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



Rite 1 Eucharist 8:30am
Rite II Eucharist 11am



November 12
First Sunday of
Advent

Rite 1 Eucharist 8:30am Rite II Eucharist 11am 2050 Bert Kouns Shreveport, Louisiana, 71118 318-686-1261



October 15, 2016

November 10

Emilie Fundraiser

Hosted by Alex Gibson and Chelsea Maielli

6-8pm

Parish Hall

Details inside

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Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church: The Most Rev'd Michael Curry

Bishop, Diocese of Western Louisiana:

The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Jacob Owensby

Rector:

We caught one!

Organist/Choir Director: Kaye Crichlow

Nursery: Rhonda Robertson

Parish Administrator:: Jnanne Zepeda

2016 Vestry:
Brian Whatley (17)— Sr.
Warden
Mike Endicott (19)— Jr.
Warden
Members:

(17)

Sissy Brown (18) Kathy Deal (17)

Karen McDonald (18) Ken Murphy (19) Pat Parker (18) David Scott (19)

Ex Officio:
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Janie Parker—Clerk



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

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.*



As most of us know, the procedure for calling a new Rector is a very thoughtful and deliberate process; arduous, even, some would suggest. We at St. James have faithfully made this prayer at every service for over a year now. Our Heavenly Father has answered our prayer. The parish Search Committee has recommended to the Vestry to call the Reverend Margaret Ayers as the next Rector of St.

James Parish. The Reverend Ayers is currently serving in the Diocese of Mississippi. The Vestry has accepted the recommendation and I have made that call. Margaret + has accepted and the

Vestry is now in the midst of working through the administrative details of actually bringing Margaret+ aboard as our new Rector.

Please keep your Vestry in your prayers as we complete the last steps necessary to bring our new Rector on board

soon. Thanks be to God for answered prayers.

Brian Whatley
Senior Warden

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Outreach News

Outreach will be collecting slightly used or new scrubs all sizes and ladies/children new underwear, as October is domestic violence month. The nurses that work the sexual assault cases are in need of these items as the victims' clothing is kept for evidence. Any help with this will be greatly appreciated.

We are still collecting for organizations listed on our outreach board above the bins. Please check them out.

Soon we will be doing the filling-in-the-gaps for Thanksgiving, meals-on-wheels, and a Thanksgiving dinner for families in need. Also, new or slightly worn, warm coats, blankets, gloves, hats, socks-even jogging suits, as the cold weather finally gets here, will be collected through Thanksgiving.



St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry

Monday, September 26, 2016

Outreach Committee Kathy Watkins St. James Episcopal Church 2050 W. Bert Kouns Shreveport LA 71118

Dear Friends at St. James

Thank you so much for your continued support of St. Luke's. Your faithfulness in providing financial support to this ministry is so deeply appreciated. Because of you, we are able to continue to live into our call to help those in the community who are in need of assistance.

Already this year St. Luke's has provided services to over 1,400 individuals at 148 clinics. Of those served, 184 were homeless. We continue to expand our mission field to outlying areas, and have scheduled clinics next month in Natchitoches and Coushatta. All of this is possible because of you.

Please continue to hold St. Luke's in your prayers, and know that we are doing the same for each of you.

Let's fill up those Give the Gift of Warmth boxes again this year! The contents will be delivered to Hope House and distributed among the individuals who are homeless in the Shreveport area.

Start watching for the giving tree in the Narthex which will feature names of those individuals and families we are helping with Christmas Thanks so much for being such a generous parish!

-Kathy W.

St.

Betty Johnson, Executive Director



THE GOOD STEWARDS

Breakfast at St. James in October was a bigger deal than usual—as the charity was even closer to our hearts than usual. Karen McDonald, Jnanne Zepeda, and Olivia Zepeda prepared the meal, but added a twist-of lemon. Hannah Bowman, Emilie Gibson's best friend, wanted to do something to support her pal, so she made arrangements to host a lemonade stand during breakfast. Those two events shared a donation basket with a bake sale—thanks for Betty Langhorst and Bobbye Smith for additional baked goods—and the morning was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who gave so generously to help the Gibson family with the many, many expenses that are associated with Emilie's treatments at St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN.

We also wish to offer thanks to the Rev'd Margaret Ayers, who has answered the call to come to St. James as our next rector. Although negotiations for her services are not yet complete, she has already driven to Memphis to meet the Gibson family and administer the Eucharist to Trey, Candi, and Emilie. What a fabulous way to begin a new ministry in our parish.

And we are thankful for the hard work and dedication of the individuals who have served tirelessly on the search committee. We are aware that they put much time and effort into the process and are pleased that their labors have come to an end. Their service to St. James is recognized and appreciated. Thank-you Curtis Shelton, chair (and fearless leader), Lauren Ocmand, Suzy Adcock, Karen McDonald, Pat Parker, Mike Endicott, and Rory Fitzpatrick.



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.

TO GIVE, HOW MUCH TO GIVE?

Our church budget is based on our expected expenses and tempered by our expected income. In 2017 we anticipate greater expenses than 2016, as we will once again have a full-time rector in the parish. Please, prayerfully consider how best to contribute to the health of the church's finances in order to allow us to continue all the ministries we have underway, and hopefully even expand those to further meet the needs of the community in which we live, work, and raise our families.

While the 10% tithe is the accepted goal of the Christian community, there are many ways of looking at it. Some believe it refers to gross income, others believe it is net income. Some believe it is only money given to the Church. Others believe it is money given to all charities combined. At. St. James we truly don't worry about that. We don't dictate how you spend your money; nor do we judge you regarding your choices. Only two people will ever even see your commitment cards—the Parish Administrator and the Treasurer. We only ask that you prayerfully consider what commitment you wish to make, and that you turn in a completed card in order for our 2017 budget to be as accurate as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the parish office at 686-1261.

If you are unable to come to St. James to drop your commitment card into the offering plate, you may mail the one below to St. James Episcopal Church, 2050 Bert Kouns, Shreveport, 71118.

Name	
Address	
Phone	Email
	expression of gratitude for all the blessings of this life and for the blessing God the grace to honor the practice of proportional giving by:
 Pledging to God's purp Increasing my financia 	pose through my faith community for the first time
 Increasing my pledge 	by 1%, 3%, or 5% of my annual income
 Tithing 10% of my and 	nual income to carry out God's purpose through my faith community





THE MISSION CONTINUES...

Nobody cares....

That was what she said, the woman who came to a St. Luke's clinic at Hope House, tears forming in her eyes. She was sick, she had been sick for some time, and despite visits to the ER, no one could tell her what was wrong. "Nobody cares that I am sick" she told Brenda and Dr. Mercer, "nobody."

But they proved her wrong.... They cared. Dr. Mercer did a history and assessment, Brenda started working on a referral for care. Phone calls were made, conversations had. Caring happened.

This is the heart of St. Luke's ministry, meeting people where they are, being the people who figure out the problem, provide the resources when people don't know what to do or where to turn, but most importantly, being the ones who care. You can't really quantify that, put a number or a value to it. We are told to be the hands and feet of Christ, to attend to the one in front of us, to make a difference there. In the midst of grant writing and reporting, of budget woes and van repairs this is what I hold to; we are doing this work for no other reason than because it is needed. There are people living among us who need to know that they are cared for, that even though life is hard, and there are things and situations no one can change, we can change how we live with one another.

And so we continue. Thank you for continuing with us. Your gifts of time, resources and prayers sustain St. Luke's. This is your ministry,

> "This is the world. Beautiful and Terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid." Fredrick Buechner

> > Blessings, Betty Johnson,

Executive Director

Louisiana Saturday Night!

Bon jour, cher! You are invited to a

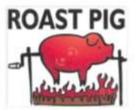
Fais Do-Do & Cochon de Lait

at

St. James Episcopal

Church/Shreveport

Saturday, November 19 - 6pm



Join us for a cajun feast and dance to the music of Keri Winters & band

Tickets: \$25

proceeds to support:

St. Francis/Denham Springs with Eucharistic robes

& our own parishioner Emilie Gibson

in her journey at St. Jude's

See you there! Reservations required: 318-686-1261

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 24, 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 Thanksgiv-

ing a true celebration of all the many things we at St. James have for which to be thankful.



St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	
November 6		1	2
Fall Back 6 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Rev'd William Bryant 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I	7	8	9
9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II		HAPPY BIRTHDAY Caleb Matlock Rachel Jacobs	H
13 Rev'd Guido Verbek 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	14	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Morgan Talton	16
20 Rev'd Guido Verbek 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	21	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mary Taylor James Calhoun Bryn Ollendike	23 10 H/A
27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Rev'd Andrew Comeaux 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee	28	29	30
11:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II		James Lewis Gary Bryant	

		ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY The Rev'd William Bryant (fall back 1 hour) NOVEMBER 6	26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Rev'd Guido Verbeck NOVEMBER 13	
LECTIONARY		Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	
VESTRY PERSON		KEN MURPHY	SISSY BROWN	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	8:30 11:00	Janie Parker Brian Whatley	Lynette van Heerden Ken Murphy	
LAY READER	11:00	Ron Maberry	Dan Bennett	
LECTORS	8:30 11:00	Debbie Fitzpatrick Sissy Brown	Pat Parker Kathy Calhoun	
ACOLYTES	8:30 11:00	Kelly Parker Austin Shelton	Melanie Winkler Mason Garner	
ALTAR GUILD		Janie Parker Linda Endicott	Kelly Parker Liz Montelepre	
USHERS	8:30 11:00	Debbie Fitzpatrick Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton	Pat Parker Sissy Brown Mary Taylor	
MASTER OF CEREMONIES VERGER	,	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!

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

give the gift of

warmth

Send cards of encouragement and care packages to:

Emilie Gibson Room 18 535 Alabama Avenue Memphis, TN 38105

Loyalty Sunday

During St. James Loyalty Sunday Service, Rick Cloud illustrated the essence of time and talents in stewardship. "Where Common elements become a Divine Presence."

A good example is the Maundy Thursday Service at Hope House, where the washing of feet and applying foot ointment, and the dispersement of new shoes and socks, all common items and activities, become a divine presence.

Sharing a hug with a homeless person, or with someone experiencing loss, becomes divine.

The ultimate example, as Rick mentioned, is when the common elements of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.



After the service, we ate a divine luncheon prepared by St. James parishioners. While we continued to enjoy our feast, Rick explained, in his "Sermon on the Amount", how treasure in stewardship is a "Journey to Generosity, and has a place in our Christian Journey." There are three things necessary for every journey...

a Destination, the Biblical Tithe; a Starting Point, where we are now; and the Route, growing into our goal. According to Rick, as you increase your giving, the easier it becomes to give. You become a more generous giver...and in this generosity you find joy.

"God Loves a Cheerful Giver"











MOLLY WALSTON WILKINSON

IN MEMORIAM

Our St. James family has recently lost our sister in Christ, Molly Wilkinson, a longtime, active, and faithful member of our church family. Molly and her husband Roger first came to St. James in 1966 and for all these many years have been active participants and worshipers at St. James. We will miss Molly, but we know she has gone on to where "neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Molly was born in DeQueen Arkansas, but came to Shreveport as a young child and graduated from Byrd High School. She and Roger were married shortly thereafter, after meeting on a blind date. She was preceded in death by

her mother, Myrtle Walston, who joined St. James when Molly and Roger did, her father Joe Walston, and her sister Jorene Dupuy. Jorene was also a communicant of St. James for many years. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Roger, her daughter Amy Pollard and husband Wiley, son Steve Wilkinson and wife Marcia and daughter Patti Gossein and husband Alain. She is also survived by six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Her niece, Lynne Foster, daughter of Jorene, also survives her as well as a number of cousins. Molly was a loving and generous wife, mother, and grandmother who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

I remember Molly as a strong, intelligent, capable woman. Here in the South we would call her a "steel Magnolia." Amy tells me her mother was "the smartest person I have ever known." She would even help her older sister with her homework. Amy added that her mother was always very kind and good hearted and always had nice things to say about people. After graduating from Byrd, Molly had several professional positions including being a legal secretary and working as a computer programmer (way before PCs). She worked at Woodlawn H.S. and retired from Atlas Roofing before joining Roger in his business.

After retirement Molly and Roger enjoyed traveling and bringing back mementos of their trips. They also took up painting, and Roger has many of Molly's paintings in his room at the Glen. Molly was also very active in church activities; I remember her working at our ECW food booth at the fairgrounds when we catered the annual dog show. In her later years she even became an acolyte, a crucifer for the early church service, until she was afraid she would slip and fall. Molly also joined Roger for all of his Eucharistic visits, taking communion to those in the hospital or those ill at home or in nursing homes. She definitely put her faith into action.

Molly had a dignified Episcopal funeral with our dear Father Bill Bryant officiating and delivering the eulogy. It was not at St. James, but the beautiful words of the service gave us all comfort and hope. "Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting."

—Mattie Mosley



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal





Come paint with us!

November 10th

from 6-8

in the Parish Hall

we will Paint with a Purpose.

No artistic ability required-we promise to compliment your painting Have a great time while helping out Emilie and her family, currently at St Jude's while Emilie battles brain cancer.

The price to paint is \$30, and you will leave with a 12x12 canvas designed by Emilie's big brother, Alex! Additional donations will be accepted and appreciated!

The canvas will be a sea themed painting because Emilie is going to "Just Keep Swimming"!

All proceeds will be given to the established funds for Emilie and her care.

In order to register, send an email to chelseamaielli@gmail.com. If you are planning on bringing multiple people, please designate this in your email.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute light snacks, it would be greatly appreciated.





On October 2, 2016, the parish held what may have been the most successful breakfast fundraiser ever: \$1,878.00 was donated toward the Emilie Gibson Just Keep Swimming Fund. With breakfast breads shaped like fish in Emilie's honor, accompanied by egg dishes, yogurt, fruit, and some fabulous lemonade, everyone in attendance left with full tummies and smiles.

The lemonade stand was courtesy of Emilie's dear friend, Hannah Bowman, who brought her mother and brother to St. James just to support Emilie for this occasion.

Additional loaves of sourdough bread, banana bread, cupcakes, and cookies were also available for folk to take home in exchange for donations. The money was deposited into the Edward Jones account set up specifically to help Emilie's family deal with the expenses surrounding her treatment at St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN. Although the hospital will not charge the family beyond what the insurance will cover, there are still myriad expenses that need to be addressed as Emilie works hard at following doctors' or-



WEAREALLOVEIN CREATION

Whether we call our God Yahweh, Jehovah, or Allah, we are worshipping the God of Abraham. Schisms in the religious beliefs caused separations in worship over the years, but the Creator and God of all remains the same. About 2,000 years ago Christianity was born, and it has shattered into many shards of beliefs—with some who see hope in a future reconciliation and others who defiantly insist that there is only one narrow viewpoint that could possibly be the "right" path.

In reality, religion and all its trappings are man-made. Spirituality is God-given. God created all human-kind and therefore all of humanity has worth, value, and purpose. All humanity is loved by God. None of us are here to judge and condemn others, especially not for their religious beliefs and customs. The biggest reason most people choose a particular religion—and branch of that religion—is due to accident of birth. For most of us, we worship as our parents did. If our family is Christian and brought us up in the Christian faith, that is what we practice. The same for Muslim, Jew, Hindu, Buddhist, etc. Of course, there are exceptions. There are lots of folk who have converted or who have had parents of differing faiths. There are others who did not grow up with much religious affiliation or teaching at all who joined a religion as adults—and others who drifted away from worship as they matured and secular life took over. But overall, the vast majority of humans follow in their families' religious paths.

When Jesus sent seventy men out to spread word of his imminent arrival, his advice regarding how to treat those who were not receptive did not include anything violent or threatening; he told them, "But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." (Luke 10:1-20, NIV)

Jesus did not instruct his followers to hate or to enact violence in his name. He preached and he practiced love, caring, acceptance, and compassion. He asks the same of us. Yes, in our words and actions, in the way we lead our lives, we are to be witness to our faith in Jesus. We are not, however, instructed to shove our beliefs down the throats of our neighbors. We are not instructed to do harm to those who do not believe as we do. We are not instructed to hate, but to love.

And as a family St. James offers that love each week when we open our doors for worship. We display that love in our interactions with each other and with friends and strangers. We make a practice of inviting anyone and everyone to come and join us for meals, for fellowship, for worship.

Because, the Episcopal Church welcomes you.

—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



MARGARET'S ANGEL

Just outside the Parish Hall, looking out over the Memorial Garden is an angel commemorating the life of Margaret Anderson, long-time church administrator at St. James. As I said in an earlier article about my search for the "perfect" angel, Margaret loved angels and their lore, so I knew a statue of an angel on the church grounds would be the perfect tribute for her. The angel looks toward the red doors of St. James, doors that Margaret entered so many times over the years, doors to the church that she loved.

Paul Moore has built a strong platform for Margaret's angel to stand on; the bronze plaque recognizing Margaret is solidly fastened in the concrete of the platform. The plaque reads:

Dedicated to the Memory of Margaret Anderson, 1930-2014 (Who loved angels) "With Angels and Archangels and all the Company of Heaven"

> Please stop by to see her. I hope we can have her blessed by our new priest in the future.

Mattie Moslev





Photos courtesy Paul Moore

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.