

The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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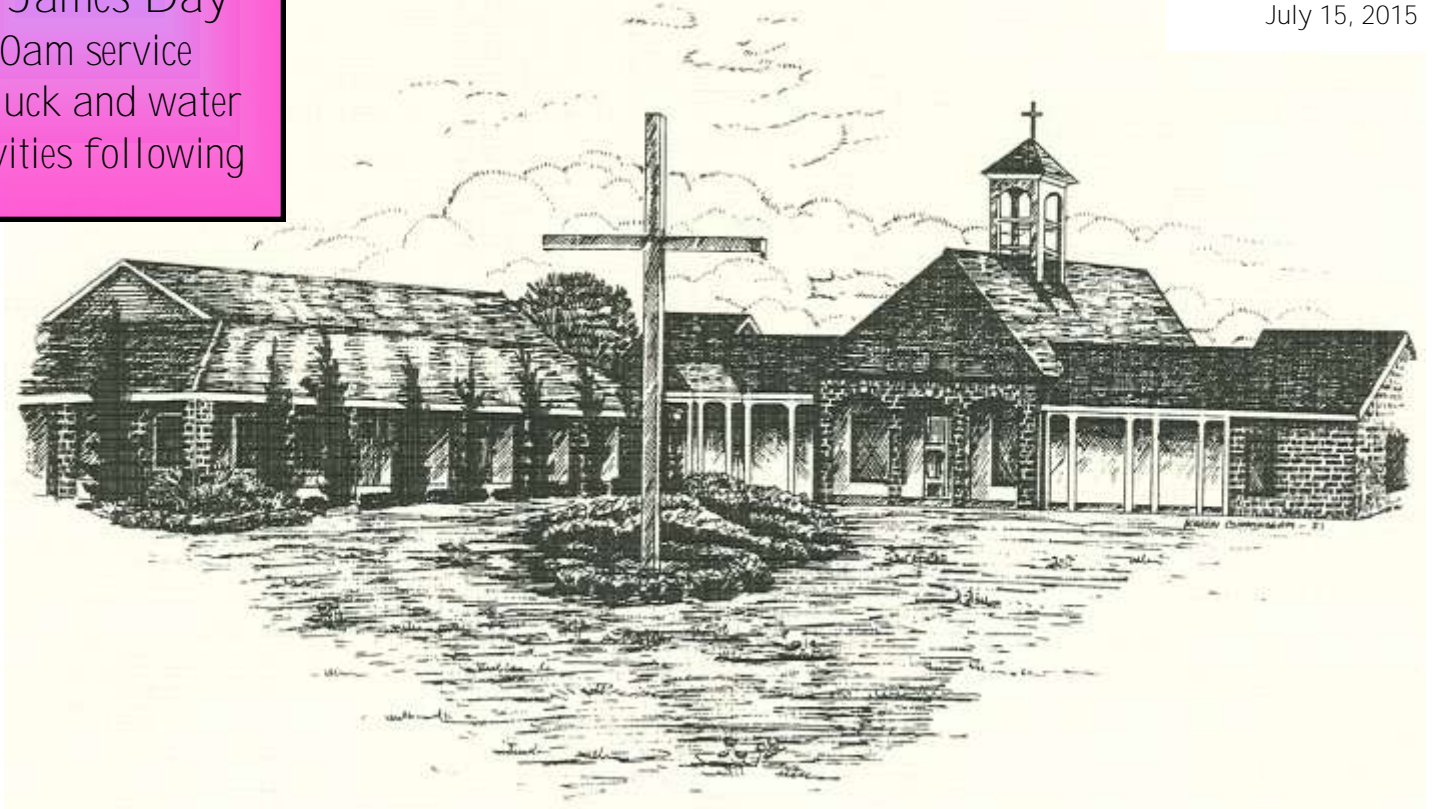


July 21-23
6-8pm
Vacation Bible
School
in the Parish Hall



July 26
St. James Day
10am service
Potluck and water
activities following

July 15, 2015



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A MESSAGE FROM MORGAN

Dear Family of St. James,

While it is no secret to Jnanne or any of my office volunteers that writing newsletter articles is one of my least favorite things, this one has been particularly painful to create. I have thought over the past few weeks – ever since we learned we were leaving – about what I might say to you in my farewell letter. I am still at a loss. How do you sum up almost five years of love and laughter and light? Of ministry and worship and song? Of prayer and tears and struggle? How do I detach myself from this wonderful part of Christ's body I have belonged to? It truly feels like losing a limb.

Many of you have taken the time to tell me about the good I have done for St. James and I am appreciative of your kind words and your well wishes for my future. But now is my chance to tell you all the good St. James has done for me.

When I came to you, October 1, 2010, I was a different priest – a bit greener than I am now, a former part-time assistant who had never been a rector. You welcomed me from the start and as we got to know each other over the months before Eamon's birth it became clear that you all were the community God wanted me to serve. You accepted me though you knew I would make mistakes and when I made them, you were gracious and forgiving. You listened to my crazy ideas and indulged them. You never waved my failures in my face or kept me from dreaming big. You let me into your lives. You gave me a place beside your hospital beds and you let me hold your hands when your loved ones died. You let me bless your children when they were born and baptize them when they were ready. You let me grieve with you when relationships were broken. You let me help you leave certain spaces with dignity and courage and you let me help you return to those spaces again when it was time. You went on VACATION with me and let me relax while I was there (still think that ship will never be the same)! You allowed me the flexibility to be a good mother and a good wife when my family needed me most. You made the Gospel come to life before my eyes in ways I had never before experienced. I learned so much about God and about what it means to be a Christian walking beside you. Not a one of us was ever perfect, but we accomplished some pretty wonderful things together, didn't we?

I leave for my next chapter a better priest and a better person because of how well you loved me and how much you taught me. St. James will always be my family and I will carry the memories we made together in my heart eternally. It has been a blessing to know you and an honor to watch you grow. When I look to the future, I only see good things for St. James, "the best kept secret in the diocese." Only now I think we're not such a secret any more- people know us. I cannot recall the number of times while attending different diocesan functions that I was complimented on our mission and ministry. "How do you do so much," they would always ask. I just told them that my people were some of the most devoted and determined parishioners I have ever met. (Which is a polite way of saying you all are the best without being too loud or offensive about it.) I loved to brag on you all because the example you have set for this diocese is truly remarkable. Keep dreaming big. Keep opening your hearts to our neighbors. Keep finding new ways to be Church in the world. I'll be watching for you, St. James. Know you will always have my prayers.



Blessings,

Morgan +

Outreach News

Look for the new Outreach donation bins in the Parish Hall. The Vestry asked Debbie Fitzpatrick to procure shelves with bins that can be rolled out of the way for Parish Hall events and that will be an organized, aesthetically-pleasing sight each Sunday. The bulletin board above the bins contains information about each of the organizations for whom we collect items. The board will also provide the contact information for each organization and the names of the St. James parishioners who are acting as liaisons. Take time to read about the good things happening in our community—and thanks to all in the parish who promote these agencies and their good works.

The Angel Tree is located in the narthex and it is heavily decorated with tags that detail all the supplies needed to outfit thirty Southern Hills school children with everything they need to begin the 2015 academic year. We are filling five backpacks for each grade (K-5) so the school can distribute them to children whose parents don't have the means to purchase school supplies. Please help us give these children the chance to start the year off at the same footing as their classmates. Take tags from the tree and purchase the items listed. Please return the tags with the items to the designated spot in the Parish Hall before July 26. We plan to have the backpacks delivered to Forest Hills Elementary before school begins on August 11.

YOU CAN HELP UPDATE OUR KITCHEN

Now that we have regular ministries that benefit from our cooking skills, we have a good reason to upgrade the kitchen. With a renovated kitchen we can increase the number of people for whom we provide meals—either for direct delivery or by having frozen meals available in our Parish Hall.

If you would like to ask questions or provide input for this project, please contact any member of the Kitchen Committee: Dave Caporossi, Rhonda Robertson, Lorain Thrash, Jana Kendrick, Keith McDonald, Pat Parker, Matt Parker, and Lonnie Howard..

We hope to raise a minimum of \$5,000 through this campaign. If we do so, an anonymous donor has pledged an additional \$5,000. Another anonymous donor has pledged support, but has not yet told us the amount—it is dependent on what we can raise. AND we plan to apply for a grant through the diocese that would provide a maximum of \$5,000. Of course, there are no guarantees that we would win the grant, so we can't count that money (yet), but let's see what we can accomplish toward upgrading the kitchen so we can expand our ministries.

Please use the enclosed envelope to make a donation to the Kitchen Upgrade Fund. Our Outreach and LDI Committees thank you in advance for aiding their ministries in our community!



"Let this be your first lesson in taking the Word out of context. 'Fighting the Good Fight' does not mean you try to pound on our pastor's three kids."

THE GOOD STEWARDS

Thanks to Debbie Fitzpatrick for obtaining the new cubbies and bins to organize the outreach donation area in the Parish Hall. Thanks also to Tim Fitzpatrick for adding casters to the shelving unit so it can be easily rolled into the closet to make room for special events.

Thanks also to our July breakfast chef, Paul Moore and all his helpers. Breakfast was wonderful and the cheese grits were divinely inspired.

We are all grateful for Holly Johnson's willingness to take on the task of planning and organizing Vacation Bible School this summer. We realize there is a long list of people who stepped up to help with teaching and feeding the participants. It is wonderful to have capable and caring individuals with whom we can trust our children.

Special thanks to all those who helped schlep books from the Garrett-Hall Building to Providence House on July 6: Karen Bryant, Ron & Lois Maberry, Morgan MacIntire, Anne Garner, Ken Murphy, Mike & Linda Endicott, and Rory Fitzpatrick. The folk at Providence House were speechless at the number of books that have swelled their library—and are even building more shelves to accommodate them all!

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.



Thanks to Morgan for submitting to a portrait sitting for the St. James gallery of clergy—and to Tommy & Mattie Mosley for insisting she comply! Special Thanks to Bob & Yoshie Shane for donating the funds to pay for the framed photo. Be on the lookout for Morgan's photo to appear on the Parish Hall wall very soon.



ST. JAMES WELCOMES OUR NEW CONFIRMANDS

Bishop Jake Owensby celebrated at St. James on June 21 during his official annual visit. While here he happily confirmed Jessica Brown, Jimmy Deal, and Austin Shelton. He also received Chelsea Maielli and Jared Ocmand from other Christian denominations and accepted Lauren Ocmand's reaffirmation of her faith. Each of these individuals completed the latest Inquirer's Class, led by our rector during the spring, and each came away with a better understanding of what it means to be an Episcopalian.



Photos courtesy Rhonda Robertson

After the service the congregation enjoyed a light reception in the Parish Hall before families reconvened to enjoy their own Fathers' Day traditions. We thank Bishop Jake for spending his Fathers' Day with us and hope he had an opportunity to relax and enjoy his family at some point during the day!





THE MISSION CONTINUES...

Its HOT!

Summer is definitely upon us! Unfortunately, this was made very real when the generator that runs the air conditioning on the St. Luke's van went out. It gets very warm very fast inside that RV when it's 90 plus degrees outside. But, in typical St. Luke's fashion, our dedicated staff and volunteers persevered.... 24 individuals were screened at the Takin' It To The Streets June 20th and the following Sunday volunteers manned the clinic for the Hope House, ensuring those in need were seen. It wasn't pleasant, or fun even.... it was hot. It was also a reminder to me that so often we take life comforts for granted, like cool air, clean water and a safe place to sleep. Daily I see those who live on the streets, dealing with the challenges of just living. And daily I see people in ministry, showing up when needed, offering what they can. St. Luke's continues to roll, showing up, offering what we can.... health checks, a prescription, glasses, assistance to get paper work done, even just a friendly face and a little conversation. Genuine care and respect is good medicine, and very affordable. Amazing how far it goes when the person sitting in front of you has lost so much of their self identity, so much of what society claims to define them by - an address, a job, the ability to provide for themselves.

Our calendar is full for August; we will be at all of the usual clinics, plus a few extra events. We are working with LSU-S Ag Center to provide health screening and nutrition education to parents and children at several SPAR centers in town that have community gardens. We feel this partnership will help us impact the communities, helping to prevent disease processes.

And always we remember, none of this is possible if not for the people who have a desire to minister to the marginalized in our community. Your gifts, your prayers, your willingness to show up, even when its really hot.... that is what makes St. Luke's more than a social services program, it makes us a ministry. Many thanks to each of you.

Blessings
Betty

Betty Johnson
Executive Director
St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry
318.424.0156





Vacation Bible School 2015

Dates: July 21, 22, and 23
Times: 6pm to 8pm
Location: St. James Episcopal Church
Ages: Garrett Hall Building
2 and up

To register contact:

Holly Johnson at 347-1307 or
hjohnson0821@yahoo.com

Participants are invited to present
the songs they learn at VBS
to the parish during the
July 26 service at 10am.



ST. JAMES DAY IS ON THE WAY!


Celebrate with us as we honor our patron on July 26, the Feast Day of St. James. As has become our custom, we will share one service at 10am, followed by a pot-luck luncheon in the Parish Hall and water activities in the courtyard.

What can you do?

- Bring your favorite dish to share
- Dress comfortably in clothing that can get wet
- Pack a hankie because this will be the last Sunday that Morgan will celebrate as our rector—so be prepared to wish Godspeed to the MacIntire clan as they embark on their new life near New Orleans.

St. James Episcopal Church

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	<i>The 10th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<i>The 11th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<i>The 12th Sunday After Pentecost</i>
	<i>August 2</i>	<i>August 9</i>	<i>August 16</i>
LECTIONARY	<i>Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35</i>	<i>1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25—5:2 John 6:35, 41-51</i>	<i>Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58</i>
VESTRY PERSON	PAT PARKER	BRIAN WHATLEY	JANA KENDRICK
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER 8:30 11:00	Janie Parker Ken Murphy	Debbie Fitzpatrick Ron Maberry	Lynette van Heerden Dan Bennett
LAY READER 11:00	Dan Bennett	Bert Babington	Ken Murphy
LECTORS 8:30 11:00	Pat Parker Janet Moore	Betty Langhorst Karen McDonald	Pat Parker Kathleen Calhoun
ACOLYTES 8:30 11:00	Kendall Parker Austin Shelton	Rory Fitzpatrick Mason Garner	Kelly Parker Austin Shelton
ALTAR GUILD	Lonnie Howard Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn	Lonnie Howard Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn	Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson
USHERS 8:30 11:00	Pat Parker Sissy Brown Mike Kendrick	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor	Lorain Thrash Mike Kendrick Sara Lewis
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott

DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

The August/September/October issue of the Forward *Day by Day* is waiting for you on the narthex table. Anyone who missed out on the previous issue may still get one from the parish office until August 15 when they will be donated to charity. The current *Our Daily Bread* is also available in the narthex. Pick up one the next time you are here!

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: August 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.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Chad & Jessica Brown
5745 Branchwood Drive
Keithville, LA 71047
(318) 925-6750
Her cel (318) 210-7179
jlbrown111884@gmail.com



OUR WORSHIP SPACE IS NOW MORE ACCESSIBLE

Though it is not obvious at first glance when gazing down the aisle of the nave, we now have two pews that are shorter, making space for wheelchairs on both sides of our worship space. Special thanks

are due to two men from Alexandria, **Gary Barbee of St. Timothy's** and his friend, Matt Matthews. These gentlemen took time during early June to travel to Shreveport for this project—charging the parish nothing for their labor. Two days of toil completed the carpentry, and a friend of Lonnie & Jerry Howard finished the upholstery work for a nominal fee.



MURDER IN THE MAGNOLIAS: A CROWD PLEASER!

Dinner Theater returned to the St. James Playhouse (also known as the Parish Hall) with a comedy-murder mystery spoofing Southern writers such as Tennessee Williams, William Faulkner and Margaret Mitchell. The play was a hysterical collection of eccentric (dare I say crazy?) Southern stereotypes which had the audience laughing at just about every line. The play was presented by the Cabaret Production Company who shared the gate receipts with St. James.

The Parish Hall looked quite chic with sophisticated table coverings of black and white with centerpieces of magnolia leaves (from Jana) surrounding a candle enclosed by a hurricane globe. "Silver" utensils and "crystal" glassware looked dashing on the tables. A small but dedicated group of ECW ladies (and some fellows), led by our ECW President Tina Caporossi and Janet Moore, donated their time to make the PH sparkle as well as supplying necessary items for the dinner. Along with Tina and Janet those helping out included Faye Wynn, Melanie Winkler, Rhonda Robertson, Karen McDonald, Mattie Mosley, Kathy Calhoun, Sissy Brown, Jerry Howard, Bryan & Patti Whatley, and Dave Caporossi. If I left your name out, please forgive me!

Paul Moore wore several hats: CEO of Cabaret Productions, Stage Manager, and Chef. Paul prepared a delicious Southern barbecue dinner complete with all the trimmings which everyone enjoyed. Not only did he and his stagehands set up the stage and props, but they also retrieved chairs from the Garrett Hall building for the nearly 80 attendees.

A cash bar was provided with the wine and beer donated by a number of parishioners. Tina concocted a "mint julep" voodoo punch which was the hit drink of the night. Pat Parker and Dave C. were our capable bartenders (they obviously had practice). The ECW claimed the profits (it was all profit!) from the wine bar.

Murder in the Magnolias was directed by our own Paul Moore and Lonnie Howard with a number of St. James parishioners starring in the cast.

Ken Murphy made a rather brief appearance as Colonel Rance Chickenwing but of course was excellent as usual in his portrayal and certainly looked the part.

B.J. Pritchard wonderfully portrayed Amanda Chickenwing, perhaps more eccentric than crazy, but always a suspect with her strange behavior and love of weird plants.

Voodoo Woman, the local witch was eerily portrayed by Tina Caporossi, who scared us to death wandering through the audience muttering strange incantations.

David Scott portrayed Pete Bogg, a state engineer who may have been the only sane character but who also managed to get off some funny lines. Jerk!

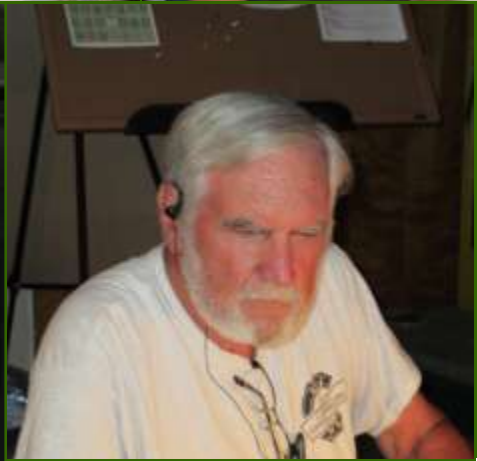
Anne Garner was gorgeous, flamboyant and obviously kooky in her portrayal of Princess Lotta Kargo.

I must say a word about the amazing job Jerry Howard did with lights and sound for the production. Lightning, thunder, lights going out, even the strains of the theme from "Gone with the Wind" wafting through the rafters really set the mood for the dark, mysterious, sometimes spooky play.

All in all it was a night to remember: the food was delicious, the wine and punch were superb, and the play was a laugh riot. Let's do it again!
MJM



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal



Tacos and Family Game Night



Approximately 36 people attended the July 10, 2015 Family Game Night... What a fantastic turn-out.



After the blessing, we built tacos to our liking, then added side dishes and dessert to our plates. The food was all very good, but BJ was anxious to play Mexican Train (a domino game she was introduced to last year), and she started rounding up people to start playing.



Other people gathered at tables to play Rummikub, a rummy tile game; Hand and Foot, a card game; and the Pirate version of FLUXX, a card game in which the cards themselves determine the current rules of the game.



I think we all had a great time. People actually seemed reluctant to leave, but it was about 9:30pm, and there will be another Game Night in August.

—Kathy Deal

The next Family Game Night will be August 7, 2015. Come Join Us.



PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW...

Saying good-bye is often difficult, even when we know the people who are leaving have good reasons for doing so and that the decision is best for them. We find ourselves wishing **things would not change. Why can't we enjoy the good times a little while longer? But if we** stop and think about it, growth happens everywhere, all the time. When we are not noticing, changes occur that (hopefully) help us develop into better individuals. Like the fictional character, Steve Austin, we become better, stronger, smarter...without ever intending to do so.

Unlike the Six Million Dollar Man, though, we don't require dramatic trauma to begin the metamorphosis. We just require the interaction with a variety of wonderful individuals throughout our lives. And often those individuals succeed each other; some move on and others move forward to fill the spaces they leave.

As we say good-bye to Morgan, Angus, Eleri, Eamon, and Eoin, let us remember that they will be experiencing empty holes we used to occupy, just as we will be missing them. Our prayer for them is that they quickly form relationships with the new people they encounter that are as rich and rewarding as those they have enjoyed at St. James. I pray that St. James welcomes new leadership that is as vital, energetic, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, etc. as what we have enjoyed with Morgan at our helm.

Let us remember that while they will be several hours away by car, they are only moments away by text, telephone, and e-mail. And that they will always be in our hearts—and we in theirs. Let us also remember, no matter where any of us are in our lives, the Episcopal Church welcomes us all.

—Jhanne Zepeda



Family Game Night at St. James Means Including the Children

Debbie Fitzpatrick did a great job taking charge of the children during the July Game Night. Debbie started them out by playing Slamwich at one of the adult-sized tables. She soon rounded up the more accommodating smaller table, and Slamwich continued. The game of Spoons followed. The kids really seemed to be enjoying themselves.

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

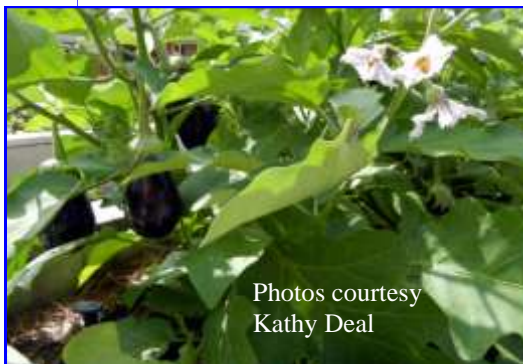


SHARING THE GIFTS WE GROW



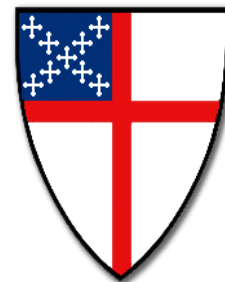
Take a gander at the beautiful vegetable garden in our courtyard. It has been producing for several weeks, providing a bountiful harvest of squash and zucchini. Green beans have also now been harvested; okra, peppers, cucumbers, and tomatoes are starting to come in.

Thanks to the hands who tend the plot, we have been able to share quite a bit of fresh produce with our neighbors so far this summer. We have people who come to the door and leave with vegetables. We also deliver veggies to the individuals who are Meals on Wheels recipients, helping to supplement their diets with fresh nutrients.



Photos courtesy
Kathy Deal

But our produce is not the full extent of what is being shared. With each vegetable that is given away, a bit of knowledge is passed on with it: By sharing food we are providing tangible evidence that we care about our neighbors. We are letting them know that they are important to someone, that they are loved by someone, that they are deemed worthy by someone. Those bits of information are oftentimes just as important as the nutritional value found in fresh produce. We are nourishing souls as well as bodies.



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.