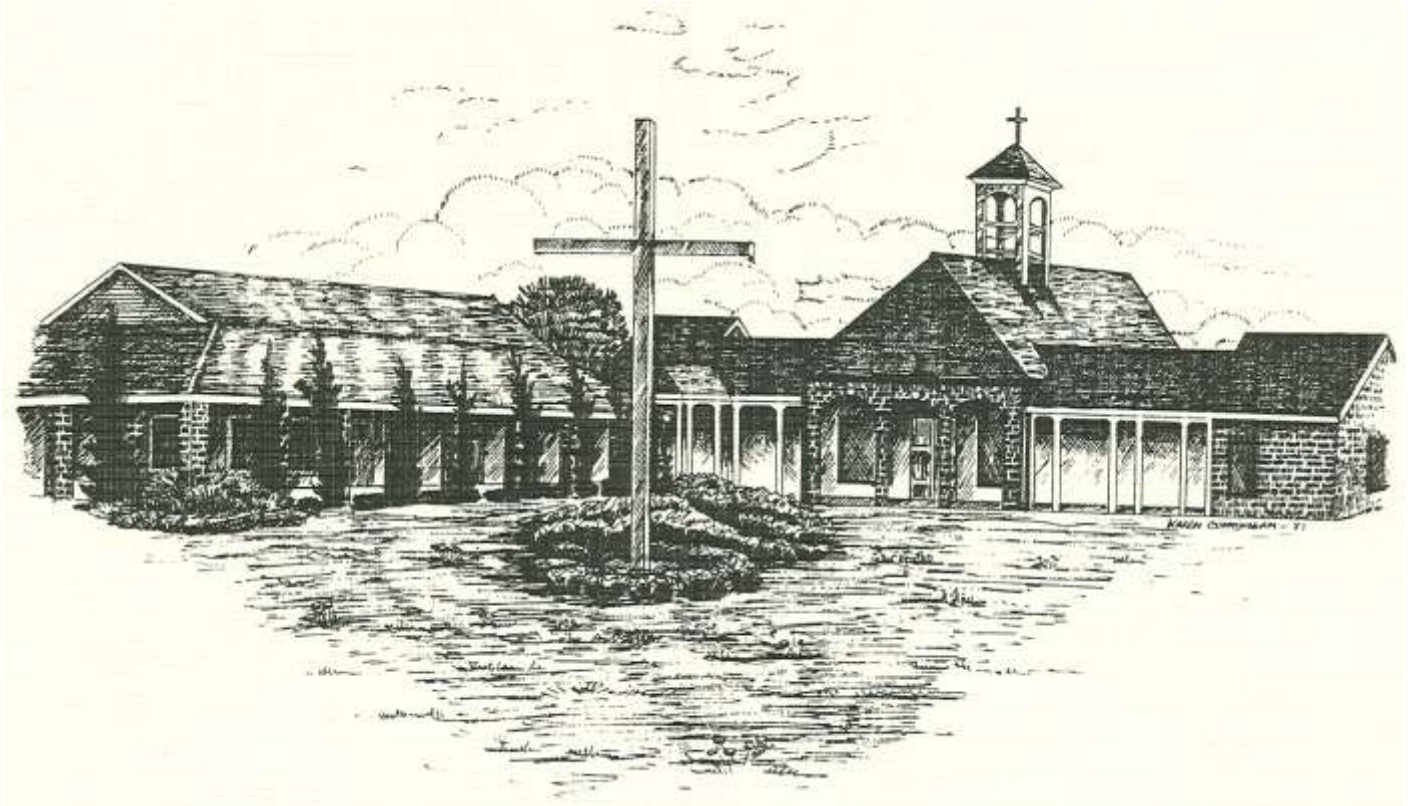


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Annual Report 2019

Presented at the Annual Meeting
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2019 Senior Warden Report

As I reflect on my last days on the Vestry, let me express once again, my gratitude to this Parish in your confidence in me to be your Senior Warden. It was something that I took great pride in, and please know that it was not a task that I took lightly, but one that I hope that I performed admirably for the Parish.



In last year's letter, I said that I believed that 2019 would be a great year for St. James, and it exceeded even my expectations. Having Father James and Kelsey Yazell arrive to lead us has been more of a blessing



than I could have imagined. Their intelligence, penitent spirit, love of the Lord and of each other shows each time I talk with them. We are so very blessed to have them, and I look forward to working with them as they lead this church forward towards the future.

Also, we have been honored to have Cortni Turner join us in the office as the new parish administrative assistant. Seeing first-hand the changes in the office she has implemented,

streamlining and documenting office procedures, modernizing communications with parishioners, and a lot of other behind the scenes stuff has been really impressive.

But what I am most proud of is the dedication of the wonderful folks of St. James, who time and again, are there to help and support each other through the various charities, ministries, and personal troubles we have going on. No matter what is going on, the wonderful people here support each other during tough times, and they make sure that **you know that you are not alone, and that you will get through any situation, with God's help, and with them by your side.** I can personally attest to this, and I am eternally grateful for all the support I received from all of you, for I don't know how I could have made it without your guidance and support.

As I close, my hope for this year and beyond is that we continue to support Fr. James, and each other, as we continue to support the community around us, and each other.

Respectfully submitted,
David Scott
Senior Warden



2019 Junior Warden Report

2019 has been a year of improvements and of the beginnings of improvements.

The courtyard cross that had badly deteriorated has been removed to make way for a new cross. We are hopeful that a new and more substantial cross will be erected during 2020 to restore the familiar sight of St. James.

The Vestry has plans in place and funds have been raised with significant contributions from the Episcopal Church Women and other donors to replace the playground equipment. The Vestry is hopeful that this project will also be completed during 2020.

The church security camera system has been replaced with an upgraded system with double the number of cameras. We can monitor what takes place on church grounds 24 hours a day and remotely.

The thermostats in the sanctuary were replaced with WiFi programmable models.

The parish had two successful workdays. The workdays consisted of more thoroughly cleaning the sanctuary areas.

The floor in the parish hall has been stripped so that new wax may be applied.

The exterior doors to the parish hall have been painted. More painting in and around the parish hall and the church will follow.

The Vestry is contracting with Red River Sanitors for the church to be cleaned professionally beginning in 2020.

Thanks to all who have contributed to all of the efforts to maintain and improve our physical plant.

Curtis Shelton



St. James members participated in Greening the Church.

James Lewis accepted the challenge to untangle the tree lights.



St. James Choristers 2019

St. James Choristers have once again shown their loyalty and dedication to our parish family.

They have faithfully provided worship leadership through the churches changing liturgical seasons. We have suffered some heavy losses in our choir with Polly Fain leaving to stay home more with her many elderly cats and dogs who require much time and attention. Paul and Janet Moore moved to Jefferson, Tex., back to Paul's childhood friends and family. The Jefferson Episcopal Church has gained two wonderful choristers.

With the arrival Father James we have had some changes to our worship format which have been a musical challenge but it has enhanced our worship experience.

I hope the new organist comes to love and appreciate each and every one of you as I do. Y'all have been such a blessing to me.



Kaye Crichlow

Organist/Choir Mistress

Daughters of the King 2019



The St. Monica DOK chapter continued its work in prayer, service and evangelism in 2019. We completed several She Reads Truth Bible studies including a Lent and Easter combination study, a study on I Am statements, a study of Job and a special Advent lesson. We also began a guided study on implementing the National Daughter's strategic plan.

Our monthly meetings focused on supporting each other through prayer and enriching our personal prayer lives.

We closed out the year with a plan to renew the children's busy bags to keep our littlest parishioners engaged during church services.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Fitzpatrick

President





Episcopal Church Women of St. James

The ECW of St. James has continued to function with love and efficiency under the energetic leadership of Tina Caporossi. Her partners in crime are Melanie Winkler as Secretary, Lisa Lewis as Treasurer, and the entire female congregation of St. James who wish to participate. Monthly meetings are usually held the first Sunday of the month with an average attendance of 13 women. But many more hands always miraculously appear to help with projects, even though they may not be able to attend all the meetings.

As part of the international organization of Episcopal Church Women, the women of St. James carry on the mission to which they are called and are empowered by grace to serve our Lord in prayer, action, study and fellowship. This takes the form of overseeing some of the many events taking place at St. James such as funeral

receptions, the Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon, women's retreats, baby showers, and fundraising activities.

Our year started with the annual Mardi Gras Ball in early February with entertainment by Windstorm, thanks to the generosity of a parishioner. Ticket sales set a baseline for our 2019 budget and we raised \$1,545 which, added to the checkbook balance, gave us plenty to work with for the new year. And we had plenty of projects in mind...

We hosted the Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon in April with a large group in attendance. Our soup comes highly recommended! Shortly after that was a sponsored breakfast to raise money for Raylie Carraway to be able to travel to Scotland with her class. Then we hosted a spaghetti dinner to help raise more money for the playground equipment needed for our kids. We already had a surplus for our Camp Hardtner scholarships, so we were able to assist 5 campers in the summer with \$1,362.50. Somewhere in the midst of all this activity was a double baby shower for 2 of our women.

Then we started planning one of the most exciting projects of the year: a reception for a new priest and his wife! **That wouldn't happen for a while yet, but it sparked even more activity and enthusiasm.** The spaghetti dinner was scheduled in October, but all of a sudden we had an Ordination and reception to host the week before the dinner. And the day after the Ordination we needed to host a reception for the Bishop on his annual visit. Now we were moving! Of course, helping hands again miraculously appeared and everything went well. We earned \$685 that we know of for the spaghetti dinner, with other checks written to the church. It all went to help with the cost of the playground equipment which we hope can be purchased soon.

The end of the year brought Jerry Howard and his daughters to the Pig and Poke Honky Tonk for a country themed musical murder mystery dinner theater. It was a hoot, as the title suggests, and the proceeds went toward the remainder of the funds needed for the playground equipment.

Next year we look forward to doing it all again, starting with our annual Mardi Gras Ball in just a couple of weeks. Planning has begun and we hope to see many participants helping with our projects in the coming year!



Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Winkler,
Secretary

St. James members are always ready to eat— whether it's to raise money or just for fun.



The ECW hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner in November to raise funds for the new playground equipment.



Donations are accepted for breakfast on the first Sunday of the month. The cooks choose the charity of their choice.



St. James participated in the Ecumenical Lenten Luncheons in April.

A Baked Potato Bar and Family Game Night was held in August.



2019 Altar Party Report

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 2019 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.

Mike Endicott

2019 Altar Guild Report

St. James currently has three 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
Debbie Fitzpatrick	Linda Endicott	Kathy Watkins
Kelly Parker	Chelsea Fitzpatrick	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

Greeter's Ministry Annual Report 2019

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, 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, Father James Yazell, 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

p.s. This prayer came in a Christmas card:
May God see your worries and guide you with FAITH.
May God feel your fears and fill you with HOPE.
May God balance your heart and wrap you in LOVE.

Eucharistic Visitors 2019 Annual Report



During the past year of 2019, Private Home Communion were given as needed and requested. I have personally had to rely heavily upon Mona Freeman and Betty Langhorst to fill in due to unforeseen illness and hardship, and am very grateful for their ministries.

If you would like serve God, your church and fellow Christians in this way, please contact the parish office or me.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Thrash

"So let us continue on in the faith, bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2.

Solo Flight 2019



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 months we meet at 3 p.m. and in the summer at 5 p.m. the second Sunday of each month.

We come together in support of the community through our ministry. This year again we have continued to support ING, a group that meets the 4th Saturday of each month at Holy Cross under the direction of Donna Earnest, director of Hope House (she does the bible study). A Solo member and volunteers have purchased groceries and make a home-cooked meal that is provided to a group of about 15 to 20. 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 & collected toys to help St James Outreach with the Fuller Surplus Center with their Christmas toy drive. We also have a memorial rose garden at St. Matthias in memory of the Solo members that have passed.



In worship, an order for Compline is read at each meeting. We support each other when one is sick, in 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 members from different faiths, Lutheran, Methodist, Catholic. There are NO dues! Just come & enjoy!

Our logo, a seagull in flight, its 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 2019

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.

The committee donated money to the fund being established to purchase new, updated, ADA approved playground equipment this year.

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

Praise and Worship Team Annual Report 2019

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 2019 participation in the Worship Team expanded to include more vocalists and live drums and bass.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Lewis

Monthly Community Breakfast 2019

Thank you to the many cooks, sous chefs, and clean-up crews who provided breakfast and kitchen help throughout the year. The number of people who donated food, helped cook, set up the parish hall, cleaned up afterward, etc. is pretty impressive.

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, recipients of our breakfast proceeds have enhanced the lives of children and families, such as the Haiti Mission, Raylie Carroway's Caddo Magnet High School trip to Edinburgh, Scotland and Huntington High School's upcoming trip to the 2020 inauguration. Money was also raised for a new cross, playground equipment, and Praise Team equipment. One breakfast assisted a local family who suffered losses through a devastating house fire.

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



Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2019

Financial
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2019

	Dec 31, 19	Dec 31, 18	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
Cash & Checking			
Capital One - General Fund	27,257.38	31,787.41	-4,530.05
Total Cash & Checking	27,257.38	31,787.41	-4,530.05
Certificates of Deposit			
Edward Jones	87.27	5,089.93	-5,032.66
Total Certificates of Deposit	87.27	5,089.93	-5,032.66
Reserve Funds			
Praise Team Equipment Fund	2,057.45	0.00	2,057.45
Building Fund Reserve	1,347.99	2,135.00	-787.01
EYC Fund	4,435.93	4,094.18	341.77
Playground Equipment Fund	19,822.11	0.00	19,822.11
Total Reserve Funds	27,663.48	6,229.18	21,234.32
Total Checking/Savings	54,921.11	43,096.50	11,824.61
Total Current Assets	54,921.11	43,096.50	11,824.61
Fixed Assets			
Audio Video Equipment	1,015.93	1,015.93	0.00
Capitalized Building Repairs	33,815.17	23,289.18	10,346.01
Columbian	7,283.87	7,283.87	0.00
Electronic Sign	13,458.83	13,458.83	0.00
HVAC Systems	32,043.00	32,043.00	0.00
Security System	3,221.00	3,221.00	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	90,835.80	80,289.39	10,346.41
Other Assets			
Endowment Trust Funds			
The Jackson Coley Fund (Flr 200k)	202,358.52	184,383.48	57,993.04
Rupert Memorial (Floor 160k)			
Wellesley Income Fund	73,918.11	83,483.39	10,462.72
Windsor II Fund	118,388.14	90,107.93	28,278.21
Total Rupert Memorial (Floor 160k)	190,302.25	153,571.32	36,730.93
Total Endowment Trust Funds	432,658.77	337,934.80	94,723.97
Wellington Fund	140,712.89	114,785.73	25,947.16
Total Other Assets	573,371.66	452,700.53	120,671.13
TOTAL ASSETS	718,795.17	576,086.42	142,708.75
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
Payroll Liabilities			
Federal With Tax Payable	440.44	0.00	440.44
FICA Taxes Payable	299.00	0.00	299.00
Medicare Taxes Payable	89.94	0.00	89.94
State With Payable	280.89	209.79	70.90
Payroll Liabilities - Other	48.00	0.00	48.00
Total Payroll Liabilities	1,138.07	209.79	928.28
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,138.07	209.79	928.28
Total Current Liabilities	1,138.07	209.79	928.28
Total Liabilities	1,138.07	209.79	928.28
Equity			
Retained Earnings	575,878.83	615,903.93	-40,027.30
Net Income	141,780.47	-40,027.30	181,807.77
Total Equity	717,659.30	575,878.83	141,780.47
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	718,795.17	576,086.42	142,708.75

Receipts and Disbursements

	Jan - Dec 19	Jan - Dec 18	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Pledge Receipts	115,470.00	121,535.00	-6,065.00
Receipts - Nonpledging	35,336.00	23,595.00	11,741.00
Plate Receipts	2,181.00	2,224.00	-43.00
Total Income	152,987.00	147,354.00	5,633.00
Gross Profit	152,987.00	147,354.00	5,633.00
Expense			
Accounting	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Contributions			
Diocesan Asking	20,679.00	18,429.00	2,250.00
Discretionary Fund Exp	600.00	600.00	0.00
Mission Outreach	4,623.90	4,420.62	203.28
Total Contributions	25,902.90	23,449.62	2,453.28
Dues and Subscriptions	931.73	726.31	205.42
Insurance			
Liability Insurance	608.00	0.00	608.00
Property Insurance	17,577.50	9,864.25	7,723.25
Workman's Comp	359.00	698.00	-339.00
Total Insurance	18,544.50	10,562.25	7,982.25
Licenses and Permits	80.00	50.00	30.00
Miscellaneous			
Advertising	482.47	444.98	37.49
Altar Guild Exp	1,140.94	904.79	236.15
Choir Supply	334.20	403.04	-68.84
Flower Fund	0.00	18.49	-18.49
Lunch	113.00	0.00	113.00
Receptions	0.00	70.78	-70.78
Miscellaneous - Other	22.42	0.00	22.42
Total Miscellaneous	2,092.73	1,842.08	250.65
Nursery	150.00	210.00	-60.00
Postage and Delivery	910.00	1,093.10	-183.10
Professional Fees	113.54	114.59	-1.05
Repairs and Maintenance			
Building Repairs	180.24	92.20	88.04
Equipment Repairs	1,384.10	1,187.77	196.33
Maintain Grounds	5,000.00	4,570.00	430.00
Seaton Expense	2,700.00	3,464.34	-764.34
Total Repairs and Maintenance	9,264.34	9,314.31	-49.97
Security	311.25	356.07	-44.82
Telephone	2,836.36	2,183.42	652.94

Travel & Ent
Meals
Total Travel & Ent
Utilities
Gas and Electric - Church
Gas & Electric - Garrett Hall
Water
Total Utilities
Rector Expense
Rector's Salary Expense
Rector's Housing Allowance
Rector's Health Insurance
Rector's Self Emp. Tax
Rector's Pension
Rector's Conforming Ed
Rector's Cellular Expense
Rector's Travel & Auto
Moving Expense
Visiting Professionals - Rector
Total Rector Expense
Payroll Expense - Adm.
Salaries & Wages - Adm.
Bonns Expense
Payroll Taxes
Health Insurance
Mileage Reimb
Admin Pension Fund
Payroll Expense - Adm. - Other
Total Payroll Expense - Adm.
Contract Labor
Program Expense
Christian Education
Conventions
Registrations/Fees
Vacation Bible School
Total Program Expense
Supplies
Kitchen/Building Supply
Office
Office Supplies
Total Supplies
Total Expense

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<u>Jan - Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 18</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>		<u>Jan - Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 18</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
154.84	0.00	154.84	Net Ordinary Income	-15,984.31	-13,141.19	-2,823.12
154.84	0.00	154.84	Other Income/Expense			
			Other Income			
11,752.18	9,985.80	1,786.38	Discretionary Fund	2,024.50	5.00	2,019.50
1,367.48	948.80	418.68	Miscellaneous Income			
1,259.80	1,047.81	211.99	Altar Fund	411.41	390.13	21.28
14,379.46	11,982.41	2,417.05	Building Rental Income	95.00	250.00	-155.00
			ECW	0.00	0.00	0.00
13,047.96	16,466.71	-3,418.75	Episcopal Life Magazine	1.00	4.00	-3.00
11,000.04	10,833.42	166.62	Misc.	44.00	67.12	-23.12
4,170.00	3,899.50	270.50	Offering Envelopes	459.59	563.00	-103.41
1,836.00	1,890.59	-54.59	Other Miscellaneous	172.59	0.00	172.59
4,505.16	5,362.05	-856.89	Seasonal Receipts	588.13	775.00	-206.87
0.00	500.00	-500.00	Seminary Scholarship	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	300.00	-300.00	T-Shirt Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	560.04	-560.04	Miscellaneous Income - Other	0.00	36.00	-36.00
1,784.20	0.00	1,784.20	Total Miscellaneous Income	1,751.72	2,085.25	-333.53
10,522.98	8,493.80	2,029.18	Designated Funds			
46,866.34	48,306.11	-1,439.77	Praise/Worship Team	2,057.45	0.00	2,057.45
			Building Fund	1,599.00	2,135.00	-576.00
30,053.98	28,078.33	3,975.65	Equipment Fund Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	Columbarium Receipts	850.00	-350.00	1,200.00
2,299.13	1,994.99	304.14	Dinner Theater	0.00	0.00	0.00
-329.00	7,101.02	-7,430.02	EYC	341.77	208.00	133.77
60.06	440.76	-380.70	Men of St. James	0.00	0.00	0.00
415.28	880.32	-465.04	Memorial Gifts Received	155.00	0.00	155.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	Mission Outreach	0.00	615.00	-615.00
32,499.45	36,495.42	-3,995.97	Other	0.00	68.00	-68.00
765.00	375.00	390.00	Playground Equipment	14,553.45	5,068.66	9,484.79
1,061.19	829.90	231.29	Bishops Fund	100.00	0.00	100.00
200.00	200.00	0.00	St. Luke Medical	123.00	0.00	123.00
0.00	30.00	-30.00	Total Designated Funds	19,739.67	7,744.66	11,995.01
18.56	0.00	18.56	Investment Income			
1,279.75	1,059.90	219.85	Dividends - Jack/Mersey Fund	4,480.78	1,015.09	3,465.69
			Dividends - Rupert Trust Fund	13,088.91	14,001.58	-312.67
2,450.89	2,186.02	264.87	Dividends - Wellington Fund	6,458.14	10,411.79	-3,953.65
0.00	21.77	-21.77	Oil Royalties/Stock Dividends	13,957.76	444.57	13,113.19
7,018.23	7,796.81	-778.58	Unrealized G(L) Investments			
9,469.12	10,004.60	-535.48	Unrealized Gain/Loss - Rupert	23,042.02	-24,018.46	47,060.48
108,951.31	100,495.19	8,456.12	Unrealized Gain/Loss - Jacks	53,512.26	-24,517.18	78,029.44
			Unrealized Gain/Loss - Wellingt	19,489.02	-14,058.41	33,547.43
			Total Unrealized G(L) Investments	96,043.30	-62,594.05	158,637.35
			Total Investment Income	134,228.89	-36,721.02	170,949.91
			Total Other Income	157,744.78	-28,886.11	184,630.89
			Net Other Income	157,744.78	-28,886.11	184,630.89
			Net Income	141,788.47	-48,027.30	181,897.77

St. James Statistical Summary 2019



Holy Eucharist Services	
Sundays	95
Wednesdays	48
Home, hospital, nursing centers	31
Other Services	
Marriages	0
Burials, Memoriams	2
Special Services (Ordination, Home Blessings, Animal Blessings, Parish Hall functions, Prayer Shawls, Crosses, Prayer Books, others)	9
Baptisms	
Adult	0
Children	3
Confirmations, Receptions, Reaffirmations	
Adult	0
Children	0

Attendance	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Sunday Eucharist (average)	49	26	49	38	70	80	70	80	78	89
Wednesday Eucharist (average)	6	10	9	5	6	7	8	5	10	16
Epiphany	49	52	70	94	97	73	87	68	66	65
Ash Wednesday	36	49	71	47	55	78	58	59	56	62
1st Sunday in Lent	55	53	82	69	85	75	95	83	80	82
Holy Week Services	93	87	132	138	150	211	193	198	353	228
Easter	21	104	154	107	171	155	144	148	147	198
Ascension (on Thursday)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pentecost Sunday	83	34	58	45	68	77	84	77	66	95
Trinity Sunday	40	41	60	78	60	89	66	53	54	68
All Saints' Day	80	41	55	78	60	112	42	78	145	117
1st Sunday in Advent	53	53	45	63	65	93	98	98	100	97
Christmas	65	72	68	139	78	103	155	163	145	143

2019 Legacy Committee

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

As of December 31, 2019, these funds are:

The Jacks-Mosley Fund	\$242,356
Windsor II Fund	\$116,386
Wellesley Fund	\$ 73,916
Wellington Fund	<u>\$140,712</u>
Total Investments	\$573,370



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

Pat Parker
Tommy Mosley

2019 St. James Stewardship Committee

Loyalty Sunday was held in October 2019. It, of course, is the day to bring together our parishioners and talk about stewardship as well as hand out pledge cards.

In 2019 we had pledges from 25 parishioners totaling \$125,086.00 to the St. James operating fund and \$2,450.00 to the building maintenance fund.

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

Outreach Committee Annual Report 2019

This year Outreach has continued to do everything that we did in 2018 but with the extra help from members we have been able to feed the homeless on a monthly schedule at Hope House. This all takes place on the fourth Friday of each month at Hope House. The team that purchases the food, cooks and serves has agreed to continue through 2020.

We will also continue with the Harvest program. Pizza Hut has been supplying the food that's been feeding Green Oaks Sports teams twice a week and Common Ground in Cedar Grove. Thank you members of outreach for picking up the food twice a week and warming up the food for the coach for Green Oaks.



The backpack program was a great success again this year, providing backpacks filled with school supplies to Forest Hill Elementary.



The Salvation Army, Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission and Common Ground were helped financially with funds for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

These are the Outreach ministries helped:

- **St Luke's Medical van**
- Fuller Center for Housing
- Socks and shoes for Holy Cross Maundy Thursday service
- Hope House Bingo prizes, new picnic table and Quill paper supplies for feeding the homeless each month
- Quill plastic wrap & foil for the pizza
- Purchased plywood for a family that needed flooring
- Assisted families with groceries during the holiday season
- Episcopal Relief Development was helped financially for the flooding, fires, hurricane damages in the U.S.
- Oxford House
- Assisted a family in need with medical bills
- The Fuller Surplus Christmas toy drive, purchased extra toys.
- Loraine Thrash and Bobbye Smith delivered Meals on Wheels throughout the year
- Members of St. James provided socks and shoes for Holy Cross Maundy Thursday service.
- Three carloads of warm winter clothing were delivered to the shelters

Please continue to fill the Goodwill bags and Salvation Army food barrels.

None of this is possible without ALL St. James support. Please continue to support Outreach in 2020.

Special thanks to all my committee members for their HARD work.



Lunch was cooked and served monthly at Hope House by members of St. James to feed the homeless.

Kathy Watkins

KAIROS and KAIROS Outside Annual Report 2019

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

The Christian volunteers of Kairos Prison Ministry have been called by God to share the love and forgiveness of Christ with those incarcerated. Kairos has a strategy to bring positive and negative leaders within a prison to a 3½-day program where they will receive, often for the first time, that love and forgiveness. Kairos seeks to develop a Christian community inside the prison through a structured program of talks, meditations, chapel visits, music, and a lot of listening and loving. Kairos volunteers are committed to returning to the prison on a regular basis to assist in developing the ongoing Christian community.

Kairos at David Wade Correctional Center continued in 2019 with Kairos 44 during the weekend of March 14 through 17, 2019. St. James participated with donations of funds, baking over 100 dozen cookies for the weekend, and, most importantly, participating in the prayer chain which assures 24-hour a day prayer during the weekend.

Thirty residents (inmates) participated in Kairos 44, and it appeared that the message of Christ's love was received well by all who came. Nearly all of the residents attended the voluntary follow-up instructional reunion, and many continue to participate in the inside activities and monthly reunions.

Weekend leader David Bolton described the closing service: "Hearing the testimonies, seeing the tears of joy in the inmates' eyes, and watching the Inside Team members dancing with the inmates tonight at the Kairos Prison Ministry closing ceremony at Wade Correctional in Homer, Louisiana was a truly awesome experience!"

The next Kairos weekend is scheduled for March 19 through 22, 2020.

Most incarcerated men will eventually be released back into the community and become our neighbors. Finding new life in Christianity much better equips these men to thrive outside of incarceration. Persons who have participated in Kairos and in a Christian program while in prison have a demonstratively reduced chance of returning to prison.

Further information is available at <http://www.wadekairos.org/>

If you do not feel called to serve on a Kairos Team, you would likely find that attendance at a closing service is a heart-warming experience.

Team applications and applications to attend the closing are available at <http://www.wadekairos.org/forms/>

Contributions are always welcome. An easy way to contribute is through Amazon. There's no cost to you, just a minor change in the way you log on to their site: In your browser window, go to smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com. The first time you go there, you'll have a chance to select your charity. Type in "Kairos" (without the quotes) and you'll get a list of various charities that begin with the word "Kairos." Scroll down until you find Kairos Prison Ministry in Debray, Florida. Click on that one, and you're done. Every time you go shopping at Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com instead, and Amazon will make a donation equal to 0.5% of your purchase total to Kairos. It's exactly the same as shopping at the regular site, but you'll be helping Kairos.



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 12 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 two 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 May 1-3, 2020. Arrival at Camp Hardtner is between 5-7 p.m. on Friday evening, returning home Sunday evening. There is also a Cursillo Homecoming scheduled for October 16 and 17, 2020.



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 2019



The community garden was a success all around this year. The abundance of crops helped the parishioners, meals on wheels and the neighbors in the retirement home.

We did not have a fall garden this year. We will rebuild the beds with mulch and several yards of compost and leaves to be ready for a successful spring garden.

Thanks to Dave Caporossi for his help and valuable assistance.



Pat Parker



THE MISSION CONTINUES....
ST. LUKE'S MOBILE MEDICAL MINISTRY
ANNUAL REPORT 2019

2019 marked the 11th year that the St. Luke's Episcopal Medical Ministry has been serving the people of Northwest Louisiana by supplying medical services to the underserved. It has been a year of highs and lows, but we are always moving forward.

We have weathered the resignation of Betty Johnson as the Executive Director, Melanie Winkler as the Administrative Assistant, and Bonnie Thomas, RN.

These wonderful ladies gave so much to the ministry, and it was difficult to replace them. We have added new nurses, drivers, and volunteers that have brought new ideas to the ministry.

An additional cooperative effort with the Louisiana Division of Probation and Parole has given St. Luke's ministry the opportunity to assist those individuals who are recently released from prison to receive medical services and information, as they work to rebuild their lives.

In 2019 over 882 patients have come onto the St. Luke's Van. This was over 1500 visits at 143 separate clinics. Each clinic sees clients from different walks of life. Persons of all ethnic groups and all ages come onto the Van. We have 2 clinic sites that specifically see Spanish speaking individuals with Spanish speaking care providers. 83% of our clients are at or below the poverty level. This figure tells us that they are struggling to provide basic needs and often Medical care is considered a luxury. 20% do not have insurance. Of those that come onto the Van, 40% come with a blood pressure outside the normal range. This can lead to many other medical problems, but with the use of our volunteer Doctor's and Nurse Practitioners, we are able to supply medications that will control this. 20% of our clients have blood sugar levels outside of normal. Our educational efforts are working to help these clients understand their disease, and know how to make the necessary changes in their life style to be healthier.

Of course we utilize a passionate and talented staff of nurses, case workers, and drivers to provide all these services. We are so thankful for them all. We are also blessed by dedicated volunteer doctors, nurses, drivers and "I will do anything to help" people. This past year they have provided over 800 hours of support for St. Luke's. We could not function without them.

Our financial picture remains sound thanks to several large grants, the generous support of the Episcopal Church of Western Louisiana, several of the churches of the Shreveport Convocation, and lots of generous supporters who send checks to the office often. Thank you for this needed support and we pray it continues, as we cannot keep the Van rolling without your financial support.

Rev. Deacon Lois Maberry, Interim Executive Director, St. Luke's Medical Ministry Office 318-424-0156

Jimmy Deal, Board of Directors, St. Luke's Medical Ministry Cell 318-426-1928

We are always looking for volunteers for all positions. Call for more information.

Contact Jimmy or Lois if you can help St. Luke's



Sunday School Report

Children's Sunday School started for the year in January 2019. Classes met each Sunday between services, excluding the first Sunday of every month. The Spark Rotation Curriculum was used. In the spring, the children learned about Daniel and the Lion's Den and the Easter season. In the fall, Sunday School covered Creation and Advent. Each week, the children were able to explore stories in the bible through music, games, science, cooking, and drama. Favorite activities included making "lion" pizzas and acting out the story of creation in our theater room. Attendance was between 1-5 children most Sundays. This coming year, Sunday School will continue with the same format, using the same curriculum. The first topic of the year will be Queen Ester.

In July, St. James also held Vacation Bible School. This year's theme was all about ways to praise God. VBS met for three nights. Twelve children attended this year's VBS. Children learned how laughing, clapping, and singing can be used as worship. The kids loved making tambourines and other instruments, playing relay games, and making emoji cupcakes!

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Fitzpatrick



Youth Christian Education Report

Starting in January EYC met for the first Sunday of each month for a bible study. One other day a month we met for a fun outing. Outings included bowling, game night, movies, and rock climbing. For outings we usually had 3-4 EYC members and an occasional friend from outside of our church. Due to lower attendance at the bible studies, the fall semester schedule was done differently and two days a month fun outings were accompanied by a short devotional.

In June EYC took a day trip to Hot Springs where they ziplined and visited Garvan Gardens. We had 3 members who were able to attend.

Starting this year EYC will meet two times a month on varying days to attempt to accommodate members schedules better. The hope is to garner better attendance, allowing us to do different activities and bigger events.

Respectfully submitted,

Brody Fitzpatrick

Evening Bible Study

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 The Best Yes by Lysa Terkeurst.

On January 30th we will start a new study on Just Open the Door by Jen Schmidt. This study is 7 sessions long and is a study of Biblical Hospitality.

Kelly Parker



In 2019 we celebrated three Baptisms and the Ordination of Father Yazell



Father James Yazell was ordained by The Rt. Rev'd Jacob Owensby on October 26, 2019. Evann Elisabeth Gibson, granddaughter of Tina and Dave Caporossi, served as the Bishop's Chaplain. Kelsey Yazell vested Father James.



Emersyn Anne Ocmand was baptized on June 9, 2019 officiated by Father Bill Bryant. Emersyn is the daughter of Jared and Lauren Ocmand, with godparents Austin Shelton and Jennifer Kirkland.



Violet Marie Ollendike, daughter of Bryn and Elizabeth Ollendike, granddaughter of James and Lisa Lewis, sister of Norah Ollendike and niece of Sara Lewis was baptized by Father Yazell on All Saints Day November 3, 2019.



Matthew Neil Maberry, son of Matt and Robin Maberry and grandson of Ron and Lois Maberry, was baptized on All Saints Day November 3, 2019. Also pictured are Neil's cousins Madelyn and Mabry Johnson, Aunt and Uncle Holly and Adam Johnson and his uncle Andrew Maberry.

Blessed to Be a Blessing

Pledge Commitment for Year 2020

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Accept this pledge as an expression of gratitude for all the blessings of this life and for the blessing God calls me to be. I pray for the grace to honor the practice of proportional giving by:

- Pledging to God's purpose through my faith community for the first time
- Increasing my financial pledge
- Increasing my pledge by 1%, 3%, or 5% of my annual income
- Tithing 10% of my annual income to carry out God's purpose through my faith community

Given () Weekly () Monthly () Quarterly () Annually

Total Pledge for this Year to the Episcopal Church of _____

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH 

Year-End Statements

It's that time of year, again. 2019 statements of giving have been in the narthex for a few weeks. For those who are new to St. James, here is a brief synopsis of how to read the statement:

- Pledges are entered into the computer when they are made. The computer program divides the pledge into equal amounts for each week and assumes the giver plans to stretch the total amount in this manner. If the statement indicates, "over," or, "under," it refers to how closely the amount received meets the program's parameters.
- Contributions refers to undesignated money that is given by someone who has not made a pledge. If your statement shows contributions and not pledge, it means a commitment card was not received in the parish office. If your statement shows contributions and pledge, it means some money was posted for the year before the pledge card was received.
- Many statements also include money given for a specific purpose, such as the Building Maintenance Fund, Easter Flowers, Memorials, etc. This money is separate from the pledges to the general fund.

If you believe you have found an error on your statement, please notify the parish office. St. James appreciates all you have given and encourages you to continue to keep the church's work alive. We are able to pay bills and contribute to outreach and support missions due to your generosity.

If you planned to make a pledge for 2020 and have not yet done so, commitment cards are available in the narthex. Feel free to drop them into the Sunday offering plate or deliver them to the parish office. You may also mail them to the office. If you wish to fulfill an incomplete pledge for a previous year, you may do so and the amount will be included on your 2020 statement.



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

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

Priest in Charge:
The Rev'd W. James Yazell

Organist/Choir Director:
Kaye Crichlow

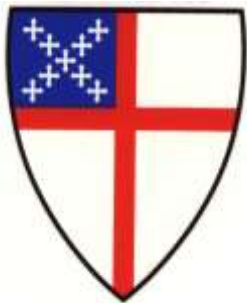
Nursery
Rhonda Robertson

Parish Administrator
Cortni Turner

2018 Vestry
David Scott— Sr. Warden
Curtis Shelton (21)— Jr. Warden

Members
Dave Caporossi (20)
Krystal Eason (20)
Debbie Fitzpatrick (21)
Lisa Lewis (22)
Lauren Ocmand (20)
Matt Parker (21)

Ex Officio
Julie Eason—Treasurer
Tommy Mosley—Treasurer Emeritus
Janie Parker—Clerk



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2020 Time and Talent Pledges

1. Betty McDonald
Sweep sidewalks
2. David Scott
Empty the recycling bin in the Parish Hall and the office
3. BJ Pritchard, Janie Parker
Supply coffee and filters for the kitchen
4. Matt and Kelly Parker
Provide dishwashing, dishwasher soap and sponges
5. Tricia James
Provide liquid hand soap for bathrooms and kitchen
6. Krystal Eason
Provide cream/sugar/sweeteners for kitchen
9. Debbie Fitzpatrick
Provide bottled water for the EYC beverage cooler

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

6 p.m., February 25

Ash Wednesday Services

10:00 a.m. and 6 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	April 5	8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 9	6:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 10	6:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil	April 11	7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday	April 12	10:00 a.m.

Our Mission Statement: A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD TO WORSHIP, LOVE, AND SERVE.

Our Schedule of Services:

Sunday—Holy Eucharist, 8:30 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour and donuts in the Parish Hall

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday—Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m.



Annual Meeting Agenda
St. James Episcopal Church
Sunday, January 26, 2020
11:30 a.m.

Opening Prayer/Blessing of the Food

Time for signing in, getting some food, and reading the annual report

Prayer for the Conclusion of Vestry Service

Prayers of thanksgiving for the completed service of vestry members

Recognize Clerk and Treasurer

Confirm the continued service of Janie as clerk and Julie as treasurer

Senior Warden's Report

A report from David on our common life here

Priest-in-Charge's Report

A report from Fr. James on the spiritual life of the parish

Vestry Elections

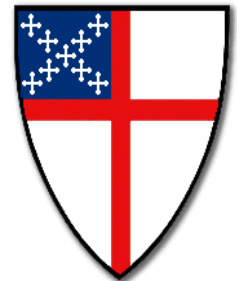
Nominations and elections of new vestry members

Diocesan Delegate Elections

Nominations and elections of delegates to represent St. James at Diocesan Convention

Closing Prayer

Conclusion of the Annual Meeting



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.