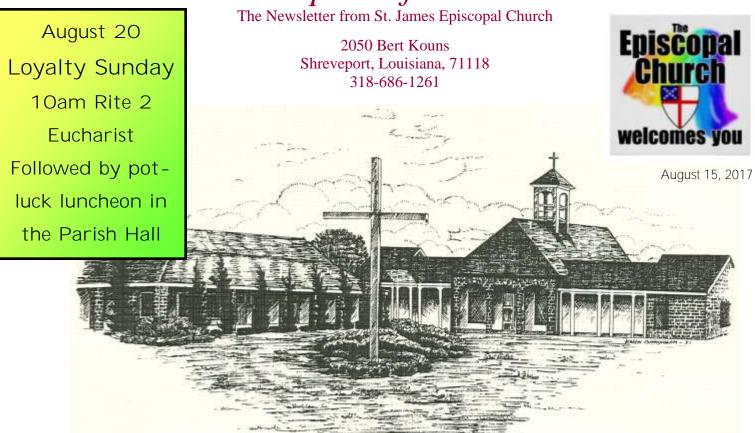
The Spirit of St. James The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church



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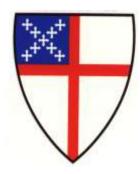
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A MESSAGE FROM MARGARET

This time of year we finish our summer travel, send children off or back to school, and return to the routines of our lives. Clergy pray those whose attendance was spotty due to travel plans now return to more consistent Sunday and class presence. In relational terms, we may take a break from constant presence in a relationship (absence makes the heart grow fonder) but prolonged absence can destroy a relationship. We also know that emotional absence can destroy a relationship.

We also resume Sunday School and other programs at St. James while a majority of programs run year long. On Sunday, August 20th, we will celebrate Loyalty Sunday, a time to renew our commitment to God. We think it is our commitment to St. James but



it is bigger than just St. James, it is part of our commitment to the Kingdom of God. We can argue about tithing (the pledge of 10% of our income to God by supporting the church's ministries) but such conversation can take us away from the conversation of how, as children of God, we commit ourselves to a relationship with the Holy One.

Do we give from a sense of abundance or scarcity? Do we continue to deepen our understanding of God and our response to his call through study as well as self-examination? Do we work to continually evaluate and adapt St. James ministries to God's call in the community of Southern Hills and Shreveport/Bossier City/Mansfield/Keithville/Stonewall and all the communities we live in? How has God transformed each of us as He adopted us as His child? How does St. James invite newcomers and build up disciples of Christ Jesus through the Episcopal tradition?

These are the questions we individually and as St. James must continually answer. We must forge a way forward which is true to God and to the times in which we live. I am not saying we discard the services and programs which nourish our current members; I am saying we cannot attract youth with services and programs which appeal exclusively to the demographics of the people who now attend St. James.

St. James has initiated a group who are studying mission/evangelism/stewardship/discipleship and I hope to use them to help St. James grow into the future. This is not a closed group, new voices are always welcome. Please consider carefully your contribution to St. James of your time, talent, and treasure. Your contributions are what allows St. James to exist and thrive.

Consider Paul's words to the Corinthians:

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness* endures for ever.'

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.*

Blessings, *Margaret*+

Outreach News

The Outreach Committee wishes to thank everyone who placed non-perishable foods into the Salvation Army Barrels. The overflowing barrels have been exchanged for empty ones, which are located just inside the Parish Hall door. The new barrels are updated to a more eye-catching color. Let's see if that spurs us to fill them even faster!

Thanks also to those who have donated items for the Goodwill drive. Over the summer we accumulated enough items to fill many bags. In addition, there were several items that were too large to fit in the bags, such as an ottoman and a rocking horse. Next week the Goodwill truck will arrive to load up all these donations. In exchange, they will give us a \$2.00 voucher for each bag, which we will pass on to Hope House for sharing with their clients. The vouchers may be used toward purchasing items at any Goodwill store.



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"Call an emergency church supper! The freezer's gone out!"

THE GOOD STEWARDS

We had several volunteers to deliver the filled backpacks to Forest Hill Elementary School: Mike & Linda Endicott, Jana Kendrick, Austin Shelton. However, Teresa Thrash beat them all to it, making the delivery in (quite surprisingly) one trip. Her car was stuffed and likely couldn't hold an extra pair of blunt tip scissors or glue stick, but she made it there with everything intact, as indicated by the thank-you letter to the right. Thanks, Teresa, for taking on the task!

July 22 was a sad day for the parish. We gathered to support Andrea Babington as she said good-bye to her mother, Sue Smith. We are relieved the Red Cross assisted Bert in returning home from overseas deployment so he could be at Andrea's side and attend the service for his mother-in-law. The memorial service and reception were held in the Parish Hall and the women of the church put together a full spread of finger foods for the family. Thanks to everyone who showed Andrea and her family how much we love them all.

An anonymous donor has given \$500 to the Legacy Fund which is intended to ensure the long-term continuation of the ministries of St. James. This fund is set up as an endowment for the parish and will be available for use next year. The parish may use the interest from the account in the annual budget, but may not touch the principal, so the funds will work toward the good of the community for generations. Our anonymous donor invites others to join together to add to the principal of this account, thus increasing the annual outlay available for ministering to the community.

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

Special thanks are due to our Junior Warden, Mike Endicott and those who are helping him in the struggle to replace the defunct freezer: David Scott, Krystal Eason, and Dave Caporossi. The third replacement of the original unit (which malfunctioned months ago) is waiting

to be shipped back to the original seller. Arrangements have been made for reimbursement of money spent and a new freezer from a local company will soon be standing in our Parish Hall kitchen. As soon as that task is complete our Filling in the Gaps Program will be in need of home-cooked frozen meals for distribution. We appreciate the time and effort that has gone into ensuring good stewardship of the money donated for the kitchen equipment.

FOREST HILL ELEMENTARY

Angela L. Douglas Principal " A Neighborhood School with a Heart" 2005 FRANCAIS SHREVEPORT, I.A 71118 (318) 686-1783

July 31, 2017

St. James Episcopal Church 2050 W. Bert Kouns Industrial Loop Shreveport, LA 71118

On behalf of Corest Hill Elementary , would like to thank you for the generous donation of school supplies and back packs. We have many children who will benefit from your kindness and generosity. It's people like you who are a piece of the puzzle that helps make our school a success.

Sincerely,

Angela S. Douglas

Angela L. Douglas Principal





SHOW YOUR LOYALTY

Loyalty Sunday is when we are again reminded Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. The tradition of giving back to God and to the church comes from the Biblical practice of "tithing," which means to give back a tenth of our earnings to God (Numbers 18:26). This year it will be celebrated at St. James on August 20. There will be one service at 10am followed by food, fellowship, and conversation about how best to use the resources with which God has blessed us. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure make it possible for us to do the work of ministry in this place. The Episcopal Church sees stewardship as more than simply contributing money to the church; it is also about contributing time and talents, and volunteering for ministry and mission. It is about reaching out to build relationships from a perspective of abundance instead of scarcity.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their right-eousness endures forever.: Now he who supplies seed to the shower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. - 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

The Commitment Cards this year include information we will use to update our e-mail list, OneCall list, mailing list, and Parish Directory. Please complete a card so we have current information about the people in your household. St. James does not require anyone to make a monetary pledge. You are welcome to submit a card without writing a dollar amount on the pledge line.

For those who wish to make a monetary commitment, please fill out the bottom part of the card. Pledges are kept confidential and are only used to provide the Budget Committee with a starting point for setting up an accurate and useful budget for the coming year.

Commitment Cards and envelopes will be available during the luncheon and may be turned in to the Parish Office at any time. Cards will also be available in the Narthex for several weeks. They may also be placed in the offering basket during any worship service. Vestry members who count the offering will <u>not</u> open the sealed commitment card envelopes—this information is confidential and will be treated as such. We ask that completed cards be submitted by

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September 24, 2017, in order that the Budget Committee have a total in time to complete their task.

If you need to add another sheet in order to give names and birthdates of others living in your household, feel free to do so. We would like our directory to be as accurate as possible.

The Fifteenth The Sixteenth Sunday after Sunday After Pentecost Pentecost September 17 September 24 Exodus 14:19-31 Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 Romans 14:1-12 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 18:21-35 Matthew 20:1-16 KAREN MCDONALD KEN MURPHY Lynnette van Heerden Brody Fitzpatrick Brian Whatley Julie Eason Dan Bennett Ken Murphy Lynnette van Heerden Chelsea Maielli Sissy Brown Janet Moore Melanie Winkler Kelly Parker Mason Garner Jan Jones Debbie Fitzpatrick Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson Holly Johnson Pat Parker Pat Parker Denise Shelton Mike Kendrick Betty McDonald Mike Kendrick Mike Endicott Mike Endicott Any time you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement or advise the Vestry Person of the Day.

OUR WEBMASTER JERRY HOWARD

St. James is blessed with any number of parishioners who accomplish many tasks for our beloved church, and who do so voluntarily with no thought of monetary reward. In fact, St. James only has 4 paid positions. All the other tasks, so necessary for the ongoing operation of our church both physically and spiritually, are freely given by various parishioners.

One parishioner who deserves our accolades is webmaster extraordinaire, Jerry Howard. Jerry is an electronic whiz who keeps our website beautiful and up to date. Recently he has placed new photos of the entrance to the church on the opening web page: photos showing the main doors of the church from the garden in front of the church, colorful, welcoming photos. He has also updated many of the areas of the site including the St. James history and ECW information. (Editorial comment here: if you are responsible for some of the web information and it is not up to date, please contact Jerry!) Our website is so important to let people know we are here and we welcome them to St. James.

So here's your invitation to check out our website, admire it, and let Jerry know what you think. It's always nice to be appreciated! It's www.stjames-shreveport.org

And by the way, Jerry is also responsible for the upkeep of our marquee sign out front which lets passersby know our services and times and special events. And if that's not enough, Jerry also plays and sings with the Praise Team every third Sunday. Thanks, Jerry, for all you do!

Mattie Mosley





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n Holy Eucharist	28	29	Marlin Dickerson 30
ANNIVERSARY s & Susan Laws	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Teresa Purland	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Gunnar Liles	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Linda Endicott

		The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 3	The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10
LECTIONARY VESTRY PERSON		Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20 KRYSTAL EASON
		LAUREN OCMAND	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	8:30 11:00	Janie Parker Austin Shelton	Brody Fitzpatrick Ron Maberry
LAY READER	11:00	Ken Murphy	David Scott
LECTORS	8:30 11:00	Pat Parker David Scott	Chelsea Maielli Brian Whatley
ACOLYTES	8:30 11:00	Melanie Winkler Austin Shelton	Kelly Parker Jan Jones
ALTAR GUILD		Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn	Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn
USHERS	8:30 11:00	Pat Parker Mary Taylor Mike Kendrick	Lynnette van Heerden Mike Kendrick Sissy Brown
MASTER OF CEREMONIES		Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott

LOVE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN HATRED

The events in Charlottesville, VA have reminded me I am to call out hatred and sow seeds of love. The actions of the violent arms of the alternative right, White Supremacy groups, and Nazi or Neo-Nazi groups are not Christian in any sense of the word. Jesus taught us to *love God with all your heart and mind and strength and your neighbor as your self.* To hate is to disavow God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit; it is antithetical to Christianity. We must never hesitate to disavow these groups, their hateful words, and their actions.

We are also called to respond to hatred with LOVE. Let us all take a note from Jesus who forgave those who crucified him; we can do no less than he did in forgiving the person while abhorring the actions.

Alleluia, alleluia,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Margaret+

SUPPORTING MISSION EFFORTS

Breakfast on August 4 raised \$486.00 toward sending Sara Lewis on a mission trip to Haiti in September. Another \$100 came in via mail, bringing the effort up to approximately half of the anticipated cost of the trip. Thanks to the cooks—James & Lisa Lewis, and

to the parish for supporting Sara as she goes to provide hands-on assistance to those still suffering from the aftereffects of the 2011 earthquake.

Photos courtesy Kathy Deal







The theme for this year's VBS was Celebrating the Blessings of God through Music, Song and Dance. We focused on Psalm 66:1-2, Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

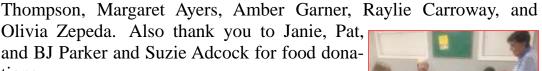
We had a great group of 11 children this year and wonderful volun-

teers. On the first day we learned about rhythm and beat and making music. To put our knowledge into action, we made different rhythm instruments: egg shakers, castanets and maracas. Afterwards we used our instruments to match the rhythm and beat in some of our songs. We also played a rousing game of musical chairs.

On day 2 we learned about the musical notes and practiced by competing in a musical staff relay. We learned to sing some new songs and we made another part of our VBS mobile.

Day 3 was all about dancing. We learned Lord of the Dance; singing and dancing our way across the parish hall. We sang My God is Number One and learned all the accompanying motions. We played several rounds of musical Yahtzee and we finished our VBS mobiles.

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful volunteers: Lois Maberry, Ron Maberry, Chelsea Maielli, Brody Fitzpatrick, Karen McDonald, Betty McDonald, Teresa Thrash, Debbie





Celebration of Women's Ministries

There will be a Celebration of Women's Ministries held at Camp Hardtner on September 15—16, 2017. This is a time for numerous of diverse ministries to come together and celebrate in the name our Lord and Savior. The ministries of the Diocesan Daughters of the King, the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, and Altar Guild women, along with our guest speaker, Madre Annie Etheredge, rector Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, (Opelousas) will give us an awesome treat. Spiritual Direction will be offered by Maureen Locke (St. Matthias Episcopal, Shreveport).

Madre Annie Etheredge's theme will be, "How to Leave the Rush and Live into the Hush. Finding enough stillness to hear the small, still voice of God in your busy life." We all need a little down time, but the pace of today's A merican life is enough to drive any rat crazy, let alone the average woman. It's not only okay to leave the rodents to their own race, it will improve your health, your outlook, and your relationships. S pend time with Madre A nnie E theredge and your friends from around the Diocese as we explore using mindful meditation, prayer, and journaling to anchor a spiritual life amid the busy-ness of the 21st century woman's life.

The weekend will begin on Friday evening, September 15, with registration 4 P.M. until 6 P.M. Then, there will be a Meet and Greet Social and dinner. Madre Annie E theredge will also present us with her first presentation. Saturday will begin with breakfast followed by the E.C.W. meeting. After a short break, the D.O.K. meeting will begin. The last meeting will be the Altar Guild meeting. Please come and see what is going on in other parishes. Feel free to share what's going on in your parish and you will also be able to get great ideas from other parishes. All women are encouraged to attend any of the meetings of their choice. You do not have to be a member to attend the meetings.

We will host a workshop on Linen Care for the Altar Guild. Mrs. Judy Bordelon will do a workshop on how to make and use prayer beads. Judy will only be able to take the first thirty people that sign-up. You don't want to miss out on these workshops.

E arly registration is suggested and registrants will receive a detailed schedule of the Celebration weekend. We hope to see each of you at our annual celebration weekend! We are going to have a glorious time!!

The cost for the weekend is \$65(covers a night of lodging, three meals, snacks and the speaker). If you prefer to drive down for S aturday only, the cost is \$15 (covers the session and two meals). Private lodging is \$85 (covers a night of lodging, three meals, snacks and the speaker), space permitting.

For more information, please contact Ms. Shetwan Roberison (318-707-2570) or www.womensecw1@gmail.com) or Mrs. Megan Rowzie (337-570-9220 pianogrl8@aol.com).

Registration forms available in the narthex





ST. JAMES DAY & YOUTH SUNDAY

July 23 we celebrated St. James Day and Youth Sunday. Our younger members served at the altar, acted as ushers and oblationers, read the lessons from the lectern, and fully integrated into the service of the day. Mister Austin Shelton, AKA "the altar boy with long hair," preached on the lessons. Afterward the congregation adjourned to the Parish Hall for a sumptuous pot-luck luncheon and wonderful fellowship. We are fortunate to have so many young people who are interested in participating!













THE BLESSING OF LEGACY

Something shared by many Christian congregations, especially in the smaller churches, is the frequent interaction between those from different generations. We at St. James are blessed to be among such happy company. Our most experienced are happy to share with our least experienced. Our youth participate in the worship services and grow up serving others through our varied outreach ministries. There is no doubt that we are blessed.

Our children are learning to respect adults, to listen to points of view that differ from their own, to value the wisdom of others. Our older members are enjoying the new life that children breathe into any group of individuals. They are seeing the continuance of a parish they love. They are witness to new growth in outreach into our community through additional interests and new understanding of social issues. We are definitely blessed.

On Youth Sunday each year we emphasize the involvement of our youngest generations. We make use of the skills many already have and employ those individuals in the worship service, either directly by having them serve at the altar, or indirectly by having them supervise the youngest in their given tasks. We encourage those who have not yet become old enough to take an active role by bringing them into the mix where they can see older youth doing jobs they can aspire to perform. Throughout the year we encourage our young members to engage in the life of the parish. And in doing so, we model the roles they will someday take over. We cannot do this without the experience of those who know enough to teach them. St. James has a wonderful abundance of individuals who are able to teach our youth the wonders of service to others, whether as part of the altar party or in a less obvious role. Again, we are blessed.

Each time we go about our lives as members of the Church, whether we are preparing meals for the hungry, sorting school supplies into backpacks, pulling weeds from the garden, picking up paper that has blown across the lawn, reading the Psalter aloud, kneeling in prayer, or any of the myriad of things we do as a community or individually, let us take time to remember that we do these things because someone taught us. They either taught us the specific skills or they instilled in us the desire to learn, to act, and to serve. Most of this did not take place in a classroom or any other formal setting. It happened through watching the generations who came before us. It occurred when no



one was thinking about it. Oftentimes we just model the behavior of those whom we love and respect—and we love and respect them because we are able to interact with them and get to know them. Absolutely, we are blessed.

As we give thanks for such blessings, let us also remember that we are here because the Episcopal Church welcomes us, as the Episcopal Church welcomes everyone.

—Jnanne Zepeda

Photo courtesy Debbie Fitzpatrick

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.