

# The Messenger

**Saint James**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

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## 2023 Advent-Christmas Schedule

We will have regular schedule each Sunday morning except Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> –  
no Sunday School ✕

### Other scheduled activities:

Dec 9 Sat 11:00 am

Baptism - Jessie (Hagan) Hewins and her husband Dan invite you to their son's baptism on Saturday, 9 December, at 1100. Pastor Louise will be officiating. A small reception will follow at the church. If anyone would like to come, text Jessie at 910 624-8342.

Dec 10 Sun 11:30 – 2:00

Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) – Annual Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Dec 15 Fri 6:30 pm.

Congregational Advent Fellowship with dinner, fellowship, and fun activities. With SPECIAL GUESTS: our friends from the CCMA Award-winning band *Rivermist*; and a few surprises for all.

Dec 17 Sun 3:00 pm

Sing Christmas!, A Christmas Cantata at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. Several of our choir members are participating and Chris Colon, former music director at St. James, will be in the orchestra.

Dec 19 Tue 7:00 pm

Blue Christmas Worship.  
An annual tradition, we gather to contemplate and acknowledge that sadness, chaos, grief exist even in the jolliest of holidays. We sing *Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel*. Bring your light into our darkness and remind us of the hope you bring.

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### 2023 Advent-Christmas Schedule

Dec 24 Sun 10 am

Morning Worship

3:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Worship.  
Our worship will incorporate children & young families.  
*Chris Colón will serve as our musician.*

10:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Worship.  
We will hear and speak the words heard by shepherds so long ago –  
*Unto you is born a SAVIOR, Christ the Lord!*  
*Mary Beth Winter will serve as our musician.*



### St James goes to the Movies

Lynn Bremer, Tonie Neal, Sonia Nazzario, Diana Vittoe, Kathleen Heinrich attended "Journey To Bethlehem" and enjoyed the camaraderie and musical!

Definitely recommended as a Christmas "must see".



Congregation Meeting - December 10th



**Congregational meeting** at the end of worship on **Dec 10** to consider Ministry Spending Plan for 2024, and vote for council members 2024-25.

ST. JAMES FAMILY CELEBRATION

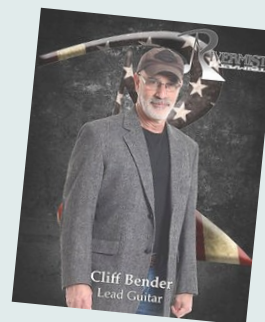
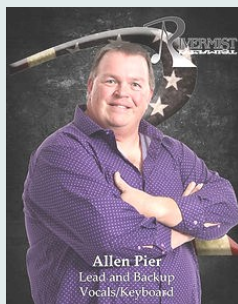
FRI., DEC. 15, 6:00 – 7:30 PM



Congregational Advent fellowship, with food, fun, and MUSIC. Come and hear an unplugged version of RIVERMIST, the CCMA Award-winning band.

They will inspire us with their wonderful gift of song.

Bring a dish! [Sign up](#) for your seat today!





### Update from our Quilters



We delivered 10 Clothing Protectors and 5 Fidget Blankets to Cape Fear Valley Hospice

First Health received 8 Clothing Protectors and 4 Fidget Blankets



**MID-CAROLINA**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**CAPE FEAR VALLEY**  
HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE

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*Volunteer Manager/Veterans Program Manager/Pet Peace of Mind Manager*

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Since 2019 St. James has been blessing the Child Advocacy Center with comfort blankets to give to the children they serve. Marcia Katt and Penny Kendall dropped by to bring 50 more blankets and they were so grateful!

**Dewey's**  
BAKERY

# NOW OPEN

## DEWEY'S HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING STORE

**BENEFITING:** **The Alms House  
& Kiwanis of the Hope Mills Area**

**LOCATION:** **Presbyterian Church**  
3712 S Main St Hope Mills NC 28348

**HOURS:**

Monday	11 AM-7 PM
Tuesday	11 AM-7 PM
Wednesday	11 AM-7 PM
Thursday	11 AM-7 PM
Friday	11 AM-7 PM
Saturday	11 AM-7 PM
Sunday	Closed

***From NOW until December 23rd***

A PORTION OF PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OUR FUNDRAISING GOALS



### Bella Fish Military Recognition



A Scholarship was awarded by the US Army ROTC program on the football field, during the 3rd quarter of the NC State vs University of Miami game held on November 4th.



Church Women United President, Janice Smith-Coaxum, presented a token of their appreciated to Pastor Locke on November 5th for the hours of care and concern he displayed to the organization for their call to unite all women to tell and show God's love.



## Receive Text Updates

If you are not currently on our email news list, sign up on our website: <https://saintjamesfay.org/>

To receive text messages instead, here is how to sign up

To receive messages via text,

Text @8bhg3  
to 81010



You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @8bhg3'.  
Trouble using 81010? Try texting @8bhg3 to (910) 401-3357 instead.

## Recycle your ink cartridges and help support Saint James

We are collecting used desktop ink cartridges.

NOT Xerox type toners. Place them in the marked bin outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!





Our 10:00 Sunday worship service is being streamed live, and is also available for later viewing. Click [here](#) to watch



**Tech folk are also needed to help with audio and video controls. Training is available. Contact office or Pastor John.**



**Join us Tuesday, December 5th at Noon!**

Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall  
Every first Tuesday of the month.

Program: Dirty Santa Gift Exchange!  
Bring a wrapped gift (under \$10) if you wish to participate in the game.



### ***Men's Fellowship***

***Come join us every first Wednesday  
5:30 pm - 8 pm on the back lawn of St. James  
for brats, beans, and beverages. If you are coming,  
let Dave Runkle or Todd Burns know in advance.***

*Weather plan is in the Annex/Entrance across the parking lot.*



**Assisting Ministers**

12/03 ..... Jordan Slaymaker  
 12/10 ..... Jordan Slaymaker  
 12/17 ..... Allan Winter  
 12/24 10am ..... Ruth Ann Crecelius  
 12/24 3pm .....  
 12/24 10pm ..... Allan Winter  
 12/31 ..... Jordan Slaymaker

**Lectors**

12/03 ..... Valerie Brewer  
 12/10 ..... Beverly Beale  
 12/17 ..... Jane Boelke  
 12/24 10am ..... Nancy Oliver  
 12/24 3pm ..... Glenn Stockwell  
 12/24 10pm ..... Jane Boelke  
 12/31 ..... Sue Rink

**Communion Assistant**

12/03 ..... Lela Pell  
 12/10 ..... Delores Schiebe  
 12/17 ..... Tawan Thomas  
 12/24 10am ..... Valerie Brewer  
 12/24 3pm ..... Paula Burns  
 12/24 10pm ..... Delores Schiebe  
 12/31 ..... Sue Rink

**Ushers**

12/03 ..... Roscoe Killett, Gary Eissinger  
 12/10 ..... John & Gayle Frinak  
 12/17 ..... Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius  
 12/24 10am ..... Tonie Neal, Kathleen Heinrich  
 12/24 3pm ..... Gary & Joan Eissinger  
 12/24 10pm ..... Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius  
 12/31 ..... John & Gayle Frinak

**Acolytes**

12/03 ..... Ian Gibson  
 12/10 ..... Gabriel Thomas  
 12/17 ..... Nate Stockham  
 12/24 10am ..... Angel VanDervoort  
 12/24 3pm ..... Victoria Orellano  
 12/24 10pm ..... Hannah Rea  
 12/31 ..... Aaron Thomas

**Greeters**

12/03 ..... Fran DeSilva  
 12/10 ..... Linda Stellfox  
 12/17 ..... Kathy Brown  
 12/24 10am ..... Joan Eissinger  
 12/24 3pm ..... Glenn & Erika Stockwell  
 12/24 10pm ..... Sue Rink  
 12/31 ..... Kathleen Heinrich

**Nursery**

12/03 ..... Colleen Tichich, Erika Stockwell  
 12/10 ..... Lisa Law, Kathy Behling  
 12/17 ..... Jeffrey Hoffman, Valerie Brewer  
 12/24 10am ..... Heather VanDervoort,  
 ..... Kathleen Heinrich  
 12/24 3pm .....  
 12/24 10pm .....  
 12/31 ..... Kevin Hoffman, Tonie Neal

**Rover**

12/03 ..... Dan Hewins  
 12/10 ..... Tom Liedig  
 12/17 ..... Ed Samuelian  
 12/24 10am ..... Dave Runkle  
 12/24 3pm ..... Todd Burns  
 12/24 10pm ..... Todd Burns  
 12/31 ..... David Moon

## Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

**Property Team - December 11th (Monday)**

**- usually 2nd Tuesdays**

(Meeting ID: 829 6466 1925 / Password: 977528)

[6:00 pm](#)

**Congregation Council (December 17)**

(Meeting ID: 867 0951 0008 / Password: 103028)

[11:30 am](#)

**Men's Bible Study - Sundays**

(Meeting ID 821 3488 9583 / Password: 257977 )

[9:00 am](#)

**Fellowship & Conversation - Tuesdays**

(Meeting ID: 837 4730 9659 / Password: 588450)

[7:00 pm](#)

### THANKS FOR SHARING RESOURCES

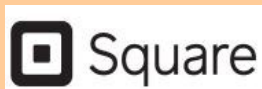


We appreciate every gift that is received, and we attempt to make wise decisions in how we use and invest these funds.

Thanks for on-going financial giving.

You can support our ministries by scanning the code or online

Click [here](#)



# Around the Parish



One of the gifts that the Christian community shares with others is praying for those with special needs or concerns. Call the Church Office or fill out the green form in the pew racks to let us know of prayer needs.

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally those names will be changed after 3 weeks.

The newsletter has our long term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

Please keep us informed so that we can share accurate information with the Saint James community.

## Remember These

### **People at Home or in Care facilities** (restricted mobility)

- Charlotte Davis
- Claudia Doyle
- Brenda Killett
- Warren Porter

### Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Joe & Dara Lehner
- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Ellen Blocker
- ◇ Orose Family
- ◇ Thomas Oliver
- ◇ Mark & Ann Mabe
- ◇ Jean Blackman Brauer

### Military Members

(\* *Deployed*)

- Luke Steffen
- Riley Broding
- Grant Alexis
- Earl Stockham
- Nikki Rettmann
- Jessie Hewins
- Ben Schollett
- Brandon Berry
- Darian Dix
- Joshua Trogdon
- Kelly Steenrod
- David Oliver
- Bella Fish
- Sarah Fox
- Rob Whitt
- Austin Hilken
- Dan Gibson
- Tristan Bonde



Quill Hoffman	4-Dec
Bill Vittoe	8-Dec
Carly Burks	10-Dec
Paula Burns	12-Dec
Tom Liedig	13-Dec
John Frinak	16-Dec
Hannah Rea	16-Dec
Ari Summers	17-Dec
Jacob Rea	18-Dec
Jean Mott	18-Dec
Delores Schiebe	18-Dec
Marcia Katt	26-Dec

### Anniversaries



Suzie & Donald Wilkinson	11-Dec
Joe & Dara Lehner	11-Dec
Jason & Kimberly Lorentzen	12-Dec
James Peterson & Tonie Neal	20-Dec
John & Gayle Frinak	27-Dec
Todd & Paula Burns	30-Dec



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Saint James Lutheran Church,  
P.O. Box 53276; Fayetteville, NC 28305.**

All are welcome to worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.  
Holy Communion is celebrated every week.

**Should you have an emergency or need Pastoral Care, contact  
Pastor John Locke: Cell (704) 530-9969 or [jpl406@gmail.com](mailto:jpl406@gmail.com) .**

**Church Staff Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mo-Th.  
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