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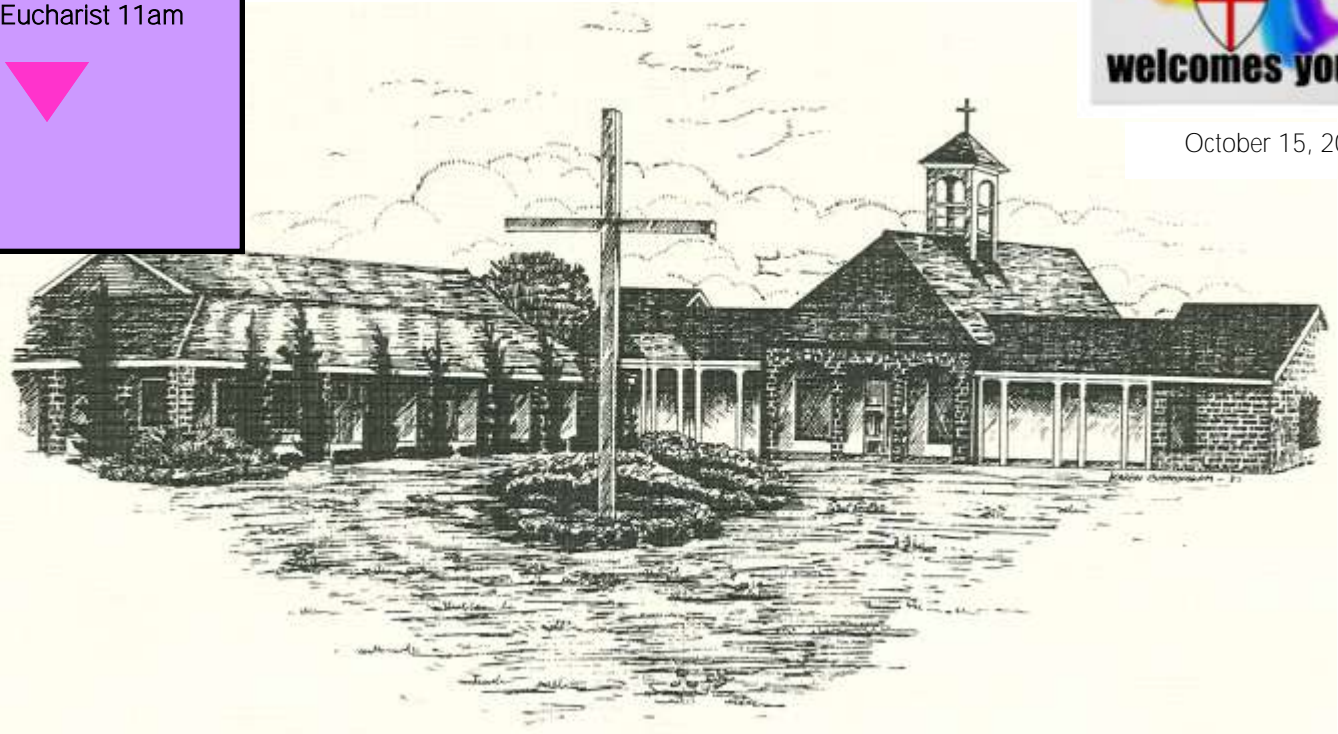
The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

2050 Bert Kouns
Shreveport, Louisiana, 71118
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October 15, 2015

November 1
All Saints ' Day
Rite I Eucharist 8:30am
Rite II Eucharist 11am



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The Search is On

Organist/Choir Director:

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Rhonda Robertson

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Jnanne Zepeda

2015 Vestry:

Brian Whatley (17)— Sr.
Warden

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Warden

Members:

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Kathy Deal (17)

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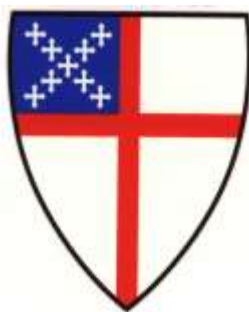
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

I read on Facebook a few days ago about a short conversation between Morgan MacIntire+ and Eamon regarding seasons. And, as is often the case, young children can have remarkable insight into our "adult" world.

Eamon: Mom, when is it going to be Easter again?

Me (Morgan+): Not until next Spring, honey. It has to be Christmas before it can be Easter.

Eamon: Oh. But mom, it has to be purple before it can be Christmas.

Yes, it will have to be "purple" (Advent) before it can be Christmas. It will also have to be "blue" (Lent) before it can be Easter. We will endure a cold and gray winter before the joyous rebirth of spring. These are the times of preparation which take place before important events occur. Sometimes we can look at the calendar and note the exact date when an event will take place or a season will change, and that peases our human sensibilities. The Greek word for that kind of time is *chronos*, which is the time for an event that can be found on a calendar or a clock. In dealing with spiritual events, whether personal or in the life of our Parish, we often experience a different kind of time, *kairos*, which in the Greek language refers to an event taking place when the time is right, or in the fullness of time. In the New Testament, that term was used to describe the coming of the Messiah. That also is the timeline in which we will find our new Rector. Our Vestry has selected a search committee and that committee is starting the deliberate business which will lead to the calling of a new Rector for our Parish. I wish it were a matter of *chronos* time; I looked ahead in the calendar and unfortunately the exact date was not marked. We must remember, however, that the time does exist. In the meantime, we will have a time of preparation in which we carry out many things in the life of our Parish in very much the same ways, and learn to see new things as well, such as Morning Prayer on some Sundays and enjoying new Celebrants and their particular styles of worship.

On a personal note, I wish to thank the parishioners of St. James for their concern shown to Patti and me following the passing of my father, Hubert Whatley. The last few weeks have been difficult, and I know that the difficulty will take some time to ease.

Please keep our Vestry in your prayers as you remain in ours.

In Christ,

Brian Whatley



Outreach News

Fall is in the air parishioners! The year has made its way all the way to October and it is time to take a look back over the year and holidays to come, and to the new year sneaking up on us.

As committee chairman, I wanted to take a moment to **THANK YOU** for your support to the Outreach at St. James. We may not be a big committee, but our hearts sure are and without your contributions each month, both financially and through the Goodwill bag drives, the garden, the backpack program, St. Luke's Medical Mobile Ministry, etc., the assistance we have provided to people inside and outside of our community would not have happened. You have helped change the lives of people in need in more ways than you will ever know. You have clothed, fed, housed, and helped people with their medical needs, and by doing so, have saved the health of many who otherwise would have suffered drastically with potential illness and no treatment. You allowed children to have the necessary supplies they needed for school, all the while allowing the parents a little sigh of relief knowing this was taken care of. My heart fills with joy thinking about those we have aided this year and the gratitude they return to us through their thankful hearts is overwhelming.

You are responsible for all the smiling faces we have helped.....for those who were given food on the table, school supplies, a roof over their heads, clothes for their children and themselves, medical assistance, and so many other things. If you can, please pat yourselves on the back, because you deserve it. You are AWE-SOME and so are your HEARTS.

"As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15 This scripture says it all, because in serving His people, we **are** serving Him.

—Karen Waguespack

Blessed to Be a Blessing

Pledge Commitment for Year 2013

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Accept this pledge as an expression of gratitude for all the blessings of this life and for the blessing God calls me to be. I pray for the grace to honor the practice of proportional giving by:

- Pledging to God's purpose through my faith community for the first time
- Increasing my financial pledge
- Increasing my pledge by 1%, 3%, or 5% of my annual income
- Tithing 10% of my annual income to carry out God's purpose through my faith community

Given () Weekly () Monthly () Quarterly () Annually

Total Pledge for this Year to the Episcopal Church of _____

THE GOOD STEWARDS

While the event didn't get a huge amount of hype, just a couple of e-mails to the parish, St. James did respond. Thanks to everyone who contributed shoe boxes of gifts for the El Salvadoran children that Jacob King's school is helping. At last count there were eight boxes prepared by St. James parishioners and donated to Jacob's classroom for their collection and distribution. St. James has long been a part of the greater ecumenical community in we are happy to help Calvary Baptist Academy in their efforts to improve the lives of others in our world.

Great job to all who have contributed to the Kitchen Upgrade fund raiser. We have topped our goal of \$5,000 and are able to apply for the diocesan grant that could match up to \$5,000 (should we be chosen to receive the grant). We have also received an additional \$15,000 from two anonymous donors and we have the proceeds from the ECW hayride/dinner/dance still coming. It is obvious that this ministry is important to our parishioners and we are looking forward to expanding our abilities to feed people in our community once the kitchen has been upgraded.

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.



A TIME TO GIVE—A TIME TO PROMISE

The Vestry of St. James would like to invite the entire St. James family to prayerfully consider how we each will help sustain the many ministries of our parish during the upcoming year. As a first step, each of our current Vestry members have determined their promise to the parish and have submitted their intentions toward monetary and non-monetary donations. They invite the rest of us to follow suit in order to help the Budget Committee put together an accurate budget for 2016.

To date we have had seventeen Commitment Cards submitted to the parish office, either through the Sunday or Wednesday offering, the mail, or in person. These total a promise of \$82,010.00 to help pay the costs of running the parish and continuing our existing ministries. Pledges for 2015 totaled \$120,890.00, so we have reached approximately 2/3 of what was pledged by the end of December 2014. We are certainly off to a good start.

For those who still wish to pledge, Commitment Cards can be located in the Parish Hall, next to envelopes that can be used to keep your information private. The only people who should look at your numbers are those who keep track of the information for our bookkeeping purposes: the Treasurer and the Parish Administrator. Vestry members, clergy, budget committee members, etc. do not know how much any individual commits to St. James.

You may also complete the card printed on page 3 in this issue of the *Spirit of St. James* and mail it to St. James Episcopal Church, 2050 Bert Kouns, Shreveport, LA 71118—or turn it in through any of the other methods mentioned above.

Pledges are not set in stone. Sometimes family circumstances change, resulting in a change in the previous commitment to the parish. If this happens, feel free to contact the parish office and indicate you wish to change your pledge. No explanation is necessary. You may increase or decrease the amount at any time. Letting the office know your intentions helps us keep the finances in good shape throughout the year.





THE MISSION CONTINUES...



NOVEMBER Calendar of Clinics

St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry

November 2015 Calendar

November 5th Thursday- 3:00-5:00 Hope Connection, 2350 Levy St (K. Porter, NP; D. Wissing RT)

November 7th Saturday-9-12-Sav-a-Lot grocery, Minden (L. Gipson, NP)

November 8th Sunday 4-6 pm-Christ the King, Bossier (Melanie Petchak, NP)

November 10th Tuesday- 9-12-Susan G Komen Pop-up Clinic-Springhill-in conjunction with Partners in Wellness and MLKHC (L. Gipson, NP)

November 11th Wednesday- 9-11-Hope House 762 Austin PI (Dr. Mercer)

November 12th Thursday 4:45-6:15-Highland Blessing Dinner

November 15th Sunday-10-12 noon-Hope House-762 Austin Place (Dr. Thompson) and LSU med students

November 18th Wednesday 3:30-5:30 Hope Connection, 2350 Levy Street (Dr. Landry and D. Wissing, RT)

November 19th Thursday-4:45-6:30 pm-Cedar Grove-Common Ground Ministries

November 21st Saturday-7:30-9:30 am Vivian and 10-11:30 am Oil City

**If you would like to volunteer, please contact Betty, office@stlukesmedicalministry.org*

St. .Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry ph (318) 424-0156

office@stlukesmedicalministry.org

www.stlukesmedicalministry.org

Holly Johnson

Contact the parish office at
686-1261
to get your trunk on the list!

On **October 30**

St. James will host

TRUNK OR TREAT

for the children of the neighborhood.

From 6:30pm-8pm we pull our cars into the parking lot with trunks full of Halloween decorations and treats for the children. Bring your costumed children for a safe and fun trick or treat event!


We will also have free carnival games just for fun. Bring the family and enjoy the evening with us!

If you plan to decorate your trunk and treat the kids, please sign up in advance so we can prepare the space.

The 20's & 30's Group is organizing this event.

Contact Holly
Johnson with
questions.

St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	
1 <i>Rev'd Rowena White</i> 8:30 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 11:00 AM Morning Prayer	2	3 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mackenzie Parker	4 10:30 AM HA
8 <i>Rev'd Ron Clingenpeel</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II HAPPY BIRTHDAY Caleb Matlock Rachel Jacobs	9 Happy Anniversary Timothy & Debbie Fitzpatrick	10 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Adam Johnson	11 10:30 AM HA I Jes
15 <i>Rev'd Paula Claire Hall</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II HAPPY BIRTHDAY Morgan Talton	16 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Teresa Thrash Brandt Peyton	17 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Matthew Bryant	18 10:30 AM HA I
22 <i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mary Taylor James Calhoun Bryn Ollendike	23 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Matthew Maberry Susan Perkins Happy Anniversary John & Kirsten Thornhill	24 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Liz Montelepre	25 10:30 AM
29 <i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II HAPPY BIRTHDAY James Lewis Gary Bryant	30	HAYRIDE, DANCE & NOVENBER 14 6:30 	



All Saints Day

Rev'd Rowena White

November 1

*24th Sunday
After Pentecost*

Rev'd Ron Clingnepeel

November 8

LECTIONARY

*Wisdom of Solomon 3:1- 9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21: 1- 6a
John 11: 32-24*

*I Kings 17:8- 16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9: 24- 28
Mark 12: 38- 44*

VESTRY PERSON

CHRIS BIENVENU

DAVE CAPOROSSI

EUCCHARISTIC 8:30
MINISTER 11:00

Janie Parker
Ken Murphy

Lynette van Heerden
Ron Maberry

LAY READER 11:00

Dan Bennett

Bert Babington

LECTORS 8:30
11:00

Pat Parker
Sissy Brown

Betty Langhorst
Ken Murphy

ACOLYTES 8:30
11:00

Kendall Parker
Mason Garner

Melanie Winkler
Austin Shelton

ALTAR GUILD

Lonnie Howard
Kathy Watkins
Faye Wynn

Debbie Fitzpatrick
Holly Johnson

USHERS 8:30
11:00

Lorain Thrash
Mike Kendrick
Sissy Brown

Pat Parker
Mike Kendrick
Mary Taylor

**MASTER OF
CEREMONIES**

Mike Endicott

Mike Endicott

IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

We are asking that St. James parishioners give the **Gift of Warmth** when we gather for our communal Thanksgiving Day celebration. Boxes will be set up in the Parish Hall throughout the months of October and November, so anyone who wishes to donate warm coats, hats, scarves, mittens, boots, and blankets may do so. You don't have to take part in the dinner to help another person stay warm during the cold months. Let's continue to support this ministry as faithfully as we have the last several winters!



give the gift of
warmth

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Angus & Morgan MacIntire
1312 Stillwater Drive
Mandeville, LA 70471
318-840-3258

Kathy Watkins' new cell phone:
(318) 564-6819

ECW Fundraiser for Kitchen Remodel

ST. JAMES HAYRIDE

Country-Western Dinner/Dance

Music by The PB's

Featuring Keri Howard Winters

Saturday, Nov. 14 6:30 — 'til

\$25 Ticket

Pardners, ya'll better hurry up and lasso some tickets for the St. James Hayride! Tickets are \$25.00 for some good ole country and western (listenin' and dancin') music by the PB's featuring Keri Winters and her cowpoke band. Dinner includes Chisholm Trail beef brisket with all the trimmings, Belle Starr's own dessert, and tenderfoot tea or saspirilla. Just wait till you take a gander at them "Silent Auction" items available. Whooee! So rustle yourself up to the church office and order them tickets right now from Miss Jnanne, 'cause they tell me the seatin' is limited. Remember, all proceeds go for fixin' up our own chuckwagon (kitchen for you city folk) in the Parish Hall.

Sioux City Sue

ARRIVEDERCI, THERESA!

The parishioners of St. James will be sad to learn that Theresa Mormino is moving to Hot Springs and will be leaving us. We all wish her well and hope that she remembers to come back to see us. Remember "arrivederci" means "till we meet again."

St. James has been an integral part of Theresa's life since she came to us in 1986 along with her son, Christopher. In fact, Christopher was an acolyte for many years and attended Sunday school regularly. He says Pat Parker was his favorite SS teacher.

Theresa tells me that outside of church services and her many friends at St. James, she also loved all of the activities that she was involved in while at St. James. Theresa has served on the vestry several times and as President of the ECW. She was co-chair of our bazaar and of the tasting tea which introduced our first cookbook and always helped with our rummage sales. Remember those? The bazaar was a special favorite since she enjoyed working with her dear friend Bea Sedam. "Bea was a blessing! We laughed a lot and we worked hard.," Theresa says. And, yes, I remember Bea doing so much for St. James.

Theresa was also responsible for the children's Christmas pageant every year for many, many years. It was always beautifully presented with wonderful costumes. Theresa says that those kids have kids of their own now; it's hard to believe! Some hilarious moments took place that would probably win a prize on "America's funniest Videos".

Theresa tells me that she loved being in Nita Magee's Sunday school class. I quote Theresa: "What a spiritual woman she is and she helped me so much on my journey." As a parting gift to St. James, Theresa has painted a beautiful mural in one of the classrooms in the Garrett-Hall Building. She has left our church a beautiful legacy, not only in the mural, but also in her many years of dedicated service to the church and the people she loved. Theresa has had health issues recently and says that she hasn't been doing as much lately, but I think what she has been able to do for all these years certainly has put "Stars in her Crown." She tells me she will always hold the church and our members close to her heart, as we will you, Theresa!

Theresa is now retired and planning to get her art studio up and running. She hopes to spend time making her art: jewelry, assemblage art, mosaic, glass, etc. If you have ever seen some of Theresa's art work you know how talented she is! She also hopes to get back to her writing. Theresa has had many poems published; in fact, she won the SRAC literary fellowship in 2001 for her poetry (Cash prize: \$2500!). She is also a member of the Haiku Society of America as well as the local Haiku group.

All of us here at St. James wish our dear friend the best for the future. We pray that life will be good to her; we know God will be with her on this new journey that she is undertaking.

Arrivederci, Theresa, have a joyous future!
Go with God!

—*Mattie*



GIVE THANKS AS A FAMILY...

WITH YOUR ST. JAMES FAMILY

What do you prepare for Thanksgiving? Turkey? Ham? Sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, cake, veggie tray, fresh rolls... Instead of doing it all this year, join the St. James community for a covered dish family-style feast. Sign up to bring your favorite and taste everyone else's favorites, too. Join us for Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 26, at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Due to generous donations by parishioners and local businesses, the turkeys are already provided. (Special thanks to Matt Parker for cooking them for us). Please bring a dish to share—dressing, bread, gravy, vegetable, salad, or dessert—you decide. Make your reservations by signing up on the sheet in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please call Tina Caporossi (318) 683-4002. Your presence will make Thanksgiving a true celebration of all the many things we at St. James have for which to be thankful.



Dear Ladies,
You filled my heart this
past Sunday with your lovely
send off and loving wishes
for my next chapter..
The table was perfect - my
favorite colors! I have the pretty
mum on my coffee table so
I can enjoy it throughout the
day.



Thank You



CHANNESCO
And the cake! Only you Mattie,
would think to say it in Italian
and on the cake I Crave. Yum!
Your gift was too generous
but I promise I will put it to good
use in Hot Springs!
I have years of sweet
memories and now I can add
these last sweetest ones! God
bless each of you. Much love,
Theresa



August 19, 2015

Dear Betty,

I don't know how many people are left at St. James who remember our Cambodian families, but thought you might like to share this with them. They came to visit last Saturday.

Khatna, Roger, Sau Hong, Bou Chieng, Lois, Hong Le's 3 - Brandon, Kristen & Katelyn, Varnnry & William (Sotheara's wife & boy) & in the one picture, Sotheara & in the other, Hong Le (now just Leigh).

Bou Hong has Parkinson's & dementia. Bou Chieng is divorced, & Leigh is separated. Bou asked specifically about you & Liz.

Lois



WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

The church is not a building, although having a building in which to meet makes being a church much easier. The church is not a priest, preacher, rabbi, minister, or pastor. Although having one to lead us in worship makes it much easier to worship. The church is a gathering of people worshipping together, ministering to others and to each other. The church is the body of Christ—**"the blessed company of all faithful people"** (according to the Book of Common Prayer). Without the building and the leader we would still be the church. At the moment we still have the building and we are still using it as a place of worship. We are stumbling along without a regular leader and continuing our ministries while looking forward to the day when we will again have someone who will help us to focus more firmly on those ministries.

But until that day arrives, let us continue in our daily stumble, because moving forward at any pace is better than stagnating. We are relearning the joy of the Morning Prayer service. We are relearning to depend on each other in new ways. People who have not had the opportunity in the past to **lead have stepped up and taken on new roles. Others have taken a needed break. We've shifted** around a bit and are stretching our comfort zones. This is a good thing.

Let's identify and take advantage of our strengths. Let's use them to shore up our weaker spots. Working as a team we can accomplish very much. The parish of St. James is undeniably one of the most giving that I have ever seen—and that is not something inspired by the leadership. Encouraged by the priests I have worked with, yes, but the giving comes from within the members. I anticipate this characteristic will remain no matter who takes on the leadership role, either as clergy or as lay people. **You can't change the essential nature of the beast—and we wouldn't want to.**

So let's keep on keeping on. We have a long haul ahead of us as we seek our next priest. The Vestry is in the process of appointing the Search Committee, using the names nominated by the parish. We've requested an interim priest and the diocese is working on finding us someone. Let's offer our prayers that the transition will be smooth and that we will continue to enjoy a good working relationship with each other as we pursue our many ministries within the parish.

And let us always remember: The Episcopal Church Welcomes us all.

—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: November 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



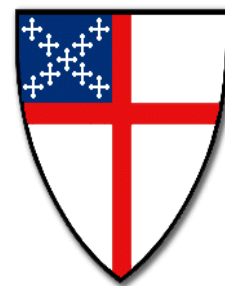
THE BEGINNING DRAWS TO AN END

Between the constant downpours of the spring months and the drought conditions of the summer, the new flower bed has had a rough beginning, but St. Francis has found his new home in the center of the cross bed at the foot of the standing cross in the courtyard. With much thanks to our dedicated gardeners, Suzy Adcock, Ron Branham, Tina & Dave Caporossi, Matt Parker, Pat Parker, BJ Pritchard, Bob Shane, and everyone else they have roped into the task, we have edging stones forming the cross border, with day lilies and chrysanthemums planted around the St. Francis statue that once graced Helen Kizer's home.

As fall begins and the temperature drops it has become more satisfying to toil in the garden for purely ornamental purposes.

One of the long-term goals of this bed is to provide flowers for the altar and for our friends and neighbors. The parishioners who first envisioned this project wished to plant flowers for cutting as well as blooms that would enhance the appearance of the courtyard.

As they cultivate this plot our gardeners are updating the appearance of the original memorial garden. Look for it to brighten up and grow even more beautiful in days to come. Donations of iris, daffodil, crocus, tulip, and hyacinth would be most welcome, should anyone discover an overabundance when thinning beds this fall



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.