

# The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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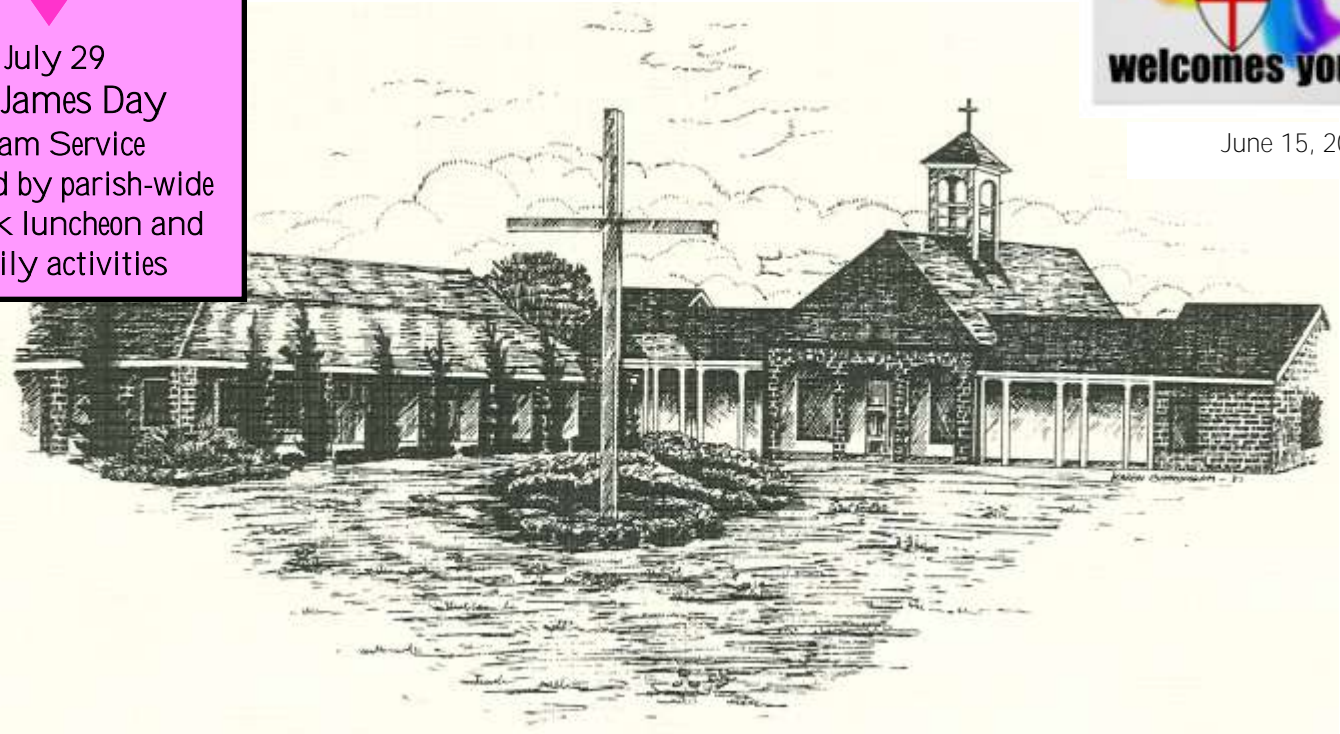


June 15, 2018

June 24, 25, 26  
Vacation Bible School  
6:00-8:00pm



July 29  
St. James Day  
10am Service  
Followed by parish-wide  
pot luck luncheon and  
family activities



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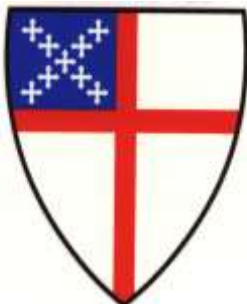
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# A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



Hello St. James Family,

I have been talking with Canon John Bedingfield from the **Bishop's office about scheduling dates for him to come up to St. James so you can have an opportunity to speak to him about your hopes and concerns for this parish. We are starting out with three dates, and if the demand is high, we will add additional dates.**

The three dates that Canon John will be in Shreveport will be:  
Saturday, June 16,  
Tuesday, June 19, and  
Thursday, June 28.

The meetings will start at 10 am, and the appointments will be in 30 minute blocks going from 10 am until 1:30 pm. Canon John will have an hour lunch from 1:30 pm until 2:30 pm. He then will resume meeting with us from 2:30 pm until 8 pm.

You do not have to use all 30 minutes, but please be mindful of the time, as there will be people waiting behind you, and if you go over the 30 minutes, it will delay all the meetings after yours.

If you are retired, or otherwise can rearrange your schedule to meet with Canon John on either Tuesday, June 19, or Wednesday, June 28, please do so, so that the people who cannot get time off from work during the week can sign up for the slots on Saturday, June 16.

Please call Jnanne in the church office at 686-1261 to sign up. Finally, please sign up sooner rather than later, because if we need to add more dates, we need to find that out as soon as possible.

In Christ,  
*David Scott*



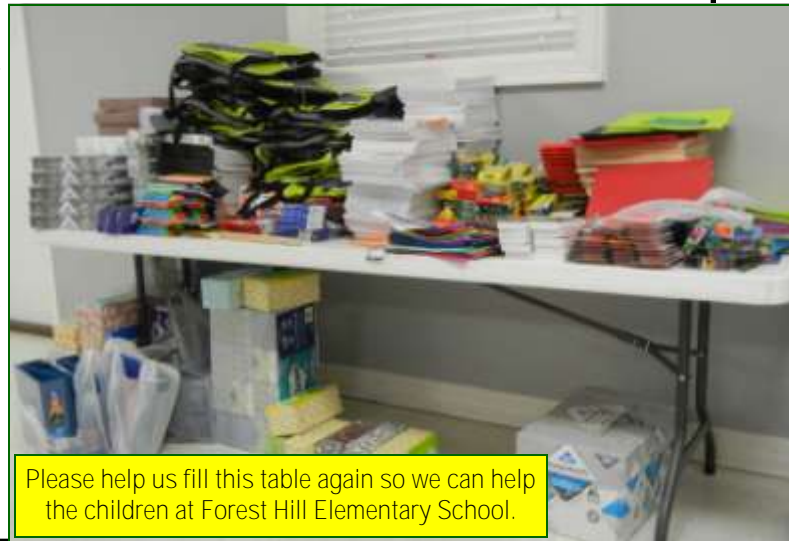


## Outreach News

Check out the Angel Tree in the Narthex. Tags currently on the tree reflect those items we need to stuff into backpacks for Forest Hill Elementary School by the end of July. Our goal is to completely fill five packs per grade (for a total of thirty backpacks) with all the items on the school supply list for the academic year 2018-19. We also plan to provide many of the items requested for the special education classrooms—which are additional items a child who may happen to be in those classes will need. Those items will be presented to the Special Ed teachers in a box for distribution as needed, since we have no way of knowing which individual backpacks would require any of those items. Please, pull tags from the tree, buy the items listed on the tags, and deposit them on the table in the Parish Hall next to the Outreach donation bins. We need all items to be here by July 15 so Outreach has time to inventory and obtain anything that is missing. We plan to fill the backpacks after the luncheon on St. James Day, July 29, so they will be ready and at the school before classes begin.

**No need to buy backpacks.** Outreach has already purchased packs with the name of the school printed on them, so each child will receive an identical one.

Anyone who wishes to make monetary donations to Outreach to help fund the purchase of those supplies still needing to be picked up (after donations are in the Parish Hall) are encouraged to do so. Just leave your contribution in the offering plate with a note designating it for the Backpack Program or drop your donation by the parish office during business hours. Thanks in advance to everyone who helps with this vital ministry. Let us do our part to help the children in Southern Hills stay competitive in the classroom!



Please help us fill this table again so we can help the children at Forest Hill Elementary School.



Dear St. James  
Outreach,  
Thank you so very much  
for your contribution of  
gift cards to both the Dollars  
& the Days! They are  
struggling with the cancer  
fight & were very grateful  
to receive tokens that make  
their lives a little easier.  
Trey, Alex & I appreciate  
you!  
Yours Truly,  
Candi

# THE GOOD STEWARDS

Thank-you to David Scott for all he is doing to keep everything organized and on-track at St. James. The job of Senior Warden takes on considerably more responsibility in the absence of a rector, and David is demonstrating an **ability to juggle all the plates without breaking any**. Let's make the effort to assist him in whatever ways he needs us to maintain a stable, welcoming, and loving parish.

Thanks to Debbie Fitzpatrick for her work in seeking out priests to supply for St. James for the upcoming Sunday and Wednesday services. We realize there are a shortage of priests in the diocese and ours is not the only parish currently without a rector. The clergy in our area are busy with previous commitments and are helping us as they are able. While we may get to enjoy Morning Prayer services together sometimes, we rejoice in the fact that we are able to do this, that our prayer book provides us with **alternate worship services that don't require a priest**, and that we live in a country where we are free to worship as we prefer. Thanks, Debbie, for helping us to have Eucharistic services as frequently as possible.

We appreciate all Kathy Watkins is doing to keep the Outreach ministries going. She is keeping track of the ways we share the Harvest Ministry foods, being certain we have sufficient for each of the places where we send items. She is organizing the Backpack Program that we provide to Forest Hill Elementary each academic year. She is actively involved with several aspects of the work at Hope House. And she does each of these things on behalf of St. James. Thanks Kathy, for representing us so amazingly well!

Thank-you to Linda Endicott for continuing to proof-read the Sunday and Wednesday bulletins and the monthly newsletters. Linda and her daughter, Candi Gibson, took on this task several months ago, and their help has proved invaluable and is very much appreciated by the office personnel.

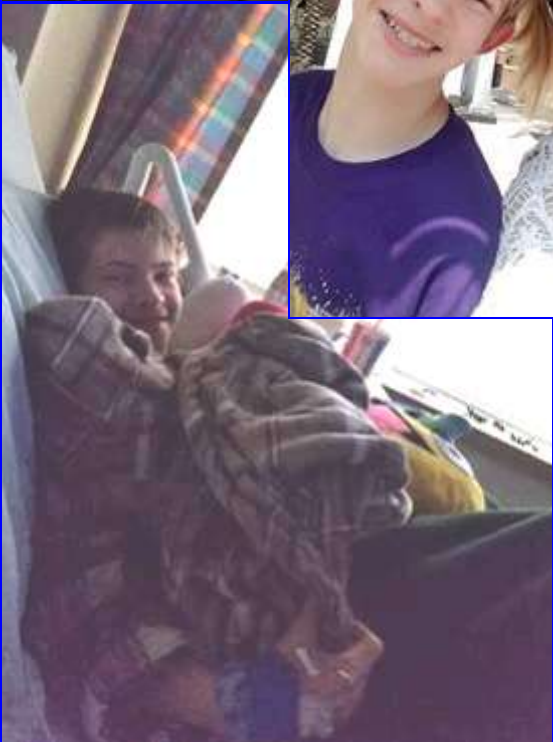
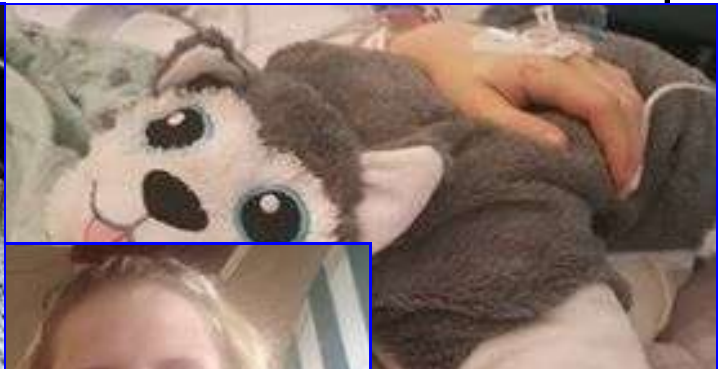
These are some of the ways that St. James makes use of the time and talents of our parishioners as we strive to be good stewards toward each other and our community.



# *Thank-you, St. James!*

Hey sorry I haven't been good at updates..... Jacob is doing great.... they went ahead and released us Tuesday, May 22, and we found a room in New Orleans and slept for 14hrs..... his iron was low so they changed his meds, potassium levels did come up so they took him off that..... he has extra heart beats in his upper chambers so they sent us home with a mobile EKG but we got to take that off, still a little fluid around left lung but is improved..... Jacob is feeling better.... took us 8 hrs to drive to Shreveport so that he could stop and use the bathroom but he made the drive back in good spirits..... crashed after filling his scripts and we both just got up and started moving.... the trip left him a little sore but overall he's acting like his normal self.... I would like to say thank you to everyone for all of your help and prayers..... Jacob and I love our St. James family and have felt blessed to have found you all those years ago. Your support over these last few months has been a blessing in so many ways and I can never express how thankful and grateful I am to have all of you !

—*Kristen King*





# Clay Shoot Fundraiser Benefits St. Luke's Medical Ministry

The 2nd Annual Sporting Clays Event was held at Los Paloma Sporting Range and Event Center June 9, 2018.

Proceeds from the event went to St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry.



Husband and wife team were top male and female shooters.



Seven teams, with a total of seventeen people, participated in the Second Annual Sporting Clays Event.



St. Luke's received additional funds with the purchasing of Jambalaya dinners, and raffle tickets for some very nice donated gifts.

~Kathy Deal



Top youth shooter.

# 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.

Please join us for  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
6-8pm  
July 24, 25, & 26  
As we work on  
**GROWING GOD'S GARDEN**  
Our joint venture with  
**Central Christian Church**  
will focus on John 15:1, 2, 5, & 7

Children ages 2 and up are invited to participate. We need volunteers to help with this ministry, so please be thinking about how you can contribute to making this VBS as special as all the previous ones have been.

# St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<b>1</b> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 
<b>8</b> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10 am E w/ The Rev'
<b>15</b> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 10AM DOK Meeting 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	<b>16</b> HAPPY ANNIVERSARY John Alex & Brittany Kellogg  HAPPY BIRTHDAY Marjorie Martin	<b>17</b>  HAPPY BIRTHDAY Susan Bryant	<b>18</b> 10 am E w/ The Rev'
<b>22</b> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II The Rev'd Andrew Comeaux  HAPPY BIRTHDAY Sissy Brown	<b>23</b>  HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Jimmy & Kathy Deal	<b>24</b> Vacation Bible Sch	<b>25</b> 10 am E w/ The Rev'  HAPPY JoA BJ
<b>29</b> <i>Celebration of            ST JAMES DAY            10 AM Service            Potluck lunch            games &amp; children's activities            on the lawn            The Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i>	<b>30</b>  HAPPY BIRTHDAY Candi Gibson	<b>31</b>	







*The 6<sup>th</sup> Day  
After Pentecost*

*The 7<sup>th</sup> Day  
After Pentecost*

*The 8<sup>th</sup> Day  
After Pentecost*

The ministry schedule is set so that if a priest is scheduled for a service, we have people to fill each role. If we do not have a priest, we will share Morning Prayer and ask that those scheduled for the altar party work out who will take responsibility for leading the service. Efforts to schedule a priest even after this is printed will continue.

*JULY 1*

*JULY 8*

*JULY 15*

<b>LECTIONARY</b>		<i>2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43</i>	<i>2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13</i>	<i>2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29</i>
<b>VESTRY PERSON</b>		<b>MATT PARKER</b>	<b>CURTIS SHELTON</b>	<b>DEBBIE FITZPATRICK</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	<i>8:30 11:00</i>	Janie Parker Brian Whatley	Lynnette van Heerden Ron Maberry	Janie Parker Dan Bennett
<b>LAY READER</b>	<i>11:00</i>	Ken Murphy	Bert Babington	Ken Murphy
<b>LECTORS</b>	<i>8:30 11:00</i>	Chelsea Maielli Sissy Brown	Debbie Fitzpatrick David Scott	Pat Parker Julie Eason
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<i>8:30 11:00</i>	Melanie Winkler Austin Shelton	Kelly Parker Jan Jones	Melanie Winkler Austin Shelton
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>		Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson	Janie Parker Chelsea Maielli Linda Endicott	Janie Parker Chelsea Maielli Linda Endicott
<b>USHERS</b>	<i>8:30 11:00</i>	Pat Parker Betty McDonald Mary Taylor	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Sissy Brown	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor
		<b>No July 4, Wednesday service</b>	<b>July 11, Wednesday service The Rev'd Rowena White</b>	<b>July 18, Wednesday service The Rev'd Rowena White</b>

Any time you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement or advise the Vestry Person of the Day.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

The mailing address for the  
Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana has changed to:  
PO Box 4330  
Pineville, LA 71361

New diocesan e-mail addresses are:  
bishopjake@epiwl.org for Bishop Jake Owensby  
canonjohn@epiwl.org for Canon John Bedingfield  
kathy@epiwl.org for Kathy Richey, Missioner for Administration and Finance  
holly@epiwl.org for Holly Davos, Missioner for Administration and Communications  
joy@epiwl.org for Joy Owensby, Missioner for Christian Formation

# CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF ST. JAMES

Every year as summer begins the number of people attending services dwindles. Parishioners take vacations, visit family and friends, and fill their weekends with activities that make it more difficult to attend every week. And while some have made their pledging easy on themselves by having checks sent directly from their banks to St. James, others prefer to place their contributions directly into the Sunday offering basket when they are present. Here is where we stand regarding our present income:

deposits through June 10, 2018, include the following:

pledges	\$62,133.00	48.45% of total amount pledged; 43.84% of the year has passed
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loose plate	767.00
contributions	<u>8,145.00</u>
total	71,045.00

miscellaneous	708.36
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<b>total</b>	<b>\$71,753.36</b>	<b>36.33% of anticipated income; 36.65% of anticipated expenses</b>
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BELOW ARE THE NUMBERS WE REPORTED IN THE JUNE 2017 ISSUE OF *THE SPIRIT OF ST. JAMES*.

deposits through June 11, 2017, include the following:

pledges	\$58,131.00	47.48% of total amount pledged; 44.36% of the year has passed
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loose plate	1,144.00
contributions	<u>14,893.00</u>
total	74,168.00

Miscellaneous	1,623.79
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<b>total</b>	<b>\$75,791.79</b>	<b>37.15% of anticipated income; 38.30% of anticipated expenses</b>
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For those who wish to track their donations to St. James, mid-year contribution statements are available in the Narthex. We do not mail mid-year statements, as they are not bills and are not suitable documents for taxes. We make statements available again around the beginning of December for those who wish to track their giving. At the end of the calendar year we print Contribution Statements that are suitable for use when filing taxes. These are placed in the Narthex until the Annual Meeting. Any still here after the Annual Meeting are mailed out.

# FAMILY GAME NIGHT



The first family game night of the summer was more sparsely-attended than previous years, with thirteen participants (as opposed to twenty to forty each time over the last few summers). We are hoping that as the summer progresses more folk will remember how much fun they had and find the time to join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun. We brown-bagged it and enjoyed the left-over tacos from the Family Movie Night the evening before—then settled into games of Dominoes, Scrabble, Poker, and Tsuro.

The sign-up sheet for the next Game Night on June 22 is in the Parish Hall, ready for you to add your name.

June 15, 2018



May 29, 2018

Dear Friends,

The Diocesan Convention for 2018 will be an abbreviated, one-day meeting. You will receive more detailed information about Convention under separate cover, but for now please note that the date of Convention 2018 is Saturday, November 3. We will gather in Pineville at Country Inn and Suites. Quite early that day we will celebrate a simple said Eucharist at Mount Olivet, anticipating a smaller-than-usual attendance.

The reason for an abbreviated meeting is that, starting in 2019, Diocesan Convention will occur each year on the first Friday and Saturday of Lent. There are several reasons for this, but the most important is that it will positively **affect congregations' ability to determine their pledge to the Diocese on the basis of a completed annual fund** process in the preceding autumn. Additionally, we will avoid conflicts with football and Mardi Gras celebrations. Alas, no date will avoid all conflicts or fail to impose inconvenience on someone. This is the best imperfect date we could find.

As usual, this summer you will receive notice of elections to be held in November. You will also receive notice that 2019 congregational pledges to the Diocese will be due in early January. The Diocesan Council will vote on a provisional budget to continue Diocesan operations until the Convention votes.

With the 2019 Convention our schedule will return to two days and will once again include a festive Eucharist. Our plan is to hold the 2019 Convention in Alexandria.

Blessings to you all.

Faithfully,

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





### **First Camp**

*for campers going into grades 2 and 3 with their parents*

First Camp is for campers going on to grades 2 and 3, along with their parents. This two-night session introduces campers and their parent or guardian to a taste of summer camping life at Hardtner. Campers stay in cabins with their counselors and cabin mates and begin creating bonds that can last a lifetime. Parents also stay in cabins separate from their little campers, but are encouraged to participate fully in the daily activities.

June 1-3, \$200

### **Senior High Camp**

*for campers going into grades 11, 12, or graduating this spring. This seven-night session takes everything*

*we do at camp and rolls it into one action packed week. These campers continue to learn leadership, friendship, responsibility,*

*and the love of God during this session. The cost is \$675 per camper and includes registration, meals, canteen, milk and cookies, camp t-shirt, and camp picture.*

June 7-14, \$675



## Summer Camp Registration is now underway!

### **Primary Camp**

*for campers going into grades 4, 5, and 6. This five-night session is a high energy sprint from start to finish. Campers experience new ways to worship, experience community living and cabin life, and build friendships, all wrapped up in games, activities, and songs. The cost is \$475 per camper and includes registration, meals, canteen, milk and cookies, camp t-shirt, and camp picture.*

June 18-23, \$475

### **Junior High Camp**

*for campers going into grades 6, 7, and 8*

This six-night session expands the Primary Camp model by offering more age appropriate activities, exploration of spirituality, and all the fun of summer camp. The cost for this camp session is \$575 per camper and includes registration, meals, canteen, milk and cookies, camp t-shirt, and camp picture.

June 27-July 3, \$575

### **Middle High Camp**

*for campers going into grades 9, 10, and 11*

*Middle High Camp is for campers going in to grades 9, 10, and 11.*

This six night session is full of traditional camp fun, while focusing on the development of our present and future church leaders. We consider it a great privilege to work with these campers on relationship building, peer issues, and leadership qualities that will carry the Episcopal Church forward in the 21st century.

July 9-15, \$575

### **Camp Able**

*for individuals ages 9 and up with special needs*

Camp Able is specifically designed for persons with special needs. It is not about disabilities, but rather about abilities! Christ has called us to love God and to love our neighbor as He has loved us – without conditions or limits – it is in celebration of that perfect love that we come together at Camp Able.

July 19-23, \$400

Hello St. James family -

Just a reminder... if your children or grandchildren are wanting to attend Camp Hardtner for the summer sessions, please let me or the office know. The ECW has fundraised to provide scholarships that pay 1/2 the tuition!

We need to contact the office at Camp Hardtner with a list of St. James campers, to make arrangements.

God's Love & Peace -

*Tina Caporossi*

# LET US DEMONSTRATE FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

St. James once again finds itself in a transition period between priests and it is time for individuals within the parish to step up and take more active roles in helping the congregation heal and stay together. For many years this parish has been seen by others within the diocese as a leader in some ways, the biggest and most obvious being our approach to outreach. We need to be certain we retain that outlook as we move forward—because the best way to heal ourselves is by reaching out and helping others. **We won't become healthier by retreating within ourselves and looking inward.** We need to continue to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless, and bring the light of Christ into the darkness...and we can't do that by focusing on ourselves.

St. James is a parish worth fighting for. We are not a perfect place; nor are we a group of perfect people. We are flawed like all of humankind, and as such are in a position to understand the flaws and needs of others. By accepting that truth we are able to work toward making the world in which we live a better place for us and for those around us.

Let us practice patience during this time. It is easy to get frustrated and angry because things are not necessarily happening the way we expect or envision, or maybe not at the speed we desire. How we view this has a lot to do with the attitude we choose to have. If we begin this process with the intent to display patience and the desire to work together we will find this transition period to be tolerable. If we begin with attitudes of distress, irritation, and impatience we will soon discover that everything just gets worse. Life in general is molded by our outlook—**let's work together to make** our collective vision unclouded and hopeful.

As Paul told the Corinthians, we need to rely on faith, hope, and love. We need to practice faith, hope, and love. We need to demonstrate faith, hope, and love. We are capable of these things. Let us put them into practice for the long haul—and as we do so, let us not forget that we are members of the Episcopal Church, and as such we welcome all who wish to join us.

—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: July 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*

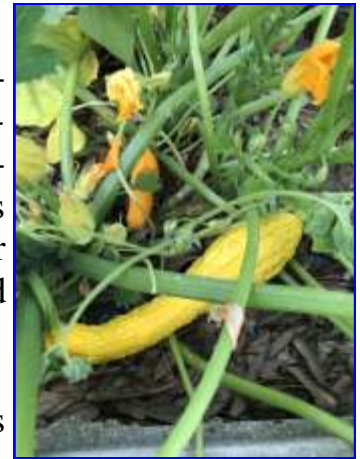
*Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 with music 11:00am*

*Wednesday—Holy Eucharist Rite 2, 10am*

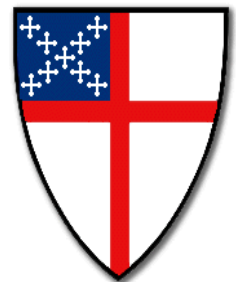


## ROUND TWO BEGINS

The Community Garden is going strong this season, with one exception: the squash bugs seemed to have won round one and our committee is replanting the squash. The plants started out looking wonderful with plentiful blossoms and promising gourds, but the bugs swarmed in and devoured them. At present the garden is treated for pests and we are asked to wait a week or so to pick anything—around June 23. Our gardeners are not the type to give up.



So far we have shared many cucumbers, zucchini, and green beans with our neighbors. Lorain Thrash has taken some to the Meals on Wheels recipients for several weeks, and they have expressed their appreciation. Pat Parker reports the tomatoes are getting big and should be ripe soon.



**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.