

The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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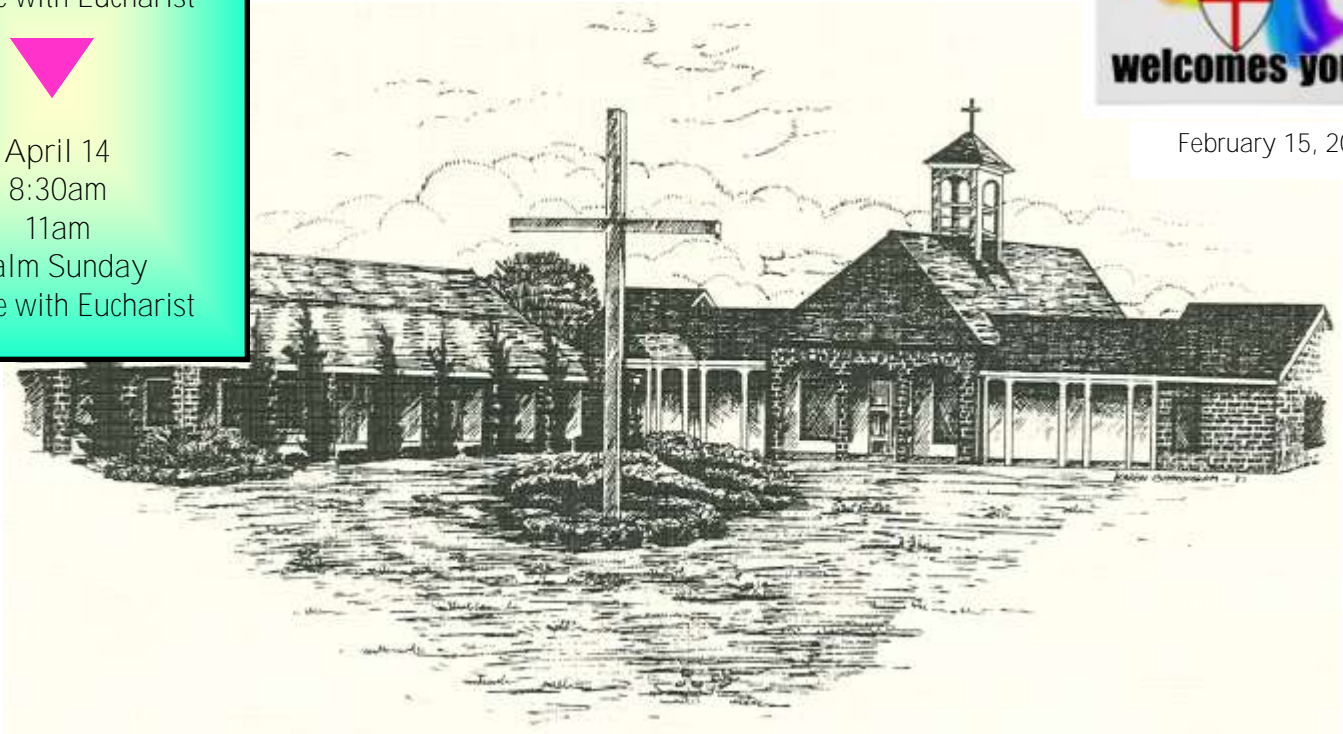


February 15, 2019

March 6
10am
6pm
Ash Wednesday
Service with Eucharist



April 14
8:30am
11am
Palm Sunday
Service with Eucharist



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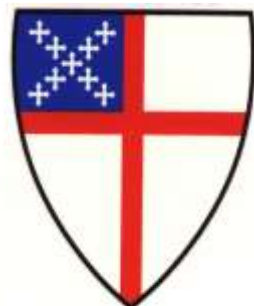
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



As we approach the season of Lent, we prepare ourselves with the time-worn rituals of prayer, doing without so others can have, and taking on a new challenge to better ourselves, if only for a short while. Lent is also a time to reflect upon the many pathways and ministries where God has led us and walked with us, and one that I will be working on this year is my works of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is an overriding Lenten theme. It invites us to reflect on our own willingness to forgive people who have wronged us, intentionally or unintentionally.

It's easy to say to one another, "forgive and forget," but sometimes we can't forgive wrongs done to us; a once happy relationship that turns into a shattered one from a wrong done; a person injured in an accident due to the carelessness of another; it is at these times, however, we have to forgive ourselves as well as others so that we can move forward with life.

Of course, we can always look to the Bible to show the greatest example of forgiveness, with Jesus begging His Father to forgive the very men ruthlessly taking his life as he lay dying on the cross. When Jesus tells us to love our enemies, he also gives us the grace to love, to forgive. To forgive as He forgives is sometimes impossible to do on our own. But Jesus doesn't ask us to forgive on our own. He simply asks that we participate in his gift of forgiveness.

So, for the next few weeks, I would encourage each of you to try to release the anger and frustration you might have towards another, and trust in the forgiveness of Christ, so that we can be at peace with ourselves and one another. Forgiveness can be a long journey, but at the end lies freedom and new life.

—David Scott

KAIROS COOKIE BAKING PARTY

The 2019 March weekend is scheduled for the third weekend this year. We will be asking for help baking dozens of cookies as we have done in the past. So on Tuesday, March 12th in the Parish Hall, we will be baking cookies.....please come join us for the fellowship. Anyone wishing to participate in the weekend should contact either Curtis or Paul. Applications for attending the weekend closing ceremony in Homer will be available in the Church Office. Anyone wishing more information can go to the Kairos website.

—Paul Moore

Outreach News

Did you read all about what the Outreach Committee accomplished in the 2018 Annual Report? If you haven't done that, yet, please get a copy from the Parish Hall and check it out. We were really busy last year, and we plan to keep up the good work in 2019.

For our next endeavor we will be collecting socks for the Maundy Thursday service in downtown Shreveport. At that service the local Episcopal parishes minister to the individuals in our community who are currently without stable residences. We will need white athletic socks for the men and a bit wider variety of color for the women. If you bring in socks that are made specifically for those with diabetes, please be sure to add an eye-catching label so they are given to those who would benefit from them the most. Deacon Lois Maberry is coordinating this effort through St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry and Holy Cross. Please contact her if you wish to volunteer at the Maundy Thursday service.

Details about the time and location of the service will be available in the March issue of the *Spirit of St. James*.

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

As of this printing St. James has received twenty-six 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, designating those additional funds be placed in the Building Fund which is used only for building projects, maintenance, and upkeep of the buildings and grounds. For 2019 a total of \$1,880.00 has been committed toward this.

Last year we received 34 pledge cards totaling \$129,090.00.

OUR INCOME TO DATE

deposits through Feb 10, 2019, include the following:

pledges	\$14,572.00	11.83% of total amount pledged;
		11.23% of the year has passed
loose plate	185.00	
contributions	5,205.00	
subtotal	\$19,962.00	
miscellaneous		
mid-week	22.00	
dividends	58.23	
subtotal	\$ 80.23	
total	\$20,042.23	12.82% of anticipated income;
		14.53% of anticipated expenses

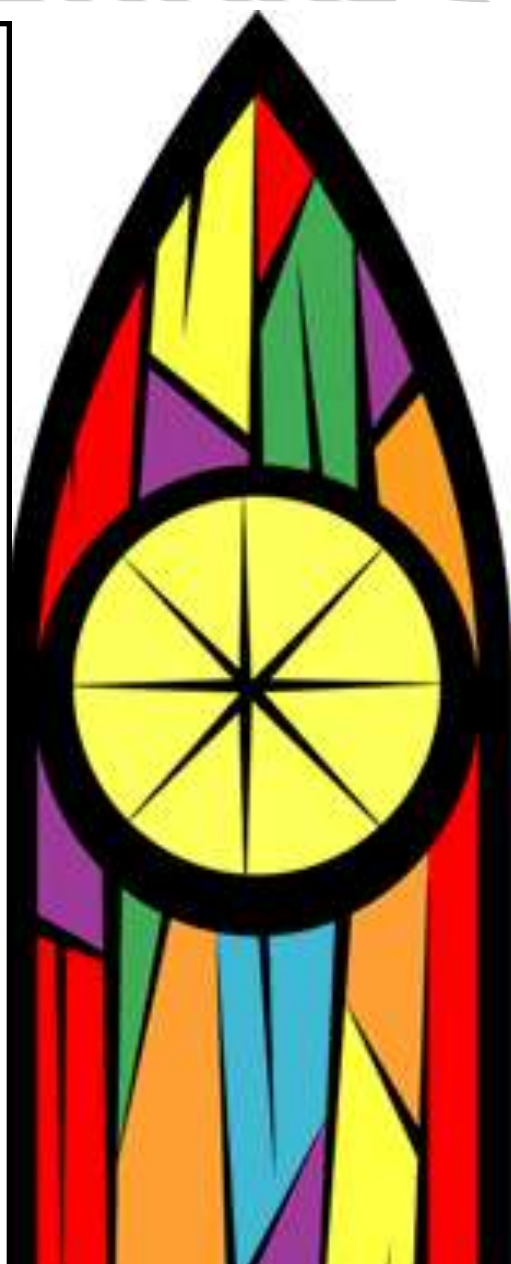


THE GOOD STEWARDS

At the Annual Meeting on January 27, certificates of appreciation were given to many individuals—but that does not cover all the people whose time and efforts significantly contributed to the parish over the previous year. While we formally recognized Vestry members and officers, teachers, and care-givers, we realize that each parishioner in our family cares for St. James and gives of themselves for the good of our community. We thank each of you for sharing your time and talents with us.

Kathy Deal took over duties as official parish photographer several years ago when Lorain Thrash stepped down from the duties. Kathy would like to take the opportunity to retire from the job, as well. However, she truly wants to be certain someone else is stepping up to fill her shoes—and she is very willing to give pointers and provide training to anyone who lacks the confidence to just take over. We appreciate all the dedication Kathy has put into the job, and hope she gets her chance to enjoy her retirement from the task.

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.



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*



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January 30, 2019

Dear friends in Christ,

At the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in July 2018 we approved a resolution to suspend the canon that places a time limit on initiating disciplinary proceedings in cases of clergy sexual misconduct against adults. Any disciplinary claim for past sexual misconduct by a member of the clergy may be brought from January 1, 2019 until December 31, 2021, no matter when the misconduct occurred. Normally, disciplinary claims for this type of misconduct may only be heard within three years of the misconduct. No such time limit exists for reporting clergy sexual misconduct against children and youth.

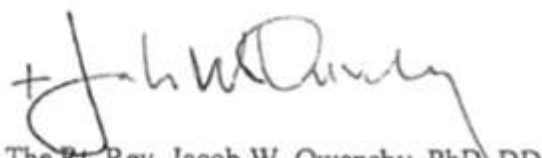
Christ calls the Church to be a place where all people are loved and cared for, nurtured and respected. We strive to prevent harm and abuse of any kind, and we are committed to seeking healing, justice, and reconciliation in cases where we have fallen short of God's vision for us.

To that end, be assured that any allegations of sexual misconduct by clergy will be treated seriously. We will follow the procedures clearly outlined by our canons and respond in accordance with the laws of the state. Complaints of sexual misconduct and sexual boundary violations can be reported to one of our Intake Officers: The Rev. Rich Snow (frich@epiwla.org) or The Rev. Annie Etheredge (madreannie@epiwla.org).

This letter is to be read or in some way disseminated in printed form in all of our congregations no later than Sunday, February 17, 2019. Additionally, a copy should appear in the newsletter or other primary communications method for the congregation by this date.

Join me in praying for all those affected by sexual misconduct in our church and in our broader society.

In Christ's Peace,



The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD
4th Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Western Louisiana





The Southern Hills Ecumenical Noonday Service and Luncheon is sponsored by the ECW. The sign-up sheet for bringing food items, setting up and cleaning up the Parish Hall, and serving the meal is located on a table in the Parish Hall. Services and lunches are scheduled as follows:

March 13: St. Mary of the Pines Catholic Church
1050 Bert Kouns

March 20: Christ United Methodist Church
1204 Crabapple Drive

March 27: Summer Grove United Methodist Church
9119 Dean Road

April 3: St. James Episcopal Church and Central Christian Church
2050 Bert Kouns

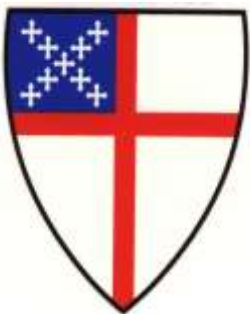
April 10: St. Stephen Lutheran Church and Calvin Presbyterian Church
8400 Kingston Road

Services begin at noon, with lunch immediately following each week.



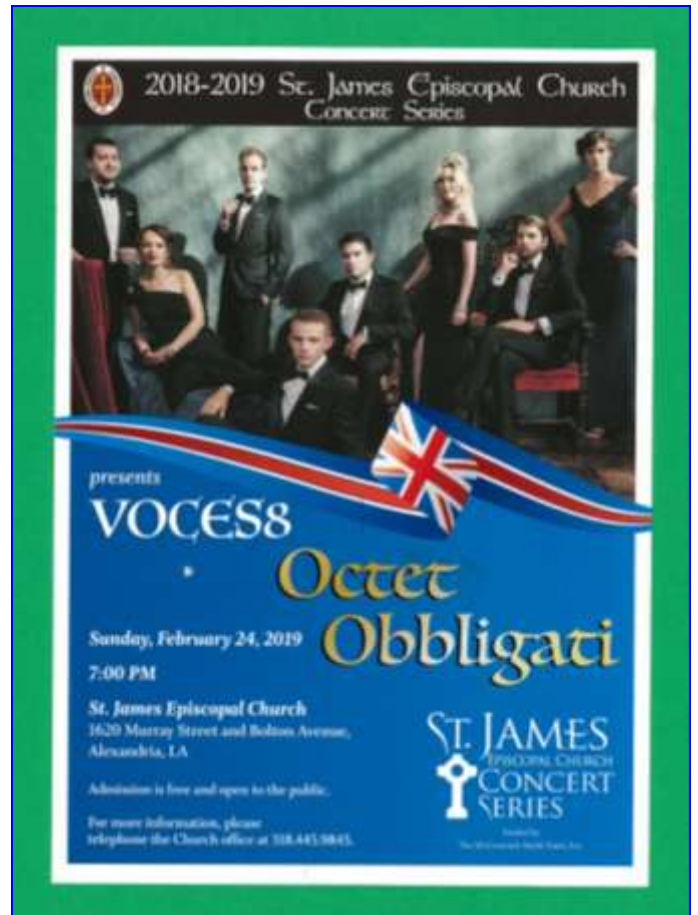
LET US REJOICE!!

While this may not be the most sacred reason to rejoice, we are pleased to announce that the pot-holes on St. James Road have been filled by the City of Shreveport. Special thanks to Betty Langhorst and David Scott for requesting this service through our City Councilman, James Flurry. As of January 31, 2019, the danger of losing a large part of your vehicle while slaloming from Bert Kouns to our parking lot has been addressed! Thanks also to the unnamed gentlemen who completed the work.



Photos courtesy David Scott

St. James in Alexandria invites us
to enjoy the following:



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

*Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
6:00pm
March 5*

*Ash Wednesday
Service
10:00am
6:00pm
March 6*

Please help
Renzi Education & Art Center
fund their
After-School Program.



Renzi will be hosting a rummage sale in May. Drop-off boxes will be located in various churches and businesses in Shreveport. If you have items you wish to donate for sale, please leave them in a Renzi box. Proceeds will go toward the general fund for operating expenses.

Locations of the boxes will be made available soon. Collections will run through the month of April. Sale date and details will be available soon.

St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p><i>Remember March 10</i></p> 			
<p>3 <i>The Rev'd Mitzi George</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bob Shane III David Calhoun</p>	<p>4</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY John Alex Kellogg Brittany Kellogg Andrew Jacobs</p>	<p>5  SHROVE TUESDAY 6PM</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Lois Maberry Olivia Zepeda</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10 AM The R</p>
<p>10 </p> <p><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>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mike Kendrick</p>	<p>11</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY David Haldeman Fr. William Bryant</p>	<p>12</p> <p>KAIROS Cookie Baking 5PM Parish Hall</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1 The R</p>
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<p>24 <i>The Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Kendall Parker</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>The R</p>
<p>31 <i>The Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Brandi Liles HAPPY ANNIVERSARY James & Kathleen Calhoun</p>		

	<i>The Last Sunday Of The Epiphany</i>	<i>The 1st Sunday Of Lent</i>	<i>The 2nd Sunday Of Lent</i>
	<i>The Rev'd Mitzi George</i>	<i>The Rev'd Guido Verbeck</i>	<i>The Rev'd Guido Verbeck</i>
	<i>MARCH 3</i>	<i>MARCH 10</i>	<i>MARCH 17</i>
LECTIONARY	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35
VESTRY PERSON	LISA LEWIS	CURTIS SHELTON	MATT PARKER
EUCCHARISTIC 8:30 MINISTER 11:00	Lynette van Heerden Ron Maberry	Lynette van Heerden Ken Murphy	Lynette van Heerden Ken Murphy
LAY READER 11:00	Ken Murphy	Julie Eason	Dan Bennett
LECTORS 8:30 11:00	Debbie Fitzpatrick Sissy Brown	Chelsea Fitzpatrick Kathleen Calhoun	Pat Parker Julie Eason
ACOLYTES 8:30 11:00	Melanie Winkler David Scott	Kelly Parker David Scott	Melanie Winkler David Scott
ALTAR GUILD	Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson	Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson	Janie Parker Linda Endicott Chelsea Fitzpatrick
USHERS 8:30 11:00	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton	Pat Parker Betty McDonald Mary Taylor	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton
<i>The Rev'd Robert Dandridge will officiate on Wednesday March 6, 13, 20, and 27</i>			

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday	April 14	8:30am & 11:00am
Tenebrae	April 17	6:00pm
Maundy Thursday	April 18	6:00pm
Good Friday	April 19	6:00pm
Easter Vigil	April 20	6:00pm
Easter Sunday	April 21	10:00am

DIRECTORY UPDATE

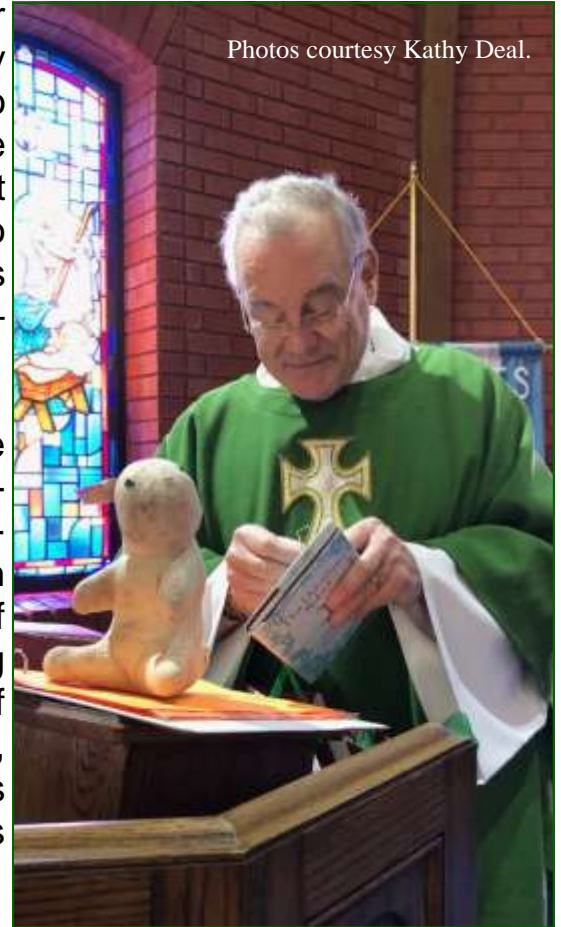
Please add the following new information to your directory:

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catwalk48@yahoo.com

ST. JAMES HAS BEEN BLESSED

We at St. James have been blessed with a priest at our worship services almost every Sunday, and we are very thankful to all the clergy who have made the time to come and the effort to prepare sermons. Among the many wonderful messages was one in particular that has stayed with some parishioners: The Rev. Guido Verbeck spoke to us about becoming our best versions of ourselves with God's help, and he used the Velveteen Rabbit to illustrate the homily.

Kathy Deal had the following to say: "I...remember the rabbit desiring to become real and achieving that goal through the faithful love of someone (resulting also in the rubbing off of hair). In our case, our becoming leads us to what God envisions for us."



ECW NEWS

The ECW hosted the Mardi Gras Ball on February 2, 2019. Windstorm performed, supplying lively music for dancing and putting on a wonderful show, with guest drummer, Austin Shelton. Their high spirits and warmth really made the music come alive and encouraged everyone in attendance to feel uplifted and dance the night away.

The Mardi Gras Ball is currently the only fundraiser that the ECW holds that is strictly for their annual budget. All other fundraising efforts are on behalf of specific causes, such as camp scholarships for our youth and donations to specific charities.

Figures are not currently available for the total amount of money raised by the Mardi Bras Ball. Please continue to support the good works of the ECW and stay tuned for a report of how much money was recently raised through your generosity.

I'm a Little Too Fat, a Little Too Giving. I Think I Know Why.

Using the hunger I experienced as a kid to teach mine the power of generosity

I was five years old when my mom took off with me to the coast. She said she needed a do-over. We were starting fresh, with no belongings, no toys, no furniture. She said we had empty hands so that we could catch new blessings.

We also had empty pockets, and she had no job. She'd drunk our whole life away, and the booze had left us washed up in a tiny beach town called Rockaway, Oregon. She was hoping the ocean would catch her tears and loosen her chains.

My mother loves the ocean. She is more herself when it is nearby. She believes that it sees and knows, that it moves and feels. It inspires her wonder and fear. She revels in the uncertainty that it could become angry at any moment and take lives at its will. To my mother, the ocean is God.

"Don't you ever take it for granted, Krissy," she would say to me. **"When you look at that ocean, remember there's always something bigger than you. Respect her."**

Summer had just ended, and the quaint coastal town had begun to fold up. We found a small cottage—really a motel room with a kitchenette. We never said it was our home; to us, it was just "Number Six." My mother paid the first month's rent, enrolled me in kindergarten a block away, and bought us a sack of potatoes and some ketchup. And we began our new life.

I don't remember being excited about school. It seemed so frivolous, and I thought I should be getting a job. "I could get a paper route," I told my mother one night as we walked back to Number Six from the pay phone, where she'd called my dad, begging him to send the \$75 child support check. He promised he'd send it as soon as possible, but I knew the potatoes were running low.

My mother looked for work, but the car we'd used to get to the town had broken down, and there were only two or three restaurants within walking distance of Number Six. She didn't want to get a job in a bar because she was trying earnestly to stop drinking.

"If I were a thief, I would go over there and steal those rotten cabbages for you. But I am not a thief."

Maybe two weeks passed and still no child support check—no money at all. I sat at the kitchen table one night, watching Walter Cronkite deliver the evening news with his objectivity and journalistic integrity. He said something like, **"Here is the news at this supertime."** I remember this because I was so surprised by it. His words were otherwise so dry, so metered, but his mention of it being dinnertime was almost friendly. I wondered if he could see us; how did he know it was time to eat?

My mother was staring out the window with her back to me. I said to her, "Well? He's right. It is dinnertime. Right, Mom?" I thought I was being clever in catching Cronkite's sincerity.

She let out a sigh. Without turning around she said, "Do you see that out there? Those people have let their garden grow over. The cabbages have gone to seed now. They'd never know or care if I just snuck over and took one for you."

The quivering in her voice scared me. She turned to me and wiped her eyes. With a look so cool I thought she might have been mad at me, she said, **"If I were a thief, I would go over there and steal those rotten cabbages for you. But I am not a thief."**

Without another word, she passed me and walked out the front door of Number Six. She left it open, and I followed her. She walked down five cottages and knocked on the door to Number One—a larger cottage, where an old man and woman lived. Even though they were our neighbors, we had no idea who they were. The old lady opened the door, and I wove around my mother so I could see inside.

When you give the best you have to someone in need, it translates into something much deeper to the receiver. It means that they are worthy.

This is my daughter, Kristine,” my mother stated. “We have no food. She’s had nothing to eat but potatoes for a month, and now we don’t even have any of those left. I don’t care about myself, but could you please give her something to eat?”

The old woman was short and fat with dark skin and black hair twisting around her head. Her name was Anita Vanover. Her husband was a tall white man who was just called Van. I could see into their cottage; the table was set, and Anita and Van were obviously just sitting down to eat. The smells coming from inside made me drool.

I don’t remember Anita saying anything to my mother or even asking her husband first if she could give us something, but I remember her packing up her table: the pot roast, the carrots, the gravy, the potatoes. She handed it all to my mother.

It turned out that the couple had friends who owned one of the restaurants where my mom had tried to get a job. Anita talked to them, and they hired her. Anita and Van became my caretakers in the evening.

They saved my mother and me.

At that moment, though, I don’t think Anita and Van thought they were saving lives or forever changing the path of a child. I think they thought they were doing what they were supposed to do when a woman with a little girl comes to the door and says she needs to eat. What more needs to be said or done? They probably figured that it’s just food.

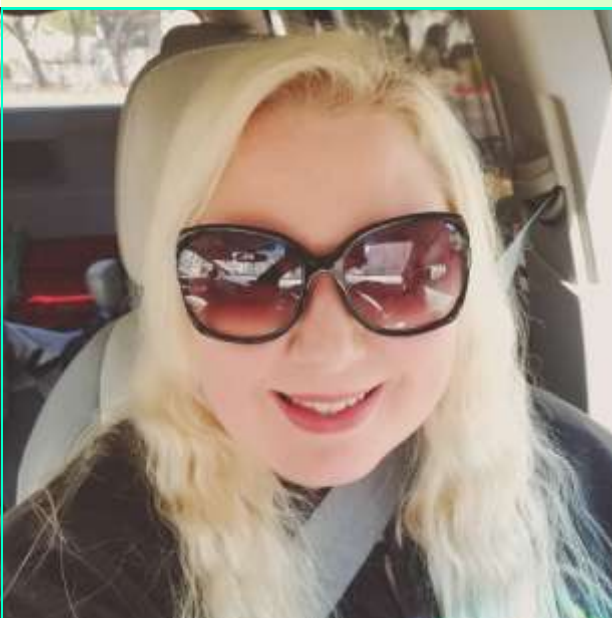
Anita gave so effortlessly and so quickly that I doubt she ever thought about it again. But that one moment taught me a lesson about giving that I have never forgotten. There came a day 30 years later, when I passed that lesson on to my own children.

My daughter’s school had a food drive, and she was excited to collect food for it. Even at 10 years old, she had a strong sense of community. She wanted to be either a police officer so she could help people or an astronaut so she could protect the planet from wayward asteroids. We had to keep her from watching the news because it moved her to the point of tears. Her heart would break for the human condition.

She went to our pantry and started bagging up the canned and dry goods. All the while, she talked. “Oh, I’ll put in the green beans, I don’t like those... I’ll save the Kraft macaroni and cheese. We can give them some no-name brand.” And I realized that my daughter—as generous and good as she already was—knew nothing about giving. I felt like I had taught her nothing.

She didn’t know about Anita and Van. She didn’t know about Number Six. She didn’t know that she could see the face of a hungry child if she looked long enough at her own mother.

So I told her. I told her that my kindergarten teacher thought I was “retarded” because I was so hungry that I didn’t perform well in school and was always slower than the rest of the class. I told her that Anita could have just gone to her cupboard and made me a peanut butter sandwich, and my mother and I would have been so grateful. But she didn’t. She gave the best she had.



The biggest problem with poverty is the shame that comes with it. When you give the best you have to someone in need, it translates into something much deeper to the receiver. It means they are worthy.

If it’s not good enough for you, it’s not good enough for those in need either. Giving the best you have does more than feed an empty belly—it feeds the soul.

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Won't you accept the

HEALTHIER YOU CHALLENGE

today?



Dan Bennett and Melanie Winkler challenge the parish to become better versions of ourselves. They have chosen to practice the plank daily through the end of Lent, improving their core strength and making themselves healthier. They challenge each St. James parishioner to choose an activity or exercise to hone yourself into a better you.

Get a head start on Lent if you wish. Ash Wednesday is March 6, but we can each begin making ourselves healthier at any time. Please take Dan and Melanie up on the challenge. Choose your exercise or activity and devote a few moments of each day to making the body God has provided you with



a bit more on the healthy side. Show yourself you have what it takes to stick with it and become a better version of you! Tell Dan and Melody you accept their challenge!

The Healthier You Challenge requires no special equipment, gym membership, workout gear, or monetary outlay. It just requires a desire to become a bit healthier and the follow-through to devote a few minutes daily to the goal. Following are some tips that may make it easier to succeed all the way to the end:

- Find a partner (or a few) to work together. Having someone else counting on your participation may make it easier to not blow off the activity.
- Set a specific time of day and make it part of your routine.
- You may find that combining this with daily prayers or devotions may turn this challenge into something you look forward to each day.
- Keep track of your progress and compare how much you have improved over time. Can you hold a tough position for a longer period of time? Can you perform more reps of an exercise? Can you walk, jog, run, or cycle farther or longer?
- Encourage others to do their best and allow them to encourage you.
- Talk about what you are doing, share your progress with others.
- Set a goal and work toward it—and if you reach it, feel free to adjust the goal and keep stretching your ability!

MAKE A COMMITMENT

As we enter the season of Lent, we often choose a Lenten discipline which many people think of as “giving up something for Lent.” It may be easier to adhere to the Lenten discipline if we think of it differently. How about calling it “making a commitment during Lent?” Whether we desire to take on an extra task (or two) or decrease (or stop) doing something throughout this penitential period, if we think of this as an opportunity to do good, a chance to better ourselves or our community, we increase the chances of successfully completing our chosen discipline.

Let us face Lent with courage, recognizing that the burden with which we challenge ourselves is considerably lighter than that with which our Saviour was faced. We can even approach our commitments with joy at the thought of the good we can accomplish—penitential as it refers to Lent does not mean sack cloth and ashes, but rather contemplation, preparation, and thoughtfulness. The worship service may seem a bit more somber than the rest of the year, but people do not need to be.

The purpose of a Lenten Discipline is not to deprive the Christian, but to provide a way **for each Christian to purposefully do God's work.** Typically, people who give something up save the money they would have spent and give it to a charity of their choice. Other people take on an extra responsibility toward their fellow human beings, such as volunteering at a homeless shelter or soup kitchen, reading to residents of a nursing home, or visiting those who are homebound. Often this type of discipline grows into a ministry for which the Christian develops long-term commitment.

Whatever you choose to do, please make your decision prayerfully and purposefully. And let us remember, and share the news with our friends, family, and neighbors: The Episcopal Church welcomes every one. None of us are not welcome—no matter what.

—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: 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@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

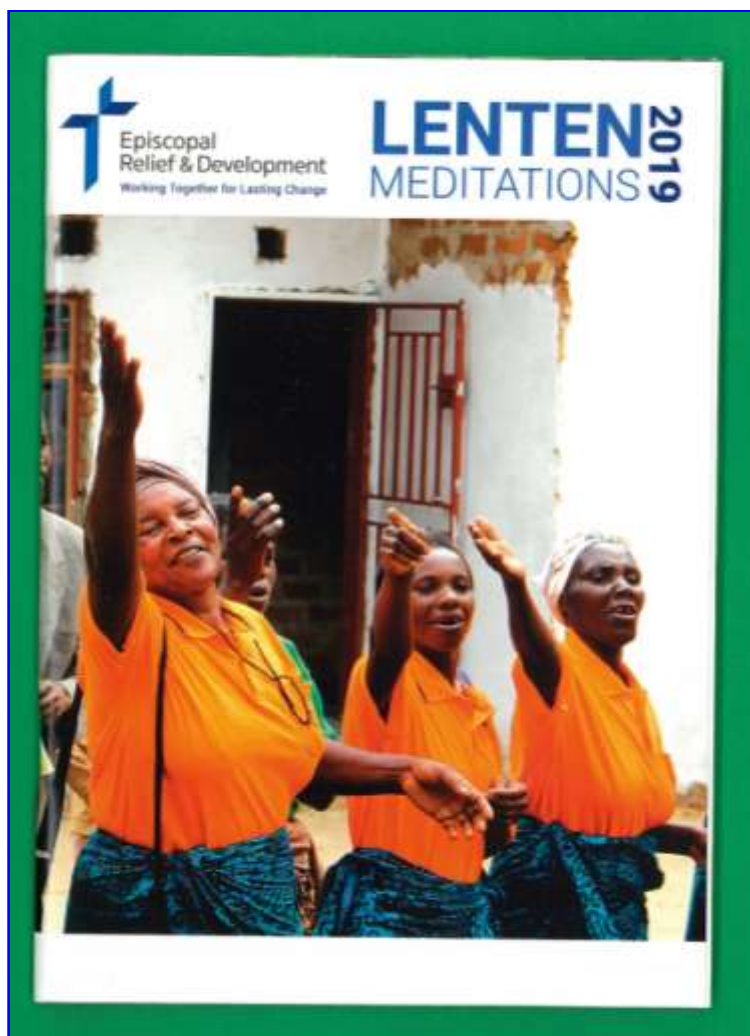
Sunday School, 9:45am

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 with music 11:00am

Wednesday—Holy Eucharist Rite 2, 10am

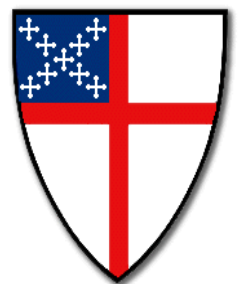


LENTEN MEDITATIONS COMING TO A NARTHEX NEAR YOU!



St. James has ordered 75 copies of the Episcopal Relief and Development Lenten Meditations 2019. As soon as they arrive they will be placed in the Narthex to be picked up by each person who is interested. This has become a long-standing tradition at St. James and we hope you continue to enjoy the daily meditations they provide to assist us throughout Lent as we prepare to commemorate the sacrifice Jesus gave for us and celebrate his resurrection at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Day.

Don't forget to pick up your copy!



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.