



# SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL

## Mission & Service Opportunities

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**W**hoever 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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## 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!*"

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive name followed by a plus sign (+).

# ENGAGING WORSHIP

## **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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## **AV 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 11:00 a.m. services on CD for our shut in 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.

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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 in meditating and sharing aloud upon the upcoming Gospel reading for the week (or occasionally a sacred writing on prayer), and twenty minutes are devoted to quiet prayer, simply being with God in prayer, without words.

Interested people may begin attending at any time, and may attend at their convenience. Meetings are held every Friday at 1 p.m. from September – June. Call the church office before attending the first time to confirm time and place of the meeting.

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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 direction of the Director of the Flower Guild.

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## **Greeters**

St. James Greeters welcome both members and newcomers to services on Sunday morning 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 make sure to introduce newcomers to the Rector and other members of St. James so newcomers feel warmly welcomed.

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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.

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## **Lectors**

Lectors read the lessons and Prayers of the People during worship services on Sundays and at special services. Lectors should be solid readers who are able to articulate clearly and project appropriately. Individuals 10 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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## **St. James Nursery**

At St. James, children are always welcome in church during all services. However, we do provide nursery care for children from birth through age 5 whose parents choose to utilize it. St. James employs trained childcare workers for its nursery but welcomes volunteers who would like to give a helping hand.

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## **St. James Music Club**

Wednesdays, 1:15 - 1:45 PM

The Music Club at St. James provides children in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten a time to learn basic music skills in a relaxed setting with their friends. To sign up and to request a registration form, please send an email to [music@stjamesgreenville.org](mailto:music@stjamesgreenville.org). If you would like more information, please call the St. James music office at 244-6358 x 304. There is no tuition fee for the St. James Music Club. Parents (or assigned care-takers) of these children must bring the children to the Choir Room and remain nearby in the building during Music Club, with two parents per week sitting with the group in the Choir Room. This fall the Music Club will begin meeting on October 28.

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## **St. James Children's Choir**

Beginners: Wednesdays, 3:00 – 3:45

Experienced: Wednesdays, 3:25 – 4:15

The Children's Choir has a flexible structure designed to accommodate all boys and girls in K-5 through 5th grade. This year's schedule provides a beginning section for the youngest singers that meets on Wednesdays from 3 – 3:45 p.m., and an advanced section for those in higher grades or with more choir experience that rehearses from 3:25 – 4:15 p.m. Each section practices alone, with the two rehearsals overlapping in the middle, enabling the two sections to sing together from 3:25 – 3:45.

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 sings for the 9 a.m. Sunday worship about once a month, and on occasion joins with the Youth Choir and/or Adult Choir. 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.

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## **St. James Children's Choir Volunteers**

At least one adult (in addition to the choir director) must attend each rehearsal in compliance with Safe Church guidelines. One or two volunteers are also needed to help with putting on choir robes

and lining up the children when they sing in church; occasionally an adult will need to sit with the children during church. Volunteers are also needed to measure, label, and hem robes and are occasionally needed to play the piano during rehearsals and on Sundays.

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## **St. James Youth Choir**

Wednesdays, 5:15 – 6:15 PM

The Youth Choir is open to all young men and young women in middle and high school. Choir practice is at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, enabling these students to participate in after-school activities before coming to church for choir.

The Youth Choir sings for the 9 a.m. service about every 3 weeks and occasionally at 11 a.m. service, sometimes joining with the Adult Choir for special anthems. Their singing is a high point of the annual Advent Lessons and Carols service. The music they sing includes regular choir music as well as a variety of new and traditional hymns and spirituals. These students also study the music curriculum from the Royal School of Church Music. New choir members may join at any time during the year; parish members and friends are invited to join.

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## **St. James Youth Choir Volunteers**

At least one adult (in addition to the choir director) must attend each rehearsal in compliance with Safe Church guidelines. Volunteers are also needed to measure, label, and hem robes and are occasionally needed to play the piano during rehearsals and on Sundays.

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## **St. James Adult Choir**

The St. James Adult Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00, and sings every Sunday at the 11 AM service. In addition, the choir learns and provides special music for feast days including the annual Advent Lessons and Carols service, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Being in the choir and learning music is fun, therapeutic and uplifting; a large part of the fun comes from making friends while making music. This past year the choir has also committed to sending financial support to Education=Hope, the organization begun by the Vivancos to support schoolchildren in Ecuador.

We are seeking additional singers in all sections. Our choir is a friendly and supportive group, and we make it easy to learn new music. If you have previously sung in a choir and would like to pick it back up, please come up to the organ after the postlude and speak with our music director, Dr. Karen Eshelman! Music librarian assistance is also needed to file music, stamp new copies, update folders, and update library spreadsheet.

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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 to be fun and enjoyable, then serving as an usher is just the thing for you. The monthly schedules are prepared with your input as to availability and substitutions are always possible.

If you have any questions or need more information, don't hesitate to contact me. If you're all set and ready to go, just email Susan Preusse at [chippr@peoplepc.com](mailto:chippr@peoplepc.com) with your service preference and any dates you might not be available in the next month or so.

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## **EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY**

### **The St. James 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 that worship at St. James are asked to take tags from the tree and 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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## **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee is a group of parishioners with financial knowledge and expertise that assists 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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## **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 are provided with lists of underprivileged children and families through the St. Francis community and through the Greenville County Human Relations Commission. St. James parishioners then purchase Christmas gifts for these children and families are delivered in time for Christmas. Many volunteers are needed for this seasonal ministry, so if you are interested in volunteering, 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 annual 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.

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## **R I S K T A K I N G M I S S I O N**

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### **5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Lunches**

The Daughters of the King (DOK) prepares lunches to be taken to Southside Community Center on months that have a 5th Saturday. We do this with St. Philips Church alternating where we prepare the lunches. Any woman can join the Daughters at any time. For more information about DOK, please see the full entry under Intentional Discipleship.

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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, keeping the nursery, singing in the choir, serving on the vestry or in countless other areas.

Our Annual Attic Sale is our biggest fund raising event of the year involving many volunteers, including the men of the church. This year we brought in just under \$5,200. Of this money 60% will go outside the church for missions such as United Ministries, Greenville Free Medical Clinic, GAIHN, and Miracle Hill.

We also support our Diocesan Missions (World, National and Diocesan) with help from the ECW women and their ECW dues. Fifty six women paid their dues this year and contributed \$864.

Our board meets the first Wednesday of the month at noon and all women are invited to attend. Concerns are brought up and needs are met. ECW brought back the Sunday inserts and pays for these quarterly. The much needed Pastoral Food Ministry was organized under the direction of Dianne Posey and Jane Luthi. A “fall wine and cheese party” will be our next social event.

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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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## **Fraze Homewor Ministry**

The Frazee Dream Center is a free preschool, after school & summer program for under resourced children in the downtown Greenville area. The program offers assistance and guidance to children ages 3-16 in the areas of academics, character development, sportsmanship and emotional wellness. St. James parishioners volunteer as academic tutors in this program and assist children in improving their reading and mathematical skills. Additional volunteers are always welcome!

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## **GAIHN**

The Mission of the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (GAIHN) is to assist local congregations to share hospitality (in the form of emergency shelter, meals, and short-term housing) with homeless families that include children, and to help those families achieve self-sufficiency and self-fulfillment.

GAIHN (Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network) is a coalition of forty-two religious congregations. Uniting volunteers and facilities from diverse religious communities and faith traditions, GAIHN provides homeless families with safe, secure

shelter while offering emergency assistance (including superb transitional housing), strategies to obtain affordable housing and permanent employment, and appropriate referral and guidance to help reintegrate families into the community as quickly as possible.

St. James hosts two GAIHN events per year in June and August. Volunteers are always needed to provide meals, organize activities for the residents, and be overnight hosts.

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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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## **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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## **St. James 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 in the coming year and how St. James' outreach resources will be allocated.

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## **Stop Hunger Now**

Stop Hunger Now (SHN) is driven by the vision of a world without hunger. SHN's mission 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.

Since its founding in 1998, SHN has provided over 180 million meals in 65 countries. This year, SHN will package 45 million meals and ship over \$9 million in donated aid, mainly vitamins and medical supplies.

Based in Raleigh, N.C., SHN operates meal-packaging programs in 19 cities in the U.S. and in South Africa, Malaysia, India, Italy and the Philippines.

SHN has engaged over 500,000 corporate, student, civic and faith-based volunteers in meal-packaging. In just under two hours, a group of 30 to 40 volunteers can package 10,000 nutrient-rich meals for the undernourished globally. SHN also educates volunteers about hunger and inspire them to help end it.

SHN 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 hosts two SHN packaging events per year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The SHN events are publicized well ahead of time and are open to all who would like to donate 2-3 hours of their time twice per year to do their part to end hunger in the world.

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## **Youth Sports (CLBBY)**

St. James and St. Francis participate in the Church League Basketball for Youth (CLBBY) in Greenville, SC, with players ranging in age from 5 - 18.

Opportunities in ministry include: Coaches, Assistant Coaches/Team Parents, St. James Adult Representation (CLBBY), St. James Director (CLBBY), & Game-day Staff (Scoreboard Operator, Official Score-book Administrator, & Adult

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

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

During the season, St. James hosts at least 60 CLBBY games annually (4 - 8 games/Saturday), starting in November & ending in late February. Facility preparation & management for these games includes setting up the PLC gym for contests (chairs, tables, goals, signs, scoreboard, etc.), securing/scheduling & managing game-day staff & facility, staff, & crowd management during contests, & breaking down & cleaning up PLC after contests are completed. Management of registrations, teams, coaches, schedules, facility, game-day staff, game-days, inventory, budget, & CLBBY correspondence are all aspects of duties necessary in this ministry.

Rob Weber is the current St. James CLBBY Representative & Director, as he is in his 7th year in this capacity. He is looking for assistance and an interested successor, as we strive to continue & improve the St. James Youth Sports Program.

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# INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

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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.

Current members of the Adult Christian Education Commission include George Lipscomb, Janet Atkins, Erik Anderson, and John Shelley. Persons wishing to join the Commission should contact John Shelley.

The Commission is also very eager for St. James' members to suggest topics for 2015-16 and to volunteer as teachers or facilitators for programs in which one has a particular interest.

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## **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 10:10-10:50 (except for summer and other school holidays). Currently our age groups are 3-5 year-olds, 1st-3rd grade, and 4th-5th grade. Our program will

see some exciting changes in the spring, and we welcome any parish member to get involved with this rewarding and vital church ministry.

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## **Daughters of the King (DOK)**

Daughters of the King is an Order in the Episcopal Church. It is open to all women over the age of 18. We are an order of prayer, service and Evangelism. We hold our meetings on the 3rd Sunday of the month right after the 11:00 am service (10:00 am in the summer). Our group prepares lunches to be taken to Southernside community center on months that have a 5th Saturday. We do this with St. Philips Church alternating where we prepare the lunches. We also give a towel to babies when they are baptized and send grief booklets to church members who have lost a loved one. Any woman can join the Daughters at any time. We have a study period for several months as a preparation for joining the Daughters. Becoming a Daughter is more than just volunteering to a program, it is a commitment to living your life in a prayerful, spirit filled, giving way.

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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 intentional study, spiritual development, service, and fellowship. Recent research in youth ministry has revealed the importance of youth being engaged in healthy mentoring relationships with adults in their community. At St. James, we want to help create and foster these relationships through having adults intentionally plugged in to the ministry in a variety of different ways, such as:

- Teaching Sunday School
- Speaking at EYC
- Facilitating games
- Boots on the Ground (Hospitality and relational ministry)
- Major Event Coordinator (especially for when we collaborate with other parishes)
- Driver for youth event
- Cook for youth event
- Serve food at youth event

Please contact St. James Youth Minister Tina Boyd if you are interested in getting involved!

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## **St. James Day School**

St. James Day School is a highly respected program of early childhood education through Pre-Kindergarten. We believe in meeting a child's intellectual, social and spiritual needs. Our children enjoy Chapel with Father Stephen every Thursday who shares with them beginning bible stories and our teachers work

on social and intellectual skills to prepare them for Kindergarten. There are approximately twelve teachers and seventy students enrolled in the Day School. St. James parishioners are eligible for reduced tuition at the Day School. Please contact Beth Renninger if you would like a tour or more information.

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## **St. Joseph's Society (Men's Group)**

St. Joseph's Society is a group of men at St. James that organize occasional meetings for fellowship and mission projects. Among the activities of the St. Joseph Society is the sale of smoked turkeys and hams for Thanksgiving and Christmas, trips to Fluor Field to cheer on the Greenville Drive, an annual hockey night at the Bon Secours Wellness Center, and various dinners throughout the year. All men are welcome to participate.

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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 on Thursday mornings during the program year. A certain book or scriptural study forms the basis for our study and discussion. These studies vary throughout the year.

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## **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School is an important part of our children's ministry and our community outreach. We welcome children age 3-5th grade to the Parish Life Center for a week of fun, food, friends, and fellowship. VBS is held Sunday through Thursday evening the last week of June. Volunteers are needed as group shepherds and as leaders for music, crafts, games, drama, and science. 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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## **Youth Commission**

The mission of the St. James Youth Commission is to plan and provide for the social and spiritual needs of the youth in our community by working with our youth to foster opportunities for study, service, spiritual growth, and social development. We seek to partner with our youth to deepen their journey of faith and create a safe space to express their faith through their own words and actions. Among our tasks are to assess the needs and effectiveness of the existing youth ministry program at St. James, making recommendations and working cooperatively with our youth, St. James clergy, staff and vestry to forge a common vision for youth ministry and implement it. We welcome all who would like to get involved!

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## **RADICAL HOSPITALITY**

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### **Coffee Hour**

Coffee Hour volunteers provide refreshments for the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. The 9 a.m. host makes coffee and lemonade, provides cookies, donuts, or coffee cake for the 9 a.m. service. The 11 a.m. host provides cookies, etc..., for the 11 a.m. service and cleans up.

Volunteers are welcome at any time of the year!

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## **Hospitality Commission**

This group is involved most anytime when food is served at St. James. The Hospitality Committee plans, sets up, serves, and cleans up following events such as the Agape Meal, New Member Events, Reception for the Bishop's visit, and any other special events which are held. We also will offer support to the Welcome Commission and the Oyster Roast Committee as needed.

We welcome anyone who would like to join our commission at any time. Volunteers are always appreciated to assist in set up, clean up, or providing a plate of cookies, sandwiches, etc. for a specific event.

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## **Rose Garden**

The St. James Rose garden is lovingly maintained by Pauline and Ron Kelley. Donations can be designated to this ministry to purchase new roses and other plants. Assistance watering and caring for the garden is also needed. If this ministry interests you, please contact Pauline Kelley.

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## **St. James Memorial Garden**

The St. James Memorial Garden is a special garden of repose found at the lower level of the St. James entry porch, adjacent to the church. St. James parishioners who have died over the years have had their remains lovingly interred in the Memorial Garden. The garden is sacred ground and is lovingly maintained by parishioners who feel called to this special service. If you would like to volunteer your gardening gifts, please contact Nancy LeDonne.

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## **St. James Oyster Roast**

Typically held the Saturday before Ash Wednesday, the Oyster Roast is a great opportunity for fellowship among St. James members and within the 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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## Welcoming Commission

The purpose of this group is to welcome visitors, potential new members and new members to St. James. The committee greets worshipers each Sunday and works with the church office to track individuals that attend our services. This commission has short range goals of presenting visitors with gift bags and informational packets, as well as long range goals for training volunteer greeters and a creating and implementing a protocol for reaching potential new members. This commission works with the Hospitality Commission to host New Member events.

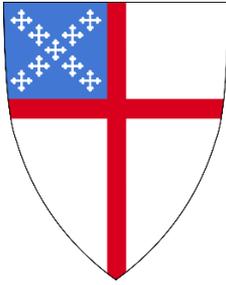
Those wishing to join this ministry may do so at any time. The Welcoming Commission could always use a helping hand. Let us know if you are interested in helping in these efforts.

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## MASTER CALENDAR

St. James Open House	August 30, 2015
Resume Three Services (7:45, 9 & 11)	September 13, 2015
Christian Education Begins	September 13, 2015
All Saints Day ✕	November 1, 2015
Christ the King	November 22, 2015
Thanksgiving Eve Service (Wed.)	November 25, 2015
Advent Wreath Workshop	November 29, 2015
Advent Lessons & Carols	December 6, 2015
Annual Meeting	December 13, 2015
Christmas Eve (Thur.)	December 24, 2015
Christmas Day (Fri.)	December 25, 2015
Epiphany (Wed.)	January 6, 2016
Baptism of Our Lord ✕	January 10, 2016
Ash Wednesday	February 10, 2016
Palm Sunday	March 20, 2016
Holy Wednesday Tenebrae	March 23, 2016
Maundy Thursday	March 24, 2016
Good Friday	March 25, 2016
The Great Vigil of Easter (Sat.)✕	March 26, 2016
Easter Sunday	March 27, 2016
Christian Education Ends	May 8, 2016
Summer Service Schedule (7:45 & 10)	May 15, 2016
Pentecost ✕	May 15, 2016
Trinity Sunday	May 22, 2016
Parish Fellowship Weekend (Fri.)	May 27, 2016
Faith Memorial Chapel	June 5, 2016

✕ Denotes baptismal dates



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

*James 1:22*