

The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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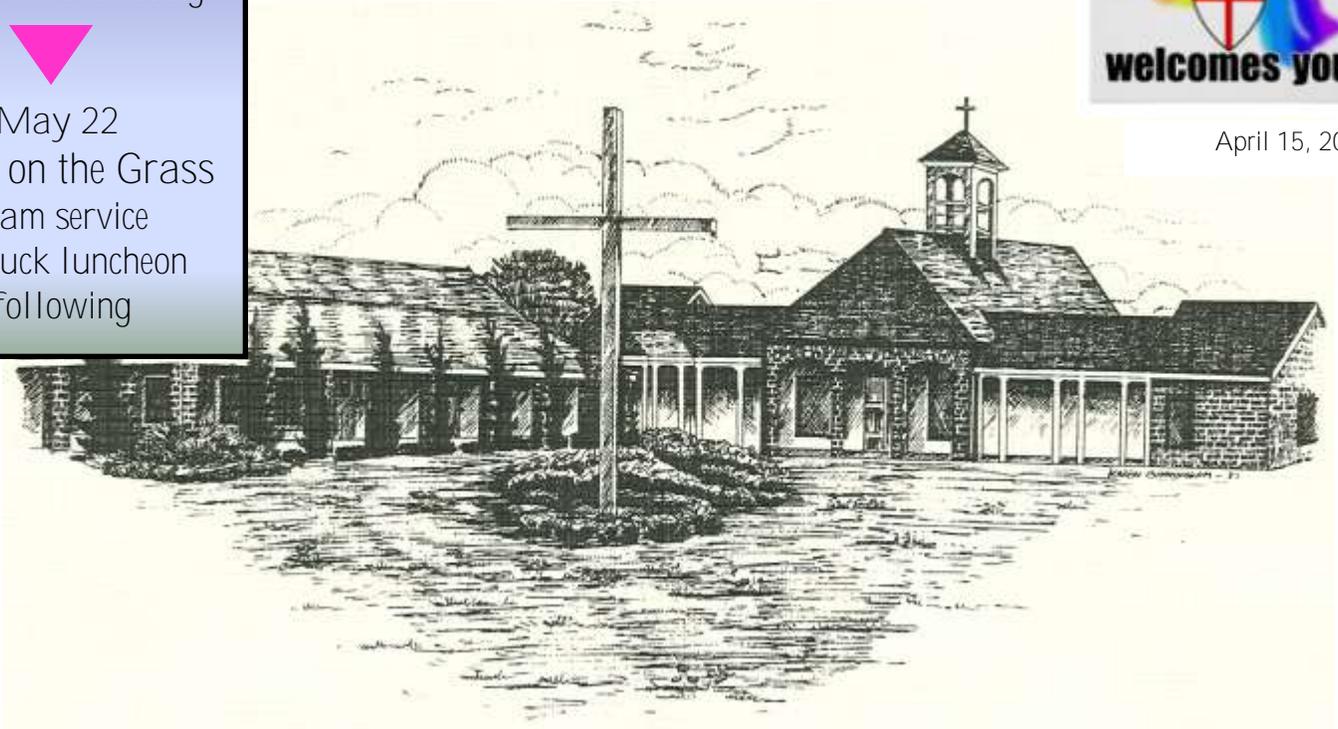


April 15, 2016

May 8
Bishop's Visit
10am service
Reception following



May 22
Mass on the Grass
10am service
Pot-luck luncheon
following



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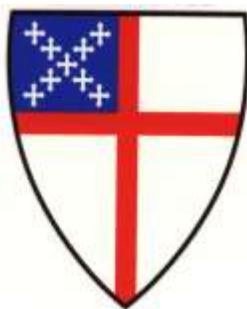
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Many Christians enjoy the Gospel of John for its literary style, especially in the opening verses of the first chapter describing Jesus as the Word made flesh. The last chapter of John's Gospel has always spoken to me, so I was particularly happy that much of John Chapter 21 was in yesterday's lectionary reading. That last chapter focuses on seven of the disciples fishing on the Sea of Tiberias shortly after the resurrection of Jesus. I suspect that the disciples really did not know what to do with themselves at that time. They had been called by Jesus, lived with Him, seen the miracles day after day, experienced the tumultuous events of Jesus' last week in Jerusalem and then had hidden away in its aftermath; they simply returned to their occupations as fishermen because that was what they knew. Scripture tells us that even though they were accomplished fishermen, they were unsuccessful during this trip. Perhaps we too share that same sentiment following Lent leading into Holy Week and Easter. We return to that with which we know and are comfortable; and sometimes we don't seem to find much success either. But, there standing on the beach, waiting for us is the risen Jesus! The Lord provided some instruction and the disciples then filled their net with fish.

After breakfast that morning, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" Not once, but three times Jesus asked. Three times Peter answered that he did, and each time Jesus instructed him to care for His sheep. We know that this triple exchange was painful for the impetuous Peter, but through it Jesus provided the means for Peter to affirm his love for Him and to restore Peter after his three denials of Jesus around a different charcoal fire. We probably all share this ground with Peter. For me, the prison ministry is where I stand on the beach with Jesus and tell Him that I do indeed love Him in order to deal with the times when I denied Him.

The last verse of John's Gospel reads, "Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them was written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written." To me, this means that each of us has their own personal Gospel. An individual Gospel filled with the miracles we have witnessed, parables in which we each appear, and our own unique encounters with the living Jesus. I encourage us all to embrace those personal gospels and to share them for the testimony that they contain.

In Christ,

Brian Whatley
Senior Warden



Outreach News

The final tally is here! St. James donated the following to St. Luke's for distribution on Maundy Thursday at Hope House: 8 pair women's shoes, 16 pair men's shoes, 24 pair insoles, 54 washcloths, 24 bars soap, 90 pair women's socks, 170 pair men's socks. The Outreach Committee thanks everyone who participated in collecting these much-needed items. Thanks, also, to those who attended the service and helped to serve the meal, wash the feet, and distribute the footwear, as well as set up the area and clean up afterward.

We are continuing to collect non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army. Food barrels are located in the Parish Hall. We are also collecting bags of items for Goodwill Industries. Every bag that is collected through St. James results in \$2.00 toward vouchers good in the Goodwill Thrift Stores. We distribute the vouchers to those in need through Hope House, I2D, and St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry.



May 3 is the date for Give for Good in the Shreveport area. Please donate on-line to the charity of your choice. All money collected through this 24-hour program stays in our community, and there are many wonderful organizations participating.

INQUIRER'S CLASSES BEGAN MARCH 30

Even without a rector, St. James finds a way to carry on in just about every area. In preparation for Bishop Jake's visit on May 8, Inquirers' Classes began on March 30. Without a rector to teach them, we split up the duties three ways:

Ken Murphy and Bert Babbington accepted the task of teaching Church History.
Deacon Lois Maberry will teach on Mission and Ministry
The Rev'd Guido Verbeck will address the Sacraments

Classes are held each Wednesday from 6pm to 7:30pm in the library through May 4. Anyone who is interested in knowing more about the Episcopal Church is welcome to attend.

MASS ON THE GRASS MAY 22

In celebration of spring and Pentecost St. James will enjoy a combined service at 10am on May 22 with an outdoor Eucharist followed by a parish-wide potluck luncheon. Bring your favorite RED dish to share and enjoy the company of your St. James family as we revel in the beauty of the season.



HOLY WEEK



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal

ST. JAMES NEEDS ADDITIONAL LAY MINISTERS—SIGN UP TO HELP

Due to many factors, such as people moving away, becoming ill, or being ordained, we are at an all-time low on the number of individuals signed up to serve at the altar. We also have very few people who are able to take communion to our home-bound or hospitalized parishioners. This places a real burden on those who remain, and we are in danger of over-taxing those people and losing their services as they burn out. Please, consider whether you are led to be a part of these important ministries.

Mike Endicott will be conducting training for anyone who wishes to become Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, or Acolytes. He is working under the direction of the diocesan office to provide this training, and will schedule the sessions based on the availability of those interested. Anyone who wishes to be a Lector may contact the Parish Office to be placed on the list (training is not required). **Lectors** read the lessons at the Sunday services, and may get the readings in advance should they wish to practice prior to the service.

Acolytes are lay people who assist at the altar in a variety of ways. For example, they carry the cross, ring the bells, and light the candles. On special occasions they sense the congregation with the thurible. They act under the direction of a lay person appointed by the clergy.

A **Eucharistic Minister** is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist. A Eucharistic Minister should normally act under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

A **Eucharistic Visitor** is a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration. A Eucharistic Visitor should normally act under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

Discernment and training for Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors occurs at the congregational level. The priest in charge, or someone appointed by the Bishop, will provide instruction and request in writing licensing from the Bishop. Licenses for all lay ministries are for three years. Renewing any license requires additional training prior to renewal.

Please contact the parish office or Mike Endicott if you wish to volunteer to serve in any lay ministry.



THE BISHOP IS COMING! THE BISHOP IS COMING!

It is time to roll out the purple carpet and welcome Bishop Jake for his annual visitation on May 8. We will have a combined service at 10am, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Please bring your special finger foods for the reception to welcome the newly baptized and confirmed.

Bishop Jake will meet with the Vestry for a few minutes before the service, take a quick review of the parish books to make certain they are in order, and the rest of his time will be spent in relaxation with parishioners. So let us do what we do best—make everyone in the building feel a part of the St. James family.



THE MISSION CONTINUES...

Several years ago I gave our daughter one of those wooden box plaques that says *"You get what you give, so Give Good"*. It has traveled with her through several states, and now sits in her kitchen window. It is a reminder that what we throw out into the world makes a difference... whether we choose to be kind, offer assistance, carry positive energy with us, has an impact. What we do, and why we do it, doesn't just affect others, it changes us. Doing the right thing isn't about getting paid back, that's not why we do it.... If it was many of the folks who give selflessly to St. Luke's each month would have abandoned the cause some time ago. Each month you show up, give your time, offer your prayers, your financial assistance; you give good. And St. Luke's rolls into the communities, doing good. In March there were 16 clinics, providing services to 124 individuals.

124 opportunities to do good with no expectation of getting it back. The Maundy Thursday foot washing service was a beautiful reminder of what we are called to do, living into action that Jesus Christ modeled for us. Feet were gently washed, fresh clean socks, along with new tennis shoes, provided, a meal served. All from the hands and hearts of you, the Episcopal Churches in our community, giving good and, I am sure, being blessed by that goodness.

On May 3rd St. Luke's will participate in the **Give For Good** campaign of northwest Louisiana. This is a 24 hour on-line giving campaign to encourage people to learn about various non-profit organizations and to offer financial support. You will receive more information from your St. Luke's board representative in the next few weeks and information will be available on our Face Book page as well. This is a great opportunity for you to share what the ministry of St. Luke's is all about...forward the information to the people in your address book, send a text message or Instagram encouraging them to make a donation...spread the word about doing good... our lives, and our community will be the better for it.

—Betty Johnson



Several parishioners have dropped gift cards from Target, Lowes, and Home Depot in the offering plate recently, and St. James will continue to collect gift cards to help local flood victims clean and rebuild.

Please continue to support this ministry, by leaving your donations in the offering plate, dropping them by the parish office, or giving them to a Vestry member.

<i>The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday</i> <i>Rev'd Paula Clair Hall</i> <i>May 15</i>	<i>Trinity Sunday</i> <i>Mass on the Grass</i> <i>10 AM Service</i> <i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> <i>May 22</i>	<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> <i>May 29</i>
<i>Genesis 11:1-9</i> <i>Psalms 104:25-35</i> <i>Acts 2:1-21</i> <i>John 14:8-17, 25-27</i>	<i>Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31</i> <i>Psalms 8</i> <i>Romans 5:1-5</i> <i>John 16:12-15</i>	<i>Kings 8:22-23, 41-43</i> <i>Psalms 96</i> <i>Galatians 1:1-12</i> <i>Luke 7:1-10</i>
KEN MURPHY	CHRIS BIENVENU	SISSY BROWN
Lynnette van Heerden Dan Bennett	Janie Parker	Lynnette van Heerden Brian Whatley
Ken Murphy	Bert Babington	Ken Murphy
Betty Langhorst Kathleen Calhoun	Rory Fitzpatrick	Janie Parker Dan Bennett
Kelly Parker Mason Garner	Austin Shelton	Kendall Parker Mason Garner
Janie Parker Linda Endicott	Kelly Parker Liz Montelepre	Kelly Parker Liz Montelepre
Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton	Mike Kendrick Sara Lewis	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Sissy Brown
Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott	

SELL FROM YOUR CAR!
USE THE TRUNK, THE BACKSEAT, EVEN YOUR HOOD

PURCHASE A PARKING SPOT AT RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY FOR \$20
TO RESERVE A SPOT
TEXT LINDA ENDICOTT @ 318-470-2703

(Or Saturday, April 30—ask Linda for details)

FEES COLLECTED WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT
THE RIVERSIDE DESTINATION IMAGINATION TEAM'S
TRIP TO THE GLOBAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN KNOXVILLE

SET-UP 4-4:30 pm
SELL FROM 4:30-7 pm

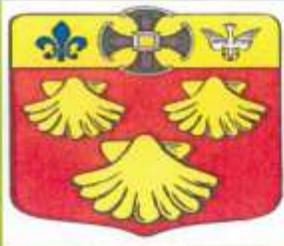


If you don't want to set up a booth, but wish to donate
stuff for the DI team to sell, contact Linda Endicott

Help fund the DI Team's trip!

St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p>1 <i>Rev'd Guido Verbeck</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 9:45 AM Sunday School all ages 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Paul & Janet Moore</p>	<p>2</p> <p>←HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bob Shane Jr Paul Moore</p> <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Bryn & Elizabeth Ollendike</p>	<p>3</p> <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY John & Jessica Montelepre</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Pepper Matlock</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 a R Inc 6</p>
<p>8 <i>Bishop Jake's Visitation</i> <i>Rev'd Paula Clair Hall</i> 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Reception afterwards</p> <p><i>Mother's Day</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>←HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Bob & Yoshie Shane</p>	<p>10</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Erin Elizabeth Soto</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 a R</p>
<p>15 <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Rev'd Paula Clair Hall</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Sunday School all ages 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mike Endicott</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Sophia Erin Thompson</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 a R HA A</p>
<p>22 <i>Mass on the Grass</i> <i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:00AM Potluck Luncheon</p> <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Nick & Tammy Parker</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 a R HA A</p>
<p>29 <i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Sunday School all ages 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Kathy Deal</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Memorial Day</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Betty Loving John Montelepre, Jr.</p>	



	<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>
	<i>Rev'd Guido Verbeck</i>	<i>Bishop Jake's Visitation</i> <i>10 AM Service</i> <i>Bishop Jake</i> <i>& Deacon Lois</i>
	<i>May 1</i>	<i>May 8</i>
LECTIONARY	<i>Acts 16:9-15</i> <i>Psalms 67</i> <i>Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5</i> <i>John 5:1-9</i>	<i>Acts 16:16-34</i> <i>Psalms 97</i> <i>Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21</i> <i>John 17: 20-26</i>
VESTRY PERSON	BRIAN WHATLEY	DAVID SCOTT
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Rory Fitzpatrick Ron Maberry	Brian Whatley
LAY READER	Dan Bennett	Bert Babington
LECTORS	Debbie Fitzpatrick Sissy Brown	Janet Moore
ACOLYTES	Kendall Parker Austin Shelton	Melanie Winkler
ALTAR GUILD	Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson	Janie Parker Linda Endicott
USHERS	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Sissy Brown	Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott
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ST JAMES HOPS FORWARD TO FILL IN THE GAPS

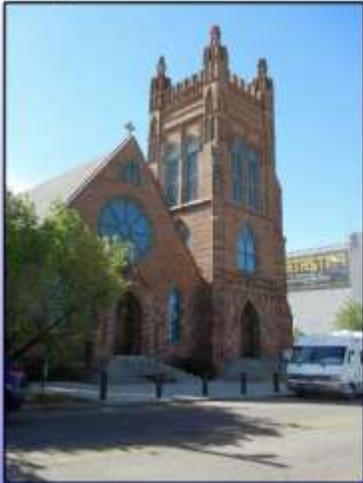
The Wednesday afternoon of Holy Week the Filling in the Gaps ministry completed the Easter Baskets for delivery. Twenty-one individuals were surprised with baskets containing a variety of fresh fruit, sweets, snacks, and toiletries—and of course, dyed Easter eggs. The items were all donated or purchased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

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please pick up your new directory from the Parish Hall. Efforts have been made to make this issue as current as possible, but changes happen. When they do, please notify the parish office so we can stay on top of adjusting the information as the changes occur—and to allow us to keep you informed through accurate telephone numbers on OneCall, emails on the parish list, and addresses on the mailing list for the *Spirit of St. James*.



The Mission Continues...with Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Cross Episcopal Church



St. Luke's Medical Bus was at Holy Cross Episcopal Church to provide health screening during the Maundy Thursday Service March 24, 2016.



Foot care professionals were on hand to minister to those in need of more extensive care. Several people took advantage of their service.



Foot Washing...to serve and to be served.



Paraphrasing the Reverend Mary Richard...thanks to all the parishioners of our churches within the Shreveport Convocation for collecting socks and shoes during Lent, so that our friends could have these much needed gifts. There were enough socks that everyone could receive a pair to wear and another one, or more, to take with them.

~Kathy Deal

In Memoriam

ALDEN CLEMENT STOCKINGER

**"Protect them where-so-e'er they go; And ever let there rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise on land and sea."**

The quotation above is from the U.S. Navy hymn, fittingly sung at the funeral of Alden C. Stockinger (A.C.) at St. James on March 7, 2016. Mr. Stockinger died at the age of 90 and was one of those brave hearts known as "the Greatest Generation." Al, as I knew him, was a WWII veteran who served in the Pacific theater. He was justifiably proud of his service, serving aboard two submarines and making numerous war patrols. We Americans owe our lives and our freedom to men such as he.

After the war, this still very young man went on to attend Pittsburg State College where he met his dear wife of 66 years, Ruth. After college he went to work for the KCS Railroad where he retired after 45 years of service. After retirement he and Ruth moved to Lake Claiborne where they built a house large enough to hold their many children, grandchildren and greats. Later they moved to Baton Rouge to be close to son David and his family. Most recently, Al and Ruth have been living in Shreveport at the Montclair where I have enjoyed visiting them and bringing them news of St. James. Al was a wonderful conversationalist. I really enjoyed hearing his war stories and sharing mine with him. He had a warm, outgoing personality, always pleasant to be with and always the true gentleman.

Before the funeral at St. James, his son David told me the story of how Al, Ruth and their three children: David, Sally and Betsy all came to St. James. Before there was a church building, St. James consisted of the multifaceted Parish Hall: church, Sunday school, office. One day David and a friend were riding by the church (at that time a two-laned Flournoy Lucas (changed to Bert Kouns later) on their bikes and saw the priest (Father Wallace Garrett) trying to put out a grass fire. The boys stopped and helped to put the fire out, and Father Garrett invited them in for a coke. A few days later, the doorbell rang. Ruth went to the door and called to David: "David, there's an Episcopal priest at the door asking for you." How wonderful! Father Garrett had looked David up and was there to invite the whole family to visit St. James. And they came!

I looked up the Stockingers in the *History of St. James* that I compiled several years ago. The whole family was confirmed and became parishioners on May 18, 1969, with the exception of Sally who was confirmed on May 10, 1970.

Alden was active in a number of organizations including the American Legion, WWII Submarine Veterans, Shreveport Traffic Club and the Wally Byam Caravan club. He was an avid Airstreamer and traveled extensively with Ruth throughout the U.S. He loved sports, especially golf and football, and really enjoyed getting to go to LSU football games while living in Baton Rouge.

Alden is survived by his loving wife Ruth Green Stockinger and their children: David Stockinger and his wife Lynda Kizer Stockinger, Betsy Stockinger Bell and her husband David Bell, and Sally Stockinger David. The whole family were active parishioners at St. James. Ruth was also the principal at Agnew Town and Country Day School for a number of years; I know we parents and the students remember those school days fondly. The Stockinger children were all active in the St. James youth group. You will notice that David married one of the Kizer daughters which also include Marty and Alexis, children of Alex and Helen, who also grew up at St. James.

Alden adored all of his nine grandchildren and ten great grand-children including two sets of identical twins.

Alden's funeral was at St. James, officiated by the Rev. Guido Verbeck, assisted by our own deacon Lois Maberry, with music by our ever faithful organist Kay Crichlow who not only played the aforementioned Navy Hymn, but also "Amazing Grace" and "Taps." A Navy honor guard presented the American flag to Ruth. The ladies of the ECW prepared a lovely reception for the family and friends in the Parish hall. The family felt they had come home.

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

Mattie Mosley

KAIROS #40 Cookie Bake Held March 15, 2016



St. James parishioners once again surpassed their goal of 150 dozen baked cookies to take to the David Wade Correctional Center for the KAIROS Prison Ministry Weekend. KAIROS, like many ministries St. James participates in, brings about spiritual growth in both the recipients and the volunteers.

-Kathy Deal



Volunteers dispatched any cookie not meeting certain standards and/or guidelines.





SPRING BEAUTIES ON THE RISE

Approximately one year after the project was planned, the cross-shaped flower bed in the courtyard is producing blossoms. Beautiful red amaryllis are blooming in the bed that is intended for use as a place to collect cut flowers for the altar and for sick and injured parishioners. Thanks to those who put much work into building and planting this bed. It is visible from the parking lot, where most parishioners will see the bright, welcoming blossoms on the way into the Parish Hall or the nave. What a wonderful way to begin our worship experience!

Photos courtesy Kathy Deal



HIGH TEA A SUCCESS!

The ECW hosted a high tea as the April breakfast, raising money for scholarships to Camp Hardtner. Their efforts brought \$586.00 to the scholarship fund, which will be used to help pay registration fees for children attending camp this summer.



Parishioners who plan to send their children to Camp Hardtner may contact the parish office for information about the scholarship.

Photos courtesy Holly Johnson



WE ARE FAMILY

Many people in our area would gladly have given up floods for Lent, but they were not given the option. Many times in life we are not given the chance to bypass trials that come our way, but are forced to face them head-on, or pretend they don't affect us and face the consequences another day. Whether it is something obvious, like the recent floods that devastated so many homes in our area, or something more subtle, like who will be elected to run our government on so many levels, eventually we feel the results of the situation.

For those things where we can make a difference, we should. That could be passing out sandbags in an emergency, sharing our resources with those in need, researching the issues at stake in elections and casting informed and responsible votes, or providing shoes and socks for a homeless person at the Maundy Thursday foot-washing service. Whether it is large or small, a true sacrifice or something we hardly notice, doing the right thing for the good of others in the community is what we as Christians are called to do.

Attending services and worshiping together is fabulous, but it does not make us Christian. It rejuvenates us and gives us the energy to do those things which defines us as Christians. It edifies us and helps us to understand how to live our lives in service of others. It allows us to worship communally, to praise God as a community, to plan our activities and educational experiences. It gives us a forum for raising our children in service to God and for teaching them how to treat others with respect, dignity, and love. It gives us a home base from which to go out into the world and share the good news of Jesus.

In meeting together, we are forming a community where we can go for advice on how best to address those issues that we face throughout our lives, whether they are small or large. We have a family outside of blood ties whom we can count on in times of emergency, with whom we can share our joys and our sorrows, and on whom we can depend to carry burdens that are too large for one person to bear alone. We have a place to go to share comfort and solace as well as joy, excitement, and gratitude.

As a parish family we are able to accomplish so much more than we can as individuals—something we have demonstrated in so many different ways, from the success of the community garden to the accumulation of footwear over Lent. St. James is not a large congregation, but it is a mighty one, and that is because the people here care. For those who are relatively new to St. James, feel free to jump in with both feet whenever you feel ready, whether it is with helping on a campaign or in asking for assistance. Be ready for more food than you can imagine if you let people know you are hungry and in need. Be prepared to be amazed at the number of folk who will joyfully offer praise and thanks for your participation. Know that you are welcome at St. James because this parish actively lives the adage: 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: 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:

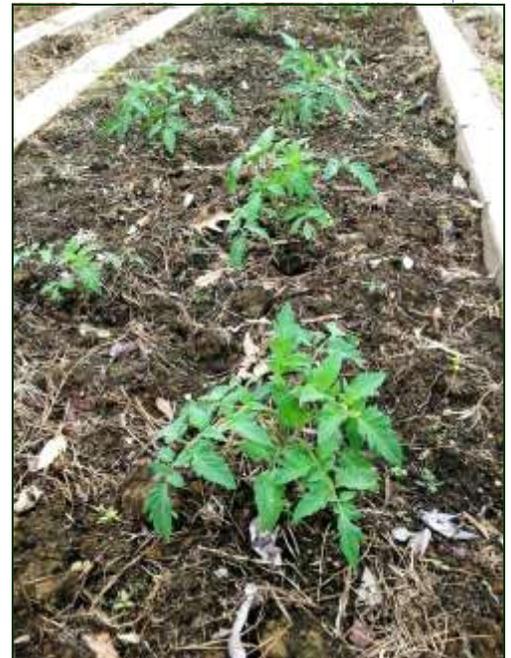
Sunday—Holy Eucharist, 8:30am

followed by Coffee Hour and donuts in the Parish Hall

Sunday School, 9:45am

Holy Eucharist, 11:00am

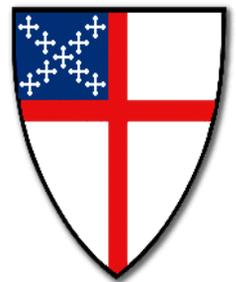
Wednesday—Holy Eucharist with Unction, 10am



GARDENING AGAIN—A SPRING TRADITION AT ST. JAMES

The members of the St. James Community Garden ministry are hard at work. They have prepared the beds for the current crop, planting seeds and seedlings for summer harvest. This year they have added blueberry bushes, which are a perennial crop that will continue to provide fresh berries for many years. Looking toward the future, the members of the committee are finding new ways each year to increase the yield of our beds and provide food for as many people as possible.

Thanks to Jana Kendrick, Pat Parker, David Caporossi, Jimmy & Kathy Deal, Matt Parker, Ethan Geohagen, and all those they have relied upon for extra hands in their gardening efforts.



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.