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Lent/Easter Thank You's

My thanks to all those who cooked, baked, prepared, served, set-up, cleaned-up, decorated, read, sang, prepared, offered hospitality, and so much more during Lent, Holy week, and Easter weekend. There are truly too many to mention – my quick estimate is over 50 people volunteered time and energy in one or more event. And that doesn't include all those folks who came and worshipped or studied. Thank you all so much.

A special thanks to our two interim musicians/accompanists – Amy Stovall and Alyssa Hall. I'm not sure where we would be with our music at this point if you hadn't been willing to offer your skills for us.

Year-end 2023 Annual report

As we mentioned earlier, the reality is that without sufficient ministry team development, the consistent month-to-month actions of ministry team doesn't always happen, and that causes the annual reporting to be very challenging to gather.

Stay on the lookout, though, for a report in late April.

Ministry Teams

And speaking of ministry teams, you might recall an article in March's newsletter regarding ministry team needs within the congregation. You may or may not be surprised that there were no responses or inquiries to me or the congregation office as a result of that article. However, I am not deterred nor discouraged. Perhaps God's Spirit hasn't nudged enough folks yet.

Seriously, though, St. James needs about 15 people to be able and willing to give an open and honest effort to participate in one of four ministry teams – "Worship & Music", "Evangelism", "Christian Education", and "Youth Ministry". Please contact me or Kevin Hoffman (congregation president) for more information or to sign up and get started on an 18-24 month journey in church ministry.

*Resurrection Blessings,
Pastor John*



The family of Warren Porter would like to thank you for all your prayers, cards, and visits.

Thank you from Alms House!

Thank you so much to the HYMNSingers. The music was so very soothing to the soul.

Absolutely beautiful. Special thanks for the offering response for KAPP (backpack buddies) - we received \$343.00.

Thank you!"

*Delores Schiebe,
Executive Director
Alms House*

Yard sale May 18th

7:00 - 1:00

We are accepting donations for our Youth Fundraiser Yard sale.



Donations accepted in the Annex:

Mo & We	9-12
Th evening	6-8 pm
Sat	9-12
Su	After worship

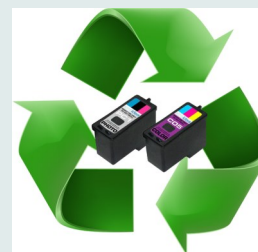
Recycle your ink cartridges and help support Saint James

We are collecting used desktop ink cartridges.

NOT Xerox type toners.

Place them in the marked bin outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!



Finance Committee News:

The Finance committee wants to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting the Ministries of St. James.

February Financial Data		
General Offerings	\$17,737	*
Designated Offerings	\$338	**
Endowment transfer	\$3,000	Needed to meet expenses
Loan from Suggs endowment	\$6,267	Loan for Parsonage
Total Income	\$27,296	
Expenses	\$30,284	

<p>* As you will note we do not receive enough offering to meet our expenses. We hope our offerings will increase so we do not need to use our endowment funds.</p>
<p>** Funds are received from a grant, company or individual designated for a specific purpose.</p>
<p>\$11,600 was spent on Parsonage repair.</p>

Comfort Blankets for the Child Advocacy Center

April 2, 2019 is when we gave first “comfort blankets” to the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and had a speaker come to our monthly Prime Time meeting from CAC.

5 years of Being Doers of the Word by *Joyfully Connecting Faith, Life and People.*

We stepped in, stepped up and stepped out. In the five years we have donated 1,340 “comfort blankets” to the children in Cumberland County. The need is still there. Abuse is still happening in Cumberland County.



Social Ministry “Item of the Month”

There is a box in the foyer for your kits for April.

If you miss bringing to church, the van from Episcopal Farm Workers will be at Vaughn Memorial Presbyterian Church on Friday May 3, 2024.
2701 Ft. Bragg Rd., between 10AM and Noon.

Friday for collection. Notify Tonie Neal, 910-583-5560 questions?

MIGRANT FARM WORKER KITS

Personal Hygiene Items

Deodorant	Shampoo	Conditioner	Combs
Disposable Razors	Shaving Cream	Washcloths	Small Towels
Lotion	Toothbrush	Toothpaste	Soap

Food Items

(Single Serving/Small Size) (Include plastic fork/spoon and napkin in each food kit)

Pork and Beans	Vienna Sausage	Stew Beef	Canned Meat
Can Spaghetti	Chili with Beans	Shelf stable cheese	Fruit Cups
Pudding Cups	Cookies	Drink Boxes	Saltine Crackers

School Supplies

Paper	Pencil Sharpeners	Rulers	Crayons
Pencils	Pens	Erasers	Etc.

Note:

Use gallon, half-gallon and quart zip storage bags to place items in.
Divide items as equal as possible to form each kit.

Cumberland County CROP Hunger Walk

YOU CAN HELP TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES



On Sunday, April 14th, we will continue to fight against the challenges of disease, disaster, displacement and other concerns that leave people hungry. Join us as we raise funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need today and sustainable food security for tomorrow.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

You can participate as part of a team, or as an individual. It is as easy as **1, 2, 3!**

- Register today at www.crophungerwalk.org/cumberlandcountync or scan the QR code.
- Talk to friends, family and neighbors and invite them to join your team or sponsor you.
- Join us in-person on Sunday, April 14th at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2505 Village Drive, Fayetteville, NC. Registration: 2:00pm; Step off: 3:00pm



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.

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.

Next: May 1, 2024

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

**Join us every first Tuesday,
at Noon!**

Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall
The next meeting is May 7th.



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.



Her Story is in The Stars

Four Biblical women ..

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba

How do their stories connect?

**A one-day Bible Study
with Anna Lisa Johannessen**

Saturday, May 4 ... 9am - 2pm

[Register today!](#)

Lunch provided - \$10 donation suggested

Assisting Ministers

April 7 Jordan Slaymaker
April 14 Ruth Ann Crecelius
April 21 Allan Winter
April 28 Jane Boelke

Lectors

April 7 Kathy Brown
April 14 Gary Crecelius
April 21 Anna Lisa Johannessen
April 28 Nancy Oliver

Communion Assistant

April 7 Dave Runkle
April 14 Tawan Thomas
April 21 Lela Pell
April 28 Delores Schiebe

Ushers

April 7 Roscoe Killelt, Gary Eissinger
April 14 John & Gayle Frinak
April 21 Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius
April 28 Tonie Neal, Kathleen Heinrich

Acolytes

April 7 Angelus VanDervoort
April 14 Gabriel Thomas
April 21 Victoria Orellano
April 28 Nate Stockham

Greeters

April 7 Linda Stellfox
April 14 Nancy Oliver
April 21 Kathy Brown
April 28 Joan Eissinger

Nursery

April 7 Colleen Tichich, Erika Stockwell
April 14 Lisa Law, Kathy Brown
April 21 Kevin Hoffmann, Valerie Brewer
April 28 Heather Van Dervoort,
..... Kathleen Heinrich

Rover

April 7 Todd Burns
April 14 Tom Liedig
April 21 David Moon
April 28 Rob Whitt

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

Property Team - (April 9)
- 2nd Tuesdays

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

[6:00 pm](#)

Congregation Council (April 21)

(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

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*)

- Earl Stockham
- Jessie Hewins
- Joshua Trogdon
- Darian Dix
- Kelly Steenrod
- David Oliver
- Bella Fish
- Rob Whitt
- Dan Gibson
- Tristan Bonde
- Jacob Rea
- Zach Turner *



Joseph Schollett	4/03
Ian Gibson	4/03
Clayton McLamb	4/05
Anna Lisa Johannessen	4/05
Abigail Snyder	4/08
Sharon Mathis	4/11
Joshua Trogdon	4/12
Aiden Stockham	4/15
Erin Orose	4/16
Tawan Thomas	4/17
Sue Rink	4/19
Lisa Law	4/23
David Runkle	4/26
Thomas Schollett	4/28
Gary Crecelius	4/29
Schalehn Rettmann	4/29
Dan Gibson	4/29

Anniversaries



Kathy & Richard Brown 4/01

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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 .**

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