

The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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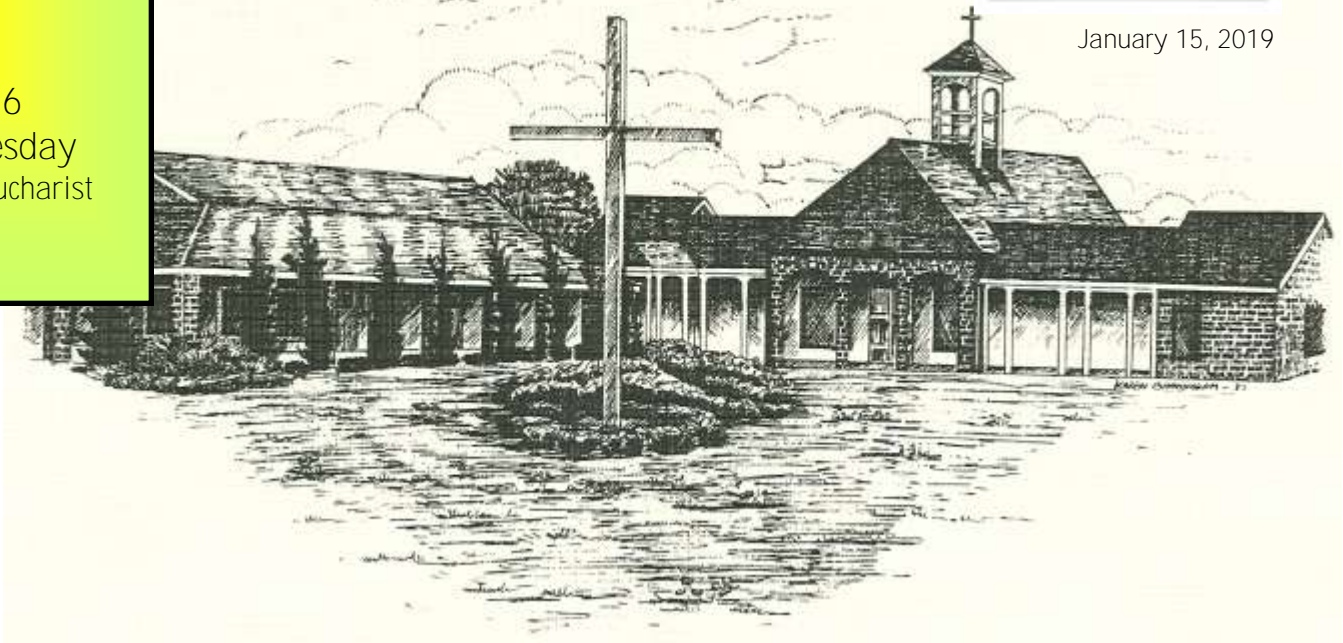


January 15, 2019

January 27
10am
Rite 2 service with Eucharist
Followed by parish-wide
potluck and
Annual Meeting
in the Parish Hall



March 6
Ash Wednesday
Service with Eucharist
10am
6pm



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The Most Rev'd
Michael Curry

Bishop, Diocese of Western
Louisiana:
The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Jacob
Owensby

Rector:

Organist/Choir Director:
Kaye Crichlow

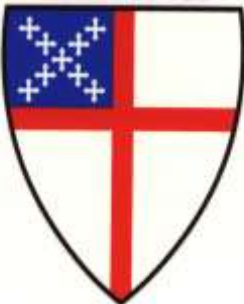
Nursery:
Rhonda Robertson

Parish Administrator:
Jnanne Zepeda

2018 Vestry:
David Scott— Sr.
Warden
Curtis Shelton (21)— Jr.
Warden

Members:
David Caporossi (20)
Krystal Eason (20)
Mike Endicott (19)
Debbie Fitzpatrick (21)
Mason Garner (19)
Ken Murphy (19)
Lauren Ocmand (20)
Matt Parker (21)

Ex Officio:
Julie Eason—Treasurer
Tommy Mosley—Treasurer
Emeritus
Janie Parker—Clerk



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



Personally, I love the Christmas/New Year season, as it is always a time of reflection and introspection for me, as I suspect it is for most people. There's such a sense of fulfillment that comes from having lived another year, and a feeling of excitement, anticipating the year to come. Even though it is "just another day," the first day of a new year brings with it the idea of a new beginning, a chance to start again, a brand new, fresh, blank page.

This year, I am very excited with the goals that the St. James Vestry, with help from everybody here, will tackle. I firmly believe that even though we do not have a rector at the moment, we still have to work to keep the church moving forward. Once we stop, we stagnate and start to die. Here are some of the goals that we will be tackling starting this year. We may not complete all of it, but having long-term goals will keep us motivated to keep moving.

- The search for the new rector will begin with the assistance of Canon John Bedingfield, who will visit Sewanee and Seminary of the Southwest to gather candidates without assignment, and once we have gathered the list, we will put together a search committee to determine the one best suited to lead the parish into the future.
- In order to be appealing to new families, we need to show our support and love for the children and young adults in the parish. To that end the Vestry will embark to replace the playground equipment that is at least 10 years old. There is already support from several groups at St. James, and we will start raising funds for the purchase and installation of the equipment. For the young adults, we will search for a Youth Coordinator, who will engage in several activities during the year to get our young adults excited about the church again.
- We will also start activities to replace the current cross with one that will not require as much maintenance.

As you can see, we have an ambitious set of tasks that I believe will get done, with the support of this parish and God's guiding hand.

In Christ,

David Scott

Diocesan Convention

The Way of Love: Making Disciples

March 9, 2019

*Holiday Inn, Downtown Alexandria
701 4th St, Alexandria, LA 71301*

In 2018, convention material went all digital, a step forward in efficiency and savings. As such, registration this year will be online and will open on January 15 and close on February 15. It is imperative that current email addresses are provided for each registrant as materials will be sent via email as the diocese is transitioning to Electronic Packets. This provides a time and cost-saving opportunity to the diocese and staff.

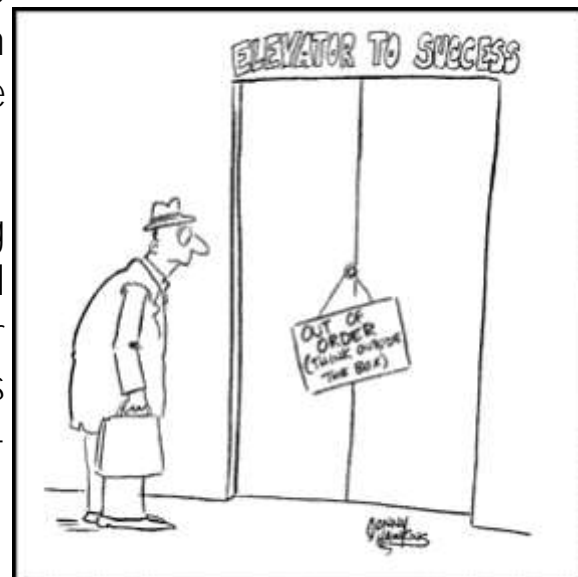
The electronic packets will include all material that is normally printed and received in convention packets at convention registration. Each registered cleric, delegate, alternate, and guest will receive an email which will contain the electronic packet that can be downloaded on your device (such as iPhones, Tablets, Kindles, Laptops), brought to convention and used to access the documents electronically at convention, rather than having all the paper to keep track of.

(information obtained from Diocesan mailings to the parish office)

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

As of this printing St. James has received twenty-seven commitment cards pledging \$123,220.00 toward the general fund in 2019. Money in the general fund goes toward Outreach, ministries, salaries, and everyday expenses such as utilities and supplies. Some parishioners choose to pledge a little extra each month, indicating those additional funds be placed in the Building Fund which is designated only for use in building projects, maintenance, and upkeep of the buildings and grounds.

Last year we received 34 pledge cards totaling \$129,090.00, of which \$120,642 was contributed to St. James. Anyone wishing to complete their pledge from 2018 may still do so, and the funds will be included on the 2019 contribution statement.



THE GOOD STEWARDS

St. James truly appreciates the time and effort put forth by those who volunteer to work on behalf of the parish. We offer special thanks to Mike Endicott and Ken Murphy who are completing their terms on the Vestry after three years of dedicated service. We also thank our Senior Warden, David Scott, for not only serving the past three years, but agreeing to continue on as Senior Warden as we seek a new rector. It has been the tradition of the parish to not change Senior Wardens when we do not have a rector (or priest-in-charge), but this is the first time that the person in that position was scheduled to roll off between rectors. We recognize the level of dedication David is displaying by agreeing to continue in this position and we offer him our support and cooperation during the search.

The Advent and Christmas seasons are always full of activity, with extra special worship services, and we thank those who organized and participated for all the work necessary to make that happen. From greening and de-greening the worship space through preparing special music for Christmas Eve, to sharing Lessons and Carols, **presenting the Children's Pageant, serving at the altar, folding extra bulletins and inserts, etc.**, parishioners at St. James have come through in a spectacular way—again.

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.



For the first time ever there were no nominees to fill the vacant Vestry positions. Accordingly, we will accept nominations from the floor during our annual meeting. Please prayerfully consider nominating yourself during the meeting, as the church cannot and will not function without your support.

Please join us for the
ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2019

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

Make parish plans for 2019
Elect vestry members
Elect delegates to the spring diocesan convention
Eat great food & enjoy great company

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VESTRY

The Vestry of the congregation is responsible to provide a safe working environment for the Rector as well as for the congregation. To that end, Vestry members should participate in safe boundary education for both children and adults, provide for the temporal care and spiritual renewal of the Rector, and support the ministry of the Rector.

Vestry members attend an annual retreat which includes a mutual ministry review of the Vestry and Rector and development of goals for the congregation over the following year. While the Vestry is responsible for setting policies for the operation of the congregation (that are in keeping with the Canons of the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Western Louisiana, and the laws of the State of Louisiana), the Rector's duties include enacting these policies. The Rector also has sole oversight of all employees of the parish. In short, the Vestry shall minister in union with the Rector.

The Vestry is responsible for seeking ways in which the congregation may minister to the needs of the City and Parish in which it is set, and shall participate in formation programs meant to teach the faith, expand the ministry of the congregation, and live the Gospel.

(paraphrased from the contractual agreement between Vestry and Rector of St. James Episcopal Church)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VESTRY MEMBERS

- Communicant in good standing
- Member of St. James for at least six months
 - At least sixteen (16) years of age
 - Possess a sense of humor
- 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
 - Possess a sense of humor
 - 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 listed above have been nominated for the 2019 Vestry. Each individual meets the above requirements.



THE MISSION CONTINUES ... with a new Recruit



St. Luke's Episcopal Medical Ministry has acquired one, possibly two, new drivers. Jimmy was able to meet with Lloyd Pond, who recently married Bonnie Thomas, one of the registered nurses that works (a lot) with St. Luke's. We met them at Holy Cross, where the bus is stored. Lloyd is already familiar with the workings of a large RV, so it was just a matter of showing him where everything was in this particular bus, and the sequence of events for getting it out and headed to a clinic. Bonnie and Lloyd took the bus to the Higher Ground Community Center clinic in Mansfield the very next day.

~Kathy Deal

<i>6th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>7th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
<i>Rev'd Guido Verbeck</i> <i>February 17</i>	<i>The Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> <i>February 24</i>
John 17:5-10 1 Thimothians 15:12-20 17-26	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 Luke 6:27-38
D SCOTT	MATT PARKER
Michelle van Heerden Murphy	Lynnette van Heerden Dan Bennett
Murphy	Julie Eason
Parker Brown	Debbie Fitzpatrick Kathleen Calhoun
Julie Winkler Scott	Kelly Parker David Scott
Watkins Wynn	Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn
Parker Kendrick Taylor	Pat Parker Sissy Brown Betty McDonald

Any time you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement or advise the Vestry Person of the Day.

TEENAGER FOR HIRE:

Still need some help taking down those Christmas decorations? Raylie Carroway is working to earn money for her trip to Scotland in July. Please give her a call to coordinate a time she can come to your house and help store your ornaments and decorations until next year. She can be reached at 318-751-5641.



The ECW of St. James invites you to attend

Krewe of St. James Mardi Gras Ball February 2, 2019

7pm – 11pm * Parish Hall
\$30 per person

featuring
WINDSTORM

Reservations required: misshappydog@aol.com

BYOB with set ups provided;
Please bring a nibble to share.
(Designated drivers available)

Please make checks payable to: **St. James ECW**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>3 <i>The Rev'd Guido Verbeck</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ <i>Rev'd Robert</i></p>
<p>10 <i>The Rev'd Ben Santana</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Lynette VanHeerden Kinsley Ann Peyton</p>	<p>11</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Eugenie Bryant Hannah Mattlock</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ <i>Rev'd Robert</i></p>
<p>17 <i>The Rev'd Guido Verbeck</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>	<p>18</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Betty Langhorst Brandon Taylor</p> <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Jack & Sissy Brown</p>	<p>19</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Railey Brown</p>	<p>20 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ <i>Rev'd Robert</i></p>
<p>24 <i>The Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>	<p>25</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Rory Fitzpatrick</p>	<p>26</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Connor Hunt</p>	<p>27 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ <i>Rev'd Robert</i></p>



**Beth Moore Bible Study
6pm—Parish Hall**

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	<i>The 4th Sunday After the Epiphany</i> <i>The Rev'd Guido Verbeck</i> <i>February 3</i>	<i>5th Sunday after the Epiphany</i> <i>The Rev'd Ben Santana</i> <i>February 10</i>	<i>The Rev'd Robert Dandridge</i>
LECTIONARY	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30	Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13] Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30
VESTRY PERSON	DAVID SCOTT	DAVID SCOTT	NEVILL
EUCCHARISTIC 8:30 MINISTER 11:00	Lynnette van Heerden Ron Maberry	Lynnette van Heerden Dan Bennett	Lynnette van Heerden Ken
LAY READER 11:00	Ken Murphy	Julie Eason	Ken
LECTORS 8:30 11:00	Debbie Fitzpatrick Sissy Brown	Chelsea Fitzpatrick Kathleen Calhoun	Pat Sissy
ACOLYTES 8:30 11:00	Melanie Winkler David Scott	Kelly Parker David Scott	Melanie David
ALTAR GUILD	Kelly Parker Liz Montelepre	Kelly Parker Liz Montelepre	Kathleen Faye
USHERS 8:30 11:00	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Betty McDonald	Pat Mike Mary
<i>The Rev'd Robert Dandridge will Officiate on February 6, 13, 20, and 27</i>			

St. James in Need of Volunteer Photographer

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as church photographer for St. James, but it is time for me to step down. This position helped me make connections with my fellow parishioners that I might not have made, for which I am grateful. As church photographer, I attended as many events and services as I could to chronicle life at St. James. I was always pleased to get additional photos from others, bringing a new perspective to the newsletter. I believe that with all the smart phones out there, the next church photographer should have little trouble getting help filling any gaps in coverage of an event. Rhonda Robertson filled in for me more than once. Debbie Fitzpatrick also supplied photos and write-ups. Mattie Mosley and I collaborated on several projects.

The church photographer may also be asked to take a photo of a new St. James member for the Parish Directory, or update an older photo.

Knowing that the St. James Parish Administrator, Jnanne Zepeda, always had my back, made this an easy and fun volunteer position.

Thanks for all your support, **Kathy Deal**





ULTREYA REACHES OUT

On December 16, St. James hosted the Ultreya meeting, where Cursillistas began a new Cursillo trend: stuffing backpacks for Hope House. Twenty-four backpacks were stuffed, blessed, and delivered. Backpacks contents varied slightly for men and women, but generally each had handmade Christmas card signed by all, a \$5 gift card, blanket, gloves, scarf, hat, hand warmers, lip balm, socks, snacks, beverages, and Christmas candy.

Our next Ultreya is scheduled for January 20 at St. George's in Bossier at 2:30!

— Lisa Lewis



Photos courtesy Lisa Lewis

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal



The Children's Pageant is always one of the highlights of Advent. Thanks to Debbie Fitzpatrick and Chelsea Fitzpatrick for the fabulous job they did in organizing and supervising the presentation. Special thanks to all of our youth who participated—and their families for encouraging them.



GREENING





Greening of the Church takes place immediately after the final Fourth Sunday of Advent service ends. Parishioners join together to prepare the worship space for the Christmas Season in anticipation of celebrating the birth of Jesus. Parishioners remove the Advent wreath and bring in the Christmas swag; Poinsettias adorn the altar and the flower niches with the

crèche as the centerpiece, wreaths hang in the windows and at the choir loft, greenery decorate the walls of the nave, and candle holders are placed at the ends of the pews. This year the Chrismon tree was replaced with the traditional Christmas tree in the Narthex. St. James tradition adds a bit of extra fun to the task with a pot-luck soup and sandwich luncheon held in the Parish Hall once the task is complete.



CHRISTMAS EVE



St. James held two Christmas Eve services. The 5:30 service included a children's sermon and contemporary music. The 10:30 service was more traditional.



Dear St. James family,

It's already the end of one year, and the beginning of another one, so I've taken a moment for a little reflection. It's hard to put into words. To say that my life and my family's lives have been turned upside down in the last two years is a complete understatement. I try not to dwell on the "what ifs" or "why didn'ts", but there are times when I (we) still struggle. The littlest thing can trigger a memory of our sweet Emilie.

One of the most important things in the world is family, and you, St. James, have been there supporting us from day one, and you haven't ever stopped. You have been thanked, I know, but I just wanted to tell you one more time how very grateful we are for such an enormous outpouring of love—the cards, letters, prayers, donations, gifts, crazy hats, dinners and gift cards, a wonderful, lavish reception, and fundraisers—especially the one for the Fight Like Emilie Foundation. (Totally Awesome! Emilie would be so pleased that she is still making a difference and helping families who have been invaded by cancer. She had such a heart for others.) ♡

You are A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!

I just wanted you to know that. :) Thank you for everything.

Love,

Linda Endicott

REJOICE AND BEWARE: THE CHANGING WORLD

We live in an ever-changing world; one where technological developments grow by leaps and bounds, giving us moments of astonishment, even as we take so much for granted. Instantaneous communication across long distances is relatively new on this planet—as are mass transportation in “horseless carriages,” the use of microwaves to cook food, microscopic surgery, and space flight.

Cell phones, computers, and flat-screen televisions provide us with entertainment, news, and the ability to connect with friends and relatives. They are also a dangerous means to disconnect—to lose ourselves in the make-believe world on the screen and minimize interaction with those we love.

Overly-refined foods and convenient packaging have contributed to the health problems of our nation’s citizens. **Unhealthy foods are often significantly more affordable than a diet that is rich in nutrients and low in fats and sugars.** This too frequently results in people with low incomes and poor access to medical assistance being the most in need of treatment.

Our society at this moment is divided in many ways, and the only way to unite our people is to put aside our differences and work for the good of the individuals we call neighbors. We can accept the best parts of the changes in our world while working to resolve problems, reaching out to assist others, and building up those around us.

Before we can do much, we need to recognize the problems and identify how we as individuals can make a difference as well as how we can work together to make an even more significant improvement. Our nation is facing poverty, environmental disasters, blatant discrimination on many levels, and political corruption. If we sit back and do nothing, fail to speak up, or turn away and deny the problems, we are in effect condoning the situations.

As Christians we must take a stand. As Episcopalians we recognize that we can work together—on an ecumenical level as well as with each other—to have a positive impact on everything around us. **Let us work to make this world we call home a better place; let’s work together for the good of humanity.** And let us remember: The Episcopal Church welcomes everyone.

—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@att.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@att.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, Rite 1 8:30am

followed by Coffee Hour and donuts in the Parish Hall

Sunday School, 9:45am

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 with music 11:00am

Wednesday—Holy Eucharist Rite 2, 10am



YEAR-END STATEMENTS

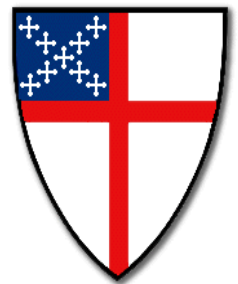
It's that time of year, again. 2018 statements of giving are currently in the narthex and will be available for pick-up at the Annual Meeting. Please save the parish the cost of postage and take yours from the narthex table or during the Annual Meeting on January 27.

For those who are new to St. James, here is a brief synopsis of how to read the statement:

- Pledges are entered into the computer when they are made. The computer program divides the pledge into equal amounts for each week and assumes the giver plans to stretch the total amount in this manner. If the statement indicates, "over," or, "under," it refers to how closely the amount received meets the program's parameters.
- Contributions refers to undesignated money that is given by someone who has not made a pledge. If your statement shows contributions and not pledge, it means a commitment card was not received in the parish office. If your statement shows contributions and pledge, it means some money was posted for the year before the pledge card was received.
- Many statements also include money given for a specific purpose, such as the Building Maintenance Fund, Easter Flowers, Memorials, etc.. This money is separate from the pledges to the general fund.

If you believe you have found an error on your statement, please notify the parish office. St. James appreciates all you have given and encourages you to continue to keep the church's work alive. We are able to pay bills and contribute to outreach and support missions due to your generosity.

If you planned to make a pledge for 2019 and have not yet done so, commitment cards are available in the narthex. Feel free to drop them into the Sunday offering plate or deliver them to the parish office. You may also mail them to the office. If you wish to fulfill an incomplete pledge for a previous year, you may do so and the amount will be included on your 2019 statement.



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.