

# The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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March 15, 2016



March 20  
Palm Sunday  
Rite 1 Eucharist 8:30am  
Rite 2 Eucharist 11am

March 24  
Maundy Thursday  
Rite 2 Eucharist 6pm

March 25  
Good Friday  
Rite 2 Service 6pm

March 26  
Easter Vigil  
Rite 2 Eucharist 6pm

March 27  
Easter Sunday  
Parish-wide potluck  
brunch 9am  
Rite 2 Eucharist 10am  
Followed by Easter Egg  
Hunt on the lawn

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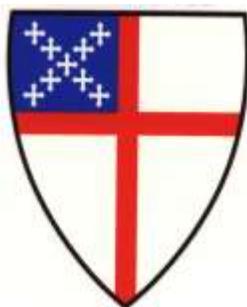
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

When you read this edition of the *Spirit*, Palm Sunday and Holy Week will be upon us. We are all familiar with the Palm Sunday narrative of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and that story is found in all four Gospels. As a geologist, though, I have always personally favored the version found in the Gospel of Luke.



As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

*Luke 19:37-40 NRSV*

The version found in Luke's Gospel describes Jesus' response to the Pharisees who wanted Jesus to silence his disciples. As followers of Jesus, we must praise God by both our words and our actions. This is so important that if we do not do so, then even inanimate objects from Creation will rise up to offer praise to fill that void.

We as a parish are not silent in offering praise and there has been no need for the stones to cry out. As we continue into Holy Week, let's seek to live out the scriptures and fully experience the events of that momentous week in Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday, March 24, will offer a Eucharist and foot washing at noon at Hope House and at 6:00 PM at St. James. Good Friday and Saturday's Easter Vigil services will be held at 6:00 PM. Easter services will be held at 10:00 AM on Sunday (after a 9:00 AM parish-wide potluck brunch) and followed by the children's egg hunt.

Please remember your Vestry in prayer as you are in ours,

*Brian Whatley*  
Senior Warden

## Outreach News

The Lenten collection of socks, shoes, insoles, soap, and washcloths couldn't have been more successful! Thank-you to each person who participated in the project. We filled the table with items for donation to be passed out next week. Please join us at the Maundy Thursday foot-washing service at noon near Hope House. It will be held in the parking lot across the street from the day mission. If last year is an indication of what to expect, we will serve food and pass out footwear to approximately 100 individuals. We will share the love of God by doing something tangible, useful, and compassionate for people in need in our community.

Through St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry, medical personnel will be on hand to evaluate and refer people for treatment as needed. And just as importantly, people who are often neglected and bypassed will be treated with respect and dignity and hopefully made to feel as worthy as anyone else—because they are.

Thank-you also for donating \$175 to outreach during the breakfast on the first Sunday in March. That money is earmarked to help a family in need in the Southern Hills area.



## OUR FROZEN MEALS PUT TO USE



The meals in the freezer came in handy during the flooding in our area. Filling in the Gaps was able to provide meals to the people on our Meals on Wheels route when the Caddo Council on Aging office was closed and the program was not able to provide for the population they normally assist. Lorain, Pat, and Joseph Thrash cooked a warm meal for immediate consumption and pulled frozen meals from the Parish Hall freezer to provide the missing meals for all the people we serve.



We are grateful that the people of St. James are ready, willing, and able to come to the aide of our neighbors in the Southern Hills area. The smiles we receive in return are heart-warming and wonderful!

Photos courtesy Lorain Thrash



# THE GOOD STEWARDS

As happens every year, visitors during the Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon asked for our soup recipe and we had to admit to not having one. The biggest ingredient in the pot is the love and dedication of our cooks. Each volunteer showed up with a pot of home-made soup and the offerings were all thrown together into large pots, stirred and simmered, then served. The flavors melded together much like the talents of our parishioners meld into a cohesive blend. Coupled with sandwiches and desserts, and served with smiles and good wishes, the women of St. James put on a very hospitable and enjoyable luncheon for approximately 100 people on February 24.

Deliberately making too much, the left-over soup filled over a dozen freezer containers for delivery during future Filling in the Gaps dates. (And that future has already happened. We used those meals on March 10 when the Caddo Council on Aging office was closed due to flooding and Meals on Wheels was not in service. The people on the Southern Hills route each received food from the St. James freezer!) The extra sandwiches were passed out immediately to the Meals on Wheels recipients, and the cookies that were appropriate for KAIROS were set aside for the next visit to David Wade Correctional Center—while the remainder will be put into the Filling in the Gaps Easter baskets.

On March 7 St. James hosted the funeral service and reception for **Alden Stockinger, and volunteers didn't need** to be asked to come forward to decorate the parish hall, set up the altar, prepare the food, serve the guests, or clean up afterward. The parishioners of St. James come together in times of grief to show each other how much love is shared among our people, whether they are physically present on a daily basis or not. David and Lynda Stockinger left the Shreveport area many years ago, but have remained members of our family.

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.

Please bring individually wrapped candies for the Easter Egg Hunt to church by March 20. We will be filling the eggs (as we munch on pizza and make table decorations for Easter brunch) after the 6pm Good Friday service. All parishioners of all ages are invited to gather in the Parish Hall after the service on March 25 for this family-friendly event! Help us prepare for Easter Sunday!

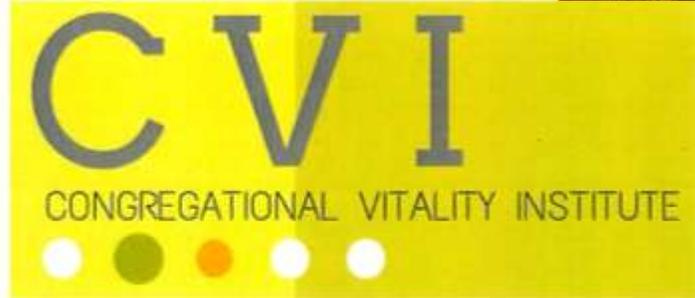


# ST. JAMES ATTENDS CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY INSTITUTE MEETINGS

Lorain Thrash and Kathy Watkins attended another CVI meeting in Alexandria on March 5, learning how to make better use of social media to spread the news of the parish within our family and beyond. The biggest tidbit they brought back was to encourage everyone to share the posts about events at St. James on Facebook, so more people are able to see the information. Keep an eye on the St. James Website, but also on the St. James Facebook posts!



Photos courtesy Kathy Watkins



## 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

- Cost is \$25.00
- Materials are yours to keep
- Sessions are from 10am-3pm

If you desire to make your congregation stronger, healthier, visible in the community, and fully responsive to God as a missional church, then CVI is for you!



**JULY 16**  
Congregational Leadership Conference by the Episcopal Church Foundation. This session will be held at St. James, Alexandria.

**OCTOBER 15**  
Invite-Welcome-Connect by Mary Parmer, Congregational Development Consultant/Coach and Gathering of Leaders Director. This session will be held at Camp Hardtner.

Online registration for CVI events are available on the Diocesan website:  
[www.diocesewats.org](http://www.diocesewats.org)

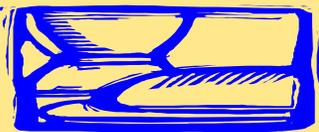


## OUR MISSION

CVI is a leadership training program focused on strengthening the spiritual and organizational life of congregations in Western Louisiana. The aim is to equip leaders to serve in their congregation in mutual ministry with their ordained clergy.

**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact the Rev. Bill Bryant  
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Vitality  
[rectory@shreve.net](mailto:rectory@shreve.net)  
(318) 446-0127

# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday	March 20	8:30am & 11:00am
Maundy Thursday	March 24	6:00pm
Good Friday	March 25	6:00pm
Easter Vigil	March 26	6:00pm
Easter Sunday	March 27	9:00am brunch 10:00am Eucharist 11-ish Easter egg hunt

### THE MISSION CONTINUES...



#### All You Need Is Love...and a Picture ID.

February is commonly associated with Valentine's Day, a time to acknowledge our feelings for people we care about. For most, it brings happy thoughts, and for the lucky ones, chocolate and flowers. For some, probably more than we realize, it can be painful - shining a light on what might be missing or broken in their lives. Traveling throughout our community, St. Luke's has the opportunity to minister to some of these people, the ones who often feel the greatest degree of disconnect from acceptance in society. Imagine having no job, no place to sleep, no place to say "this is mine". Often these individuals are lost in a complicated maze of bureaucracy, lacking the resources to break the cycle. For those needing medications for chronic health issues, there are two local free pharmacies, which St. Luke's works closely with; but even there, necessary paper work must be processed. When we are asked to produce a form of identification, or a tax statement, or some other document, we do so with little thought. But for the homeless this is an insurmountable challenge.... simply getting to the Social Security office, or the DMV is complicated. I share this with you only to let you know that the ministry of St. Luke's extends well beyond the RV. The clinics held each month allow us to make contact with those in need, it is an entry point into our system. The after-work, where staff provide case management, support and problem-solving extends well beyond the clinic visit. We have clients that we work with, and walk along beside for months, sometimes years. Love in action. A simple hand up, support with a bus pass, accompanying them on a visit to the disability office.... Little things that can have a huge impact. That's what your ministry of St. Luke's is about.

In January, St. Luke's held 17 clinics, providing direct service to 161 individuals; of these 20 were living on the streets. Forty-one volunteers provided over 97 hours of service, giving their time and talent to the marginalized in our world. Standing in the gap, offering up care and compassion, being what we are called to be.

We thank each of you for your support of time, financial resources, and prayer. Without you, St. Luke's could not do this work.

Blessings

Betty Johnson, Executive Director

St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Of Easter

Rev'd Paula Clair Hall

APRIL 17

Acts 9: 36- 43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7: 9- 17  
John 10: 22- 30

BRIAN WHATLEY

Lynnette van Heerden  
Ken Murphy

Rory Fitzpatrick

Betty Langhorst  
Debbie Fitzpatrick

Melanie Winkler  
Austin Shelton

Lonnie Howard  
Kathy Watkins  
Faye Wynn

Pat Parker  
Mike Kendrick  
Denise Shelton

Mike Endicott

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Of Easter

Rev'd Andrew Comeaux

APRIL 24

Acts 11: 1- 18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21: 1- 6  
John 13: 31- 35

KATHY DEAL

Janie Parker  
Ron Maberry

Bert Babington

Lynnette van Heerden  
Karen McDonald

Kelly Parker  
Mason Garner

Debbie Fitzpatrick  
Holly Johnson

Pat Parker  
Mike Kendrick  
Sara Lewis

Mike Endicott

### UPCOMING ALTAR TRAINING

Anyone interested in serving at the altar in any capacity: Lay Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Acolyte, or interested in serving as a Eucharistic Visitor, please contact Mike Endicott. He is currently working with Bishop Jake's office to schedule training for these duties.

COMING SOON:

## INQUIRERS' CLASSES

Bishop Jake will be visiting St. James on May 8, 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.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY NOON AT HOPE HOUSE

After making the effort to collect such a wonderful pile of shoes, socks, insoles, washcloths, and soap for the Maundy Thursday foot-washing service near Hope House, we hope you will take the time to join in with the other parishes of the Shreveport Convocation to share the bounty with our neighbors. The rewards are intangible, and oh-so-heartwarming and inspiring! Please attend the Eucharist and help with the foot-washing, serving the meal, passing out new footwear, or just conversing with the participants. You will be glad you took the opportunity to be a part of the lovely event!

March 24

12 noon

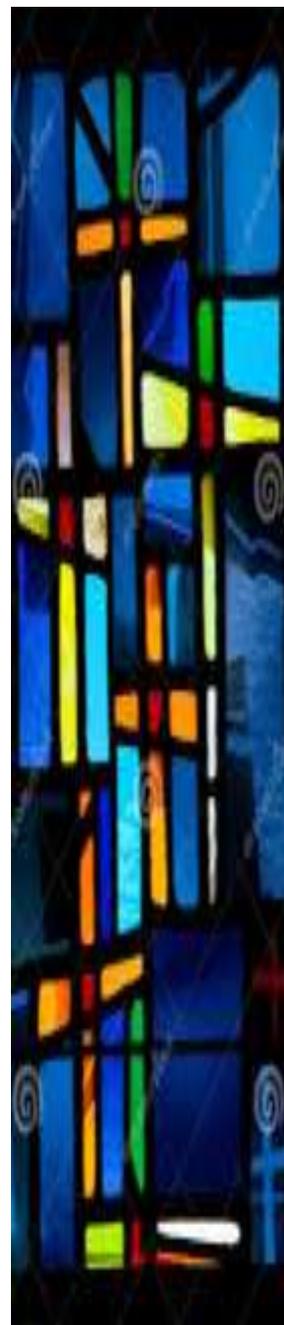
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# St. James Episcopal Church

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<b>17</b> <i>Rev'd Paula Clair Hall</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 9: 45 Sunday Forum 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Chloe Elizabeth Liles	<b>18</b>  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Tricia Windham	<b>19</b>  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Tricia James Robert DeLoach Rebecca Haldeman	<b>20</b>  10 am w  <b>Rev'</b>
<b>24</b> <i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 9: 45 Sunday Forum 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	<b>25</b>  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Melissa Ponder	<b>26</b>  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Joe Wallace	<b>27</b>  10 am w  <b>Rev'</b>



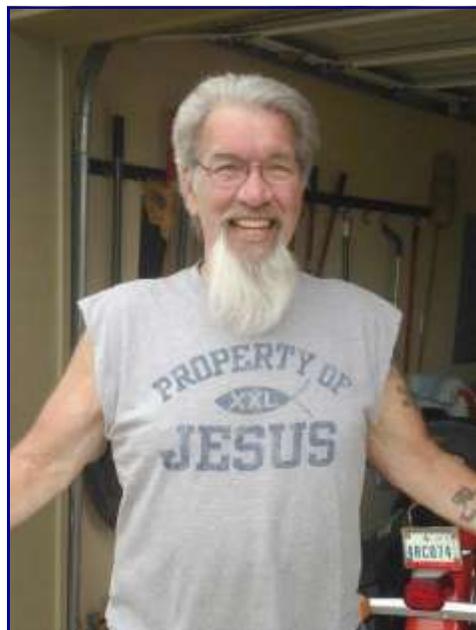


	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Of Easter</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Easter</i>
	<i>Rev'd Guido Verbeck</i>	<i>Rev'd Paula Clair Hall</i>
	<i>APRIL 3</i>	<i>APRIL 10</i>
<b>LECTIONARY</b>	<i>Acts 5:27- 32 Psalm 150 Revelation 1: 4- 8 John 20: 19- 31</i>	<i>Acts 9: 1- 6, (7- 20) Psalm 30 Revelation 5: 11- 14 John 21: 1- 19</i>
<b>VESTRY PERSON</b>	<b>PAT PARKER</b>	<b>SISSY BROWN</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b> 8:30 11:00	Bert Babington Ron Maberry	Lynnette van Heerden Ken Murphy
<b>LAY READER</b> 11:00	Ken Murphy	Brian Whatley
<b>LECTORS</b> 8:30 11:00	Janie Parker Janet Moore	Betty Langhorst Kathy Calhoun
<b>ACOLYTES</b> 8:30 11:00	Kelly Parker Austin Shelton	Kendall Parker Mason Garner
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Kelly Parker Liz Montelepre	Lonnie Howard Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn
<b>USHERS</b> 8:30 11:00	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton	Pat Parker Sissy Brown Sara Lewis
<b>MASTER OF CEREMONIES VERGER</b>	Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott

Easter Services	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Vestry Person	Karen McDonald	Karen McDonald	David Scott	Karen McDonald
LEM/Verger	N/A	N/A	N/A	Janie Parker
Lay Reader	Rory Fitzpatrick	Dan Bennett	Rory Fitzpatrick	Bert Babington
Acolyte	Rory Fitzpatrick	Kelly Parker	Brody Fitzpatrick	Mason Garner
Lector	Debbie Fitzpatrick	Debbie Fitzpatrick	Debbie Fitzpatrick	Pat Parker

**DIRECTORY UPDATE**  
 We are in the process of updating the parish photo directory. The last chance to peruse a draft and make any changes, additions, or corrections will be Easter Sunday. The draft can be found in the Parish Hall. Please look it over and mark any changes that need to be made to your entry. **The next update won't be for another year, so don't miss this opportunity.**





## FAREWELL, DEAR FRIENDS

### ROBERT EARL HALDEMAN, JR.

Our good friend, Bob Haldeman, passed away suddenly on March 7, and his funeral service was held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Huntsville, TX, where he and his wife, Rita, moved when they left Shreveport. In addition to his great love for his family and his deep and abiding faith, we knew Bob as a wonderful musician, an avid Harley rider, and a camping enthusiast. He was very involved in the Cursillo movement and in the KAIROS prison ministry, and even worked for the Church at the diocesan level.. His family has requested that memorials in his name be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. Our prayers are with Rita and the rest of the family as we ask eternal rest for our brother and friend, Bob.

## BUO HONG

Many years ago a family of refugees from Cambodia found friendship, love, and help in adjusting to their new lives in America when they walked through the doors of St. James Episcopal Church. In return they shared their love and friendship, which continues to this day. It is with great sadness that we reflect upon the loss of one member of that family, Buo Hong. He had suffered several years with dementia and Parkinson's Disease. However, he was able to live within the warmth and love of his family throughout his illness. We offer prayers for Hong Leigh and the rest of his family during their time of grief, and we ask that God grant eternal rest to Buo Hong.



Photo courtesy Lois Ennis

In 1979, under the leadership of Father Keith Hall and Parishioner Lois Ennis, St. James sponsored the Hong Lay (recently Americanized to Leigh) family, all Cambodian refugees, to come to Shreveport and live. The family was escaping the terror of the Khmer Rouge and their leader, Poi Pot, who killed over 2 million of the Cambodian people. The movie THE KILLING FIELDS depicts this horrible time.

The family included Hong Lay, his mother and four children. Hong Lay was able to get a job at Western Electric, and the whole family learned English. They were all beloved by our St. James family. They remained in Shreveport for several years until moving to Dallas for Hong Lay's work. The entire family was baptized and confirmed at St. James before they left.

Hour Khatna Eng (we all called her Mama)  
Sau Hong Lay  
Hong Ly Lay  
Hong Ky Lay  
Bou Chieng Lay

The sponsorship of this family was rewarding beyond measure to our St. James family. They loved us and we loved them.

—*Mattie Mosley*

Condolences can be sent to:

Pon Lay (Bou Hong's wife)  
2313 Montclair  
Carrollton, TX 75007

Khan Eng  
2214 Trinity Spring Dr.  
Carrollton, TX 75007

# CONTINUING THE TRADITION

I'm sure you remember the song from Fiddler on the Roof entitled "Tradition". The song's basic premise is that each of the villagers is able to keep his or her "balance" on the roof (representing the lives of the people) through tradition. Tevye says in the song: "Because of our traditions, everyone knows who he is and what God expects him to do."

I was thinking of that song the other day when many of us were working to set up, cook and serve for our annual Southern Hills Ecumenical Service and Luncheon. I first started attending St. James in 1967; I don't know whether we were having the service at that time. My father died in 1970, and my mother came to live with us. I do know we were having the service and luncheon then because it was very important to her to bring food and to help at the luncheon. I was teaching, so my attendance was rather hit or miss; but since I retired, I have been a faithful attendee and worker and even wear my mother's St. James apron with her initials on it.

So our ecumenical tradition has been going on for 50 years?, and the women of St. James are continuing it. Why? Why is it important for different denominations to pray and break bread together? You know the answer; we are all Christians. We want to share our love for Christ and for one another. And breaking bread together is one of the oldest forms of Christian brother and sisterhood. Despite our denominational differences, we are first and foremost followers of Christ: "You will know we are Christians by our love." And here is a tradition of which I think God would approve.

Since we are without a priest, Bert Babington gave a brief Lenten message and led the group in Noonday Prayer. As expected, he did a wonderful job. Ninety people came over to the Parish Hall to partake of our famous vegetable soup, sandwiches and cookies and either tea or coffee. I didn't count, but there must have been around 15 ECW members decorating tables, setting tables, serving our guests, cleaning up afterwards. Contributions to our Maundy Thursday fund were also given by our visitors. Besides those who worked at the luncheon and brought food, others sent their offerings. We are always nervous about having enough food, but like the "loaves and the fishes" there was more than enough. Remainders were put away for future meals for "Filling the Gaps." We were delighted to have our new members Betty McDonald and Betty Loving join us, though I'm not sure any of the visitors got any of Betty Mc's Neiman Marcus cake. (We workers had to keep our strength up.)

Looking over the crowd and the St. James ladies with their church aprons made me remember all those who have come before who worked so hard at these occasions. Betty Moore who always decorated so beautifully; Nancy DeLoach who made delicious soup; Helen Kizer with her delicious cookies; Margaret Anderson with her pimiento cheese sandwiches; I'm sure there are others in addition to my dear mother Edna Jacks.

It also made me think of those who were unable to attend this year but who were thinking of us: Cametta Emmons, who told me to tell everyone "hello" and who always made such good brownies, Nita Magee and

Roger and Molly Wilkinson, always so faithful; Ruby Betterton who is always such good company: We love you all and know you were with us in spirit.

So to all of you who attended, brought food, sent food, helped in any way, you have done a wonderful job of continuing an important, spiritual tradition for St. James. God bless you!

*Mattie Mosley*



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Photos courtesy  
Kathy Deal



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# I'VE BEEN SEARCHIN'

A photo of a beautiful, but apparently mysterious, angel appeared in the last newsletter. I know that many of you have already heard my tale of my searching for the perfect angel. Yes, like the Coasters' song I kept saying: "Gonna find her, Gonna find her!" So here's the story behind our angel:

As you remember, out dear friend, long time parishioner and church administrator for many years, Margaret Anderson, died on Christmas Day, 2014. Many of us who loved Margaret wanted the funds given to the church in her honor to be used for a special memorial for Margaret since her life was so entwined with St. James. The people of St. James were her family. Margaret loved angels and anything to do with angels: pictures, books, statues; I remember her buying a small angel statue in Jefferson for her garden. Angels and gardens were her favorites, so why not an angel statue overlooking our church memorial garden.

The small garden was originally begun by the parents of Dena Lynn Crick Aldridge, a young woman who had been married at St. James just two years before her death on November 11, 1975. Dena was buried elsewhere, but the garden was planted in her memory. Waldo Emerson Cragar died on January 14, 2002, and his ashes were placed in the memorial garden. The original statue in the garden was broken by some children, and the small St. Francis was bought to replace it.

As the song goes, "I've been searching, every which a way" for the perfect angel to be a memorial for Margaret. I happened to see a photo in Alive taken at the Church of the Redeemer in Ruston with several confirmees posed behind a lovely angel. I called the church, and talked to Debbie Hightower, who had bought the angel in memory of her mother. The angel had been purchased in West Monroe. Searchin' in West Monroe, I found the Redeemer angel, but she was expensive and the fee for delivery was (I thought) exorbitant. I kept searching.

"Gonna find her," I went to a statuary place on Line Avenue; they had small angels, big angels, but not the perfect angel. I kept searching, gonna find her, gonna find her. I went to the pottery places in Bossier, in Marshall; I even heard about a place up near Jefferson (no longer in business). Still searching, including the Internet. I went back to West Monroe, deciding to bite the bullet and buy the angel, but, wait, she wasn't there anymore! The man claimed he had never had an angel like I was describing. What? I kept searching.

And then, it was a miracle (at least to me); I found a place right across from BPCC called Generations. The perfect angel was standing outside their door, waiting for me. I had found her! She was less expensive than the West Monroe one and certainly closer. But how to get her to St. James? She is beautiful but solid at 300 pounds.

Paul Moore and Ethan Geohagan are now my favorite people in the whole world. Paul brought his trailer; Ethan came in his truck to the store. The store loaded our beautiful, but HEAVY angel in Paul's trailer and we caravanned to St. James.

Who knew that I20 in Bossier was so rough! Paul was driving slowly, but that trailer was bumping up and down, up and down! Margaret's beautiful angel was also bumping up and down, even turning on her side and sliding, sliding toward the rear of the trailer. Her pretty little toes had come out from under the covering, and I could see them (I was behind Paul in my car) coming closer and closer to the edge. I said a prayer, in fact a continual prayer!

Miraculously, wonderfully, when we got to St. James, she was intact; no scratches, no broken bits, all her toes and her nose were perfect. Paul, Ethan and another young man heaved her into place beside the memorial garden. She will soon have a strong support to stand on and a memorial plaque that dedicates her to Margaret including a biblical verse about angels.

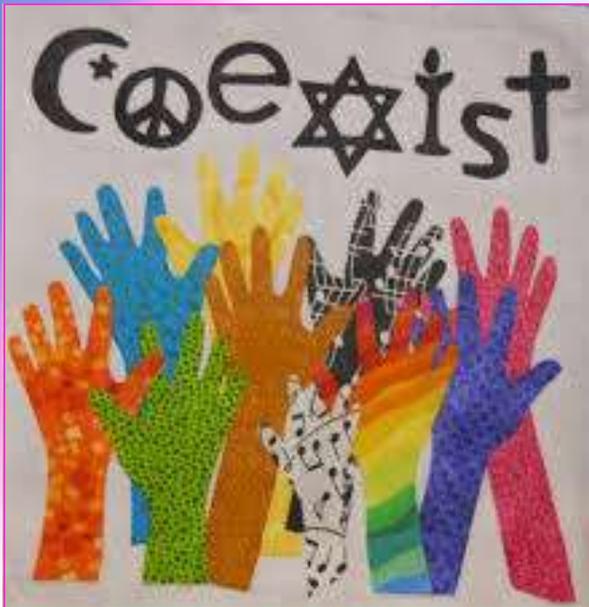
I hope we can have a ceremony in the future to bless her. I was searching and I found her, thank you Lord!

*Mattie Masley*



Something all Jews have in common is the core belief that Jaweh is God and creator of all. Something all Christians have in common is the core belief that Jehovah is God and creator of all, and that Jehovah is another name for Jaweh, the God of the Jews. Something all Muslims have in common is the core belief that Allah is God and creator of all, and that Allah is another name for Jaweh, the God of the Jews. All three of these religions began as one, **Judaism, and Islam and Christianity branched off later. The Jews and Muslims both believe in Jesus; they just don't believe in his divinity.** They see him as a historical figure, a prophet, a good man, a leader who became the focus of a new religion, a false messiah, not the Son of God.

All three of these religions consider themselves children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. All three have the Pentateuch as sacred texts. All three believe the same creation stories, flood story, etc. With all of our similarities and all our common roots, why do we find it so difficult to live in harmony? Rather than focusing on our differences in appearance and dress, our differences in philosophy, and our differences in worship, **let's focus on how we are similar.**



Not only are we all monotheistic, but we all believe in and worship the same God. We cherish our traditions, whether they are religious, cultural, or familial. We love our families. We wish to be treated with love and respect. We are each created by God, loved by God, and ultimately answerable to God for our actions. We are neighbors. We are family.

**Let's get to know our neighbors better, so we'll have a chance to understand them better and they will have the opportunity to know and understand us, too.** And let us humbly and proudly make it obvious in all seriousness and joy that 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@comcast.net](mailto:stjames_sport@comcast.net), or dropped at the parish office.

Newsletter deadline: April 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](mailto: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*



You are cordially invited to attend the  
Saint James E C W

# High Tea & Breakfast

Benefitting the

## Camp Hardtner Scholarship Fund

April 3, 2016

Between services in the Parish Hall

What will be served at such an event? Kidney pie and kippers?

Heavens, no!

You can, however, expect fresh scones with cream  
and all your favorite breakfast recipes.



*Thank you so very much  
for the beautiful reception you  
gave after our father's (in-law)  
funeral on Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2016.  
The feast was wonderful and  
your love and hospitality was  
outstanding.  
We love our St. James  
family. Thank you,  
David and Lydia (Kizer) Stockinger*

**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.