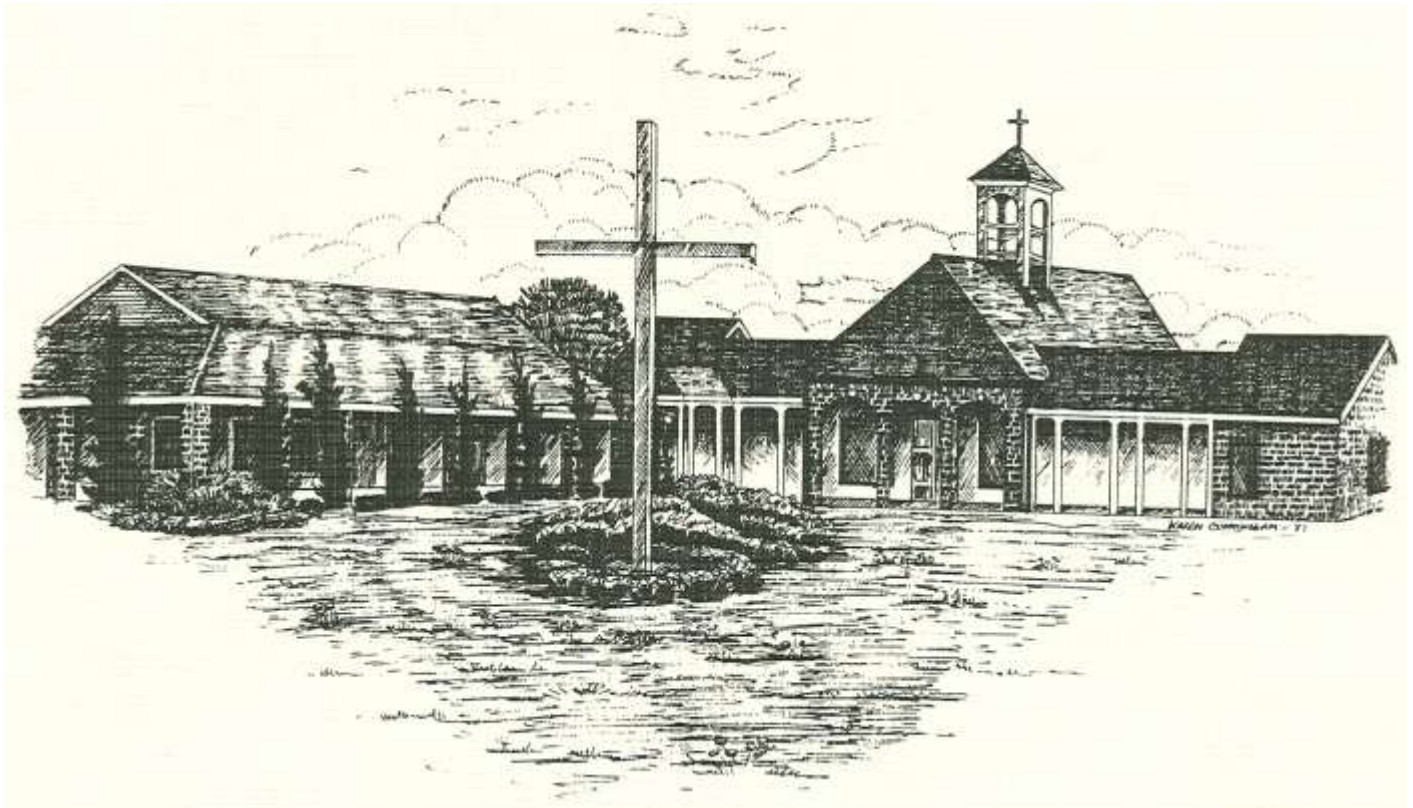


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Annual Report 2016

Presented at the Annual Meeting
January 29, 2017

2016 Senior Warden Report

What a difference a year makes. We began 2016 faithful and optimistic that we would make it through the year and continue in our various ministries, but – to be honest – I (and perhaps some others of us) was unsure just *how* we would do it. The year began with supply clergy continuing on Sundays and Wednesdays and with continuing hopes of a new Rector. We should all be pleased to see that our Parish life continued, as is shown by our presence here for another Annual Meeting. During the year, we have laughed and cried, worshipped and prayed, and shared many things in our common life in St. James. We shared the emotional events of births, deaths, illness, and healing; we leaned on each other and held each other up because that's what a community of faith does.

I started out by going through the past year's issues of *The Spirit* and made quite list of events and ministry accomplishments from the past year. St. James completed remodeling the kitchen and nursery, saw Lois Maberry ordained Deacon, and held inquirers class in preparation for confirmations during Bishop Jake's visit. We held an outdoor mass on the grass, assisted those affected by record flooding and kept the community garden growing. Our Parish held several pot lucks, Filled the Gap on several holidays for our Meals on Wheels friends and shut-in parishioners, baked thousands of cookies for two Kairos weekends, held monthly family game nights with dinner during the summer, and enjoyed monthly Parish breakfasts (I think I'm seeing a pattern here!) But rather than simply post here the list of ministries, I would encourage us all to read the various reports printed in the *Annual Report*. These articles do a better job than I could do in telling the stories of our many ministries, because these accounts are written by those involved and are told with passion. That passion seems to me the common theme in everything that we do at St. James. Plus, finances and attendance remained positive during the year. Much of this without a Rector, but simply with many dedicated members. Now with a Rector in place, I see no limit to our potential as a Parish!

We began Advent with our new Rector, the Reverend Margaret Ayers, soundly on-board. God is good! I extend special and heartfelt thanks to the members of the Search Committee who spent hours that ran into months on the tasks associated with seeking a new Rector. Their work made it easy for the Vestry to approve their recommendation to call Margaret+.

I am rotating off the Vestry at this annual meeting, but I am confident that the new Vestry will serve our parish well. Morgan+ told me when I first became Senior Warden that "the Parish really runs itself." I suppose that is true because our Parish is made up of the people of St. James who are both dedicated and passionate about their work here. Those qualities make the work light for us all.

In Christ,
—Brian H. Whatley





2016 Junior Warden Report

2016 was a rather uneventful year for maintenance related issues here at St James. That's not to say we didn't do anything because there was certainly plenty of activity going on throughout the entire year. We began 2016 with a vision of what our kitchen could be if it were upgraded and put that vision into action. Through many generous donations and gifts given to the project as well as a grant from the diocese we now have a state of the art kitchen any restaurant would be proud of. Special thanks to the kitchen committee for their hard work and diligence researching and obtaining top of the line appliances. A special shout out also goes to Matt Parker for his expertise in making the actual remodeling project come to fruition.

As for regular maintenance projects we really didn't have that many this past year. Once again Matt came to our rescue and fixed the leaking roof in the parish hall and as always kept our grounds looking great. We had to replace one air conditioner which services the library but that was our only major maintenance issue. In 2016 as in years past the parishioners of St. James were willing to pitch in and help keep up our grounds and facility, many thanks to all it makes the job of Jr. Warden much easier.

I also want to express my profound thanks to the vestry for helping me during the couple of months I was out of town so often.

—Mike Endicott

RECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2016

The Rev. Margaret Ayers was called in November of 2016 by the Search Committee of St. James Episcopal Church. She started her duties on November 20th. December 15th St James hosted a Celebration of New Ministry commemorating the new relationship between the people of St. James, the Rev. Margaret Ayers and the Diocese of Western Louisiana.

I came to you the last Sunday of Pentecost and we have all been busy since. I have been able to see some of the ministries of St. James in action; riding along with Meals on Wheels, attending fundraisers for Emelie, visiting and taking communion to shut-ins, attending a couple social events including a Solo dinner, and Advent and Christmas celebrations. We are off to a fast start!

— The Rev. Margaret Ayers



St. James Choristers 2016

The year 2016 was a good year for the choir. We were able to order and sing a lot of new anthems. We were sorry to lose Chris Bienvenue to Lafayette, though.

We all enjoyed our wonderful annual whim party at Lonny & Jerry Howard's home. The choir had a busy fall and were thrilled with the appointment of our new priest. As always, we are grateful to the Praise Team for sharing the responsibility of leading the music for our services. We closed out the year with our annual choir party at Kathy & Jim Calhoun's home.

—Kaye Crichlow
Organist/Choir Mistress



Daughters of the King 2016 Annual Report

The St. Monnica chapter of Daughters of the King met monthly throughout 2016. At each meeting we generate a monthly prayer list. Each Daughter takes a vow to faithfully pray for all on the prayer list each day; sometimes even on-going throughout the day.

We also spend time at meetings reading or participating in a devotional and studying scripture. In 2016 we spent time studying the 3 areas of our vow: Prayer, Service and Evangelism; we also spent time in November to daily prayers of Thanksgiving.

Daughters of the King has special services that can be done in times of need. Sadly with Nita's passing we held a memorial for a departed Daughter. Nita was such a strong and faithful servant and a guiding force in our chapter.

Other activities in 2016 included a very successful nursery shower and breakfast. The Daughters prepared breakfast and initiated a registry to encourage parishioners to purchase and donate new and sorely needed items for our nursery. Many items were purchased and donated including toys, puzzles, a vanity set, basic supplies and a car carpet. Money was also set aside to pay for the bench and cubbies that Matt Parker made and also for the ceiling fan.



Respectfully submitted,

—Debbie Fitzpatrick
president



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. JAMES ANNUAL REPORT 2016

2016 has been another productive and busy year of service for the ECW of St. James under the strong, capable leadership of President Tina Caporossi. Tina will continue as our President with Melanie Winkler as our newly sworn in Secretary and Jana Kendrick continuing as Treasurer. Semi-regular monthly meetings were held on the first Sunday of the month with an average attendance of 14 members. All women of St. James are members of the ECW automatically, so it is hoped that attendance will increase in 2017. The choir ladies cannot meet with us, but they certainly give us their input.

Our annual Mardi Gras ball was held in January with the band Windstorm playing to a packed house. Again, the Parish Hall was beautifully decorated by the ECW with around 60 or so in attendance. Thanks to the generosity of a parishioner, the ball made a profit for the ECW, \$1350.00

Last year because of inclement weather, we did not have our annual Ecumenical luncheon. This year the service and luncheon were back in full force on Feb. 24 at the noon hour. Again, we had a packed house with people from various churches all over the Southern Hills area. St. James has participated in this event for about 50 years and all the attendees say we have the best food, especially our congregational vegetable soup, along with sandwiches and cookies. Fifteen ladies signed up to help that day, 7 signed up for sandwiches, 7 for soup (but we had to add vegetable and chicken broth), 7 for cookies. Remember, we may need more to sign up in 2017, especially for soup.

The Ladies' bathroom project in the Parish Hall was completed in March by master carpenter, electrical engineer and all round handy man, Jerry Howard, with painting by Tina and BJ and sewing by Melanie. It turned out beautifully, with a spa look. Total cost for the remodeling ran around \$3250.00, and Jerry was made an honorary ECW member.

The ECW prepared breakfast in April with a Downton Abbey theme and recipes from our own cookbook as well as some traditional English dishes. The profits went to help six of our young people go to Camp Hardtner. The ECW paid half the cost. This money was supplemented from our Treasury so that all could attend who wished to do so. The ECW also brought finger foods for the Bishop's visit in May and decided to take the summer off until September.

It seems that St. James has more funerals now than in years before, and it is difficult to sign up funeral coordinators to arrange for meals for the family. Mattie Mosley and Kathy Watkins volunteered to be coordinators on a regular basis since they feel that is an important part of their service to our parishioners and their families. The ECW requested that the Budget Committee add a line item (\$200.00) to the annual budget for funeral food such as meat/cheese trays allowing ECW members to bring other items.

Debbie Fitzpatrick and Janie Parker attended the Celebration of Women's Weekend at Camp Hardtner which cost \$170.00 and brought us back some good ideas for our church.

The ECW hosted a dinner dance on Nov. 18, 2016, the Louisiana Saturday Night Fais Do Do with music by Keri Howard Winters and her band (Spare Time) playing and singing country and western music with a touch of Cajun. The menu included Cochon de lait, with all kinds of other delicacies including dirty rice, red beans and rice, meat pies, bread pudding, hurricanes (just like Pat O'Brien's, etc. etc. What a feast, Cher! Money raised went to help Emilie Gibson and her family in her battle that we know she will win! The money originally was to be shared with St. Francis of Denham Springs who lost everything with recent flooding, but it was decided to take \$600 from the Treasury to send to the church and give Emilie the profits from the dinner dance: \$2684.00.

Instead of our annual Christmas party, the ECW participated both in the ceremony and the reception for the installation of our new priest the Reverend Margaret Ayers on Dec. 15. Mattie and Tommy Mosley took fruit baskets to 8 parishioners in the ECW's name for Christmas. Thanks to all our Sisters in Christ for making 2016 a worthwhile, meaningful year. I know 2017 will be as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Jacks Mosley

p.s. This will be my last correspondence for the St. James ECW. I have thoroughly enjoyed being secretary and working with Tina and all you wonderful women who do so much for our church in the name of Christ. May God bless each of you.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE 2016

Filling in the Gaps Annual Report For 2016

Thanks to all of you Filling in the Gaps had another good year. We help a lot of people this year that was very appreciative and needed the help. As always this wouldn't have been successful without all of your generous hearts giving the way you do. The help getting the meals and treats together made all this possible.

Jan. 1 New Years Eve we delivered 9 hot meals and 9 frozen meals to MOW (Meals on Wheels). Sausage, black-eyed peas, cabbage, rolls and cake as a hot meal.

Feb.14 & 15 Valentines Day & Presidents Day we put together homemade cookies, treats and fruits. Plus 8 MOW people got 2 frozen meals each.

March 11 & 12 The Flood of 2016 Meals on Wheels was shut down and we delivered 2 frozen meals each to 9 people.

March 25 Good Friday 2 Soups & crackers were given to Meals on Wheels for 9 people.

March 27 Easter We came together to put together 24 Easter baskets of 2 boiled and colored eggs, oranges, bananas, plums, cheese cracker, peanut butter crackers, and candies to the MOW people and to homebound people in the parish.

May 30 Memorial Day 11 meals went out made up of bar b que leg quarters, baked beans, potato salad, rolls and cake.

July 4 Independence Day 15 meals of pulled pork, buns, potato chips, and oranges.

Sept. 5 Labor Day 12 meals of leg quarters, peas, potato salad, rolls and cake.

Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day 6 MOW people and 5 homebound people got hot dinners of turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, rolls, cake oranges and apples.

Dec. 24 & 25 Christmas Eve 4 MOW people and 5 homebound got meals made up of ham, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, rolls, pie, apples and oranges.

So you can see that we help a lot of people that loved every meal they got. And we had help from the Ecumenical Luncheon that was on Feb. 24 with leftovers that they gave to the program. 18 sandwiches and 17 bowls of soup that were given out on Feb. 25.

The Hayride dinner put frozen meals in St James freezer to help with meals later in the year.

This program would not be possible without the good, generous people of St. James Episcopal Church.

—Lorain Thrash





KAIROS and KAIROS OUTSIDE Annual Report 2016

*I was in prison and you visited me.
Matthew 25:36*



Kairos is an interdenominational ministry devoted to bringing God's grace and love to incarcerated men, women and youth, and to establish ongoing Chris-

tian Communities within correctional facilities. A related ministry, Kairos Outside has the purpose of demonstrating God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have loved ones who are or who have been incarcerated. Locally, Kairos volunteers serve the David Wade Correctional Center near Homer, LA and Kairos Outside volunteers carry out retreat weekends in Central Louisiana, with volunteers and support for both ministries regularly coming from our St. James Parish family. Both the Kairos and Kairos Outside weekends, held two times per-year in the spring and fall, are lay-led and patterned after three-day weekends such as Cursillo or Walk to Emmaus. The weekends, however, are designed to address the spiritual needs and concerns of the incarcerated or their loved ones affected by their incarceration. The ministries continue beyond the retreat weekends and provide for meaningful, ongoing support for participants.

While many in our parish have heard me talk about Kairos, I would ask you to speak with other parishioners who have participated in this ministry. James Lewis, Paul Moore, Curtis Shelton or Ethan Geoghagan can share their perspective on the Kairos ministry at Wade Correctional Center. I also would ask you to speak with Karen McDonald to learn about how Kairos Outside has restored hope and faith to women who have found themselves doing time alongside their loved ones.

Both the Kairos and Kairos Outside weekends are presented without cost to any participant, and much-appreciated financial support has come from the Parish Outreach Committee and through Parish breakfast fundraisers. However, the greatest opportunity for support is to actually serve on a weekend and doing so will truly enrich your life in more ways that you can imagine. This ministry truly blesses men and women "on both sides of the wall." As a special note to our parish, our own Paul Moore will serve as Observing leader for a Kairos weekend in the Spring of 2016 and will serve as weekend leader in the Fall, and I encourage all of us to help support this endeavor.

For more information about Kairos Outside, please contact Karen McDonald. For more information about Kairos (inside), please contact James Lewis, Paul Moore, Curtis Shelton, Ethan Geoghagan or Brian Whatley.

—*Brian Whatley*



NURSERY NOTES 2016

Every year, when Jnanne asks me repeatedly for an annual report, I usually respond with, "There's really no news, nothing to tell." That is not the case this year! This year, I have the opposite problem; I have too much to say....

Next month, I will have been "officially" keeping the nursery for 35 years. That really does not seem possible. Those of you who have been at St. James for awhile know that I became the nursery director when Mrs. Bowman (the lady who kept me in the nursery) was no longer able to lift babies. It seemed such a natural transition, since I helped her in the nursery during my teenage years. It is so cool to cuddle second-generation "nursery-ites". In my 3 1/2 decades of being the nursery director, the nursery has had very few changes until 2016. Before this year, the changes were occasional. This past year, the nursery had a complete makeover and it looks fantastic!

Although the nursery lost about a third of its area to the kitchen, the remaining two-thirds looks wonderful! Matthew Parker did an excellent job remodeling both those rooms! And he did it so quickly. We were only out of the nursery for two Sundays; Benton was very glad when it wasn't "broken" anymore! It's wonderful to have cubbies (and be rid of the shelves that I think were in there when I was a child) that don't take up floor space. If any of you live close enough to the church, and you heard a loud shrieking/squealing noise one Wednesday evening this fall, it was my reaction to seeing the storage bench that Matt built and the ceiling fan that he hung. If you have any doubts, just ask Kelly Parker and Debbie FitzPatrick; they were there to "hear" my excitement!

Although the nursery lost the wall that Marty Wainwright painted the rainbow mural on, paintings from "Painting with a Purpose" now hang on the other walls. As I explained to Pat Parker, it was the love that went into that mural that made it special; that was what I would miss. Love went into the paintings that were donated by Ally Riley and Curtis & Denise Shelton. Alex and Emilee also signed the one that Ally painted. The Johnson family gave a Christmas gift that will soon be hanging on one of the nursery walls (thank you in advance, Adam, for hanging it). Our walls and hearts are filled with love!

The DOK hosted a "breakfast shower" and I was overwhelmed at the generosity of our St. James family. The children were so excited to open those new toys and they are thoroughly enjoying them!

I have so many people to thank!! If I accidentally left your name off this list, please know that I truly appreciate each and every one of you; I just forgot to write it all down.

THANK YOU:

Matt Parker---for your awesome craftsmanship, for hauling off bags of trash, (and for listening to me every time I have **another different** idea!)

the Vestry---for approval of the projects (and your total support when I asked to speak at a meeting, but was not on the agenda)

Debbie FitzPatrick---for making ideas realities and for painting the storage bench
Janie Parker, BJ Pritchard, Kelly Parker, Tina Caporossi---for thoroughly cleaning the nursery (on hands and knees)

Tina Caporossi---for her ideas, and for washing the curtains

Dave Caporossi---for vision, and for hanging curtains

Adam Johnson, Jared Ocmand, Matt Parker---for keeping the nursery so that I can attend DOK and ECW meetings

Rory FitzPatrick (pre-college) and Hannah Parker---for subbing when I am out

Amber Garner---for helping with the children and anything I ask her to do (including rearranging furniture multiple times)

Austin Shelton, Mason Garner---for moving everything out of the nursery

Austin Shelton, Denise Shelton---for helping to move things back into the nursery

Adam Johnson---for replacing batteries so that all the toys do what they should do (and make lots of noise)

Adam & Holly Johnson---for "job security" (Madelyn)

And to all the parents/grandparents who entrust their little ones to me, I thank you for sharing a piece of your heart with me!

Respectfully submitted,

—Rhonda Robertson



St. James Statistical Summary 2015

Number of Communicant Families 111
Active Baptized Communicants 146

Holy Eucharist Services

Sundays 91
 Wednesdays 54
 Home, hospital, nursing centers 90

Other Services

Marriages 0
 Burials, Memoriams 3
 Special Services (Home Blessings,
 Animal blessings, Parish
 Hall functions, Prayer Shawls,
 Crosses, Prayer Books, others) 0

Baptisms

Adult 0
 Children 2

Confirmations, Receptions, Reaffirmations

Adult 4
 Children 2

Attendance

	2016	(2015)	(2014)	(2013)	(2012)	(2011)	(2010)	(2009)	(2008)	(2007)
Sunday Eucharist (average)	38	70	80	70	80	78	89	80	84	90
Wednesday Eucharist (average)	5	6	7	8	5	10	16	8	7	9
Epiphany	94	97	73	87	68	66	65	77	88	84
Ash Wednesday	47	55	78	58	59	56	62	67	76	67
1st Sunday in Lent	69	85	75	95	83	80	82	77	99	108
Holy Week Services	138	150	211	193	198	353	228	132	100	125
Easter	107	171	155	144	148	147	198	165	174	180
Ascension (on Thursday)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	4
Pentecost Sunday	45	68	77	84	77	66	95	100	79	99
Trinity Sunday	78	60	89	66	53	54	68	80	85	83
All Saints' Day	78	60	112	42	78	145	117	75	84	82
1st Sunday in Advent	63	65	93	98	98	100	97	62	75	98
Christmas	139	78	103	155	163	145	143	97	148	162



2016 Altar Guild Report

The preparation and care of the Lord's Table is a privilege and an honor, an offering of time and service of love. The work is done quietly and inconspicuously and brings a special closeness of God. Members of the Altar Guild recognize that their ministry is special, and offer their service with love and devotion to the Lord.

St. James currently has four Altar Guild teams. Each team serves for a two week period and is responsible for altar preparations for all services during that time. Responsibilities are shared so that all team members do not have to be at every service. Each team develops their own system of sharing responsibilities.

Current teams are:

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D
Debbie Fitzpatrick	Linda Endicott	Liz Montelepre	Kathy Watkins
Holly Johnson	Janie Parker	Kelly Parker	Faye Wynn

Admission into St. James Altar Guild is open to all members of the church and training can be provided at any time.

—Kelly Parker



Most gracious Father who has called me Your child to serve in the preparation of Your altar, so that it may be a suitable place for the offering of Your body and blood; Sanctify my life and consecrate my hands so that I may worthily handle those Sacred Gifts which are being offered to You. As I handle holy things, grant that my whole life may be illuminated and blessed by You, in whose honor I prepare them, and grant that the people who shall be blessed by their use, may find their lives drawn closer to Him whose Body and Blood is our hope and our strength, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*The National Altar Guild
Association Prayer*



Campbell

"I can't believe it! The same woman who sends me to my room for staining my clothes just donated money for stained glass."



2016 ALTAR PARTY REPORT REWARDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

St. James is looking for a few good men, women, and children! We are presently short on acolytes and Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and while those currently serving are doing a great job, we don't want them to get burned out. They need a break and you can provide it!

Acolytes need training which is provided in-house by Mike Endicott. Lay Eucharistic Ministers must be licensed by the diocese, a painless and rewarding experience for all who have participated. If you are interested in fulfilling the needs of the parish by volunteering to join the altar party in one (or both) of these ministries, please contact Mike. Special thanks to David Scott for joining the team in 2016 as a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

—Mike Endicott



GREETER'S MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The Greeter's Ministry at St. James was begun in the fall of 2006 during the ministry of Father Bill Bryant and has been in full swing ever since. Our greeters speak to visitors as they enter the church and again when the service is concluded. New people are asked to sign our guest book, and we direct them to different areas of our church such as the Parish Hall, Sunday School, and the restrooms. They are always asked to stay for coffee after church and we always add "Please come back to see us!"

Greeter gift bags are given to our visitors which include a St. James coffee mug, a "Welcome to St. James" brochure which includes a personal note from our rector, as well as information about our church such as service times, and a map. The bag also includes a current newsletter, a pen with the church logo and candy. Our rector follows up with a personal letter to the visitor.

The following individuals have served as greeters this past year:

EARLY SERVICE: Mona Freeman, Pat Parker, Lynette Van Heerden.

LATE SERVICE: Mike Kendrick, Mattie Mosley, Yoshie Shane, Denise Shelton and Kathy Watkins.

Mattie Mosley prepares the "Greeter Bags" with Lorain Thrash making the covers. Mattie also maintains the Visitor cards and pencils in the pews. Our greeters wear gold and red badges with the Episcopal shield, the word "Greeter" and the greeter's name so our visitors can readily identify us. Mona wins the prize for always wearing her greeter badge!

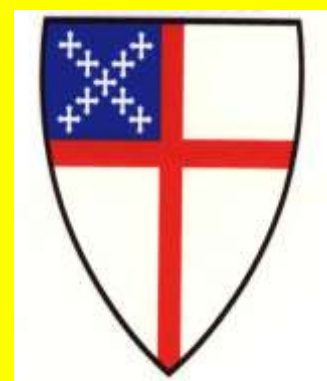
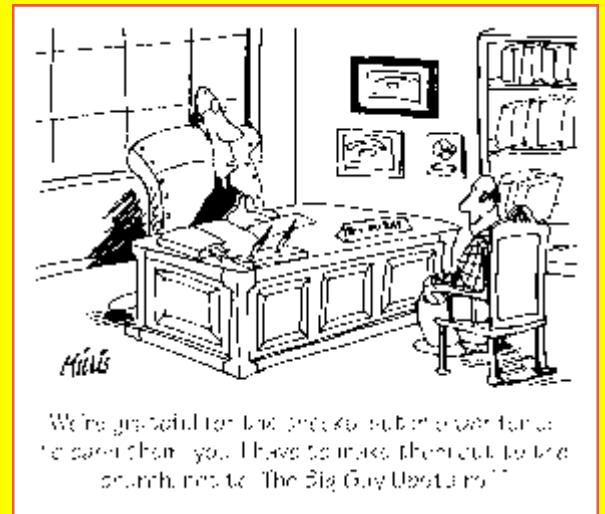
Thanks to all of our parishioners named above who participate in welcoming our visitors.

Actually, our St. James family is very good about welcoming newcomers, whether they are an appointed greeter or not. Thanks to all of you who are so very welcoming!

Respectfully submitted,

Mattie Mosley





FINANCIAL REPORT 2016

2017 BUDGET

St. James Episcopal Church Budget

**Budget
2017**

Receipts

4071 - Pledge Receipts to date	120,000.00	58.82%
4073 - Non-Pledge Receipts	41,500.00	20.34%
4072 - Plate Receipts	2,500.00	1.23%
4051 - Investment Fund Transfer	40,000.00	19.61%

Total Receipts 204,000.00 100.00%

Expenses

Accounting	2,400.00	1.18%
6120 - Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00%
6140 - Contributions		
6141 - Diocesan Asking	18,835.00	9.23%
6245 - Discretionary Fund Exp	600.00	0.29%
6671 - Mission Outreach	6,120.00	3.00%
Seminary Contribution	0.00	0.00%
Community Garden	500.00	0.25%

Total 6140 - Contributions 26,055.00 12.77%

6160 - Dues and Subscriptions 750.00 0.37%

6170 - Equipment Rental 500.00 0.25%

6180 - Insurance

6181 - Liability Insurance	0.00	
6183 - Property & Liability Insurance	11,939.00	5.85%
6184 - Workman's Comp	750.00	0.37%

Total 6180 - Insurance 12,689.00 6.22%

6240 - Miscellaneous

6241 - Advertising	1,100.00	0.54%
6242 - Altar Guild Exp	1,500.00	0.74%
6244 - Choir Supply	400.00	0.20%
6246 - EYC - Director & Supplies	300.00	0.15%
6250 - Flower Fund	0.00	0.00%
6251 - receptions and funerals	540.00	0.26%

Total 6240 - Miscellaneous 3,840.00 1.88%

License & Permits 25.00 0.01%

Nursery

6260 - Postage and Delivery 1,200.00 0.59%

6265 - Printing and Reproduction 0.00 0.00%

6300 - Repairs and Maintenance

6301 - Sexton Expense	3,500.00	1.72%
6305 - Maintain Grounds	6,000.00	2.94%
6310 - Building Repairs		0.00%
6330 - Equipment Repairs		0.00%

Total 6300 - Repairs and Maintenance 9,500.00 4.66%

Security 300.00 0.15%

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**Budget
2017**

6340 - Telephone 2,500.00 1.23%

Travel 300.00 0.15%

6390 - Utilities

6400 - Gas and Electric - Church	9,000.00	4.41%
6401 - Gas & Electric - Garrett Hall	750.00	0.37%
6410 - Water	500.00	0.25%

Total 6390 - Utilities 10,250.00 5.02%

6500 - Rector Expense

6551 - Rector's Salary Expense	30,400.00	14.90%
6554 - Rector's Housing Allowance	20,000.00	9.80%
6185 - Rector's Health Insurance	8,400.00	4.12%
6566 - Rector's Self Emp. Tax	3,490.20	1.71%
6505 - Rector's Pension	9,700.24	4.76%
Rector's Life Insurance	500.00	0.25%
6510 - Rector's Continuing Ed	500.00	0.25%
6380 - Rector's Travel & Auto	520.00	0.25%
6515 - Rector's Cell Phone	720.00	0.35%

Rector's Compensation 74,230.44 36.39%

6271 - Visiting Professionals - Rector 1,800.00 0.88%

6560 - Payroll Expense - Adm.

Health Insurance	7,012.56	3.44%
6562 - Salaries & Wages - Adm.	26,450.52	12.97%
6563 - Payroll Taxes - Adm.	2,023.46	0.99%
Admin Retirement Plan	1,026.66	0.50%
XXXX - Mileage Reimbursement	260.00	0.13%

Total 6560 - Payroll Expense - Adm. 36,773.20 18.03%

Contract Labor 250.00 0.12%

6670 - Program Expense

6672 - Christian Education	1,200.00	0.59%
6672 - Convention Travel Expense	845.00	0.41%
6673 - Registrations/Fees	0.00	0.00%

Total 6670 - Program Expense 2,045.00 1.00%

6770 - Supplies

6780 - Kitchen/Building Supply	1,800.00	0.88%
6785 - Office Supplies	10,500.00	5.15%
Web Page	200.00	0.10%

Total 6770 - Supplies 12,500.00 6.13%

6990 - Expenses - Other

Total Expenses 197,907.64

Net Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements 6,092.36

2016 Legacy Committee

The Legacy Committee has the responsibility to oversee donated funds to St. James for future church use.

The three funds are:

	December 2014	December 2015	December 2016
ING Annuity	\$174,976.30	\$174,316.41	\$180,472.65
Vanguard Portfolio	\$157,056.14	\$166,886.03	\$139,664.37
Wellington Fund	\$ 97,731.27	\$ 97,871.62	\$ 99,116.49

The committee invites parishioners to think of donating to St. James when working on their personal portfolios.

Pat Parker



Eucharistic Visitors 2016 Annual Report

During the past year of 2016, Private Home Communion were given as needed and requested. We are pleased that we have been able to introduce our homebound parishioners to our new rector as she travels with us, getting to know our St. James family. If you would like to serve God, your church, and fellow Christians in this way please contact the parish office or me.

Special thanks to members Mona Freeman, Betty Langhorst, and Bill Thrash (inactive at this time).



Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Thrash

“So let us continue on in the faith, bearing one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Gal, 6:2.

Salaries breakdown

10,849.92 Organist
2,079.96 Nursery

13,520.64 Admin



SOLO FLIGHT LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Our Logo, a seagull in flight, its wing intersected with a cross, represents single adults on a solo flight performing alone with grace and skill: soaring to wider perspectives. Whenever this logo appears, it offers the assurance that the ministries and programs under its sponsorship carry the theological, spiritual, psychological and philosophical training and foundation of Solo Flight: Catch the vision, the national research, development, training and consulting entity for ministry with single adults in the Episcopal Church

Solo Flight is sponsored by the Episcopal Church and is open to all persons regardless of their faith choices.

The local chapter is based at St. Matthias Church at the corner of Lakeshore Drive and St. Matthias Drive. Telephone: 635-5354

We come together to support the Community through ministry:

Activities have included:

1. A walk in the park for the Rescue Mission.
2. Toys for children at LSUHSC.
3. Participation in G.U.M.B.O
4. Participation in Relay for Life
5. Participation in Public Radio
6. Various fund drives.

For additional information call
Alice Sanders – 929-2490

We come together to support each other through:

1. Fellowship – Monthly meetings are held either in a members home or in the church. We meet on the second Sunday at 5:00pm
2. Entertainment – Monthly outings are planned by the group. These have included boat trips, going to restaurants, attending plays, line dancing, a day at the racetrack, etc.

—Kathy Watkins



Memorial Committee ANNUAL REPORT 2016

This committee was formed years ago when the present church building was being constructed. Most of the furnishings, including pews and the altar rail, were purchased by this committee and its funds.

In the early 2000's this committee elected to move its funds into a separate account, taking the donations out of the general operating fund of the church. When donations and monetary gifts are received into the general operating fund, the accountant issues a check to the memorial fund.

Besides the church furnishings this committee has purchased parts of the current organ and the organ plaque, the windows in the columbarium and the designation plaque, the bench in the columbarium, prayer books, the benches used by the acolytes and Eucharistic ministers, a new Gospel book, pew candles, altar vases, candle holders, a Paschal candle, various altar linens and the beautiful angel outside the church doors that is in memory of Margaret Anderson.

During 2017 this committee will purchase a new missal stand for the altar that coordinates with the current vases and candle sticks. We will also look into replacing some of the vestments that were purchased when the church was built.

The memorial committee would like to remind everyone donations are accepted at any time and can be for birthdays, anniversaries, in honor of, as well as, in memory of special people and times in your life.

—St James Memorial Committee



Audio/Video Committee 2016

Communication through Social media is becoming a fast pace means of keeping people informed of everyday events. This holds true for our known friends, but to reach the general public is a little bit different. We have to rely on other techniques to reach out and make them aware of our efforts in hopes of enticing them to join us. To accomplish this we must keep our publicity current through our Webpage, Facebook, and any other form of technology available to us.



Our Website (www.stjames-shreveport.org) is designed to primarily educate the public as to **how we do God's work though the many groups and activities we partake in. It is up to all of us** to make sure the information we provide is accurate. We have received several favorable comments regarding how informative the website is. Please look at our site and make sure your areas of interest are up-to-date. Help us keep it correct. A secondary goal is to inform communicants and remind us of our activities and responsibilities. When Calendar information has changed during the month, it can help get the word out to everyone. Any other ideas as to how we can improve are welcome.

Our electronic sign is also a source of information, primarily intended for the public. We have received several favorable comments on the sign, as well. If there is an event that needs to be publicized, be sure to let us know in advance. For those of you that have been exposed to its programming, a refresher course is always helpful. Some of us are getting old and forgetful.

There are several other forms of technology available for your use at St James. If there is **something you need to help you get God's message out, don't hesitate to ask about it.**

~~Jerry Howard

Praise and Worship Team Annual Report 2016

The Worship Team provides music on the third Sunday of each month and also for special services during the year, such as Mass on the Grass, Christmas Service, etc. We also provide music during more casual events where we gather, such as during our monthly breakfast, the summer series, and whenever we are requested.

The Worship Team focuses on more contemporary worship music, and all are welcome to join us. We practice once a week, on either Tuesday or Thursday, and we will also practice the morning that we are providing the music.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.-Psalm 96:1

Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flutes! Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals.-Psalm 150:4-5.



Cursillo: A look into the History and Meaning of the Weekend Retreat

Cursillo, (pronounced: coor-SEE-oh) a Spanish word meaning "a short course", is a movement within the Church intended to help Christians know God's love and grace and to help Christians discover and live out their personal vocations in the world. Cursillo helps to renew and deepen Christian commitment. Some say Cursillo provides an important learning experience which causes many to feel like newly-made Christians with a purpose and **with support. Everyone's experience is a little different.**

When you ask a Cursillista about Cursillo and they won't tell you about the weekend, it is because it is hard to explain; it must be experienced. Cursillo is not a weekend of definites but a weekend of endless possibilities in our

Christian walk. Each person that attends Cursillo takes away something different from the experience. Cursillo is not a secret society; however, some of the events of the weekend are best kept under wraps until they are actually experienced.

Lay people conduct the weekend with two or three members of the clergy functioning as spiritual advisors. The weekend consists of a series of 15 talks, all linked together like links in a chain. Some talks are given by clergy and some are presented by lay team members. There is time for one-on-one spiritual direction with the clergy. There are arts and crafts! There is Food! Food! Food! And Music! Music! Music! A lot is packed into three days.

All confirmed adults or adults pursuing confirmation in the Episcopal Church may attend a Cursillo weekend. There is no cost to attend. Accommodations are made for anyone who is unable to do a lot of walking and provisions are made for special diets. Cursillo weekends are scheduled in the fall and spring. The next scheduled weekend is March 30-April 2, 2017. Arrival at Camp Hardtner is between 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. on Thursday evening, returning home Sunday evening.

Prayerfully consider attending a Cursillo weekend. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, Cursillo has something to offer.

Applications are available in the church office, in the parish hall on the bulletin board, or on the Cursillo web site at www.wlacursillo.com.

—Lisa Lewis



Community Garden Committee Report 2016

As in previous years, the community garden continues to provide sustenance for the neighborhood. People who come by the office seeking assistance often leave with a bag of fresh vegetables. We shared produce with the Meals on Wheels recipients and with the residents of Summerfield Estates. Herbs and veggies from our garden were used in soups served to our guests during the Lenten Ecumenical Luncheon and at other parish-wide events. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make this project successful again this past year!

Respectfully submitted,

—Inanne Zepeda





ST LUKE'S MOBILE MEDICAL MINISTRY 2015 REPORT

Another year... how did that happen?

We experienced much at St. Luke's in 2016, mostly for the good! Growth seems to be the best word to summarize the year – we held 221 clinics, a 19% increase from 2015 and provided a total of 2,063 clinic visits, a 29% increase. No wonder we seemed so busy – we were. Volunteers continue to sustain this ministry, giving 881 hours of service over the twelve months.

St. Luke's continues to focus on caring for the housing unstable residing in Shreveport; of those total visits, 331 were the homeless seeking assistance. We held monthly clinics at the three local homeless day shelters, and have started discussions with the Salvation Army to see if there is a need among their clients. One area of growth was in the Hispanic communities. We added new clinics at LA Downs for the workers during peak racing season, and at two churches in Shreveport that provide Spanish worship services.

We have been blessed with donations and support throughout the year, successfully obtaining grants from both local and national foundations such as Susan G Komen, The Community Foundation, and United Way. Many of you reading this participated in the Give For Good Campaign in May, helping St. Luke's through your financial support. This support is what allows us to continue to reach farther into the community and rural areas where services are needed. A highlight of the year was when St. Luke's was chosen to receive the Louisiana Association of Non-Profits Change Fund, an award selected by your leaders in the community who are engaged in serving non-profits.

A focus going forward is replacement of the RV; while it has served us well, its' age is showing and maintenance cost are increasing. Over the next six months you will be hearing more about this effort; in the meantime, please continue to support St. Luke's with your prayers and resources. Thank you for a year of making a difference to those in our community who are in most need.

Blessings,
Betty Johnson,
Executive Director

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, JUNE 10TH CLAY SHOOT FUND RAISER

OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016



St James Vestry continued to contribute 3% of each month's ingathering for the Outreach Program. This averages about \$382, for JAN-OCT. I have not rec'd NOV-DEC @ the time of this annual meeting. The committee would like to express our thanks to the Vestry for continuing to be so giving & supportive; as the support is so desperately needed through-out the community.

1st Quarter :

- 1). St. Luke's Medical Mobile Ministry was approved for \$300 per quarter.
- 2). Helped Deacon Lois, w/request for man in needed of steel toe boots to start work.

2nd Quarter:

- 1). St Luke's Medical Mobile Ministry 2nd quarter check
- 2). I2D/ING-Hope House approve \$250 for 3 checks each quarter left in the year. This is to continue a bible study/meal @ Holy Cross once a month lead by the director of Hope House.
- 3). Riverside Elementary-Destination Imagination was supported & lead by Linda Endicott.
- 4). Gift cards in the amount of \$5 each for the Hope House/ING as prizes for a bingo game @ Hope House twice a month.
- 5). Gift certificates from Lowe's, Home Depot, Wal-Mart to the Episcopal Relief for Flood victims.
- 6). Collected w/the help of the parishioners of St. James, new shoes/socks for Maundy Thursday Service @ Holy Cross.

3rd Quarter:

- 1). St. Luke's Medical Mobile Ministry 3rd quarter check
- 2). I2D/ING 2nd check for the homeless programs
- 3). Gingerbread House collected and bought items on their emergency list. With the help of St. James parishioners via way of the Giving Tree/Angel tree & announcements in church and the Spirit we collected & delivered, cases of water, drinks, puzzles, books, office supplies, school uniforms & many more items. In fact it took two car loads to get it all delivered.
- 4). Backpack program was a great success again this year. Supplying 30 backpacks & all the school supplies for the whole school year, for Forrest Hill Elementary Grades K-5, plus special ED. Again if it had not been for the wonderful giving of St. James parishioners this would not be such a wonderful success.



4th Quarter:

- 1). St Luke's Mobile Ministry 4th quarter check
- 2). I2D/ING 3rd check helping w/Hope House programs
- 3). Helped w/Domestic Violence week - Nurses @ WK Rape Crises needed help w/clothing for victims when released, as their clothing is kept as evidence. We supplied 60 sets of scrubs, diff sizes of underwear, socks, children's PJ's, underwear in variety of sizes.
- 4). Thanksgiving dinner for 2 families, fill in the gap for St. James shut-ins & meals-on-wheels clients.
- 5). Made up blessing bags for Hope Connect & Hope House, as the directors do a walk through-tho the homeless camps every few months. Items in these bags are hygiene items, like toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, lotions, combs, bug spray & most of all toilet tissue which was supplies by a parishioner fr St. James.
- 6). Purchased blankets for the homeless.



7). Fuller House Christmas store. Something we tried for the 1st time. Brought to our attention & asking for help by Deacon Lois. Again w/out the help of St. James this would not have been the great success it was. We collected multiple boxes and bags of children/adults gifts for Christmas. Working along w/all my elves fr St. James outreach. Deacon Lois & the staff of the Fuller Center & many other church volunteers. This was a 3 day project. Although we were all tired it was very rewarding project & will be discussed by St James outreach, if we want to be involved again next year. Some of the churches involved already are all for this again next year.

8). Christmas Dinner for 2 families, fill in the gap, meals on wheels. The following Thursdays (New Year's dinner) when we delivered meal-on-wheels they were not supplies w/a hot meal fr Council on Aging. So we came to St. James & packed up 2 frozen meals fr our freezer, for each client. No deliveries would be made to these seniors until the following Tuesday. They had hardly any food. So I would like to thank the parishioners of St. James that packed the food fr diff events we had @ St. James & special thanks to Lorain for cooking food and freezing meals.

9). Helped a St James family financially w/expenses for medical bills.



On going projects:

Goodwill collection continues throughout the year. For every bag we fill we rec vouchers that are giving to Hope House for the homeless. ING, to be distributed to those in need so they can purchase items they would like @ Goodwill. So please continue to fill these bags.



The Salvation Army food barrels is still a on going project.

The support of the cookie bake @ St. James for the prison ministry. please to help w/this:

Don't forget warm coat, hats, gloves, socks, scarves. This doesn't need to be just @ Thanksgiving but anytime there is cold weather on the way. I would be more than glad to deliver items.

Also box tops & printer cartridges for Forrest Hill/Moore Town Elementary. This helps them purchase school equipment.

Please check out the board above the outreach bins, if you have any questions about any projects or as to where your donations go. Ask me or any outreach committee member.

Deposit for the year were as follows - Outreach \$3,813.77 (Jan thro Oct). Anonymous donor fund, \$6,175. to be used for this family in need. As of October's bank statement we have \$1,817.

I have only served as outreach chair for one year, it has been a very interesting & enjoyable year. Without the help of Inanne & ALL, yes, **You St. James**, we would not have be able to accomplish so much.

Special thanks to my committee members: Karen Waguespack, Ron Maberry, Denise Shelton, Lorain Thrash, Faye Wynn, Mike Endicott, Sara Weeks, Betty McDonald, Karen McDonald. I **THANK YOU!** I'm looking forward to another great year of ALL of us continuing to help one another, so that 2017 continues to be great.

Chair Kathy Watkins



2017 Spring Sunday School Schedule

Unseen Sunday School Curriculum Proposed Calendar

Sunday	Activity	Topic	Leader	Notes
8-Jan	<i>Publicity at both services</i>			MA Gone
15-Jan	Lesson 1	Seeing What is Unseen		MA Gone
22-Jan	Lesson 2	Belt of Truth		
29-Jan	Annual Mtg	One Service - No Sunday School		
5-Feb	Breakfast	No Sunday School		
12-Feb	Lesson 3	Breastplate of Righteousness		
19-Feb	Children's Chapel			DK Gone
26-Feb	Lesson 4	Shoes of Peace		
5-Mar	Breakfast	No Sunday School		
12-Mar	Lesson 5	Shield of Faith		
19-Mar	Lesson 6	Helmet of Salvation		
26-Mar	Children's Chapel			
2-Apr	Breakfast	No Sunday School		
9-Apr	<i>Palm Sunday Family Activity</i>			
16-Apr	Easter	Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt		
23-Apr	Lesson 7	Sword of the Spirit		
30-Apr	Children's Chapel			
7-May	Breakfast	No Sunday School		
14-May	Mothers' Day			
21-May	<i>Pageant/Presentation 11:00 Service</i>			
28-May	Memorial Day Weekend			



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Children's Sunday School was inactive by the end of 2016. Luckily Debbie Fitzpatrick came to my aid. Thanks to Debbie, we are re-starting our children's Sunday School classes January 15 from 10:00 – 10:45. She has put together curriculum and has classes packaged for teachers including needed supplies. Debbie has requested NOT to be the Christian Education Director or the sole teacher so I need your help to staff the Sunday School with teachers. We need two people for the following Sundays to walk our young children through Ephesians 6: 10-17

February 12 – Breastplate of Righteousness,
February 26 – Shoes of Peace,
March 12 – Shield of Faith,
March 19 – Helmet of Salvation,
and
April 23 – Sword of the Spirit.

Plans are afoot for older children and teens – Stay Tuned!!

– The Rev. Margaret Ayers

EYC Report 2016

The EYC took a break during 2016, but St. James is gearing up to do wonderful things in 2017. Be on the lookout for postings in the Sunday bulletins and newsletters this year.

Adult Sunday school

Adult Sunday School will also be continuing this year, and plans are underway to get them going soon. Keep your eyes open, as the announcements will be coming soon.

Evening Bible Study 2016

In the fall of 2016 we studied Me, Myself & Lies, by Jennifer Rothschild. We will start a new Bible study called Entrusted, written by Beth Moore on February 2nd at 6:00 in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to come and participate in the group discussion.

Respectfully,
Kelly Parker





St. James Stewardship Committee Annual Report 2016

Stewardship at St. James continues to be a very successful endeavor. Virtually every member of the congregation chips in regularly to help the parish, using their skills, time, and dedication. From providing soap and tissues in the restrooms and detergent and clean towels in the Parish Hall to picking up trash on the grounds, trimming hedges, and changing light bulbs, our parish family has it covered.

Stewardship of treasure has also been accounted for at St. James over the past year. An uncommonly large percentage of commitments to the parish are met here year after year, and 2016 was no exception. Approximately 98% of pledges for the year were received, which

shows that our parishioners do take the time to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider what they commit to the Church, making it much easier for the Budget Committee to accurately prepare for the coming year.

Thank-you to each person who gives of themselves in the service of others, helping St. James to reach out into the community to make a positive difference.

—Stewardship Committee



DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The following individuals have indicated an interest in serving as delegates at the Diocesan Convention, to be held in the Alexandria Convocation, November 3-4, 2017. All parishes in the Diocese of Western Louisiana have four lay delegates and four alternates who serve if the delegates are not available. At St. James we vote on the candidates, and assign the four with the largest number of votes as our delegates. If there are more than four candidates, the next four become the alternates. All will be expected to attend convention if they are able.

Nominees for delegates:

- Brian Whatley
- Mike Endicott
- David Scott
- Ken Murphy
- Janet Moore
- Paul Moore

And please remember, everyone in the parish is invited to attend the Diocesan Convention. All in attendance are encouraged to participate fully, with only one exception. Delegates are the only people with voting privileges.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 2016

St. James thanks the many cooks, sou chefs, and clean-up crews who provided breakfast and kitchen help throughout the year. The number of folk who donated food, helped cook, set up the parish hall, cleaned up afterward, etc. is pretty impressive. Virtually the entire parish has been involved in this project on some level. Thanks to everyone who has helped to make this a successful endeavor!!

Although we do not charge for breakfast, we do accept donations as they are offered. Any money placed in the basket is designated by the cook(s) for donation to charity. As in the past, many of the recipients of our breakfast proceeds are organizations that enhance the lives of children, such as Providence House and the Renzi Education and Art Center.

The sign-up sheet to be a breakfast cook is located on the bulleting board in the Parish Hall. Choose your charity and volunteer!

—*Jnanne Zepeda*



Krystal Eason—"I am a graduate of LSU in Baton Rouge, where I received a degree in Psychology, but am an RN by trade. I have worked for Fresenius Kidney Care for 23 years, and now serve as the clinical manager for a dialysis unit in North Bossier. I was raised as an active member in the Baptist church in Mansfield, La. where I grew up. I started attending Christ Memorial Episcopal church in Mansfield in 1994 with my sister, and I fell in love with the Episcopal faith. I was confirmed in 1996 and stayed a member for 18 years even though I moved to Bossier City, and later Shreveport. I decided to find a church closer to my house, and I began visiting different Episcopal churches in the Shreveport-Bossier area. The people of St. James were so warm and welcoming that I started attending regularly about 2 1/2 years ago and knew I'd found my new church home and an accepting place where I could serve and become involved.

While a member at Christ Memorial, I helped teach an Alpha class, adult Sunday school, and a few other Wednesday night studies. I also served on the lay committee selected by the rector for review and discussion of a proposed deacon. Since joining St. James, I attended Cursillo in 2015, participated in a bible study, and got married.

I love St. James and would be honored to serve if elected to the vestry."

Lauren Ocmand—"Hello! My name is Lauren Ocmand. I've been a member of St. James since 2010. I have been married to my husband Jared for 5 years, and we have a 2 year old little boy named Benton! I've been a nurse for 7 years. I currently serve on the St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry board and am part of the fundraising committee. I am an active participant in church events, and most Sundays at 11AM you can find me sitting with my family on the right side of the church in one of the back pews! Just listen for the loud toddler! "



Dave Capporossi—Dave Caporossi has been an active member of the St. James family for several years, participating in many areas of congregational life. He faithfully attends Sunday services and offers help with setting up and cleaning up for parish-wide activities. He's been a member of the Episcopal Church since his confirmation at St. James on November 6, 2011, and has served one previous

term on the Vestry. He came to Shreveport in 1983 and retired in 2005 after 35 years of employment from GM, where he worked as a supervisor. His initial visit to St. James was upon an invitation from a good friend, Dan Bennett, and he felt so welcome and loved that he decided to join our family.



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
- Keenly interested in all aspects of St. James
- Regularly attend services and parish events
 - Able to serve on the Vestry
 - Able to speak up and to listen to others
- Able to put St. James first when making decisions
 - Faithful to the concept of confidentiality
 - Possess a sense of humor

The persons on this page have been nominated for the 2016 Vestry. Each meet the above requirements.



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

Bishop, Diocese of Western
Louisiana:
The Rt. Rev'd Jacob
Owensby

Rector:
The Rev'd Margaret Ayers

Organist and Choirmistress:
Kaye Crichlow

Nursery Director:
Rhonda Robertson

Parish Administrator:
Jnanne Zepeda

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

Sissy Brown (18)
Kathy Deal (17)

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

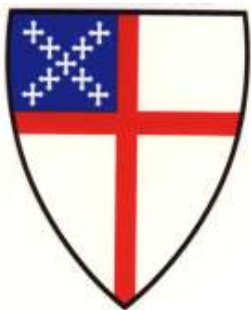
Ex Officio:
Thomas Mosley—Treasurer
Janie Parker—Clerk

2016 Time and Talent Pledges

1. Bert & Andrea Babington
 - a. Furnish dish washing soap and dishwasher detergent for kitchen
2. Julie & Krystal Eason
 - a. Furnish Kool-Aid and Cool Splashers for the kitchen
 - a. Furnish coffee creamer and sugar
3. Tricia James
 - a. Pick up trash from church grounds
4. Betty Langhorst
 - a. Furnish tea bags for dinners
5. Mattie and Tommy Mosley
 - a. Refill pew visitor cards and pencils
 - b. Poison fire ant beds
 - c. Trim bushes along back walkway to Parish Hall
 - d. Furnish soap and deodorizers for bathrooms
6. Janie Parker and B.J. Pritchard
 - a. Furnish coffee and filters
7. Jnanne Zepeda
 - a. Take care of office recycling

*Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
6:00pm
February 28*

*Ash Wednesday
Service
10:00am
6:00pm
March 1*



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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday	April 9	8:30am & 11:00am
Maundy Thursday	April 13	6:00pm
Good Friday	April 14	6:00pm
Easter Vigil	April 15	6:00pm
Easter Sunday	April 16	10:00am

***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, 10:00am

Holy Eucharist, 11:00am

Wednesday—Holy Eucharist with Unction, 10am

Bible Study, 10:30am



**Annual Meeting Agenda
St. James Episcopal Church
Sunday, January 29, 2017
11:30 a.m.**

Opening Prayer/Blessing of the Grub

(Sign in, grab a plate and a seat!!!)

The Annual Report – Our Year In Review

Many members have taken the time to write about the things their organizations have done over the past year. Please take some time now or when you have gone home to peruse your Annual Report and learn about all that we accomplished in 2016. We will briefly hit the highlights.

Show Me The Money

Our treasurer, Tommy Mosley will review with us the Proposed Budget for 2017 and give us a financial report about where the chips fell at the end of 2016.

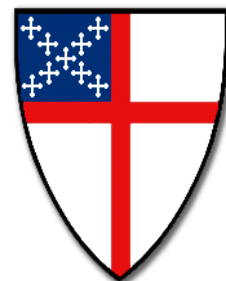
Getting Down To Business

We will elect new vestry members and delegates to our Diocesan Convention in the Fall. We will also take a moment to recognize those who have served St. James faithfully in 2016.

God Has A Mission.....

.....And it involves you!! Senior Warden Brian Whatley and the Rev'd Margaret Ayers will discuss what we accomplished in 2016 and where we are headed in 2017.

Closing Prayer



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.