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The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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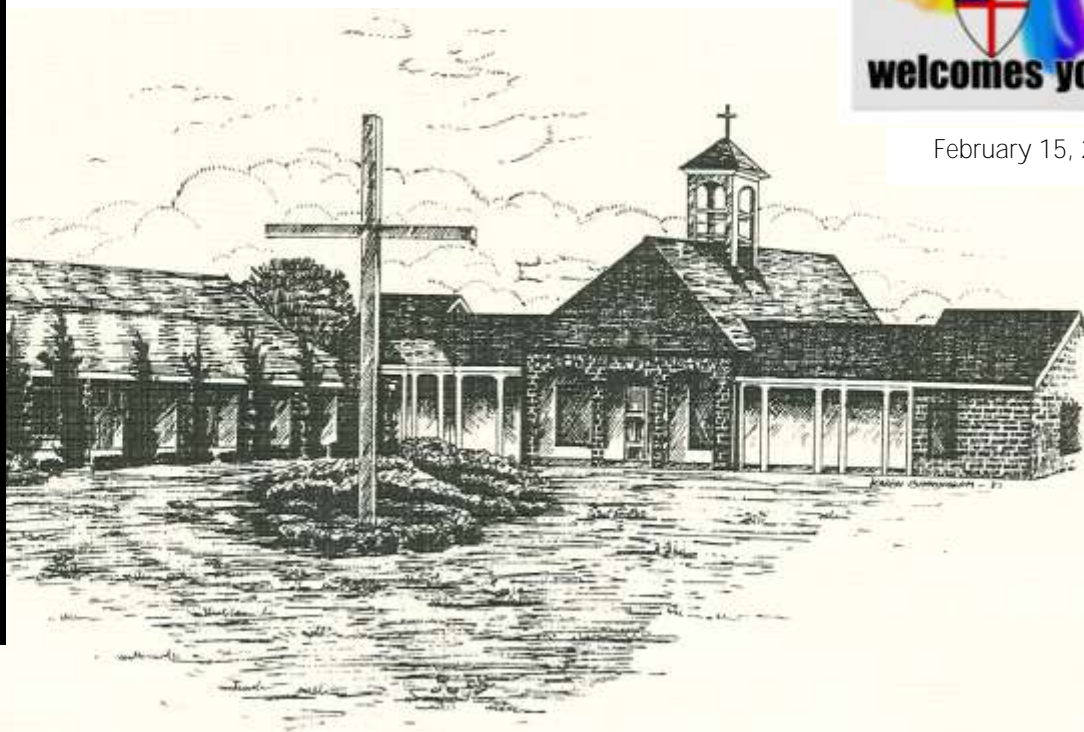


February 15, 2017

February 28
Ash Wednesday
Eucharist &
Imposition
of Ashes
10am
6pm



April 9
Palm Sunday
Eucharist
830am Rite 1
11am Rite 2



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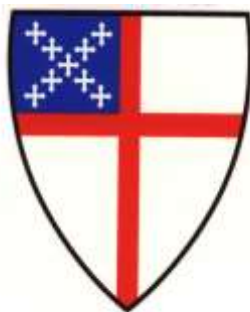
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A MESSAGE FROM MARGARET

Lent was the time of preparation for baptism on Easter eve. It was marked as a time of learning, fasting, alms giving, repentance, penance and prayer. Also, those separated from the church for reasons of infamous crimes (mostly denial of the Church during times of persecution). It is a time of remembrance of Christ time in the wilderness and the years of wandering in the wilderness. In a society based on consumerism, denial is a hard thing for us to imagine. In a day of living hand to mouth, denial was a fact of life.

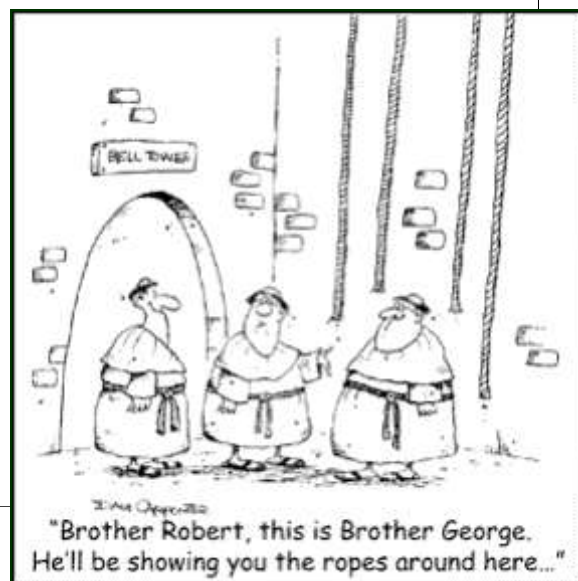
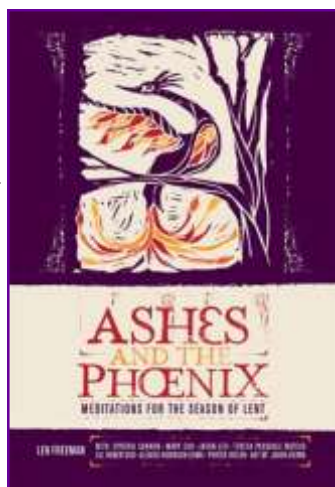


What baggage do we carry with us? Do we carry resentments, unfulfilled dreams, anger and ill feelings? I think I am injuring others by holding these feelings against them but the reality is, it eats away at me and rarely does anything against another. What if, instead of giving up chocolate, I give up behavior which brings me away from God and my neighbor? What if instead of making everyone else responsible for things going wrong in my life, I see how I can change to be a better person? Great Margaret, yes please become a nicer, more caring/less angry person!

Do you want to join me? Maybe not, but tell me yes so I don't feel like I am doing this by myself. What would St. James look like if some of us try this? If most of us try this? Do you want to find out? It won't be easy but breaking bad habits takes time. How did the time Jesus' time in the wilderness form his ministry, could it change us for our ministry? There will be opportunities for prayer, learning repentance almsgiving and fasting on our church calendar. Look for opportunities which fit you and your lifestyle. If you want more, let's talk!

Have a rewarding and fulfilling Lent, may Easter break with new brightness and meaning.

Blessings,
Margaret+



Outreach News

On Wednesday, February 22, The Goodwill truck is scheduled to come and cart away all the bags that have accumulated on the donation shelves, making room for your spring cleaning. The room that houses them is about to burst with donations, and we appreciate every one of them. As you well know, each bag generates \$2.00 in vouchers (that we give to people in need) for exchange of goods at the Goodwill stores.

We've noticed that the donation bins are already collecting items for the backpack program in August as people take advantage of sales on items that we all know will be needed. What a wonderful way to think ahead! We have also found a great deal



on backpacks that will be printed with the school's name and mascot, so that each child will have identical backpacks and no one will feel that someone else's is better. Anyone who wishes to donate toward the cost of these is welcome to do so—just leave a check in the Sunday plate with "backpacks" written in the memo. Special thanks to those who have already made donations to this project.

ECW PIG ROAST DINNER & DANCE

In November the ECW held a fundraiser for the Emily Gibson Fund that was a huge success. They roasted a whole pig at Bob Shane's farm and served it in the Parish Hall with plenty of side dishes and dessert and down-home fun. Jerry & Lonnie Howard's daughter, Keri Winters and her band provided the music for an evening of dancing.



Photos courtesy
Dan Bennett, Ron
Branham, and
Kathy Deal

THE GOOD STEWARDS

Thank-you to everyone who jumped in and helped with office duties while Jnanne was in Illinois in December and January during her father's illness and for his funeral. Thank-you also for the cards and phone calls and all the many thoughtful ways the parish has made it known that you care.

The ECW donated a bin of beads to the RENZI Education and Art Center for use on their Mardi Gras float in the upcoming Highland parade. Thanks to them and to the individuals who have brought beads from home for RENZI: Betty Langhorst, Paul & Janet Moore, Kathy Watkins, and the anonymous folk who participated in this endeavor.

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.



The Students and staff of RENZI Education and Art Center invite you to come to the Highland parade on February 26 where you will have the opportunity to catch some of the beads you have generously donated to them. They have spent many Saturdays building a rocket ship float for the

parade and will be riding in it as the RENZI krewe this year in what may be the first of many years.

A lot of work has gone into this project, and all of it has been on a volunteer basis. All the supplies have been donated, scrounged, and put together with borrowed tools. This has been a great opportunity to teach the students how to plan the float, use the tools, and craft the work, and they are looking forward to showing off their hours of labor. Please show up on the parade route to encourage them and cheer them on. Show the kids (and teachers) that their work is appreciated!!



Cocktails & Cookies

*Were enjoyed by those attending the
Cookie and Treat Exchange at the home
of Janie Parker, December 11, 2016.*



THE MISSION CONTINUES...in all sorts of weather



St. Luke's Medical Ministry volunteers had a cold, dreary, rainy day December 6th, for the Minden monthly clinic held each first Saturday.

Gina made use of the heat from the generator's exhaust to warm her hands. LaToya wisely brought her oversized umbrella. George, in his yellow rain slicker, and Richard, in hunting attire, were well prepared for the bad weather.



I stayed warm by lingering in the bus. I was proud of the Minden group, who all showed up. Fr. Hughes was there early and stayed a while. Larry came later, and stayed 'til the end. The clients, however, mostly stayed warm elsewhere. Bonnie checked blood pressure and blood glucose on three clients.

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~Kathy Deal

ANNUAL MEETING 2017

The Annual Meeting on January 29 saw the unanimous election of Krystal Eason, Dave Caporossi, and Sissy Brown to the Vestry, replacing those whose terms had expired: Chris Bienvenu, Kathy Deal, and Brian Whatley.

Mike Endicott, Debbie Fitzpatrick, Ken Murphy, and David Scott were elected as delegates to the Diocesan Convention, with Karen McDonald, Brian Whatley, Janet Moore, and Paul Moore as alternates.

At the short Vestry meeting held immediately after the Annual Meeting David Scott was appointed Senior Warden and Mike Endicott was voted to retain his role as Junior Warden.

Photos courtesy Kathy Deal





WELCOME, JACOB DONALDSON

On February 5, Jacob Donaldson was received from the Roman Catholic Church into the family of St. James, via St. John's Episcopal Church in Minden. Jacob serves in the military and will be called to duty on March 13, so he will not be around when Bishop Jake visits our parish in May. We send thanks to Fr. Frank Hughes for welcoming Jacob and helping him achieve his goal of joining the Episcopal Church before leaving the country. We have added his name to the Prayers of the People each Sunday under the listing of members of the armed services. Please keep Jacob in your prayers as he serves our country.



WE GAVE THANKS TOGETHER

Thanksgiving found about 45 parishioners and friends gathered in the Parish Hall enjoying a communal meal—after meals had been delivered to home-bound family and Meals on Wheels recipients. (Our Outreach Committee purchased meals from Krogers for three local families that were delivered the previous day, also.) There are two things that St. James seems to always do very well—cook and give, and when we can combine the two, it always comes off well!



COMING SOON: INQUIRERS' CLASSES

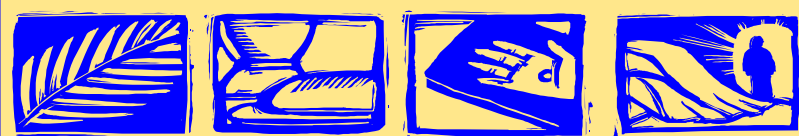
Bishop Jake will be visiting St. James on May 14, so we will be scheduling **Inquirers' Classes for April**. Dates are not yet set, so keep an eye out for that information. If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church, either in preparation for confirmation or reception, or because you *Just Want to Know*, please contact the parish office and get on the list. We will attempt to schedule classes around the times that people are available to attend.

Margaret welcomes anyone who is interested in the Episcopal Church, whether they are seeking confirmation or not. Folk who are already confirmed and want a refresher course are welcome to attend. Youth are encouraged to participate. If you want to know more—or if you have friends or family who do—now is a great time **to inquire**. Sign up for the Inquirers' Class through the parish office.

*Shrove
Tuesday
Pancake
Supper
6:00pm
February
28*

*Ash
Wednesday
Services
10:00am
6:00pm
March 1*

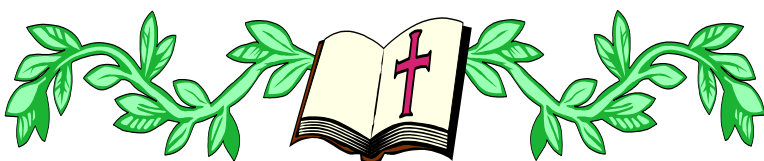
HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LOOKING AHEAD


Palm Sunday	April 9	8:30am & 11:00am
Maundy Thursday	April 13	6:00pm
Good Friday	April 14	6:00pm
Easter Vigil	April 15	6:00pm
Easter Sunday	April 16	10:00am



February 20, 2017
dear Margaret,
On behalf of the Bell family, thank you for hosting the memorial service and reception today. The musicians and ECM and lay leaders all honor us with their gifts, and help us memorialize a lady very special to us. As my sister says, "I am a strong woman because I was raised by a strong."
At James and its parishioners were loved very deeply by "Mother Bell."
God bless you all and thank you again for a very special day.
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Fondly,
Nancy Bell McAllister

St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	
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5 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Parish breakfast 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II HAPPY BIRTHDAY Lois Maberry Olivia Zepeda	6 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jacob King	7	8 10 a
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	Ash Wednesday 10 AM & 6 PM Rev. Margaret Ayers March 1			1st Sunday in Lent Rev. Margaret Ayers March 5			2nd Sunday in Lent Rev. Margaret Ayers March 12		
	LECTIONARY			Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 Psalms 32 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11			Genesis 12: 1-4a Psalms 121 Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17		
	VESTRY PERSON			Krystal Eason			Ken Murphy		
	EUCHARISTIC 8:30 MINISTER 11:00			Lynette van Heerden Ron Maberry			Janie Parker Brian Whatley		
	LAY READER 11:00			Brody Fitzpatrick			David Scott		
	LECTORS 8:30 11:00			Lynette van Heerden Chelsea Maielli			Janie Parker Julie Eason		
	ACOLYTES 8:30 11:00			Melanie Winkler Mason Garner			Kelly Parker Austin Shelton		
	ALTAR GUILD			Kelly Parker Liz Montelepre			Kelly Parker Liz Montelepre		
	USHERS 8:30 11:00			Pat Parker Sissy Brown Mike Kendrick			Pat Parker Mary Taylor Denise Shelton		
	MASTER OF CEREMONIES			Mike Endicott			Mike Endicott		

If at any time you cannot serve at your appointed time, please find a replacement or let the Vestry

Upcoming Calendar Events

Feb. 28 – Shrove Tuesday event 6 PM in Parish Hall
 March 1 – Ash Wednesday. Services at 10 am and 6 pm.
 March 2, 16 and 30 – **Book Study on “Entrusted - Bible Study Book: A Study of 2 Timothy”** by Beth Moore lead by Kelly Parker
 March 4 – Annual Vestry Retreat. 9AM – 2PM. Karen McDonald’s palatial estate.
 March 5 - Parish Breakfast, sponsored by The King Family proceeds go to Emilie Garner
 March 8 – April 5 – Lenten Soup and Study Series “The Gifts Of Imperfection; Let Go of Who You Think You’re Supposed To Be And Embrace Who You Are” by Brene Brown, PhD, L.M.S.W
 March 12, 19 and 26 – Lenten Education Program between services “Sand in Your Shoes” with Brother Ken Murphy
 March 14 – Kairos Cookie Bake
 March 15 – **Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon John Calvin Baptist Church**
 March 16-19 – Kairos Prison Ministry, David Wade Correctional Center
 March 18 – ECW fundraiser, “Driving Miss Daisy”. 6 PM Dinner, 7 PM Show
 March 24 – 26 CLEY High School Youth Event Grades 9-12
 March 29—**Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon St. James**

Extended Calendar Look

March 30 – April 2 Cursillo #151
 April 2 – Supply Priest--Fr. Bill McBride
 April 9 – Palm Sunday with procession
 April 12 – Seder Dinner 6 pm
 April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service 6 pm followed by Stations of the Cross and Watch
 April 14 – Good Friday
 April 15 – Holy Saturday -Easter Vigil 6pm
 April 16 – Easter with Brunch, Flowering of the Cross, & Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am
 May 14 – Bishop Jake’s visitation and Mother’s Day

ALEX AND THE LIONS(CLUB)

We have all heard the story from the Old Testament about Daniel and the lions' den, but you may not be familiar with the story of Alex and the Lions. I know you are acquainted with Alex Gibson. He is that handsome young fellow who is the brother of Emilie, the son of Trey and Candi and the grandson of Linda and Mike Endicott. This is about a chapter from his life when he was only four years old. All he really remembers about what happened is that he didn't have to wear glasses anymore, and he could see so much better than he had before.

The story about Alex and the Lions begins a long time before Alex was born. In fact, it started 100 years ago when a man named Melvin Jones founded the Lions Club International in 1917 as a non-political service organization. Lions Clubs now include over 46,000 local clubs with more than 1.4 million members in over 200 countries. It is the largest civic club organization in the world. Their aim is to meet the needs of communities on both a local and global scale. Our own parishioner, Paul Moore, has served as president of three different Lions Clubs and in 2006 was District Governor of District 8-L which is all of Northwest Louisiana, 32 clubs. He even began the BPCC Campus Club.

I cannot begin to tell you about their wide variety of service projects from donations to hospices to donations to disaster victims all over the world, surpassing \$1 million. The Lions World Sight Day is dedicated to drawing attention to the plight of sight loss in Third World Countries. The Lions' focus on work for the blind began when Helen Keller addressed the Lions' convention in Cedar Point, Iowa, on June 30, 1925, and charged the members to be "Knights of the Blind."

As part of their interest and concern in the importance of good sight for all, the Lions have worked on projects designed to prevent blindness, restore eyesight and improve eye health and eye care for hundreds of millions of people worldwide. "Sight" is one of the Lions defining causes. And as part of their mission, vision screening is performed to identify possible vision problems. Lions partner with eye care professionals to carry out joint screening events such as a program called Cubsite which tests daycare children to check for eye problems. Ah, ha, you may say, is this where Alex comes in? Yes!

In 2007, Alex was four years old and attending Cypress Run Day Care. The Lions Club did a screening and found a cloudy spot in Alex's left eye. That spot turned out to be a cataract, possibly caused by steroids administered when he was a newborn. He had laser surgery to remove the cataract in his eye and more surgery to remove the scar tissue.



So unlike Daniel's story, Alex's story has Lions as heroes, not wild beasts. Though it's been awhile ago for Alex, he says: "Thanks to the Lions Club for helping to find my problem. I wouldn't have been able to read or to do art." (He is in the Talented Arts Program in Bossier) "It certainly has made my life easier and changed it for the better." I would like to add that Alex is a straight A student, and he loves to read.

And if you're like me, you love happy endings!

—*Mattie Mosley*



GREENING THE CHURCH



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal

FULLER CENTER FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

All the Episcopal parishes in the Shreveport Convocation joined together to try something new this past Christmas. We stocked the Fuller Center Christmas Store with gifts that they sold at 1/4 the retail price to low income families. All the money raised in this endeavor stayed in the community to go toward building homes in low-income neighborhoods.

Volunteers from the parishes assisted the families in finding items on their lists and in wrapping them for Christmas. The Angel Tree we set up in the Narthex quickly lost the tags and the tables in the Parish Hall quickly filled up with the corresponding toys, clothing, and household goods.

Thank-you to everyone in the parish to participated and helped make this project such a huge success!



CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY



On December 15 Margaret Ayers was installed as the new rector at St. James, definitely a cause for celebration. Before she was officially ours she had already driven to Memphis, TN, to administer the Eucharist to the Gibson family at St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Margaret has embraced us with love and devotion and we are happy to return the same to her. We look forward to a very long and loving relationship of growth together.



JACOB KING INVITES YOU TO ENCOURAGE KIDS TO READ

Jacob King's school, Calvary Baptist Academy, is hoping to raise much-needed funds and promote reading at home by selling magazine subscriptions. To order, go online to ShopNowGA.com and enter the school code, 00994057925 4. Browse the available magazines and follow the prompts to place your order. You may renew subscriptions to magazines you already enjoy, just make sure to copy your address exactly as it appears on your mailing label. And don't forget to give Jacob credit for being the child you are supporting.

Sand In Your Shoes:

An Adult Education Lenten Study

The life of a 21st century Christian is complicated, but what was it like to be a follower of Jesus in the 1st century. Come see how the times affected the church and how the church affected the times. Live the life of an early disciple and walk a mile in their shoes. Take time to participate in this Lenten study March 12, 19 & 26 at 9:45am. Led by Ken Murphy

IN MEMORIAM LILLIAN RUTH GREEN STOCKINGER

Many wonderful people have passed through the portals of St. James through the years, and one of my favorites was Ruth Stockinger. Ruth always seemed to be in good spirits with a sparkle in her eyes and a witty comment on her lips. Sadly, Ruth died on January 27 of this year at the age of 88. It has just been 10 months since her husband, Alden, died at the age of 90. His funeral was at St. James on March 7, 2016. They were married for 67 years.



You may remember the story of how the Stockingers with their three children originally came to St. James. Before we had a church building, St. James consisted of our parish hall which served as church, Sunday school rooms, office, etc. One day David Stockinger, Ruth and Al's son, was riding by the church on the two-lane Flournoy Lucas (now 4 lane Bert Kouns) when he saw the priest (Father Wallace Garrett) trying to put out a grass fire. The boys stopped and helped put the fire out, and Father Garrett invited them in for a coke. A few days later, the Stockinger doorbell rang. Ruth went to the door and called to David: "There's an Episcopal priest here looking for you." Father Garrett was at the door to invite the whole family to visit St. James. And they came! The whole family was confirmed and became parishioners on May 18, 1969, with Sally joining them on May 10, 1970.

Ruth was born on February 1, 1928, in Pittsburg, Kansas and Ruth and Al met at Pittsburg State College. They later moved to Shreveport with Al's work with the railroad. She is survived by her three children: David C. Stockinger (who is married to one of St. James own, Lynda Kizer, sister of Marty Wainwright and Alexis Houston); Betsy Bell and her husband David; and Sally David. She is also survived by a sister, Esther Socolofsky, 9 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren with 2 more on the way.

Ruth was an outstanding educator and school administrator. She began her lengthy teaching career in a one room school house in Paola, Kansas. She spent most of her career as a teacher and principal at Agnew Town and Country Day School. As the mother of a child who went to Agnew, I remember so well the wonderful reputation that Ruth had as a first grade teacher, undoubtedly the most difficult grade to teach. Ruth's pupils not only learned quickly and well; they also absolutely loved their teacher. She went on to become an excellent and beloved principal.

Ruth and Al especially enjoyed their life on the road as "Airstreamers"; she even became the International Recording Secretary for the Airstream International Travel Club. Ruth had so many interests: china painting, garden club, music (her violin) sports and especially her grands.

A memorial service was held on February 3, 2017, at the First Methodist Church of Shreveport with internment beside her husband Al in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Pittsburg, Kansas. Those of us who knew Ruth will always remember that charming and lovely lady; I know she is with Al again.

"May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

—Mattie Mosley



WRAPPING IT UP UNTIL NEXT YEAR

Degreening the worship space is never quite as festive as the decorating process. While we are really getting it ready for the next season, the process feels a bit more like we are stripping it of the festive layers and packing away the party. However, we come together for this task and make it a family occasion, as we do just about everything!



Please come to the

ST. JUDE'S BUNCO FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017

5:30PM-9:00PM

HILTON GARDEN INN
2015 OLD MINDEN ROAD
BOSSIER CITY, LA 71111

Special guest speakers: Trey & Candi Gibson

The 5th annual St. Jude Bunco fundraiser will be held April 11, 2017. Tickets are \$45.00, and they include hefty appetizers, one raffle ticket, and one door prize ticket.

Tables are on a first come basis, however you can reserve a table for your group once all six seats are paid for. Please make reservations by March 5.

There will also be a silent auction. If you purchase your ticket by March 15th, you will receive 5 additional raffle tickets. Raffle tickets will be sold in advance, so you will not have to wait in line for them. Raffle ticket prices are: 6 tickets for \$5.00, 12 tickets for \$10.00, 25 tickets for \$20.

Please attend for a fun time and to support the children of St. Jude's. Tickets may be purchased via Eventbrite.com or by calling Becky Dyar at 455-7782 or Susan East at 426-7878.

The ECW of St. James proudly sponsors

Driving Miss Daisy

DINNER THEATRE

Saturday, March 18 - 6PM Dinner - 7PM Play

Tickets \$35

Reservations Required: Janet Moore (318) 560-5662 or

jmoorexyz@yahoo.com

Proceeds benefitting Camp Hardtner Scholarship for St. James Youth

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A LENTEN PROPOSAL

Lent is upon us again—a time to prepare. For many Christians the preparation includes self-sacrifice. For others it is a time to form new habits, reaching out to others, taking on additional charitable works, or donating time or money to a good cause. In this age of social media and constant access to electronic communication, I'd like to propose a melding of the above.

We have the unique opportunity to touch the lives of many more people today than ever before—either for the better...or not. We can display love and caring or mockery and disdain. We can uplift or tear apart. And we can do it all from the comfort and anonymity of our own homes. Best or worst of all, we can do it without even realizing the end product of our choices and actions.

I propose that for this Lenten season we approach our on-line interactions in a deliberate and thoughtful manner, considering how what we type affects others. Are the words we are choosing building others up, raising their self-esteem and self-worth or causing them pain? Are we choosing to say things that we would be proud to repeat in front of our mothers, priests, and children? Are we considering who may be reading what we write and how it may be affecting their view of us what they believe we represent?

The Good Lord absolutely knows I am not perfect at this (or anything else)—and that is why I am making this proposal. This is an area where I can use some improvement, and I am inviting everyone to join me in the journey. Let's take this Lenten season as an opportunity to conscientiously spread goodwill, encouragement, joy, and welcome.

As Christians we find ourselves doing this when we gather together in person for worship. Let us do the same when we gather together on-line, as well. Even when we are not in our regular worship space, we are still the Episcopal Church, and as such we still welcome everyone. Let us prove that with our actions and words, even those we type. Let us not forget: 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: March 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



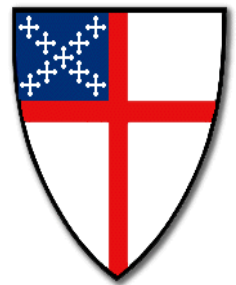
KAIROS COOKIES

Cookies are an important part of the Kairos weekend and our team will be taking over 1,500 dozen home-baked cookies into the prison. Baking cookies is a practical way we can show God's love to those incarcerated. Their impact is tremendous as residents realize that someone who doesn't even know them would take their own time to make something just for them.

Please follow the guidelines below—we can only take undamaged (unbroken) cookies inside and we must also follow Department of Corrections rules regarding food. These guidelines are time-tested to ensure success.

1. Cookies must not require refrigeration.
2. No liquor or liquor flavoring may be used.
3. Any kind of topping is O.K. **except:** frosting that might spoil and powdered or granulated sugar.
4. Cookies should be about 2 ½ - 3" in diameter and be sturdy enough to be handled without breaking.
5. Cookies must not contain any kind of fruit.
6. Cookies must be completely cooled before packing. If they are not, they tend to stick together or spoil in storage.
7. Pack each dozen cookies in a separate zip-top bag. Four stacks of three cookies fit well in a quart-sized bag. Gently squeeze out as much air as possible before sealing the bag.
8. Please identify the cookie type on the outside of the bag (chocolate chip, peanut butter, etc.), but don't mark anything that identifies individuals.
9. Please turn in cookies to Brian Whatley. Cookies may be left in the Parish Hall on a designated table shortly before the next Kairos weekend, March 17-19, 2017.

**OR JOIN US TUESDAY, MARCH 14, AT 6PM IN THE
PARISH HALL FOR A COOKIE BAKING PARTY!**



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.