

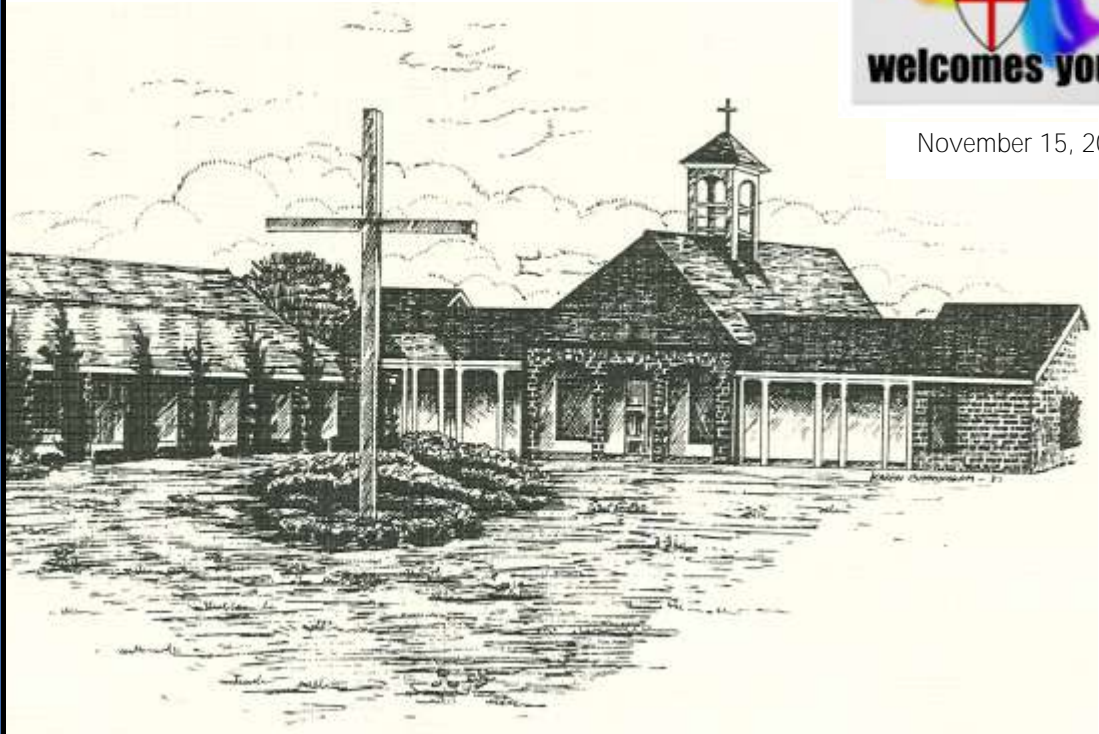
The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

2050 Bert Kouns
Shreveport, Louisiana, 71118
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November 15, 2018



December 9
8:30am
Rite 1 service with Eucharist
11:00am
Lessons and Carols



December 16
8:30am
Rite 1 service with Eucharist
11:00am
Rite 2 service with Eucharist
Christmas Pageant



December 24
5:30pm
Family worship
Rite 2 service with Eucharist

10:30pm
Christmas Eve worship
Rite 2 service with Eucharist

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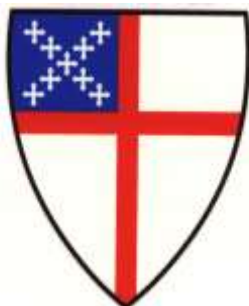
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



Over the past month, many of you have asked me and the other Vestry members what has been going on with the search for a new rector. As you all know, the first step was the congregational meeting on September 8th, **but most don't know that the next step in that process took place on October 22nd.** On that day, the St. James Vestry met again with Canon John Bedingfield in the Parish Hall. As he is in charge of transitions within the Diocese of Western Louisiana, all rector placements will be facilitated through him, with ultimate decision authority resting with the church family here. After reviewing our finances and discussing our preferences for best fits for the parish, Canon Bedingfield will make trips early in 2019 to the School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee, and the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, gathering for us a list of candidates who will be graduating without an assignment to a specific diocese. From there, it will be up to us to follow the normal process to find the best candidate for this Parish.

Canon Bedingfield grilled us extensively to see if we would support the new rector; this rector would most likely be younger; with a lot of newer, **unorthodox ideas that probably haven't been done here or anywhere before.** If our attitude is to cross our arms, shake our heads and say, **"We don't do that here!"** then the rector will get discouraged, will stop trying, and all the potentially great things that they could do to grow the church will get stunted. And each of us on the Vestry emphatically expressed to Canon Bedingfield our desire to support the new rector in every way possible.

Speaking of the Vestry, you know our next Annual Meeting will be on January 27, 2019, and at that time we will be electing three new vestry members. This is a great opportunity to give back to the church that we all love. When asked, please give prayerful consideration to being a part **of next year's Vestry.**

In Christ,
David Scott
Sr. Warden

Outreach News

This month Outreach has helped Common Ground, The Salvation Army, The Rescue Mission, and an individual family with Thanksgiving meals. We also received \$100 in vouchers from all the clothing collected for Goodwill. These vouchers were taken to Hope House to be given to individuals so they can shop at Goodwill and choose what they like. Additionally, we helped two individuals with bills. Please continue to bring clothing for our warm clothes collection, the Gift of Warmth. We are still doing pizza, which is so appreciated by the people at Common Ground and Green Oaks High School.

Outreach feeds lunch every fourth Friday at Hope House;, we are averaging about fifty people. We also call Bingo on the second and fourth Fridays. If anyone has bingo prizes they would like to give that would be great. NOW remember they are homeless, so things like flash lights, batteries, duct tape, lighters, matches, \$5-\$10 fast food gift cards, lip balm, and hand warmers make perfect prizes.

--Kathy Watkins

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

As of this printing St. James has received twenty-three commitment cards pledging \$106,820.00 toward the general fund in 2019. Money in the general fund goes toward Outreach, ministries, salaries, and everyday expenses such as utilities and supplies. Some parishioners choose to pledge a little extra each month, designating those additional funds be placed in the Building Fund which is used only for building projects, maintenance, and upkeep of the buildings and grounds.

Last year we received 34 pledge cards totaling \$129,090.00.

Following is an excerpt from the October Vestry minutes: "Tommy Mosley announced that the budget/finance committee will meet the first week of November to finalize the 2019 budget. Most of the numbers are already in place. If anyone or any group wants to talk about their budget or has a special monetary request, please feel free to contact Tommy, Pat Parker or Julie Eason before the meeting. As of today, income for 2019 looks to be around \$140,000 with expenses running approximately \$131,000. Everyone is encouraged to please turn in their pledge cards, if they haven't already done so."



THE GOOD STEWARDS

Thanks to everyone who jumped in and helped with the November breakfast. We raised \$149.00 for the Renzi Education and Art Center's After-School Program. As you know, the program helps underprivileged children by providing free instruction in a large number of artistic and academic areas.

Thanks also to everyone who has made donations to the Gift of Warmth. We have filled two boxes with warm outer clothing for individuals who are currently homeless. Can we fill the third box before Thanksgiving?

Saint James appreciates those who step up from the congregation to help at the altar on Sundays. At this time we are very short-handed on people who are trained and willing to serve. Thanks for noting the need and coming forward to fill it, serving your fellow parishioners with love and compassion.

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.

ECW NEWS

Dear Ladies—

A tremendous, sincere THANK YOU for making Saturday night such a fun and festive event. The food was scrumptious and plentiful and the music provided by the Spare Time Band had everyone's toes a tap-pin'. How lucky we are to have the Howard Family!

Special thanks to Suzy & BJ for the excellent menu planning and decor. Wasn't it perfect? Great job, girls!

I'm not sure of the exact amount, but with generous donations, over \$2000 was raised Saturday to support the Fight Like Emilie Foundation. We know that Trey & Candi will do amazing things to advance the research of childhood cancer.

My love and thanks to each and every one of you!

—Tina Caporossi



Ode to fall: Look at what surrounds us this time of year

Serendipity is a happy coincidence. As when I opened reader Bill Thrash's email.

Just a day earlier I'd pondered writing an ode to fall. O, could I wax on about fall. It's the best season.

A hard truth: Louisiana, where fall lasts maybe a minute and half, isn't the best place to experience it.

Still, our fall is glorious. Here's Bill:

"Yesterday afternoon I accompanied my nine-year-old grandson outside to allow our indoor dog to do his 'doggie business.'

"While outside, waiting on the dog, I noticed something that will soon be gone until the spring of 2019. Even in the cool air of this late October day, there were maybe 15 or 20 butterflies hopping from flower to flower to et nectar. Soon this sight will be gone until next spring, and I felt privileged to have witnessed it so late in the year.

"Probably more astounding was the realization that this activiey would soon cease.

"Perhaps others could benefit from slowing down life and just looking around at what surrounds us."



MICHAEL PATRICK/NEWS SENTINEL

Mattie Mosley submitted this article, written by Jeff Gauger, for publication in *The Spirit of St. James*. The article originally appeared in the November 2, 2018, issue of the Shreveport Times on page 2A.



Jeff Gauger
Shreveport Times
USA TODAY NETWORK





NOVEMBER PARISH BREAKFAST



benefits the Renzi Center

Photos courtesy Kathy Deal



CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS

My mother, an R.N., was very fond of quoting the above proverb. I thought that it was in the Bible since she was so fond of it, but, no, it was first recorded in a sermon by John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church and writer of beautiful hymns.

So, why am I quoting John? It is my way of saying “thank you, thank you, thank you!” to the men who did such a wonderful job of cleaning our church. They tackled the pews, the floors, the cushions, the kneelers at the communion rail and more. The church looks so clean and bright and smells so fresh. John Wesley would be proud of them! I don’t know all the names of those who participated so I won’t name names. Please know you have my utmost appreciation, and I know the appreciation of all your fellow parishioners. Good stewards, one and all!

Mattie Mosley



WHAT IS THE RENZI CENTER?

The Renzi Education and Art Center is an independent, 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows founded the Renzi Center in 1997 for the children living in Shreveport's Highland and Stoner Hill neighborhoods, so they would have a safe, nurturing, educational, and fun place to go to after school.

Since its founding, the Renzi Center has been an oasis for children growing up in poor, crime-ridden areas in Caddo and Bossier Parishes. Our free After School Program and free three-week Summer Camp have given at-risk K-12 youth opportunities they wouldn't have had otherwise. They receive one-on-one assistance with their homework and learn supplementary knowledge and skills from professional teachers, which boosts their academic performance. They explore, discover, and express their creativity under the guidance of professional artists. Caring staff, teachers, artists, and volunteers are positive role models for our students, which helps counter the negative influences of the streets.

We see the results in very short time: kids who are more self-confident and happier. They do better in school. Their grades go up, their behavior improves. Their families and communities do better, too. They can have peace of mind knowing their children are safe after school; they can be more productive at work; they save money by not having to pay for a babysitter or daycare; their children behave better at home; and they get to see and feel proud of their children's accomplishments -- both in school and at the Renzi Center. They see their children become civic-minded citizens, willing to give back to their families and communities.

To see the Renzi Center make these real, positive impacts on at-risk children every day, watch our video, "**We Are Renzi.**" The video can be found on the Renzi website: www.renzicenter.org



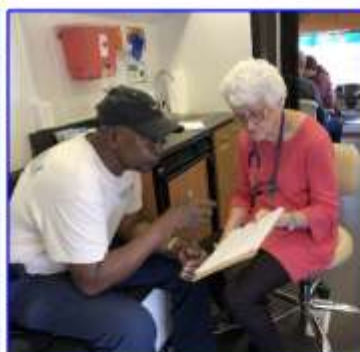


THE MISSION CONTINUES...

St. Luke's participated in "Octoberfest" Health & Wellness Fair presented by the Benton Site of the Bossier Council on Aging, October 29, 2018



The Susan B. Komen Mobile Mammography also participated.



The "Octoberfest" Health & Wellness Fair held in Benton, was very successful. Twenty four clients received blood pressure and blood glucose screenings from Registered Nurses, Bonnie and Amy. In keeping with "Octoberfest"; plate lunches of brauts, potato salad, pretzels, and drinks were served. ~Kathy Deal

<i>The 4th Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Eve of the Nativity Christmas Eve</i>	<i>The 1st Sunday After Christmas</i>
<i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i>	<i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux 5:30PM & 10:30PM</i>	<i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i>
<i>December 23</i>	<i>December 24</i>	<i>December 30</i>
Isaiah 5:2-5a Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39- 55	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1- 20	Isaiah 61:10--62:3 Psalm 147 Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 John 1:1-18
DAVID SCOTT	<p><i>Please call 686-1261 during business hours of 8:30am-2pm, Mon-Thur or e-mail stjames_sport@att.net if you can volunteer to serve during our 5:30pm and/or 10:30pm Christmas Eve Service. Please leave your name, time of service, and position you want to fill.</i></p>	MIKE ENDICOTT
David Scott Julie Eason		volunteer Ken Murphy
Ken Murphy		Dan Bennett
Debbie Fitzpatrick Missy Brown		Pat Parker volunteer
Melley Parker David Scott		Melanie Winkler volunteer
Janie Parker Linda Endicott Chelsea Fitzpatrick		Janie Parker Linda Endicott Chelsea Fitzpatrick
Pat Parker Missy Brown Mary Taylor		Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Betty McDonald

Any time you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement or advise the Vestry Person of the Day.



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 22, 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.

St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p>2 <i>Rev'd Mitzi George</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15AM Parish Breakfast 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Lulu Ashcraft Jared Ocmand</p>	<p>3</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Eleri Macintire HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Larry & Dianne Lashley</p>	<p>4</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bill Adcock</p>	<p>5 10 a</p> <p>The Re HAP Ga HA</p>
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<p>16 <i>Rev'd Mitzi George</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Larry & Kathleen Porter HAPPY BIRTHDAY Holly Johnson Peyton Parker</p>	<p>17</p> <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Wain & Debbie Thompson HAPPY BIRTHDAY Rita Haldeman</p>	<p>18</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Ruby Betterton Jack Perkins Chaile Allen</p>	<p>19 10</p> <p>The Re HA</p>
<p>23 <i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Greening of the Church Potluck soup & sandwiches HAPPY BIRTHDAY Barry Taylor</p>	<p>24</p> <p> Christmas Eve Service 5:30PM & 10:30PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p> Merry Christmas! HAPPY BIRTHDAY Erika Phillips</p>	<p>26</p> <p>HA Rich</p>
<p>30 <i>Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite</p>	<p>31 ← <i>Degreening the church</i></p>		



	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>
	<i>Rev'd Dr. Mitzi George</i>	<i>Rev'd Dr. Mitzi George</i>	<i>Rev'd Dr. Mitzi George</i>
	<i>December 2</i>	<i>December 9</i>	<i>December 16</i>
LECTIONARY	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-9 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	Malachi 3:1-4 Canticle 16 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Canticle 9 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
VESTRY PERSON	KRYSTAL EASON	KEN MURPHY	DAVE CAPOROSSI
EUCCHARISTIC 8:30 MINISTER 11:00	Lynette van Heerden Ron Maberry	David Scott Ken Murphy	David Scott Ken Murphy
LAY READER 11:00	Ken Murphy	Julie Eason	Dan Bennett
LECTORS 8:30 11:00	Debbie Fitzpatrick Sissy Brown	Chelsea Fitzpatrick Kathleen Calhoun	Pat Parker volunteer
ACOLYTES 8:30 11:00	Melanie Winkler David Scott	Kelly Parker David Scott	Melanie Winkler David Scott
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn	Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson	Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson
USHERS 8:30 11:00	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton	Pat Parker Betty McDonald Mary Taylor	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton
<i>The Rev'd Robert Dandridge will officiate on Wednesday Dec. 5, 12, and 19.</i>			

Please join us for the

ANNUAL MEETING **JANUARY 27, 2019**

10am WORSHIP SERVICE

FOLLOWED BY
PARISH-WIDE LUNCHEON
and BUSINESS MEETING

Make parish plans for 2019

Elect vestry members

Elect delegates to the spring diocesan convention

Eat great food & enjoy great company

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Rita Haldeman has moved to

111 N. Madison Ave

El Dorado, AR 71730-6124

During the month of November St Luke's is asking each parish for help stocking the van. St James has been asked to gather antibacterial ointment, cortisone cream, and band-aids. They are also asking for all churches to gather reading glasses of 2.0 and higher. We are going to place a basket in the Narthex for collecting these items.

GRACE THE CHRISTMAS ALTAR WITH EYC POINSETTIAS



Throughout the year the altar at St. James is adorned with flowers, given to the glory of God and in honor of our loved ones. We generally have two lovely arrangements, but during the Christmas season we invite everyone to make a dedication to fill the space with poinsettias.

A fifteen dollar donation will help offset the cost of the flowers. Dedication forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins and the Parish Hall through the Advent season. Should there be any extra money collected, the proceeds will be placed into the EYC fund, which is used for service projects.

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Christmas Flowers

Would you like to provide poinsettias for the altar during the Christmas season? A \$15 donation covers the cost of each poinsettia. Please use the space below to indicate your Christmas flower memorial.



You can mail this form to

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

OR

Drop it in the offering plate during any service through Advent

OR

Bring it by the parish office during business hours Mon-Thurs 8:30am to 2pm

submitted by _____

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT DECEMBER 9

The children's pageant will take place during the 11am service on December 9, in lieu of the sermon. Please come and support our children and youth as they teach us about the Christmas season.

THE FULLER CENTER CHRISTMAS STORE

The Angel Tree will soon be sporting red and green tags with items for the Fuller Center Christmas Store. On December 15 the store will be open for fixed income families to purchase reduced price items for those on their holiday list.

You can help in the following ways:

- Pluck tags from the trees and return the items on the tags to St. James before December 9 so they can be used to stock the shelves of the Christmas Store
- Help arrange the shelves on December 12-14 at 4221 Linwood Ave
- Help set up the wrapping stations on December 12-14 at 4221 Linwood Ave
- Work as elves in the store on December 15, 9am-1pm, assisting shoppers
- Contact Deacon Lois Maberry at 286-5414 or lois@stmarkscathedral.net to volunteer or to get more information.

Remember to leave the price tags on and do not wrap the donations, please.



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS
Will be held December 16, 2018 during the 11am service

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS
at 4pm on December 16, 2018



give the gift of
warmth

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!



Christmas Eve

WE'LL WORSHIP TOGETHER CHRISTMAS EVE

This year's Christmas Eve Services are scheduled at 5:30pm and 10:30pm on December 24. Each will be the full Christmas Eve Eucharist, complete with music. During the earlier service the Reverend Andrew Comeaux will present a children's sermon and we will hear his regular homily at the later service. 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.

A TASK OF LOVE

You are invited to help green the church after the 10am service on December 24, the last Sunday of Advent. Gather your family, gloves, work clothes, and bring them all with you when you come for worship that day. Once the task is complete we will share a potluck soup and sandwich luncheon—so come prepared!.

For those new to the job, garlands will be strung around the worship area, the crèche will be set up, the Chrismon tree will be erected in the narthex, and the EYC poinsettias will be set around the altar.

The more who help, the faster and easier the task! Please join us.



FOR LOVE OF EMILIE

The St. James family still holds Emilie Gibson in our hearts, and I believe she will be with us always in spirit. The ECW of St. James, spearheaded by our president, Tina Caporossi, wanted to do something in memory of dear Emilie as well as help her parents, Trey and Candi, in their quest to help other children suffering from that dreaded scourge of cancer.

The name of the foundation that the Gibsons created is FIGHT LIKE EMILIE. Yes, Emilie fought the good fight, and her spirit lives on through her **parents' love and determination**. The ECW of St. James wanted to have a fundraiser for the foundation to show our support, our love, our remembrance of that beautiful child.

The fundraiser was held on November 10 in the Parish Hall. The hall was beautifully decorated with red and white tablecloths and flowers on every table. Posters of Emilie were all around the Parish Hall. The displays of food were so colorful and bright! I have never seen such beautiful displays of all types of appetizers: sliders, wings, meat pies, veggies of all kinds, cheeses, desserts as well as drinks. And all so delicious!

The band SPARE TIME, led by Jerry and Lonnie's daughter Keri, was in top form. Yes, Jerry was playing and singing as well but what a voice Keri has! Kristi was unable to play and sing this time but we were so happy to see her. Our prayers are with the whole Howard family, especially Kristi. The band played all our favorite country/western songs, some slow enough for Tommy to dance to.

We had so many worker bees among the women who prepared food, set up the Parish Hall, did last minute preparations of food and cleaned up the kitchen after the event. I would like to recognize a few who were tireless in **their endeavors; I don't know how late they stayed to clean up!** Tina, B.J., Suzie, Melanie, and Jana who collected money.

I consider myself blessed to be a member of the ECW of St. James. I am so proud of the work that we do to help send children to Camp Hardtner, in our refurbishing the bathroom and the kitchen, and perhaps redoing the playground this coming year. Our fundraiser to remember Emilie was well attended, money was raised for a very worthy cause and it brought us together as parishioners of St. James to remember what we are all about: **"You will know we are Christians by our love."**

And as we remember Emilie, let us also keep Trey & Candi, Alex, and Linda & Mike, as well as Trey's mother in our prayers. May the peace of the Lord be with them as well as Emilie.

Mattie Mosley

Photos courtesy Kathy Deal





Fight Like Emilie



The ECW of St. James put on a fundraiser for the **Fight Like Emilie Foundation** that was marvelous. The Hors d'ourves were as advertised; plentiful, delicious, and heavy. No one left hungry. The Spare Time Band was great, as always. They had some of us out on the floor dancing.

Emilie's dad, Trey Gibson, spoke about what an inspiration Emilie was, how funding is so poor for pediatric brain cancer (hence, the Fight Like Emilie Foundation), and how appreciative he is of our St. James Family. Emilie was an inspiration to all of us, so Fight Like Emilie, and "keep on swimming".

~Kathy Deal

PARISH WORK DAY NOVEMBER 10

On Saturday, November 10, a group of guys gathered to give the church a nice little spruce up before the Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas Season. Pews and railings were cleaned, windows were washed, floors were vacuumed, and almost everything in the nave was given the once over. Next time you see these guys, please give them a pat on the back for a job well done!

- Pat Parker
- Matt Parker
- Jared Ocmand
- Curtis Shelton
- Mike Endicott
- Ken Murphy
- David Scott
- Dave Caporossi



Photos courtesy David Scott

APPRECIATION

Appreciation. How good are we at showing others how much we appreciate their efforts? Do we use words to indicate appreciation? Do we use actions? Gestures? Some people take advantage of the holidays to make the rounds of family and friends, visiting, sharing laughter and updating each other on their lives, and letting them know how much they are loved, missed, and appreciated.

Somehow, it seems easier to do these things with people we don't see frequently. It is much easier to take for granted those we interact with daily or weekly. We expect them to do all that they have always done and sometimes only truly appreciate their efforts when they are no longer there to provide. Let us all take the time to notice those little things that others do that add up to making our lives better.

Does your spouse show up at home with groceries so you don't have to go shopping, or phone and ask if you need something picked up? Does your child remember to do daily tasks without reminders—at least some of the time? Do your co-workers greet you with a smile, a hello, a sincere inquiry regarding how you are doing? Does your neighbor let you know if something unusual is happening on your block? Does your best friend call for no particular reason other than conversation with you? These are all things that indicate the other people in your life care about you. Take the time to let them know that you notice and appreciate their efforts, and recognize that they may be equally emotionally dependent on such little things from you.

Jesus instructed us to care for one another—to build each other up, encourage each other, recognize the importance of community. A large part of that is the effort he expects from us in making certain all people know they are welcome in our midst. Let us spread the news by our words, actions, and gestures: The Episcopal Church welcomes everyone.

—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@att.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@att.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, Rite 1 8:30am

followed by Coffee Hour and donuts in the Parish Hall

Sunday School, 9:45am

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 with music 11:00am

Wednesday—Holy Eucharist Rite 2, 10am



NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY DUE BEFORE JANUARY 9

Please begin considering who you believe would be an asset to the St. James Vestry and who you would like to represent the parish at the 2019 Diocesan Convention. Vestry nominations are due by January 9, a bit more than two weeks before the Annual Meeting. This allows time for the names to be mailed to parishioners prior to the meeting, in accordance with state laws governing corporations. The names will be included in the January issue of the *Spirit of St. James*. Nominations for delegates may be made in advance or may be made from the floor during the meeting.

According to our Parish By-laws, qualifications to serve on the Vestry are:

- Be a communicant in good-standing
- Be a member of St. James for at least 6 months
- Be at least 16 years old
- Be a contributing member of record
- Be a regular attendee of worship and other parish events
- Be available to attend Vestry meetings and perform vestry duties
- Be committed to the spiritual growth of St. James.

And remember, the Diocesan Convention will be held in the spring, beginning in 2019.



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.