

The Messenger



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LENT 2025 Mid-Week Wednesday Worship – two times available

12:00 Noon

Bring your own lunch ... tea or coffee provided. Worship begins at 12:30.

5:45 pm Evening Meal provided. Worship starts 6:30 pm, concludes 7:15 pm.

Created for Community

Building on our Ministry Spending Plan theme *Strengthening God's Community*, our Lenten mid-week series will invite us to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with the creation, and with God.

The Holden Evening Prayer liturgy will be the format of the evening worship; noon worship format is still being developed. If you are interested in being part of a small musical ensemble for Wednesday evenings, please see Mark Tollefsen or Pastor John. An offering will be accepted each week and designated for Disaster Relief in Western NC – especially restoring and re-building area bridges not covered in state highways.

Wk 1 – Mar. 12 **In Community with Creation**

*Mark 4:35-41,
Jesus Calms a Storm*

Wk 2 – Mar. 19 **In Community with All the Saints**

*Mark 9:2-8,
Jesus in conversation with those who have gone before*

Wk 3 – Mar. 26 **In Community with Our Neighbor**

*Mark 2:1-12,
A community comes together to bring a neighbor to Jesus*

Wk 4 – Apr. 2 **In community with those on the margins**

*Mark 5:1-20,
Jesus crosses barriers to attend to those on the margins*

Wk 5 – Apr. 9 **In Community with Christ**

*Mark 10:32-45,
Jesus reminds us that we are walking the way of the cross*



We offer two Ash Wednesday services.

March 5th at 12:00 and 7:00 pm;
it will include the imposition of ashes.



Bishop Tim Smith will offer an online Bible study on the book of Revelation during Lent—specifically, **the five Thursdays beginning March 13 and concluding on April 10**—from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom.

Don't miss this opportunity to study Revelation with other Lutherans across the synod!

[Register today!](#)

Help Needed !!

Pictorial Directory Project

St. James needs a new pictorial directory of the congregation in order to help us to recognize and know one another. We need 3-4 folks to offer their time and energy to make this important project happen. Please call or contact Pastor John to help with this ministry effort!

Social Media Assistance

Do you have skills in social media (Facebook, X, Instagram, web sites, etc.)? A few available hours a week? Creative? Have a willingness to spread the gospel via digital means?

We can really use your help. Contact or call church office or Pastor John.



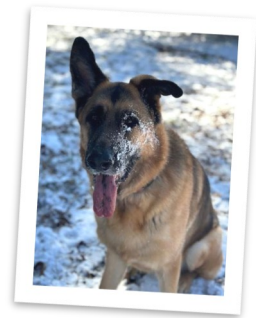
Last month we asked about little things that make you smile.

Here is a collection of submissions:



Our children visiting from Florida in January, with their fur children, who had never seen snow.

Their back yard enjoyment made us smile, lol. James and Tonie



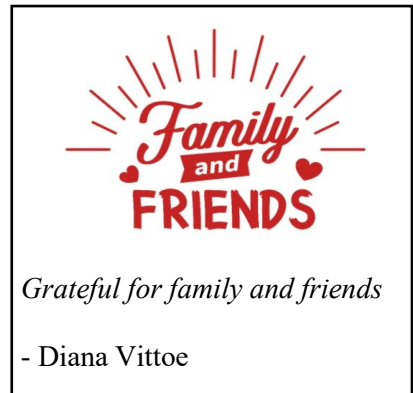
Grateful for Health & Family

- Gary Crecelius



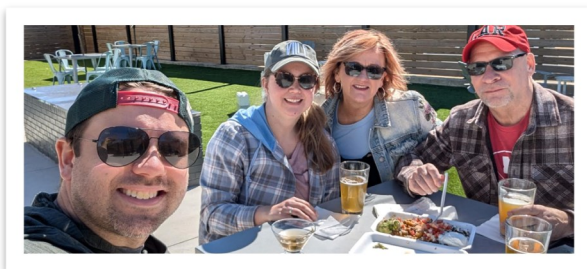
Grateful for Pastor John & Anna Lisa

- Ruth Ann Crecelius



Grateful for family and friends

- Diana Vittoe



Grateful for family- Ruth Ann Crecelius



Proceeds benefit the ministry of
Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch

- Bread Bowl + Salad Bar: \$25
- Pottery Bowl + Everything: \$30
- Group Rate: \$12

PURCHASE TICKETS:
FAOIAM.ORG/BNB

March 20, 2025
11 AM - 2 PM

Snyder MBC
701 Westmont Dr.

*Gift Basket
Drawing Tickets*

PRESALE (via QR code):
 5 tickets: \$25
 10 tickets: \$50 + 2 FREE
 15 tickets: \$75 + 5 FREE
 20 tickets: \$100 + 10 FREE



AT THE DOOR:
\$10/ticket

WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

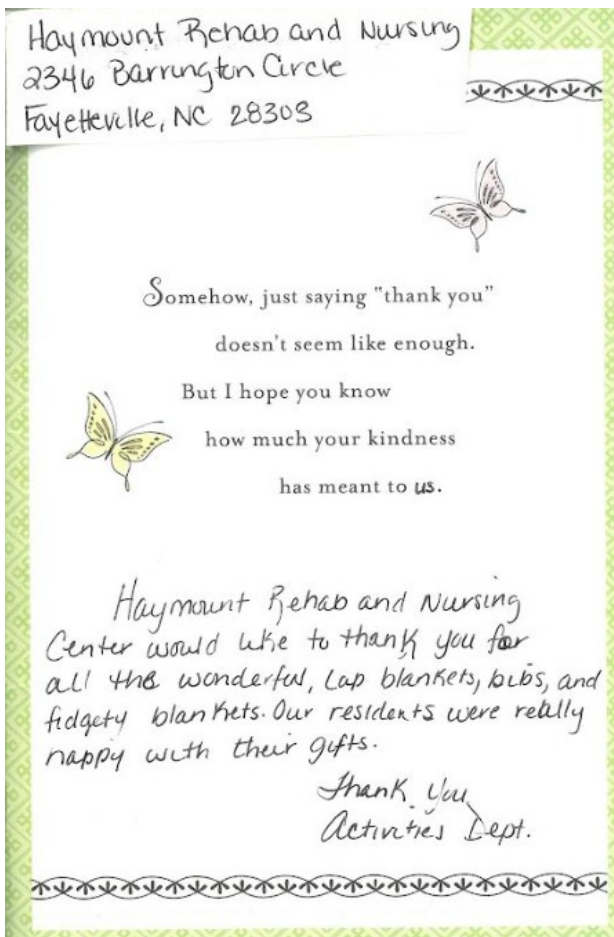
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Passing of Sigrid Ericson

Our former member, Sigrid Ericson, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Jan 31. She was living in Hemet CA at the time of her passing. She had fallen over the holidays and was not bouncing back. Sigrid requested to be in Hospice Care at the facility where she was living. She was 80. She will be missed.



WELCOME New Members

February 9th we welcomed

Teri Bumphrey,
Jeffrey & Elizabeth Hoffman
(with Luke & Samantha),
Frank Mathias, Norman Mutter,
Sonia Nazario, Terry Orness,
Agness Rybar & Georgette Miller-Rybar,
Richard & Sharon VanPelt

The following are scheduled to join March 9:

Rick & Jennifer Black,
Jacky Hummel,
Jake & Jacob Smalley

Social Ministry - Serving God's Children

Focus for March



“You feed them ...” Jesus tells the disciples, when they ask about the hungry crowds surrounding Jesus. (Matthew 14:13-21) Perhaps Jesus is speaking to us, too.

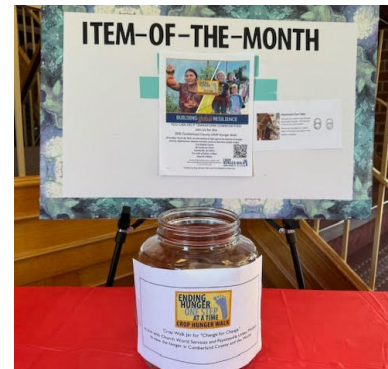
The Annual CROP Walk raises much needed funds to help address hunger issues in our community, as well as throughout the world.

St. James has been participating in this ministry for many years. The annual CROP walk is **Sunday, March 30.** First Baptist Church 201 Anderson St. ,Fayetteville

Registration: 2:00 pm / Walk: 3:00 pm
Get some sponsors (donors!) and walk for awareness.

Another way to contribute this year is adding to the "Change for Change" Jar. You will find it in the Gathering Space.

Join with *Church World Services* and *Fayetteville Urban Ministry* to ease hunger in Cumberland County and around the World.



Delivery of Item of the Month, diapers and wipes to Ms. Tanya Burgan, Department of Social Services Foster Care, Feb 24, 2025

A full tub of Love. We were asked to show God's love, provide HIS appropriate hugs and to pamper HIS children. And we DID. All size diapers from newborn to 7 were donated.

A total of 1720 wipes were given and also given , a total of 1148 diapers.

**Recycle your ink cartridges
and help support
Saint James**

We are collecting used desktop ink cartridges. **NO** Xerox type toners.

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

Thank you!



**A thank you to our Quilters
for their lap blankets**

A very special thanks to everyone that made the clothing protector an the activity lap blankets that Mrs. Denise Lipscombe brought to our facility for our resident we can use them. Thank you so much.

*Cynthia Hales
Admission
&
Activities
Bethesda Health
Care*



**February 14th 9 ladies tied comfort blankets for the
Child Advocacy Center**



Back: Linda Olson, Penny Kendall, Tonie Neal, Nancy Moore, Teri Bumphrey, Sue Rink
Front: Mary Wright, Amy Allison, Marcia Katt



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.

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.

Fellowship Opportunities



Fellowship opportunity for women!

Our monthly breakfast group (**Salty Women**) meets on second Thursdays, **March 13 at 9am** at Maple Street Biscuit Company (Freedom Pkw shopping center).

If you are interested, please let Ruth Ann know: 910-309-1007



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.

In March we meet **THURSDAY, March 13** due to Ash Wednesday

Weather plan is in the Annex/Entrance across the parking



Join us every first Tuesday, at Noon!

Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall

March 4

The Prime Timer group is designed as a fellowship opportunity for all members over 55.

Gatherings are once a month on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon.

Each person is encouraged to bring a dish of food to share.

There are occasional programs, but sharing conversation seems to be the most uplifting and consistent activity.

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

Property Team - (March 11)
- 2nd Tuesdays

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

[6:00 pm](#)

Congregation Council (March 16)

(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](#)



Assisting Ministers

03/02 Allan Winter
 03/09 Ruth Ann Crecelius
 03/16 Jane Boelke
 03/23 Scott Marosek
 03/30 Allan Winter

Lectors

03/02 Anna Lisa Johannessen
 03/09 Beverly Beale
 03/16 Glenn Stockwell
 03/23 Kathy Brown
 03/30 Bill Rettmann

Communion Assistant

03/02 Jane Boelke
 03/09 Tonie Neal
 03/16 Dave Runkle
 03/23 Delores Schiebe
 03/30 Sue Rink

Ushers

03/02 Tonie Neal, James Peterson
 03/09 Sharon VanPelt, Joanie Eissinger
 03/16 Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius
 03/23 John & Gayle Frinak
 03/30 Tonie Neal, James Peterson

Acolytes

03/02 Hannah Rea
 03/09 Ian Gibson
 03/16 Henry Orellano
 03/23 Gabriel Thomas
 03/30 Gianna Orellano

Greeters

03/02 Barbara Azzarelli
 03/09 Linda Stellfox
 03/16 Gayle & John Frinak
 03/23 Teri Bumphrey
 03/30 Kathleen Heinrich

Rover

03/02 Verena & Christopher Min
 03/09 Todd Burns
 03/16 Tom Liedig
 03/23 Dave Runkle
 03/30 Ed Samuelian

Nursery

03/02 Colleen Tichich, Erika Stockwell
 03/09 Sue Rink, Kathy Brown
 03/16 Kevin Hoffman, Valerie Brewer
 03/23 Kathleen Heinrich
 03/30 Tonie Neal, Kevin Hoffman

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
- ◇ Orose Family
- ◇ Thomas Oliver
- ◇ Mark & Ann Mabe
- ◇ Brenda Tinney
- ◇ Ashley Littman
- ◇ Chris Yerton
- ◇ Joseph San Miguel
- ◇ Carol Garcia
- ◇ David Herring

Military Members (* *Deployed*)

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



- 3/04 Joan Eissinger
- 3/04 Frank Mathias
- 3/05 Lore Gibson
- 3/07 Charles Lee
- 3/15 Gayle Frinak
- 3/18 Victoria Orellano
- 3/20 Todd Burns
- 3/20 Samantha Hoffmann
- 3/23 Amy Burks
- 3/23 Mary Beth Winter
- 3/28 Barb Gearing
- 3/29 Jim Schlenker
- 3/29 Karen Martin
- 3/31 Annabella Fish

Anniversaries

- 3/03 Sharon & Eddie Mathis



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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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