

November 27
12:30pm
Communal
Thanksgiving Dinner

December 7
8:30am
Rite 1 service with Eu-
charist

9:45-10:45am
Community
Breakfast

11am
Lessons and Carols

December 24
5:30pm
Family worship with
children's sermon
Rite 2 service with Eu-
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10:30pm
Christmas Eve worship
Rite 2 service with Eu-
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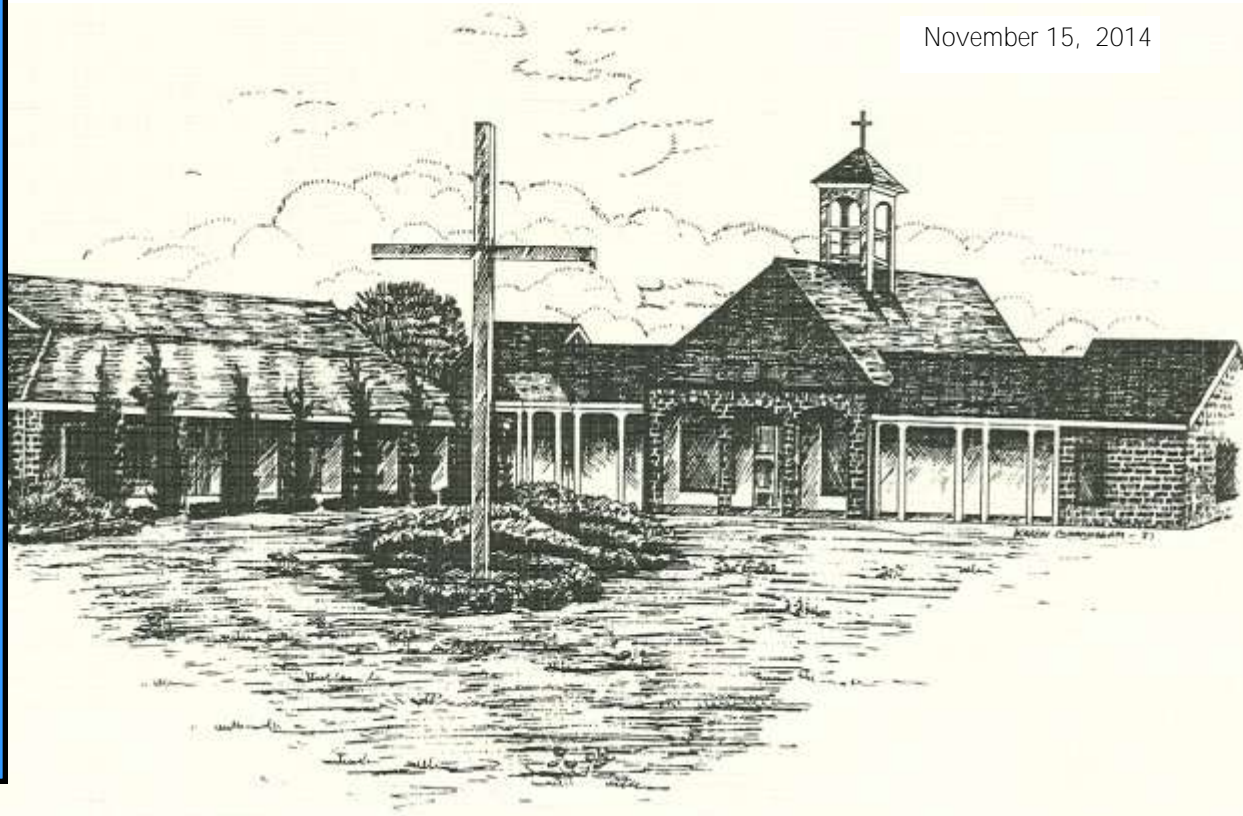
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The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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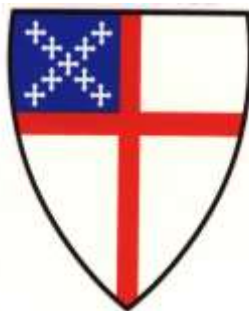
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A MESSAGE FROM MORGAN

Dear Family of St. James,

I've been thinking a lot recently about what makes our parish so wonderful and about how I can be a good steward of all you have entrusted me with these past four years. I came to one conclusion and I wanted to share that with you all this week.

St. James thrives because of YOU. The countless hours you spend making our corner of the world a better place to live in is remarkable. Through your dedication to this community, we have touched the lives of so many together. More of our neighbors know what the love of Christ looks and feels like because they have seen it in your kind smiles, read it in your sweet notes and tasted it in the warm meals you have provided to the people of Southern Hills. Children have backpacks and teachers have supplies because of your generosity. Struggling mothers and infants have clothes, toys and beds. A couple battling a debilitating illness has been lifted by your prayers and by the financial assistance of our outreach committee. Visitors who walk through our doors are warmly welcomed and invited to share our space. Because of your hospitality, people have found a home here at St. James – a place where they are loved and accepted by God and by their brothers and sisters in Christ.

I may be your leader, but this parish thrives because of you. Never forget the important role you play each day in furthering the Kingdom in ways both big and small. St. James will always be a light in the darkness because of you.

At this time of year when the weather turns colder and the days grow shorter and the end of the year fast approaches, we must, as a parish, turn our eyes towards the year to come. In order for St. James to continue to thrive, the vestry and I need your help. Your financial contributions to this place make all of the ministries I just spoke about possible. We cannot continue to provide for others and keep the light of Christ shining bright without your monetary commitments. Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find a copy of our commitment cards for 2015. These cards are also available on the table in the Narthex and via mail by calling the office. Filling out one of these cards and turning it in demonstrates your willingness to continue to support the life and ministry of God in this place. The vestry and the budget committee use these cards to build our budget for the next calendar year. After you have taken some time by yourself or with your family to consider your contribution, I would ask you to please make an effort to turn your cards in to the plate or to the mailbox by November 23rd to help facilitate this process.

Thank you for your commitment to St. James and to the people of Southern Hills. I pray that your love and devotion will be even more far-reaching in the year to come.

Blessings,

Morgan +



Outreach News

It's that time of year again when the cold weather is upon us and those who are less fortunate are in need of some extra things. Following is a post from the Hope House, and if you can help, please drop off at church and Outreach will get it to them.

Hope House Request:

There are few items we are in need of here at the Hope House. Please consider these needs prayerfully. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

We accept clean, gently used items. The only exception is the boxers need to be new/unused.

- men's white t-shirts sizes: M-L-XL
- men's boxers sizes: M-L-XL (mostly size M and L)
- coats sizes: ALL
- bras sizes: 36 and up
- tennis shoes/boots sizes: 10-and up to 13
- men's jeans/pants sizes 30-32-34-36 waist

Our camp walk is needing the following:

- twin size warm blankets
- thermals-tops and bottoms sizes L-XL
- matches
- Batteries—sizes AA and D
- sleeping bags
- tarps

God Bless each of you!

—Karen Waguespack

PLUCK THE TREE FOR HOPE HOUSE...

Each of the items listed to the left will be found on Outreach's Angel Tree in the Parish Hall. Choose the item(s) you wish to donate, pluck the corresponding card(s) from the tree, and deposit the item with the card into the designated collection box in the Parish Hall.

AND FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

We will soon also have cards for enhancing the Christmas holidays of families in the Southern Hills neighborhood. Please be as generous this year as in recent years. The people we are helping are working hard to support families, but need assistance to do so successfully.

TIME TO FILL IN THE GAPS

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we will be preparing and delivering Thanksgiving meals to our neighbors again this year. If you know of someone in the Southern Hills area who would benefit from a meal, please notify the parish office. Lorain will check with the regular recipients of the Meals on Wheels program to be sure those without prior plans get a great holiday meal for the household. Any parishioners in need who are unable to attend the communal dinner in the Parish Hall may also receive meals for their households—just let us know!

There is a volunteer list on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the Parish Hall. Please sign up to cook, pack, or deliver meals for Thanksgiving. Food needs to be prepared, cooled, and in the Parish Hall by Wednesday, November 26, at 5pm when the packers will meet to prepare the boxed meals. Delivery will be made at 10am on Thursday, November 27, so we can serve those receiving boxed meals before we sit down together to enjoy our own feast.

If you have any questions, please direct them toward the members of the LDI committee: Lorain Thrash, Brian Whatley, and James Lewis.



THE GOOD STEWARDS

Parents of EYC students are grateful to Chris Bienvenu and Sara Lewis for chaperoning the Corn Maze trip. It is comforting to know there are trustworthy individuals watching over our youth.

St. James offers thanks to the many people who worked to put together the new edition of our cookbook, from those who submitted recipes to those who typed, proofed, and edited. And in addition—we thank everyone who organized, created, and attended the Taste of St. James on November 2. The ECW reached their goal of earning the money necessary to update and prettify the parish hall great room and bathrooms.

Thanks to Debbie Thompson and all those from her school who made a huge donation to our Outreach bins recently. We were able to send a large number of items **for infants and toddlers to Gabriel's Closet** (crib, booster seats, car seat, strollers, blankets, toys, clothing). Many jackets, sweaters, and hats were added to the Gift of Warmth collection. Several toys were set aside to share with families in need at Christmas time. Some school and office supplies were sent to the Renzi Education and Art Center, the EYC claimed the books for the library at Providence House, and the rest of the haul was picked up by the Goodwill. The generosity of all those involved will spread throughout our community, touching many people.

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

We say a bittersweet farewell to Lois Maberry as she goes off to pursue her dream of ordination. We are grateful for the many years we had of her leadership, generosity, creativity, and dedication. We realize it will take efforts from many individuals to fill the gap of service Lois will leave behind and we will miss her—but we also wish her the best and we recognize there are some lucky folk in the diocese who will be getting the best when Lois arrives.

We thank Brian Whatley for agreeing to step up and take **on the responsibilities of Senior Warden a couple of months early.** With Lois' departure, the position needed to be filled through the end of the term. The position is appointed by the rector, so Morgan asked Brian if he would take on the role, completing the current term and serving in 2015.



Blessed to Be a Blessing

Pledge Commitment for Year 2015

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 *Episcopal* CHURCH 

EYC NEWS

After working hard to earn the money, the EYC embarked on a trip to the Dixie Corn Maze in Vivian on October 19. In addition to finding their way through the maize, they enjoyed a midway-type carnival full of games, rides, and lots of unhealthy, tasty, fried and sugary foods. Chris Bienvenu and Sara Lewis sponsored the trip, Sara having journeyed with the youth after returning from the Dioc-

esan Convention where she attended as a delegate representing St. James. We are thankful to have such dedicated individuals acting as role models for our young members.

Photos courtesy
Chris Bienvenu



WE SHOULD ALL BE COMMITTED

As of this publication date, St. James has received fifteen commitment cards totaling \$51,910.00 in pledges toward the 2015 income of the parish. We request completed commitment cards in order for our Budget Committee to have solid information available to them when they compile the budget for the following year. The committee

will meet in late November to begin their work—and plan to have everything completed and ready for the Annual Meeting in January. If you have not yet submitted your pledge card, please do so by mailing it to the parish office, placing it in the offering plate at any service, or giving it to a member of the Vestry or the Stewardship Committee. Pledge information is kept confidential and only the Parish Administrator and the Treasurer ever see any of the numbers. Our target for collecting cards this year is November 23, but if circumstances don't allow you to meet that goal, we will accept pledges later than that!





WELCOME TO THE WORLD, WILLIAM CADEN ADCOCK

Bill and Suzy Adcock proudly wish to share the birth of their newest grandchild, William Caden Adcock, with the parish. When we was born to parents, Billy and Crystal Adcock, on October 15, 2014, he weighed 7lb, 7oz. To help make it easier for the family to keep track of which Bill is being discussed, they plan to call him by his middle name, so congratulate the family on the birth of Caden when you see them next!

Photo courtesy Suzy Aecock

DIOCESAN CONVENTION SUCCESSFULLY SCRAMBLES

Convention this year was held in Monroe, and because of the tornado which had come through the city just one week prior, the site was moved and the meetings shortened. We didn't really have any pressing issues to vote upon so the normal business session went by rather quickly.

We heard presentations from three different speakers about their efforts to become more missional. Morgan spoke about "filling in the gap," an attempt by St. James to fill in gaps which exist in the Meals on Wheels program in our immediate community. Rev'd Whit Stodghill spoke about offering Spanish services in the community he serves, and Rev'd Mitzi George explained the function of the recently established Servant Leadership Corps.



Even though we were on a shorted time frame and didn't have access to a church for the Eucharist, I thought the entire event went very smoothly. If there were bumps in the road other than the storm they were certainly well-hidden. The Monroe Convocation did a fantastic job of hosting this convention after sustaining some pretty wicked blows from a significant storm.

—Mike Endicott

Kendall Parker
Mason Garner

St. James Episcopal Church

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Join us
December 7

for

8:30am Eucharist,

9:45am breakfast,

and

11am Lessons and Carols



A TASK OF LOVE

You are invited to help green the church after the 11am service on December 21. Gather your family, greenery, gloves, work clothes, and gardening tools and bring them all with you when you come for worship that day. Workers will enjoy a hearty stew to give them the energy for the task and everyone will be rewarded with the satisfaction of a job well-done!

For those new to the job, you'll need gardening gloves, pruning shears, clippers, wire, and any greenery you wish to cut from your yard or pick up from a local nursery: magnolia, pine, spruce, fir, holly, etc. Garlands will be made and strung around the worship area and the EYC poinsettias will be set around the altar.

The more who help, the faster and easier the task!



2nd Sunday of
Advent

DECEMBER 7

LECTIONARY

Isaiah 40: 1- 11
Psalms 85: 1- 2, 8- 13
2Peter 3:8- 15a
Mark 1: 1- 8

VESTRY PERSON

THERESA MORMIN

EUCHARISTIC 8:30
MINISTER 11:00

Janie Parker
Ron Maberry

LAY READER 11:00

Bert Babington

LECTORS 8:30
11:00

Pat Parker
Janet Moore

ACOLYTES 8:30
11:00

Hannah Parker
Mason Garner

ALTAR GUILD

Janie Parker
Linda Endicott

USHERS 8:30
11:00

Pat Parker
Mary Taylor
Mike Kendrick

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Mike Endicott

WE'LL WORSHIP TOGETHER ON CHRISTMAS EVE

This year's Christmas Eve Services are scheduled at 5:30pm and 10:30pm. The earlier service is scheduled to accommodate those families who need to have children in bed earlier than midnight. It will be the full Christmas Eve Eucharist, complete with music, and will include a children's sermon. The later service will be the traditional Christmas Eve Eucharistic service with organ and choir. No matter which one you choose, remember that you are welcome to bring family members who may be visiting, friends, neighbors, etc. As with all of our services and events, everyone is welcome at St. James. Let's fill the church with people, as well as praise.



TRUNK OR TRUCK SALE HELPS THE CAUSE

The Trunk or Truck sale brought in over \$400 toward making our worship space accessible and another \$200+ for funding EYC projects. Held on October 5, the weather was perfect for such an event—a little hot, but not horribly so and with reasonable humidity. We had a steadier stream of shoppers this year—possibly because we were more visible in the East parking lot than in the back. I did hear several neighborhood folk mention, “St. James has a big sale every year,” so word is getting out!



Photos courtesy
Kathy Deal and
Jerry Howard



So far the parish has raised almost \$800 toward accessibility of our worship space. Thanks to everyone who has contributed in some way toward our goal of being more inclusive as we welcome worshipers.

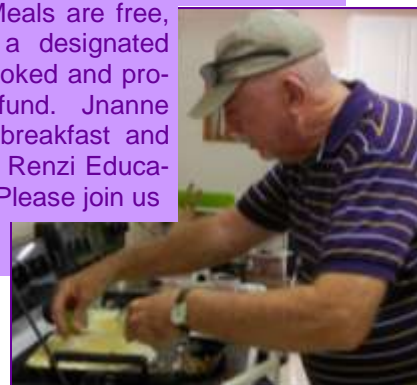


Breakfast at st. james



Photos courtesy
Kathy Deal

Once each month St. James hosts breakfast for anyone who wishes to partake. Meals are free, but donations are accepted for a designated charity. In October Paul Moore cooked and proceeds were donated to the choir fund. Jnanne Zepeda prepared the November breakfast and designated the proceeds to benefit Renzi Education and Art after-school program. Please join us for breakfast on December 7.



A TASTE OF ST. JAMES

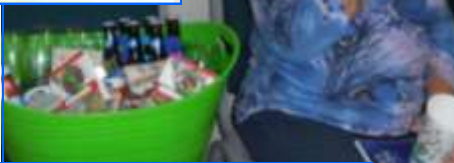
A delightfully delicious afternoon was spent on Sunday, November 2, when the ECW celebrated the official debut of our new cookbook. A TASTE OF ST. JAMES was hosted by our women so that parishioners and friends could enjoy a taste or two of some of the recipes included in ST. JAMES DAILY BREAD: SECOND VERSE.

The Parish Hall was bright and festive with 9 serving tables decorated with various themes that represented a variety of recipes from the cookbook. Those themes included Christmas, New Year's, Mardi Gras, and Valentine's Day as well as ethnic selections such as Italian, Mexican, Cajun, and even a "Tail-Gating" and breakfast table. Each table included an overflowing basket of goodies for the raffle that represented the theme and food of that group. Some of the delicious dishes (there were 30 or more) included bean and corn salsa, taco soup, jambalaya, black-eyed peas, pralines, bread pudding, mandarin orange cake, crawfish chowder, lasagna, and so many more! The event also included a raffle for the themed baskets and a silent auction for other items.

This cookbook, as you can tell from the title, SECOND VERSE, was the second edition of the ECW cookbook first published in 1985. Our ECW president, Tina Caporossi, had the wonderful idea of a new edition 29 years later. The cookbook is dedicated to all the women who have been parishioners of St. James since we began in 1955. Think of how many dishes have been prepared by our women in that length of time: church suppers, holiday luncheons, funeral receptions, as well as taking food and comfort to the bereaved, the shut-ins, and the elderly. Our women have also prepared dishes for money-raising activities to aid the poor and homeless in our society. You will even see some recipes from those who are no longer with us but still in our hearts.

The TASTE OF ST. JAMES, thanks to all who bought cookbooks, raffle tickets, and silent auction items, brought in over \$1000.00, so we should be able to renovate the Parish Hall restrooms quite handily. There are a few cookbooks left, so be sure to get your copy before we run out. They are only \$15.00: full of wonderful recipes and for a worthwhile cause! P.S. Be sure to look for the "Elephant Stew" recipe; Alex Gibson was the first to find it.

—Mattie Mosley



November 15, 2014

Photos courtesy Rhonda Robertson



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 few winters!

We are also helping our



give the gift of
warmth

EYC put together a library for Providence House by collecting books. Providence House has a library room with empty shelves and are in need of books appropriate for all reading levels, from beginner through adult. Please leave your donations in the collection box in the Parish Hall, or contact Chris Bienvenu at chris-bienvenu@gmail.com or 337-349-3761 to arrange a pickup.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1120

CRAFT FAIR

ST. MARY OF THE PINES

1050 BERT KOUNS INDUSTRIAL LOOP

SHREVEPORT, LA 71118

Crafts, Food, and Bake Sale

Saturday, November 29, 2014

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ATTENTION

Those interested in renting booth space may call 6866113 for more information

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 27, 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.



WELCOME AND LEARN

I believe life is full of teaching moments—and for those who pay attention they are easily converted into learning moments. Yes, as adults it is our job to teach those younger than us so they can grow up to become productive members of society, grow in their Christian faith, and learn the skills they need to make good decisions later in life. But **we also need to realize the fact we are adults doesn't mean we no longer need to learn. It may be easier to recognize a teaching moment and to apply it to our children's lives than it is to recognize learning moments for ourselves.** Being able to take time to explain what is to be learned from a situation and to engage a child in actively seeking answers seems to be easier to do than to recognize that we, also, can learn something from situations as they arise.

Or maybe we grow complacent with our lives and don't want to make changes. This doesn't have to be a conscious decision—in fact, it frequently is not something of which we are even aware. It can be easy to get stuck in a rut without realizing we have fallen into one when our actions become routine.

Sometimes it is easier to react to a situation than to analyze and learn from the same scenario. For example, it is easier to become angry at an annoying driver than it is to empathize with why they may have made an error, recognize the traffic flow problems that led to the misjudgment, and make a plan for how to deal with it in a better manner if we should encounter it ourselves. When we are the ones who make mistakes we need to recognize what led to our errors, take responsibility for our part in the events, and analyze the situation enough to ensure we make better decisions in the future in order to avoid repeating our mistakes. That is much easier said than done.

Many times, recognizing learning moments happens as a result of how we view the world. Those who are more open-minded, more accepting of the large variety of life surrounding us all, and more welcoming to new and different

thoughts, ideas, and people, are more likely to learn from experience. Those who believe they have nothing to learn are right—no matter what new things are available to be learned, they will learn **nothing because they don't recognize the opportunities around them.**

We live in an ever-changing culture. Let us look at the world around us with wonder and awe. Let us allow the mundane and the eventful to have an impact on us. Let us enrich our lives by welcoming new experiences, new people, and new perspectives. And let us encourage others to share with us in our journey. **Together we are the Church, and let us embody the idea, "The Episcopal Church welcomes you."**

—Jnanne Zepeda

Please join us for the
ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2015

10am WORSHIP SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY
PARISH-WIDE LUNCHEON
and BUSINESS MEETING

Make parish plans for 2015
Elect vestry members
Elect delegates to the diocesan convention
Eat great food & enjoy great company

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: December 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



AS LONG AS THE WEATHER HOLDS

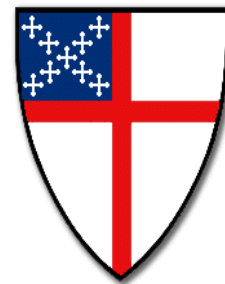
Gardening in Louisiana has some major advantages over much of the country. While farther north many communities have experienced hard frosts, snowfall, and ice storms, we find ourselves shivering when the temperature dips below 60 degrees. We know winter is coming, but we also know we still have some time to enjoy our vegetables and flowers. And once the cold weather hits, we



know it won't be frigidly cold for an extended period of time, so we'll be able to get it in gear pretty early to start the next spring crops!

We are very fortunate that many of our tomato plants are still producing. We have okra still coming on, and the eggplant continues to fruit. Our fall crops are looking beautiful; several families have enjoyed the broccoli over the last couple of weeks and the cabbages are getting quite large. Our Community Garden Committee has certainly done a wonderful job providing fresh produce to the Southern Hills area.

If you've looked at the plot lately, you've noticed that the committee has been busy spreading the pine straw and leaves to keep the weeds at bay. This also decreases the amount of mud above-ground on rainy days—something we are thankful to have had in more reasonable amounts this year than in the previous two or three. It's not too late to drop off more leaves or pine straw—just bag them in thick, outdoor plastic bags so the plastic doesn't deteriorate too quickly in the sun, and leave them along the fence between the garden and the playground.



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.