

# The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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April 15, 2017



May 4  
**Bishop's Visit**  
10am service  
Reception following



June 4  
The Day of Pentecost:  
Whitsunday  
Mass on the Grass  
10am service  
Pot-luck luncheon  
following

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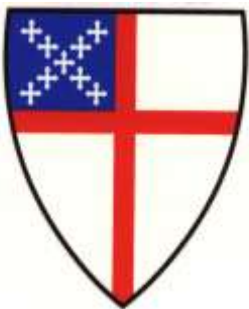
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# A MESSAGE FROM MARGARET



## Outreach News

The Outreach Committee thanks everyone who participated in collecting socks and donating funds for the Maundy Thursday foot-washing service. 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 2 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. Local charities regularly supported by St. James include St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry, RENZI Education and Art Center, Providence House, and

Hope House. However, there are many other charitable organizations participating, as well. Please go on-line and donate to the organizations that touch your heart. All are worthy and assist individuals in our community. Let's make this the most successful Give for Good event to date!

## THE BISHOP IS COMING!

It is time to roll out the purple carpet and welcome Bishop Jake for his annual visitation on May 14. 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 GOOD STEWARDS

Despite the gray, rainy weather, parishioners showed up en masse to provide hospitality to the Southern Hills Ecumenical Association when we hosted the Lenten Service and Luncheon on March 29. After we had fed around 75 individuals, we had enough left over to supplement the Meals on Wheels delivery the following day with sandwiches and soup. We also put a couple dozen containers of soup into the freezer for Filling in the Gaps. Additionally, we feasted on the Lenten meal later in the day during the Soup and Studies, and still had some to give to people who came by the parish office seeking assistance. Thank-you to all those who contributed to the meal, either by cooking, serving, or cleaning.

Holy Week was as busy as expected, with the parish enjoying all the traditional services, plus the addition of Seder on Wednesday evening. Special thanks to everyone who worked together to make it all happen. Much effort went into planning, preparing, and completing each of the services, and we are grateful to all those who participated.

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 HOPS FORWARD TO FILL IN THE GAPS

The Wednesday evening of Holy Week the Filling in the Gaps ministry completed the Easter Baskets for delivery. Twenty 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!



## ECW NEWS

You ladies never fail to amaze me! Our Dinner/Theatre sponsored-performance of "Driving Miss Daisy" was a total success! I have not heard the final financial numbers yet, but it was a "Sold Out" crowd of 82.

A special shout-out to the delectable dinner served - many, many compliments! Thank you to the Kitchen Committee: Debbie, Suzy, Janie, Kelly & Matt, Chelsea, Mike and all the wonderful ladies that jumped in there to take drinks orders, serve plates & clean up. Mucho gracious!

Also, thank you to all who donated cakes/cookies/pralines, cake plates, teacups & helped Friday night with set up. And, Brody, thank you for your excellent service. We'll be calling you back!

We certainly can't forget to thank "The Stars" of the performance - BJ Pritchard, David Scott & Ken Murphy and the "behind the scene" staff - Jerry Howard, Anne & Mason Garner. Bravo! Great job!

As Debbie said "It takes a village". I thank God for each & everyone of our St. James family & feel blessed to be on this journey with you.

The ECW funds raised from this event is for our youth wanting to attend Camp Hardtner Summer Camp, but could be submitted for CLEY or The Happening. Please let us know if we can assist.

Thank you, thank you again!

Agape -  
*Tina*



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



Parishioners of churches within the Shreveport Convocation collected socks and donated funds for the purchase of shoes as part of their Lenten discipline. Those attending the Maundy Thursday Eucharist and foot washing service at Holy Cross could select a new pair of shoes and two new pairs of socks. St. George's in Bossier City provided a meal. St. James was very well represented. Nurse Bonnie, from St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry, was there to offer blood pressure and blood sugar screening.

~Kathy Deal

<i><b>The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter</b></i>	<i><b>The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter</b></i>	Upcoming Calendar Events May 14 – Bishop Jake’s visita- tion and Mothers’ Day May 21—Teachers and Gradu- ates Sunday June 4—Mass on the Grass and Pentecost Potluck June ?—Legacy Luncheon June 25—Juneteenth Celebra- tion July 23—St. James Day
<i><b>May 21</b></i>	<i><b>May 28</b></i>	
<i><b>Acts 17: 22- 31</b></i> <i><b>Psalms 66: 7- 18</b></i> <i><b>I Peter 3: 13- 22</b></i> <i><b>John 14: 15- 21</b></i>	<i><b>Acts 1: 6- 14</b></i> <i><b>Psalms 68: 1- 10, 33- 36</b></i> <i><b>I Peter 4: 12- 14, 5: 6- 11</b></i> <i><b>John 17: 1- 11</b></i>	
<b>Karen McDonald</b>	<b>Sissy Brown</b>	
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Ken Murphy	Dan Bennett	
Pat Parker Julie Eason	Chelsea Maielli Kathleen Calhoun	
Kelly Parker Austin Shelton	Melanie Winkler Mason Garner	
Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn	Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson	
Pat Parker Betty McDonald Denise Shelton	Volunteer Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor	
Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott	
Any time you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement or advise the Vestry Person of the Day.		

# St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	
	<b>1</b>  <b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</b> Paul & Janet Moore  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Bob Shane Jr Paul Moore	<b>2</b>  <b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</b> Bryn & Elizabeth Ollendike	<b>3</b> 10 a  <b>HAPPY</b> John &  <b>HA</b> P
<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Parish Breakfast 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Johnny Salter	<b>8</b>  <b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</b> Bob & Yoshie Shane	<b>9</b>  	<b>10</b> 10 a  <b>HA</b> Er
<b>14 Bishop Jake's Visitation</b> 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Reception afterwards  <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Mike Endicott	<b>16</b>  	<b>17</b> 10 a  <b>HA</b> Soph
<b>21</b> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I <b>9:15 AM Coffee</b> 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II <b>Teachers &amp; Graduates Presentation</b>  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Layton Porter	<b>22</b>  <b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</b> Nick & Tammy Parker	<b>23</b>  	<b>24</b> 10 a  
<b>28</b> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I <b>9:15 AM Coffee</b> 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Linda Polly Fain	<b>29 Memorial Day</b>  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Kathy Deal	<b>30</b>  	<b>31</b> 10 a  <b>HA</b> John





		<i>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter</i>  <i>May 7</i>	<i>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter</i> <i>10:00AM Service</i> <i>May 14</i>
<b>LECTIONARY</b>		<i>Acts 2: 42- 47</i> <i>Psalm 23</i> <i>I Peter 2: 19- 25</i> <i>John 10: 1- 10</i>	<i>Acts 7: 55- 60</i> <i>Psalm 31: 1- 5, 15- 16</i> <i>I Peter 2: 2- 10</i> <i>John 14: 1- 14</i>
<b>VESTRY PERSON</b>		<b>Krystal Eason</b>	<b>Ken Murphy</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b> 8:30 <b>MINISTER</b> 11:00		Brody Fitzpatrick Ron Maberry	Janie Parker
<b>LAY READER</b> 11:00		Dan Bennett	David Scott
<b>LECTORS</b> 8:30 11:00		Chelsea Maielli Karen McDonald	Debbie Fitzpatrick Sissy Brown
<b>ACOLYTES</b> 8:30 11:00		Melanie Winkler Austin Shelton	Kelly Parker
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>		Kelly Parker Liz Montelepre	Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn
<b>USHERS</b> 8:30 11:00		Volunteer Mary Taylor Mike Kendrick	Mike Kendrick Sissy Brown
<b>MASTER OF CEREMONIES</b>		Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott

## PENTECOST POTLUCK AND MASS ON THE GRASS JUNE 4

In celebration of spring and Pentecost St. James will enjoy a combined service at 10am on June 4 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.

# **SAVE THE DATE**

**JUNE 10, 2017**

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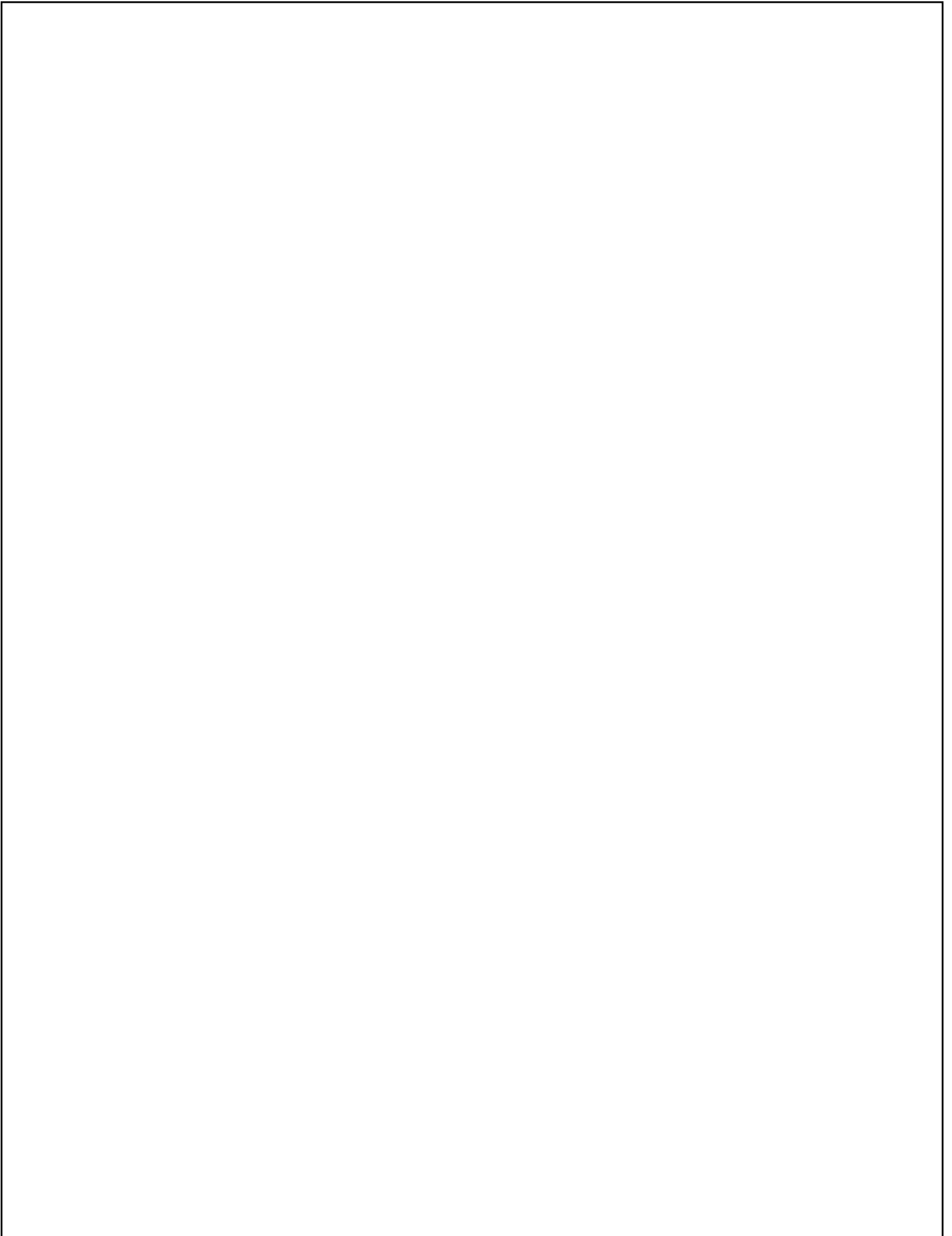
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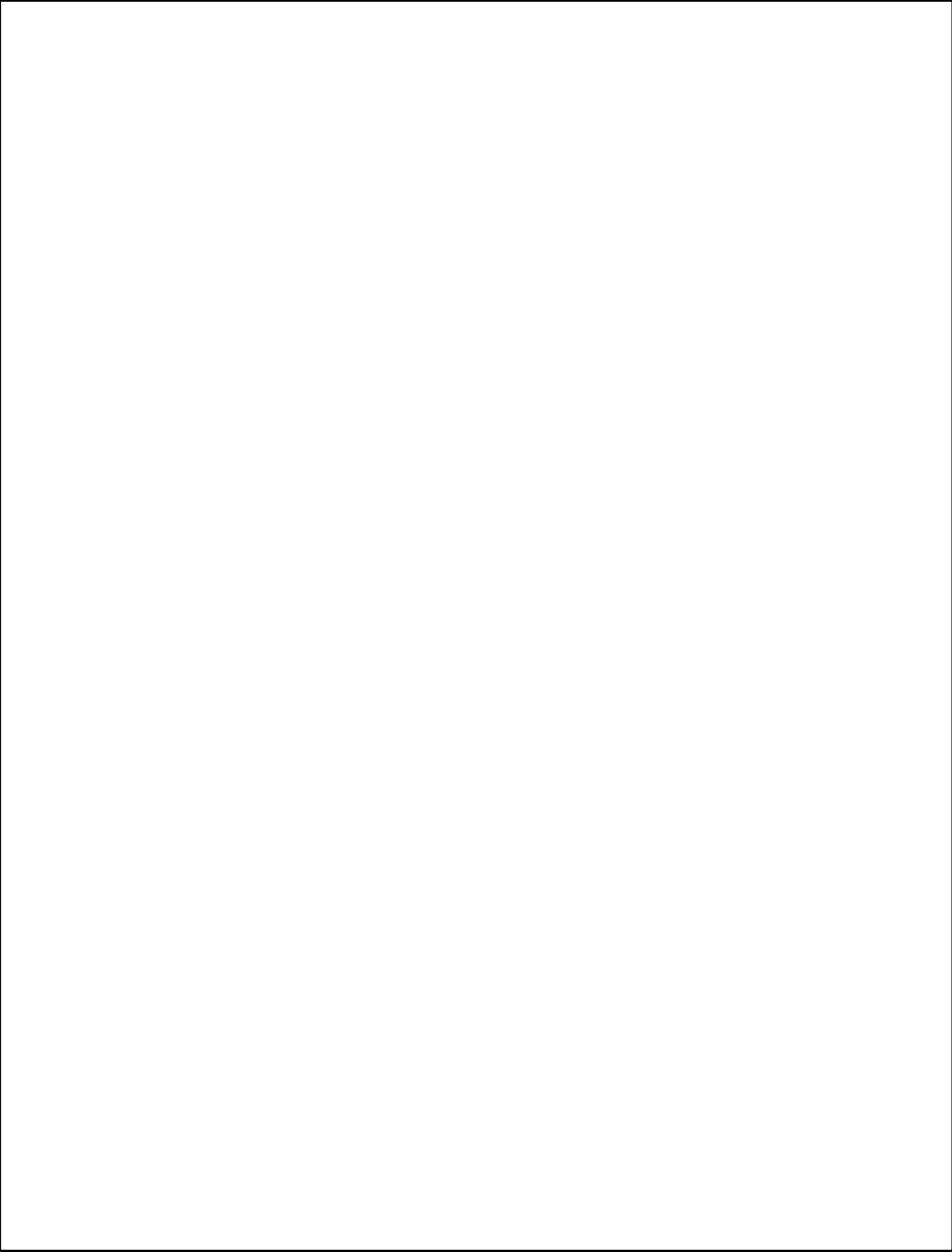
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**1ST ANNUAL EVENT • JUNE 10, 2017**

**MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON**

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# DRIVING



## Miss Daisy

Dinner Theatre



Presented and catered by  
St. James ECW  
benefitting Camp Hardtner  
Scholarships for St. James Youth.  
Directed by Ken Murphy.  
Produced by Paul & Janet  
Moore.  
Technical Direction by Jerry  
Howard.



A sold-out crowd enjoyed an evening at St. James, March 18, 2017. On the menu was salad,



baked cranberry chicken breast, green beans, and macaroni and cheese. There was a tower of baked goods at each table for dessert. Next on the menu was a delightful production of "Driving Miss Daisy", starring BJ Pritchard, David Scott, and Ken



Murphy. The casting could not have been better.

~Kathy Deal

# DO THE RIGHT THING

Spike Lee directed a powerful movie in 1989, "Do the Right Thing," in which characters are presented with choices throughout the film. As the title indicates, each were given the opportunity to do the right thing—or not. Some made better decisions than others and viewers are given insight into the prejudices and circumstances that led them to their ultimate choices, as well as the consequences of their actions.

In real life we are often given similar opportunities. Most of the time they are so hum-drum and small that we don't even notice them in our daily lives. We just go about our business, behaving as we have been reared or as we have grown accustomed, without ever giving deep or conscious thought to how (or why) we have chosen to behave in that manner. Whether that means treating others with kindness and courtesy or engaging in honest business practices, we do as we have been taught without an active awareness of our actions.

Occasionally, though, we are confronted with the chance to do the right thing in circumstances that are not in our usual realm. A situation arises outside of our normal life experience and we are put in the position of consciously making the choice regarding how to behave. And often when that happens, the desire to NOT do the right thing rears up with the almost-certainty that many will not comprehend how we avoided the temptation. Sometimes doing the right thing involves not taking advantage of mistakes made by others. While it may be easier to follow the other path, either because the outcome will be more in our favor or because that is what "everyone else" is doing, as Christians we are compelled to make the morally right choice.

Whenever we are put in the position of having to defend our actions, I pray that we are able to do so with certainty that we have chosen the path that reflects our Christian beliefs. We have been instructed to stand up for those who are unable to do so for themselves, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, and to minister to the sick and those in need. We are instructed to look out for the best interests of everyone, care for our neighbors as we do our family, and to respect the dignity of all.

We are all familiar with the Golden Rule: *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.* It's pretty simple and makes a great litmus test should we find ourselves in need of advice regarding exactly what is the right thing in any given circumstance. We can also consult with other church members—getting advice from friends and family who are similarly committed to Christ's teachings and who understand that the ways of the world are not necessarily the ways we should choose.

Throughout, we can always remember, we are welcome in the Episcopal Church. As is everyone. Don't forget: The Episcopal Church welcomes you.

—Jnanne Zepeda

## ANNOUNCEMENTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE

If you would like an announcement placed in the Sunday bulletin, please submit it by 10:00 am on the previous Wednesday. The office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. Announcements that are in printed form may be mailed, sent through e-mail to [stjames\\_sport@comcast.net](mailto: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](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*

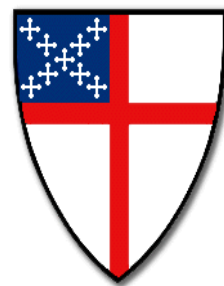
*Holy Eucharist, 11:00am*

*Wednesday—Holy Eucharist with Unction, 10am*



## SPRING PLANTING HAS BEGUN!

The beds are cleaned up and ready. The weather is pointing toward a new growing season. The garden committee is getting their hands dirty. In preparation for a new growing season, members of the garden committee have prepared the beds for new seeds and starter veggie plants. Photographic evidence indicates Dave Caporossi had a hand in planting tomatoes and caging them during the last week of March.



**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.