

Volume 1, Issue 2

- ◇ **Another chance to Journey to the Holy Land in Summer of 2012.**
- ◇ **Children's Chapel concludes at the end of the year.**
- ◇ **The Christmas Pageant will be presented in the Guild Hall at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, December 18.**

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The Seasons

of St. James Episcopal Church

Why Wait?

Advent is the first season of the church year, yet it is the last full season of the modern calendar year. This might seem evident and not worth mentioning, yet it illustrates something which is always useful for Christians to remember. Sacred time and secular time are out of sync. What we have and do in this world has very little overlap with what awaits in the world to come.

This time of year, when there is party after party to attend, and item after item on the shopping list, take a few moments to stop and think about the calendar. When the world's annual calendar is nearing its end and champagne is being chilled, many people lose sight of the real countdown to the end of time: the second coming of Christ.

In Advent we prepare for the observation of the holy sea-

son when God came into the world as a baby and slept in a manger. In Advent we are also preparing for something even greater than the remembrance of the birth of Christ. We are preparing for the second coming of Christ – the one at the end of days – the one which will bring us into the eternal calendar.

When thinking about big changes, this one (the end of the world as we know it) will be the biggest of all time. Until then, there are things we can do to prepare. We can practice living without fear as a motivator and rely only on love for one another. It will be that way one day. We can start today by being so overcome with gratitude for all God has done for us that we ceaselessly humble ourselves and give everlasting thanks. It will be that way one day. Why wait?

One day there will be a time and a place where no one is hungry, no one is homeless,

no one is sick or lonely or afraid. Until we find ourselves without the need for clocks and calendars, what can we do, sisters and brothers, to make this worldly life more like the one which will come? It is time for us at St. James to do things to usher in the life God wants most for us – for every last one of us. Prepare to roll up your sleeves!





*Purify our
conscience,
Almighty God, by
your daily
visitation, that
your Son Jesus
Christ, at his
coming, may find
in us a mansion
prepared for
himself; who lives
and reigns with
you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and
for ever.
Amen.*

Journey to the Holy Land - Number Two

Our journey to the Holy Land in July 2011 was a huge success, so we decided to do it again in July 2012. The big news, is that we will be doing our adult journey side by side with a youth journey (high school through college). We have been discussing this idea for a while, and now the details are confirmed, so we can start uncovering the plans through brochures, adult classes, posters, announcements, etc.

Please stay tuned for more information on this wonderful opportunity.

We had an adult class on September 2nd where we shared pictures from the Holy Land visit in July 2011. People who went on the journey spoke

about what impacted them most and what the journey meant for them. If you missed that, do not worry Lowell Wilder, a member of St. James, has graciously put together a DVD about the journey. Lowell is a very talented man and we truly appreciate his time and effort on this project. We hope to show this DVD in upcoming adult classes at St. James.

The adult journey will start in the third week of July 2012 for 9 days, very similar to the one we did in July 2011. We will walk in Jesus' footsteps and live the Bible. We will visit various holy sites in Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Jordan River, Gali-

lee, Jericho, and others. We will also visit Caesarea, Megiddo, Qumran, and Massada. A detailed itinerary will be available.

The youth journey will start at the same time as the adult journey, but youth will stay 4 extra nights and will come back to the US after the adults depart. Upon arrival, youth will have different camp-like accommodations as they participate in the Children and Youth Summer Camp Program facilitated by Sue Abdinnour's family in Jerusalem. In the program, they will interact with Christian youth from the Holy Land and other countries. Integrated in their experience will be vol-

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Same Gender Blessings

Bishops and delegates to the national church's triennial convention (which will be held in Indianapolis in the summer of 2012) expect to consider the possibility of authorizing ministers of the Episcopal Church to conduct blessings of same-gender unions.

Bishop Wolfe wrote a letter in November in which he said,

"While we are not yet granted permission to perform such liturgies, we are rapidly approaching a time when we may be, and when that time comes, I pray *every* clergy person and *every* lay person in our diocese will be as spiritually, emotionally and theologically prepared as possible... I pray that those who believe the Episcopal Church has proceeded too quickly down this path will appreciate the

deep pastoral needs of gay and lesbian persons who have waited a very long time for this moment to arrive. And I pray that those who feel the Episcopal Church has moved far too slowly in these matters will appreciate the clergy's continuing and grave responsibility to care for the whole of God's people."

In preparation for the potential ratification and subsequent use of a new rite to bless same-gender unions in the Diocese of Kansas, your parish leadership will offer informational and educational opportunities relevant to this topic. With no agenda to sway opinions about the blessing of same-gender unions, these sessions will address topics including: the church's theology of blessing, the covenant of marriage, the authority of Holy Scripture and the evolution of the Episcopal Church's understanding and teaching about same-gender unions.

CONFIRMATIONS, RECEPTIONS and REAFFIRMATIONS

St. James confirmed 13 people, received one and reaffirmed one into the Church on Sunday, November 20th during Bishop Wolfe's visitation.

They are: Zach Wulf, Alexis Reid, Deena Helm, Zaena Helm, Joseph Pierce, Sarah Bousfield, Brooke Talbott, Bert Clark, Dale Mengelkoch, Janice McKown, Amy Reid, Chris Robrahn, Roy Blanchard, Krista Schnee and Shelby Jester.

Please join the clergy in extending congratulations to these newly confirmed and received! We give thanks and pray that the blessing and grace of God be with them always.



Get Published!

Letting people know about an event you're planning is one of the most critical keys to its success. Be sure to write a brief statement about your event (what it is, where and when it will be, who it's for, etc.) and send it (email is preferred: office@stjameswichita.org) to the church office for inclusion in the publications of St. James Church. Plan ahead to be sure everyone has a chance to hear about all of the great things going on in the parish.

The eTower (weekly Monday email) – This e-publication announces the schedule of activities for the current week and provides brief information about coming events. Submissions are due by end of day on Wednesday for inclusion on the following Monday.

Bulletin Announcements (weekly printed insert in the weekend worship service bulletin) – Short pieces of information about what's happening around the parish. Submissions due by the end of day on Tuesday for

inclusion in bulletins the coming weekend.

The Seasons (this publication is printed 6 times per year and mailed to all members) – The Seasons provides detailed information about seasonal events, worship and parish life. The following are submission deadlines for approaching seasons:

- **2011-12 Christmas & Epiphany Issue** – Delivered Dec. 19 – Submission deadline November 28
- **2012 Lent and Holy Week Issue** – Delivered Feb. 8 – Submission deadline Jan. 18
- **2012 Easter and Pentecost Issue** – Delivered Mar. 28 – Submission deadline Mar. 7
- **2012 Summer Ordinary Time Issue** – Delivered May 23 – Submission deadline May 2
- **2012 Fall Ordinary Time Issue** – Delivered August 27 – Submission deadline August
- **2012 Advent Issue** – Delivered Nov. 26 – Submission deadline Nov. 5

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.



Join ministries

beyond

the walls

of

St. James

Church.

Contact

Eric Hartenstein

who is the

vestry liaison

to the

Outreach

committee

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or 734-9491).

The committee

meets on the 4th

Thursday of the month

at 7:00 p.m.

Serving Others

Jesus says, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was **thirsty** and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in" (Matthew 25:35). Thus, as Christians, we are called by God to feed the hungry, give to those in need, and welcome the stranger. At Episcopal Social Services (ESS), a Wichita non-profit organization, this call is lived out by providing food, meal programs, job training, resume assistance and other social services to the local community.

Many St. James parishioners are the active hands that bring this call to fulfillment. They include: Anne Coffin, Jackie Collison, Adrienne Edwards, Deedee Evans, Michael Kephart, Mary Klocke, Mike Lehr, Beverly McCausland, Rick Milhon, E.A. Phares, Marcia Wilder, and Marjorie Williams. By providing help in all areas of ESS such as the kitchen, representative payee services, employment services, answering phones, and working at the front desk, they help ESS run smoothly and serve those who need such services

in our community.

In the last year St. James parishioners volunteered over a total of 10,000 hours at ESS. In addition, Marjorie Williams was named one of two volunteers of the year. Congratulations Marj! We thank all of the ESS volunteers who dedicate hours of their time to serving those in need. ESS always appreciates and needs volunteers on a regular basis. To volunteer, contact Lillian, the volunteer coordinator at ESS at Lillian.Gattis@esswichita.org

ESS Monthly Church Adoption Plan – 2012

Episcopal Social Services (ESS), our Church's social service agency in downtown, invites our parish to adopt them for a month in 2012.

What does adopting ESS mean for our parish? St. James prays for ESS, the clients and programs, serves communion at ESS once during the month, includes ESS information, facts etc. in our communications, welcomes ESS at services and activities one week during the month (Sunday School, coffee hour, ECW, other small groups), takes one or more of the suggested projects for the month.

Some project ideas: Deep clean the building – dust, vacuum corners, scrub walls, etc, Clean up trash around the building, go in on a Saturday and assist ESS with cleaning the building, during the winter months organize a coat drive to collect coats, blankets, hats, gloves for children and adults who visit ESS; during the summer months collect bottled water and distribute to clients and in the spring help by getting the lawn in order and plant flowers. If you would like to gather a group to represent St. James in this effort, please contact the church office.

Christmas Love

St. James will once again be coordinating Christmas food baskets for our After-School-Program families during the Advent season. We will also be participating in the Adopt-a-Family program by providing gifts for families referred to us by ESS and through the After School Program. Keep an eye out for the gift tags and baskets in the entryway during December. Pick one (or more!) and return the gifts and food to the church. They will be delivered in time for Christmas.

Youth Group

Our youth groups have had an active and fun fall semester! We kicked off the year with a chorister-youth-group barbecue, and the diocesan event "Fall Fun Fest". Since that time, we have been on retreat together at Camp Horizon in Arkansas City, we have helped at Diocesan Convention, we have organized the parish Halloween party, attended the diocesan youth event called "Happening", and we have had many lively and deep theological discussions. We've learned together, prayed together, and had lots of fun together. Some of our youth were even confirmed on November 20th. So, we've been busy!

Children's Chapel

In recent months, the number of children's chapel leaders and attendees has declined. Therefore, in an effort to use our resources wisely, St. James will be taking a break from offering children's chapel during our 9:00 am and 11:15 am services of Holy Eucharist beginning January 1, 2012. Instead, children will be encouraged to attend church with their families.

This certainly does not mean we cannot brainstorm other creative options and activities for our children. If you have an idea about

offering an activity for the children's chapel age group (age 3 – 5/6), please let the clergy know. In addition, if we find that we are missing children's chapel in the months ahead, we can have a conversation about how to proceed at that time.

Children are a gift, and an essential part of our St. James family. Jesus said, "it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs," (Matthew 9:14). We give thanks for all of the children in our midst.

We are looking forward to a great Advent, Christmas, and winter ahead. Some of our activities will include taking a tour and serving Episcopal Social Services, attending the Diocesan event "Miqra" which is an event focused on learning about and reading the Bible, continuing our weekly meetings, focusing on outreach and considering the special youth trip to the Holy Land next summer. If you have questions or would like more information about our youth groups and youth programs at St. James, please contact any of our active youth leaders which include C.J. Strehl, Ashley Petty, Don Holland and Mother Amanda.



Annual Christmas
Pageant!

Dec. 18, 2011

10:15 a.m.

Guild Hall

All children are
invited to
participate!!!!

*The Middle School
Youth Group
meets on Sunday
afternoons
for lunch,
fellowship and learning.*

*The High School
Youth Group
meets on
Wednesday evenings*

*at 6:30
for spiritual,
emotional
and intellectual
connection
with Christian peers.*

*For information
about
youth programs,
contact*

*Mother Amanda Eiman
astrector@stjameswichita.org
or 683-5686.*



*Read Holy Scripture
lessons or prayers
of the people
in worship services.
Serve wine
from the chalice
during
Holy Communion.
Contact
Adrienne Edwards
(aedwards3@cox.net
or 683-9578)
for more information
or to volunteer.*

Weekend Worship Services at St. James

Beginning on the first Sunday of the new year (according to the Church liturgical calendar) there will be some changes made to the conduct of our worship at St. James. One of the biggest changes – and the one which applies to all services – is that we will be handling the prayers of the people in a new manner. A printed list of individuals who need (those who are ill or in crisis) our prayers, those celebrating birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, marriage anniversaries, and those who have died, will be included with the bulletin each week. Parishioners are invited to take these lists home with them and to continue praying for these people through the week. Individual names will no longer be read aloud during the service. Opportunities for those present to say names out loud during the prayers will still be included. Other changes are specific to certain services. **The 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning service** will continue to be a spoken service. During the season of Advent (the four Sundays

prior to Christmas), we will use the traditional Rite One service for worship. The Rite One service of Holy Eucharist begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer. If you love Rite One, or if you have never experienced a Rite One service, you might consider attending the 8:00 a.m. service on the Sundays of Advent. It is a beautiful version of the service of Holy Eucharist upon which the Rite Two service (the one which is currently used at other services) is based.

Changes to the **9:00 a.m. service** are made with the intent of keeping the service as friendly as possible to worshippers of all ages. This means that the service is slightly more brief than the 11:15 a.m. service. The 9:00 a.m. service will be spoken and will include the singing of hymns and some service music accompanied by the organ. The most noticeable change is that there will no longer be sung an opening hymn. The responsibilities of acolytes, servers, readers, ushers and

choristers remains the same.

At 11:15 a.m., we will continue to celebrate Holy Communion with the contemporary language of Rite Two with which we are familiar. The service will be sung (this includes portions of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Lord's Prayer and the Fraction Anthem) and the choir will continue to lift up our worship in song through the singing of psalms, hymns and anthems.

The Evening Holy Communion on Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

will continue to be a contemplative service. The lights in the nave of the church will be dimmed, candles will burn throughout the church and we will open the service of Holy Communion with prayers for the evening. Portions of the service which had previously been thought of as "Celtic" have been removed. Jane Hawkins will continue to provide beautiful music on the harp for the service. **The service of Holy Eucharist on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.** will continue in its present form as a spoken service.

Mid Week Holy Eucharist

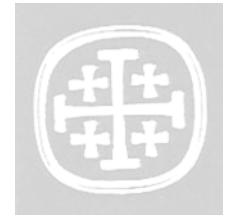
The response to the 12:15 p.m. Wednesday worship service has been immediate and positive. From week to week a variety of priests will lead the service of Holy Communion. The examples set by saints of the church and associated readings of Holy Scripture are part of the homily offered. An optional laying on of hands for healing is offered immediately following the administration of Holy Eucharist.

When to stand and when to kneel

One of the beautiful things about Episcopal worship is that our liturgy leads us to express the full meaning of what we say through actions. What we choose to do in worship has symbolic importance. When we cross ourselves we are reminded of our baptisms and what has been accomplished for us by Christ. When we bow or genuflect before the altar we show our reverence for God. When the Gospel is brought from the altar to be read in the midst of the congregation we see light coming to people in the candles and see the gospel being proclaimed. When a member of the congregation stands up and walks to the lectern to read a passage of Holy Scripture, it is a symbol that everyone is given access to the Bible. It is not just certain people who have been set aside for a special task who get to

read the Word of God. It is open to all of us. Our movements, what we see and what we do, speak of meaning to our hearts and minds on levels which don't use language or don't always even enter our consciousness, but underscore the value of what we say and believe. With that premise, we recognize that all we do in worship has special importance. It is worth thinking about when you want to stand and when you want to kneel. At St. James, most people of this congregation choose to kneel when they pray or when they come to the altar rail to receive Communion. This is an automatic, largely habitual action at certain points in the service. You might want to consider that there are times when it might suit the spirit of your worship to take on another posture. There is no question that in Lent we

should all kneel during the prayers and to receive the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood. In Easter you are encouraged to stand during the prayers and when you come to the altar rail. Especially in the Easter season we are celebrating that in baptism we are raised with Christ in His resurrection. We show our solidarity with Him and take on the stature of Christ when we stand to pray. In seasons other than Lent or Easter, it is up to each individual in worship to decide which posture they will choose. There will be more information about the observance of special seasons in the liturgical year as we approach the penitential season of Lent. Consider your own expressions and participate in the liturgy the way which makes the most sense to you.



Whether adult or mature youth, all interested persons are invited to serve as acolytes, crucifers, banner bearers and servers at the altar.

To inquire about training opportunities or to volunteer, contact Robin Rowland (robin.rowland@usdoj.gov) or Amanda Eiman (astrector@stjameswichita.org) or 683-5686.

Prayer List

Beginning on December 4, the first Sunday of Advent (which is the first day of the liturgical new year), the use of the Sunday Prayer List will change. The service bulletin will include the entire list of names of people on the prayer list. The list of names will not be read aloud during the Prayers of the People; however, everyone is encouraged to take the list home and continue to pray for these people through the week. Call the church office to add a name to the list.

Bride's Room Plaques

Would you like to have your wedding commemorated here in the church where all can see it? Step through the door at the northwest corner of the sanctuary and you will be in the Bride's Room. Look around on the wall you will see plaques with names of couples married at St. James and the date of the wedding. The fee to have this done is \$250. It can be ordered anytime after the wedding - even years later.

*If you
are a singer
(or you'd like to be)
or play
an instrument,
you are invited
to inquire about
being part
of the
St. James
music ministry.
Director of Music
and Organist
David Cason
683-5696
music@stjameswichita.org
or
Director of Choristers
Jarl Moreland
806-3578
jarlmoreland@yahoo.com*

A Thanksgiving for our Choirs

As the new church year begins in Advent our choirs are preparing for the new season and eventually for Christmas. Thanks to several generous anonymous donors we will welcome a conductor and a few paid section leaders to help boost the adult choir. These additional Christmas resources will help us look forward to Christmas eve and we're thankful. We pray that the future budget might allow us to re-establish our section leader positions for the choir. These positions are so helpful in a number of ways, but most especially because our choir is relatively small. New members are always welcome.



Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays

- 5:00-6:00 p.m. - Choristers
- 6:00-6:30 p.m. - Novice Choristers
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Choir

Sundays

- 8:30 a.m. - Choristers
- 10:30 a.m. - Choir

Music in the liturgy reflects the Advent season. The 9 a.m. service will actually have less music fitting the ministry of the choristers. By its nature the 9 a.m. service often has an "early morning" feel and it makes sense to simplify this liturgy somewhat. At the 11:15 a.m. choral service we'll continue to sing more of the liturgy to reflect our preparations during Advent leading to Christmas. Advent hymns are among the most colorful in the hymnal. A personal favorite is **Hymn 59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding**. It truly reflects the urging of prophets telling us

to look for God. This incredible text reflects God's universal love as well as the reality of his coming at his birth and at the end times. The verse reads: **"Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven; let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven; so when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear, may he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near."** As we sing together this Advent may we hear the urging of the prophets and be assured of Christ's incarnation amongst us.

2011 Vestry

Dawn Frankfurt, Rector
Amanda Eiman, Associate Rector
Rick Milhon, Sr. Warden
Ron Harrison, Jr. Warden
Adrienne Edwards, Treasurer
Crystal Barber, Clerk

Class of 2012

Robin Spurrier
Mary Beth Thomas
Steve Warfield

Class of 2013

George Bousfield
Tom Gossen
Eric Hartenstein

Class of 2014

Pam Callender
Tim Newlin
Monica Talbott

Take an active part

We've been talking about the stewardship of time, talent and treasure lately – especially as we prepare our ministry plan (the budget) for the coming year. Certainly financial stewardship is important, but it isn't the only thing which keeps St. James open. Critical to the operation a parish are the people who make sure things get done. We have paid staff and elected leaders. Even if they worked around the

clock, they could never do everything by themselves. Many more hands are needed to help with the work of the church. Your volunteer efforts support our current ministries and parishioners, but it also makes it possible for us to welcome new members and continue in our mission to spread to the Gospel. To keep our beautiful ministry of worship strong, we continually need volunteers to join our choirs, read Scripture lessons,

carry the cross, administer the chalice or serve at the altar. If you would like to volunteer in a less public way, you are always invited to become a member of the altar guild, hand out service bulletins or take the Eucharist to homebound members. There are all sorts of ways you can contribute your time and talent to the service of God and God's people. Call the church office and let us know how you would like to take part in the ministry of all the baptized at St. James Church.



To make a financial contribution to the work of God through St. James Episcopal Church, visit the parish website, www.stjameswichita.org, anytime and click on the "blessed to be a blessing" button.

Charitable Gifts Through Your IRA

Want to consider another way to make a gift to St. James? How about a different way to fulfill your pledge for 2011 or to make an advanced pledge for coming years? Consider an IRA Charitable Rollover. In 2006, Congress passed the Pension Protection Act, part of which included a provision for IRA Charitable Rollovers. This particular provision was extended to 2010 and 2011 as part of the passing of The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010. The IRA Charitable Rollover allows individuals age 70½ and older to make direct transfers totaling up to \$100,000 per year to 501(c)(3) charities, without having to count the transfers as income for federal income tax purposes.

Who qualifies? Individuals who are age 70½ + at the time of the contribution (you must wait until your actual 70½th birthday to make the transfer).

How much can I transfer? \$100,000 for calendar year 2011.

It's so late in the year, can I still complete an IRA charitable rol-

over for 2011? Transfers count in 2011, if done before Dec. 31.

From what accounts can I make transfers? Transfers must come from your IRAs directly to St. James. If you have retirement assets in a 401(k), 403(b) etc., you must first roll those funds into an IRA, and then you can direct the IRA provider to transfer the funds from the IRA to St. James.

To what charities can I make gifts? Tax exempt organizations that are classified as 501(c)(3) charities, including St. James, to which deductible contributions can be made.

Does this transfer qualify as my minimum required distribution? Once you reach age 70½, you are required to take minimum distributions from your retirement plans each year, according to a federal formula. IRA charitable rollovers count towards your minimum required distributions for the year.

How do I know if an IRA

charitable rollover is right for me? You are at least age 70½ and you do not need the additional income necessitated by the minimum required distribution, OR your charitable gifts already equal 50% of your adjusted gross income, so you do not benefit from an income tax charitable deduction for additional gifts, OR you do not itemize deductions.

What is the procedure to execute an IRA charitable rollover? Time is limited, so contact your plan provider to learn their procedures. Please feel free to contact Steve Warfield, Stewardship Chairperson, at 681-3592 if you have questions or would like information regarding the IRA Charitable Rollover.

The above is for your information and is not to be considered as legal, tax or financial advice. You should consult with your legal, tax and financial advisors to implement the benefits of the IRA charitable rollover law and related matters.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Committee Meetings – Not Bureaucracy

Sometimes when people think of being on a committee and attending meetings, they think of slow-moving bureaucracy.

When we are trying to do Christian ministry, dealing with red tape is the last thing we want to have to add to our responsibilities. What are committees at St. James? Committees here are groups of people who gather together because they want to see a certain ministry take

place. For instance, they want the churchyard to be well maintained so that the parish is attractive to newcomers, or they want to see that we welcome visitors with open arms (and without smothering them). There are all sorts of ministries at a place like St. James. Coming to committee meetings is putting yourself in a place to do work for the people of God and the spread

of the gospel. This happens at youth group, at worship committee gatherings and at the oyster dinner. You are invited to come and get your hands dirty pitching in on ministries at St. James. Contact committee leaders or the church office to find out more. Instead of thinking that being on a committee is a frustrating process, join a committee and find that doing so makes you part of a Christian ministry team impacting the lives of others.

Schedule of Regular Committee Meetings

Building and Grounds Committee

Regular Meeting Time: TBD

Jr. Warden – Ron Harrison

Vestry Liaison – Robin Spurrier

Chairperson – TBD

Arts and Memorials Committee

(a sub-committee of the Buildings and Grounds Committee)

Regular Meeting Time: 5:45 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month

Vestry Liaison – Robin Spurrier

Chairperson – TBD

Columbarium and Memorial Garden Committee

(a sub-committee of the Buildings and Grounds Committee)

Regular Meeting Time: As needed

Chairperson – Deb Brinegar

Vestry Liaison – Robin Spurrier

Christian Education (Youth) Committee

Regular Meeting Time: 5:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month

Chairperson – TBD

Vestry Liaison – Monica Talbott

Evangelism Committee

(Membership Development)

Regular Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month

Chairperson – TBD

Vestry Liaison – Tim Newlin

Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Time: 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month

Chairperson – Todd Aikins (Assistant Treasurer)

Vestry Liaison – Steve Warfield

St. James Trust Committee

(a sub-committee of the Finance Committee)

Regular Meeting Time: TBD

Chairperson – John Boyer

Vestry Liaison – Steve Warfield

Stewardship Committee

(a sub-committee of the Finance Committee)

Regular Meeting Time: 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month

Chairperson – Steve Warfield

Vestry Liaison – Steve Warfield

Music Committee

Regular Meeting Time: TBD

Chairperson – TBD

Vestry Liaison – Pam Callender

Music Guild Committee

(a sub-committee of the Music Committee)

Regular Meeting Time: as needed

Chairperson – Jennifer Erickson

Vestry Liaison – Pam Callender

Outreach Committee

Regular Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month

Chairperson – TBD

Vestry Liaison – Eric Hartenstein

Parish Life and Fellowship Committee

Regular Meeting Time:

Chairperson – TBD

Vestry Liaison – Mary Beth Thomas

Worship Committee

Regular Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month

Chairperson – TBD

Vestry Liaison – Pam Callender

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untary work and advanced Christian Leadership Training. As part of the program they will walk where Jesus walked and taught, visit churches and holy sites, read and reflect on the bible, acquire knowledge and skills, receive first hand information about the life and conditions of current-day Christians living in the Holy Land, and build bridges of friendship, hope, solidarity and support.

The adult group will join the youth in certain events during their program, like Sunday morning worship in Jerusalem.

Our tour agent will again be Sue Abdinnour's brother. His travel agency, with more than 50 years of experience, has been arranging pilgrimages, archeological trips, university courses and seminars, and other specialized journeys for churches and groups to the Holy Land from all over the world.

We hope you and your youth can join us on this amazing pilgrimage. Please extend this invitation to your family and friends at St James or outside St James, in Wichita or outside Wichita to join us in this unique life changing experience.



Members of the Holy Land Journey standing in the Jordan River, July 2011

Why Pre-Pay My Pledge?

According to The Rev. Richard Schaper, many of us pay our pledge to the church in weekly or monthly installments. Schaper is a Gift Planning Officer in the Diocese of California and he says there are other ways to make contributions that can make better financial sense—both for us and for our church.

One strategy is to pay your 2012 pledge before the end of 2011. The advantage is that you get your income tax deduction a year earlier—this April instead of in 2013. An advantage to your church is

that they can bank your contribution and better meter their cash flow.

Another strategy Schaper suggests has to do with how rather than when you pay your pledge. Instead of writing a check, he says, consider contributing stock or paying by means of a Donor Advised Fund. This is a legal financial technique which may help you avoid capital gains taxes.

Even better: if you happen to be taking taxable Minimum Required Distributions (MRD) from an IRA, you may request

that your IRA custodian pay your pledge to the church directly. Doing this, according to Schaper, completely shields this portion of your MRD from income taxation.

If you elect to pre-pay your 2012 pledge, clearly indicate this so that we can properly credit your gift. For clarification or more information on these strategies, contact The Rev. Richard L. Schaper, CFP at (415) 869-7812, email him at RichardS@diocal.org or visit www.episcopalgift.org. Thank you for returning a portion of God's money to the church!

*Merciful God,
who sent your
messengers the
prophets to
preach
repentance and
prepare the way
for our salvation:
Give us grace to
heed their
warnings and
forsake our sins,
that we may greet
with joy the
coming of Jesus
Christ our
Redeemer; who
lives and reigns
with you and the
Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for
ever. Amen.*



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Services

Saturday
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:30 p.m.

Sunday
Holy Eucharist
8, 9 and 11:15 a.m.
Evening Communion
5:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
12:15 p.m.

Advent Dates of Note

November 27 – First Sunday of Advent
November 27 – Holy Land Trip Meeting 10:15 a.m.
December 3 – ECW Board Meeting and Luncheon
December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent
December 5 – Daughters of the King 5:30 p.m.
December 8 – Finance Committee 5:30 p.m.
December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent
December 11 – Breakfast Sunday
December 11 – St. Nicholas Bazaar
December 15 – Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20 – The Hanging of the Greens
December 24 – Christmas Eve Services 12, 5:30, 8 & 11 p.m.
December 25 – Christmas Day – Sunday at 10:30 a.m. only

