

ST. JAMES NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME SUNDAY 2024



# From the Rector

‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’  
Matthew 25:40

Dear Parish Family,

We continue to be shocked and saddened by the immense damage brought about by Hurricane Helene, and the ensuing grief and pain for so many families and communities. The news continues to unfold of the loss of lives, homes and businesses, and even now the reality of persons missing and unaccounted for. To be sure, the process towards recovery will be a matter of many years.

As people of love and faith, our first desire is to offer care and assistance to those who are immediately suffering. In particular, our hearts and minds are connected to our fellow parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, and also our dear friends at Glory Ridge and in the nearby Madison County town of Marshall. Our parish youth and adults have spent meaningful time over the past decades with families now directly impacted, and our roots of relationship run deep in that region.

In these days following the storm, our diligence with intentional prayer for all who have been affected will be valuable and important. Prayer matters. In addition, this is an appropriate time and place for financial support. Through Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) and other local organizations, there are tangible ways for us to offer ground-level assistance to families and individuals affected by the storm.

As I have mentioned, there is an opportunity for all to participate in our parish response this coming Sunday morning, October 6th, through a special offering of care and support. During our traditional collection, all cash and designated checks will now be directed to ERD and importantly local food and shelter operations in Madison County.

There will be much more to do in the future. I am sure additional opportunities will present themselves for us to offer our hands and hearts of love. I anticipate more specific and targeted needs, and the very real possibility of hands-on service in the months to come. Again, we will keep you informed along the way.

I welcome your prayerful thoughts and ideas for our parish, as we seek to respond to this tragedy. Please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Our commission as followers of Christ is to offer love and support to our neighbor. Thank you for being models of that commission.

Blessings,

The Rev. C. Phillip Craig, Jr.  
phillip@stjamesp.org



# Vestry Corner



LIFE IN COMMUNITY

We are thankful October is here and our church programs are in full swing. At this point, you should feel plugged into a Sunday Faith Formation group, but if you don't, there is always time to start attending. Our Sunday mornings are filled with fellowship as we continue to offer morning breakfast, Sunday Faith Formation for all ages, and Sunday service. Please reach out if you have any questions.

We closed out September with our Parish Retreat. It was a special time to step away from the routine of our lives and to think about traveling with Jesus. We hope you'll save time in your calendar in September 2025 to join us.



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

As we look ahead our Wednesday night programs will be offered 4 weeks in a row. Please read more to find out the program offerings, sign up for dinners, and find the right time for you to volunteer with meals. There is something for all ages.

While you're looking at your calendar, please mark Sunday, November 24th as a "save the date" for our 295th birthday! On this special Sunday, we'll give thanks for 295 years of fellowship and community.

The time for Vestry Nominations is fast approaching. The Vestry Nomination Committee is being assembled. Soon we will share more information about what it means to be on Vestry and what it is like to serve. If you know of someone or you, yourself, would like to be considered as a candidate for Vestry, please contact one of the wardens to submit your name.

Our Vestry is working hard to serve you as a member of Parish, but if you see any needs please keep us informed.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Alex Murchison, Senior Warden  
Rachel Colonna, Junior Warden

## Come to the Table: Thanksgiving for the 2024 Parish Retreat

We take a moment to give thanks for a wonderful time together at the 2024 St. James Parish retreat. We had wonderful programs, kickball, beach time, fellowship, and pondered what it means to Come to the Table. We give a special thank you to all who served as part of our Parish Retreat Planning Committee:

- Chelsea Bartholet
- Mark Bartholet
- Barbara Whitesides
- The Rev. Gray Hodsdon





# HAPPENING AT ST. JAMES

## SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

8:00 a.m. - RITE I

9:10 a.m. - Faith Formation

10:15 a.m. - RITE II & Livestream



## WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

**M** **WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER**  
MONDAY - FRIDAY | 8:00 a.m.  
Join us on Zoom

**LIVING WELL IN GRIEF**  
1st & 3rd MONDAYS | 5:00 p.m.  
Graham Parlor or Zoom

**T** **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY**  
Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m.  
Registration Required

**GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY**  
Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m.  
Registration Required

**W** **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**  
Wednesdays | 7:00 a.m.  
2018 South 16th Street

**CREATIVE CONNECTIONS**  
Wednesdays | 9:00 - 11:00 am  
Green Room & Stephen Ministry Room

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
Wednesdays | 11:00 a.m.  
Graham Parlor & Zoom

**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
Wednesdays | 12:10 p.m.  
Celebrating Holy Communion

**T** **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY**  
Thursdays | 6:30 p.m.  
Register for Location

**HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**  
Thursdays | 6:00 p.m.  
Handbell Room - AKA- the Green Room

**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
Thursdays | 7:00 p.m.  
St. James Choir Room

# Faith Formation in October

## SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:10 A.M.

### LIFE IN COMMUNITY - Meets in the Great Hall

This fall, we begin with a new Adult Faith Formation program. Throughout the program year, we will explore what it means to be in Christian Community. We invite you to be a part of the journey as we discover the strength that comes from true community with God, and each other. Through November, we will gather together in the Great Hall for Life in Community for joint adult faith formation sessions so we can learn and grow together.

- **October 6, 2024: Community, Prayer, & Creation**
  - *Led by the Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley*
    - Bishop Parsley introduces the theme of Living in Community. We will engage with what the New Testament has to say about Christian community and why it matters. How does prayer deepen community? How does God call us to care for one another and the community of all life?
- **October 13, 2024: How Our Community Prays**
  - *Led by members of St. James Parish*
    - Members of our St. James Parish family will share their prayer practices and invite us to reflect on and share on our own practices. We hope we can all find inspiration and renewal in this time dedicated to sharing our individual and community practices of prayer.
- **October 20, 2024: Wilmington's Creation Care**
  - *Led by Professor Roger Shew of UNCW*
    - Join us for a special presentation from UNCW's Roger Shew. Roger will share experiences and expertise related to the care of Wilmington's environment, including the natural and cultural history of the Cape Fear River, as we consider how each of us as individuals and a community can contribute to the care of our local area.
- **October 27, 2024: Moving from I to We: Caring for the Community of Creation**
  - *Led by the Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley*
    - Bishop Parsley shares a biblical and theological approach to the care of creation. What does it mean to be God's stewards of the earth? The arising environmental crisis is challenging us to do a better job. How can we as individuals and as Christian community learn and respond?

### YOUTH, FAITH, & FRIENDS - Youth Hall

Middle and High School Youth are invited to join us on the Youth Hall for a Sunday morning full of faith, friends, and youth driven discussion.

### FAITH ADVENTURERS - 2nd Floor Milton Hall

(4th & 5th graders): Grab a cozy seat and get ready to get lost in a good book. This fall, we will set out to uncover God at work in the stories around us.

### FAITH BUILDERS - 2nd Floor Milton Hall

(2nd & 3rd graders): Building Faith story by story. We will explore the Bible in an imaginative way using hands-on activities!

### FAITH FOUNDATIONS- 2nd Floor Milton Hall

(K5 & 1st graders): Building a foundation in faith invites learning about God using the Bible as our road map. We'll learn about God's big love for us!

### FAITH THROUGH WONDER- 2nd Floor Milton Hall

(3s & 4s): Explore God's love for us. We will engage in stories, create crafts and enjoy time together exploring all the wonder in God's creation.

**FELLOWSHIP  
WEDNESDAYS  
OCTOBER 9-30**

### CHILDREN'S & CHERUB CHOIR REHEARSALS

*Doors open 5:30 p.m. / Practice 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.*  
The children's choirs will sing on All Saint's Sunday, November 3rd.

### YOUTH GATHERING

*5:30 p.m. | Youth Hall*  
6th - 12th Graders are invited to join Cookie Cantwell and other Youth Advisors for a special study on Wednesday nights later this fall!

### A LOOK AT "LIFE TOGETHER"

*5:30 p.m. | Lippitt Room*  
The Rev. Phillip Craig for a special study. Join us as we read through Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

*6:15 p.m. | Great Hall*  
Dinner will be hosted in the Great Hall. A donation of \$10 per person/ \$25 per family. Sign up to volunteer or bring a dish.

# THE STAFF PAGE

## DIRECTOR OF MUSIC SEARCH COMMITTEE

The search for a new St. James Director of Music is officially underway! The search committee for our next music director has been selected and the members are as follows:

- **Co-Chairs:** Rev. Gray Hodsdon and Dawn Carter
- Billie Holland
- Amy Luck
- Jenna Porter
- Coleman Burgess
- David Dougherty

\*Bishop Henry Parsley is serving as the spiritual liaison and met with the committee at the charge meeting in September.

**The committee will be seeking input from the parish during listening sessions in the church following the 10:15 service on October 13 & 20.**

As we move forward, here is a rough timeline for what our parish family can expect from this search process.

- October - Committee will invite parish to give feedback on visions and dreams for our music program and ministry during listening sessions.
- November and December- An updated parish profile and Director of Music position description will be completed.
- January 1, 2025 - At the first of the year, we plan to post position. We will accept applications through the end of the month, officially closing on February 1, 2025.
- February- We will evaluate applicants and conduct zoom meetings with top candidates.
- March- The committee will invite top candidates to campus for meetings, performances, interviews
- April- Committee to present recommendations to Rev. Phillip Craig for selection.

## CONTACTS TO KNOW

- Rector, The Rev. Phillip Craig, Jr - [phillip@stjamesp.org](mailto:phillip@stjamesp.org)
- Associate Rector, The Rev. Gray Hodsdon - [gray@stjamesp.org](mailto:gray@stjamesp.org)
- Deacon, The Rev. Deacon Kitty Davis - [kitty@stjamesp.org](mailto:kitty@stjamesp.org)
- Interim Director of Music, The Rev. Dr. Bill Weisser - [music.director@stjamesp.org](mailto:music.director@stjamesp.org)
- Director of St. James Day School, Ansley Trask - [director.dayschool@stjamesp.org](mailto:director.dayschool@stjamesp.org)
- Interim Children's Ministries Coordinator, Taber Stockstill-Tornes - [childrensministries@stjamesp.org](mailto:childrensministries@stjamesp.org)
- Youth Ministries Coordinator, Cookie Cantwell - [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org)

## CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our parish staff is in a time of growth and transition. As such, we have two roles currently open for applications. We anticipate additional opportunities to be added as we move forward together. With this in mind, we invite you to share the job descriptions with those whom you feel might be a good candidate.

- **ASSOCIATE RECTOR** - We are seeking an additional full-time Associate Rector who will collaborate with and support the broad ministries of three full-time clergy (including this position) as well as staff and lay leaders. The Associate Rector will share in liturgical leadership, pastoral care and teaching of the parish.
- **DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP** - St. James Parish is looking for a Director of Stewardship to support the mission, vision and ministries of St. James Episcopal Church through the professional administration of the church's development and stewardship ministries. Faith-based philanthropic experience is a plus. Understanding and utilizing language which honors and encourages financial giving as a spiritual practice will be essential.

Interested Candidates should send a resume and cover letter to The Rev. Phillip Craig at [phillip@stjamesp.org](mailto:phillip@stjamesp.org).

## BEHIND THE SCENES

- Director of Operations & Administration, MaryPaul Beall - [admin@stjamesp.org](mailto:admin@stjamesp.org)
- Director of Finance, Maria Hollopetter - [finance@stjamesp.org](mailto:finance@stjamesp.org)
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- Director of Communications, Erin Becker - [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org)
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- Parish Bookkeeper, Rhonda Thomas - [bookkeeper@stjamesp.org](mailto:bookkeeper@stjamesp.org)
- Parish Registrar - [registrar@stjamesp.org](mailto:registrar@stjamesp.org)



# LET'S GET TOGETHER

## WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 11:00 a.m. | Graham Parlor or Zoom

The Wednesday Adult Bible Study is back! Whether you are a novice Bible student or have studied Scripture for years, we will all have the opportunity to learn and grow together through interactive engagement with God's Word. During October Susan Ingle will lead a study of Philippians.

## BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME

Sunday, October 6 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Kirby Home

The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in October! The Kirby Family will host this event in their new home. We invite everyone to bring a side dish and join us at 4:00 p.m. to enjoy time together in a family-friendly atmosphere for a potluck-style dinner. Kids, Friends, and Guests are welcomed! If you'd like an adult beverage and are of age, please feel free to BYOB. RSVP online!

## MEN ON A MISSION FELLOWSHIP EVENT

October 13 | 3:30- 6:00 p.m. | Cowden Home | RSVP

All men of St. James and their male guests ages 21+ are invited to join the 200+ St. James Men on a Mission guys in the pleasant backyard confines of the Cowden family home Sunday, October 13th from 3:30-6:00 p.m. This event will be catered and include BBQ with great sides and beverages, as well as another specialty brew provided by Steve Thomas and the Brew Crew! More information to follow. Come ready for fun, fellowship, and great food and drink in the shade and friendly confines! \$25/per guest. Registration is now live on the SJP Website.

If you need transportation, have trouble registering and/or have questions, please contact Brian McMerty at [bmcmerty@arris.partners](mailto:bmcmerty@arris.partners), Web Cowden at [web.cowden@mirimichigreen.com](mailto:web.cowden@mirimichigreen.com) or David Brownlow at [dkbrownlow@icloud.com](mailto:dkbrownlow@icloud.com).

## FALL NEWCOMER MINGLE

Sunday, October 20 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Smith Home | RSVP

This fall, all newcomers are invited to join us for the Fall Newcomer Mingle on Sunday, October 20. We will gather at the home of Calvin and Teri Smith in Landfall. Directions will be shared with those who RSVP as we draw closer to event day. Get to know each other, the Vestry and the Clergy at this fun event featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres. This is the premier church community event for newcomers and you'll want to attend. RSVP on the St. James website or by emailing [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

## REMINDER: LET US KNOW

We want to help support you through the bad and the good. Prayer Requests are one way our parish family supports one another. Going forward, if you would like to be included on the prayer list, please know the request will be included for two Sundays in the Prayers of the People and a full month on Weekday Morning Prayer unless otherwise requested. If you, or a loved one would like a pastoral care visit or to request prayer, please make sure to reach out to our church office or our clergy. We want to know how we can be there for you. The parish office number is 910-763-1628. Similarly, if you need to update your contact information, please make sure to let us know. Please reach out to [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) to update your information.

## IN OUR PRAYERS:

Laura Bivins, Rob Bridgers, Lynn Calder, Beth Cornelison, Judi Davis, Daniel Korman, Steve Luck, Polly Rust, Mary Beth Tallman, Jane Tatum, Anne Vaughn



## LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF & LOSS

1st & 3rd Mondays | 5:00 p.m. |

Graham Parlor or on Zoom

When we face an ending or a loss, we can experience grief in a number of ways and one size does not fit all. Come join us as we take this journey together. Reach out to Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) to get connected.

## MORNING PRAYER

Mon. -Fri. | 8:00-8:30 a.m. | Zoom

Come join us for the Daily Office of Morning Prayer! Each weekday on Zoom we gather for a time of prayer and fellowship. If you would like the zoom link sent to your email each morning, please reach out to Erin at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org)

## HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays | 12:10 pm.

Join us in the St. James Chapel for a Noonday Eucharist. Come partake in Holy Communion each Wednesday throughout the year.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS NEED HANDS TO SERVE**

During October, we will host series of Wednesday Night Suppers. We invite you to save your Wednesday nights (October 9th - 30th) for dinner and fellowship. A donation of \$10 per person/ \$25 per family is requested to help support this family ministry. RSVP online. If you would like to get involved here's a look at the teams planning to lead these special nights together!

October 9 - St. James Men on a Mission

October 16 - Education for Ministry Participants and Alumni!

October 23 - Wednesday Supper Parish Team

October 30 - Outreach Commission

Dinner will be hosted in the Great Hall. All are encouraged to sign up to volunteer or bring a dish. These wonderful nights of fellowship need hands and hearts to serve. If you have questions about how to support these great parish dinners, please reach out to Brandon Tully at [brandoncandler@me.com](mailto:brandoncandler@me.com) or Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

## **CALLING EFM ALUMNI & PARTICIPANTS!**

Calling all EfM Alumni and current students! You're invited to serve alongside us for a St. James EfM-sponsored Wednesday Night Supper on **October 16th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** We will be looking for hands and hearts to help with decoration, meal prep, and clean-up. If you know you'd like to participate, please visit the website for the Sign-Up Genius or reach out to Karen Clark at [clarkc11@gmail.com](mailto:clarkc11@gmail.com).

## **OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK**

**November 3 | St. James Parish**

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's (AFSP) Wilmington area "Out of the Darkness Community Walk" will take place on Sunday, November 3 at St. James Parish. Our St. James Youth are leading the charge! There will be many ways to be a part of this important event. If you would like to learn more about how you can support our young people and the ASFP's Out of the Darkness Walk, please reach out to Cookie Cantwell at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org).

## **SAVE THE DATE: CELEBRATING 295 YEARS OF ST. JAMES PARISH**

Wednesday, November 27th is the official 295th birthday of our St. James Family. Our community began worshipping together in November, 1729. While buildings have come and gone, our parish family has endured, grown, and thrives still today. During the faith formation hour, our Tricentennial Committee will share plans for the next 5 years as St. James Parish celebrates 300 years of worship together. Following the 10:15 a.m. worship service we'll gather together on the side lawn for the unveiling of our new historical plaque (Goldenrod signifying a structure over 150 years old) and a time of celebration. Yes, there will be a birthday cake.

# Coming this Fall

## **ECW BAKE SALE!**

**November 10 & 17 | 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

The Episcopal Church Women are hosting a Bake Sale this November! Traveling? Don't worry! We've got **two** weekends selected to share our tasty treats. Sign up to bake or volunteer, or just come ready to shop. Proceeds from the Bake Sale go to support ECW's Outreach and Programming projects. Stay tuned for how to sign up online. Have questions about the Bake Sale? Please reach out to Karen Clark at [clarkc11@gmail.com](mailto:clarkc11@gmail.com).

## **ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS**

**Thursdays, Nov. 7, 14, & 21 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

Newcomers are encouraged to be a part of our St. James Orientation for Newcomers (SJON) series. Meet us in the Great Hall to learn about St. James Parish; meet the clergy; find programs and ministries to suit your interests. Registration is now live on the SJP Website. Childcare is available with advance registration.

## **HELPING US CONNECT:**

### **UPDATING THE DIRECTORY**

There is a clear need and desire for an updated physical pictorial directory for our parish family. REALM is a great tool serving as our online directory and so much more. However, having a physical format parish directory for those who would like one still has a certain simplicity. With this in mind, we would like to rekindle the Pictorial Directory Project and are looking for several hands to help us make this project happen! If you are interested in supporting the Pictorial Directory Project with your time and talents, please reach out to Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org)

If you aren't already connected with our online directory through REALM and would like to be, please let us know. In order to access the information in REALM, parishioners must be invited by a member of the St. James Staff. If you have questions about how St. James uses REALM or your REALM account, please reach out to Maria Hollopeter at [finance@stjamesp.org](mailto:finance@stjamesp.org) or Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).



# SERVING WITH ST. JAMES

## ST. JAMES MEN ON A MISSION: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!



This fall, the St. James Men on a Mission continues to serve multiple local non-profits on a regular basis! If you are interested in signing up to serve with this special group of guys, please reach out to Brian McMerty at [bmcmetry@arris.partners](mailto:bmcmetry@arris.partners).

### WAYS TO SERVE WITH THE MOM SQUAD:

- **SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER** - The MoM Squad has agreed to serve meals to the homeless persons on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Please let us know if you would like to serve. Shifts run from 4:30 p.m. to about 7:00 p.m. If you can stand for 45 minutes, you can do this!
- **SERVING AT SGT. ASHLEY VETERANS' CENTER** - On the fourth Thursday of each month, the MoM Squad serves dinner for homeless veterans who live at the Sgt. Ashley Center on a long-term basis. Shifts run from 5:00 PM to about 7 PM. The guys who have already done this found it to be a very simple, yet highly rewarding, experience.
- **SERVING AT A SAFE PLACE - CASTLE HAYNE** - Every other Friday from 8:00-11:00 a.m. a MoM Squad will work at the A Safe Place to Go shelter that houses victims of human trafficking to make the shelter a nicer place.

## ANGEL TREE MISSION LEAD NEEDED

This event takes place during Advent; late November and early December. The volunteer in charge of the Angel Tree will receive a list of children and their information. Tags will be made to be handed out at church on specific Sundays. Then the volunteer will help review the gifts once all are returned to the church office. You do not have to worry about delivery of gifts or acquiring the list of children. Time Commitment: 5-7 hours once a year.

## JOIN ST. MARTHA'S GUILD

St. Martha's Guild provides care to St. James parishioners by delivering meals to the sick, and the bereaved. St. Martha's Guild also coordinates our parish's funeral receptions. This guild is comprised of teams headed by monthly team leaders. We work closely with the clergy and the church office for updates on parish needs. Please consider becoming a part of this rewarding ministry. Contact [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

We need some help getting our Sunday morning Hospitality Ministry off of the ground. For many years St. James offered a lemonade and coffee time after the Sunday 10:15 service. It was well attended on the lawn (during good weather) or breezeway. We would like to restart this ministry of hospitality.

To make it happen, we need your help to volunteer to provide serve lemonade and cookies. The church will provide cups and napkins for this ministry. We hope you'll consider supporting this ministry. It will be a wonderful time for fellowship after the 10:15 service. We will be offering this through the end of October.

If you have any questions or would like to know how you can support this ministry, please reach out to Missy Pretlow at 910-619-3571. Visit the website for the Sign-Up Genius.

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## Service Opportunities

If you are interested in learning how you can serve with our church family, there are tons of great ways to get involved! Here are a few ministry opportunities with immediate availability to serve (aka, we need you):

- Lectors/Readers
- Acolytes/Crucifers
- Greeters
- PenPals
- Altar Guild
- Ushers
- Wedding Guild
- Chalice/LEM
- Sunday School Teacher
- Office Volunteer
- Parish Shop
- St. James Choir

## SJP YOUTH: CORN MAZE

October 6 | 4:00 - 7:15 PM | Callaway Farms

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join the St. James Youth for one of our favorite fall activities, the corn maze! Meet us in the Perry Hall Parking lot on Sunday, October 6th at 4:00 p.m. We'll head to the Callaway Farms Corn Maze and enjoy a great afternoon together. We plan to be home around 7:00. Email or text Cookie to RSVP! Help her get a headcount of who will need tickets/rides.

## WEDNESDAY YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks

The Youth Bible Study at Starbucks is back in action Wednesdays at 7:00 am (16th Street Starbucks). This Bible Study will be held each week unless it is a school holiday or a teacher workday. All young people are encouraged to join us for this youth-led experience where friendships are strengthened and sharing our thoughts are shared. It is a great time to ponder and to ask questions. It is a wonderful time to get to know the other young people and to hear the whisper of God.

## IGNITE! MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ICECREAM SOCIAL

October 13 | 4:30 PM | Crazy Mason

Our 6th-8th Graders are invited to join us for a sweet treat at the Crazy Mason on Oleander (near Independence Mall!) Email or text Cookie to RSVP by Friday, October 11th! Help her get a headcount of who will need tickets/rides.

## IMPACT! HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH DINNER

October 14 | 6:30 PM | Perry Hall

Our 6th-8th Graders are invited to join us for a sweet treat at the Crazy Mason on Oleander (near Independence Mall!) Email or text Cookie to RSVP by Friday, October 11th! Help her get a headcount of who will need tickets/rides.

# ST. JAMES YOUTH

## HAPPENING #81

October 17-20 | Trinity Center

Happening #81 is on the way! Happening is a Christian Experience for 9th-12th Graders built and led by youth. We invite our parish family to join us in praying for our Happening #81 Team Members and Candidates. Have questions about Happening? Reach out to Cookie Cantwell at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org) or 910-264-5910.

## BE THE LIGHT

October 27 | 4:45 PM | Harrelson Center

Bring your friends and join us as our 6th - 12th Graders gather with other youth groups in our area to support the Harrelson Center and help with an amazing OUTREACH PROJECT and we will have so much fun! We'll meet in the Perry Hall Lot at 4:45 p.m. and walk over together!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: OUTREACH PROJECT

October 9-30 | 5:30 - 6:15 pm | Youth Hall

6th - 12th Graders are invited to join us on Wednesday nights for a special project! Wednesday evenings in October, the 6th - 12th graders will be creating stuffed animals to send to the children of Madison County. Glory Ridge, our St James Youth Mission for 25 years, is located in Madison County. The precious town of Marshall has been destroyed by the flooding the occurred with Hurricane Helene. We cannot bring back that precious little town but we can bring joy and love to some precious young children.

THIS FALL





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

Wow! Between Welcome Back Sunday, Christian Formation kicking off, and the church retreat, September flew by! Sunday mornings, in Milton Hall with the Children's Ministries, are off to a great start! We could always use more volunteers, if you have any interest in supporting Children's Ministries on Sunday morning, 9:10-10a, any age group, please let me know!

October will be just as busy as September! Children's Choir will begin on Wednesday October 9 at 5:30p-6:15p in the Choir Room. The children will be separated into 2 groups based on age. Erin Trask and Taber Stockstill-Tornes will be leading the 4yr-1st graders, while Bill Weisser leads the 2nd-5th graders. Everyone will perform one song on Sunday, November 3rd, at the 10:15a service. Mark your calendars for choir practice and performance day!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday nights, not just Sunday mornings this month! Remember: dinner follows choir practice! Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or comments! I'm available at [childrensministries@stjamesp.org](mailto:childrensministries@stjamesp.org).

December's highlights will include the Christmas Pageant. That will take place Sunday, December 22nd, at the 10:15a service. More details to come, but please mark this date on the calendar as well.

Be well,  
Taber Stockstill-Tornes  
Interim Children's Ministries Coordinator



## ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL

### BINGO NIGHT WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES & ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 6th | Cost: \$5/family

St. James Children's Ministries and St. James Day School are teaming up to host a family fun Bingo Night! All ages are welcome. Stay tuned for more about this fun event.

### SUPPORT SJDS BY LINKING YOUR HARRIS TEETER VIC CARD.

Did you know you can support our St. James Day School students when you grocery shop? Please link or re-link (you have to re-link your card every year to the Day School). Our school code is 5264. The associate at the Customer Service desk can help you. SJDS receives funds based on the number of linked cards, and a portion of the proceeds on the sale of all HT brand items...an easy fundraiser for us! Ask your friends and family to link their VIC cards, too!

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