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Bishop, Diocese of Western Louisiana: The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Jacob Owensby

Rector: The Search is On

Organist/Choir Director: Kaye Crichlow

Nursery: Rhonda Robertson

Parish Administrator:: Jnanne Zepeda

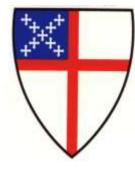
#### 2015 Vestry:

Brian Whatley (17)— Sr. Warden Dave Caporossi (16)— Jr. Warden <u>Members:</u>

Chris Bienvenu (17) Sissy Brown (18) Kathy Deal (17) Mike Endicott (16) Rory Fitzpatrick (16) Jana Kendrick (16) Karen McDonald (18) Pat Parker (18)

#### Ex Officio:

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

By now, I'm sure many parishioners are wondering about the details of the next few chapters of our Parish. To be honest, so am I. I am, however, guite confident that St. James will continue to have regular worship, Sunday School, monthly breakfasts, and continue to Fill the Gaps in the Meals on Wheels program. We will fill the needs of local students with school supplies and feed the hungry from the Parish Garden. Our Parish will look forward to Rally Day and the annual stewardship campaign, work toward renovating our kitchen in the Parish Hall, and carry on all of the usual fall and winter activities. In short, the people of St. James will continue to have a meaningful presence



in our community to do all of the things we have always done, but sometimes in slightly different ways. We also will begin the somewhat daunting task of a search for new clergy.

In early August, the Vestry met with the Very Reverend Ron Clingenpeel, who is the Transitions Consultant for the Diocese, to discuss the details of the clergy search process for our Parish. By the time you read this, the Vestry will have made decisions regarding the details of forming a Search Committee. The search process is long and deliberate by design, and we have been advised that it could take nine months or longer to actually reach the point of calling a Rector. Unfortunately, there is no such thing as a "Clergy Store" in which we can simply select a Priest and put them to work. That is, I believe, actually a good thing as our Parish - like all of God's creations - is very unique and we need a Priest uniquely matched to us.

The Vestry has been advised that for the foreseeable future we will be responsible for acquiring our own Supply Clergy on a week-to-week basis. We also have been advised that there is a shortage of Supply Clergy in our Diocese, so we might have to fill in some weeks with Morning Prayer instead of the Eucharist we all know and love. In this, I ask that we all have patience and understanding as we come to know an order of worship with which some of us may be less familiar.

I will endeavor to keep the Parish informed as to the latest developments as our next chapters unfold. Please keep our Vestry in your prayers as you remain in ours.

> *Brian Whatley* Senior Warden

September 15, 2015



#### **Outreach News**

Thanks to the generosity of the parish, St. Jame filled backpacks with all the requested school supplies for thirty students this year! In addition to those items each individual child requires, the school was given many of the optional supplies, such as hand sanitizer, wipes, paper plates, tissues, and paper towels. Donations by parishion-

ers were up this year. Outreach spent \$200 less from the budget to complete the purchases than last year, which means that remaining \$200 can be used to help others in our community.



# THE GOOD STEWARDS

Thanks to Mike & Linda Endicott for hauling all the backpacks and school supplies to Forest Hills Elementary School on August 3—delivering them to school before the first day when the children needed them. Thanks also to the slew of folk who plucked cards from the Angel Tree and purchased items for this ministry. Many hands worked together to pack all the items into the bags, organize them all, and have them ready for delivery. Special thanks for Kathy Watkins for making that last run to pick up the additional items needed to finish the task.

We certainly enjoyed the breakfast Khristen King, Jacob King, and George Shafer prepared for us on August 2 with all the proceeds going toward helping fund the backpack ministry. We especially thank Jacob for choosing that ministry, showing that even our young members are aware of how we can help others in our community.

Brian Whatley has stepped up and taken on many new duties that he never expected when he accepted the role of Senior Warden. We appreciate the work he is doing in contacting supply priests to celebrate the Eucharist. We understand there are many parishes and missions in the **diocese that need supply clergy, and there just aren't** enough priests to fill all the slots, so his success rate thus far is quite impressive.

So far many people have been making donations toward the Kitchen Upgrade. To date we have raised \$1,510.00 through the fundraiser. We also have two anonymous donors who plan to assist over and above the \$5,000 goal we have set for ourselves. Thank-you to everyone who has thus far participated in this campaign—and thanks in advance for those who will do so in upcoming weeks. Our goal is to reach \$5,000 by the end of the year.

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 thank Fr. David & Betty Comegys for donating their time and talent toward putting together a video of St. James to commemorate our 60th year. Since his retirement David has enjoyed filming and photographing congregations, and we are very grateful that he chose to gift us with this video and with a separate 6-minute video we can send to prospective rectors to let them know who we are.

## Last Family Game Night of 2015

After Brian gave the blessing, we selected what we wanted from a variety of food... chicken spaghetti, lasagna, spaghetti and meatballs, salad, fresh baked Italian bread, and cookies. No one left hungry.

Pat Parker brought a half dozen loaves of bread. He knew Rory was coming, who, I've been told, could easily eat a loaf himself. I'm right there with you, Rory.



Twenty four people attended Game Night August 7th. They came for fellowship, food, and fun.



As is always the case, we all had a blast playing games. Rummikub and Mexican Train were back. Then there was Phase 10 and Loonacy. After several games of Loonacy, the table switched to Scrabble. Jnanne was actually thrilled to be beaten by Patti, and I assume would love a rematch. Game Night will return the summer of 2016, Jnanne.

-Kathy Deal









#### THE MISSION CONTINUES...with a PopUp Clinic in Springhill





St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry and Partners in Wellness held a PopUp Clinic in Springhill, July 14, 2015.

As in Minden, Walmart provided an area in their parking lot for our vans to set up. Unlike Minden, attendance was low in Springhill. Where we had 14 women come through the clinic in Minden on April 14th, we only had 3 people visit St. Luke's medical bus in Springhill. Hopefully numbers will improve.

#### Pink Ribbon PopUp Clinic Returns to Minden





The Pink Ribbon PopUp Clinic held in Minden August 11, 2015 was sponsored by Susan G. Komen Northwest LA, Partners in Wellness, MLK Health Center, and St. Luke's Episcopal Medical Ministry. Eight people took advantage of the screenings provided by St. Luke's medical van. I am so delighted to be a part of St. Luke's Medical Ministry. We

have wonderful volunteers. Bonnie and LaToya are so gracious as they minister to each client, even those who arrive while we are preparing to leave. George, from St. Johns, took time to check on us, and met Marylou from MLK Health Center (an organization St. Luke's often partners with). And, of course, Jimmy, who is ready and willing to do anything after he gets the bus parked and jacks down. *~Kathy Deal* 

The 17th Sunday After Pentecost	The 18th Sunday after Pentecost Loyalty Sunday 10 AM Service	
September 20	September 27	CO
Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54 James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50	<b>NON</b> The Ves
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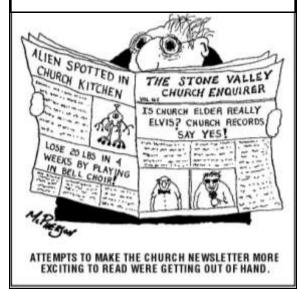
## **ECW NEWS**

The ECW voted to formally take on the responsibility of preparing, setting up, serving, and cleaning up after special events, such as funeral receptions. Although they have taken primary responsibility as long as St. James has been around, the ECW has decided to return to their former method of having a Parish Hall Coordinator each month. Members may volunteer for this position at ECW meetings. The end of 2015 will be covered by the following individuals:

September: Mattie Mosley October: Kathy Watkins November: Janet Gregory and Betty Loving December: Faye Wynn

## SEARCH COMMITTEE IOMINATIONS

stry is seeking nominafor participants in the committee for our new clergy. Nominees should verful members of St. who are able to commit arch process that could nine to twelve om and who will keep all confidennation even individuals will be l from the nominees by stry at the September meeting and the search tee will act as a subof the Vesttee ominations will be acby the Vestry through ber 4. Interested parties also nominate them-For additional information, please contact any Vestry member.



# **St. James Episcopal Church**

Sun	Mon	Tue	
		1 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	2 10 am H w/
		Ruston & Kandi Moore	
6 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	7	8	<b>9</b> 10 am H w/
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# **SEPTEMBER 2015**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY John L:ydick Kathleen Porter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Cody Eldridge HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Jason and Denise Barham

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Brody Fitzpatrick Karen Bryant

#### living proof live

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Ashley Purland SIMULCAST Registration: 8:30AM Event: 9:30am Cost: \$10—includes breakfast and lunch

Kairos #39 at David Wade Correctional Center September 17-20

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Gabriel Michael Phillips

> HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Jason and Denise Barham

Please remember to bring a dish to share for the parishwide potluck after the 10am service on Loyalty Sunday— September 27.

	The 15th Sunday After Pentecost	The 16th Sunday After Pentecost
	September 6	September 13
LECTIONARY	Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37	Isaiah 50:4-91 Psalm 116:1-8 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38
VESTRY PERSON	DAVE CAPOROSSI	MIKE ENDICOTT
EUCHARISTIC 8:30 MINISTER 11:00	Lynette van Heerden Dan Bennett	Ron Maberry
LAY READER 11:00	Ken Murphy	Bert Babington
LECTORS 8:30 11:00	Betty Langhorst Debbie Fitzpatrick	Pat Parker Brian Whatley
ACOLYTES 8:30 11:00	Kelly Parker Austin Shelton	Hannah Parker Rory Fitzpatrick
ALTAR GUILD	Janie Parker Linda Endicott	Kelly Parker
USHERS 8:30 11:00	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Sissy Brown	Lorain Thrash Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor
MASTER OF CEREMONIES VERGER	Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott



#### SOLO FLIGHT LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Our Logo, a seagull in flight, it's wing intersected, with a cross, represents single adults on a 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

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 Drive and St. Matthias Drive. Telephone: 635-5354

#### We come together to support each other through:

1. Fellowship – Monthly meetings are held either in a members home or in the church. We meet on the second Sunday at 5:00pm

2. Entertainment – Monthly outings are planned by the group. These have included boat trips, going to restaurants, attending plays, line dancing, a day at the racetrack, etc.

#### We come together to support the Community through ministry:

Activities have included:

- 1. A walk in the park for the Rescue Mission.
- 2. Toys for children at LSUHSC.
- 3. Participation in G.U.M.B.O
- 4. Participation in Relay for Life
- 5. Participation in Public Radio
- 6. Various fund drives.

For additional information Call Alice Sanders – 929-2490

#### Episcopal Diocese WESTERN LOUISIANA ©Update

Friday, July 24, 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last night an Alabama man opened fire in a Lafayette movie theater. He killed two young women and wounded nine other people before turning his gun on himself.

Among the wounded are two members of one of our local Episcopal parishes and the mother of a student attending a local Episcopal school. There seems to be no personal connection between the shooter and any of his victims. He was attending a comedy.

Words fail to express the shock and sorrow so many of us feel in response to yet another act of senseless, irrational violence. Our hearts go out to the victims, to their families, and to the entire community of Lafayette.

Join me in praying for those who died. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. May the merciful God comfort and console their grieving families and friends.

Join me in prayer for those who were wounded. May their recovery be swift and complete, and may God's healing touch guide the medical personnel caring for them.

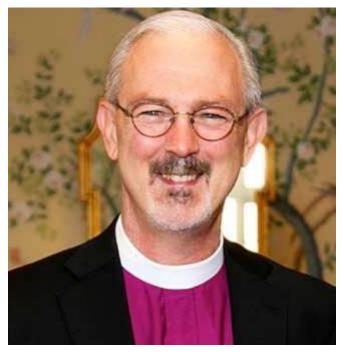
Finally, pray for the deceased shooter. Nothing excuses his disregard for the infinite value of human life and his destructive violence. And yet our Lord teaches us to pray even for those who would do us harm and who would reject our prayers. May the infinitely loving God have mercy on his tormented soul.

My heart and mind-probably much like your own-are reeling with the specific horror and agony of the Lafayette shootings. Nevertheless, I am also mindful that these shootings join what seems like an endless stream of senseless violence across our country.

This is not the time to outline a detailed Christian response to our epidemic of violence. But there is space to name it for what it is: an epidemic. The medicine for this epidemic is the Gospel. And that Gospel teaches us to be peacemakers.

We followers of Jesus are not helpless in the face of violence. But we must take the risk to ask how we contributein many cases unconsciously and unintentionally-to a cultural addiction to violence. And we must have the courage to take the risky steps and to make the difficult changes to overcome violence with the peace that passes all understanding.

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



#### WE REMEMBER AND WE HONOR

#### "Here is the church (hands flat together with fingers tucked inside); Here is the steeple (forefingers together to form steeple); Open the doors (pull thumbs apart and back); And see all the people! (turn hands over and wiggle fingers)

I'm sure some of you will remember this childhood finger play. Actually, the people *are* the church and on this sixtieth anniversary of the founding of St. James, I would like to recognize all those who have come before us, those who had a dream of bringing an Episcopal church to the southwest area of Shreveport. I'm not talking about a building, although I do think we have a beautiful church building (our fifth worship place), but I am speaking of all the people: church parishioners, vestry members, clergy and bishops who through the years have worshiped and prayed and labored to bring us to where we are today.

One of the ways we honor and remember our leaders, the dedicated, spiritual men and one woman (so far), is to have a portrait gallery in the Parish Hall, a place of respect and historical significance. It is a place of honor for those men and woman who have been instrumental in the founding and continuation of our beloved St. James since 1955.

Take a moment one Sunday to acknowledge them with respect and thanksgiving. Here are their names:

Bishop Girault Jones was Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana when St. James was founded. He was Bishop from1949-1969.

Bishop Iveson Nolan was Bishop of the Louisiana diocese from 1969-1975. He sadly died in a plane crash going to one of our churches. He confirmed me at the Church of the Redeemer when he was Bishop Coadjutor and our son Tommy at St. James when he became the Bishop.

Heber Goodin became Acting Bishop from 1975-1976, after Bishop Nolan was killed. He had been Bishop of Panama. He baptized our son Chris.

James Brown was Bishop of Louisiana from 1976-1998.

Willis Henton was the first Bishop of the new Diocese of Western Louisiana from 1980-1990.

Robert Hargrove was the second Bishop of Western Louisiana from 1990 to 2002. He confirmed Chris.

Bruce MacPherson was the third Bishop of Western Louisiana from 2003 to 2013.

Across from the bishops, we have the vicars, priests -in- charge and rectors of St. James:

Alfred Chambliss was the first Priest- in -Charge and first Vicar of St. James from 1957-1961. His son, Saxby, went on to become a senator from Georgia in 2002.

Wallace Garrett was our second vicar from 1962-1971. Father Garrett died a tragic death in 1971. During his tenure the Parish Hall was built to serve many functions including worship services. He also served as sexton, and woe to those who brought cookies with powdered sugar!

S. Keith Hall was our third vicar, 1971-1976, coming to St. James at a sad time and helping us all get through it. He went on to become our first rector, 1976-1980 and started the new church planning process. A scout hut was built during his tenure (now the Garrett-Hall building). I remember his compassion for my elderly mother.

Dana Krutz, second Rector of St. James, served from 1981-1991. Under his leadership, a new church for St. James was built, being completed in 1985.

Rocki Profitt was the third Rector of St. James from 1992-1998.

Andrew Comeaux was the fourth Rector of St. James from 2000 -2002.

William Newby was the fifth Rector of St. James from 2004-2005, the shortest tenure.

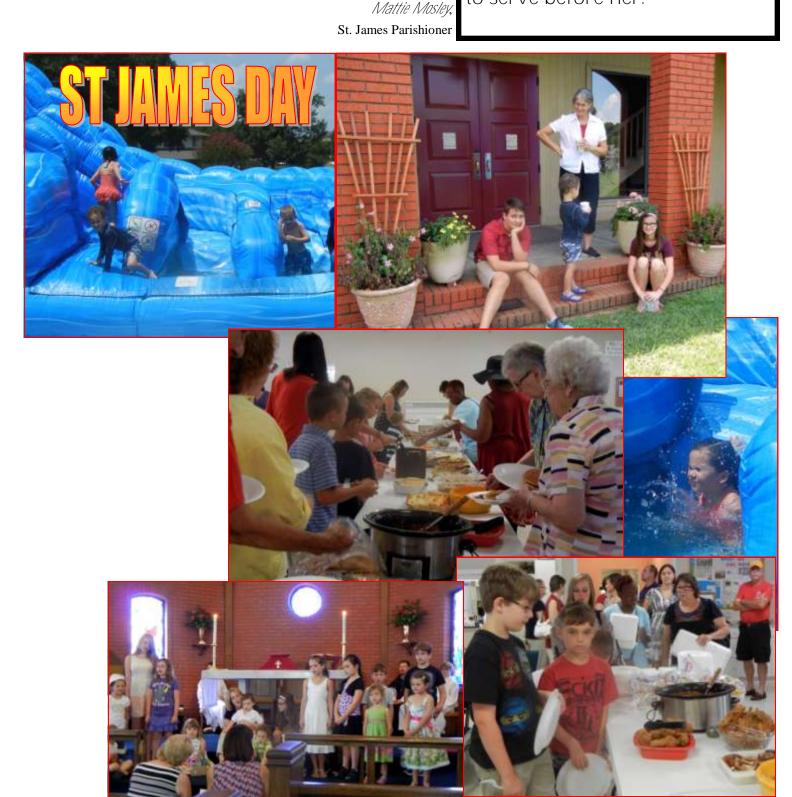
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Sue Bell was our only woman (before Morgan). She was Interim Rector from 2002-2003 and again in 2005-2006. I remember driving her to Caddo Lake so she could take communion to a parishioner.

William Bryant was Priest -in- Charge of St. James from 2005-2010. Father Bill will be remembered for his kindness to those who were ill or bereaved.

Of course, these spiritual leaders are not the only ones who deserve credit for the creation and continuation of our beloved St. James, but it would be impossible to recognize all the saints that have come before. Acknowledge these bishops and priests as you pass their portraits, and thank God for their nurture of our church through these 60 years. Yes, the church is the people!

A portrait of our current bishop, Jake Owensby, is prominently displayed in the Narthex. The portrait of our most recent rector, Morgan MacIntire (2010 to 2015), will soon be hanging in the gallery beside those called to serve before her.





## HELP US FURTHER ESTABLISH FAITHWORKS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Faith Works in Shreveport-Bossier is a new nonprofit organization, working to unite the ecumenical community with nonprofits in the Shreveport/Bossier area to PREVENT DUPLICA-TIONS of efforts.....this will done through a call center at HOPE CONNECTIONS.

In order to help fund this, we will be holding an UPSCALE GARAGE SALE August 27-29. We are asking for (begging, may be more appropriate) donations of some of your quality preloved goods (no clothes, please) The sale will be at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church at 1915 **Grover...across the street from Arthur Circle School.** 

We will be accepting goods Monday, August 24-Wednesday August 26. (9:00 a.m. – Noon)... Drive to back of church and you will see the Fellowship Hall. OR, we can meet you at any time OR we can pick them up. All unsold items will be donated to The ReNesting Project.

> For more information, contact Donna Seal at St. John Berchmans 318-221-5296 x 106

Laura Vaughan at Broadmoor United Methodist Church 318.861.0586 Ext. 236



# Quality Pre-Loved Goods

Sneak Peek Pre-Sale: Thursday, August 27, 7pm-8:30pm . \$20 entry cost, cash only

Two-day sale event:

Broadmoor Presbyterian Church 1915 Grover Place

(across from Arthur Circle School)

Friday, August 28, 8am-2pm No entry cost, cash only Saturday, August 29, 8am-12:30pm No entry cost, cash only Closed 12:30p-1p 1p-2p Half-price sale

# **STAND UP-SPEAK OUT**

It bothered me recently when a man whom I respect very much reminded me about Thomas Moore's beheading and Moore's statement that if he did not object to something it meant he acquiesced. And it got me to thinking. I do truly believe that if I sit back and watch something I know is wrong happen without stepping up and stating my beliefs and trying to make a change, I am at fault. As responsible as the perpetrators? I don't know. But I don't plan to find out, either.

I am very proud of my inclusion in what I believe to be the most progressive church in America. As part of the Episcopal Church I am a member of an institution that is at the forefront of human rights. We reach around the world to bring comfort to those who are suffering, to teach people to care for their communities, to feed the hungry, clothe and shelter the poor, and "do all such good works..."

So what have I observed that has me concerned? My eyes have been reopened to the bigotry that is still to be found in my world. Several years ago I sat in church (NOT St. James, I am happy to report) and watched teens mock the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer, while their parents watched. When I said something, the parents indicated they didn't see a problem. After all, they weren't mocking the priest assigned to the parish, but a visitor who was too far away to see them and therefore nobody was hurt. Was the fact the visitor's skin was dark part of why it was okay? I fear that was so.

I have heard people I care about a lot express disdain for others (whom I also love) because God made them differently. I have observed people in our community being discouraged from joining a group, based on the differences between them and the other attendees. I don't understand how we as Christians can decide which sinners we allow in the church and which we don't. I don't recall a ladder of importance assigned to a list of sins in the Bible. And I certainly don't recall reading anything about keeping ourselves separate from others based on looks, political affiliations, or the people whom they love. The Gospels I recall describe Jesus as always going to great lengths to reach out to the disenfranchised; If Jesus set that example, how can we not follow?

Perfection is not an attribute I claim for myself. I don't believe in piously pointing out the errors in the lives of others. But I do believe in standing up for those who are being treated badly. I do believe in building up those who need strength, whether it is psychological, physical, mental, or spiritual. And I am incredibly moved by the many ways the people in this parish go about accomplishing helping others. When I come together in worship with the people of St. James I truly feel that the Episcopal Church welcomes us all.

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-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: September 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



**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.