

The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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June 15, 2016

July 19-21
VBS
6:30-8pm



July 24
St. James Day
Rite 2 Eucharist
10am
Potluck picnic
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The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Jacob
Owensby

Rector:
The Search is On

Organist/Choir Director:
Kaye Crichlow

Nursery:
Rhonda Robertson

Parish Administrator::
Jnanne Zepeda

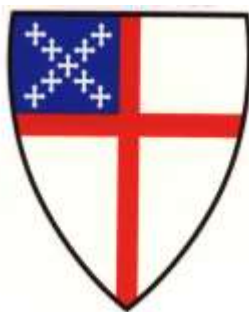
2015 Vestry:
Brian Whatley (17)— Sr.
Warden
Mike Endicott (19)— Jr.
Warden

Members:

Chris Bienvenu (17)
Sissy Brown (18)
Kathy Deal (17)
Rory Fitzpatrick (17)
Karen McDonald (18)
Ken Murphy (19)
Pat Parker (18)
David Scott (19)

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

During the first half of June the Search Committee at St. James received a number of portfolios from the Diocese of potential rector candidates. Due to the canonical requirements of how a search is conducted, the committee is not able to share the names or other identifying information about the individuals on the list with the parish. They are, however, currently following the guidelines set out for the next stage of the search process.

Of the identified potential rector candidates, we should anticipate that one or more may have already accepted calls to lead another parish. Of the remaining candidates, there will be some who may seem a very good fit. Those people will be pursued, and, as the Search Committee is able to share information, they plan to do so.

As of now, we must trust them to do what we have asked of them: seek a rector who will be the right spiritual leader for our parish. The Search Committee's ultimate recommendations to Vestry will not be based on any one factor--cost, age, size of prior or current congregation, or their loyalty to the Saints or LSU. They will, however, do their best to ensure St. James moves forward with a rector who is believed to have the most potential to fill the needs of our parish and for dedication to helping us share Christ's message and love.



"The search committee is interviewing prospective pastors, Mrs. Hepburn, not prospective preachers."

Pizza and Family Game Night



Twenty people attended the June 3, 2016 Family Game Night... not a bad turn-out for the first Dinner and Game Night of 2016.



The next Family Game Night will be July 1, 2016. Come join us for a picnic dinner and games.
-Kathy Deal

THE GOOD STEWARDS

We look around the Parish Hall and see so many changes taking place regarding the kitchen upgrade. It is easy to recognize the hard work Matt Parker is putting into the job, employing his knowledge and skills in many ways. He has done the bulk of the building and electrical work alone, and we are very thankful for his willingness to do so. Matt would be the first person to point out that others have also participated in this endeavor. Unfortunately, the number of parishioners involved in this project are too numerous to mention, but here is a partial list of what has been done to assist Matt in the work he is accomplishing:

- Somebody had to physically move all the items from the nursery—and later return them.
- Somebody had to remove appliances and accept shipments of even heavier appliances, and get them into the building.
- Several hands have helped clean up the work site in preparation for various events in the Parish Hall, whether weekly services or unplanned receptions.
- Other professionals have provided hands-on assistance in the building process itself.
- Parishioners have arranged and rearranged items in the Parish Hall to work around the various events we have planned.

The people who have jumped in and offered their services, whether skilled or unskilled, have done so because they believe in the final product. St. James is looking forward to being able to provide food for a larger number of people than ever before, and our members are aware that one man cannot do this alone—although he sure has proven an ability to carry the largest share of the burden. Thanks to Matt and to all the others who have supported the kitchen upgrade project.

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.



Special thanks to Debbie Fitzpatrick and Kathy Watkins for their work in keeping the Outreach Donation area of the Parish Hall accessible and easy to use.

June 15, 2016

MASS ON THE GRASS

TRINITY SUNDAY



Although the service was not actually held "on the grass" this year, St. James enjoyed a day of sunshine under the portico in the east parking lot as we celebrated Trinity Sunday at a combined 10am service. After Eucharist was

shared, we dined together pot-luck style in the Parish Hall, reveling in the construction underway around us. What a wonderful way to welcome spring, prepare for summer, and celebrate the season of Pentecost!



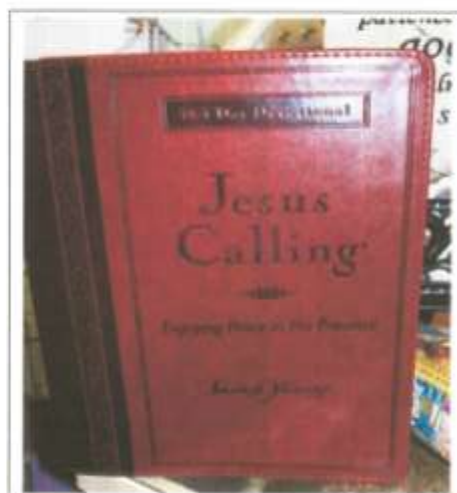
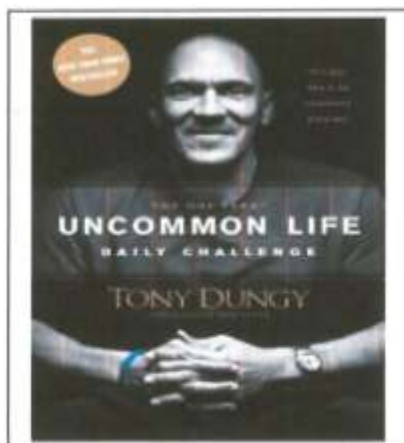


St. Paul's Gift Shop

275 Southfield Road, Shreveport, LA 71105
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**Visit us to find a
great gift for
your special guy!**

June 19th



THE MISSION CONTINUES...

What is a mission? Taking the van out to a location and offering health services to a community. With our mission to serve the under-served communities in the rural and urban areas of Northwest Louisiana, we visit some sites on a regular basis, and others on occasion. Following are those missions currently scheduled for the rest of June and for July. Check our website for further information: stlukesmedicalministry.org

June 19,	10am to noon,	Hope House,	Shreveport
July 1,	9am to 11am,	Higher Ground Food Pantry,	Mansfield
July 2,	9am to noon,	Save-a-Lot Grocery,	Minden
July 6,	1pm to 3pm,	Love Well,	Shreveport
July 7,	3pm to 5pm,	Hope Connection,	Shreveport
July 10,	4pm to 6pm,	Christ the King Catholic Church,	Bossier City
July 13,	8:30am to 10am,	Providence House,	Shreveport
July 13,	10am to noon,	Hope House,	Shreveport
July 14,	4:30pm to 6:15pm,	Highland Center,	Shreveport
July 16,	7:30am to 9am,	Food Bank,	Vivian
July 16,	9:30am to 11am,	Food Bank,	Oil City
July 17,	10am to noon,	Hope House,	Shreveport
July 20,	3:30pm to 5:30pm,	Hope Connection,	Shreveport
July 21,	4:45pm to 6:30pm,	Common Ground Ministry,	Shreveport

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Ethan Geoghagan's name, and
therefore his e-mail address, are
misspelled in the parish directory.

Please add the missing letter:
Ethan.Geoghagan@gmail.com



The Single's Connection

to . . .

- Fellowship
- Entertainment
- Worship
- Ministry

All singles
(divorced,
single by choice,
and widowed)
are welcome!



Our Logo, a seagull in flight, it's wing intersected with a cross, represents single adults on the solo flight performing alone with grace and skill; soaring to wider perspectives. Whenever this logo appears, it offers the assurance that the ministries and programs under its sponsorship carry the theological, spiritual, psychological and philosophical training and foundation of Solo Flight: Catch the Vision, the national research, development, training and consulting entity for ministry with single adults in the Episcopal Church.

We come together to support each other through:

1. Fellowship

Monthly meetings are held either in a member's home or in a church. We meet on the second Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

2. Entertainment

Monthly outings are planned by the group. These have included boat trips, restaurant dinners, attending plays, line dancing, a day at the race track, ballgames, etc.

We come together to support the community through ministry:

Activities have included

- "A Walk in the Park" for the Rescue Mission
- toys for children at LSUHSC
- participation in G.U.M.B.O.
- participation in Relay for Life
- participation in Public Radio fund drives
- provide socks, personal items for patients at VA Hospital and Nursing Home

For additional information:

Alice Sanders – 929-2490
or
Anne Widiger at 635-3009

Solo Flight is sponsored by the Episcopal Church and is open to all persons regardless of their faith choices.

The local chapter is based at St. Matthias Church, at the corner of Lakeshore Dr. and St. Matthias Dr.
Tel: 635-5354

See opposite for more details.

Fill out the form below and send it to St. Matthias if you would like to join.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Mail to:
Solo Flight at St. Matthias Church
3301 St. Matthias Drive
Shreveport, LA 71119

St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	W
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July 1 Game Night, Picnic Night, 6:30 PM-
 July 19- 21 Vacation Bible School, 6:30PM- 8PM
 July 24 – St. James Day, Youth Sunday, 10 AM Service,
 Picnic and outdoor fun

3 <i>Rev'd Rowena White</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	4  4th of July	5 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Robbie Carroway	6 10 am H w/
10 <i>Rev'd Richard Taylor</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	11	12 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Suzy Adcock Paxton Gunner Thornhill	13 10 am H w/ HAPPY Morga
17 <i>Rev'd Paula Clair Hall</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II HAPPY BIRTHDAY Susan Bryant	18	19 <div>Vacation Bible</div>	20 10 am) w/
24 <i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> ST JAMES DAY YOUTH SUNDAY 10 AM Service	25 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JoAnne David B J Prichard	26	27 10 am H w/ HAPPY Abig
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		<i>The 7th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<i>The 8th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<i>The 9th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
		<i>Rev'd Rowena White</i>	<i>Rev'd Richard Taylor</i>	<i>Rev'd Paula Claire Hall</i>
		<i>JULY 3</i>	<i>JULY 10</i>	<i>JULY 17</i>
LECTIONARY		<i>Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-8 Galatians 6:7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-9 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37</i>	<i>Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42</i>
VESTRY PERSON		MIKE ENDICOTT	DAVID SCOTT	KEN MURPHY
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	8:30 11:00	Janie Parker Ken Murphy	Ron Maberry Brian Whatley	Janie Parker Dan Bennett
LAY READER	11:00	Dan Bennett	Ken Murphy	Brian Whatley
LECTORS	8:30 11:00	Debbie Fitzpatrick Karen McDonald	Lynette van Heerden Kathleen Calhoun	Betty Langhorst Debbie Fitzpatrick
ACOLYTES	8:30 11:00	Melanie Winkler Austin Shelton	Melanie Winkler Mason Garner	Kelly Parker Austin Shelton
ALTAR GUILD		Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson	Janie Parker Linda Endicott	Janie Parker Linda Endicott
USHERS	8:30 11:00	Debbie Fitzpatrick Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton	Pat Parker Sissy Brown Sara Lewis	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton
MASTER OF CEREMONIES VERGER		Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott

Outreach News

Thanks to the many parishioners who have already plucked tags from the Angel Tree in the narthex. The items listed on the yellow tags will be donated to Gingerbread House, a new focus of our Outreach Ministry. This local charitable organization is dedicated to helping heal children who have been abused. Following is a quote from their website, giving a description of their services:

The Gingerbread House Bossier/Caddo Children's Advocacy Center is a community-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that began serving abused children in 1998. The Center works in close collaboration with local law enforcement, child protective services, the district attorney's offices, and medical and mental health professionals to provide the best possible services for abused children and their families.

The Gingerbread House coordinates interviews and investigations with the referring agencies and other professionals from the initial screening to the final disposition of the case. The Center assists in gathering evidence and documenting the victim's verbal testimony, which is necessary for criminal prosecution and related proceedings. Through the Center's advocacy program, child victims and their families are prepared for the criminal justice process in such a way that prevents further victimization. The Gingerbread House provides mental health interventions for child victims and their non-offending family members, so that the healing process can begin.

All services are provided at no cost to the victim's family or referring agency.

In addition to the services provided for child abuse victims, the Gingerbread House provides training opportunities for professionals working in the field of child abuse, as well as community education regarding child abuse and its prevention.

New Nursery Space Emerges Due to Kitchen Renovation Project



Rhonda Robertson's Facebook Page

"Thank you so much Denise Garrett Shelton and Austin for moving toys back into the nursery!

Thanks to Austin and Mason for moving the toys out!

Thank you Janie Robertson Parker and Kelly McCain Parker for all the cleaning (even on your hands and knees)!

And thank you, Matthew Parker, for your awesome renovations (and shelves)!

I hope I haven't left anyone off my 'thank you' list!

Benton and I are both glad it's 'not broken' anymore."



The renovation of the kitchen has resulted in a smaller, but more open, space for the nursery. Rhonda is excited about redesigning the layout of the nursery, but most excited about Matt providing some built in shelves, with cubby holes, which will accommodate a multitude of items.

~Kathy Deal

Update!!!

Matt has installed two cubbyhole shelving units. He still needs to take them down for painting, but they have met, or exceeded Rhonda's expectations. Madelyn's diaper bag fits perfectly, as do some of the plastic storage bins and books. Several people walking by gave the improvements a thumbs up.





JUANITA JORDAN MAGEE

A TRIBUTE TO OUR NITA

‘LIFT HIGH THE CROSS’

The woman who many considered the Matriarch of St. James Episcopal Church has died at the age of 95. Her long life was filled with devotion to God and the inspiration to bring others the peace and joy of knowing Jesus Christ and His love for all of us. Since she was confirmed at St. James in February of 1958, she has been a faithful, active and gifted parishioner of our church. She has given fifty-eight years of service to God, to His and our church and to her fellow men and women. We owe her an unpayable debt of gratitude, and I know she is finding her reward in Heaven sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to His words.

Nita was born on January 8, 1921, in Natchitoches, LA to Royce “Red” and Adelina Jordan and passed away on May 19, 2016. Nita was brought up mainly by her grandmother in a strict Catholic family. I believe she found the Episcopal church more open minded in terms of church doctrine and belief, and so she joined St. James in 1958. Nita was involved in nearly every aspect of church life, not only involved, she was a leader in whatever activity she undertook. At St. James she was the first member of the Daughters of the King; in fact, the first president when the group formed at St. James. She was a faithful Eucharistic Visitor and Lay Eucharistic Minister into her 90’s as well as a member of the Altar Guild.

Nita’s greatest gift, however, was teaching Sunday School to children of all ages as well as adults. Not only was she the most knowledgeable person I have ever known concerning the Bible, but she could also explain and interpret her lessons so well that all could understand. I remember a church member telling me once that someone had disagreed with Nita on a Biblical point. “Who would disagree with Nita?”, she said. I laughed and replied: “Oh, well, we know Nita was right!” Nita was an avid reader and self-taught student of the Bible.

In ancient cultures we read of “the Wise Woman” who was a healer, a counselor, as well as a purveyor of knowledge and wisdom. Nita was our own Wise Woman. Many would go to her for counseling, for help with their life issues. So many have told me how much help Nita was to them in their time of need. Her advice was always couched in prayer, in Biblical terms. “What would Jesus do” became a popular slogan a few years ago, but believe me, Nita was far ahead of that slogan, always bringing Christ into the equation. We all felt that if Nita prayed with you and for you, you were assured of a direct line to Heaven!

When Nita’s cat “Yellow Cat” was ill a few months ago, Nita was so worried about him. So worried that she asked Teresa Thrash and later, me, to pray for him. I had never prayed for an animal before, but I was willing to try. “His eye is on the sparrow,” right? I am so glad to report that “Yellow Cat” is doing well and has a new home with an employee of Brook Dale.

Browsing among Nita’s books that her family gave to St. James, I came across a beautiful book of poems by Helen Steiner Rice entitled Someone Cares. It was given to Nita in May of 1982 by the St. James Family, perhaps as an acknowledgement of her Sunday School teaching.

The inscription reads: “Nita, there are very few people in this life that have the gift that you possess. This is your ability to inspire with faith; your ability to express into words what all of us feel in our hearts. This is but a small token of our deep love and appreciation for all that you have done for the Parish.” So beautiful, so true!



Nita was preceded in death by her parents, her husband A.L. Magee(Mac) whom I know many of you remember, as well as an infant daughter, Laura Ann. She is survived by two sons, Kenneth and David and their wives as well as her daughter Karen Tiemann and her husband, ten grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. She loved and enjoyed every one of them. Nita loved all the people of St. James, but she loved Teresa Thrash as a family member. Teresa was an especially dear friend to Nita as were Betty Langhorst and Lynette van Heerden. She appreciated their kindnesses so very much.

I visited Nita about a week before she died. We were going out of town to our grandson's college graduation; I was telling her about it and added that I would come back by when we returned. She was rather despondent about the physical therapy she was undergoing so I said: "Let me say a prayer for you before I go," and I did. As I was kissing her cheek before leaving, she said to me: "Mattie, when you get to the Pearly Gates, I'll be there to welcome you." I know you will be, dear Nita! "Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant, Nita, with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting." BCP

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness."

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Mattie Mosley



In memory
and in celebration
of someone
who made
this world
a brighter
and better place.

With Sympathy

We were all so
blessed by Nita's
wisdom, love, and
ministry.

Much love to our
St. James family!
Marty & Michael



A GIFT OF LOVE

With special thanks to Nancy Shaw for all the shirts she sacrificed for the above quilt and to the office at Camp Hardtner for the shirts used in the photo to the right, Jnanne Zepeda constructed two quilts 60" X 72" to hang near the offices in the dining hall at Hardtner Camp and Conference Center. Lois Maberry delivered them when she drove down to attend First Camp on June 2. Arrangements will be made soon to display the quilts. Take a gander the next time you are on the campus. Maybe they will inspire you to help with the remodeling of the rooms at the Holy Day Inn. Contact Camp Hardtner for details regarding how you can help!



Photos courtesy Jnanne Zepeda



Enlarged to show detail, the photo at the right depicts the sign visible from outside nursery window. Thanks to the thoughtful and insightful parishioner who placed this child's toy in such an appropriate place!

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF

Let's stop the hate. While individually we don't have the power to affect much beyond our immediate surroundings and our own behavior, as a group we are mighty. We live our lives as Christians in a world that is not entirely Christian. We live in a world of many people, many religious beliefs, many cultures, many customs. Absolutely none of us—at least as adults—believe we live in a vacuum, where everything is rosy all the time or where everyone agrees with us.

As Christians we have been directed to, "love one another." The Gospel of John uses that exact phrase four times, quoting Jesus:

- I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. *John 13:34*
- 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 15:12*
- I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. *John 15:17*

In three of the Gospels Jesus commands us to, "love your neighbor as yourself":

- Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' *Matthew 19:19*
- And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." *Matthew 22:39*
- The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' *Mark 12:31*
- He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' *Luke 10:27*

Jesus didn't tell his disciples to only love one another. Nor were they instructed to only love other Christians. His directives are commandments, not just suggestions. The very heart of Christianity requires us to put effort into loving everyone. Jesus didn't just hang out with those who were exactly like him in culture, beliefs, class, or anything else. He spent time with the outcasts of society. He ate with the pariahs. He dared to break the Sabbath laws by healing during the prescribed time of rest. He requires the same of us.

We have been sent out into the world to spread God's healing love. We can't do that by arming ourselves literally and figuratively against those whom we don't understand. We can't do that by only discussing life with those who agree with us. We can't do that by refusing safe haven to those in need, declining to feed the hungry, allowing the naked to remain unclothed, or hiding behind our piety and refusing to get our hands dirty.

Love is not a clean, simple action. It is messy and difficult. It places our hearts in danger of being hurt—and sometimes our bodies, as well. And it is worth the risk. We each need to choose how we can best follow God's plan for us. We each have our own path, and if we are to stay on the path Jesus laid out, we will be setting out to accomplish a lot of loving. There are myriad people in our lives who can benefit from our love, many whom we may never actually meet. If we start by teaching our children to love others, despite their differences, we are on the right track. If we raise a new generation of Christians who see the power of reaching out a helping hand to those who are not exactly like us, based on the behavior we have modeled, we are following the path Jesus trod.

Do "they know we are Christians by our love"? (*Peter Scholtes and Carolyn Arends FEL Publications 1966*)

Please join together to demonstrate that the Episcopal Church welcomes everyone—even those who are not Episcopalians—even those who are not Christians—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@comcast.net, or dropped at the parish office.

Newsletter deadline: March 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

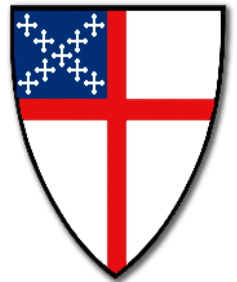


OUR GARDENING EFFORTS PAYING OFF

The little Althea tree by the playground is not yet big enough to provide much shade to the children, but it has produced as many blossoms as it can possibly sprout on each branch. With the loving care BJ Pritchard is offering all our flowering plants, it is no wonder they are all doing so well this spring, and summer looks to become just as bountiful. We are already sharing cucumbers and beans from the garden with those who stop by the office and with our friends next door at Summerfield Estates. Come and enjoy God's beautiful blooms.



Photos
courtesy
Kathy Dael



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.