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The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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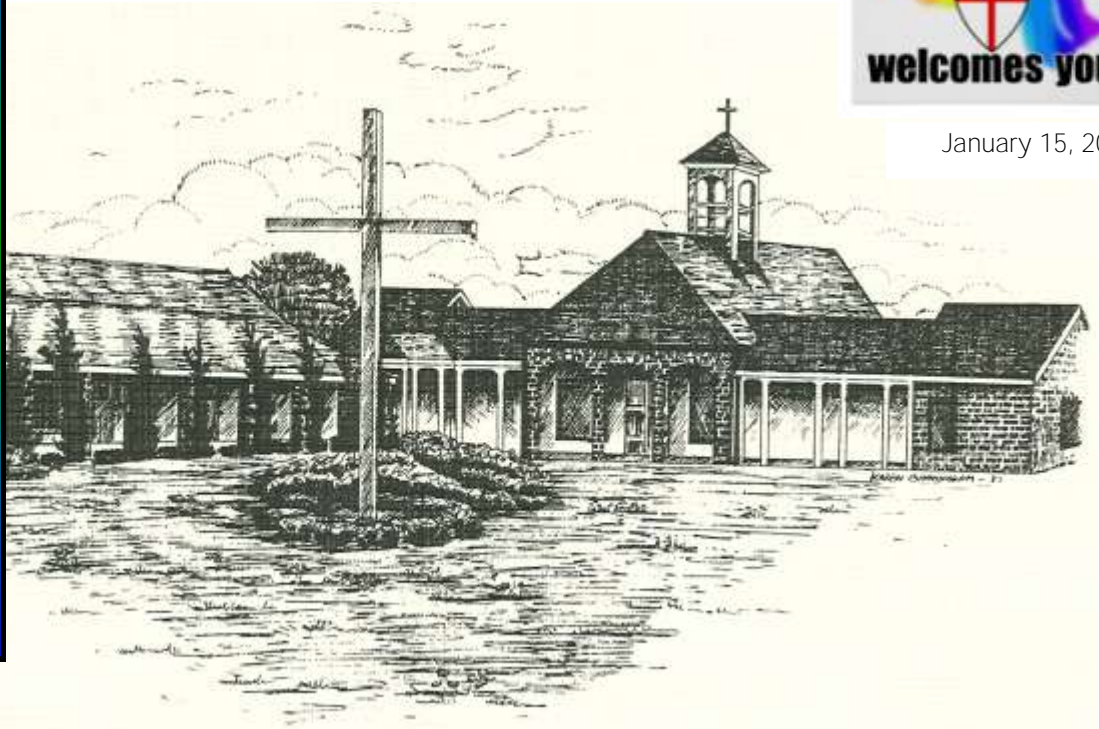


January 15, 2015

*January 24
Eucharist 10am
Annual Meeting
and Potluck
immediately
Following*



*February 10
Ash Wednesday
Eucharist &
Imposition
of Ashes
10am
6pm*



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Owensby

Rector:
The Search is On

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Kaye Crichlow

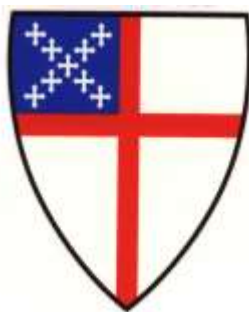
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2015 Vestry:
Brian Whatley (17)— Sr.
Warden
Dave Caporossi (16)— Jr.
Warden

Members:
Chris Bienvenu (17)
Sissy Brown (18)
Kathy Deal (17)
Mike Endicott (16)
Rory Fitzpatrick (16)
Jana Kendrick (16)
Karen McDonald (18)
Pat Parker (18)

Ex Officio:
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Come and See

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' John 1:43-46

In this passage from John's Gospel, we see Philip responding to Jesus' call to follow Him and then Philip telling Nathanael that they had found in Jesus the Messiah described in the Old Testament. Nathanael replied with derision, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" likely meaning how can anything good come from such an out-of-the-way and backwards place? Philip wisely replied, "Come and see." Perhaps we sometimes feel like Philip when describing our Parish life and following Jesus at St. James. We may even wonder to ourselves how can anything good come from a little red-brick church on Bert Kouns, in Shreveport of all places? And especially now, when we don't even have a permanent Rector in place? But yet, like Philip, we should always respond, "come and see!" I believe that our Parish does in fact make a difference. Our ministries do touch many. We feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and the prisoners, all those things in Matthew's Gospel that we like to feel good about. And more. But really, we as a Parish try to serve as the hands and feet and heart of Jesus in a world where Jesus is often an afterthought.

I'm not going to go into all of the ways that St. James serves as Jesus in a world that needs Jesus. I will leave that to the Annual Report describing our many, many ministries. Please come to the Annual Meeting on January 24 and see. Not only "Come and see," but also come and say what will be the direction of our Parish in 2016.

In Christ,
Brian Whatley
Senior Warden



January 15, 2015

Outreach News

Thanks to everyone who participated in purchasing, donating, wrapping, delivering the Christmas gifts for families in need. Thanks also to those who worked with Lorain Thrash to Fill in the Gaps for those on our Meals on Wheels route who otherwise would not have had a Christmas dinner or a New Year's dinner.

Photos courtesy Kathy Deal.



CHRISTMAS EVE 2015



THE GOOD STEWARDS

As we approach our Annual Meeting and prepare to elect new leadership for our parish, we acknowledge the work that our current leaders have done in overseeing the property, guiding the people, and keeping the congregation together as we seek a new rector. Brian Whatley, as Senior Warden, has had a lot of extra work loaded onto his shoulders and has done a tremendous job of juggling the responsibilities. Junior Warden Dave Caporossi has confronted issues with the buildings and grounds in a matter-of-fact manner, dealing with each as they arise and moving on to the next.

Our Vestry as a whole has covered a lot of ground this past year, forging ahead in the absence of the spiritual guidance of a priest. We thank them for the time and energy they have put into running the parish. Special thanks go to those whose terms are ending: Dave Caporossi and Jana Kendrick who are completing three-year terms, Mike Endicott who finished an uncompleted term (and is therefore eligible to run for a full term), and Rory Fitzpatrick, our youth member (who is investigating colleges).

Our treasurer, Tommy Mosley, and our clerk, Janie Parker, put in just as much time as the elected members of the Vestry. Both are dedicated to St. James and our parishioners, and we appreciate the work they do on our behalf.

These are some 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.



January 15, 2015

ADVENT--A TIME OF PREPARATION



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal.

Falling in Love with God Again

A Retreat for Women

Does your spiritual life seem to be stuck? Has the power gone out of your prayer life? Do you need your spiritual pilot light lit?

This is an opportunity to get away, pray and share so that you can fall back into the arms of God.

There will be a daily worship schedule; group meditations from Sister Barbara Jean; time for private spiritual direction; time to be quiet, take walks, rest.



Sr. Barbara Jean Brown
Anamchara Fellowship
of the Episcopal Church

February 19-21, 2016

Hardtner Camp & Conference Center

Name: _____

Single _____ Double _____ (Roommate preference) _____

Booking fee due at registration \$40: Balance due Feb. 12, 2016

Contact: Email _____ Phone: _____

Single Occupancy room \$225 (All Inclusive) Double Occupancy room \$185 (All Inclusive)

Some scholarship may be available upon application to the conference director - first come basis.

Send Registration to: Hardtner Camp and Conference Center
2393 Camp Hardtner Road
Pollock, LA 71467



Walking Three Days with Jesus

A silent retreat for those who want to walk the way of the Cross at the Triduum

March 24-26, 2015

Hardtner Camp and Conference Center, Pollock, Louisiana

Beginning with Maundy Thursday supper we will begin to walk the three days to the silence of the tomb. Included in the retreat will be the traditional Maundy Thursday liturgy; Good Friday Liturgy; Stations of the Cross; Holy Saturday Liturgy and a series of meditations. There will be time for silent meditation and reflection, walks and rest. The retreat will end after lunch on Holy Saturday.

From Maundy Thursday to the Great Vigil of Easter we walk a sacred journey - Jesus sitting at table with his disciples, instituting the Eucharistic feast - the quiet time in the garden praying with Jesus - the journey from garden to judgement to the cross and we see Jesus crucified. This is a retreat for anyone who would like to take these three days for retreat and meditation before the great feast of Easter. We will have quiet times as well as times when we can talk together. There will be space for spiritual direction.

Leader: The Very Rev. Ronald Clingenpeel, a priest associate with the Diocese of Western Louisiana, will be the retreat leader. He has been a campus minister, diocesan administrator, dean of a cathedral and has led many retreats over the years. Dean Clingenpeel will lead us in the Way of the Cross in living these three days with Jesus.

Retreat Costs: Single occupancy room: \$225 (all inclusive)
Double occupancy room: \$185 (all inclusive)
Some scholarship aid may be available

Name: _____

Single _____ Double _____ (Roommate preference) _____

Contact: Email _____ Phone: _____

Booking fee due at registration \$40: Balance due March 17, 2015

Send Registration to: Hardtner Camp and Conference Center
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Pollock, LA 71467



THE MISSION CONTINUES...

January Calendar of Clinics

St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry February Calendar

- February 03 12:30pm-2:30pm Love Well, 605 Cotton Street, Shreveport
- February 04 3:00pm-5:00pm Hope Connection, 2350 Levy Street, Shreveport
- February 05 9:00am-11:00am Higher Ground Food Pantry, 6580 Hwy 509, Mansfield
- February 06 9:00am-12:00pm Save-A-Lot Grocery parking lot, Minden
- February 10 9:00am-11am Hope House, 762 Austin Place, Shreveport
- February 11 4:30pm-6:15pm Highland Center, Shreveport
- February 14 4:00pm-6:00pm Christ the King Catholic Church, 425 McCormick, Bossier City
- February 17 3:30pm-5:30pm Hope Connection, 2350 Levy Street, Shreveport
- February 18 4:45pm-6:30pm Cedar Grove Common Ground Ministries, Shreveport
- February 20 7:30am-9:00am Food Bank, Vivian
- February 20 9:30am-11:00am Food Bank, Oil City
- February 21 10:00am-12:00pm Hope House, 762 Austin Place, Shreveport

Please join us for the
**ANNUAL
MEETING**
JANUARY 24, 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

Ash Wednesday
**Eucharist &
Imposition of Ashes**

10am
The Rev'd Sally Fox
6pm
The Rev'd Andrew Comeaux

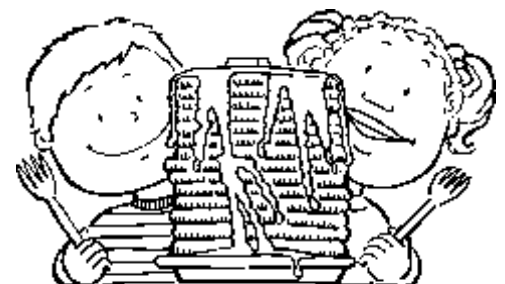
DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The following individuals have indicated an interest in serving as delegates at the Diocesan Convention, to be held in the Shreveport Convocation, in October 2016. All parishes in the Diocese of Western Louisiana have four lay delegates and four alternates who serve if the delegates are not available. At St. James we vote on the candidates, and assign the four with the largest number of votes as our delegates. If there are more than four candidates, the next four become the alternates. All will be expected to attend convention if they are able.

And please remember, everyone in the parish is invited to attend the Diocesan Convention. All in attendance are encouraged to participate fully, with only one exception. Delegates are the only people with voting privileges.

* Brian Whatley
* Mike Endicott
* Curtis Shelton
* Karen McDonald


February 9
Pancake Supper
6:00pm
Parish Hall



SHROVE TUESDAY

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p><u>Ash Wednesday</u> 10 Am Rev'd Sally Fox 6 Pm Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</p>	<p><i>1</i></p> <p>Happy Birthday Kelly Parker</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>Happy Birthday Ethan William Morris</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>10 R</p>
<p><i>7</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 11:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>	<p><i>8</i></p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>6PM</p>  <p>SHROVE TUESDAY</p>	<p><i>10</i> 10</p> <p>WE K Ly</p>
<p><i>14</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Brad & Katie Butler Happy Birthday Dan Bennett</p>	<p><i>15</i></p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>Happy Birthday Chance Sims</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>10 R</p>
<p><i>21</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Matt & Kelly Parker</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>Happy Anniversary Connor & Michelle Matlock</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>Happy Anniversary Michael & France – Claire Walker Happy Birthday Trey Gibson The Rev'd Sue Bell</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>10 R</p>
<p><i>28</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>Happy Birthday Eamon Alan MacIntire</p>	<p><i>29</i></p>		

	<p><i>The Last Sunday After the Epiphany</i> <i>Rev'd Guido Verbek</i></p> <p>FEBRUARY 7</p>	<p><i>The 1st Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Rev'd Paula Clair Hall</i></p> <p>FEBRUARY 14</p>
<p>LECTIONARY</p>	<p><i>Exodus 34:29-35</i> <i>Psalms 99</i> <i>II Corinthians 3:12-42</i> <i>Luke 9: 28-43</i></p>	<p><i>Deuteronomy 26:1-11</i> <i>Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16</i> <i>Romans 10:8b-13</i> <i>Luke 4:1-13</i></p>
<p>VESTRY PERSON</p>	<p>PAT PARKER</p>	<p>BRIAN WHATLEY</p>
<p>EUCCHARISTIC 8:30 MINISTER 11:00</p>	<p>Debbie Fitzpatrick Dan Bennett</p>	<p>Janie Parker Brian Whatley</p>
<p>LAY READER 11:00</p>	<p>Ken Murphy</p>	<p>Bert Babington</p>
<p>LECTORS 8:30 11:00</p>	<p>Rory Fitzpatrick Brian Whatley</p>	<p>Betty Langhorst Dan Bennett</p>
<p>ACOLYTES 8:30 11:00</p>	<p>Kelly Parker Austin Shelton</p>	<p>Kendall Parker Mason Garner</p>
<p>ALTAR GUILD</p>	<p>Kelly Parker Elizabeth Ollendike</p>	<p>Lonnie Howard Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn</p>
<p>USHERS 8:30 11:00</p>	<p>Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Sissy Brown</p>	<p>Pat Parker Mary Taylor Mike Kendrick</p>
<p>MASTER OF CEREMONIES VERGER</p>	<p>Mike Endicott</p>	<p>Mike Endicott</p>

PREPARE FOR WINDSTORM: MARDI GRAS BALL JANUARY 9

The Mardi Gras Ball will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2016, in the Parish Hall 7p-11p. The band Windstorm will be playing. The cost will be \$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.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:
Nita Magee has moved to
7110 University Drive #206
Shreveport, LA 71105



Debbie Thompson—"I would be delighted to serve as a Vestry member if elected. I am a cradle Episcopalian and have sung in the choir since I was sixteen. I have taught Sunday school, participated in vacation bible school, and am currently a member of the Daughters of the King. I was on the ECW board for many years. "

Mike Endicott—"I have been an Episcopalian for 40+ years and have called St. James home since 1992. I have served in several capacities over the years at both the parish and diocesan levels including junior warden, senior warden, and convention delegate. At the diocesan level I have served on youth councils, the diocesan council and am currently a member of the Hardtner Board of Trustees. Currently I am active with meals on wheels, as MC at our 11:00 o'clock service on Sunday, a member of our budget committee and our recently formed search committee. "



David Scott—"I work as an environmental engineer for a consulting firm that deals primarily with the oil and gas industry. I have been a parishioner at St. James since 2014. Although I have been an Episcopalian since 1999, when I married my wife Kim, my mom is an Episcopalian, and was teaching me the tenants without me even knowing.

Although I've only been in Shreveport for 3 years, I have come to love the Shreveport-Bossier area and the wonderful people here. The people at St. James, in particular, have opened their arms and welcomed me as I was looking for a spiritual home. I have served on the vestry at past Episcopal churches in South Carolina, and would consider it an honor if chosen for the vestry here.



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 this page have been nominated for the 2016 vestry. Each meet the above requirements.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

On December 19 the youth of our parish got together to practice for the Christmas Pageant and to enjoy time together learning, creating, playing, and munching. Advertised as a chance for parents to spend a couple of hours preparing for the holidays without their little helpers, this event was a big hit with everyone involved. Thanks go to Holly Johnson and the crew of able assistants she rounded up for the day!

Photos courtesy Holly Johnson





St. Martin's Church photo

Participants in the 25th Anniversary of the "Points of Light" Foundation included President George H.W. Bush and his wife, First Lady Barbara Bush; Neil Bush, chairman of the foundation's board; author Jon Meacham; and the service's hosts, Rabbi David Lyon, Imam Wazir Ali, and Russ Levenson, Jr.

Pray, Forgive, and Love

By Russ Levenson, Jr.

I have always been a bit drawn to interfaith and ecumenical dialogue. When I am asked about my obvious Jewish name, I am proud to share that my great-grandfather came to this country at the turn of the last century after escaping the pogroms of what was soon to be the Soviet Union. He had hoped to be a cantor, but a short stint in a synagogue convinced him otherwise. He entered the retail business.

And he married the daughter of a Southern Baptist minister. The end result: his daughter, my aunt, retained her Jewish faith; his son, my

father, grew up Baptist; but after enough tent revivals in the hot summer months in south Alabama, he became an Episcopalian as an adult. He was confirmed and I was baptized on the same day, and this "son of Levi" has never left that room in God's house.

As a self-identified orthodox, evangelical Episcopalian, I have always felt the necessity of sharing the gospel with others, be they non-believers or believers from another faith or tradition. I have also never taken it upon myself to suggest that God cannot speak in and through faiths other than my own. C.S. Lewis guides us well in *Mere Christianity*:

If you are a Christian you do not have to believe that all the other religions are simply wrong all through. If you are an atheist you do have to believe that the main point in all the religions of the whole world is simply one huge mistake. If you are a Christian, you are free to think that all those religions, even the queerest ones, contain at least some hint of the truth.

If you know the rest of Lewis's thoughts about this, you know that he would say there are key things that divide Christians from non-Christian believers. I expect that non-Christian believers would say the

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

PRESENTS LENTEN SPEAKER



ACTRESS KAREN ABERCROMBIE
MISS CLARA FROM THE MOVIE

WAR ROOM

SHE WILL BE SPEAKING ON

"THE POWER OF PRAYER AND
HOW TO EQUIP YOUR WAR ROOM"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2016

AT 7:00 PM - DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

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"PRAYER IS WHAT
OPENS UP THE
FLOODGATES FOR
GOD TO COME
DOWN AND BE
INVOLVED IN
OUR EVERYDAY
CIRCUMSTANCES."
- PRISCILLA SHIRAZ

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME TO A
FREE SHOWING OF THE WAR ROOM MOVIE
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE PARISH HALL
ON WED., DEC. 30, AT 6 PM, FRI., JAN. 8 AT 2 PM
OR AT 6 PM - PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER

"EVERYONE'S
ALWAYS
TRYING
TO LEAVE
JESUS OUT,
WHICH IS
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WE'RE IN."



LET'S CONFRONT AND OVERCOME OUR PREJUDICES IN 2016

White people wear... Black people eat... Asian people drive... Rich people like...

Does your mind automatically fill in the next word in any of the above phrases? If so, you aren't so different from everyone else. We all live in a society full of biases and stereotypes. We can't escape the fact we have been exposed to and influenced by what we have heard, seen, and experienced throughout our lives. We also are likely very much aware of the fact that there are all kinds of inconsistencies and contradictions in all those things we have heard, seen, and experienced. So many contradictions and inconsistencies, in fact, that we should know that there is very little about an individual that we can assume and KNOW we are right.

I believe we need to fill in all of the phrases above with something like, "...the same as everyone else":

- White people wear the same clothes other people wear.
- Black people eat the same foods other people eat.
- Asian people drive the same cars other people drive.
- Rich people like the same things other people like.

Our physical appearance does not make us who we are as individuals. Neither does our choice of clothing, food, cars, or any other material objects. The titles we give ourselves and bestow upon others does not determine who we are; nor do they define others. For example, we all know people who call themselves Christian, but don't display the love of God toward others.

Our belief systems, our actions, and our attitudes determine who we are. How we treat other people, how we care for those around us, how we teach our children to interact with others—these are all important factors in our make-up.

Christianity teaches the importance of all humanity—not just those who share our worship space. We are dedicated to going out into our communities and farther to make the world a better place and we teach our children to do the same. There is a huge difference between declaring we are Christian and behaving as Christians.

Let's make a renewed and deliberate effort, beginning now, to show our Christianity to those around us—to display our beliefs and attitudes so that we don't have to actually tell anyone that we are labeled as Christians, because they will know by observing us. Let's make it obvious by our actions, our conversation, and our demeanor that we are living our beliefs. Let's show others that the Episcopal Church Welcomes all.

—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

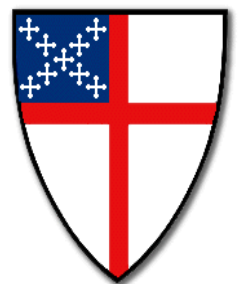
Wednesday—Holy Eucharist with Unction, 10am



On December 20 our children blessed us with the annual Christmas Pageant, depicting the story of the nativity. We thank them for their wonderful work—and we are grateful to Holly Johnson for organizing and Debbie Fitzpatrick for costuming. What a wonderful presentation of this message!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal.

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.