

The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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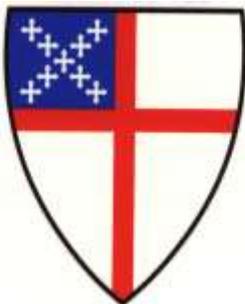
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Margaret's Musings



The Christmas after my mother died, I was scouring her cookbooks for a slip of paper with her gingerbread men cookie recipe when I came across some notes on an unprinted page. It seemed she had taken note of some of my cousins' likes and dislikes. They were important to her and she wanted their experience at our house to be pleasant in regard to the food they were served. You might say her mission in life included showing hospitality in small and large practices.

Missional Church is the vision of the Diocese of Western Louisiana and the greater church. Earlier this summer St. James offered a study group to explore the book "People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity"; the book was recommended by Bishop Owensby when I asked where his vision of a Missional Church came from. This book speaks to the relationship of the individual church to the community where the church is located. The implication is a church must meet the needs of the community if the church wishes to flourish.

Times, they are a changing; it used to be a church need only open its doors and people would come. "Build it and they will come" was not only a great line from the movie *Field of Dreams* but seemed to be the reality of post-World War II USA Christianity. Today St. James competes with other activities and institutions for people's "Time, Talents, and Treasure." What was a church monopoly on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings has—or is in the process of—disappearing. St. James competes with youth activities; the Red Cross; books, tapes, blogs and podcasts on spirituality; sleeping in; a million and one appeals for your donation to this or that cause; and sheer exhaustion from all the competing interests for our time and energy, including work.

The Book of ACTS reminds us the Apostles moved out of the locked room into the streets, then to the nearby towns and cities, and finally to the what they must have felt were the ends of the world. In ACTS, Luke reminds us of our commission to go out into the world. As the Apostles hid behind closed doors in fear at the end of Luke's Gospel, in ACTS Luke tells us of them being consumed by the fire of the Holy Spirit so they can overcome their fear and take the Word, the gift of Jesus, out to the world.

Luke also gives us a glimpse of the church meeting of small groups in homes. Although we have Peter preaching and then baptizing 3,000 new members, we have no mention of mega churches. Christianity seems to be a relational religion. How did you get to the Episcopal Church? Did your family bring you to this denomination, did a friend invite you, or maybe you wandered into an Episcopal Church and stayed? Our stories are as diverse as we are and so are our neighbors' stories.

The book, The 5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman, reminded me we often give as we want to receive not as the object of our affection wishes to receive. I may give chocolate because I would love my beloved to give me chocolate, not because he loves chocolate. If I understand how my beloved would like to have me show him my love, then our relationship deepens. The Apostles met others where they were mentally, physically, and spiritually and showed these people how following Christ could benefit them through the working of the Holy Spirit. St. James can also walk out from behind our doors into the community and find out how St. James' Mission can impact them. Maybe they would like to join us, maybe they were waiting for an invitation, maybe they wanted someone not to offer them chocolate but what would let them know they are beloved children of God. Beloved children of God, like the Apostles before us, God is calling us out to share Him with our Community. If we are lucky, we may find, as Roger Wilkerson confided, "I got more back than I gave!" Love is like that.

Margaret+

Outreach News

With Thanksgiving around the corner it is time to start thinking about what we plan to put into the Gift of Warmth boxes. As we have for several years, we will collect warm clothing and blankets to distribute to homeless individuals in the Shreveport area. Gift of Warmth boxes are located in the Parish Hall near the Outreach donation bins. Please fill these with new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, mittens, sweaters, boots, blankets, sleeping bags, or whatever else you believe will make it easier for people to stay warm when the temperatures drop. While there are shelters in Shreveport, there are not enough beds to house all of the homeless people in town. Let's help keep them warm and safe this winter. Please give generously.

Thanks to all who continue to support the many outreach ministries at St. James. Your work, dedication, donations, and efforts do make a difference in the lives of many people in our community.



HARVEST MINISTRY

St. James was approached by the Harvest Ministry Network to see if we would be interested in teaming with a local business in the distribution of products which would end up in the garbage due to their policies. The concern has been that good, edible food is being thrown out by restaurants and grocery stores due to standards they are held to, while many people go hungry. St. James stepped out in



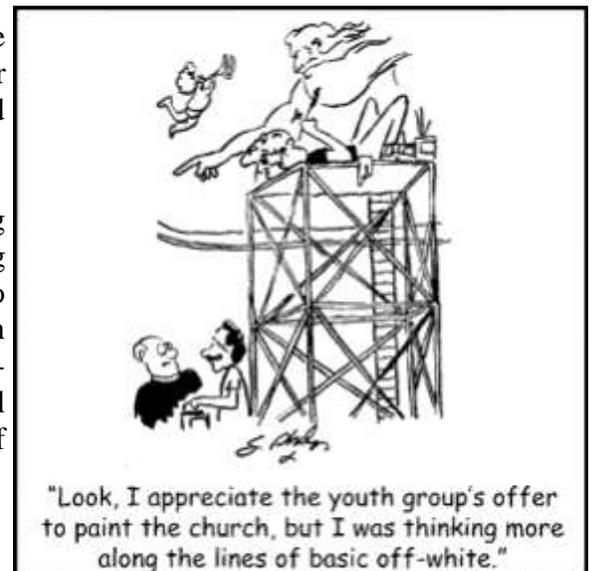
faith believing we could take the Filling the Gaps Ministry to a new level.

A couple people from the outreach committee completed online training and we waited to see who we would be partnered with. Finally, we received word we were paired with the new Pizza Hut across from the Wal-Mart on Mansfield Road and they were ready for us to pick up the food items.

We went to the Pizza Hut not knowing what to expect and were met by enough pizzas, breadsticks, chicken, and pasta to fill our new freezer. With key members of the outreach committee out of town on vacation and another pick up scheduled for Thursday the same week, the church office started making phone calls.

We were able to offer pizzas to the residents of Holy Cross Villas, the Green Oakes High School football team, and shut-ins. Schools closer to St. James were not prepared to take the pizzas, and recommended Green Oakes as a place in greater need.

Green Oakes High School is located off Dr. Martin Luther King Drive in Northwest Shreveport. 90.9% of the 739 students attending Green Oakes High School qualify for free or discounted meals due to economic circumstances. We felt this was a good fit and even with the ongoing freezer problems, we are able to continue with the Harvest Ministry. When football season ends we anticipate feeding members of other Green Oakes school teams.



THE GOOD STEWARDS

St. James thanks all those who have worked tirelessly to paint the parish pink in October. The members of the ECW have dedicated each Sunday in the month of October toward a fundraiser to benefit the **St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry**. Those events which have already passed were well-planned, well-executed, and well-attended, successfully raising over \$1200 to date. The initial goal was to replace the \$1000 grant that Susan G. Komen was unable to provide this year. St. James has gone above and beyond that goal, and the extra funds will be even more useful to the **St. Luke's ministry that provides free breast exams, pelvic exams, blood pressure screenings, blood glucose readings, and a host of other services to individuals in our community who are unable to afford health care.**

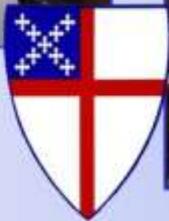
Special thanks to ECW president Tina Caporossi, who has spearheaded the events. Many individuals have stepped forward to assist Tina, and we appreciate all that they have done. Great job, ladies (and gentlemen)!

This is one 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.





*Blessing
of the
Animals*



In celebration of the Feast
of St. Francis of Assisi,
St. James held a
"Blessing of the Animals"
at both services
October 1, 2017.



Blessed pets; Ruby, Rowan, Toby, Skylar, and Hydee

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thanks to those who have committed funds to St. James for the 2018 budget. As of this writing 29 Commitment Cards have been submitted, totaling \$121,229. This is just \$1,200 less than what was pledged for 2017, and is approximately 60% of the necessary income for anticipated expenses. Combined with the loose plate offering, contributions from non-pledgers, dividends, and a few other miscellaneous sources, the Stewardship Committee estimates we will need to pull \$40,000.00 from investments next year to pay our bills.

But money is not everything that stewardship is all about. We have also had significant volunteers to donate time and talent to the parish—and we have many individuals ready to provide a helping hand in the community throughout the coming year. Thanks, St. James!

THE MISSION CONTINUES...at St. James Episcopal Church



The St. Luke's medical bus was at St. James Episcopal church October 1, 2017. The parishioners of St. James were able to tour the new St. Luke's bus and, if desired, have their blood pressure and blood sugar checked (two of the health screenings St. Luke's does during their clinics). As I understand it, the bus will be making appearances at other churches in the Shreveport Convocation.



Registered nurse, Bonnie Thomas, St. Luke's Medical Ministry Executive Director, Betty Johnson, and office staffer, Melanie Winkler, were among many who enjoyed breakfast sponsored by the ECW, with proceeds going to St. Luke's Medical Ministry.



St. Luke's medical bus back "home" at Holy Cross.

Rector of St. James, Margaret Ayers and Jimmy Deal, with Toby.

<i>The 24th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>The Last Sunday after Pentecost</i>
<i>November 19</i>	<i>November 26</i>
<i>Isaiah 4:1-7 Jeremiah 123 1st Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30</i>	<i>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46</i>
MURPHY	KAREN MCDONALD
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Parker Brown	Debbie Fitzpatrick Kathleen Calhoun
Parker Jones	Kelly Parker Mason Garner
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IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE



give the gift of
warmth

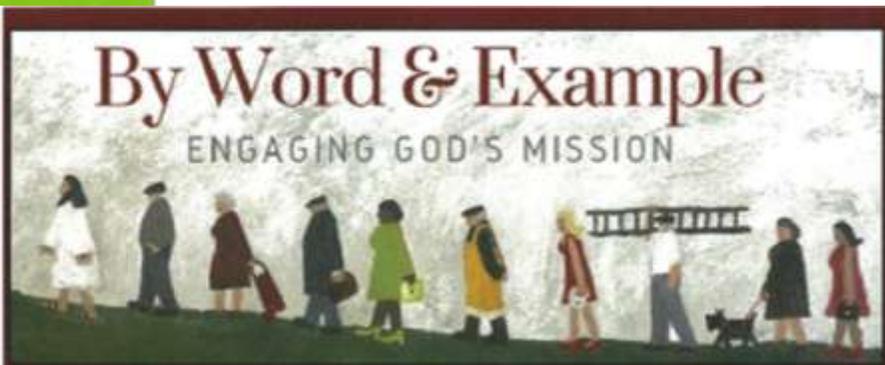
We are asking that St. James parishioners give the **Gift of Warmth** when we gather for our communal Thanksgiving Day celebration. Boxes will be set up in the Parish Hall throughout the months of October and November, so anyone who wishes to donate warm coats, hats, scarves, mittens, boots, and blankets 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!



JEYL is a spiritual retreat for youth in a relaxed, fun environment. Open to anyone in grades 6-8, the cost to participate is \$95.

REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 5 TO ORDER A T-SHIRT.

REGISTRATION CLOSING NOVEMBER 12.



**The 38th Annual
Diocesan Convention**
Alexandria, LA, November 3-4

Our theme this year is
"By Word and Example: *Engaging God's Mission*"

Sign in and registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p><i>Remember, November 5</i></p> <p>Set Your Clocks Back!</p> 			<p><i>1 10:00 AM</i></p> <p><i>Trans</i></p>
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*The 22nd
Sunday after
Pentecost*

November 5

*The 23rd
Sunday after
Pentecost*

November 12

LECTIONARY

*Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7,33-37
I Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12*

*Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13*

*Judge
Psalm
I The
Matth*

VESTRY PERSON

LAUREN OCMAND

KRYSTAL EASON

KEN

EUCHARISTIC 8:30
MINISTER 11:00

Brody Fitzpatrick
Brian Whatley

Lynnette van Heerden
Ron Maberry

Janie
Brian

LAY READER 11:00

Ken Murphy

Bert Babington

Ken M

LECTORS 8:30
11:00

Chelsea Maielli
Dan Bennett

Lynnette van Heerden
Janet Moore

Pat Pa
Sissy

ACOLYTES 8:30
11:00

Melanie Winkler
Austin Shelton

Kelly Parker
Mason Garner

Kelly
Jan Jo

ALTAR GUILD

Kathy Watkins
Faye Wynn

Debbie Fitzpatrick
Holly Johnson

Debbi
Holly

USHERS 8:30
11:00

Pat Parker
Mike Kendrick
Mary Taylor

Pat Parker
Mike Kendrick
Sissy Brown

Pat Pa
Denis
Mike

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Mike Endicott

Mike Endicott

Mike

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 23, at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall.



Due to generous donations by parishioners 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.

PAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GOING STRONG

St. James has been gifting prayer shawls to sick and injured individuals for many years. These shawls are hand-knitted by parishioners who pray for the recipient as they work—often without having a name—just offering up intercessory prayer on behalf of the future recipient.



The gift is intended to provide comfort. It is a tangible item that the recipient can wrap up in or hold while praying.

We keep them in the cabinet in the Vesting Room. Any parishioner may contact our rector and request that a shawl be blessed for an individual. At this time we are quite low on available shawls. We thank those participants in this important ministry for the time and talent they put into making the

shawls. Any member of the parish is welcome to join this ministry. Let's get more shawls ready to sharing!



transforming questions

Join the party:
Wednesday
6:30pm
Parish Hall

Who is Jesus?
Does God answer prayer?
Why do bad things happen?

This course invites faithful questioning for those new to the Christian faith and longtime members seeking a refresher.

Transforming Questions is meant to be explored in the midst of community and invites you to share and wrestle with God's Holy Word with others. This manual provides an outline of the course to make it easy to follow along—and revisit. It also gives space for notes and personal reflections.

Through asking questions, you begin a journey toward a stronger faith and a transformed life. Even the questions you ask likely will change into new and deeper questions as you grow to know Jesus and explore your faith.

ST. JAMES IS IN THE PINK!

If you are like me, you visualize October painted in shades of russet, gold, and orange, but under the creative and energetic leadership of our president Tina Caporossi, the Episcopal Church Women of St. James have painted St. James pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We not only recognize and support the fighters, admire the survivors and honor the taken, but events are scheduled every weekend in October in order to support the St. Luke's Van which does breast cancer screenings around the Shreveport area.



On Sunday, Oct. 1, the ECW served a kick-off breakfast in the Parish Hall between services with proceeds going to St. Luke's. What a breakfast buffet: eggs, biscuits, sausage, bacon, breakfast casseroles, fruit, yogurt, cinnamon nut cake, etc. etc. Women, you outdid yourselves! And, how beautiful the parish hall was with pink tablecloths, pink flowers on every table, and ladies in pink T shirts floating everywhere like pink butterflies, serving, cooking, cleaning up! Pink tutus, too! The best part is that St. Luke's garnered about \$650.00. (p.s. The rest of the food was gathered up to be taken to Hope House.)

Speaking of St. Luke's, the van was at church so we got to tour the compact but quite roomy facility. It is such a wonderful service for our diocese to sponsor, helping so many in the community who cannot afford health care. A wonderful idea that Father Cooper had years ago has come to full fruition and a number of our own parishioners volunteer, including Jimmy Deal who drives that huge machine.

On Oct. 8, the ECW baked up a storm with a "Build your own bake sale" between services and after. So many beautiful, delicious cookies, cakes, cupcakes, and other treats to choose from! And again, so beautifully presented, too pretty to eat actually, but that didn't stop folks from filling their containers to take home their bounty. Donations came to about \$1,000, and the rest of the treats were taken to Hope House and the Holy Cross Villa residents who probably very seldom get such treats.



Yes, another event for October 15! The Saints are having a home game, and you know we love them! The ECW and the Vestry Fellowship Committee have teamed up to provide lunch for only \$5.00. Yes, you read that right! The meal includes homemade chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread **AND** dessert, available between services and after the 11 o'clock. Hang around to watch the game and wear your favorite team colors, but especially the Saints and Drew Breese! At this writing, I am looking forward to chicken spaghetti and the Saints winning!

THE GRAND FINALE!

On Saturday, October 28, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall, we will have a special Wine Hors d'oeuvres Pairing. In other words, what wines go with what foods best? The menu is wonderful including Sangria served with street tacos, Cabernet Sauvignon served with parmesan crostini, Chardonnay served with marinated shrimp, Pinot Grigio served with baked brie, a beer table with mini brat sandwiches, a dessert table with champagne, cake and something chocolate, of course. Just a sample! We will also have sparkling non-alcoholic cider for you abstainers. Music will be provided by the wonderful Howard Family from 7 until 9 with a special salute to breast cancer fighters.

ALL THIS FOR \$25.00!!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED IN ADVANCE!! You may make your reservations through the office or by emailing Tina at misshappydog@aol.com. Remember seating is limited.

And remember again, all proceeds go to St. Luke's Mobile Ministry. Please make your checks payable to St. James ECW. We will send one check to St. Luke's including all proceeds collected at each October event. October has never been so exciting at St. James, thanks to so many for their hard work!

Mattie Mosley





Photos courtesy Rhonda Robertson and Kathy Deal





Pack Shoebox Gifts and
EARN TICKETS!



Silver Dollar City proudly supports Operation Christmas Child
silverdollarcity.com/shoebox



— Take the —
2017 Shoebox Challenge!

Bless children in need around the world by prayerfully packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes full of simple gifts. As a bonus, the more boxes you pack, the more complimentary tickets your church can earn. Through this Samaritan's Purse project, you can be part of working with churches worldwide to transform entire families and communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! For more information or full challenge details, visit silverdollarcity.com/shoebox.

Register your church online by November 1.
Note: Please select one representative from your church to sign up.

National Collection Week: **NOVEMBER 13-20, 2017**



Use any plastic or cardboard shoebox. To pack the box, include a “wow” item (like a stuffed animal or softball), then fill around it with hygiene items, school supplies, small toys, craft supplies, or other small items for the child.



Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

WHY COMMUNAL WORSHIP?

As Christians we come together for worship at least weekly. It's a pretty universal practice, whether we attend a high church with smells and bells, a liturgical church, a non-denominational church, a protestant church, etc. Some churches eschew musical instruments during the worship service. Some use pre-written prayers while others prefer extemporaneous prayers. Some share weekly Eucharist, and others have quarterly Communion. No matter how we choose to set up our service, we Christians seem to prefer weekly communal worship.

Sure, we can worship at home. We can worship in the great outdoors, surrounded by flora and fauna created by God. But in addition to that, we seem to need to come together pretty regularly.

Is it because we are directed to do so? Some people believe the instruction to, "Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy," (Exodus 20:8) is a direct instruction to worship communally every Sunday. Others argue that a literal translation clearly shows we need to meet together on Saturdays. Either way, setting aside a regular day for communal worship is a strong custom within the church.

What do we get out of communal worship that can't be found at home or in the woods? Community, for one. By meeting together to share our worship experience we are giving and receiving strength, support, and comfort. We are learning and growing together. We share more than prayers and songs. We share each other. We rejoice together in the good and grieve together when necessary. We know to whom we can turn when we need help because we have formed a family within our worship community.

Whether we attend the early service, the late service, the mid-week service, or more than one of the above, we are here to share. Let us always remember that not only are we welcome here, but we are here to welcome others...because the Episcopal Church welcomes 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

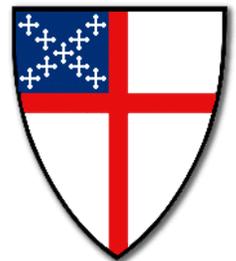
Holy Eucharist, 11:00am

Wednesday—Holy Eucharist with Unction, 10am



WINTER GARDEN IN FULL SWING

The winter planting at St. James took place a few weeks ago, and our cabbages are making use of the cooler weather we are currently experiencing. Napa cabbage, Brussels sprouts, head cabbage, and broccoli are already a foot or so tall. It shouldn't be too long a wait before we are harvesting some of the produce from this planting. There may even be a New Year's harvest for the traditional cooked cabbage dinner!



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.