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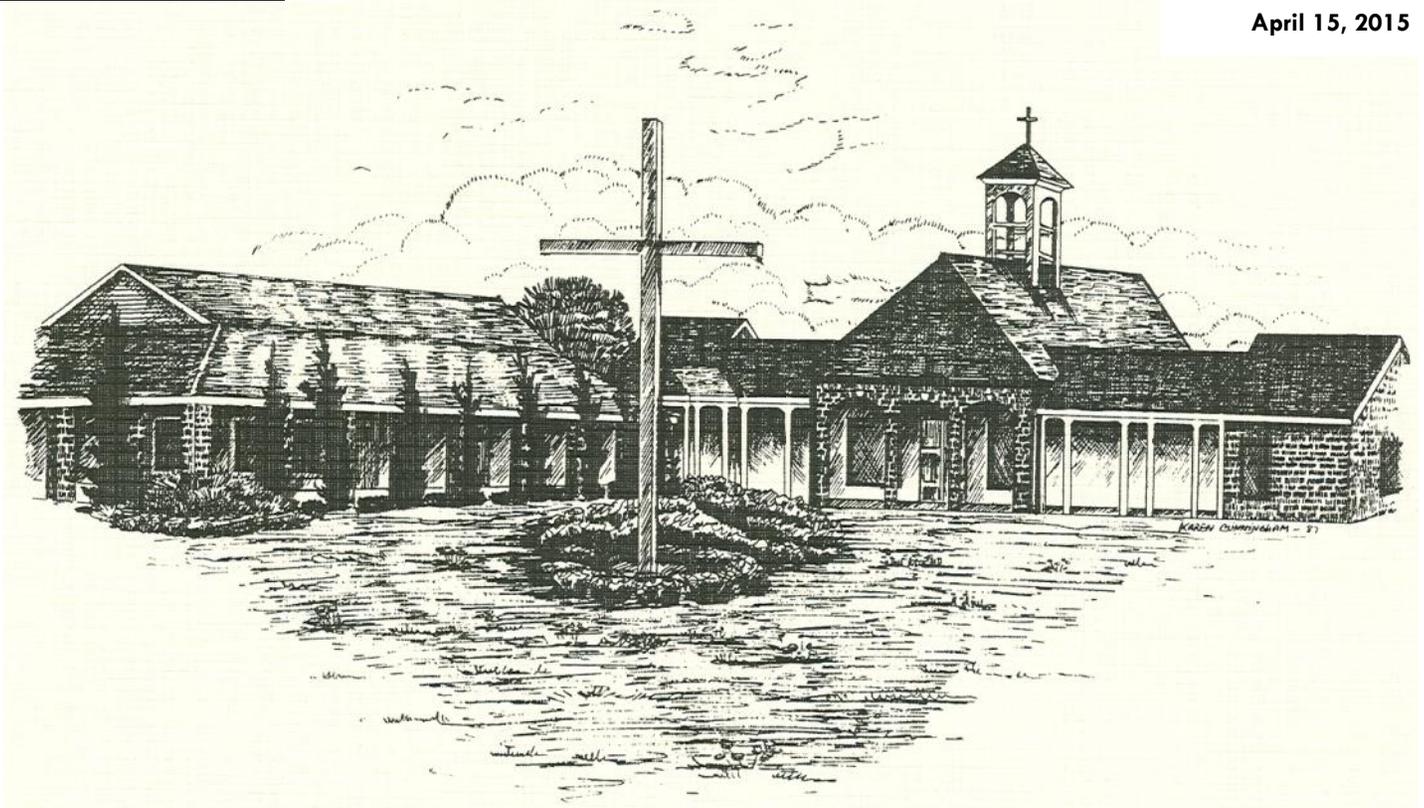
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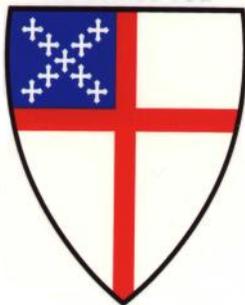
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A MESSAGE FROM MORGAN

Dear Family of St. James,

I always enjoy learning about new spiritual practices, even if they come from unlikely places. Last week I had the benefit of spending three days at Camp Hardtner with my fellow clergy on our annual Easter Retreat. If I told you *everything* that went on down there, I'd have to kill you, BUT I am very willing to share some insights that I learned.

Ever heard of a thing called the Enneagram? Doesn't it sound like a bad medical procedure? Well, it's not. In fact, it is a personality assessment based on nine different typologies. It has its origins in Chile and came to the United States primarily through Berkley University in California. It is not in and of itself a spiritual tool, but when viewed through the lens of spirituality, it can help individuals become more self-aware. You see, in order to find your number on the enneagram, you have to get in touch with your compulsions – the vices that drive your ego. For instance, are you prideful? Driven by fear? Always needing to be different? Obsessed with success? Terrified of conflict? Always judging? Overly concerned with knowledge? Never able to commit? Too aggressive? Furthermore, the enneagram looks at the place from which you take action – do you tend to follow your gut, your head, or your heart more? I know this may sound like a lot of psycho-babble, but once you hone in on your type, the enneagram can be a wonderful spiritual tool. With each vice comes a path to redemption. Once you focus in on your deepest weakness, you are able to understand a way to overcome it.

Confession time: I am a 2. Twos are helpers. We often make decisions based on others' needs instead of our own. We define our worth by how others view us and by what we DO instead of by who we ARE in God. My vice is being too prideful – always wanting to be the one to make a difference, always wanting to be needed, always wanting to be the rescuer of folk in trouble – AND always thinking how great I am because of all of this. Yikes, right?! But by knowing this about myself, I can then begin to do the tough inner work of becoming truly humble, of making decisions for myself, of letting go of my need to be needed and of focusing on simply being a child of God.

I am grateful for the insights the enneagram has given me and I am slowly but surely learning to have more of an awareness of my vices and how they lead to unhealthy living. If you are interested in honing in on your type, you can go to www.enneagraminstitute.org and take the two, free, short assessments. It is much better to hear the material presented orally and then to read up about it, but doing it the opposite way is just fine as well. Father Matt Woollett, who led our retreat, brings his Enneagram team up to Shreveport occasionally to lead these seminars and he has assured me that he will let me know prior to his next trip. I would love for any and all of you to join me for one! Just because we are done with Lent does not mean that we have to give up on strengthening our lives of faith! I invite you to join me in challenging yourself to grow into the person God means for you to become!

Blessings,

Morgan +



Outreach News

The Outreach Committee has had a lot happening lately, thanks to the parishioners at St. James. A beautiful thank-you letter arrived from the Northwest Louisiana Interfaith Pharmacy regarding the donation of funds—money that we know they will use to help people in our community. We're pleased with the new niche in the Parish Hall where we can permanently display our outreach receptacles, making it easier for folk to deposit donations in the appropriate places. Look for it in the hallway by the kitchen.

The Salvation Army recently replaced the full food barrels with empty ones, and they are already starting to fill. The Goodwill picked up almost three dozen bags that same week, and already we have quite a few that have been donated since. Each bag earns a \$2.00 voucher that we pass on to I2D or Hope House—making our donations even more helpful to our neighbors.

The Outreach Committee thanks each of our supporters for all you do to further the work of St. James in the community. This ministry is so varied because the people in this congregation have far-reaching interests—and are devoted to supporting each other in our efforts to make our community the best it can be. Keep up the good work!

VESTRY RETREATED TO THE WASKOM SWIMMING HOLE

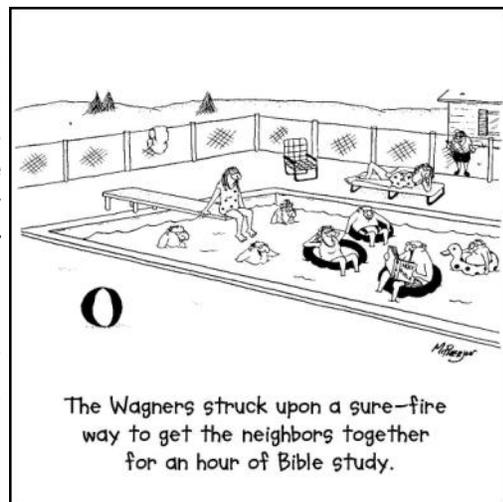
Although the weather didn't encourage a swimming party, the Vestry enjoyed the hospitality offered by Jerry and Lonnie Howard during their retreat in March—and are grateful for their generous sharing of their home. The Vestry gathered at the Howard's abode one Saturday and spent the day acquainting the new members with the procedures and duties of a Vestry person in a laid-back and comfortable atmosphere.

The Vestry Retreat is not just an introduction to the work of the committee for the newbies, though. It is also a chance for the whole group to get to know one another better and to begin to work together. Sub-committees were formed, in preparation for planning for the coming year:

- *Buildings and Grounds:* Dave Caporossi, Pat Parker, Jana Kendrick
- *Fellowship:* Kathy Deal, Mike Endicott, Karen McDonald
- *Spirituality/Mission:* Brian Whatley, Chris Bienvenu, Sissy Brown

The Buildings and Grounds committee has already put together the April 18 Workday (which may become the April 25 Workday if the rain does not cease), The Fellowship Committee is planning events for the summer and fall, and the Spirituality/Mission Committee spearheaded the Stations of the Cross on Maundy Thursday. They are also planning a combined Youth Sunday and St. James Day for July and a Mass on the Grass during the cooler weather in the fall.

Keep an eye out for more details regarding what the Vestry subcommittees have in the works for us this year. 2015 is looking like a great time for fun, fellowship, learning, building, and growing at St. James.



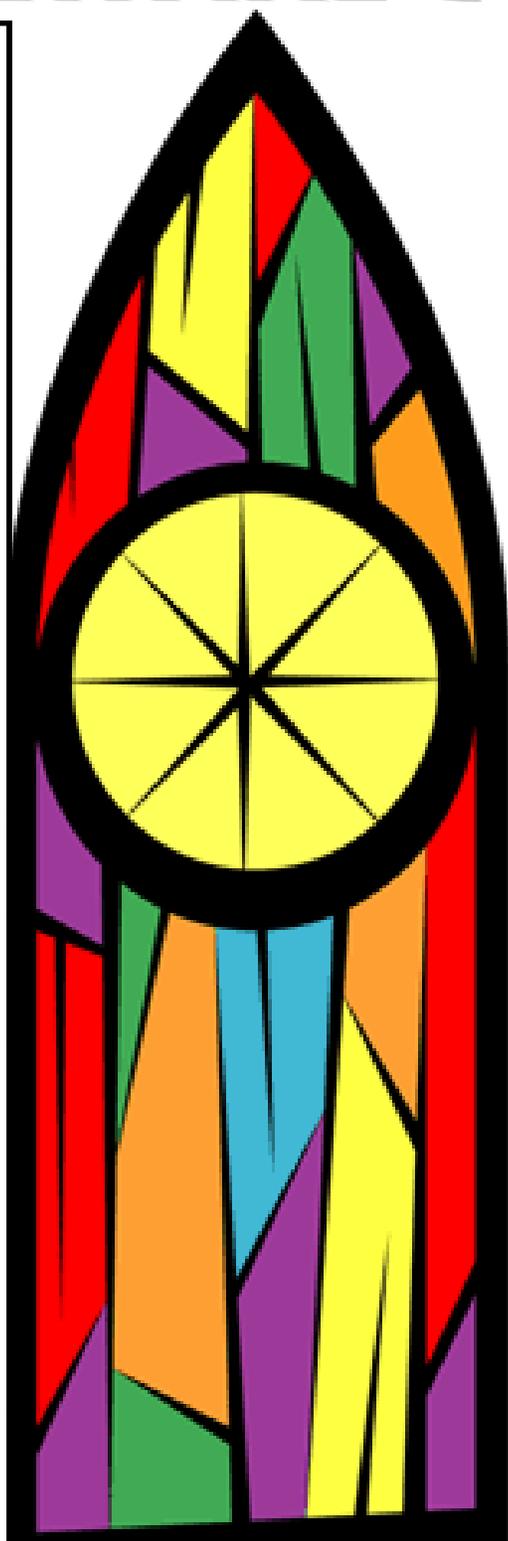
THE GOOD STEWARDS

St. James has been full of good stewards recently. The large number of books the EYC members have sorted and are ready to deliver to Providence House attests to the parish's desire to serve others. We've also been able to supply folk with meals from our freezer when they stop by seeking food. We've handed out several servings of soup and individual meals to people each week, supplementing with crackers, canned juice, and fruit as available.

The work is being done as the time is convenient and there is no set schedule, but the progress in and around the vegetable and flower gardens is obvious. Pat Parker, Matt Parker, and BJ Pritchard have been working hard preparing the ground for planting and it won't be long before we will enjoy watching the plants thriving in the spring sunshine! And for those who are paying attention to the existing flower beds, the weeds have been diminishing and the flowers have been on the move. The roses near the office door have migrated to another bed and have been replaced with day lilies and shamrocks. Time will tell what other beautiful surprises we will see.

The Vestry approved the addition of shelves to the hallway in the Parish Hall. When they arrived Mike Endicott graciously assembled them. Olivia Zepeda sorted through the jumble of donations and set the boxes with the appropriate contents onto the shelves. Outreach now has a permanent niche for receiving donations that is out of the way for Parish Hall events, but still visible for weekly use.

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.

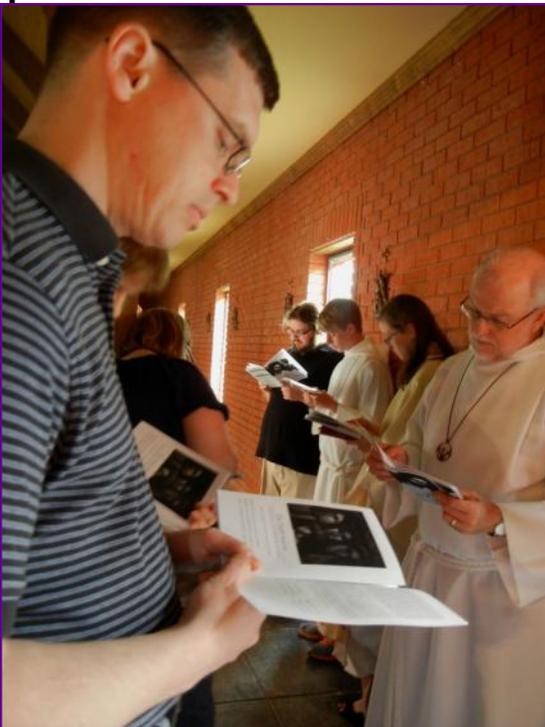


Thanks to Tina Streetman and the Louisiana Nursery for the donation of bedding plants for the Community Garden! These were especially wonderful as the rabbits and/or ground squirrels enjoyed the first plantings!



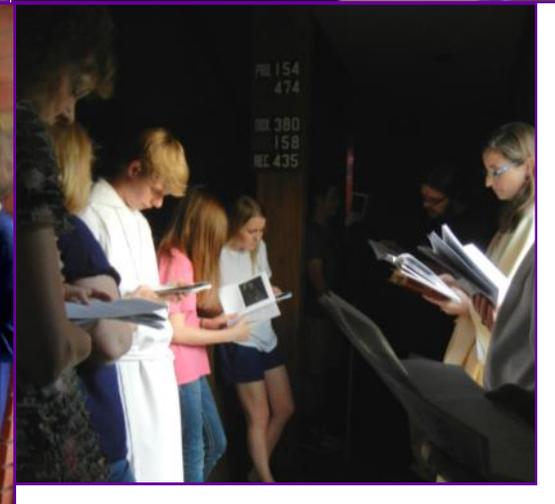
PALM SUNDAY was even more special this year with the blessing of the books for the Providence House Library as part of the service. Our EYC members look forward to assembling the library after the work they have put into gathering and sorting the volumes. A small portion of those donated to the cause were set before the altar on Palm Sunday to be blessed, and the EYC will soon be meeting with the youth at Providence House to set up the books, arranged by age/reading level, making their empty shelves into a true library.

The EYC members thank everyone who has donated books, time, effort, and funds toward this project. Your generosity has helped them make a positive difference in the lives of many people for years to come.



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal

MAUNDY THURSDAY's solemn service was immediately followed by the Stations of the Cross. We had a special guest, Rover, Bobbye Smith's constant companion, in attendance.





THE MISSION CONTINUES...



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With over 100 pair of feet bared for washing and medical inspection/referral, the Maundy Thursday service at Hope House was a huge success. Representatives from all the local Episcopal parishes joined together to feed the bodies and souls of anyone who wished to participate. New shoes and socks were given to all in need. Thanks to everyone who donated to this important ministry, which we pray benefited the homeless individuals who reside in the downtown area of Shreveport.



| <i>The Day of Pentecost</i> | <i>The 1st Sunday after Pentecost</i> |
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| <i>May 24</i> | <i>May 31</i> |
| <i>Acts 2: 1- 21</i> <i>Psalms 104: 25- 35, 37</i> <i>Romans 8:22- 27</i> <i>John 15: 26-27;16: 4b-15</i> | <i>Isaiah 6: 1- 8</i> <i>Canticle 2</i> <i>Romans 8: 12- 17</i> <i>John 3: 1- 17</i> |
| PAT PARKER | KAREN MCDONALD |
| Lynette van Heerden Ken Murphy | Janie Parker Bert Babington |
| Brian Whatley | Ken Murphy |
| Betty Langhorst Sissy Brown | Pat Parker Kathleen Calhoun |
| Hannah Parker Mason Garner | Kendall Parker Austin Shelton |
| Kelly Parker Elizabeth Ollendike | Kelly Parker Elizabeth Ollendike |
| Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Sissy Brown | Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor |
| Mike Endicott | Mike Endicott |



Looking for time away from the busyness of life—time to “stop and smell the roses,” as you relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God? Join us at our Garden Getaway retreat to experience all this and more!

Where: Janie Parker’s Home (& Garden)
9415 Evergreen, Shreveport, LA 71118

When: Saturday, May 30, 2015
10am-4pm

What: A one-day, Garden-themed retreat with good friends, fun, and fellowship. Lunch will be served.

Cost: \$15

RSVP: By April 30th to Debbie Fitzpatrick
318-780-8088 or
fitzpatricktdbr@bellsouth.net



St. James Episcopal Church

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| <p><i>Inquires class May 3rd - May 24th 12:30pm -2pm</i></p> | | | |
| <p>3</p> <p>8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15AM Breakfast 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II HAPPY BIRTHDAY Pepper Matlock</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jason Welch</p> | <p>6 10</p> |
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| <p>17</p> <p>8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Sophia Erin Thompson</p> | <p>18</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Austin Shelton</p> | <p>19</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Cameron Freyou</p> | <p>20 10 a</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jen</p> |
| <p>24</p> <p>8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> | <p>25</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Alex Campbell</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27 10 an</p> |
| <p>31</p> <p>8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bettv. J. Loving</p> | | | |

May 2015

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| | | 1 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Paul & Janet Moore HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bob Shane Paul Moore | 2 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Bryn & Elizabeth Ollendike |
| am Holy Eucharist w/Uncion | 7 Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM | 8 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Bob & Yoshie Shane HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jorene Dupuy | 9 |
| n Holy Eucharist w/Uncion HAPPY BIRTHDAY onda Robertson atthew Taylor | 14 Beth Moore Bible Study 6pm Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM | 15 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mike Endicott | 16 |
| am Holy Eucharist w/Uncion HAPPY BIRTHDAY nifer Kirkland | 21 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Layton Porter Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM | 22 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Nick & Tammy Parker | 23 |
| m Holy Eucharist w/Uncion HAPPY BIRTHDAY Linda Polly Fain Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM | 28 | 29 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Kathy Deal | 30 Garden Getaway ECW Retreat May 30 10AM-4PM |





| | | <i>The 5th Sunday of Easter</i> | <i>The 6th Sunday of Easter</i> | <i>The 7th Sunday of Easter</i> |
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| | | <i>May 3</i> | <i>May 10</i> | <i>May 17</i> |
| LECTIONARY | | <i>Acts 8: 26- 40 Psalm 22: 24-30 I John 4: 7- 21 John 15: 1- 8</i> | <i>Acts 10: 44- 48 Psalm 98 I John 5: 1- 6 John 15: 9- 17</i> | <i>Acts 1: 15- 17, 21- 26 Psalm 1 I John 5: 9- 13 John 17: 6- 19</i> |
| VESTRY PERSON | | DAVE CAPOROSSI | MIKE ENDICOTT | SISSY BROWN |
| EUCHARISTIC MINISTER | 8:30 11:00 | Janie Parker Ron Maberry | Lynette van Heerden Bert Babington | Janie Parker Brian Whatley |
| LAY READER | 11:00 | Dan Bennett | Ken Murphy | Dan Bennett |
| LECTORS | 8:30 11:00 | Debbie Fitzpatrick Janet Moore | Pat Parker Karen McDonald | Pat Parker Debbie Fitzpatrick |
| ACOLYTES | 8:30 11:00 | Rory Fitzpatrick Mason Garner | Melanie Winkler Austin Shelton | Kelly Parker Rory Fitzpatrick |
| ALTAR GUILD | | Lonnie Howard Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn | Janie Parker Linda Endicott | Janie Parker Linda Endicott |
| USHERS | 8:30 11:00 | Lorain Thrash Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton | Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor | Lorain Thrash Mike Kendrick Sara Lewis |
| MASTER OF CEREMONIES | | Mike Endicott | Mike Endicott | Mike Endicott |

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

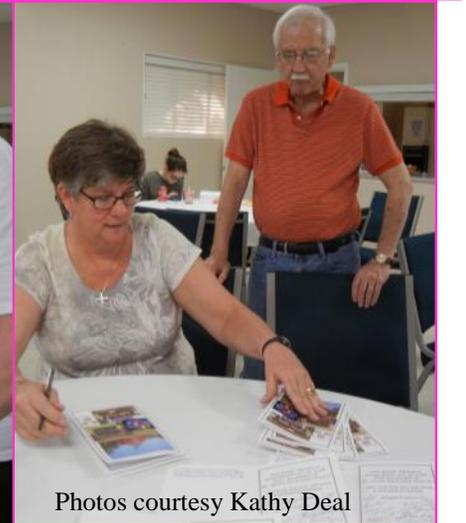
Do you have questions about what it means to be an Episcopalian? Do you wonder what exactly is going on around the altar during a Eucharistic service? Do you want to know the difference between the Episcopal Church and other Christian denominations? Do you feel the need to review what you learned about the church years ago, but have maybe forgotten? Are you interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church when Bishop Jake is here on June 21?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, then we have good news for you! The Inquirers' Class is scheduled to meet four consecutive Sunday afternoons, beginning May 3 and running through May 24. The class will begin at 12:30pm and end around 2pm each session. The number of people attending will determine the location. A small group will meet in the library/conference room. A larger group will meet in the Parish Hall.

Anyone interested in participating in the Inquirers' Class, please contact Morgan MacIntire. You may send her an e-mail at clergy_stjames@bellsouth.net or telephone the parish office at (318) 686-1261 during regular office hours, Mon-Thurs 8:30am-2pm.

ST JAMES HOPS FORWARD TO FILL IN THE GAPS

At the final evening of the Lenten series the Filling in the Gaps ministry completed the Easter Baskets for delivery. Twenty-four individuals were surprised with baskets containing a variety of fresh fruit, sweets, snacks, and toiletries—and of course, dyed Easter eggs. The items were all donated or purchased with funds donated for the cause. Thanks to all who helped put together this project from inception to delivery!



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal

Jury finds Judas Guilty of all Charges

In the case of Satan vs Judas, the jury came in with a verdict of guilty. But...in a surprise ending, the defense attorney, and the final judge for all mankind, over-ruled the jury. Jesus, in his mercy, did not condemn Judas. Jesus asked only if Judas was sorry for his sins and wanted to be with him. As the proceedings ended, the same mercy was offered to Satan, who still rebelled and would not even consider the offer. —Kathy Deal



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The Jury



Jesus and Judas



LOVE DOES WHAT?

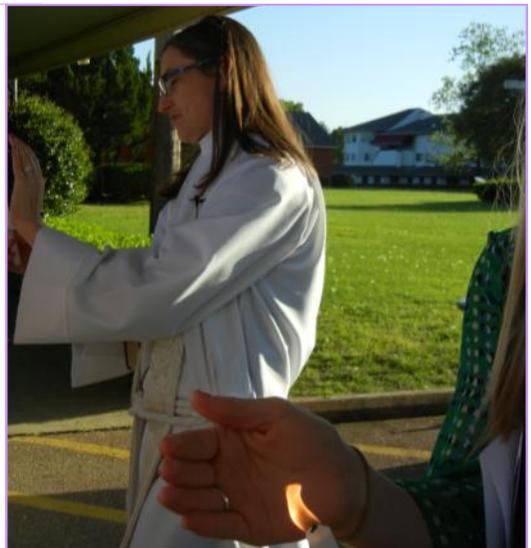
Apparently love ties us in knots! The Lenten study Series, Love Does, finished on April 1 after a successful run—even if one of the exercises did end up with half the group unable to undo their knot! We did learn that as a team we are able to accomplish much with the right mind set, faith, and determination.

Like 2-Bunk John, we can achieve our dreams of making the world better for others by starting off with what we can handle and building up to what we can achieve. And we can do it with faith and trust—and without pixie dust!



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

begin in the Parish Hall for the scripture readings, progressed to the parking lot for the lighting of the Paschal Candle at the brazier, and processed into the nave for the First Eucharist of Easter. After the service we convened to the Parish Hall to enjoy an agape feast of cheese, fruit, olives, wine, and fresh bread. This beautiful service is the perfect welcome to the Easter season. Alleluia!!



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EASTER DAY saw 133 people in attendance at the St. James service. The day began with a brunch, followed by the flowering of the cross and Eucharist, then ended with an egg hunt in the Parish Hall, as the heavy rains did not allow for a fun adventure on the grounds. The kids had a blast, nonetheless!



DISCERNING YOUR FUTURE WITH GOD'S HELP

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2

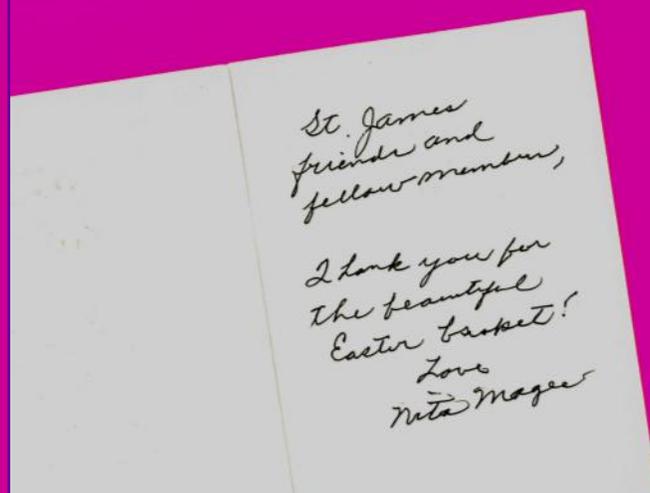
Do you sense the Holy Spirit moving in your life? Do you think God might be asking something of you at this time, but are in a quandary as to what that might be? Are you considering a path to ordination? Sign up now to attend this year's Discernment Conference, "WHERE IS GOD TAKING ME NOW?" sponsored by the Diocesan Commission on Ministry.

St. James Episcopal Church, Alexandria
Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
\$25.00 registration fee
Lunch and snacks provided.

There will be talks on discernment, listening, and prayer by our bishop and members of the Commission on Ministry. You will have an opportunity to visit with others who are seeking God's will for them. Come, expecting to take a step out in faith.

A spirit glided past my face; the hair of my flesh bristled. It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes; there was silence, then I heard a voice..."

Register on-line through the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana.



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Betty J. Loving
9133 Baird Road, # 207
Shreveport, LA 71118
(303) 547-5965

Please correct Chris Bienvenu's information:
His telephone number is (318) 210-7018

TASTE THE RAINBOW

Earlier this spring we may have wondered if we felt a bit of Noah's angst as the rains continued to pour down. I don't recall seeing too many pair of creatures filing past, but it wouldn't have surprised me much, except that God placed a rainbow in the sky as a promise to his people that the whole earth would not experience that particular devastation ever again. *"I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."* Genesis 9:13

We each experience times in our lives when it is difficult to see the rainbow. Tough things are happening, decisions need to be made that are not easy, daily struggles are energy-leeching and the road ahead is rough and long. When the rainbow is out of sight, there are other ways to find God's promise. God has favored us with more than one sense. If sight is faltering, find another.

For example, *"O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him."* Psalm 34:8

In Psalm 115 we are reminded of the importance of all our senses, as our God is compared to the idol of others: *"Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; they make no sound in their throats."* vs 3-7

Throughout the Psalms we are encouraged to, *"make a joyful noise to the Lord."* Psalm 66:1, 95:1, 95:2, 98:4, 98:6, 100:1

I don't remember seeing any promise in scripture that life would be easy, or always fun, or that we would be able to see a rosy future ahead of us at all times. We are assured, however, that God is with us. We are also assured, through our Christian fellowship, that we don't walk alone on a purely human level. In addition to the strength that God provides (or maybe as a portion of the strength in God's plan) one of the big perks of Christianity is being part of the fellowship of all faithful people. That means we stand by each other. We offer support and strength, listening ears, shoulders to lean on, hugs of encouragement, and the ever-present covered dish to nourish the bodies as well as the souls. And we all agree, a person does not need to be sitting in our midst to be part of our prayers.

When Jesus offered help to those in need, he did not first discern their religious affiliation. He discerned their need. I doubt he would care any more now than he did in biblical times what moniker the person he is helping uses to describe their affiliation. Be it Episcopalian, Methodist, Baptist, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Atheist, etc. if a person is in need, we should help. Because we all know, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and everyone else.

—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: May 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



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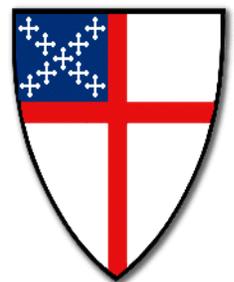
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*He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:
He has burst his three days' prison; Let the whole wide earth rejoice:
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory
Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now,
And the passion that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.
Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day;
Not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,
Breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.*

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)



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.