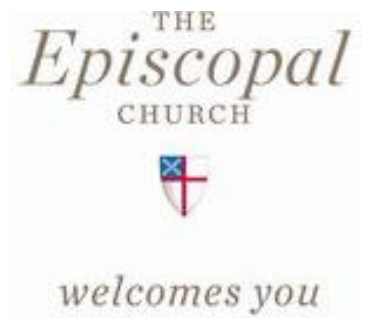


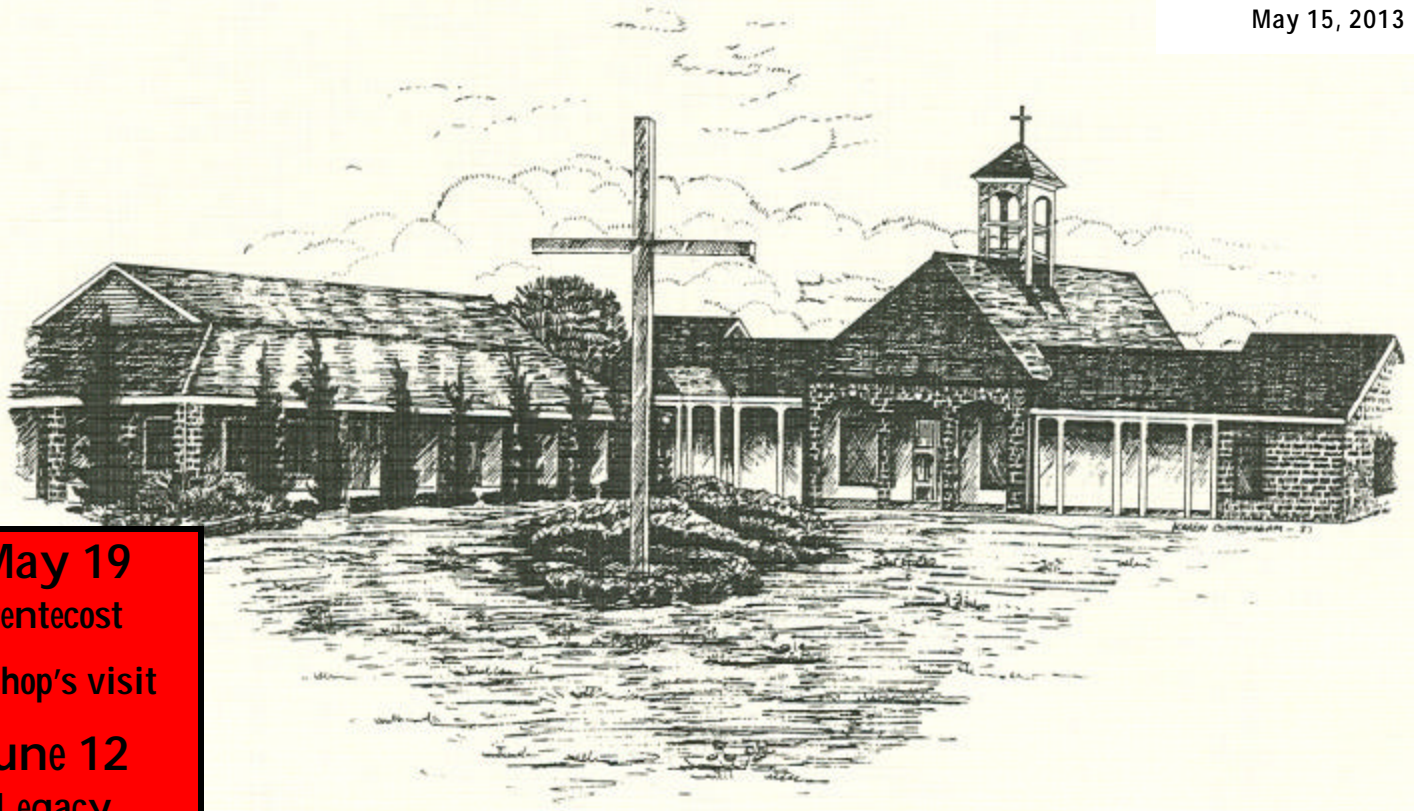
The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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A MESSAGE FROM MORGAN

Dear Family of St. James,

It's almost Summer—time for school to let out, for vacations to begin and for me to have this baby!! :) I wanted to take this opportunity to talk to you all about my maternity leave and what you can expect while I am gone.

First, please know that you will be left in wonderful, caring hands. I have already received generous offers from priests far and wide to cover both Sunday and Wednesday services during my absence. Some of the faces you will see are The Rev. Andrew Comeaux, The Very Rev. Jaime Flowers, The Rev. Mary Richard, The Rev. David Greer, The Rev. Annie Etheredge and Lois Fraser! Jaime+ and Mary+ will be handling services on Wednesdays while Andrew+, David+, Annie+ and Lois will be taking care of Sundays. I ask that you show all of our guests the same warmth and hospitality you show me every Sunday. At least one of these volunteers is driving all of the way from Lafayette to be with us! See how special you are? :)



I am very excited that Lois Fraser has agreed to come to lead us in Morning Prayer two Sundays in July. I know you all will be looking forward to the opportunity to re-connect with her and to hear her preach! On the Sundays where Morning Prayer is offered, there will also be music during the 11:00 a.m. service. The service schedule will not be changing for the summer with the exception of our St. James Day celebration on July 28th where there will be one service at 10 a.m. We'll remind you of this later on! I know that most of us are used to having Holy Eucharist available every Sunday. I want to take a minute to talk to you about why that is not possible for the entirety of my leave and in doing so, invite you to consider the blessings of our community. Most of you may know that our diocese is made up of mostly small to medium sized congregations.

There are a lot of churches in Western Louisiana who cannot afford full-time priests and/or do not have the means to have Communion offered every Sunday. For many of our brother and sister congregations, Morning Prayer on Sunday is the norm. Bishop Jake and his staff have been working diligently to come up with some long and short term solutions for these congregations and he has asked the full-time clergy of each convocation to consider whether or not a mid-week jaunt to another parish to offer Eucharist would be something we would consider adding to our calendars. It's important to remember that we are all the Body of Christ and as such, there are certain sacrifices that we must make from time to time for the good of the whole. I hope you will joyfully attend the Morning Prayer services and that you would look upon them as an opportunity to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who go without Communion on a weekly basis. Worship is still important, whether or not Eucharist is a part of our service. Worship is our heartfelt response to the love, mercy and grace of our Heavenly Father. Worship draws us nearer to God and to one another—it is an essential piece of life lived out in the Beloved Community. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to worship God in a different way while I am gone.

My last Sunday with you all, barring any major changes in my pregnancy, will be Sunday, June 23rd. I will miss you all terribly and will look forward to my return mid-August. If you have any questions about all that has been discussed in this article, please feel free to contact me!

Blessings,

Morgan +



Outreach News

Outreach members met in April to discuss the year's contributions and outreach initiatives.



Approvals for tithing to the following were discussed and approved:

- I2D/ING - \$300 per quarter
- St. Luke's Mobile Ministry - \$300 per quarter

We were also happy to be able to help support Linda Endicott's class again this year with their Destination Imagination trip in the amount of \$250.00. Committee also approved a \$100.00 donation to Rory Fitzpatrick for his participation/trip with Destination Imagination as well. Way to go!

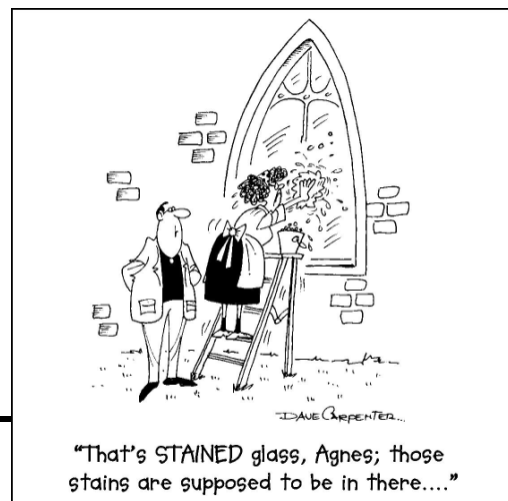
Outreach members supported the House of Hope for Veterans - we supplied and distributed lunch for a week and really enjoyed seeing this wonderful outreach come together.

Outreach members continue to support ING every other Friday at Holy Cross for bible study and fellowship - anyone wanting to attend, is more than welcome - the group is growing by leaps and bounds - we appreciate all the work that Donna with ING is doing with the housed homeless.

Goodwill clothes collections are still continuing so keep cleaning out those closets! We appreciate all you do to help with this project.

Relay for Life was a huge success and the committee wants to thank all of you who helped support the fight for cancer with your donations - we collected over \$1,000 and still are accepting donations up until August, so if you want to contribute to this important cause, leave at the church office or contact Kathy Watkins.

—Karen Waguespack



"That's STAINED glass, Agnes; those stains are supposed to be in there..."

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR WISHES COME TRUE

Are you the type of person who likes to make decisions and who knows exactly how you want things to be? Do you like having the last word? Or maybe the type who likes to lighten the burden for others? Or are you the person who likes to have concrete plans for the future—everything in writing and nothing left to chance? Do you know what all these personalities have in common? The ability to provide the parish office with preferences regarding your funeral arrangements.

We have a book in the parish office that contains the preferences of several parishioners. St. James members who wish to make it easier for loved ones by having their prayers, scripture passages, and music chosen in advance can leave that information where it is easy to find—right here at St. James. There's plenty of room in the book for more, so take time to either meet with Morgan to discuss what you prefer, or just write down your wishes and drop them off or send them in.

LET'S GO OUT WITH A BANG NOT A WIMPER!

During Adult forums in April the parish was given information regarding preparing for the end of life. We started with a presentation by Lois Maberry regarding things to consider when in hospice or the hospital, such as being an organ donor and whether you wish a “no resuscitation” order—and exactly what that means. Lois stressed the importance of discussing this with our families in advance of ever actually needing the information, in order to make it easier for everyone.

Morgan MacIntire dispersed packets that we can use to plan our funerals in advance (with thanks to the National Cathedral for sharing the template). If you have questions regarding this, contact Morgan or call the parish office. We keep a Planning Ahead book in the office safe which contains the preferences of any parishioner who wishes to save their families the task of deciding their funeral specifics. Morgan also discussed the cost differences between traditional burial in a cemetery, having ashes interred in a cemetery, being placed in a niche in the St. James columbarium, or having your ashes mixed into the memorial garden.

Curtis Shelton (esquire) ended the series with information about making our wills. He also volunteered to assist any parishioner in completing their will free of charge, with the caveat that they include a provision—of any size—for St. James. The Planning Ahead book has space for copies of wills, should anyone wish to leave one for the convenience of their families. Curtis recommended that we each make several copies, pass them out to family members, and tell them the location of the original.

You are Cordially Invited

To: Consider leaving a legacy gift to St. James Episcopal Church

What: A legacy gift is a bequest of money or property given to a beneficiary

When: A legacy gift can be made at any time during one's life or as part of a will to be distributed on the event of one's death.

How: Contact a member of the Legacy Gifts Committee for explanation of such a gift. It is also important to get help from a financial advisor or legal counsel to set up a legacy gift with the proper protection for you and your family and to take advantage of all applicable tax incentives.

See Pat Parker or Tommy Mosley for more information.

Shhhhhhhhhh...don't tell....

The 20's and 30's Group is hosting a parish-wide diaper/baby wipe shower for Morgan & Angus that will take place between the services on June 2. This party is NOT just for the ladies —and this message is NOT included in Morgan's & Angus' copy of the newsletter, so please help us keep this as a surprise!

And save the date.

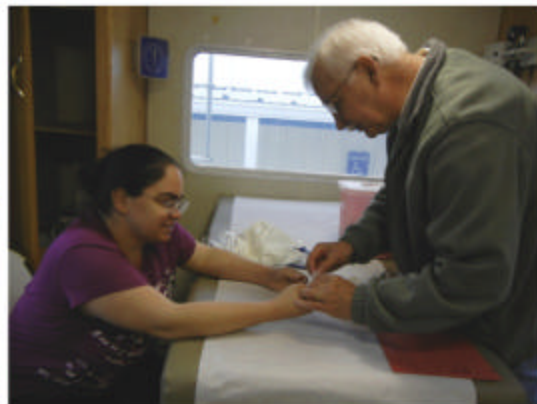
WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

On April 7, 2013, we welcomed Maggee Grace Winters and Nash Macray Winters who were baptized at St. James. Their parents, Keri & Lonny Winters, and their grandparents, Jerry & Lonnie Howard, are proud to present the children to the parish as new members of the body of Christ. Their godparents are Keri's sisters, Kami Adkins and Kristi Lang. All three of the Howard Girls, along with Kailey Consford, sang beautiful anthems before and after the Eucharist.



Record Cold Temperature Doesn't Deter St. Luke's Medical Ministry

A new record low temperature was set May 3rd, but that didn't prevent St. Luke's Medical bus from making its scheduled stop at Higher Ground Ministries in Mansfield for blood pressure and blood glucose screenings. And, just as important, it didn't keep the clients the medical bus serves from showing up. There was a good turnout. Lois, Ron, and Lonnie were kept busy.



After the screenings, Lois made use of a large room at Higher Ground Ministries for breast health educationagain, great attendance.

—Kathy Deal



THE MISSION CONTINUES...

May News from St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry

Through a grant from the Susan G. Komen Foundation St. Luke's is now able to offer breast health education, clinical breast exams, and onward referrals for free mammograms for low-income women in need. We began offering these services at our April Minden clinic. With the St. Luke's medical van set up in the Sav-A-Lot parking lot we saw thirty clients in three short hours. Nineteen of those clients were women and six were in need of a mammogram and unable to pay for one. For those women we were able to provide referrals for a free mammogram in their community. We are excited to be able to offer this new service. If you would like to help us spread the word about this service to women in need please contact Brenda Nims at 424-0156 or stlukesmedicalministry@yahoo.com.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to St Luke's Episcopal Medical Ministry please send it to P. O. Box 53074, Shreveport, LA 71135.

St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry mission is an outreach ministry of the eight Episcopal churches in Northwest Louisiana. Following the command of Christ we strive to improve the health of our community by providing preventive health screenings, basic health services, patient education, and referrals to the underserved via our 34-foot medical RV. We serve the area of the Shreveport Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana including the civil parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Desoto, Red River, Sabine, and Webster.

<i>The 4th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<i>The 5th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<i>The 6th Sunday After Pentecost</i>
<i>JUNE 16</i>	<i>JUNE 23</i>	<i>JUNE 30</i>
<i>2 Samuel 11:26-12: 10, 13-15</i> <i>Psalm 32</i> <i>Galatians 2:15-21</i> <i>Luke 7:36—8:3</i>	<i>Isaiah 65:1-9</i> <i>Psalm 22:18-27</i> <i>Galatians 3:23-29</i> <i>Luke 8:26-29</i>	<i>1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21</i> <i>Psalm 16</i> <i>Galatians 5:1, 13-25</i> <i>Luke 9:51-6</i>
LOIS MABERRY	JANA KENDRICK	DAVE CAPOROSSI
Janie Parker Dan Bennett	Lynnette van Heerden Ron Maberry	Lois Maberry Larry Lashley
Brian Whatley	Lois Maberry	Dan Bennett
Pat Parker Kathleen Calhoun	Roger Wilkinson Karen McDonald	Lynnette van Heerden Debbie Fitzpatrick
Kendall Parker Mason Garner	Melanie Winkler Brian Whatley	Hannah Parker Rory Fitzpatrick
Kelly Parker Elizabeth Ollendike	Faye Wynn Kathy Watkins Lonnie Howard	Faye Wynn Kathy Watkins Lonnie Howard
Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton	Lorain Thrash Mike Kendrick Sara Lewis	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Sissy Brown
Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHUR

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2 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II HAPPY BIRTHDAY Norah Frances Ollendike	3 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Stuart Waguespack <i>Core Exercise</i> 1:30 pm	4 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Thomas Lashley John Perkins Happy Anniversary Angus & Morgan MacIntire	5
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30 HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Janet Moore Happy Anniversary: David & Charlotte Calhoun			

JUNE 2013

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Angus MacIntire Happy Anniversary Roger & Molley Wilkinson
Holy Eucharist w/Uncion <i>2 Exercise</i> <i>1:30 pm</i>	6 Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM Library		8
<i>M legacy Service</i> <i>Legacy Luncheon</i> <i>Irish Hall</i>	13 <i>Beth Moore</i> <i>Bible Studies 6:30 pm</i> Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM Library	14	15 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Emilie Gibson Happy Anniversary Barry & Mary Taylor
Holy Eucharist w/Uncion <i>e Exercise</i> <i>1:30 pm</i>	20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Hunter Thompson Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM Library	21 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Gina Phillips Happy Anniversary Connor & Pepper Matlock	22
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		<i>The 2nd Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<i>The 3rd Sunday After Pentecost</i>
		<i>JUNE 2</i>	<i>JUNE 9</i>
LECTIONARY		<i>I Kings 8:22- 23, 41-43 Psalm 96:1-9 Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1-10</i>	<i>I Kings 17:17-24 Psalm 30 Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17</i>
VESTRY PERSON		THERESA MORMINO	CURTIS SHELTON
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	8:30 11:00	Janie Parker Ron Maberry	Lynnette van Heerden Brian Whatley
LAY READER	11:00	Lois Maberry	Dan Bennett
LECTORS	8:30 11:00	Pat Parker Sissy Brown	Janie Parker Janet Moore
ACOLYTES	8:30 11:00	Melanie Winkler Rory Fitzpatrick	Hannah Parker Austin Shelton
ALTAR GUILD		Janie Parker Linda Endicott Denise Shelton	Kelly Parker Elizabeth Ollendike
USHERS	8:30 11:00	Roger Wilkinson Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor	Pat Parker Ron Maberry Lois Maberry
MASTER OF CEREMONIES VERGER		Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott

June Anniversaries

Roger & Molly Wilkinson	Jun 1
Angus & Morgan MacIntire	Jun 4
Barry & Mary Taylor	Jun 15
Connor & Pepper Matlock	Jun 22
Derek & Erica Phillips	Jun 23
David & Charlotte Calhoun	Jun 30

June Birthdays

Angus MacIntire	Jun 1
Norah Frances Ollendike	Jun 2
Stuart Waguespack	Jun 3
John Perkins	Jun 4
Thomas Lashley	Jun 4
Alyssa Garner	Jun 9
Jerry Howard	Jun 10
Baron Kendrick	Jun 10
Tina Vinson	Jun 10
Larry Lashley	Jun 11
Emilie Michelle Gibson	Jun 15
Paul Jackson	Jun 16
Anthony Andrew Comeaux	Jun 16
Madison Bryant	Jun 18
Bill Thrash	Jun 18
Wain Thompson	Jun 18
Hunter Thompson	Jun 20
Gina Phillips	Jun 21
Derek Phillips	Jun 23
Lonnie Howard	Jun 26
Rachel Porter	Jun 29
Janet Moore	Jun 30

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Jimmy & Kathy Deal have moved to
574 Crouch Rd.
Benton, LA 71006
(318) 965-9781

INTRODUCING...

Bob and Yoshie Shane are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild. Robert W. Shane, IV was born February 5, 2013. He and his mother, Kara, and father Robert W. Shane, III, live in Houston. Ask Yoshie to show you her brag book—she has some wonderful photos!



JOIN US FOR A
CRUISE ON THE ARK WITH NOAH
DURING

VBS

IN THE

GARRETT-HALL BUILDING
July 30, 31, & August 1

WATCH FOR DETAILS!

Contact Debbie Fitzpatrick to volunteer your help with teaching, feeding the multitudes, preparing the space, making crafts, etc.



Dear St. James family,
 What a blessing it is
 knowing that we will always
 be able to call you "family."
 You have been the arms that
 hugged, the shoulders that
 we leaned upon, and the
 voices of encouragement during
 joys and sorrows. What a
 gift that distance cannot
 take away! We love you
 and hope for visitors to
 NC soon!

A million and one thanks!

Much love and
 God Bless!
 Marty and Michael



May 15, 2013

Cinco de Mayo Breakfast



St. James raised \$732.00 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation at the Cinco de Mayo Breakfast. Thanks to Chef John Montelepre and all those who helped make our fundraiser a success!



LET'S PAINT THE PARISH RED FOR PENTECOST

Pentecost this year will be extra special, as it is also the date of the Bishop's visitation. We have become accustomed to sharing a **RED** reception in the Parish Hall each Pentecost. This year we plan to go all out to show Bishop Jake that the Pentecost Spirit resides in us.

Because the Bishop is visiting, we will have a combined service at 10am, after which we plan to meet in the Parish Hall to enjoy a pot-luck filled with red foods—bring your favorites to share. We also will have a cake walk of red desserts. Who will make the most creative or beautiful or unusual or tastiest dessert? We challenge you to try for a title! The cake walk is just for fun this time around. No tickets required. No money needed to participate. Let's just see what we can bake, share, and enjoy!

If the weather allows, we will set up tables outdoors for those who wish to dine al fresco. Prizes will be given to the parishioners wearing the most red—or is it the most creative red outfit? Or is it the reddest red? You'll just have to come and find out! Please join us for Pentecost festivities on May 19 at 10am!!



Thanks to the Garden Committee for their commitment to our ministry of providing fresh produce to the hungry people in our community!

The size of the garden has doubled, with an increase in the variety of vegetables planted this year. We are hoping for another bumper year, as truly wonderful as last summer's bounty.

Contact Jana Kendrick or Pat Parker to find out how you can help assist the Garden Committee during the 2013 growing season.



YOU CAN ALWAYS CHANGE YOUR MIND

Something I am diligently teaching my child is that it is okay to change your mind. Whether we are talking about your stand on a political or social issue, your career choice, your field of study, or your favorite color, it doesn't matter. You are not forced to stand by the position you took several years ago—or even several minutes ago. When new information has been presented to you, taking the time to consider it and possibly redefine your conclusions on a related topic is a good thing.

I was speaking with a friend recently who told me she was amazed at how much her views have changed during her lifetime. She said friends and family had made note of it, mostly with the accolade that she has traveled far in the right direction. However, there is not always a right and wrong direction—sometimes there is just growth and maturity.

For example, if people head to college at age eighteen, absolutely certain of the path of study and the career ahead of them, then discover that they truly loathe the classes and the work, they shouldn't be so invested in sticking with the original plan that they spend their lives in states of unhappiness at jobs they hate. It is much more productive and fulfilling to step back, re-evaluate, and change course. Take the time to find the career that matches your interests, talents, and abilities.

While the final decision may be a good one for the individual, there may be other decisions that would have also been good. There could be several potential "right" choices. And for many, the right choice can sustain for a lifetime. For others, it's good for a while, but needs to be updated periodically. Some find a vocation where they fit in and will always feel fulfilled. Others enjoy a career, but feel the need to make a change after a few years. There's nothing wrong with either situation. Each person should make the decisions that work best for them.

In our lives as Christians we face the same opportunities for growth. When we are children we live in a simple world where decisions are often made based on what our role models—parents, teachers, siblings, and other heroes—have taught us. As we grow older and more independent, we become aware that there are other methods, ideals, and directions that are different from what we consider the norm. As we reach the age when we can make our own decisions, many in the Episcopal Church seek confirmation, taking the opportunity to say we wish to take charge of our spiritual life and make informed decisions within the church. Some become church leaders, some increase their participation in church activities, and some take a more quiet, contemplative path. Some turn away from the Church, either to reach out to another faith, to rebel, or to take a break from any religious or spiritual life. All need to realize that they are welcome to return, because decisions made can be reconsidered. And let us always remember, the Episcopal Church welcomes all—whether people from another faith who have decided to join us, cradle Episcopalians who have always been with us, or those returning after some time away. We don't require that everyone think identically. We welcome the opportunity to hear views that are new to us, to learn, and to grow together. The Church is not stagnant because the people who comprise the body are not. We are learning, growing, and looking forward to maturing together.

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: June 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

Bible Study, 10:30am



Thanks to all who donated items for the care packages the EYC put together to send to college students during finals! Items for noshing and note-taking were included to help the students through finals week.



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.