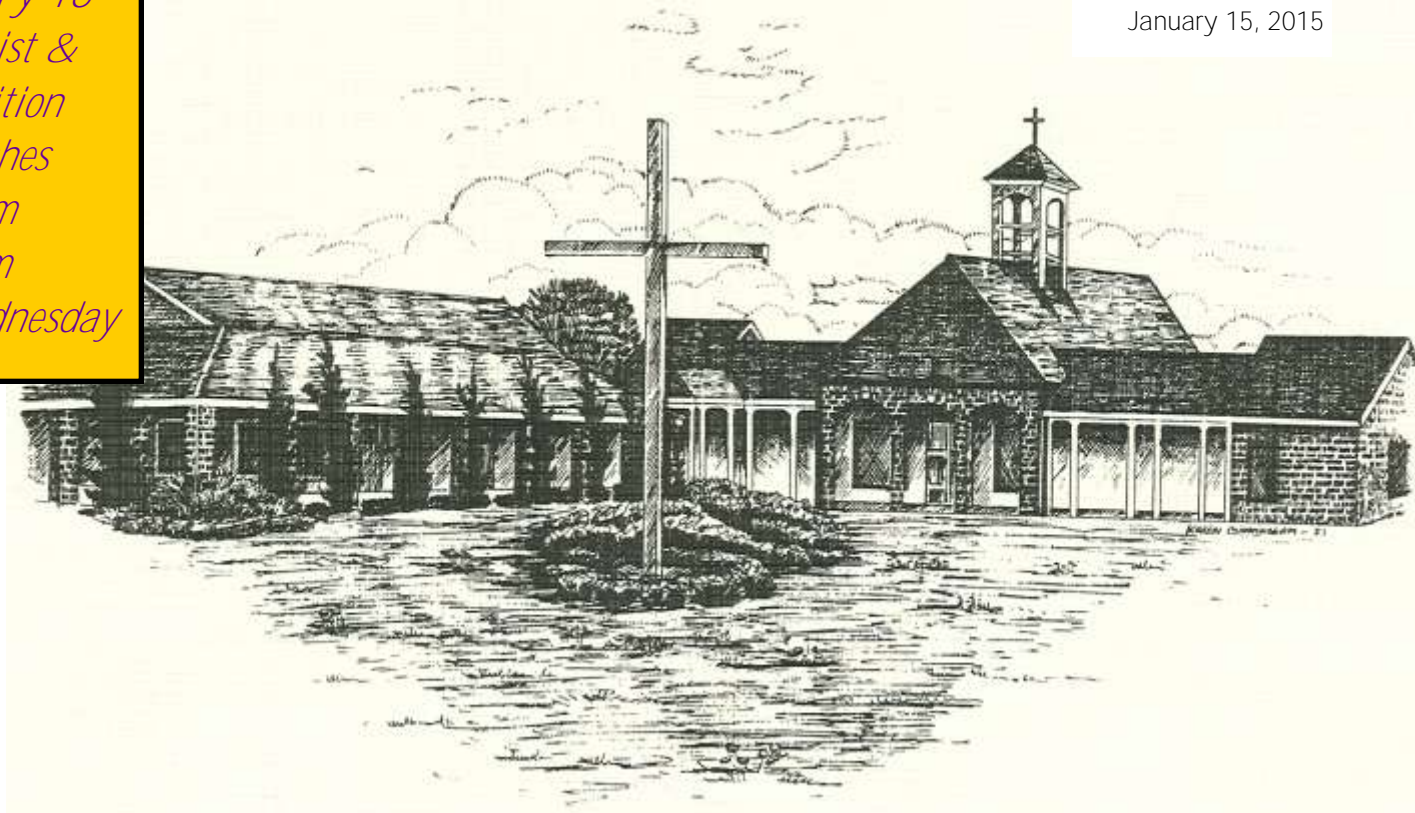
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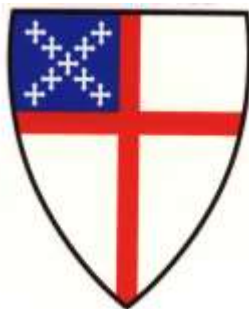
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A MESSAGE FROM MORGAN

Dear Family of St. James,

I found a quote the other day that really resonated with me and I'm going to share it with you.

"Love won't be tampered with, love won't go away. Push it to one side and it creeps to the other."

—Louise Erdrich

Love won't go away. Isn't this what Jesus teaches us? Real Love is abiding. That means that real Love actually makes a home inside you. It stays. It moves in for good. It never leaves no matter how hard you try to push it away. Real Love is everlasting.

I think that a lot of times in life we make a conscious decision to walk around with armor on – you know, tons of imaginary steel that guards our hearts from intruders. It's a natural human inclination to want to protect ourselves from harm, especially if we have been wounded in the past. We throw up walls and hope against hope that no one will stay around long enough to commit to the hard work of tearing them down.

But then, there's Jesus.

That rascal, that trouble causer, who will stop at nothing to pick us apart in the most kind and gentle way. We may try to run, we may bolster our best defenses, but eventually, that Jesus, he breaks us clean in two. No matter how hard we try to hide the things we like least about ourselves, Jesus always sees right through to the heart of the matter. No walls can keep Him at bay. No armor is too tough for Him to penetrate. We push Him to one side and guess what? He creeps around to the other. Jesus is the Love that abides, stays, never leaves.

Last week, while attending a funeral for a beloved clergyman I heard Bill McBride+, my friend and colleague, tell us in his homily that in some parts of the world when a congregation passes the peace on Sunday mornings they don't say: "The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you." Instead, they take each other by the hand and say, "I love the face of Christ I see in you."

I love the face of Christ I see in you. Isn't that beautiful? What a wonderful way to affirm that abiding Love that lives in the hearts of our brothers and sisters.

We should make a point to say these kinds of things to each other more often, you know? Jesus did spend a lot of time yammering about the Love he has for us, yes, but he didn't stop there. He went on to say that the abiding Love he has for us is the exact same kind of Love we should have for one another. Take a minute for that to sink in.



We have the capacity to care for each other in the exact same way that Jesus cares for us. That abiding Love lives inside of us and it *begs* to be shared. So my friends try, if you will, to keep some of those walls from being erected. Wake up each morning and decide to leave another piece of your armor at home. In this new year, give yourself permission to be known and loved – allow others to love the face of Christ they see in you.

Blessings,

Morgan +



Outreach News

A meal very much like the one depicted below was delivered to several folk in the Southern Hills area for New Year's Day as part of the Filling in the Gaps Program. The meal was accompanied by frozen home-made soup and a card from St. James. Two weeks earlier the LDI program sent Christmas Dinner to even more people, with more frozen home-made soups and stews. In 2015 we plan to continue this important ministry, serving food to those who would otherwise go hungry. We thank the many people who contributed to this program, either by donating food, time, or energy. It took a lot of folk to bring this program together and to sustain it—and it sure looks like we are in it for the long haul, thanks to the dedication of those involved.

St. James also came together to provide Christmas gifts to several families who were unable to purchase presents for their children this year. Thanks to everyone who donated to this effort. The happiness on the faces of those families when the deliveries were made were sights to behold! The best part of the entire endeavor was that we were able to engage all the parish, from our young in age to our young at heart, in collecting, wrapping, and delivering. Outreach works best when it is a shared activity, and we loved sharing this with our youth!



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal



New Years Blackeye Peas and Cabbage



St. James Community Garden provided the Deals with their cabbage for New Years Day. A week or two earlier Mona and Melanie each got a head of cabbage. Mona doesn't care for cooked cabbage... she was planning on making coleslaw. I ate a few bites of our cabbage before it went in the pot, so I know her slaw was good. It was also good cooked, and completed the traditional New Years meal of cabbage, blackeye peas, ham, and corn bread.

~Kathy Deal

THE GOOD STEWARDS

If you haven't stopped by the columbarium lately, please take a moment to gaze upon the fabulous work Matt Parker has done installing the new niches. He has put twenty-four of the thirty-six niches that will eventually be housed on the second wall into place. He's also built storage cabinets above the columbarium on both walls, which will soon be stained to match the woodwork in the nave.

Matt completed the installation of the original thirty-six niches many years ago, and has done an excellent job of making the new ones match the originals. At their most

recent meeting the Vestry voted to give two niches to Matt as a thank-you for his work, since he donated his professional services, saving the parish the cost of installation.

This is one of the ways that St. James makes use of the time and talents of our parishioners as we strive to be good stewards toward each other and our community.



Photos courtesy
Kathy Deal



THERE'S A NEW KIND OF PAGEANT IN TOWN

St. James tried something new this year—an intergenerational, no practice, just jump in and give it your best Christmas pageant—and it was extremely successful. Narrated by Brody Fitzpatrick and annotated by Morgan MacIntire, the parish was invited to come up and be costumed as the story unfolded. By the time we reached the end of the tale, a large number of the congregation were at the front of the church, outfitted in animal hats, halos, crowns, and robes.

Thanks to Theresa Mormino for preparing the costumes, Holly Johnson for dressing the participants, Jerry Howard for videotaping the pageant and posting it on the parish website (that's his laugh you hear throughout the video), and Kathy Deal for providing photos for this article. And special thanks are due to Graham Allen for his portrayal of the Baby Jesus, the star of the show—and to Morgan, the other star!



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal

ST JAMES MULTI-TASKS WITH EASE

The parishioners at St. James managed to work hard and play hard all at the same time one Sunday in December. We met during Adult Forum to learn about the Chrismon symbols and make new ornaments for our Chrismon tree, then after the 11am service we enjoyed lunch together, packaged meals to deliver for Christmas Filling in the Gaps, wrapped presents, Greened the Church, and finished making the ornaments! That's a lot to accomplish in one day, but we did it, because we all joined together for fellowship and fun. We even managed to deliver the food and gifts, thanks to some very special volunteers. Advent and Christmas Seasons were definitely a time of giving, caring, joining, and sharing. Let's make Epiphany, Lent, and Easter as memorable for our parish family and those whom we meet throughout the seasons.



Notes of thanks...



THE MISSION CONTINUES...

Always we begin again.

A new year, and with it new opportunities to face the challenges, and the possibilities, of what we might be about. As I am still learning my way around the St. Luke's ministry I am constantly amazed and humbled by what I see happening, the lives that are being impacted by this group of dedicated staff and volunteers, and those of you who support this program.

My time these days is being spent primarily with grant submissions, and with each one we carry the question: what needs can we meet, who can we serve? Our calendar for January includes a new offering - under the initiative of Susan G Komen we are partnering with LSUHSC Partners in Wellness and Martin Luther King Health Center to offer the first "Pop Up Breast Health Clinic". We will be in Ringold this month, along with the mammography van to offer not only breast exams and education but on site mammography. Each month we will pop up in a different rural location with the goal of increasing breast health awareness and access to screening. We continue our in-city and rural outreach clinics as well, working alongside other organizations who see the need to assist those marginalized and living on the edges of society.

The challenges are endless, but then, so are the opportunities. We can either choose to be overwhelmed by it, or we can choose to pick up what we can, offer assistance where we are able, provide the support that is needed....serve the one in front of us. Each time the St. Luke's van rolls through the streets, opens its door and invites in all, regardless, we serve the one in front of us.

A new year, a new opportunity, a never ending need.

And never ending gratitude from those we minister to, and those of us who have the privilege to be a part of this ministry.

Blessings,

Betty Johnson

Executive Director

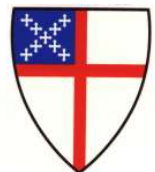
St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry


Ash Wednesday

**Eucharist &
Imposition
of Ashes**

**10am
6pm**

February 18

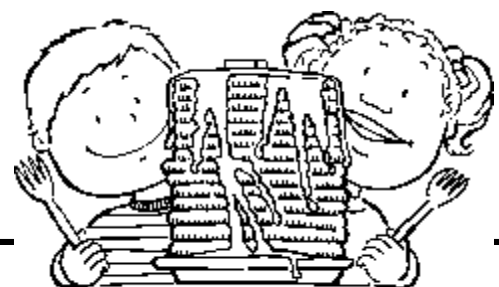


Please join us for the
ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2015

10am WORSHIP SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY
PARISH-WIDE LUNCHEON
and **BUSINESS MEETING**

Make parish plans for 2015
Elect vestry members
Elect delegates to the diocesan convention
Eat great food & enjoy great company

February 17
Pancake Supper
6:00pm
Parish Hall




SHROVE TUESDAY

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	
1 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 9:45AM Sunday Forum 11:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Happy Birthday Kelly Parker	2 Happy Birthday Ethan William Morris	3	4 10
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Beth Moore Bible Study
6:30pm



	<i>The 4th Sunday After the Epiphany</i>	<i>The 5th Sunday After the Epiphany</i>
	<i>FEBRUARY 1</i>	<i>FEBRUARY 8</i>
LECTIONARY	<i>Deuteronomy 18: 15- 20 Psalm 111 Mark 1:21- 28 I Corinthians 8: 1- 13</i>	<i>Isaiah 40:21- 31 Psalm 147: 1- 12, 21c Mark 1: 29- 39 I Corinthians 9: 16- 23</i>
VESTRY PERSON	BRIAN WHATLEY	JANA KENDRICK
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER 8:30 11:00	Lynnette van Heerden Dan Bennett	Janie Parker Brian Whatley
LAY READER 11:00	Ken Murphy	Bert Babington
LECTORS 8:30 11:00	Pat Parker Debbie Fitzpatrick	Debbie Fitzpatrick Sissy Brown
ACOLYTES 8:30 11:00	Kelly Parker Austin Shelton	Hannah Parker Rory Fitzpatrick
ALTAR GUILD	Janie Parker Linda Endicott	Janie Parker Linda Endicott
USHERS 8:30 11:00	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Sissy Brown	Lorain Thrash Mary Taylor Mike Kendrick
MASTER OF CEREMONIES VERGER	Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott

PREPARE FOR WINDSTORM AT THE BALL JANUARY 17



The Mardi Gras Ball will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2015, in the Parish Hall 7p-11p. The band Windstorm will be playing. The cost will be \$150.00 for a table of 8 or \$25.00 for a single admission. Proceeds go to the ECW for Parish Hall renovations. It is a BYOB and BYO snacks event with ice and set ups provided. Seating is limited, so contact the parish office by calling 686-1261 to reserve your seats.





I have been a member of St. James since shortly after I was confirmed as an Episcopalian in 1986. Although it has been several years, I have previously served on the vestry. I have served on a pastoral search committee working closely with other members of St. James and the Bishop. I am an usher and Lector on a regular basis and have attended Cursillo. I have been married for (almost 32 years) and have three sons and three grandchildren. I also have an adopted "Colorado" Son and Daughter-in-law who have given us another Grandson. I claim them as my very own. With careful thought, consideration, and prayer I have agreed to be nominated for Vestry and would serve faithfully.

—*Sissy Brown*

We have been at St. James since 1984, and we raised Nick and Matthew here. I have served on a vestry or two in the past and was Junior Warden once. I love St. James, work in the garden, and help with projects around the parish as they arise. I hope to offer "age and wisdom" should I be elected to the Vestry.

—*Pat Parker*



Awaiting Bio of third candidate

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 2014 vestry. Each meet the above requirements

CONVENTION DELEGATE NOMINEES

- *Chris Bienvenu
- *Mike Endicott
- *Debbie Fitzpatrick
- *Holly Johnson
- *Sara Lewis
- *Denise Shelton

MARGARET: A REMEMBRANCE

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:25-26

How strange it seems, to drive past Francais on Sunday morning and not pick up Margaret for church. How can she be gone? That lively petite figure who always sashayed out to the car in her high heels and toenails painted to match the color of her dress, talking a blue streak!

I first met Margaret Anderson in 1968 when we moved to Shreveport, bought a house on Midvale and started going to St. James. Saint James was a friendly church, but Margaret was especially so and we became instant friends. In 1970 my father died suddenly, and my mother moved in with us. Margaret was wonderful to my mother as she always was with the elderly.

Margaret Cecelia Bergeron was born in a small town outside of New Orleans called Bourg. Sadly, her own mother died when she was very young and her father placed Margaret and her sister in an orphanage where she remained until she went away to college. It was an Episcopal orphanage so Margaret was brought up in the Episcopal tradition. She did well in high school and went to Northwestern in Natchitoches on a scholarship where she met her future husband J.B. Anderson. Margaret always said all she wanted in life was to have a family of her own, since she had not had one growing up.

J.B. and Margaret had four children, two boys and two girls, the perfect family. But disaster struck Ron and the family when he contracted polio at a very young age. He spent many months in the Shriners Hospital. Ron told me of a photo that he has that was taken at Shriners of him and his mother, and they both have such sad looks on their faces. Looking at the photo, he realized that his mother was feeling all the pain and anguish that he himself was feeling. All Margaret's children are mature, successful adults. She was very proud of all of them: Lyn, the eldest, Ron, the second boy, daughters Karen and Lisa, all of whom have had happy marriages and beautiful children and grandchildren as well.

Fate was cruel to Margaret again when her marriage to J.B. ended in divorce, but she and J.B. remained friends through the years and even corresponded with one another. He died earlier this year which caused Margaret great sadness again. After the divorce, Margaret went to work: first with Wardlaw's Jewelers, then Givens Jewelers and eventually to become the secretary, then the administrator for St. James, the church that she dearly loved, the people that she truly cared about. Life takes unexpected turns, but she had found her niche, her mission as she called it, serving God and his church for 26 years. She loved her job, even earning her own parking place!

Margaret was not only a capable and caring church secretary; she was also very talented in other areas. She was a beautiful seamstress. Not only did she make dresses for her girls, but she even sewed maternity frocks for me for formal functions at LSU-S when I was pregnant with Chris. Speaking of Chris, Margaret was his godmother, and she was the most wonderful babysitter in the world. Forget Mary Poppins, Margaret would get down on the floor and play games for hours. She loved children; she even made curtains for the church nursery one year. If it hadn't been for Deacon Graff we would never have gotten them hung up!

Margaret was also an excellent cook. Everything from her cornbread dressing to butterbean and ham soup to the key lime pie that she would make Tommy on his birthday were delicious. However, most of us (who were lucky enough to receive some at Christmas) would have to say her candy was her "piece de resistance". She spent hours making fudge, peanut butter fudge, pecan logs, and divinity to give away.

Margaret loved to give presents. When I would say, please don't spend your money on us, she would reply: "Oh, Mattie, I enjoy giving presents so much; let me!" My house is full of the special presents she would buy, things she



knew I would like: little Christmas houses, a teapot with books on it, a needlepoint of the prayer of St. Francis, snow globes, music boxes. She would also give presents to my children and later my grandchildren no matter how much I fussed!

The Sixties were her favorite era, especially the music and the "peace sign". I have even given her peace sign shoe laces. She was constantly reading books of devotions, but she also enjoyed the novels of Jan Karon about Father Tim. We even got to meet Jan at St. Mark's a number of years ago. She loved the New Orleans Saints. I'm glad she didn't realize what a bad year they have had! She would even wear her Saints jersey to church on Sunday sometimes; I'm surprised she didn't include "When the Saints Go Marching In" at her funeral. For her and for her team, it would have been appropriate.

My fondest memories of Margaret are of auto trips. We ventured to Dallas on several occasions, we went antiquing to Gladewater and Jefferson Texas, and we went to visit my 100 year old friend in Monroe and my relatives in Arcadia or up at Marion. We also spent many hours visiting the elderly or ill at their homes or in nursing homes. Most recently our trips were taking her to the doctor and then going to IHOP for lunch, her favorite place to eat.

A few others have shared their memories of Margaret with me. Debbie Barnwell tells me that she and Margaret went to Cursillo together in 1976; they were buddies at Table #8. Debbie is the only one left from that table. Tina Caporossi tells me that Margaret really helped her and Dave learn our Episcopal tradition. Margaret's genuflecting, her knowledge of the prayer book and most especially her greeting to Tina "Hello, my Angel" will always be remembered.

Marty Wainwright remembers Margaret sitting at the kitchen table and drinking coffee with her own dear mother, our beloved Helen Kizer. They were such good friends. Sarah Salmela remembers Margaret cooking her special dishes when Sarah was sick a few years ago. Sarah would always give Margaret the latest Jan Karon book.

Lonnie Howard and Faye Wynn were so faithful to Margaret in these last few years in taking her to her various doctor appointments. Margaret also loved to go places with Ruby Betterton as well as visit with her on the phone. Robert DeLoach shared crossword puzzles and jumbles with Margaret through the years.

Father Dan Krutz, for whom Margaret worked at St. James for so many years, came all the way from Baton Rouge for her funeral. Dan told me that Margaret would have wanted to die on Christmas Day, the holiest of holy days since she was such a Christian and a firm believer.

Margaret would have loved her funeral; it was definitely in the Episcopal tradition: "I know that my Redeemer lives" are the wonderful words that the priest recites as the procession enters the church. "Lift High the Cross" was her favorite hymn. She is still with St. James, right by the altar where she worshipped so faithfully. Her last few months were so tormented for her and for those who loved her; it is a blessing that she is at peace. She is in the arms of our Savior. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." *Deuteronomy 33:27*

Rest in peace, dear friend, Alleluia!

—Mattie

Dear Janis,
I wanted to send a special "thank you" for the wonderful reception you hosted following mom's service. The food and fellowship was the best.
My mother loved St. James. You were all her extended family, and your love and support over the years meant so much.
Our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks to all of you.
In Christ,
Julie Anderson Garfield



Cocktails & Cookies

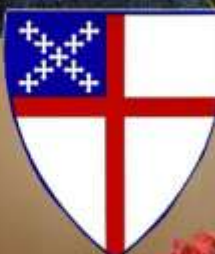


The women of St. James came together at the home of Janie Parker for a holiday cookie and treat exchange, December 13, 2014. The event was well planned, executed, and attended. The holiday treats were fantastic, as was the fellowship.

-Kathy Deal



Kathy with BFF, B.J.



ACCEPTANCE LEADS TO SERENITY

A young lady recently asked me why I always seem so serene. I didn't tell her the most important word in that sentence was seem—being serene and looking serene are actually two different things. However, I did pretty much tell her my overall life philosophy: **Accept what you can't change, revel in the good, work to change what needs changing, adjust to what cannot be changed while continuing to look for the possibility of making things better in the future—and while you are at it, dwell on the good despite the bad, rather than letting the good pass you by because you missed it while you were glaring at the bad.**

While it may sound simplistic, it is not really simple at all. It's all too easy to let the bad get you down, to be sucked into negative thinking and to believe the worst. Whether we find ourselves mistrusting others or hating ourselves, it is much easier to pick out the bad than to see the good in so many situations. I challenge each of us to actively spend more time in 2015 looking for the good in ourselves and in those around us—seeking the positive side to interactions with others and enjoying the little things, even during a day when the big things don't seem so good.

When confronted with situations that are unfamiliar, it is human nature to shun that which makes us uncomfortable. As a result, many people find it difficult to get to know folk who are dissimilar to them. It may be easy to reach out to anonymous villagers across the world through Church-based philanthropic groups, but it is much harder to reach a hand out to the individuals we come across in person who are in need because the glaring differences between their lifestyles and ours make it harder to connect. Whether they dress differently, love differently, speak with a different accent, worship differently, vote differently, or view the world in some other way that we do not, sharing the same language does not ensure we can effectively communicate.

So, for 2015, let's work on that. Let us seek the similarities that bring us together while reveling in the diversity that makes us unique. Let us see the good in ourselves and others, the good in the situations in which we find ourselves—the silver linings in our lives—while working to correct the aspects of life that could be improved, for ourselves and for those around us. In 2015 let us accept that life is not perfect, and never will be, but that together we can bring it closer to perfection by sharing our love of Christ with the world, starting with the world closest to us: our family, friends, and neighbors.

Let us welcome those around us with an open heart. In true Christian style, let us open our arms to all of our neighbors and say, the Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

—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@comcast.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@comcast.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

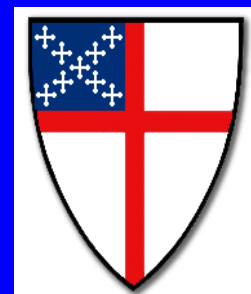
Wednesday—Holy Eucharist with Unction, 10am



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CHRISTMAS EVE
2014



Vision Statement of St. James Episcopal Church: We see St. James as a spirit-led congregation that is a beacon of God's love shining in the community, welcoming all by reaching out through worship, service, mission, and programming to bring peace and healing to all of God's children. We strive to serve our members by nourishing our faith, giving support in times of need and becoming a congregation from which community-based outreach programs have their genesis.