

The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

2050 Bert Kouns
Shreveport, Louisiana, 71118
318-686-1261



July 15, 2016

July 19-21
VBS
6:30-8pm

July 24
St. James Day
Combined 10am
service followed by
picnic and fun ac-
tivities



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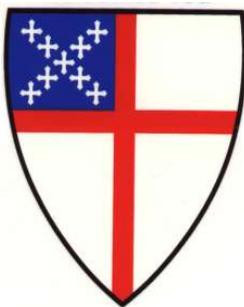
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

It appears that St. James will soon have a new neighbor on Bert Kouns Industrial Loop. A Tennessee-based company, Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (DCI), has made an offer to purchase the empty lot currently for sale next door, between St. James and Central Christian Church. At the July 6 meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC), the Commission approved DCI's request to change the current zoning of the property from Residential R1-D Business B-1. Currently, our parish, Central



to

Christian Church and the property in-between is zoned residential R1-D which allows for single-family residences and for uses such as churches and schools normally associated with residential areas. The B-1 designation will allow for business uses adjacent to residential areas and that present minimal impacts. As a matter of reference, Summerfield Estates to our west is already zoned B-1, and we have other nearby neighbors also zoned for business use. The proposed clinic will be a single story 8800 square foot facility with an entrance and exit driveway connecting onto St. James Church Road, which is a dedicated city street. The clinic itself is planned for the southern portion of the property and will be roughly in-line with our Parish Hall. DCI plans to maintain virtually all of the existing trees on the property and will install additional landscaping features. The facility plans to operate six-days per week (Mon-Sat) and does plan to request a zoning variance to allow operations from 5:00 AM until 9:00 PM, which is two hours before and after the 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM limit normally allowed for businesses zoned B-1.

I had the pleasure of presenting oral comments to the MPC on behalf of St. James and stated that our parish had no objection to the dialysis clinic itself but that we did have concerns over whether St. James Church Road in its current condition could accommodate increased traffic from construction and operation of the clinic and added that we did support that operations be limited to six-days per week. Several other individuals presented comments to the MPC. One commenter owns rental property on Blom Boulevard and had concerns over existing drainage issues associated with the rear of the property next door. The existing drainage issue was associated with the portion of the site which will not be developed, was deemed beyond the scope of the zoning change, and was referred to the City Engineer's Office. The Pastor of Central Christian Church presented no opposition to the clinic, but did express concerns over drainage issues from the portion of the site where construction will take place. A parishioner of Central Christian Church spoke in favor of the clinic noting (correctly, I believe) that a medical clinic of any kind is the type

Outreach News

Goodwill came by the end of June and picked up 69 bags from the Parish Hall. That translates to \$138 in vouchers for St. James to share with Hope House, I2D, and St. Luke's. Thanks to all who have contributed to this cause.

I would like to thank each and every person who helped with items for the Gingerbread House. Also to all that helped load two vehicles and deliver all the supplies. They were so happy to receive all the donations I hope Outreach will continue this ministry.

At the present time Outreach is involved in what we call the Blessing Bags: hygiene items and toilet paper go in zipper bags and are delivered to Hope Connection and Hope House for their walk through the homeless camps. So far we have all the supplies from one of our members and all the toilet paper needed for 15 bags. Outreach partners with Solo Flight, whose members have made up another 12 bags. This will help with the next walk that they do. I thank all that helped get these items and also pack the bags. I will deliver to these organizations in the next week.

Our giving tree is loaded with tags for the Backpack Program, so pick some of them and help outreach pack 30 backpacks for this project again this year.

God has blessed us to help in so many ways.

Kathy Watkins
Outreach Chair



of facility which brings hope and healing to people and that is certainly compatible with property uses by our adjacent churches. A representative of the engineering firm handling permitting and construction of the clinic addressed the concerns noted during the meeting and advised the MPC and commenters that DCI fully intends to be a good neighbor and wishes to minimize any disruptions to current property uses. Specifically, DCI will work with the City of Shreveport in providing upgrades to St. James Church Road as part of the process of obtaining their building permits. The days of operation will be limited to six days per week, although the clinic is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day and does plan to open on the Sunday nearest those holidays to accommodate patients who receive dialysis three days per week. This schedule appears to be a fairly standard practice in dialysis care. DCI will also work closely with Central Christian Church and the City Engineer's Office to ensure that construction of the clinic will not adversely impact area drainage. Following the MPC meeting, representatives of DCI and their engineering firm met with the Pastor of Central Christian Church and myself and reiterated their commitment to be a good neighbor during both construction and operation of the clinic. They also pledged to keep both of our congregations apprised of construction plans. A timeline for actual construction has not yet been established.

After discussing routine operations of dialysis clinics with some of our parishioners familiar with that industry and after meeting with the DCI representatives, I am confident that our new neighbor will have a positive impact on our portion of Bert Kouns. The reality is that the property next door will sell and that a dialysis clinic is certainly more attractive than many other business activities which could locate next door under a B-1 designation. Also, it appears that we can look forward to improvements to St. James Church Road and to a better-manicured lawn than the current waist-high grass that currently separates the two church buildings.

Blessings,
Brian Whatley
Senior Warden

THE GOOD STEWARDS

St. James has experienced several bumps along the way while we have been rector-less, and we are very grateful to those priests who have agreed to fill in for services on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Holy Days, such as Christmas Eve and Good Friday. We are especially thankful for those who have made it a habit to visit our sick, injured, and grieving parishioners. **The Rev'd Mary Richard and The Rev'd Sally Fox have taken on the task of regularly checking in to see whether there are St. James parishioners in need of comfort and counsel.** We offer our gratitude for their selfless actions and display of caring and love for those in our parish.

We also offer thanks to the priests who have joined us for regular services, who have officiated at funerals, and have provided advice as we continue our search for a rector.

Many parishioners have also spent time visiting the sick, injured, and grieving, as well. The ladies who comprise the St. Monnica chapter of the Daughters of the King regularly pray for specific needs presented by our parishioners. They do so quietly, without a fuss or fanfare. They do so because they believe in the power of prayer and the need for us as Christians to care for one another.

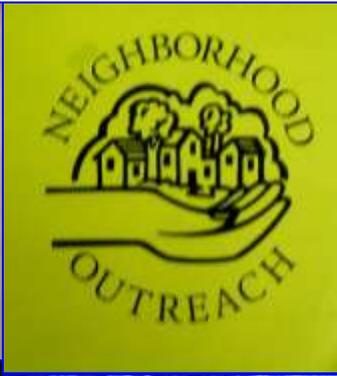
We have parishioners who provide rides to those who need transportation, make regular contact to check on the welfare of those in need, and take meals to families who are temporarily overwhelmed by immediate and unexpected health concerns. We send cards and notes to show we are thinking of someone and that we care.

Sure, there are some bumps along the way, but together we are able to gather our strengths and overcome them. We are able to depend upon each other, accept the help of others, and move onward, growing together in Christ.

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.

We have a couple of Sundays in August and September when we will be using Morning Prayer. We greatly appreciate all the supply clergy who have filled in repeatedly over the last months and understand that they, too, need a break. But have no fear, the fall calendar is full with many of our favorites, as well as special appearances from Bill Bryant and Ron Clingenpeel.





Thank-you to everyone who plucked a tag from the tree to support the Gingerbread House! We sent a very large donation of items they need to help keep their services to local abused children up and running smoothly.

Let's do the same for the annual Backpack Program for Forest Hill Elementary School. As you know, most of the children attending this school live at or below the poverty level. Their parents have difficulty gathering all the items needed to start their children off each academic year. With more than 50% of the children in Louisiana starting school without the essentials, there is always someone in need. So, St. James helps them out

by providing thirty backpacks filled with the items on a list provided by the school. We deliver five backpacks for each grade level, Kindergarten through 5th grade, with extra items for the special education classrooms.

The tags are on the tree right now. Let's get those backpacks filled to help start our local children off with everything they need to keep up with the rest of the class academically. Everything needs to be back in the Parish Hall by July 31 so we can stuff the backpacks between the services.



THE MISSION CONTINUES...at Higher Ground Ministries, Mansfield



St. Luke's medical bus checked blood sugar and blood pressure during the Higher Ground Ministries monthly food pantry distribution July 1, 2016. Thirty three people took advantage of the screenings.



Jimmy, Pastor Morris, and Noah



Tommy and "Cowboy"



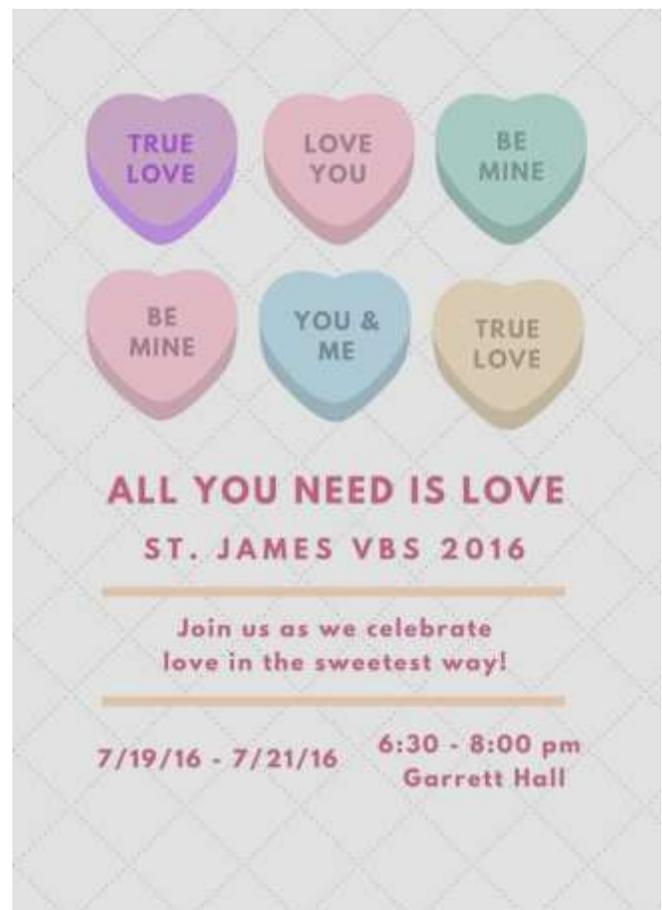
Pastor Morris and Sister Mary

Bonnie and Ekambi were kept busy from 7:00 am until 12:30 pm checking blood sugar and blood pressure.



As the Community Development Cooperation food pantry grows, through the efforts of Pastor Morris and Geraldine Anthony, the Coordinator of the CDC food pantry, so shall the number of people served by St. Luke's Medical Ministry.

~Kathy Deal



ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE —AND A FEW VOLUNTEERS

A) St. James needs 2 to 3 adult volunteers for VBS. Preparations and supplies are all ready, but we need some help in running stations during the event. There will be an informational meeting after the 11am service this Sunday, July 17, for anyone who would like to help.

B) We need help with meals: volunteers to provide dinner on each of the three nights.

Tuesday--Hotdogs and mac and cheese, with carrots, cucumbers and ranch on the side.

Wednesday--Chicken nuggets and fries.

Thursday--Pizza.

C) We also need juice boxes and bottled water for all three nights.

Any and all volunteers for above can contact Debbie Fitzpatrick by email at fitzpatricktdbr@bellsouth.net or via cell phone, 780-8088.

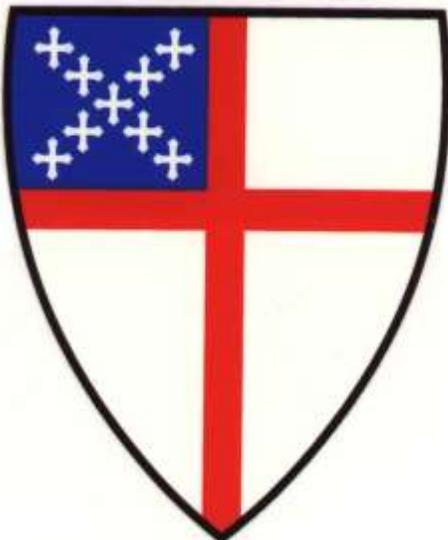
*A Almighty God, giver of every good gift:
Look graciously on your Church, and
so guide the minds of those who shall
choose a rector for this parish, that we
may receive a faithful pastor, who will
care for your people and equip us for
our ministries; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen*

St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	
	<p>1</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Raylie Carroway</p>	<p>2</p> <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Mike & Jana Kendrick</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 a</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:30 AM Morning Prayer Rite I 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 11:00 AM Morning Prayer Rite II</p>	<p>8</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Patti Whatley</p>	<p>9</p> <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Jerry & Lonnie Howard</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10 a</p> <p>HAPPY Chris</p>
<p>14 <i>Rev'd Richard Taylor</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mara Matlock</p> <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Bill & Teresa Thrash</p>	<p>15</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Chris Zepeda</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10</p> <p>HA De</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8:30 AM Morning Prayer Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00AM Morning Prayer Rite II</p> <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Adam & Holly Johnson</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY George Shafer</p>	<p>22</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY David Scott</p>	<p>23</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Alicia Carroway Kathy Watkins</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10 a</p>
<p>28</p> <p><i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>	<p>29</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Pat Thrash</p>	<p>30</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mabry Elizabeth Johnson Janet Huff</p> <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Dave & Tina Caparossi</p>	<p>31</p>

Jnanne Zepeda vacation August 4-8, 2016.

	<i>The 12th Sunday After Pentecost</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> <i>August 7</i>	<i>The 13th Sunday After Pentecost</i> <i>Rev'd Richard Taylor</i> <i>August 14</i>
LECTIONARY	<i>Genesis 15:1-6</i> <i>Psalm 33:12-22</i> <i>Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16</i> <i>Luke 12:32-40</i>	<i>Jeremiah 23:23-29</i> <i>Psalm 82</i> <i>Hebrews 11: 29--12:2</i> <i>Luke 12: 49-56</i>
VESTRY PERSON	PAT PARKER	BRIAN WHATLEY
EUCCHARISTIC 8:30 MINISTER 11:00	Janie Parker	Ron Maberry Lynette van Heerden
LAY READER 11:00	Ken Murphy	Ken Murphy
LECTORS 8:30 11:00	Debbie Fitzpatrick Janet Moore	Betty Langhorst Sissy Brown
ACOLYTES 8:30 11:00	Melanie Winkler Mason Garner	Kelly Parker Austin Shelton
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn	Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn
USHERS 8:30 11:00	Debbie Fitzpatrick Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton	Pat Parker Denise Shelton Sissy Brown
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Khristen King has moved to
 2610 Summer Grove Drive
 Shreveport, LA 71118

Jason Welch has moved to
 1022 Melody Lane
 Cheyenne, WY 82007-2753

St. James Youth



The youth of St. James don't just make an appearance during the Children's Christmas Pageant, they are an integral part of St. James. They play an active role, from the worship service to different outreach programs.



Our youth have volunteered at St. Luke's Medical Ministry events.



They helped plant the Community Garden.



Sissy's grandchildren, Colton and Railey Brown have been ushering (with guidance from their MawMaw) for some time now. Sissy told me that Colton asked her if he could be our priest. St. James youth are our future...I think we are in good hands.

~Kathy Deal



Picnic and Family Game Night



Twenty nine people showed up for the Family Game Night July 1, 2016. A picnic supper was provided.

The 30 hotdogs that Pat grilled, and BJ brought, were a hit. There was a wide assortment of condiments to put on them, including chili, onions, and grated cheese. I think one hotdog was left. There was fried chicken for those who didn't care for hotdogs, or wanted both. The watermelon that Mike and Linda brought was some of the best I've had in a long time.

~Kathy Deal



The next Family Game Night will be **August 5, 2016**.

Join us for a Mexican dinner and games.



How many hotdogs did BJ eat?



Art, music and community support is what this
AURA's Sunday T-Party
is all about.

Aura Ultra Lounge at 205 Texas Street
Sunday August 7th
6pm-12pm.

Featuring DJ's: Sarah Lynn Touchstone (Renzi Executive Director),
Jared Touchstone, and Lomax The Grey.

No Cover Charge—
but donations for
RENZI will be
accepted.

RENZI will also
receive a percentage
of the drink sales.

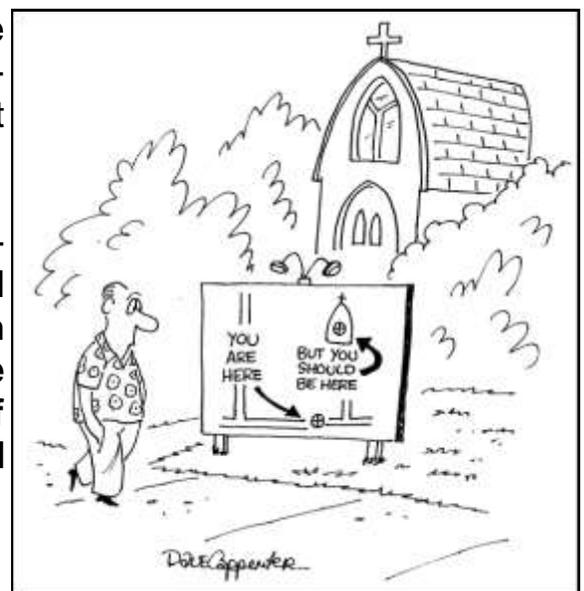
View live art performances along to music by some of Shreveport's professional artists and Renzi teachers. Donations for the Renzi Education and Art Center will be accepted at the door. Renzi is a FREE After-School program in the Highland neighborhood that serves at-risk youth. Donations will go to fund Renzi's float for the Highland Parade and FREE After-School Program! You can also donate online by going to <http://www.renzicenter.org/donate.html>

ST. JAMES IS LOOKING GOOD FINANCIALLY—KEEP IT UP!

A mid-year review of the finances at St. James looks pretty much on-track. As is expected every fiscal year, when the summer arrives people go out-of-town to visit family or to vacation, resulting in fewer seats filled on Sunday mornings and a little less money in the offering plate. However, even with this happening, the parish is still on good financial footing. Our pledges are just over 50% received, as 50% of the year has passed. Our expenses are pretty much where we anticipated, and everything is looking fine.

As we do each year, mid-year contribution statements were printed at the end of June and have been available in the narthex for pick-up by parishioners. We will mail out the remaining ones at the end of July. We have already mailed the ones to people who give to the parish regularly, but don't live locally. Each parishioner has the opportunity to keep track of their giving record and release a sigh of satisfaction that the church records are the same as their own. However, if you see a discrepancy, please contact the parish office to discuss it so it can be rectified.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed so generously to keeping the ministries of St. James alive and functioning, whether through fiscal means or through active participation (or both). **The church is not the building, nor the funds. The church is the body of individuals who come together to make good things happen.**



NO GAPS ALLOWED



With many volunteers and great menus, St. James managed to feed the people on the Meals on Wheels list with ease on Memorial Day and again on Independence Day. Thanks to everyone who provided home-cooked meals on those days that the Meals on Wheels workers take a holiday break. Not only did St. James folk deliver a special holiday spread, but an additional frozen meal was provided each individual, as well.

It is amazing how quickly the call for volunteers is answered, once the original e-mail is sent out to the parish. As generally happens, all items on these two menus were claimed within an hour of the original request. On July 4th, we even added an additional item to accommodate the number of replies.

Thank-you to everyone who cooked, packaged, and delivered the meals. We are looking forward to similarly wonderful results for the next Filling in the Gaps date on Labor Day. Check your e-mail for the menu as the day approaches!



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal

SOLVING OUR SOCIAL ISSUES ONE WELCOME AT A TIME

Lately I've seen several cars sporting bumper stickers that read, "Kids who hunt and fish don't steal and deal." I wish that were true. I wish the answer to solving the problems of dishonesty, poverty, and greed were so simple. However, they are not. I've locked up lots of kids who know how to hunt and fish, and also know how to steal and sell drugs. I've also seen kids who have no clue how to handle a firearm, bow and arrow, or fishing pole who have never been in legal trouble and who likely never will.

Solving our community's problems is seldom simple. The biggest reason for this is that the problems themselves are not simple in nature. Thirty years ago (or there about) when I took the exam for probation, one of the questions asked, "Why do people steal?" The space provided didn't leave enough room for me to give my answer and I had to turn the paper over and continue on the back. There is not one reason. Some steal because they like the surge of adrenaline they get, while others just want to prove they can get away with it. Some folk steal because they feel entitled or are jealous. Others see no other way to survive. Yet others just don't care about the consequences to themselves or other people. There is no one reason for the behavior, therefore there is no one solution to the problem.

The same is true for just about every behavior humans exhibit. We are not all identical. We do not all think exactly alike; nor do we all behave exactly alike. However, we do all have the same basic needs. We all need food, water, and shelter to survive. And we all need human companionship and love to thrive. As a society we sometimes find a way to provide those things necessary for survival. Some countries are considerably better at this than others, and we are lucky to live in one that is relatively good at it most of the time. As Christians we are obligated to provide those things that society does not.

At St. James we make it a habit to fill in the gaps where we can. We raise a garden specifically to feed the hungry. We set up an outreach program called, Filling in the Gaps, that provides food to local individuals on days when they would otherwise go hungry. We regularly give to local charities, providing warm clothing in the winter through the Gift of Warmth Program at Thanksgiving; we feed the hungry through the Salvation Army Food Barrels; we help the homeless and victims of abuse through Goodwill, Hope House, and Gingerbread House. St. James supports ministries that serve those who are incarcerated and their loved ones through KAIROS and KAIROS Outside.

We are also called to provide those things needed for people to thrive. Let's get out into the community and spend time with people who need companionship and love. Let's open our arms and our hearts to those who don't have close family and friends. We can each choose our own path in this endeavor. Visit the local nursing homes and sit with residents who do not have family. Read to them. Play games with them. Listen to them. Volunteer at the homeless shelter or go on missions with the St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry. Play bingo with the homeless families through I2D, tutor children at Providence House or Renzi, or walk through the neighborhoods in downtown Shreveport where the homeless live and share fresh water, fruit, and conversation.

Most importantly, do what St. James does best. Continue to extend warm greetings of welcome to everyone who walks through our doors. Make sure they know that the Episcopal Church welcomes everyone. Every. One.

—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: 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.

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

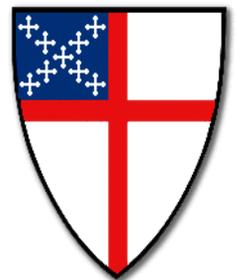
Holy Eucharist, 11:00am

Wednesday—Holy Eucharist with Unction, 10am



Funny how independence allows us to be united and vice versa., and how the two together allow us the freedom to practice the religion of our choice. We humbly choose Christianity of the Episcopal flavor, yet we extend our hands in friendship toward all of our neighbors. We recognize that the diversity of our culture offers us the freedom to see God through the eyes of many.

“Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.” (BCP pg 258)



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.