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Whoever wishes to be
great among you must
be your servant, and
whoever wishes to be
first among you must be your
slave; just as the Son of Man came
not to be served but to serve, and
to give his life a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:26-28

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MASTER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

St. James Parish and Friends Breakfast	September 9, 2018
Christian Education Begins	September 16, 2018
All Saints Day ✕	November 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Eve Service (Wed.).....	November 21, 2018
Christ the King	November 25, 2018
Advent Wreath Workshop.....	December 2, 2018
Advent Lessons & Carols.....	December 2, 2018
Christmas Eve (Mon.).....	December 24, 2018
Christmas Day (Tue.).....	December 25, 2018
Feast of Epiphany (Sun.)	January 6, 2019
Baptism of Our Lord ✕	January 13, 2019
Annual Meeting.....	January 27, 2019
Ash Wednesday	March 6, 2019
Palm Sunday	April 14, 2019
Holy Wednesday Tenebrae	April 17, 2019
Maundy Thursday	April 18, 2019
Good Friday	April 19, 2019
The Great Vigil of Easter (Sat.) ✕	April 20, 2019
Easter Sunday	April 21, 2019
Christian Education Ends	May 19, 2019
Parish Fellowship Weekend at Kanuga (Fri.-Sun.)	May 24-26, 2019
Faith Memorial Chapel.....	June 2, 2019
Pentecost ✕	June 9, 2019
Trinity Sunday	June 16, 2019

✕ Denotes baptismal dates

This calendar is complete as of August 30, 2018.



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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends in Christ:

The joy and privilege of membership in the church is serving others in the love of Christ.

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body and each member belongs to all the others."

Romans 12: 4-5

Paul uses the analogy of the body and there are four very important implications that we should understand from Paul's anatomy lesson. The four things these verses teach:

- Every member is a minister in Christ's body.
- Every member has a different function.
- Every member's ministry is important.
- Every member belongs to the others.

You are shaped to serve God with your gifts, your talents and resources. Every member of the church has a ministry, a place to give of themselves and to make a difference.

I invite you to pray and consider how you can connect to a ministry and serve the Lord through St. James Episcopal Church. Please read through the various opportunities to serve and listen for God's call to serve Him this year at St. James. Call and offer your gifts to build up the strength of our community and serve the world that God created and loves. As James reminds us: "[B]e doers of the word, and not merely hearers!"

W E L C O M E

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour volunteers provide refreshments for the 10:30 a.m. service. The host makes coffee and lemonade, provides cookies, donuts, or coffee cake and then cleans up. Volunteers are welcome to join at any time of the year!

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Communications Commission

The purpose of the Communications Commission is to evaluate and improve methods of communication to St. James parishioners and the community at large regarding existing ministries, outreach, service schedules and times, and special projects and events. Among the areas the Communication Commission focuses on are print publications, electronic publications, social media and website design and maintenance. Anyone with interest in these areas is invited to participate.

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Hospitality Commission

This group is involved most anytime food is served at St. James. The Hospitality Commission plans, sets up, serves and cleans up following events. We have served at the Agape meal, receptions on occasions such as the Bishop's visit, welcoming new members, Burning of the Greens, Christmas Eve, and the annual kick-off. Our commission offers support to the Welcoming Commission and other ministries as needed.

We currently have 16 members. We enjoy working together and offering hospitality to our church family and visitors, and we welcome anyone who would like to join our

Commission at any time. Volunteers are always appreciated to assist with set-up, clean-up, or providing a plate of cookies, sandwiches, etc., for a specific event.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful cooks of St. James who have so graciously assisted in our ministry by baking all those wonderful cookies and making delicious sandwiches and salads – as well as those who have helped us wash all those dishes!

Hope Winkler, Chair
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Welcoming Commission

The main purpose of this group is to welcome visitors, potential new members and new members to St. James. We train the greeters who meet and greet worshipers each Sunday. We also work with the church office to track individuals who attend our services and send visitors an informational mailing. Each fall we host a new member reception in conjunction with the Hospitality Commission. Those wishing to join this commission are always welcome.

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W O R S H I P

Acolytes

Acolytes are men and women, boys and girls who serve as torch bearers, crucifers, thurifers (incense bearers) and servers during Sunday morning worship services and at special services. Everyone nine years old and above is invited to consider serving as acolytes.

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Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is composed of the men and women who are responsible for the preparation and care of the Altar, the linens and the vessels used at all worship services. The Altar Guild is divided into teams which take turns laundering the linens, polishing the silver, preparing the vessels for the Eucharist and dressing the Altar. Service on the Altar Guild is by invitation of the Rector. If you would like to place your name in consideration, please contact Fr. Stephen.

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Audiovisual Team

The AV Team manages the video and sound equipment at St. James and records Sunday services as well as special services and programs. There are currently four service opportunities with the AV Team:

Sound Operators are needed to record Sunday 10:30 a.m. services on CD for our homebound ministry and for posting the recorded sermon on St. James' webpage.

Videographers are needed to photograph special events and services for DVD, Blu-Ray, and YouTube release.

Video Editors are needed to edit video and author DVD and Blu-Ray discs.

YouTube Producers are needed to prepare and post videos to St. James' YouTube site.

We offer training sessions for Sound Operators and Videographers. Video Editors and YouTube Producers will need to bring a reasonable initial skill set. If you are interested in any of these ministries, contact Ed Snape.

Ed Snape, Chair
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Flower Guild

The Flower Guild is a group of individuals who have a love of decorating the church with flowers and plants for our regular Sunday services and for special services throughout the year. Members of the flower guild undergo training in flower arranging and are assigned to teams which work together throughout the year under the supervision of the director of the Flower Guild.

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Greeters

St. James Greeters welcome both members and newcomers on Sunday mornings and at special services. They help familiarize visitors with the facility and take time to get to know them before and after the service. St. James Greeters also introduce newcomers to the Rector and other members of St. James so newcomers feel warmly welcomed. You may join at any time. We would be delighted for you to become a Greeter. If interested, please contact me.

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Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Lay Eucharistic Ministers administer the chalice during Sunday morning services and at special services. Lay Eucharistic Ministers are assigned as part of the regular worship schedule. Lay Eucharistic Ministers are trained by the clergy and licensed by the Diocese. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Fr. Stephen.

Fr. Stephen Rhoades, Rector
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Lectors

Lectors read the lessons during worship services on Sundays and at special services. Lectors should be solid readers who are able to articulate clearly and project appropriately. Individuals ten years old and up are invited to consider being Lectors. If you are interested in being a Lector, please contact Fr. Stephen.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

For information on any of the music programs of St. James, please contact Karen Eshelman, music@stjamesgreenville.org, 864-244-6358, ext. 210

Children's Choir

Wednesdays, 3:15 – 3:55

The Children's Choir has a flexible structure designed to accommodate all boys and girls from about 6-11 years old. The topics covered in the Children's Choir are based on the 'Voice for Life' choir curriculum from the Royal School of Church Music, of which St. James is a member. The children learn to find their singing voices and learn about the basics of music (melody, rhythm, and harmony). They start to read music, and become familiar with the hymnal. Children in choir also learn about worship and teamwork – and most importantly, children learn to live their faith when they sing about it together!

The Children's Choir will occasionally sing as part of the prelude for the 10:30 AM Sunday service. They will also sometimes join with the Youth Choir and/or Adult Choir for a special anthem. St. James has a strong tradition of musical excellence, and we invite your children to be a part of this tradition! New choir members may join at any time during the year.

Children's Choir Volunteers

In compliance with Safe Church guidelines, at least one adult (in addition to the choir director) must be present at each Wednesday rehearsal. In addition, on Sundays when the children sing in church, one or two parent volunteers are needed to help with putting on choir robes and lining up the children. Depending on the age of the children, parents may also need to sit with the children during church. Other volunteer opportunities are fitting and care of choir robes (measuring, labeling, and hemming), and playing the piano to accompany the children's singing.

Youth Choir

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00

The Youth Choir is open to all young men and young women in middle and high school. The director's choice of music depends on the voice ranges of the choir members who join (soprano, alto, tenor, baritone). This choir will sing for the 10:30 AM service about every 3 weeks, (for the prelude, offertory, or at communion), sharing a varied repertoire that includes standard and newly composed hymns, spirituals and anthems. They also sometimes join with the Adult Choir for a Sunday anthem. In addition to rehearsing and learning music, the choir learns from the Royal School of Church Music curriculum. The Youth Choir's singing is a high point of each year's Advent Lessons and Carols service. New choir members may join at any time during the year, and students may bring school friends to join the choir with them.

Youth Choir Volunteers

At least one adult (in addition to the choir director) must be present during rehearsal in compliance with Safe Church guidelines. Volunteers are occasionally needed to measure, label, and hem robes.

The St. James Choir

Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday warm-up, 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

The St. James Choir is for high school and adult singers who enjoy singing for weekly worship. In addition to singing every Sunday at the 10:30 AM service, this choir learns and provides special music for the annual Advent Lessons and Carols service, Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Day. Being in the choir and learning music is therapeutic and uplifting; and making new friends at rehearsal is just plain fun! Whether you currently sing in your high school choir, or if you did so many years ago and want to pick it back up, come and join us! need additional members in all sections.

- In addition to our major work of music ministry, the choir also sends funds to Education=Hope to support schoolchildren in Ecuador.
- Want to help in other ways? Music librarian assistance is also needed to file music, stamp new music, update folders, and update the music library spreadsheet.

Karen Eshelman, Music Director and Organist

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Ushers

Would you like to greet and speak to more of your fellow St. James parishioners on Sunday morning, perhaps make new acquaintances or renew old friendships all the while as you help facilitate the smooth running of one of our services? If this sounds fun and enjoyable, then serving as an usher is just the ministry for you. The schedules are prepared with your input as to availability, and substitutions can be arranged.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact any of the current ushers. If you're all set and ready to go, just email me with your service preference and any dates in the next month or so you might not be available to serve.

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F O R M A T I O N

Children and Youth

Children's Christian Education

Children's Christian Education (Sunday School) is the heart of our children's ministry at St. James. We meet in the downstairs classrooms on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. (except for summer and other school holidays). Youth and Children will first meet all together for an introduction to the day's lesson, and then will break out into smaller groups that allow teachers to engage content in more developmentally appropriate ways. Teachers are needed for each age group. Our online-based curriculum is flexible, accessible and user-friendly, equipping even those with little or no teaching experience with the tools to minister to our children. Teachers are also invited to be a part of the Youth and Children's Commission (YACC), which will meet every six to eight weeks and include a training. We welcome any parish member to get involved in this vital ministry for the next generation of our parish.

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St. James Day School

St. James Day School is a highly-respected program of early childhood education for preschool students. Serving children ages 1, 2, 3 and 4 years old, we seek to meet a child's intellectual, social and spiritual needs in a loving and nurturing environment. Our children enjoy weekly chapel with Father Stephen who shares beginning Bible stories, songs and prayers. Our teachers focus on core instruction alongside social skills to prepare the students for kindergarten, be it public or private. French, music and art instruction round out core curriculum. There are ten teachers and approximately seventy students at the St. James Day School. Children and grandchildren of St. James parishioners are eligible for reduced registration and tuition. Please stop by any Monday to Thursday and join us as we further this vital part of our church's ministry to families. We love visitors!

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Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is an important part of our children's ministry and our community outreach. Each summer we welcome children Age 3 (potty-trained) through 5th grade to the Parish Life Center for a week of fun, food, friends, and fellowship. VBS is held Sunday through Thursday evening. Volunteers are needed as crew leaders, as well as leaders for music, crafts, games, drama, and various other activities. We also need help in the kitchen to prepare and serve a light meal before the program each evening. We would love for you to get involved in this exciting ministry.

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Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

The EYC, or Episcopal Youth Community at St. James, is a group where youth can come together to build relationships with God and each other through fellowship, intentional study, spiritual development, and outreach! The National Study of Youth and Religion (NSYR) revealed that youth who reported belonging to a community, claim a creed, pursue a calling, and harbor hope, also tended to maintain their faith on into adulthood. Thus, EYC programs are formed and shaped to inspire and empower youth to be disciples of Christ, firmly grounded in NSYR's foundations for a mature and lasting faith.

EYC is a growing ministry of St. James! One great way to help out and catch a glimpse of what we're up to is through volunteering to oversee dinner one (or two or three!) Sundays throughout the program year. We use SignUp Genius to organize meals, which allows people to receive reminder emails and trade dates as needed. Also, it is important for youth to have life-giving relationships with caring adults, and hear from multiple voices in the life of the church! There are lots of ways to get involved, from driving to an event, to sharing a meal with us, to facilitating a game, to sharing a lesson, testimony, or devotion. All EYC program volunteers are invited to be a part of the Youth and Children's Commission, which will meet every six to eight weeks and include training and planning time. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Boyd!

Tina Boyd, Youth and Children's Minister
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Youth and Children's Commission (YACC)

The Youth and Children's commission will combine elements of Youth Commission, Children's Commission, Parent Trainings, and volunteer trainings together, with a mission of equipping, empowering, and sending out supported and trained adult volunteers into the various formation and fellowship outlets of the Youth and Children's ministries of St. James. Meetings will include a collective formation and training time, as well as a time for community building.

If you would like to know more about this leadership opportunity, please contact me.

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Youth Sports (CLBBY)

St. James and St. Francis parishioners participate in the Church League Basketball for Youth (CLBBY) with players ranging in age from K4 - 12th grade. Opportunities in ministry include:

- Coaches
- Assistant Coaches
- Team Parents
- St. James Adult Representative (CLBBY)
- St. James Director (CLBBY)
- Game-day Staff (Scoreboard Operator, Official Score-book Administrator)

We are always looking for volunteers and interested members to join in this very rewarding and fun ministry.

Timeline: Participant Registrations and CLBBY Team Registrations are conducted in **August/September**. Practices start in early **October** (usually on Sunday afternoons and a possible Tuesday/Thursday evening additional practice). Games **start in early November and end in February**, with teams playing 8 - 10 regular season games and an end-of-season single elimination tournament.

During the season, St. James hosts at least 60 CLBBY games annually (4-8 games on Saturday and 3 games on Monday evening). Facility preparation and management for these games includes: setting up the Parish Life Center (PLC) gym for contests (chairs, tables, goals, signs, scoreboard, etc.), securing/scheduling and managing game-day staff and facility, staff, and crowd management during contests, breaking down and cleaning up Parish Life Center after contests are completed.

Management of registrations, teams, coaches, schedules, facility, game-day staff, game-days, inventory, budget, and CLBBY correspondence are all aspects of duties necessary in this ministry.

Rob Weber serves on the CLBBY Board; Butch Blair serves as the St. James CLBBY Representative and Director. We welcome any and all assistance and support, as we strive to continue and improve the St. James Youth Sports Program.

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Adult Christian Education

The Adult Christian Education Commission is charged with planning and providing opportunities for St. James' members to study and discuss topics relevant to being a Christian in today's world. These include biblical study, Christian spirituality, topics in personal and social ethics, religious diversity in Greenville, study of musical texts, church history, and other relevant topics. The Commission selects topics, secures teachers, and publicizes the events. Persons wishing to join the Commission should contact Fr. Stephen.

The Commission is also very eager for St. James' members to suggest topics and to volunteer as teachers or facilitators for programs in which one has a particular interest.

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Contemplative / Centering Prayer

Centering prayer is an intentional time of stillness spent simply being with God. It is usually considered to be a private prayer discipline, with the goal being to sit alone in prayer once or twice a day, every day. The weekly meeting of the Centering Prayer Group functions as a support for anyone who wants to learn about this prayer practice (beginners) as well as those who are continuing a long-time discipline of quiet prayer. Meetings last about an hour: the first thirty minutes or so are spent reading aloud and sharing insights on either the Gospel reading for Sunday or on a sacred writing about prayer, followed by twenty minutes devoted to quiet prayer, in which we simply sit silently in God's presence.

Not currently meeting. Please contact Karen Eshelman if you are interested in this ministry.

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Daughters of the King (DOK)

The Order of the Daughters of the King, Ruth Chapter, meets on the third Sunday of the month after the 10:30 a.m. service. A book or scriptural study is a part of each meeting. The Daughters of the King (DOK) prepare lunches to be taken to Southside Community Center on months that have a fifth Saturday. We do this with St. Philip's Episcopal Church, alternating where we prepare the lunches. Daughters of the King provide the baptismal towels for infants and children. We also send grief books to parishioners who lose close family members. Women desiring to inquire about the Order do a twelve-week study to prepare to be admitted to the Order.

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Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

At St. James we believe all women of the parish are members of the ECW – by virtue of its name “Episcopal Church Women.” Our ECW prayer says we are to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally. And we are doing just that, whether it is teaching Sunday school, serving on Altar Guild, singing in the choir, serving on the vestry or in countless other areas.

Our Annual Attic Sale is our biggest fundraising event of the year involving many volunteers, including the men of the church. This year we brought in over \$5,700. Of this money 60% will go outside the church for missions such as United Ministries, Greenville Free Medical Clinic and Miracle Hill.

We also support our Diocesan Missions (World, National and Diocesan) with help from the ECW women and their ECW dues. The generous women of St. James donated over \$1,400 in dues this year.

Our board meets the first Wednesday of the month at noon and all women are invited to attend. Concerns are brought up and solutions are sought. ECW helps supply the scripture inserts in the Sunday bulletins. The Pastoral Food Ministry continues under the direction of Dianne Posey.

Our next social event will be our annual Fall Social on Thursday, October 4, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with a presentation by "Greenville Women Giving" and also a Fall Floral demonstration by Country Boys. We hope to see you there!! We invite all the women to join us and to bring a friend.

Sherry Sponseller, President
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Prayer and Spirituality Commission

We all experience times of difficulty, and it is comforting to know that others are praying for us. Prayer is connecting to God’s power. The Prayer and Spirituality Commission invites the people of St. James to share, receive, and pray for each other’s needs. Our own chapter of the Daughters of the King provides prayer request cards in the narthex near our name tag board. You are invited to write your prayer concern on a card and drop it in the wooden box provided for that purpose or go to the church’s website (www.stjamesgreenville.org/prayer-and-spirituality) where you can share a

prayer concern or a praise. You may email (office@stjamesgreenville.org) or call our church office (864-244-6358) to add a name to the parish prayer list. If you do not want a name printed in the church bulletin, please let us know.

We are searching for individuals who have a calling to intercede in prayer. If you have a heart for prayer and want to be included as an intercessor, please email me. Pray and love one another as Christ loves us.

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Senior Adult Ministry

The Gathering, a senior adult ministry, provides opportunities for senior adults, ages 60 and better, to join together in Christian fellowship. This ministry fosters spiritual growth, social interaction, Christian service and community awareness.

Gail Burch, Chair
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Small Groups/FEAST Groups

Small Groups/FEAST Groups are formed to strengthen fellowship within our church community. FEAST is an acronym for *Friends Eating and Sharing Together*. A FEAST Group is a group of 8-12 people who gather frequently (monthly or bi-monthly at the convenience of the members) to share a meal and fellowship and respond to the spiritual needs of the members.

Laura Brown, Chair
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St. James Men's Group (SJMG)

St. James Men's group has occasional meetings for fellowship and mission projects. Among the activities of the St. James Men's Group is the sale of smoked turkeys, hams and salmon for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, church maintenance, prayer meetings, social activities and various dinners throughout the year. All men are welcome to participate.

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/mensgroupstjames/>

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St. Mary Elizabeth's Guild

The St. Mary Elizabeth's Guild is a group of women who meet in the library on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. for a program, discussion, refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome!

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Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Bible study group meets at 10:45 on Thursday mornings during the program year. The scriptures to be read on the subsequent Sunday will be read and discussed.

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MISSION

Bluegrass and BBQ Benefit

On the first Saturday in August, the People of St. James gather for some down-home bluegrass music, delicious BBQ, and wonderful fellowship. This event benefits Project Host, a local soup kitchen and vocational training center. Volunteers are needed to check people in, help with setup, breakdown, smoking the pork and tending bar. A minimum investment of time produces wonderful returns for those in need.

Fr. Stephen, Rector
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Christmas Angel Tree

Every December the St. James community reaches out in love and caring for the less fortunate in the Greenville area by ensuring that needy families are able to celebrate Christmas with dignity and joy. We connect local families in need with the generous parishioners of St. James by setting up trees in the foyer decorated with tags naming favorite toys and clothing items. St. James parishioners then purchase these Christmas gifts for the children and families and bring them back to the church--or they take a "Jingle Bills" tag in the dollar amount they would like to donate to this ministry and let the St. James elves do the shopping! The gifts are delivered in time for Christmas. Many volunteers are needed for this seasonal ministry. Please consider your place with us as we share the love of the Christ child with those in need.

John Kaup, Outreach Chair
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Education Equals Hope (E=H)

Education Equals Hope is a ministry which provides educational scholarships and support to children in desperate and difficult places. It was started by Cameron Vivanco, missionary in Ecuador. Groups and individuals from St. James support E=H to bring hope to children by providing an education and spiritual mentoring, empowering them to break the cycle of poverty, and impact the next generation. For more information, go to educationequalshope.org.

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Feed Thy Neighbor

St. James works in cooperation with other Episcopal Churches in Greenville by supporting the Feed Thy Neighbor ministry centered at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Teams from St. James spend one Saturday morning per month preparing and serving breakfast to the homeless and destitute who come to St. Andrew's for a hot meal. There are always openings for those who wish to serve.

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Giving Tree

The main purpose of the St. James Giving Tree is to give members the opportunity to help those in need. The Giving Tree is set up in the narthex on an as needed basis. Those who worship at St. James are asked to take tags from the tree, purchase the item(s) on the tag and return them to the church. In the past St. James has provided Christmas gifts for needy families and shoes, pants, underwear and socks for local school health rooms. Those wishing to join this ministry are invited to do so at any time! Also, if you know of a specific need, please let us know!

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KAIROS

The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities. There are many opportunities to serve in Kairos Prison Ministry. All that is required is that you have a willing heart and a spirit of obedience and you can play a crucial role in God's ministry of Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives and Impacting the World.

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Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Lay Eucharistic Visitors administer the sacrament to the homebound and to those in care facilities. Lay Eucharistic Visitors are generally assigned once per month on a Sunday following a service, or arrangements can be made for mid-week visits as well. Lay Eucharistic Visitors are trained by the clergy and licensed by the Diocese.

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Outreach Commission

The St. James Outreach Commission coordinates all the outreach and mission efforts of St. James. The members of the Commission, in consultation with the Clergy and Vestry, are responsible for choosing which outreach programs St. James will support, allocating resources for these programs and raising up servant leaders from within our congregation to lead these programs.

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Oyster Roast

Typically held the Saturday before Ash Wednesday, the Oyster Roast is a great opportunity for fellowship among St. James members and the wider Greenville community. The event requires about 30 volunteers with responsibilities including set-up, ticket takers, chili servers, roasting pit hands, bucket runners and clean up. Help is also needed cooking chili and other behind-the-scene efforts. We welcome all the help we can get!

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Pastoral Care Commission

The mission of the St. James Pastoral Care Commission is to plan and provide for the pastoral care of members of our community. We seek to serve the members in need of pastoral care by journeying with them in faith, providing for their spiritual needs, and seeking opportunities to provide for other needs such as companionship and assistance when appropriate.

Among our tasks are:

- assessing the needs and effectiveness of the existing pastoral care ministry at St. James
- making recommendations and working cooperatively with volunteers, St. James clergy, staff and vestry, to forge a common vision for pastoral care and implement it.

The following ministries need volunteers

1. Communications Volunteers: Hospital and Prayer List Liaison. Make calls and determine if any specific needs after discharge and coordinate with other ministries. Communicate with members on prayer list by phone and/or send cards from St. James Family.
2. Pastoral Care Visitors: Accompany the Lay Eucharistic Visitors to share Eucharist, and communicate with shut-ins at other times;
3. Transportation Volunteers: Offer rides to church, doctor's offices, grocery stores, and to other locations;

4. Companionship and Respite Care Volunteers: Make a meaningful difference to the shut-ins, and give periods of respite to family members

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Pastoral Food Ministry

Unexpected hospital visits and other unforeseen life events can often put a strain on individuals and families. One way that St. James parishioners can help those in need in our own community is to volunteer to be a part of the Pastoral Food Ministry. This ministry receives referrals from the staff and clergy of those who might benefit from a meal being brought to a parishioner's home to help ease the transition back into a normal routine. Cooks and drivers are always welcome!

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

We invite you to join us in the parish library on the third Monday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. as we knit and crochet prayer shawls for hospice.

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Rise Against Hunger *(formerly Stop Hunger Now)*

The mission of Rise Against Hunger (RAH) is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources (www.riseagainsthunger.org/). RAH educates volunteers about hunger and inspire them to help end it. RAH distributes meals through feeding programs operated by partner organizations in developing countries that promote education, encourage children to attend school, improve students' health and nutrition, address gender inequalities, stimulate economic growth, fight child labor, and are part of the movement to address global issues.

St. James will host a meal-packaging event to package approximately 30,000 meals on October 28, 2018 following the 10:30 a.m. service. This event is open to all who would like to donate 2-3 hours of their time to do their part to end hunger in the world.

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United Ministries / Housing Ministry

In the past, St. James has shared hospitality in the form of emergency shelter, meals and short-term housing with families with children who are experiencing homelessness. This year, instead of hosting families during two weeks in the summer, we hope to purchase a house and involve St. James parishioners to renovate it to create longer-term housing (six months to a year) for families previously vetted by United Ministries. Our hope is to provide this housing as well as to create community with our guests by providing a safe home and helping them negotiate the trials and tribulations of life itself, such as transportation, babysitting and life skills.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up and list ministry gifts, talents and skills at www.stjamesgreenville.org/housing-ministry.

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Youth Ministry Outreach Partnerships

In addition to aligning and collaborating with church-wide outreach partnerships, the youth ministry works with other non-profits and ministries in response to God's call to love our fellow humans. Here's a synopsis of some of the groups we partner with throughout the year.

➤ Project Host:

Project Host is a local soup kitchen and vocational training center for people in the food industry. They provide a holistic response to poverty, through helping them receive food and case management, as well as job training and certifications for work in restaurants and catering. They also have an on-site volunteer-run garden that they use in the foods they cook in the training program, which in turn help feed children who are food insecure. The Youth Ministry partners with Project Host by baking fresh desserts

once a month to be served in the soup kitchen. For more on Project Host, visit www.projecthost.org.

➤ **Operation Christmas Child:**

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse that delivers shoe boxes-or plastic bins full of goodies to children all over the world as a way to show God's love. The Youth Ministry partners with Operation Christmas Child through a box packing event we complete each fall. We'll need help compiling boxes and supplies for this event! Specific needs will be communicated closer to event. For more on Operation Christmas Child, visit <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>.

To learn more about these partnerships and how you can help, email Tina Boyd at youthminister@stjamesgreenville.org.

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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is a group of parishioners with financial knowledge and expertise who assist in the budgeting process and in the monitoring of the financial position of the parish. The Finance Committee makes recommendations to the Vestry regarding investments and expenditures and works collaboratively with the staff to insure the financial health of St. James in the short and long term. If you have financial experience you would like to share, we would love to have you!

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Stewardship Commission

The St. James Stewardship Commission focuses on encouraging and modeling Christian stewardship in all areas of life. Among the functions of the Stewardship Commission is to organize and lead the annual pledge drive, host meetings of St. James parishioners to

share perspectives on the mission of St. James, and to develop programming throughout the year on stewardship-related subjects. We are currently seeking someone to chair this commission. If interested, please contact Fr. Stephen.

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F A C I L I T I E S

Buildings Commission

The Mission of the St. James Buildings Commission is to manage the current physical plant needs and plan for the future needs of the St. James community. This Commission works with the Rector and Vestry in ensuring that the current physical plant is managed appropriately and economically, with regular maintenance schedules and contracts in place. In addition, the Commission is also charged with planning for the future needs of the community, including the repair or replacement of existing systems and structures, or the installation of new systems and structures. If you have the desire to contribute in these areas, we would love for you to join us.

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Grounds Commission

The mission of the St. James Grounds Commission is to manage the landscaping of our church grounds. The commission works with the Rector and Vestry to ensure the grounds are maintained properly. This includes; monitoring for weeds, dead plants or trees, or insects, as well as making sure the plant watering system is working. The Vestry liaison will be notified for any issues. If you enjoy landscaping, please join this ministry.

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Columbarium / Memorial Garden

The St. James Columbarium/Memorial Garden provides a final resting place to honor the remains of our departed loved ones and reflect on the memories we once shared. It is located at the lower level of the St. James entry and is available to all St. James members and their families. This garden is sacred grounds and is lovingly maintained by parishioners who feel called to this special service.

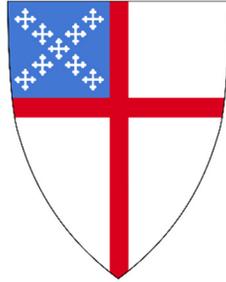
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*“Be doers of the word,
and not merely hearers!”*

James 1:22