

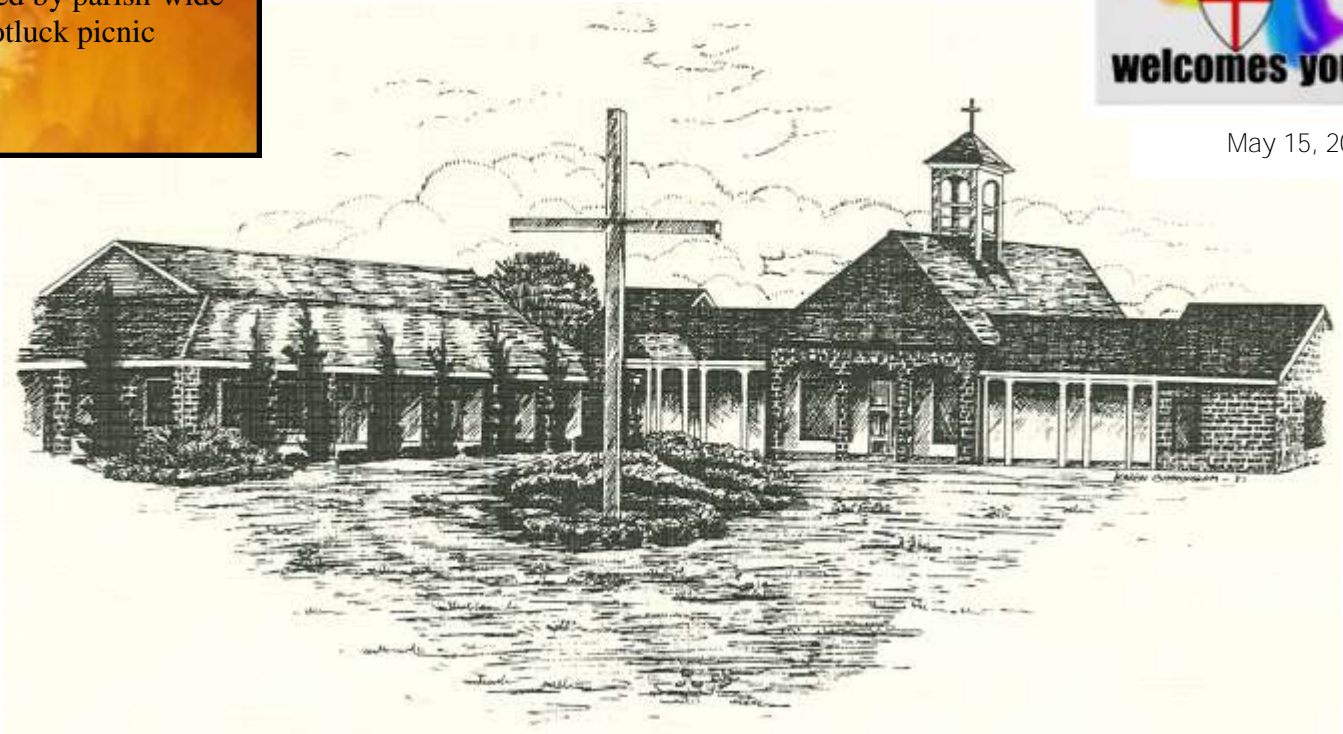
# The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

2050 Bert Kouns  
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May 15, 2018



May 20  
The Day of Pentecost:  
Whitsunday  
10am service  
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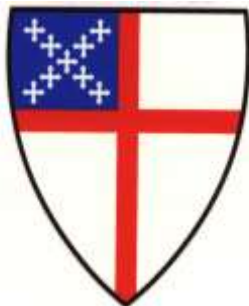
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# Margaret's Musings



As a child, I recognized the flow of the Episcopal Church calendar. The birth of the Christ child gave way to the revelation of his identity, then we are suddenly caught up in his journey to the cross, only to progress through His death, resurrection, movement among friends and followers after his death, Ascension, and the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church. Now the year is half gone and the wide array of liturgical colors from Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost falls away to reveal the Green of "Ordinary Times."

There always seemed a vastness to "Ordinary Times" which appeared somewhat boring to this child's mind. Like an endless alfalfa field, the time between the Sunday after Pentecost up to the Sunday before Advent seemed expansive. I would later come to realize this was the time of ministry. It was by design vast because the fields of evangelism and outreach are limitless.

Jesus' ministry laid out like a blueprint for my ministry; a time to share my relationship with God, to minister to those in need from a locus of love, to both teach and learn and to take time to pray and revitalize. It all seems pretty simple and it is. The problem is, I confused simple with easy.

Sharing my faith hit walls of resistance which I found frustrating. Who would not want to hear about God loving you so much he would send His son into the world to show you how to be close to Him and the Holy Spirit to help keep you on track? It was hard to understand people had experienced God differently and, in the worst case, felt He had abandoned them. Ministry came easily and felt natural, however, if I did not act out of love then my motives would harm my efforts.

This realization would be echoed in numerous conferences regarding Congregational Development, as church's actions could spoil the desired outcome due to the motivation. The example of growth to increase income was sighted as having disastrous outcomes when the motive was based on increasing the church's bottom line. Jesus' ministry was not about money; it was sharing a relationship with God. The congregations sharing relationships with God and building disciples are growing. They are open and welcoming communities built for the building up of disciples through education and ministry; they have a plan to integrate people into the life, ministries, and leadership of the congregation, and they teach ways to pray and to take time to revitalize the soul and body.

Simple but not easy. Studies show humans are not good at change. The Episcopal Church has found changing the Book of Common prayer, ordaining female clergy, or allowing additional music into our services to be deeply divisive positions. Change and sharing power are very difficult; look back at the history of the church. Unfortunately change is happening at a much more rapid pace and the Episcopal Church was designed to resist transitory change. General Convention has been grappling with a response to rapid change without being caught up in fads. Our local churches are being challenged by the same rapid changes and a need to change. Again, how do we adapt to address long term change as opposed to fads. There is a lot of work ahead, but through prayer and communication we will work through these times with the grace of God.

# Outreach News

Thanks again to all who supported the donations of socks, lots of socks, and all the volunteers who made the Maundy Thursday foot washing such a great success.

Outreach is asking for volunteers to help feed the hungry. In March we were able to feed about 25 at Hope House. Without the help of Mike Endicott and Ron Maberry, I would not have been able to pull this off. Jan Jones, Bobbye Smith, Margaret Ayers, and I fed slightly fewer people in April. I would like to continue this on the fourth Thursday of each month. Please volunteer to help make this happen. It is much too big a job for one person to manage alone.

Recently a partnership with Common Ground was set up for them to receive all the fresh produce we pick up from Pizza Hut. Also, they would be grateful to accept the pizzas when school gets out for the summer. I am setting up a tour with them so St James can see where their food is going and the programs they offer.

A check was given to the King family to help with expenses as Jacob recovers from open-heart surgery, a check was written to St Luke's Medical van, and Outreach supported St Jude's with the purchase of a gift card as requested by Candi Gibson.

Please continue to fill the food barrels and fill the Goodwill bags. These two long-standing ministries supported by St. James have done a lot of good for many people in our community.

Again, please continue to support Outreach.

—Kathy Watkins



Photos courtesy Rev. Margaret Ayers

I find comfort in the Hymn, *There is a Balm in Gilead*, maybe you will, too:

## There is a Balm in Gilead

Chorus (in bold):

**There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the sin-sick soul.**

Some times I feel discouraged,  
And think my work's in vain,

But then the Holy Spirit  
Revives my soul again.

(Chorus)

If you cannot sing like angels,  
If you can't preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
And say He died for all.

(Chorus)

Blessings,  
Margaret+



"You're the creator of the HMO plan?  
Sure you can stay ... for three days!"

# THE GOOD STEWARDS

Thanks to everyone who ordered the new St. James t-shirts in support of our own Jacob King. Special thanks to those who did not want a t-shirt, but donated funds to **help Jacob, anyway!** Jacob's open-heart surgery is scheduled for May 17 at Oshner's Children's Hospital in New Orleans. He and his family have already left town, taking the love and prayers of their St. James parish with them. Jacob is also taking a few items that parishioners have given him to help keep him entertained as he recovers in the hospital, such as Spirograph, drawing materials, bubbles, and games. Please say a special prayer for Jacob on the morning of May 17—his surgery is scheduled for 7:30am. If everything goes as planned he anticipates being released on May 24 to return home and will be on bed rest through July.

**Thanks also to those who are supporting the DOK's** efforts to raise money to supplement their travel to the Triennial Meeting this year. They did well with the sale of box lunches on April 15 (sharing half their receipts with Jacob King) and received generous donations at breakfast on May 6. It is wonderful to see how St. James comes together to support our members and the various activities in which each of us are involved.

Thanks to those who continue to do all the work involved with the Harvest Program portion of Filling in the Gaps: picking up the food, heating it, delivering it, and providing fresh, clean boxes for delivery each week. Thanks also to those who make home cooked meals for the freezer—also part of the Filling in the Gaps program. These meals are distributed to the recipients of the Meals on Wheels program (when the program is not available during holidays and inclement weather) and to hungry people who stop by the parish office during the week.

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.



## DOK NEWS

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Daughters prepared a good 'ole BBQ lunch. Lunches included pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, and choice of 3 delicious cakes – lemon, chocolate or spice. Did I mention we have some really good cooks at St. James? Lunches were available for carry out between services. We had quite the assembly line going in our wonderful kitchen. Everyone pitched in to get the meals ready and still have time for the ECW meeting. Madelyn Johnson even helped in the assembly line (future Daughter for sure!).

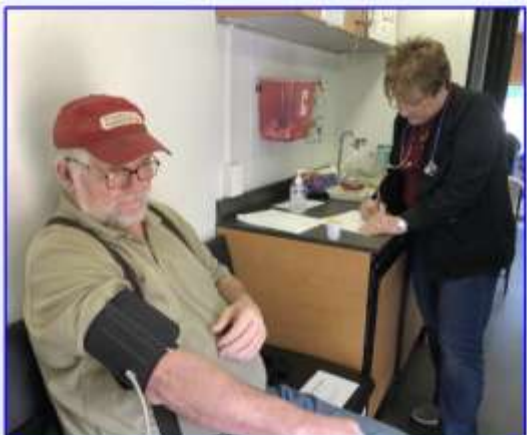
After the 11:00 service we donned our aprons again and served plate lunches for anyone who wanted to stay and made to-go boxes for those who had to run. Our visiting priest, Father Verbeck, joined us as well as several parishioners we haven't seen in a while. Parishioners made some very generous donations that day - \$500 total. The Daughters will donate \$250 of the money to Jacob's medical costs and use the remainder to offset travel costs to attend Triennial in Austin this June. Laughter, fun and great food filled the parish hall – it was a joy and blessing to behold. Thank you to all of the people who prepared food and all of the people who joined us!

—*Debbie K Fitzpatrick*

Photos courtesy K athy Deal



# THE MISSION CONTINUES ... at the Minden Food Pantry Distribution



St. Luke's medical personnel gave blood pressure and blood glucose screenings to seventeen clients.



There was an abundance of volunteers April 21, 2018, at the Joe Leblanc Food Pantry. Many celebrated United Ways Day of Caring by helping at the food pantry.



I was pleased to see a Pet Pantry set up with bulk dog food available for repackaging. I had seen several client carts that contained a plastic bag of dog food.

*~Kathy Deal*

<i>Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<i>5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</i>
<i>June 17</i>	<i>June 24</i>
<i>5:34--16:13</i>	<i>1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49</i>
<i>Ps 5:6-17</i>	<i>Psalms 9:9-20</i>
<i>34</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 6:1-13</i>
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Any time you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement or advise the Vestry Person of the Day.

### **FORWARD DAY BY DAY/OUR DAILY BREAD AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX**

The May/June/July issue of the *Forward Day by Day* is waiting for you on the narthex table, as is the June/July/August issue of *Our Daily Bread*. Both are excellent books of daily devotions that you may take with you for your personal use. If you would like to help the parish pay for the subscription, feel free to drop a dollar or two into the collection box next to them on the table. Donations are cheerfully accepted, but not required.

# SHARING VBS

We are trying something new this year—sharing Vacation Bible School with our neighbors at Central Christian Church. We will be joining together to share teaching responsibilities and the joy of watching the children learn about the wonders of Jesus and Christian life. Our joint effort during the Lenten luncheon was so successful that we've decided to continue working together and pray that this leads to many more companionable events in the future. Please join us in July as we gather together under the able direction of Debbie Fitzpatrick and others to teach children about God's love.

To join this important ministry, please contact Debbie. We will be needing volunteers for help with teaching, wrangling, feeding, setting up, and cleaning up. Every helping hand lessens the amount of work for the entire crew of volunteers..


Keep checking for information about how to register children for VBS classes and the dates and times,. As soon as details are worked out, we will share them.

# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
<p><b>3</b>            8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I            9:15 AM Coffee            11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b>  <b>Stuart Waguespack</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Happy Anniversary  <b>Angus &amp; Morgan MacIntire</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b>            10 am Holy Eucharist            w/Unction</p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b>  <b>Rob Chapman</b></p>
<p><b>10</b>            8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I            9:15 AM Coffee            11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b>  <b>Jerry Howard</b>  <b>Baron Kendrick</b>  <b>Tina Caporossi</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b>  <b>Madison Bryant</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>            10 am Holy Eucharist            w/Unction</p>
<p><b>17</b> <i>Father's Day</i>            8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I            9:15 AM Coffee            11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b>  <b>Bill Thrash</b>  <b>Wain Thompson</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b>            10 am Holy Eucharist            w/Unction</p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b>  <b>Hunter Thompson</b></p>
<p><b>24</b>            8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I            9:15 AM Coffee            11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>Happy Anniversary  <b>John &amp; Liz Montelepre</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b>  <b>Eoin MacIntire</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b>  <b>Lonnie Howard</b>            Happy Anniversary  <b>Bert &amp; Andrea Babington</b></p>	<p><b>27</b>            10 am Holy Eucharist            w/Unction</p>





	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b>  <b>June 3</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b>  <b>June 10</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b>  <b>June 17</b>
<b>LECTIONARY</b>	<b>1 Samuel 3:1-20</b> <b>Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17</b> <b>2 Corinthians 4:5-12</b> <b>Mark 2:23--3:6</b>	<b>1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15</b> <b>Psalm 138</b> <b>2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1</b> <b>Mark 3:20-35</b>	<b>1 Samuel 17:1-40</b> <b>Psalm 20</b> <b>2 Corinthians 12:1-10</b> <b>Mark 4:26-34</b>
<b>VESTRY PERSON</b>	<b>KEN MURPHY</b>	<b>DAVID SCOTT</b>	<b>DAVID SCOTT</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b> 8:30 <b>MINISTER</b> 11:00	Brody Fitzpatrick Ron Maberry	Janie Parker Dan Bennett	Lynnette van der Vliet Brian Whatley
<b>LAY READER</b> 11:00	Ken Murphy	Bert Babington	Ken Murphy
<b>LECTORS</b> 8:30 11:00	Chelsea Maielli Sissy Brown	Janie Parker Julie Eason	Lynnette van der Vliet David Scott
<b>ACOLYTES</b> 8:30 11:00	Melanie Winkler Austin Shelton	Kelly Parker Jan Jones	Melanie Winkler Austin Shelton
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Kelly Parker Liz Montelepre	Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn	Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn
<b>USHERS</b> 8:30 11:00	<b>volunteer</b> Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor	<b>volunteer</b> Mike Kendrick Betty McDonald	<b>volunteer</b> Mike Kendrick Sissy Brown

## PENTECOST POTLUCK MAY 20



In celebration of Pentecost and spring St. James will enjoy a combined service at 10am on May 20 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.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Ron & Lois Maberry have moved to  
 9693 Calliope Lane  
 Shreveport, LA 71115-4601

(all other information remains unchanged)

Khristen King and her son Jacob have  
 moved to

2610 Summer Grove Drive  
 Shreveport, LA 71118

(all other information remains unchanged)

# G.N.O. *Girls' Night Out* BUNCO!

**FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018**  
**6:30 PM DOORS OPEN**  
**7:00 PM PLAY BEGINS**  
**ADMISSION: \$25 DONATION**  
**FUNDS WILL OFFSET**  
**DOK TRIENNIAL TRAVEL COSTS &**  
**SUPPORT ST. JAMES OUTREACH**

Space is limited!

To reserve your seat text Janie Parker at  
318.453.5391 or email at [janieparker@excite.com](mailto:janieparker@excite.com)

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**DOK BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER**  
The DOK wants to thank everyone who shared breakfast with us on the 6th. The Daughters provided some great breakfast offerings with the assistance of bacon and egg experts, James Lewis and Matt Parker. Donations of \$261 were made. These donations will be divided in half; \$131 will be given to the St. James' Outreach committee to support their ongoing ministries; \$130 will go to the DOK to offset Triennial travel costs.



**Dialysis Clinic, Inc.**  
A Non-Profit Corporation



**You Are Cordially Invited**

Hope to see you there.

Constance Thomas, RN  
Area Operations Director  
Dialysis Clinic, Inc.

Celebrate the Grand Opening of  
Dialysis Clinic Inc., St. James

Please join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony  
Tour our State-of-the-Art Facility  
Meet our staff; enjoy refreshments, games, door prizes, and education.

**When:** Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May from 5-7pm  
**Where:** 2020 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop  
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**Benefiting Camp Hardtner Scholarship  
for our St. James youth.**

The ECW of St. James proudly presents a  
**Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at the Festival of**



Si, si, a MURDER! Please join us for a delicious feast of Mexican foods & participate in solving this hilarious mystery. There are SO MANY suspects among our cast of shady St. James players... a real whodunnit!

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Notice St. Luke's Medical Bus in the background of the photo of Justin, Toby, Maggie, and Tyler. Jimmy had just driven the bus back from our home in Benton where he installed an additional handrail. I was meeting him at the Church of the Holy Cross for the ride home, and got to visit with the volunteer gardeners as I waited for him to arrive. Besides the Church of the Holy Cross, this garden, Seeds to Success, has many sponsors, as indicated by their sign.



# Community Gardens



After a stormy April finally settled down, the community garden at St. James was planted. A healthy volunteer tomato plant is hanging out in the eggplant bed.



## JLFP Community Garden

### Sowing seeds and meeting needs

Quoting their Client Newsletter, the Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry's "garden is up and going strong! So far, we have planted potatoes, cabbage, squash, tomatoes and peppers...Last year we allowed clients to take home what they picked but we are also considering 'giving' away rows where you can plant whatever you would like on your row. You maintain it and the food grown is yours to keep."



# WESTERN LOUISIANA *Update*



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN LOUISIANA

## Transitions in the Bishop's Office

Dear Friends,

Beginning June 1, The Rev. John Bedingfield will begin serving as my Canon to the Ordinary. Canon Bill Bryant and Dean Ron Clingenpeel have served as Canon and as Transition Consultant well and faithfully for nearly six years. Canon Bryant will be retiring (yet again) and Dean Clingenpeel will continue in his retirement to serve



in interim capacities and as a consultant for episcopal elections.

I am deeply grateful to Canon Bryant and to Dean Clingenpeel not only for their service to our Diocese but, more personally, for their friendship. Naturally, our friendship continues even as their service to the Church assumes a different form.

Fr. Bedingfield's responsibilities will encompass the ministries done jointly by both of his predecessors. Each served in a part-time capacity, so Fr. Bedingfield will not be assuming the duties of two full-time positions. In brief, his responsibilities will include congregational vitality and ministry transitions (what used to be called clergy deployment).

Join me in gratitude for ministry well done, for grace amid changes in life's seasons, and for blessings upon learning the shape of a new ministry.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD  
IV Bishop of Western Louisiana



# REACH OUT AND OFFER A HAND

In the ten years that I have been at St. James I have heard Debbie Fitzpatrick say on many occasions that the small number of members we've had in the EYC has not diminished their ability to make an impact. I believe her exact words are more closely: "They might be small in number, but they are mighty." We may not have an active EYC at the moment, but I believe that statement still describes St. James as a parish. Whether we pack the pews or not, we do have a large impact on the community around us.

**Please be aware of how we are able to make a difference every day. We don't need great numbers of people to join us before we go out to help others. We just need to go help others. If we wait for the pews to be full before reaching out to the community, new folk won't have a reason to want to come and fill our pews. By stepping out of our comfortable environment and reaching out to our neighbors we may accidentally discover people who would love to become a part of our St. James family.**

If you did not grow up at St. James, think back to the reasons you were initially attracted to this parish. What was happening with the congregation at the time you decided to become a member? Were there outreach ministries that you found compelling? Was St. James engaged in community work that interested you? Did you see the work of Jesus taking place in the activities that surrounded the parish?

Have those ministries that first ignited your interest grown? Are they still in place? Are they still needed, or have they evolved into something else? Is there a similar need in the community that you would like to see addressed and have ideas regarding how St. James can make a positive difference?

We accepted money from the Diocese to enhance our kitchen so we could build on our outreach through the Filling in the Gaps program. So far we have done that through the Harvest Program in partnership with Pizza Hut. What other ways can we use our fabulous kitchen to help our community? Can we combine the produce from our garden with the tools in our kitchen to make food for people in need? If so, what is the best way to get the food to the people? Can we make soup or casseroles to deliver to Hope House? Can we serve free soups or casseroles to hungry people in our Parish Hall once a month (or once a week)? Can we teach low-income teens how to cook fresh veggies in a summer camp? Can we knock on the doors of our residential neighbors and ask them what we can do to help improve their lives?

I challenge my St. James family to help come up with ideas of how we as a parish can do an even better job of reaching out into our community and demonstrating that the Episcopal Church welcomes everyone.

—Jnanne Zepeda

## ANNOUNCEMENTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE

If you would like an announcement placed in the Sunday bulletin, please submit it by 10:00 am on the previous Wednesday. The office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. Announcements that are in printed form may be mailed, sent through e-mail to [stjames\\_sport@att.net](mailto:stjames_sport@att.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@att.net](mailto:stjames_sport@att.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, Rite 1 8:30am*

*followed by Coffee Hour and donuts in the Parish Hall*

*Sunday School, on hiatus in the summer*

*Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 with music 11:00am*

*Wednesday—Holy Eucharist Rite 2, 10am*



## **ST. JAMES CONTINUES TO FEED THE COMMUNITY**

Thanks to everyone for their concerns about the food in the kitchen. After consulting with Kathy Watkins and the very active Outreach Committee, St. James has entered into a ministry relationship with Common Ground. Perishables collected from Pizza Hut, such as mushrooms, lettuce, and tomatoes are used to feed under-served adults and children.

Also, another source of perishable food became available through Target, with Barry Taylor as our connection, and will be distributed through both St. James' ministries and Common Ground. We now have two sources of food items which would be otherwise thrown out (but are not spoiled). Teamed with the St. James' Garden Ministry and Filling in the Gaps Ministry, St. James continues to use the gift of hospitality in many amazing ways.

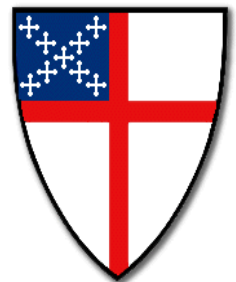


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We will continue to deliver food to Green Oaks High School throughout the summer, as they have programming year-round. Times for delivery have changed, though. Instead of 2pm, we now need to have pizzas to the school by 10am on Thursday morning. We are actively seeking volunteers to help with this vital ministry.

Thanks to the Outreach Committee who works tirelessly and with little acknowledgment to champion a wide range of ministries, they take God's love from St. James out into our community!

Praising God's Abundance,  
*Margaret+*



**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.