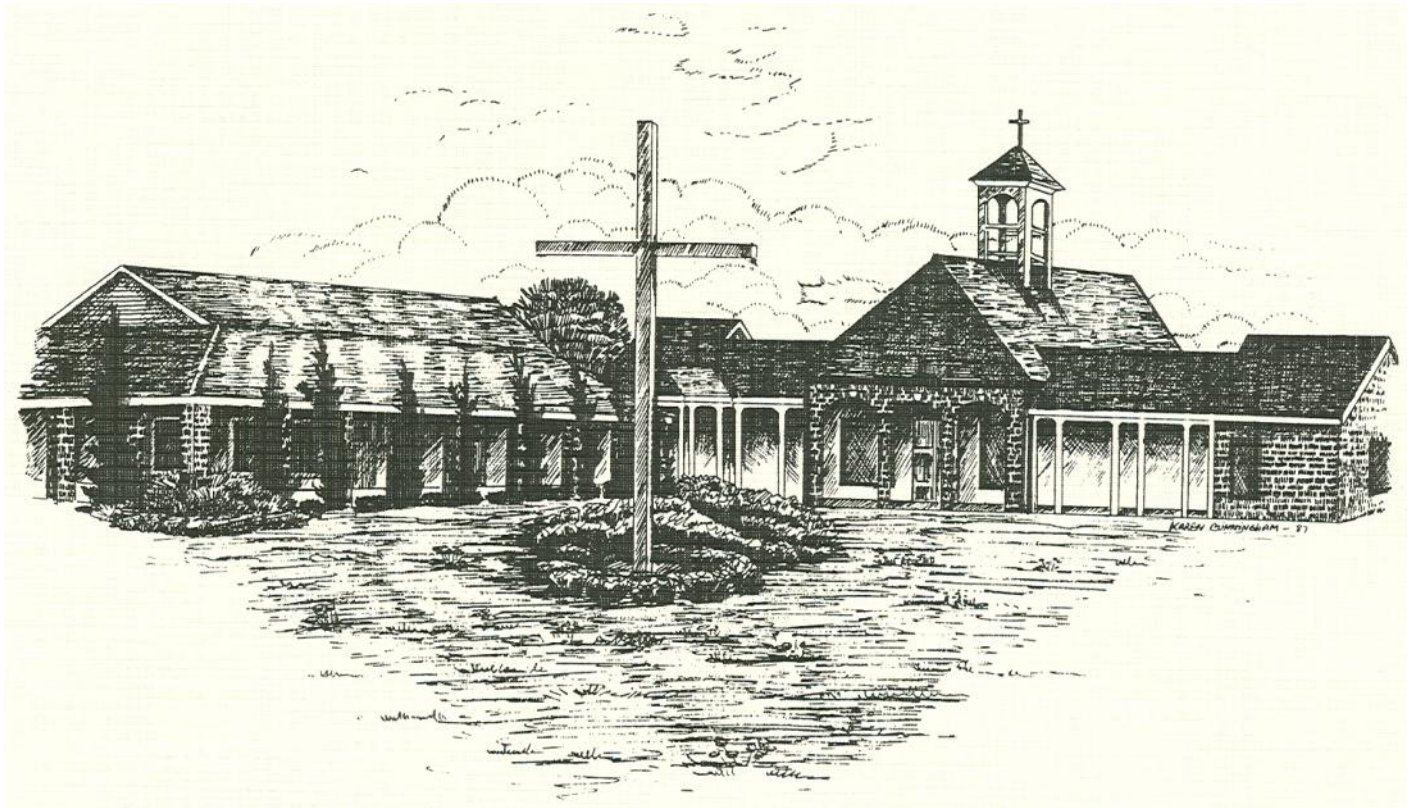


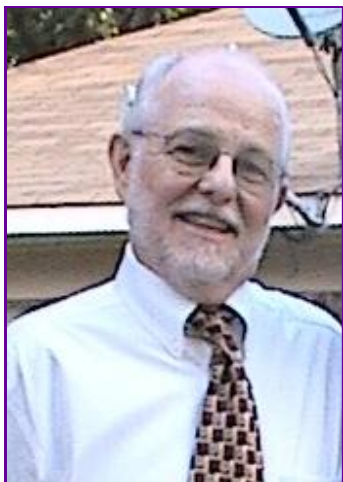
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Annual Report 2017

Presented at the Annual Meeting
January 28, 2018



2017 Junior Warden Report

2017 was a relatively quiet year for maintenance at St. James. As I sit and try to recall the events of 2017 there really isn't a whole lot concerning physical plant that comes to mind. I do want to thank everyone who helped make my year a little bit easier, especially Dave Caporossi for running with the freezer issues when I wasn't available to do it.

Special thanks also goes to Matt Parker for replacing doors, installing new lighted exit signs in the narthex and nave, and any general maintenance issues which came up over the year. Thank you everyone who pitched in and helped keep our grounds looking good in 2017.

—Mike Endicott



"Call an emergency church supper!
The freezer's gone out!"

RECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2017

2017 was a tough year as St. James faced Emilie Gibson's valiant fight against a cancer which would all too quickly take her from her family and friends. Emilie's life and spirit touched us all in ways great and small; while her memory will be forever etched in our hearts as her anthem of "go big or go home" has been grafted into St. James' DNA.

The loss of loved ones was a major part of 2017 as heartbreak struck many in our midst, yet another major thread was St. James' spirit of giving in a plethora of ways. The annual report is chocked full of stories of the loving and giving spirit which permeates St. James. Your church continues to amaze people by the sheer magnitude of the response you make to appeals from a variety of sources.

St. James has been gifted with several leaders who offer top notch educational options with faithful attendees. We are increasing our adult education opportunities to complement these options; additional offerings between the Sunday services and on Wednesday evening.



We have increased our involvement in the lives of most of our shut-ins through additional visitations and home communions. A ministry is being formed to have our home-bound parishioners pray for our children through high school. If you have a child from a minute old through high school age who would like to be a part of this prayer ministry, please get a picture to the church office and

2017 Senior Warden Report

First, let me express my appreciation and gratitude to the congregation for allowing me to be your Senior Warden. It is an honor that I do not take lightly, and I appreciate the support that I have received from the fellow Vestry members as well as the parishioners at St. James. I also wish to thank Margaret+ for her support of me in this role. Her guidance and advice to me in this role have shown me what a giving spirit can do for a person.



As I reflect over the past year, I continue to be amazed how all the various charities and ministries at St. James, even though disparate, seem to weave amongst each other to make a tapestry of service and support for the St. James family and local community. Whether it's Daughters of the King supporting camp scholarships, St. Luke's medial ministry providing basic medical care to the under-served, the family game nights and summer suppers, our collaboration with Hope House and the Fuller Center, or even our support of Meals on Wheels during the holidays, this congregation always seems to pull together for the betterment of all. In times of joyousness, you are there to congratulate and cheer on; in times of grief, you are also there, in support and comfort.

This past year has had some highs and lows for us all; however, I am grateful that St. James has leaned on each other for support and healing through these times, and will continue to be there for each other. My wish is that St. James will continue to do the great work that we have always done, both within the parish and in the community around us.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Scott

we will convert it into a laminated prayer card.

While the first year is to be a year of observation and learning by a new clergyperson, 2018 will be a place where your vestry and I will begin to look at ways we can share St. James heart of giving with more people through better social media use. We will also look at ways to improve communications within St. James; while some seem to have their fingers on the pulse of information, others feel left out of the information flow. Please keep me and your vestry informed of your concerns as we journey on together.

— *The Rev. Margaret Ayers*



St. James Choristers 2017

The year 2017 was a productive year for the choir and the chance to learn some new anthems. It is with great humility that the choir leads the congregation through the changing church seasons. We are very grateful for Margaret's support and leadership. As our choristers are aging we would appreciate any new members who would like to join us in singing God's praises.

—*Kaye Crichtlow*
Organist/Choir Mistress



Daughters of the King 2017 Annual Report

In 2017, the St. Monnica Chapter of DOK had 18 members with 8 members regularly attending our monthly meetings. We also had 2 parishioners from St. James join DOK as members of the Holy Cross chapter.

We took on several devotional study/projects during the year. Our first project was learning different methods for journaling the Bible. Everyone received a notebook and pen along with a bookmark highlighting several journal methods. We all read and journaled the book of Ruth together.

Our second devotional study was to learn about ourselves, our personality and how both influence our spiritual lives and faith. We took assessments to learn our personality type, our Christian character and our spiritual gifts. We shared our results with each other during 2 meetings (with much laughter and conversation) and we talked about ways we can pray and serve the Lord based on our results.

In April, three of our members attended the Province VII assembly in Dallas. We learned about 2 very interesting outreach groups and we spent a wonderful day in fellowship and worship with Daughters from around the Province.

In July, four of our members attended the Diocesan assembly in Lake Charles. We brought purses and toiletry donations as part of the outreach project. We also learned about a new form of creative color journaling and learned about essential oils.

Several items including a fan and a kitchen set were purchased for the nursery using our funds from the shower held in 2016.

In December, DOK hosted the monthly breakfast for donations to offset the cost for some of our members to attend Triennial in 2018.

This dynamic group of women does so much at St. James to support our members through prayer, service and even the "E – word" evangelism. I am constantly amazed by their caring hearts, compassion and what they are able to accomplish through prayer. I am proud and honored to be the president of the St. Monnica chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

—*Debbie Fitzpatrick*





EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. JAMES

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The ECW of St. James continued its history of service in 2017. Tina Caporossi remains our fearless leader, with Melanie Winkler as Secretary and Jana Kendrick as Treasurer. Every woman communicant of St. James is a member of the ECW and invited to become an active participant. The ECW is a ministry of and for women through which they are called and empowered by grace to serve our Lord in prayer, action, study and fellowship.

The mission of the ECW is to provide opportunities for spiritual growth through fellowship, service and education for all women of St. James. Meetings are held once a month for prayer and fellowship as well as planning for events and projects that the ECW undertakes during the church year. Average attendance is 15. An all day spiritual retreat is traditionally held in May.

The ECW is responsible for overseeing events at St. James such as funerals and receptions in terms of setting up the parish hall and providing refreshments for attendees. Our yearly projects include the

Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon held in cooperation with other churches in the Southern Hills area and the Mardi Gras Ball. "Time for Joy", a spiritual retreat for women is sponsored by the ECW. The ECW also participates in other fundraising activities which have included live theater and music productions and even the recent publication of a cookbook.

Our 2017 year started with the annual Mardi Gras Ball in January with the popular band Windstorm playing again, thanks to the generosity of a parishioner. Ticket sales set a good baseline for our 2017 budget and a good time was had by all! Our dedication to Camp Hardtner scholarships continued with the ECW cooking breakfast in February for donations to the fund.

March was very busy, first with our Women's Retreat, graciously hosted by Suzy Adcock at her lovely home on Cross Lake. It was a beautiful retreat for mind, body and soul with 25 or so women in attendance. We hosted the Ecumenical Service and Luncheon in March as well with 75 or so local church members in attendance. Again, we were concerned about food, but like the loaves and the fishes, we had plenty! The ECW also sponsored a dinner theater production of "Driving Miss Daisy", produced by Cabaret on the Road to also benefit Camp Hardtner summer camp scholarships. Our own BJ Pritchard, David Scott, and Ken Murphy were in the cast, Paul and Janet Moore directed, and Jerry Howard was in charge of lighting and sound. Suzy Adcock and Debbie Fitzgerald took care of food planning and preparation. An outstanding production all around!

During April we made care packages for our college students who were away from home to support them in their final exams, a tradition we hope to continue and grow with parish help. Even during summer break, the ECW continued with "good works" including several funeral receptions, the Bishop's Visit reception and installing blinds in the Garrett-Hall Building. (Many thanks to Dave Caporossi and Ron Branham!)

The ECW really outdid ourselves in October! It was definitely a "Pink" month which was all about fund raising for St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry. We held a pink T-shirt sale, a breakfast and bake sale like no other, a lunch with the Saints game and the exciting Wine Pairing which included pairing various types of wine with the hors d'oeuvres that taste best with them. In addition, the Howard family played and sang favorite country and western songs as we all wore pink again! All proceeds were to raise breast cancer awareness, honor our survivors and sponsor mammograms and breast exams by St. Luke's. What a month!

All this past year we have also been doing fund raising and countless prayers for dear Emilie Gibson who lost her life in November. We worked hard to support her and her family, and she worked hard on her part to win out over her terrible foe, as did her family. We know she is keeping Jesus amused while He works in our hearts to make us as loving and caring as she was. In December we lost our dear ECW sister in Christ, Karen Bryant. Karen participated actively in the ECW including

making prayer shawls for the ill in the parish. We will miss both of these dear ones. We did not have our annual Christmas party, but Mattie and Tommy delivered 10 fruit baskets to the elderly and/or shut-ins in the name of the ECW.

In the New Year we are looking forward to continuing our service to our church family and continuing to support efforts to spread the love of Christ. In the works already is the Mardi Gras Ball to be held January 20, a "Murder Mystery" dinner theater to benefit Camp Hardtner scholarships for our youth (coordinated by Karen McDonald), and a fundraiser to benefit Alyssa Garner for entry fees in the "Miss Louisiana" pageant" (coordinated by B.J. Pritchard).

Thanks to all our sisters in Christ for making 2017 worthwhile and meaningful. 2018, here we come!

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Caporossi, President

Melanie Winkler, Secretary



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE 2017

Filling in the Gaps Annual Report For 2017



Thanks to all of you Filling in the Gaps had another good year. We helped a lot of people this year who 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. For the help getting the meals and treats together made all this possible.

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 22 Good Friday 2 Soups & crackers were given to Meals on Wheels (MOW) for 8 people.

March 24 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, 14 meals went out made up of BBQ leg quarters, baked beans, potato salad, rolls and chocolate cake. We gave 2 frozen meals to our MOW people.

July 4 Independence Day, 15 meals of pulled pork, buns, potato chips, and oranges. We also gave 2 extra meals to our MOW people.

Sept. 5 2 frozen meals to our MOW people.

Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day 6 MOW people and 2 homebound people got hot dinners of turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, rolls, cake oranges and apples. MOW got 2 extra frozen meals.

Dec. 24 & 25 Christmas Eve 5 MOW people and 2 homebound got meals made up of ham, potato salad, baked beans, rolls, pie, apples and oranges. 7 people got 4 extra frozen meals.

We also have meals in our freezer for people who drop by the church hungry and for some members sick or hurt that need a little extra help from time to time. I want to take this time to give thanks to Mike Endicott, Suzy Adcock, Bobbye Smith, and Kathy Watkins who take time out of their schedule to deliver meals to our MOW people each week.

I also want to thank Pat & Janie Parker and BJ Pritchard for the meals they cook and package to put in our church freezer to give out to those who need them. Thanks to the groups who have food left-over that they package and put in the freezer.

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

—Lorain Thrash



KAIROS and KAIROS OUTSIDE Annual Report 2017

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




Kairos Prison Ministry

**Serving on a
Kairos team**

**The next Kairos weekend will
be March 15-18, 2018.**

There will be four team formation
meetings prior to the weekend, and
attendance at least three is required
for team participation.

Team Formation meeting dates are:

January 27 February 3
February 10 March 3

Lunch is provided.

All meetings are 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
at St. James Episcopal Church
2050 W. Bert Kouns Industrial Loop
Shreveport, La 71118

Please call the weekend leader,
Paul Moore (318)347-5673 for more
information or get a team
application at www.wadekairos.org.

Here I am, Lord. Send me.

The KAIROS weekend in the fall of 2017 was cancelled at the last minute by the authorities at David Wade Correctional Center. However, the ministry will resume in the spring of 2018. Contact Brian Whatley, Curtis Shelton, or Paul Moore if you are interested in joining in on this important ministry.

Cookies will be needed prior to March 14, so please join the cookie-baking event in the Parish Hall on Monday, March 12, 2018. We'll start baking at 5pm and continue until we run out of cookie dough.

—Paul Moore



NURSERY NOTES 2017

Our nursery is not inclusive or exclusive. It's not just for the very young, and the young are not confined within its walls. Our youngest members are helpful members! Although our numbers are very low, love overflows. So whether you're in the mood for a book, some TLC, or you just need to be comfy while "plugged-in", our nursery is a great place to spend some time.

—Rhonda Robertson



St. James Statistical Summary 2017

Number of Communicant Families 113
Active Baptized Communicants 145

Holy Eucharist Services

Sundays 101
 Wednesdays 54
 Home, hospital, nursing centers 104

Other Services

Marriages 0
 Burials, Memoriams 3
 Special Services (Home Blessings,
 Animal blessings, Parish
 Hall functions, Prayer Shawls,
 Crosses, Prayer Books, others) 1

Baptisms

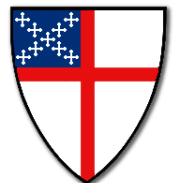
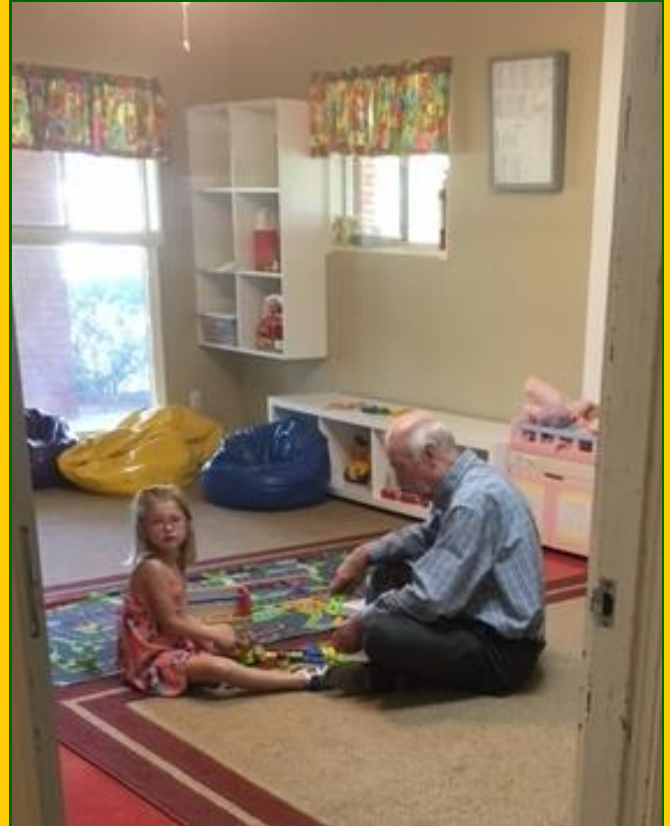
Adult 0
 Children 2

Confirmations, Receptions, Reaffirmations

Adult 4
 Children 2

Attendance

	2017	(2016)	(2015)	(2014)	(2013)	(2012)	(2011)	(2010)	(2009)	(2008)	(2007)
Sunday Eucharist (average)	49	38	70	80	70	80	78	89	80	84	90
Wednesday Eucharist (average)	9	5	6	7	8	5	10	16	8	7	9
Epiphany	70	94	97	73	87	68	66	65	77	88	84
Ash Wednesday	71	47	55	78	58	59	56	62	67	76	67
1st Sunday in Lent	82	69	85	75	95	83	80	82	77	99	108
Holy Week Services	132	138	150	211	193	198	353	228	132	100	125
Easter	154	107	171	155	144	148	147	198	165	174	180
Ascension (on Thursday)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	4
Pentecost Sunday	58	45	68	77	84	77	66	95	100	79	99
Trinity Sunday	60	78	60	89	66	53	54	68	80	85	83
All Saints' Day	55	78	60	112	42	78	145	117	75	84	82
1st Sunday in Advent	45	63	65	93	98	98	100	97	62	75	98
Christmas	68	139	78	103	155	163	145	143	97	148	162



2017 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	Chelsea Maielli	Kelly Parker	Faye Wynn
	Janie Parker		

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*



"Whoops, Pastor. Looks like now we have stained grass."



2017 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! During 2017 several people retired from various altar duties, so we are especially in need of new blood. Volunteer today, please.

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 Brody Fitzpatrick, Jan Jones, and Austin Shelton for joining the team in 2017 as Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Jan has also taken on the duties of Acolyte.

—Mike Endicott



GREETER'S MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The Greeter's Ministry at St. James was begun in the fall of 2006 during the ministry of Father Bill Bryant and has been active 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. Visitors are always asked to stay for coffee and donut holes after church, and we always add "Please come back to see us soon!"

Greeter gift bags are given to our visitors which include a St. James coffee mug with church information, a welcome to St. James brochure which includes a note from our rector, as well as information about St. James 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 have 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. Our entire St. James family is very good about welcoming visitors, whether they are an appointed greeter or not. Thanks to all of you who are so very welcoming, and if you would like to be an official greeter and get to wear a badge designating you as such, let me know!

Respectfully submitted,

Mattie Mosley

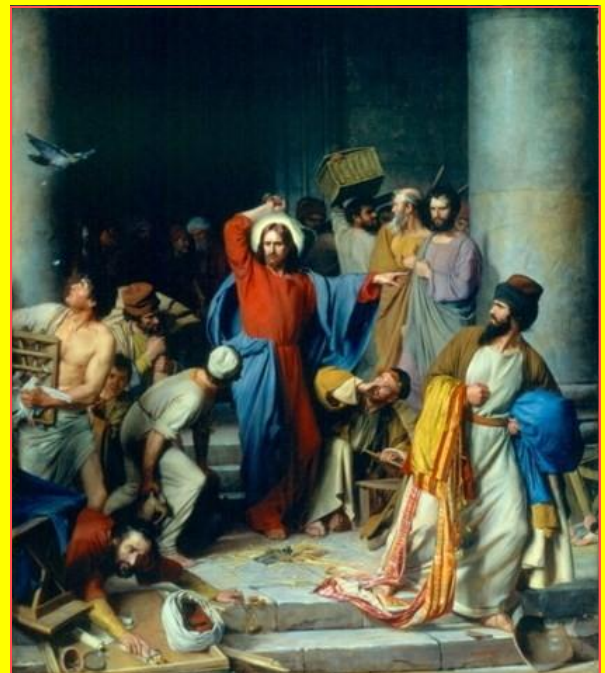


**St. James Episcopal Church
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2017**

	Dec 31, 17	Dec 31, 16	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
Cash & Checking			
Capital One - General Fund	33,952.73	22,233.27	11,719.46
Total Cash & Checking	33,952.73	22,233.27	11,719.46
Certificates of Deposit			
CD - Capital One Savings	0.00	0.40	-0.40
Edward Jones	145.86	145.86	0.00
Total Certificates of Deposit	145.86	146.26	-0.40
Reserve Funds			
Building Fund Reserve	0.00	15,464.41	-15,464.41
EYC Fund	3,886.16	3,686.66	199.50
Garrett Hall	0.00	1,985.63	-1,985.63
Mission Fund	0.00	231.76	-231.76
Special Projects Reserve	0.00	-690.13	690.13
Total Reserve Funds	3,886.16	20,678.33	-16,792.17
Total Checking/Savings	37,984.75	43,057.86	-5,073.11
Total Current Assets	37,984.75	43,057.86	-5,073.11
Fixed Assets			
Audio Video Equipment	1,015.93	1,015.93	0.00
Capitalized Building Repairs	23,269.16	12,223.66	11,045.50
Columbarium	7,283.67	7,283.67	0.00
Electronic Sign	13,456.63	13,456.63	0.00
HVAC Systems	23,393.00	23,393.00	0.00
Security System	3,221.00	3,221.00	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	71,639.39	60,593.89	11,045.50
Other Assets			
Endowment Trust Funds			
The JacksMosley Fund (Flr 200k)	207,865.67	180,969.96	26,895.61
Rupert Memorial (Floor 160k)			
Windsor II Fund	98,505.78	0.00	98,505.78
Wellesley Income Fund	65,082.42	0.00	65,082.42
Rupert Memorial (Floor 160k) - Other	0.00	179,630.07	-179,630.07
Total Rupert Memorial (Floor 160k)	163,588.20	179,630.07	-16,041.87
Total Endowment Trust Funds	371,453.77	360,600.03	10,853.74
Wellington Fund	133,412.35	99,116.49	34,295.86
Total Other Assets	504,866.12	459,716.52	45,149.60
TOTAL ASSETS	614,490.26	563,368.27	51,121.99
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
Payroll Liabilities			
	Dec 31, 17	Dec 31, 16	\$ Change
Federal W/H Tax Payable	496.00	0.00	496.00
FICA Taxes Payable	235.28	0.00	235.28
Medicare Taxes Payable	55.02	0.00	55.02
State W/H Payable	596.03	340.03	256.00
Payroll Liabilities - Other	107.50	0.00	107.50
Total Payroll Liabilities	1,489.83	340.03	1,149.80
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,489.83	340.03	1,149.80
Total Current Liabilities	1,489.83	340.03	1,149.80
Total Liabilities	1,489.83	340.03	1,149.80
Equity			
Retained Earnings	563,028.24	548,604.45	14,423.79
Net Income	49,972.19	14,423.79	35,548.40
Total Equity	613,000.43	563,028.24	49,972.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	614,490.26	563,368.27	51,121.99

**St. James Episcopal Church
Receipts & Disbursements Jan 1-Dec 31, 2017**

	Jan - Dec 17	Jan - Dec 16	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Pledge Receipts	119,829.00	112,275.20	7,553.80
Receipts - Nonpledging	49,189.30	41,092.40	8,096.90
Plate Receipts	2,175.00	2,820.20	-645.20
Total Income	171,193.30	156,187.80	15,005.50
Gross Profit	171,193.30	156,187.80	15,005.50
Expense			
Accounting	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Bank Service Charges	30.00	0.00	30.00
Contributions	25,070.76	27,793.06	-2,722.30
Dues and Subscriptions	541.25	591.77	-50.52
Insurance	12,597.50	12,790.48	-192.98
Licenses and Permits	50.00	0.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	2,799.82	2,042.20	757.62
Nursery	405.00	120.00	285.00
Postage and Delivery	646.00	750.00	-104.00
Repairs and Maintenance	13,323.88	14,888.95	-1,565.07
Security	638.67	300.00	338.67
Telephone	3,398.51	2,798.79	599.72
Utilities	13,477.85	10,676.27	2,801.58
Rector Expense	79,612.65	18,633.72	60,978.93
Payroll Expense - Adm.	37,140.63	37,076.25	64.38
Contract Labor	375.00	125.00	250.00
Program Expense	1,332.78	945.66	387.12
Supplies	13,205.44	10,655.37	2,550.07
Total Expense	207,046.74	142,687.52	64,458.22
Net Ordinary Income	-35,852.44	13,600.28	-49,452.72
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Building Rentals	125.00	0.00	125.00
Miscellaneous Income	2,785.20	485.50	2,299.70
Designated Funds	2,292.20	-33,943.42	36,235.62
Investment Income	80,622.23	34,281.43	46,340.80
Capital Gains	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Income	85,824.63	823.51	85,001.12
Net Other Income	85,824.63	823.51	85,001.12
Net Income	49,972.19	14,423.79	35,548.40



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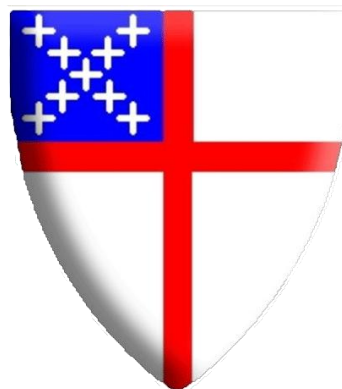
Receipts & Disbursements December 31, 2017

	Dec 17	Dec 16	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Pledge Receipts	10,230.00	10,712.00	-482.00
Receipts - Nonpledging	3,501.00	6,511.13	-3,010.13
Plate Receipts	143.00	345.00	-202.00
Total Income	13,874.00	17,568.13	-3,694.13
Gross Profit	13,874.00	17,568.13	-3,694.13
Expense			
Accounting	200.00	200.00	0.00
Contributions			
Diocesan Asking	1,569.58	1,851.75	-282.17
Discretionary Fund Exp	50.00	50.00	0.00
Mission Outreach	416.22	527.04	-110.82
Total Contributions	2,035.80	2,428.79	-392.99
Insurance			
Property Insurance	3,284.75	3,219.25	65.50
Workman's Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Insurance	3,284.75	3,219.25	65.50
Miscellaneous			
Advertising	37.00	37.00	0.00
Altar Guild Exp	128.83	221.11	-92.28
Flower Fund	218.15	-136.46	354.61
Receptions	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Miscellaneous - Other	439.02	0.00	439.02
Total Miscellaneous	823.00	321.65	501.35
Nursery	30.00	0.00	30.00
Repairs and Maintenance			
Building Repairs	-5,920.50	0.00	-5,920.50
Maintain Grounds	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Sexton Expense	300.00	240.00	60.00
Total Repairs and Maintenance	-5,620.50	490.00	-6,110.50
Security	230.00	0.00	230.00
Telephone	123.65	228.08	-104.43
Utilities			
Gas and Electric - Church	748.76	706.29	42.47
Gas & Electric - Garrett Hall	139.00	156.62	-17.62
Water	110.65	130.09	-19.44
Total Utilities	998.41	993.00	5.41
Rector Expense			
Rector's Salary Expense	2,640.84	3,462.23	-821.39
Rector's Housing Allowance	1,666.68	2,314.46	-647.78
Rector's Health Insurance	700.00	0.00	700.00
Rector's Self Emp. Tax	290.86	397.51	-106.65
Rector's Pension	10,804.95	0.00	10,804.95
	Dec 17	Dec 16	\$ Change
Rector's Cellular Expense	60.00	0.00	60.00
Rector's Travel & Auto	53.50	0.00	53.50
Moving Expense	1,024.74	0.00	1,024.74
Total Rector Expense	17,241.67	6,174.20	11,067.37
Payroll Expense - Adm.			
Salaries & Wages - Adm.	1,897.50	1,901.40	-3.90
Bonus Expense	0.00	2,200.00	-2,200.00
Payroll Taxes	145.15	313.75	-168.60
Health Insurance	-306.22	652.78	-959.00
Mileage Reimb	19.80	11.88	7.92
Admin Pension Fund	73.36	73.36	0.00
Payroll Expense - Adm. - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Payroll Expense - Adm.	1,829.59	5,153.17	-3,323.58

Contract Labor	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Expense			
Christian Education	86.12	47.00	39.12
Total Program Expense	86.12	47.00	39.12
Supplies			
Kitchen/Building Supply	0.00	75.00	-75.00
Office	14.24	0.00	14.24
Office Supplies	1,053.77	1,137.38	-83.61
Supplies - Other	0.00	36.11	-36.11
Total Supplies	1,068.01	1,248.49	-180.48
Total Expense	22,330.40	20,503.63	1,826.77
Net Ordinary Income	-8,456.40	-2,935.50	-5,520.90
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Miscellaneous Income			
Altar Fund	480.00	0.00	480.00
Blue Christmas	101.00	0.00	101.00
ECW	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Life Magazine	2.00	0.00	2.00
Offering Envelopes	213.00	21.00	192.00
Miscellaneous Income - Other	584.88	0.00	584.88
Total Miscellaneous Income	1,380.88	21.00	1,359.88
Designated Funds			
Building Fund	100.00	95.00	5.00
Equipment Fund Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00
EYC	9.00	5.00	4.00
Men of St. James	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memorial Gifts Received	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mission Outreach	525.00	0.00	525.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Designated Funds	634.00	100.00	534.00
	Dec 17	Dec 16	\$ Change
Investment Income			
Interest Income	-0.40	0.00	-0.40
Dividends - Rupert Trust Fund	8,094.10	8,027.05	67.05
Dividends - Wellington Fund	5,971.74	2,512.99	3,458.75
Oil Royalties/Stock Dividends	48.00	55.70	-7.70
Unrealized G(L) Investments			
Unrealized Gain/Loss - Rupert	-631.91	-4,694.65	4,062.74
Unrealized Gain/Loss - Jacks	9,627.02	2,051.27	7,575.75
Unrealized Gain/Loss - Wellington	-66.23	547.16	-613.39
Total Unrealized G(L) Investments	8,928.88	-2,096.22	11,025.10
Total Investment Income	23,042.32	8,499.52	14,542.80
Total Other Income	25,057.20	8,620.52	16,436.68
Net Other Income	25,057.20	8,620.52	16,436.68
Net Income	16,600.80	5,685.02	10,915.78

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PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET

2018 Budget Worksheet as of 11/02/2017

St. James Episcopal Church Budget	Budget 2018	
Receipts		
4071 · Pledge Receipts to date	130,000.00	65.82%
4073 · Non-Pledge Receipts	20,000.00	10.13%
4072 · Plate Receipts	2,500.00	1.27%
4051 · Investment Fund Transfer	45,000.00	22.78%
Total Receipts	197,500.00	100.00%
Expenses		
Accounting	2,400.00	1.22%
6120 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00%
6140 · Contributions		
6141 · Diocesan Asking	18,429.00	9.33%
6245 · Discretionary Fund Exp	600.00	0.30%
6671 · Mission Outreach	4,575.00	3.00%
Seminary Contribution	0.00	0.00%
Community Garden	500.00	0.25%
Total 6140 · Contributions	24,104.00	12.20%
6160 · Dues and Subscriptions	750.00	0.38%
6170 · Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00%
6180 · Insurance		
6181 · Liability Insurance	0.00	
6183 · Property & Liability Insurance	12,177.00	6.17%
6184 · Workman's Comp	750.00	0.38%
Total 6180 · Insurance	12,927.00	6.55%
6240 · Miscellaneous Licenses		
6241 · Advertising	500.00	0.25%
6242 · Altar Guild Exp	1,500.00	0.76%
6244 · Choir Supply	400.00	0.20%
6246 · EYC - Director & Supplies	300.00	0.15%
6250 · Flower Fund	0.00	0.00%
6251 · Receptions	540.00	0.27%
Total 6240 · Miscellaneous	3,240.00	1.64%
License & Permits	25.00	0.01%
Nursery		
6260 · Postage and Delivery	1,200.00	0.61%
6265 · Printing and Reproduction	0.00	0.00%
6300 · Repairs and Maintenance		
6301 · Sexton Expense	3,500.00	1.77%
6305 · Maintain Grounds	6,000.00	3.04%
6310 · Building Repairs	0.00	0.00%
6330 · Equipment Repairs	0.00	0.00%
Total 6300 · Repairs and Maintenance	9,500.00	4.81%
Security	300.00	0.15%
6340 · Telephone	2,500.00	1.27%

2018 Budget Worksheet as of 11/02/2017

St. James Episcopal Church Budget	Budget 2018	
Travel	300.00	0.15%
6390 · Utilities		
6400 · Gas and Electric - Church	9,000.00	4.56%
6401 · Gas & Electric - Garrett Hall	750.00	0.38%
6410 · Water	1,200.00	0.61%
Total 6390 · Utilities	10,950.00	5.54%
6500 · Rector Expense		
6561 · Rector's Salary Expense	30,400.00	15.39%
6564 · Rector's Housing Allowance	20,000.00	10.13%
6185 · Rector's Health Insurance	8,400.00	4.25%
6566 · Rector's Self Emp. Tax	3,490.20	1.77%
6505 · Rector's Pension	9,700.24	4.91%
Rector's Life Insurance	500.00	0.25%
6510 · Rector's Continuing Ed	500.00	0.25%
Moving Expense	0.00	0.00%
6380 · Rector's Travel & Auto	520.00	0.26%
6515 · Rector's Cell Phone	720.00	0.36%
Rector's Compensation	74,230.44	37.59%
6271 · Visiting Professionals - Rector	1,800.00	0.91%
6560 · Payroll Expense - Adm.		
Health Insurance	7,012.56	3.55%
6562 · Salaries & Wages - Adm.	26,450.52	13.39%
6563 · Payroll Taxes - Adm.	2,023.46	1.02%
Admin Retirement Plan	1,026.66	0.52%
xxxx · Mileage Reimbursement	260.00	0.13%
Total 6560 · Payroll Expense - Adm.	36,773.20	18.62%
Contract Labor	250.00	0.13%
6670 · Program Expense		
6672 · Christian Education	1,200.00	0.61%
6672 · Convention Travel Expense	845.00	0.43%
6673 · Registrations/Fees	0.00	0.00%
Total 6670 · Program Expense	2,045.00	1.04%
6770 · Supplies		
6780 · Kitchen/Building Supply	1,800.00	0.91%
6785 · Office Supplies	10,500.00	5.32%
Web Page	200.00	0.10%
Total 6770 · Supplies	12,500.00	6.33%
6990 · Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00%
Total Expenses	195,794.64	
Net Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	1,705.36	

2017 Legacy Committee

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

These funds are:

The Jacks-Mosley Fund	\$198,238
Windsor II Fund	93,008
Wellesley Fund	64,240
Wellington Fund	<u>127,506</u>
Total investments	\$482,992



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

Pat Parker

Tommy Mosley

Salaries breakdown



10,849.92 Organist
2,079.96 Nursery

13,520.64 Admin

Eucharistic Visitors 2017 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.

We are pleased that our Rector Margaret enjoys this ministry and stays in touch with our home-bound members. Special thanks to Mona, Betty, Jan, and Bill.

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.

SOLO FLIGHT 2017

The Single's Connection to: Fellowship, Entertainment, Worship, Ministry, for all singles (divorced, single by choice & widowed) are welcome.

Monthly meeting is held either in a member's home, church parish hall, or a restaurant. In the winter we meet at 3PM and in the summer at 5PM, the second Sunday of each month.

We come together to support the community through ministry. This year we have two members that have taken on ING; it's a group that meets once a month at Holy Cross under the direction of Donna Earnest, director of Hope House (she does the bible study), Jackie & Sara (from Solo), serve a home-cooked hot meal to a group from Hope House. This group had gotten to the point it almost didn't exist anymore until two of the Solo members stepped up and started helping Donna with cooking a meal so Donna could concentrate on just the bible study. The members of this group love to come and enjoy the fellowship, study, and yummy food each month.

As a group Solo has been involved in supporting the St. Luke's medical van financially and has also collected toys to help the Fuller Surplus Center with their toy drive.

In worship, an order for Compline is read at each meeting. We support each other when anyone of us is sick, in the hospital, or having any kind of difficulty in our daily life.

Solo Flight is sponsored by the Episcopal Church and is open to all persons regardless of their faith choices. We have several from members from different Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Catholic churches. There are NO dues! Just come and enjoy!

Our Logo, a seagull in flight, it's wing intersected with a cross, represents single adults on the 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.

—Kathy Watkins



Memorial Committee ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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 purchased a new adjustable missal stand for the altar that coordinates with the current vases and candle sticks. During 2018 we will 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 2017

There have not been many changes since last year. We only hear from ya'll when something doesn't work, which could be a good thing, but we also need feedback from you when something could be improved upon. When the Telephone system was changed over to AT&T, we did have a few issues arise. The Vestry chose to not replace cable, because we pay for 12 months of television and only use it a few days each year. Since I previously had a Free-to-Air antennae in the attic, I connected it and at last count, we get about 31 channels from all local broadcasting stations. We got it hooked up just in time for a gathering in the Parish Hall to watch a Saints game. Another change was the wireless access in both the Parish Hall and Garrett-Hall Building. Passwords to each location were changed. These passwords are identified on the bulletin board near the south door of the Parish Hall.



In the middle of the year, we had some trouble with the front Marquee sign. After performing a little maintenance, we were able to get it back up and running. Our Webpage is up-to-date for 2017. As a

reminder, we try to identify major events for the upcoming month, a copy of the monthly calendar, upcoming ministry schedules, and recordings of sermons. But the main purpose of our website is to inform the community as to what St James is all about. So if information is out of date, it is necessary to pass the word along to us to change it.

Finally, as you may have noticed, we currently do not have audio set up in the Parish Hall. When the hall was painted, it was determined that the audio system was not needed and the speakers were removed. If we need to provide Audio in Parish Hall, please mention it to someone.

If you have any ideas as to how we can improve getting the word out to our community about St James, don't hesitate to let us know how we can help.

You're AV Committee

Whom the server has
connected, let no
man disconnect.



Praise and Worship Team Annual Report 2017

Members of St. James Worship Team bring contemporary worship music to the church each month, usually on the third Sunday of each month, some fifth Sundays, and at a Christmas service. The Worship Team may also provide music for other occasions as needed. The Worship Team's focus on contemporary worship music follows the scriptural mandates found in the Psalms: "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. During 2017 participation in the Worship Team expanded to include more vocalists and live drums and bass.

—Curtis Shelton



FOOD TO DONATE HARVEST PROGRAM A SUCCESS IN 2017

St. James was contacted in August by the Food to Donate Agency regarding their Harvest Program—an effort to get restaurant food that is good, but may otherwise be thrown away, to people in need. As a result, we have paired with the Pizza Hut on Mansfield Road to provide food for hungry individuals in our community. When the food first arrived we searched for the right place to send it. The principal at Forest Hill Elementary School advised that she knew of a school that had students in more need than theirs: Green Oaks High School. We soon discovered that the pizzas, breadsticks, chicken wings, pasta, and salad items were very much needed.



Green Oaks is a neighborhood school that sits in one of the most impoverished areas of our community. Almost every student enrolled in classes is eligible for free or reduced fare lunches. Many of the students have little or no food in their homes on a daily basis and depend on the food provided at lunch time as their only regular meal each day.

As a result, every crumb that St. James has shared with these teenagers is met with glee and appreciation. We started the academic year feeding the football players during practice twice a week. When the football season ended, we switched to girls' basketball. We plan to move on to the next sport when basketball season ends, and will find a way to share with the students over the summer.

Because basketball teams are smaller, we've had the ability to share some of the bounty with Hope House. We've also sent some of the personal-sized pizzas to the individuals on the Meals-on-Wheels route. When people stop by the parish office seeking assistance, they sometimes leave carrying a couple of pizzas., as well as a bit of the bounty from the garden and a frozen meal.



Thanks to Sissy Brown and Mike Endicott for picking the pizzas up each week. Thanks also to those who warm up the frozen pizzas for the kids: Sissy, Mike, Ron Maberry, Kathy Watkins, Rev. Margaret Ayers, and Jnanne Zepeda. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please notify the parish office.

—Jnanne Zepeda

Community Garden Committee Report 2017

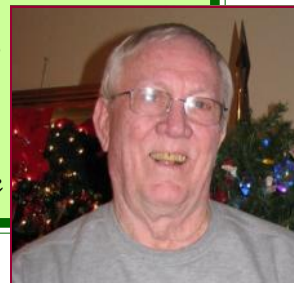
The community garden was very successful for the church and community. An abundance of vegetables (squash, tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, and peppers) was given to those in need during the summer. Many church members also benefited.

A fall garden was planted in October (cauliflower, broccoli, and cabbage). It has provided some delicious vegetables all winter.

Planting efforts in January 2018 will hopefully provide vegetables in early spring.

A special thanks to Dave Caporossi for his help this past year.

—Pat Parker





ST. LUKE'S MOBILE MEDICAL MINISTRY 2017 REPORT

Dear Friends of St. Luke's

As 2017 draws to a close, we at St. Luke's would like to share the many blessings this ministry has received over the year. All of us, the Board, Staff and Volunteers know that the work of St. Luke's is only possible because of your faithfulness.

Our biggest celebration came when the van was replaced; a 33 foot industrial Winnebago was purchased and equipped in June and we have been rolling along ever since. The dedication service on October 19th allowed us to remember where this ministry began... in the heart of Father Cooper. We also recognized Jimmy Deal as a dedicated volunteer, his tireless efforts have, and continue, to keep the van working.

We will finish out 2017 having held 171 clinics throughout northwest LA. Over 1,700 visits allowed St. Luke's to provide screening, primary care and education to the most vulnerable among us. 116 of the visits to the van were by documented homeless individuals. There are many stories, like "Mike" a severe diabetic who went from living on the street to a nursing home because of the efforts of St. Luke's case manager. St. Luke's provided approximately \$8,000 in financial assistance for medications, purchased glasses or helped with copays, and facilitated dental care for numerous individuals.

Each person has a story, and every encounter an opportunity to experience what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ. It is humbling, this work. Sometimes it seems our efforts are so small, and don't carry much impact. Then a story comes, a thank you, a smile and I am reminded of Mother Theresa: "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier".

St. Luke's does amazing things; We spread love. We see people. We offer what we have.

As the year ends, please know that this is the ministry you are a part of, it happens because of you.

May your life be filled with the joy of knowing that the world we walk in is indeed a better place because of you.

Blessings,

Betty Johnson, the staff and Board of Directors
St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry

OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017

St James continued to contribute 3% of each months ingathering for the Outreach ministry. Most recent is **Nov** \$779.31 & **Oct** \$479.31, rec'd 12-21. **Sept** \$381.11 & **Aug** \$288.39, rec'd 10-10. **July** 496.88, rec'd 9-19. **June** \$260.79, rec'd 8-23. **May** \$313.92, rec'd 7-10. **April** \$418.98, rec'd 6-5, **March** \$332.61, **Feb**, 544.77, & **Jan** 423.51, rec'd 5-15. Special thanks to all the members of St. James to be supportive of this ministry, so we can help support our community.

St. Luke's Medical Mobile Ministry has been supported by Outreach financially each quarter, again this year.



We helped Filling-in-the-Gaps with the purchase of packaging freezer/storage containers for frozen meals for the Meals-on-Wheels clients & St. James home-bound parishioners.

Outreach collected with the help of the parishioners of St James, new socks/shoes for the Maundy Thursday service @ Holy Cross. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped make this a success.

We supplied Easter baskets & all the goodies for 15 deliveries at Easter, along with extra food for those spending the holiday alone.

The Backpack Program was a great success again this year, supplying just over 30 backpacks filled with a whole year of school supplies to Forrest Hill Elementary, grades K-5, plus Special Education. Outreach purchased all the backpacks & any supplies that we had not received through the Angel Tree. Again, if it had not been for the wonderful giving of St James this would not be successful.



Outreach helped one young lady with expenses get to Destination Imagination. And we supported Hope House throughout the year.

The fan drive turned out to be a great success and we offer thanks to Tommy Mosley for purchasing the fans & delivering them to the radio/TV station.

We collected gift certificates from Lowe's, Home Depot, and Wal-Mart & cut a check to the Episcopal Relief Fund for the victims of all 3 hurricanes.



Supplied full meals to 3 families at Thanksgiving, along with extra food for the Meals-on-Wheels clients & our own shut ins from St. James.



At Christmas we did the same, but added fruit baskets. Thanks to Lorain Thrash & the Parkers, for all the cooking you do to fill our freezer. Our Meals-on-Wheels & our home-bound love a home cooked meal. Please LORD, don't let us have anymore freezer problems....We now are receiving pizza from Pizza Hut to give to those in need. This will help feed the hungry & it's something they don't get very often. What a treat!



Fuller Surplus Christmas toy sale went wonderfully... This is the 2nd year we at St James have been involved in it. It was brought to our attention by Deacon Lois. She asked if we would give it a try last year, after that 1st successful year I'd say it's something we need to continue. This year there were 3 location throughout Shreveport & we helped at the Fuller Center again. Without your giving hearts this would not be successful. This was a 3 day project, thanks to all the volunteers from St. James for stepping up & helping each day. All the toys were sold, wrapped & out the door by 2 that Saturday. Each person shopping gets to purchase items @ 75% off retail prices. This is why we ask that you not take off the price of the item and not wrap them.



On-going projects: Goodwill collection continues throughout the year. For every bag filled we receive vouchers that are given to Hope House for clients there to shop at Goodwill & pick out what they want. So please continue to take home some Goodwill bags & fill them up. Salvation Army food barrels (check them out, we have new ones) are located in the Parish Hall. Fill them up, Please!



Don't forget to support the cookie bake at St. James for the prison ministry, which will be coming up again in the spring.

We have an on going ministry of warm coats, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets for the warm coats drive. This does not have to be just at Thanksgiving. We need to start this in October. It's already cold by November most years. So bring them anytime. Please save box tops, tabs from coke cans, and used up printer cartridges for the schools.

Check out the outreach bins & the board above the bins; it tells you what each organization would like to receive.



This has been a great year & I have enjoyed working to help out this community we all live in. Believe me, without the help of ALL St James & ALL members of Outreach, I would never have been able to accomplish so much.

Special thanks to my committee: Karen Waguespack, Ron Maberry, Denise Shelton, Lorain Thrash, Mike Endicott, Betty McDonald, Karen McDonald, Faye Wynn, Patti Whatley, Jnanne Zepeda, Olivia Zepeda, Suzy Adcock. If anyone would like to join the outreach committee, it's free, we have no dues! WE accept ALL able bodies...

Again thanks!

Kathy Watkins, chair



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 2017

My deep thanks to Debbie Fitzpatrick who leads The Daughters of the King including ongoing educational options and Kelly Parker who leads the Women's Book Study (which has a large and faithful following). These two women have shown great leadership and concern for the ongoing education of our congregation and others with inquiring minds.

We have added educational opportunities between the Sunday services and on Wednesday evenings. These offerings have included book studies, Bible study, and topical questions conversations. Sometimes we meet in the Parish Hall, but we are also converting the wizard room/storage area into a small classroom for the Sunday study group.

—The Rev. Margaret Ayers

EYC REPORT 2017

The EYC took a break during 2016-17, but St. James is gearing up to do wonderful things in 2018. Be on the lookout for postings in the Sunday bulletins and newsletters this year.



EVENING BIBLE STUDY 2017

The evening Bible Study has become well attended by several of our parishioners, as well as other Christians from other denominations. We meet on Thursday nights in the Parish Hall. This fall we studied Gideon by Priscilla Shrirer.

—Kelly Parker



YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT 2017

We resumed having a recurring youth Christian education program for preschool and elementary aged children in 2017. During the winter and spring, we used Priscilla Shirer's Unseen youth curriculum. Unseen led us through Ephesians 6:10-17 and study of the Armor of God. The children really enjoyed learning the symbolism of each piece of armor.

For Vacation Bible School (VBS), we "Celebrated the Blessings of God through Music, Song and Dance". We learned the difference between rhythm and beat; learned the words and motions to several different songs and we learned some really fun dances from Chelsea Maielli. We also had great food, did lots of fun musical crafts and played musical Yahtzee. We had a great bunch of adult volunteers including Rhonda Robertson, Karen McDonald, Betty McDonald, Janie Parker, Lois Maberry, Brody Fitzpatrick, Theresa Thrash and Margaret Ayers.

In the fall, we began utilizing a lectionary based curriculum called Hearts Alive. Each week the children learned more about the passages read in our worship service. We studied about Moses, Joshua, Deborah and Barak through readings from Matthew, Exodus, Joshua and Ezekiel.

We ended the year with a Christmas Pageant called "The Little Star". The youngest and littlest members of St. James told the story of sharing our gifts with Jesus and the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Fitzpatrick





St. James Stewardship Committee Annual Report 2017

Loyalty Sunday was held the first of October, 2017. It, of course, is the day to bring together our parishioners and talk about stewardship as well as hand out pledge cards. Our thanks go to Rick Cloud who was our guest speaker to start our drive. Rick spoke about Legacy Gifting which we hope will help our church in the years to come. After our church service parishioners had a "pot luck" luncheon in the parish hall where Rick said a few more words about the importance of stewardship and supporting St. James.

In 2017 we had pledges from 32 parishioners totaling \$ 130,474 to St. James. As of this writing, the church has received 29 pledges totaling \$121,229 to St. James for 2018. It is certainly not too late for those who have not pledged to do so.

Our "time and talent" remained about the same as last year. This includes such items as decorating the nursery, furnishing coffee and filters, furnishing sugar, cream, soap and cleaning products for the kitchen, working the flower beds, maintaining the cross, etc.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to St. James this past year, and as we all know the importance of keeping St. James financially and spiritually healthy can never be overstated.

The Stewardship Committee

Julie Glover

Pat Parker

Tommy Mosley



"And thanks again. It was very generous of you to donate your life savings."



MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 2017



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 donated to a charity of the cooks' choice. 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 bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Choose your charity and volunteer!

—*Juanne Zepeda*





I am a cradle Episcopalian, and I am fortunate to have called St. James my church home since 2004. The members of St. James have helped me raise my two sons and have welcomed all of us since we moved back to the United States and Tim and I decided to retire from the Air Force and live in Louisiana.

In my time at St. James, I have tried to always be active and contribute to the church and the community. I began serving as the director for children's Christian education in 2005. I took a brief hiatus from those duties in 2015 and 2016 and returned to them in 2017. I was also the EYC leader until the end of 2015. I led the ECW in 2005 and 2006. I am currently the leader of Daughters of the King, am a member of the Altar Guild and a lector.

From 2007 to 2009 I served on the vestry. I was the junior warden in 2009. I served on the search committee leading to the appointment of Morgan McIntire and I also participated in the annual audit of our financials 2 times. I have been a delegate to the diocesan convention 3 times, most recently this past fall. I am the diocesan treasurer for DOK and served as a delegate to the last DOK Triennial and will be a delegate in June of 2018.

I helped spear head the project to build our main playground and I helped with the refurbishment of the Garrett Hall building.

I always want to do my part and insure that others have a community built on a common faith to come to and worship. I also want to help others find ways to serve and build on our history of community outreach.

Sincerely,

Debbie Fitzpatrick



I have been a member of St. James since 1984. I was raised in this church and was active as a youth member. My wife Kelly and I got married here and we have raised our daughters in the church as well.

I have mowed and maintained the grounds of St. James for 22 years. I have participated in and overseen many projects at St. James over the years: building and installing the main playground, renovating the Garrett Hall building, installing and maintaining the columbarium and later the additional niches, adding the portico, additional parking lot and St. James sign, building the community garden beds and most recently renovating the nursery, kitchen and main room of the parish hall.

I served on the vestry from 2007 to 2009 and was the junior warden in 2008. Whenever a project needs accomplishing at St. James, I am always willing to pitch in and help. I have participated in many fund raising efforts including leading our Revel fundraiser for several years.

I always want what is best for the people at St. James. I think it is important to have a strong vestry, focused on the fiscal health of our church so that we all can continue to serve God and our community well.

Respectfully,

Matthew Parker

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



I have been a member of St. James for around eight years. I've previously served on the Vestry, and I am willing and ready to do so again if so honored. I've previously been a Senior Warden. I am active in Kairos Prison Ministry and have attended and participated in Cursillo. I attend services regularly. In my professional life, I work to solve problems for people and to help them avoid problems.

Curtis Shelton

The persons on this page have been nominated for the 2018 Vestry. Each meet the above requirements.



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

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

Rector:
The Rev'd Margaret Ayers

Organist/Choir Director:
Kaye Crichlow

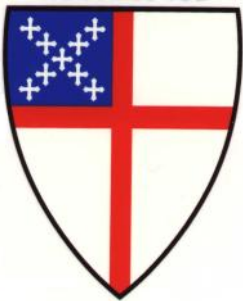
Nursery:
Rhonda Robertson

Parish Administrator:
Jnanne Zepeda

2017 Vestry:
David Scott (19)— Sr.
Warden
Mike Endicott (19)— Jr.
Warden

Members:
Sissy Brown (18)
David Caporossi (20)
Krystal Eason (20)
Karen McDonald (18)
Ken Murphy (19)
Lauren Ocmand (20)
Pat Parker (18)
Austin Shelton (18)

Ex Officio:
Thomas Mosley—Treasurer
Julie Eason—Deputy
Treasurer
Janie Parker—Clerk



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2018 Time and Talent Pledges

1. Debbie & Tim Fitzpatrick, Chelsea Maielli & Brody Fitzpatrick
 - a. Provide bottled water for the EYC cooler
2. Julie & Krystal Eason
 - a. Provide healthy drinks for the children on Sundays
 - b. Furnish coffee creamer, sugar, and sweetener
3. Faye Wynn, Teresa Thrash, Drew Thrash
 - a. Pick up trash from church grounds
4. Suzy Adcock
 - a. Provide tea bags to the kitchen
5. Mattie and Tommy Mosley
 - a. Treat ant hills on the grounds
6. Janie Parker and B.J. Pritchard
 - a. Furnish coffee and filters
7. Jnanne Zepeda
 - a. Take care of office recycling
8. Denise Shelton, Lauren Ocmand
 - a. Provide liquid hand soap for bathrooms and kitchen
9. Denise Shelton
 - a. Provide drinks for the EYC cooler
10. Anne Garner
 - a. Weed flower bed around mailbox
 - b. Provide tissues

*Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
6:00pm
February 13*

*Ash Wednesday
Service
10:00am
6:00pm
February 14*

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday	March 25	8:30am & 11:00am
Seder	March 28	6:00pm
Maundy Thursday	March 29	6:00pm
Good Friday	March 30	6:00pm
Easter Vigil	March 31	6:00pm
Easter Sunday	April 1	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, 9:45am

Holy Eucharist, 11:00am

Wednesday—Holy Eucharist 10am



**Annual Meeting Agenda
St. James Episcopal Church
Sunday, January 28, 2018
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 2017. We will briefly hit the highlights.

Show Me The Money

Our treasurer, Tommy Mosley, will review with us the Proposed Budget for 2018 and give us a financial report about where the chips fell at the end of 2017.

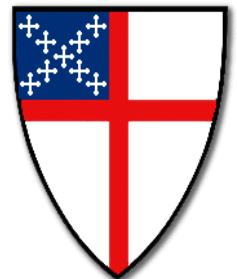
Getting Down To Business

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 2017.

God Has A Mission.....

.....And it involves you!! Senior Warden David Scott and the Rev Margaret Ayers will discuss what we accomplished in 2017 and where we are headed in 2018.

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.