The Messenger

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Monday, November 23rd - 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

6420 Morganton Rd

Join our friends from various denominations for this celebration of gratitude and faith at this annual interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service.





Thank you to all those who sent cards, gifts, and expressed kind words for Pastor Appreciation Month.

Anna Lisa and I are grateful for your thoughtfulness, kindness, and goodness. We are humbled to be in ministry in this place and with this community faith. It is hard to believe that we are beginning our 13th year here in Fayetteville. We are continually amazed at how God is at work in this place and pray regularly for the insight and wisdom that helps St. James continue to make a difference in the community.



We were blessed by Bishop Emeritus Leonard and Rita Bolick on October 4th. They shared many memories of their days here in Fayetteville as pastor of St. James 1984 - 1986.

Anna Lisa Johannessen was inspired to make this special stole and present to Pastor Leonard. It depicts the mountains of NC, especially his home area of Blowing Rock.

ADVENT 2026

Advent begins Sunday, November 29.

Each week we'll hear the words of The Prophet Isaiah, and how he told a story of promise, hope, welcome, and love that addressed the issues of his time (740-701 BCE).

But the story lived on and became a prophecy of salvation for the people of Israel, Galilee, and Jerusalem in the first century. We can hear it today as a word of hope and promise of God's continual love and care.

November 29	Isaiah and Zechariah
December 5	Isaiah and John the Baptist
December 12	Isaiah and The Angels
December 19	Isaiah and The Shepherds

Annual Christmas – Advent Fellowship Dinner
will be Friday, December 11.



Details will be announced in a few weeks. But one hint for now: musical gift will be provided by some good friends of St. James.

Here's their name, in a scrambled format … solve the puzzle!

E M V R R I S T I

Social Ministry Outreach for November

For I was hungry ... thirsty ... a stranger ... needed clothes ... sick ... in prison
AND YOU LOVED AND HELPED ME (adapted from Matt. 25)

We will be supporting the local ALMS HOUSE with items for Thanksgiving Meals

The Following Food Items Are Always Needed for Baskets Given to Families





Instant Grits	Jelly
Instant Oatmeal	Spaghetti - Sauce
Cereal	Tuna
Pork 'n Beans	Soups
Chili with Beans	Instant Potatoes
Canned Vegetables	Flour
Canned Fruit	Sugar
Peanut Butter	Canned Ham







ADDITIONAL ITEMS





Laundry Pods
Dish Detergent
Dried Beans
Rice
Mac 'n' Cheese
Deodorant (Women and Men)
Toothpaste and Toothbrushes (Adult and Child)
Sanitary Napkins and Tampons
Toilet Paper





Scouting America's national Scouting for Food campaign

Our Cub Scout Pack 747 will once again participate in Scouting America's national Scouting for Food campaign in November. This is a two week effort to focus the scouts and their families on feeding folks that need help.

The Pack has elected to do this locally for the **Alms House**. We would like our congregation to bring canned staple items to the church on Sunday, November 8th & 15th.

There will be a table in the Gathering Space clearly marked to place the items.

See list under our "Social Ministry Outreach" on previous page.



December 27, 2026	Congregational Meeting for Ministry Spending Plan approval & election of new council members
January 10, 2027	Installation of new council members for 2027-2028

If you are interested in being on our Congregation Council next year, please contact one of our nominating committee members below:

Nominating Committee 2026

Edward Samuelian	910-551-9082	**Joan Eissinger**	910-850-8444
Amber Habermehl	864-704-3482	**Daniel Linkous**	910-527-6633
Lindsey Smith	812-272-8161	**Illya Tietzel**	504-334-1166

We said Farewell to two of our members on October 25th





Barb Azarelli is moving to Wilmington to a Senior Living Village



Linda Stellfox is moving to Leland (Senior Living Apartments)

Both are relocating to be closer to their children.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM



October 25th four of our youth affirmed their baptism:
Christopher Min, Gianna Orellano, Gabriel Thomas, and Jacob Smalley.
Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.





We offer our condolence to Julie Kuhrt, Alyssa & Steven Grimes on death of Carolyn Uchtorff, their mom and Grandmother.

Comfort Blanket #2000 presented



Jesus Loves the little children (and so does St. James)

As most of you know, one of St. James' outreach ministries is providing "comfort blankets" to our local Child Advocacy Center (CAC). Any child who might have experienced abuse will be welcomed at the CAC.

The "comfort blankets" are one way to help the child during a difficult time.

Our first blankets were delivered on April 19, 2019.

On February 14, 2023 we delivered #1000.

On September 28, 2026 we delivered **#2000** (pictured)

That is a lot of blankets, but unfortunately it represents 2000 children in our county who have reported being abused.

St. James is one of several groups who provide blankets.

~ St. James LOVES the little children ~



Our 10:00 Sunday worship service is being streamed live, and is also available for later viewing.

Click here to watch

YouTube



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Text @8bhg3 to (910) 401-3357 instead.

Upcoming Zoom Meetings - Click on the times to connect

Property Team - (November 10)
- 2nd Tuesdays **6:00 pm**
(Meeting ID: 829 6466 1925 / Password: 977528)

Men's Bible Study - Sundays **9:00 am**
(Meeting ID 821 3488 9583 / Password: 257977)

Fellowship & Conversation - Tuesdays **7:00 pm**
(Meeting ID: 837 4730 9659 / Password: 588450)

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**

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Fellowship Opportunities

PRIME TIMERS
Senior Adult Ministry

Join us every first Tuesday, at Noon!

Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall

November 3rd at Noon

The Prime Timer group is designed as a fellowship opportunity for all members over 55. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Frederick Clarkson, new Pastor and Director of Episcopal Farm Workers Ministry, featuring in Dunn

Men's Fellowship – November 4th

THEOLOGY ON TAP
FAITH • FRIENDS • FUN

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

Fellowship opportunity for women!



Our monthly breakfast group **(Salty Women)** meets on second Thursdays, **November 12th at 9am** at **Eggs up Grill,** 2951 Town Center Drive

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



Worship Leaders

Assisting Ministers

11/01 ..... Ruth Ann Crecelius
11/08 ..... Jane Boelke
11/15 ..... Ruth Ann Crecelius
11/22 ..... Lindsey Smith
11/29 ..... Scott Marosek

Lectors

11/01 ..... Bevery Beale
11/08 ..... Johannes Min
11/15 ..... Daniel & Holden Linkous
11/22 ..... Diana Vittoe
11/29 ..... Glenn Stockwell

Communion Assistant

11/01 ..... Sue Rink
11/08 ..... Tonie Neal
11/15 ..... Hannah Rea
11/22 ..... Jane Boelke
11/29 ..... Nancy Oliver

Ushers

11/01 ..... John & Gayle Frinak
11/08 ..... Tonie Neal, James Peterson
11/15 .... Sharon VanPelt, Edward Samuelian
11/22 ..... Hannah Rea
11/29 ..... Gary & Ruth Ann Crecellius

Acolytes

11/01 ..... Ricky VanPelt
11/08 ..... Willow Linkous
11/15 ..... Victoria Orellano
11/22 ..... Gianna Orellano
11/29 ..... Holden Linkous

Greeters

11/01 ..... Fran DeSilva
11/08 ..... Patsy LInkous
11/15 ..... Nancy Oliver
11/22 ..... Glenn & Erika Stockwell
11/29 Sonia Nazario

Rover

11/01 ..... Tom Liedig
11/08 ..... Todd Burns
11/15 ..... Dave Runkle
11/22 ..... Jake Smalley
11/29 ..... Verena & Christopher Min

Nursery

11/01 ..... Erin Fuhr, Patsy Linkous
11/08 ..... Kathy Brown, Amber Habermehl
11/15 ..... Sue Rink, Kathy Brown
11/22 ..... Erika Stockwell, Verena Min
11/29 Tonie Neal, Jennifer Linkous

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)

- Jacque Yacobucci
- Charlotte Davis
- Dara Lehner
- Brenda Killett
- Betty Kern
- Suzi Wilkinson
- Beth Sessoms

Prayer Concerns:

◊ Angel Davis
◊ Mark & Ann Mabe
◊ David Herring
◊ James Peterson, Jr.
◊ Darcey Beale
◊ Peter Lundell
◊ Sandy Pangle

Military Members

(Deployed)*

- Earl Stockham
- Joshua Trogdon *
- Bella Fish
- Dan Gibson
- Hochang Min
- Alex Habermehl
- Matthew Porter
- Derek Carlson
- Howard Hogan
- Zach Fuhr
- Addie Piatz *
- Douglas Gearing *
- Chad Kennedy
- Riley Broding





Nov 02 Jennifer Black
Nov 05 Penny Kendall
Nov 05 Jeffrey Hoffmann
Nov 06 Julie Kuhrt
Nov 18 Luke Hoffmann
Nov 22 Elicia Schalk

Anniversaries



Nov 11 Agnes Rybar & Georgette Miller
Nov 20 Claudia & William Doyle
Nov 23 Alex and Amber Habermehl
Nov 26 Ruth Ann & Gary Crecelius
Nov 26 Sharon & Richard VanPelt

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

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