

The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

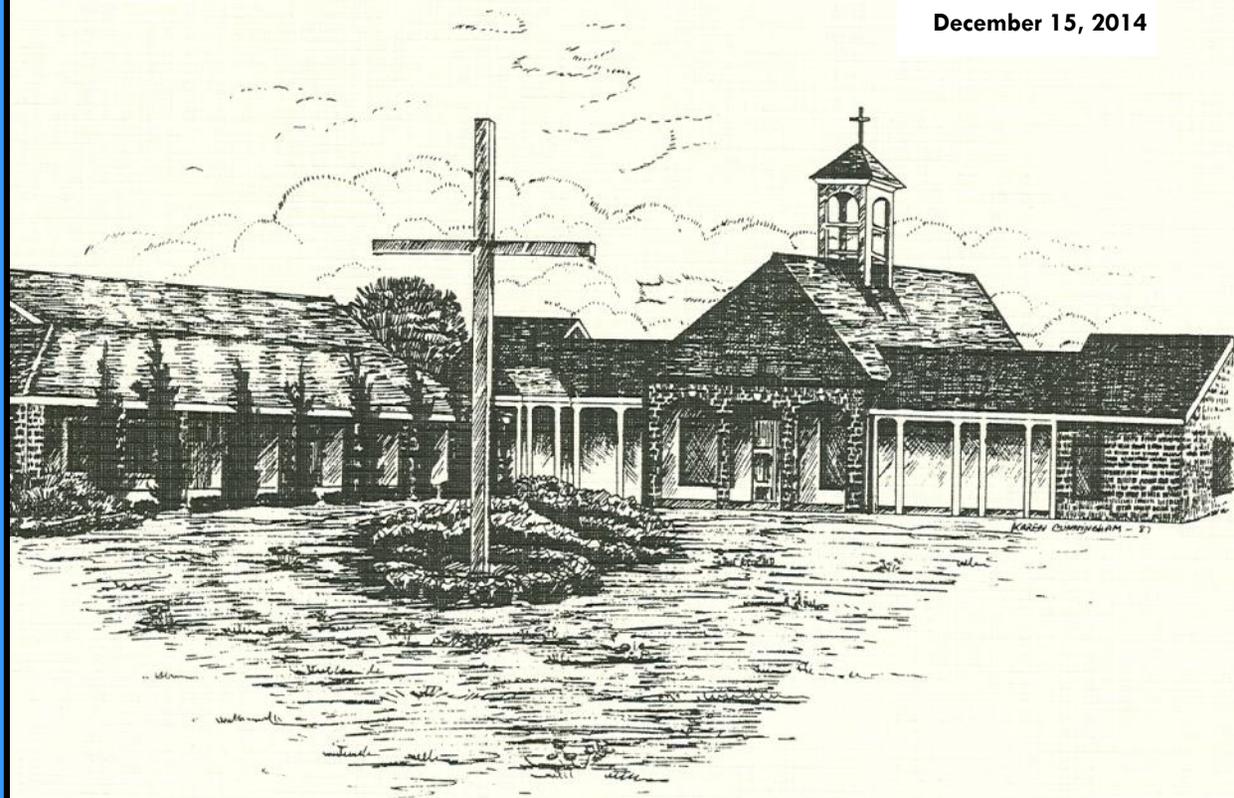
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December 15, 2014



December 21
Greening the Church
Immediately following
the 11am service

December 24
5:30pm
*Family worship with
children's sermon*
Rite 2 service with
Eucharist

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

December 28
De-greening the church
Immediately after the
11am service

January 4
8:30 and 11am
Epiphany services

9:45-10:45am
Community Breakfast

January 25
10am Eucharist
11am Annual Meeting
and luncheon

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Brian Whatley (17)— Sr.
Warden

Lorain Thrash (15)— Jr.
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Members:

Chris Bienvenu (17)

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Alyssa Garner (15)

Jimmy Deal (15)

Kathy Deal (17)

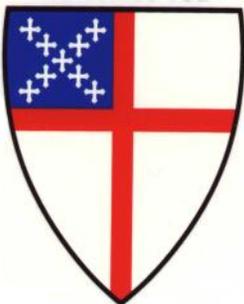
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A MESSAGE FROM MORGAN

Dear Family of St. James,

It's a rainy day here and when it's gloomy and overcast, my thoughts usually turn somber. What I have to say today is nothing of great theological import – it's actually just what's on my mind and has been for the past few days. I feel like I have been to the hospital more than I usually am, so maybe that's the reason my mind is on final things and this jarring truth:

Death is inevitable. It's part of life. It happens to all of us.

However, knowing this doesn't make the reality any less scary or awful or gut-wrenching. It's just one of those things that is and always will be (well at least for the foreseeable future). And I'm not really dwelling on death so much today as I am trying to concentrate on how to shift the priorities in my life – to make sure I am paying enough attention to the things and people that should matter most. Days like this make me re-evaluate grudges I hate to admit I still carry. They force me to say "I love you" a lot more and do things to show it. They push me to be honest with myself, with God and with other people.

Life is short – too short to waste sitting around wondering what might have been or wondering what you could have accomplished. You've just got to pull yourself together, take a deep breath and step out on faith. Life is about risk and rejection. If you never step out on that limb, you'll never know what awesome people/opportunities were waiting for you just around the corner. Pain happens. People hurt you. You don't always get the things you want the most, but if you never try, you miss out on life and other people miss out on the chance to be blessed by you.

I was at a meeting the other day and someone shared a quote by George Eliot that really resonated with me: "It's never too late to be who you might have been." Truer words have never been spoken.

If you're unhappy with your life – change it. If you don't like the person your job has made you become – find a way to be true to yourself and fight for it. If there is a degree, a hobby, a career that you always wish you had – go out and get it. I am oversimplifying, yes, but truthfully, the decision to shift our priorities is not as complicated as we've made it out to be, it's the following through that's tough.

Open your Bible to Matthew 19. Jesus has just finished a conversation with a rich man about what he needed to do with this life in order to inherit life eternal. When the man confesses that he has kept God's commandments since birth, Jesus tells him he must now sell all of his possessions and give them to the poor. We are never given the man's response, we're only told he walked away despairing because he was very wealthy. The task laid before him by Jesus must have seemed pretty daunting. Then there's Matthew 19:26, Jesus' response to his astonished disciples who upon hearing of this interaction ask, "who then can be saved?" Jesus says, "With man, this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

There it is – simple truth. It may seem daunting to shift our priorities, especially when we realize that doing so will take a lot of time, energy and might mean that we have to let go of some things and people we have held so dear. But the fact still remains – with God all things are possible. What we cannot do on our own, God will help us accomplish. I've often thought that sad, rich man walked away because he didn't get it. He didn't understand that Jesus never intended for him to make this major life change by himself. Jesus gave the man an opportunity to trust that when Jesus gave him instruction, he had his best interests at heart. Do we trust that God has our best interests at heart when He beckons us to go places we never thought we'd go and to do things we never dreamed we'd do? This rich man had the chance to put his faith in practice, to step beyond himself, to thrust himself wholly into the arms of God and *he let his sorrow drive him away.*

Don't let yourself make the same mistake.

Life is short – too short to let your sorrow, insecurities, pessimism, lack of confidence, anger, old wounds and disappointments keep you from being the person God means for you to be, keep you from doing the things God means for you to do. Open your ears, listen intently for the voice of God. And once He has told you just who and what He means for you to be....

So, this Advent season while you watch and wait, don't be afraid to take a deep breath, step out and fall into the most loving arms that have ever been outstretched.

Blessings,

Morgan +



Outreach News

It took less than four hours for St. James parishioners to claim all of the children from the Angel Tree this year! If you didn't get a child, please consider helping to wrap gifts in the Parish Hall on December 21 during the Greening of the Church. Those who are able to climb ladders and tote greenery may enjoy the camaraderie of the task, while those who are less nimble may enjoy wrapping the gifts and preparing them for the children. So bring your gardening gloves, pruners, greenery, wrapping paper, bows, and ribbon on December 21.

We will be packing soup for freezing into individual containers as part of the Filling in the Gaps ministry at this party, as well. And we plan to make **lots** of soup so we can enjoy a taste or two as we work, so plan to join us after the 11am service for greening the church and showing our neighbors we care by wrapping up gifts for the children and preparing individual meals for the hungry.

We still need volunteers to help deliver the gifts. Lorain has maps to the homes and is happy to share these with the drivers. Contact the parish office to volunteer.

The Angel Tree still has some red tags with items that Hope House needs for their clientele. As the weather gets more wintery it becomes more difficult for homeless individuals to stay warm. Please take a card off the Angel Tree and deposit your donations in the Hope House box in the Parish Hall.

LET'S SPRUCE UP THE GROUNDS ON PARISH WORK DAY JANUARY 10, 2015 8AM TO NOON

Please bring your work gloves, energy, and smiles to St. James on January 15 for Parish Work Day. We plan to complete the tasks listed below before the Annual Meeting. Anyone who wishes to participate, but is not available that morning is welcome to contact the parish office and volunteer for anything on the list. Once a task is claimed we will consider it done and take it off the list for the work day, trusting in the volunteer to follow through.

- 1—Insulate garden water pipes
- 2—Pull out summer veggie debris
- 3—Tidy up the garden area
- 4—Remove any pine straw built up around the air conditioning units
- 5—Re-hang the gate to the playground
- 6—Pull dead plants and weeds from flower beds.
- 7—Trim shrubbery as needed. We WILL NOT be trimming the Crepe Myrtle and we plan to continue the campaign to save the shamrocks.
- 8—Replace the frost-bitten summer potted plants with cold-weather plants
- 9—Check outside faucets to ensure they are winterized against freezing
- 10—Replace burned-out bulbs in the marquee
- 11—Pull weeds from shrubbery around cross

St. James will provide breakfast and lunch because we know this parish works very well on well-fed tummies!

THE GOOD STEWARDS

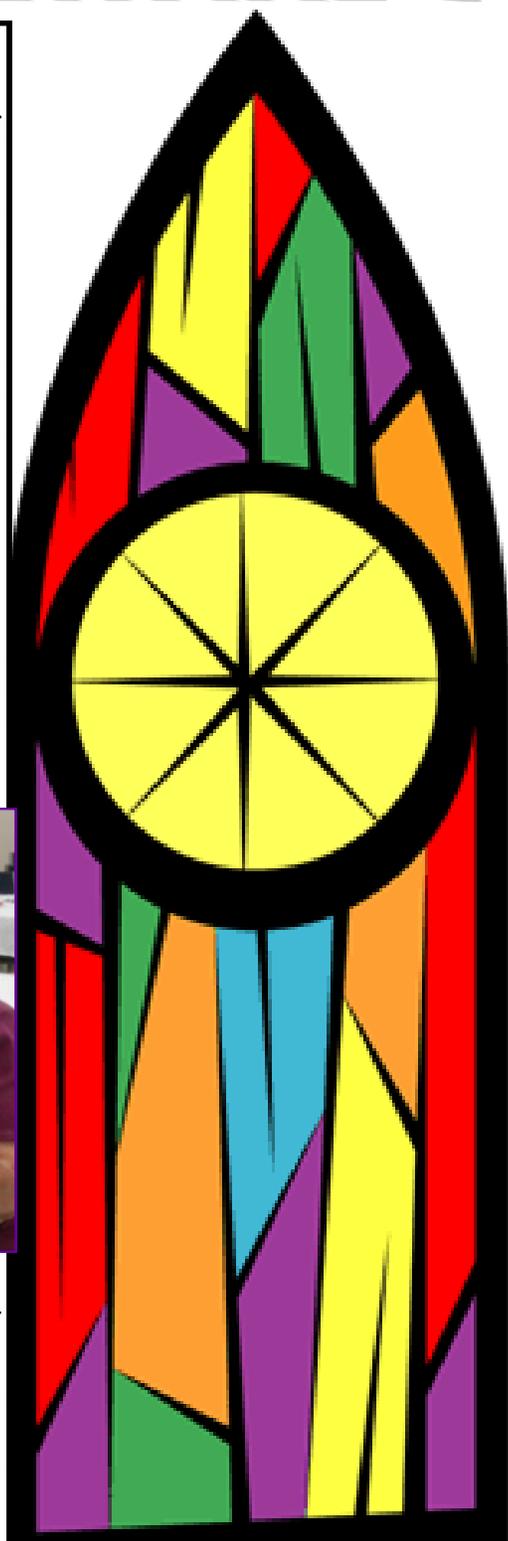
This time of year is always busy for everyone, so we are especially grateful to those who make the time to help others. Lorain Thrash, Lois Maberry, Brian Whatley, of the LDI committee recruited many others to help them make, package, and deliver meals to fifteen individuals on Thanksgiving morning. Each recipient was given a home-cooked feast as well as additional frozen homemade items for the following day. Special thanks to Matt Parker for preparing five turkeys that were used for those meals and for the communal thanksgiving dinner. And special thanks to the many people who were recruited to lend a hand.

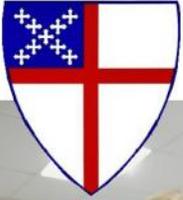
In addition to the fifteen individuals mentioned above, one of our parishioners volunteered to purchase Kroger's complete meals for two families in need, and fed approximately a dozen individuals for Thanksgiving with enough food for plenty of left-overs, which were sent to Hope House for the men and women who make use of the day facilities for homeless individuals.



Kristen King and George Shafer did a beautiful job of scrubbing and buffing the Parish Hall floor just in time for the Melton-Thornhill wedding reception. We thank them for their hard work on the project and their willingness to jump in at the last minute to make things nicer for someone else.

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.





St. James Holds Football/Chili Bash November 16th



Thanks to all who brought chili or fixings, and those who attended, the first Football/Chili Bash. It made for a very enjoyable evening...great fellowship.

~Kathy Deal

St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry

Screens for Cholesterol at the MEN'S HEALTH DAY Saturday Nov. 22, 2014



St. Luke's Medical Bus volunteers, Bonnie, Lois, Ron, and B.J., saw over 60 men during the clinic held at Southern Hills Metro Center. There were also stations and vendors inside. I checked a few out while Jimmy took my place checking in those ready for their cholesterol screening. Walgreens was giving free flu shots, LSU Med students checked BMI and blood pressure, and David Raines Community Health Center checked for diabetes, and did dental screenings in their bus outside. There were also seminars for the men to attend. Lunch was served.

~Kathy Deal



<i>1st Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>2nd Sunday after The Epiphany</i>	<i>3rd Sunday after The Epiphany 10 AM service</i>
<i>January 11</i>	<i>January 18</i>	<i>January 25</i>
<i>Genesis 1:1- 5 Psalm 29 Acts 19: 1- 7 Mark 1:4- 11</i>	<i>I Samuel 3:1- 10, (11- 20) Psalm 139:1- 5,12- 17 I Corinthians 6: 12- 20 John 1:43- 51</i>	<i>Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Psalm 62: 6- 14 I Corinthians 7: 29- 31 Mark 1:14- 20</i>
LORAIN THRASH	CHRIS BIENVENU	JIMMY DEAL
Lynnette van Heerden Ron Maberry	Janie Parker Brian Whatley	Ken Murphy
Ken Murphy	Dan Bennett	Bert Babington
Debbie Fitzpatrick Lauren Ocmand	Betty Langhorst Janet Moore	Debbie Fitzpatrick
Hannah Parker Rory Fitzpatrick	Melanie Winkler Mason Garner	Rory Fitzpatrick
Lonnie Howard Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn	Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson	Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson
Lorain Thrash Mary Taylor Mike Kendrick	Pat Parker Sara Lewis Mike Kendrick	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton
Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott

PREPARE FOR WINDSTORM AT THE BALL JANUARY 17

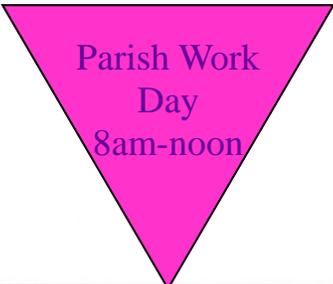
The Mardi Gras Ball will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2015, in the Parish Hall 7p-11p. The band Windstorm will be playing. The cost will be \$150.00 for a table of 8 or \$25.00 for a single admission. Proceeds go to the ECW for Parish Hall renovations. It is a BYOB and BYO snacks event with ice and set ups provided. Seating is limited, so contact the parish office by calling 686-1261 to reserve your seats.



St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	W
<p>4</p> <p>8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15AM Breakfast 9:45 Sunday Forum 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II HAPPY BIRTHDAY Trinity Ann Parker Debbie Fitzpatrick</p>	<p>5</p> <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Keith & Karen McDonald Robert & Rita Haldeman</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 10 am w</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Sunday Forum 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Faye Wynn</p>	<p>21 10 am w HAPPY Cu</p>
<p>25</p> <p>10:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p><u>Annual Meeting</u> <u>Potluck Lunch</u></p>	<p>26</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mason Sims Dusty Allen</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 10 am w HAPPY Ron &</p>

January 2015

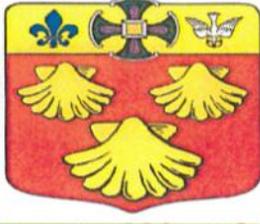
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p>  <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Noah Matlock</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Holy Eucharist w/Uncion</p>	<p>8</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Nita Magee</p> <p>Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jana Kendrick Dave Caporossi Joseph Thrash</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>Parish Work Day 8am-noon</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Holy Eucharist w/Uncion</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Lee Strickland Karen Jackson</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Roger Wilkinson Blane Alan Butler</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>Mardi Gras Ball 7-11pm Parish Hall</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Holy Eucharist w/Uncion</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Artis Shelton</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Holy Eucharist w/Uncion</p> <p>ANNIVERSARY Lois Maberry</p>	<p>29</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bobbye Smith</p> <p>Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

VESTRY NOMINATIONS DUE BY JANUARY 4

Please prayerfully consider who you would like to participate in the leadership of the congregation. To nominate a person for the Vestry, just notify the parish office. Give the name of the individual and a short bio, listing things you believe to be important reasons why the nominee would serve the parish well. Bios must be received by January 4 in order for the information sheets to be assembled and mailed to parishioners before January 11.

The Annual Meeting will be held on January 25, and the Annual Report provides the parish with an overview of what we accomplished in the previous year. Heads of each committee should submit written reports to the parish office by January 4 in order for them to be assembled into **The** Annual Report. Please submit in a timely manner so the office staff don't need to nag you with annoying e-mails, phone calls, or notes—and you know I will. Reports are needed from the following sources:

Praise & Worship Team	Choir
Sunday School	ECW
Adult Forum	EYC
Memorial Committee	DOK
Altar Guild	LDI
Acolytes and Altar Party (Lay Readers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers)	
Greeter's Ministry	
A/V support	
Community Garden Committee	
Outreach Committee	
Intercessors	
Eucharistic Visitors	
Daughters of the King	
St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry	
20's and 30's Group	
Cursillo	
KAIROS/KAIROS Outside	
Nursery	
Senior Warden	
Junior Warden	
Treasurer	
Stewardship Committee	
Legacy Committee	
Canterbury House	
Adult Forum	
Garden Committee	

	<i>2nd Sunday after Christmas Day</i>
	<i>January 4</i>
LECTIONARY	<i>Isaiah 60:1- 6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10- 14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1- 12</i>
VESTRY PERSON	DAVE CAPOROSSI
EUCCHARISTIC 8:30	Janie Parker
MINISTER 11:00	Dan Bennett
LAY READER 11:00	Brian Whatley
LECTORS 8:30	Pat Parker
11:00	Karen McDonald
ACOLYTES 8:30	Kelly Parker
11:00	Austin Shelton
ALTAR GUILD	Lonnie Howard Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn
USHERS 8:30	Lorain Thrash
11:00	Mike Kendrick Sissy Brown
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Mike Endicott

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



Christmas Eve
SERVICE

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.



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, as shown in the photo to the left.

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 from early November through the Advent season. Should there be any extra money collected, the proceeds will be placed into the EYC fund, which is used for camp scholarships and service projects.



QUALIFICATIONS FOR VESTRY MEMBERS

- Communicant in good standing
- Member of St. James for at least six months
 - At least sixteen (16) years of age
- Contributor of record during the preceding year

Ideal Vestry members have a sense of humor and are keenly interested in the well-being of St. James: the Church, the clergy and staff, the buildings and grounds. Vestry members regularly attend services and parish events, give financially to the work of the parish, and are spiritually attuned. They distinguish between *being* on the Vestry and *servng* on the Vestry. They have sufficient time to dedicate to the work of the Vestry and display a positive nature. They have the courage to speak their mind, even when their positions are in the minority. They are willing to listen to opposing opinions, are open to change, and accept the greater will. They have a sense of humor.

Vestry members are able to leave behind "constituencies" and personal agendas in favor of doing what is best for St. James. They are able and willing to share their talents, abilities, and honest opinions—and then are able and willing to listen to others' opinions with an open heart and mind. They are faithful to the concept of confidentiality. They have a sense of humor. Vestry members are willing to listen respectfully to all parishioners, seek to serve their needs, and try to find a common ground when there are disagreements. They have a sense of humor.



COMMUNAL THANKSGIVING





Approximately eighty people attended the communal Thanksgiving dinner this year. We packed the Parish Hall with food, laughter, and vivacious bodies having lots of fun—but first we packaged and delivered home-cooked meals to fifteen individuals, including a festive feast and frozen homemade soup and muffins for the following day. We give thanks for the many parishioners who came together to help others and to enjoy the company of our parish family. We are also thankful that we live in a place where we can openly welcome all who wish to join with us, as we recognize we share much more in common than we know—and that those few things which make us different, serve to strengthen us in our diversity.

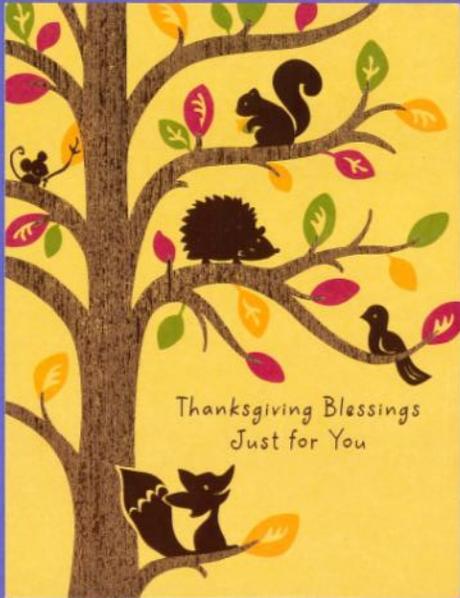
DINNER





Although I did not grow up at St James it has become my second Church home. You were there during the hard times one Christmas with gifts and food for my children. I will always be grateful and humble for that. I am so blessed to have Theresa Krash in my life, not only

as a good friend but as one who brings me Communion every week. It means so very much to me. I hope in the future I will be able to try out your new accessible entry into the Church.
Thank you,
Elisabeth Shreff



A special prayer at Thanksgiving
that God will richly bless
Your hearts, your homes
and those you love
with lasting happiness.

Much love to our
St. James family!
We miss you!
Love,
Marty & Michael

2014

Thank you'll
for helping us
get through a very
hard time in our lives.
Without you'll prayers
and support, we would
not have made it through
the year!
May All your dreams
come true.

Love, you'll,
Dina &
Bruce

May your Christmas dreams
come true and your
New Year be
a very special one too!

Merry Christmas
Hoping you'll all have
a Very Merry
Christmas
Love,
Bruce &
Dina
White



VOCATION, CAREER, JOB—THEY ARE NOT ALL THE SAME THING

My college education doesn't exactly match my career goals or my job history. I began school with a plan and it just morphed throughout my academic career. I'm not certain it has reached the final stage, yet. Instead of changing majors or areas of interest, I just kept adding majors. And for me, it was the right way to go. The same thing happened with my career. I worked my way through college, moved from developmental technician to house manager to a mid-management position in another state—then jumped ship into law enforcement and never looked back. Now I am sort of back where I started, working for the Church, and possibly using that psych degree occasionally, with a smattering of using my theological training—what I can remember of it, anyway.

I firmly believe that life is a journey and what we achieve by the end is not nearly as important as how we reach the end, how we interact with others along the way, or whether or not we influence others in a positive manner. I've never truly cared whether I become rich (much to my mother's chagrin) or whether I drive a fabulous car. I'd like enough money to pay my bills and I'd like reliable transportation to get me where I need to go—or at this stage in my life where I need to chauffeur my child. I don't need flashy. I don't need stuff.

I do need to feel useful. I do need to feel that I make a positive difference in the lives of my family members, in my community, and in the world around me. I need to be creative. Between St. James and Renzi I believe I have found my niche. I can reach out into the community, actively help others at times and at other times help coordinate the effort, I can teach children and help them realize they have potential and strive toward reaching it. And I am not in danger of getting rich. (You are supposed to chuckle here).

Have you figured out what your vocation is? It may or may not be your career. Your career is what you do for a living. Hopefully that is something that pays your bills, something you enjoy, and something you do well. Your vocation is your passion. What do you need to do? How can you take that passion and channel it into helping others? Are you one of the truly lucky individuals who has merged vocation into career? If so, that's truly commendable and the rest of us wish you to share your secrets. We'd all like that.

But one of the best Christmas gifts we can give ourselves and those around us is to identify our vocation—find our passion and put it to use. Figure out how to make what you love become a lasting part of your life in a manner that makes a positive impact on your community. If you love to build, what can you build in your community? What can you teach others to build for themselves? If you love to cook, can you feed others or teach them to feed themselves? If you love to grow plants, paint, sew, write, work with numbers, etc.. figure out how you can incorporate your passion into your community. It may take some creative thought, but everyone will benefit in the end.

Brainstorm with your St. James family if you need help matching your passion to the community's needs. Once you've found your niche, share your discover with us. And always remember, 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: January 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

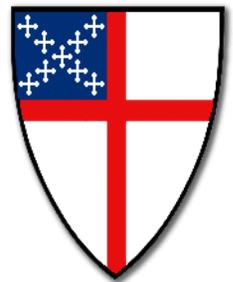
Wednesday—Holy Eucharist with Unction, 10am



FALL PASSES THROUGH

It was rather ironic that the day we mailed the November 15 issue of the *Spirit of St. James* with our story about hoping the weather continued to hold, that the temperature dropped to around 20 degrees and much of our garden froze. The broccoli and cabbage are doing great, but just about everything else is done for the season. The trees have transformed into beautiful, bright colors and are losing their leaves and the pots in front of the church doors have been changed from beautiful summer foliage to gorgeous and hardy fall plants.

As we watch the seasons change we are reminded of the changes in the liturgical seasons. We are in the midst of Advent, awaiting the coming of the Christ Child. It is a time of great expectancy and anticipation. Let us share that with others in our community by inviting them to join us during either of our Christmas Eve services. The first service begins at 5:30pm and is family-oriented with a children's sermon and contemporary music. The later service begins at 10:30pm and has traditional music. Eucharist is offered at both services. Please join us.



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.