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# The SEASONS of St. James

## HAPPY ANTICIPATION

*By The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt, Rector*

Momentum is building in many ways in our community. There is a growing sense of pulling together and harnessing our resources for the common good. I believe this is a cyclical pattern where we grow spiritually and inwardly, then we see that spiritual expansion expressed in the good works of our congregation, and those acts of love plant more seeds for future growth, they prompt strengthening of what we have begun to do together, and a deepening of our faith experience.

That is what a vital faith community will do for us, and what St. James, specifically, is doing for so many in our area. Right now, we have the imminent feeling of Advent and we are eagerly waiting for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

The coming year will hold other kinds of anticipation for us as well. 2019 is the year in which we approach the 100th anniversary of the founding of our Parish. We will be appreciating our special parish history and anticipating the second century of this parish.

Also, in January, we will have our annual parish meeting on Sunday the 27th in the Guild Hall. The annual meeting always marks a transition in parish leadership and is a time when we appreciate those who have offered so much of themselves to our congregation in the past year. At that meeting a report of activities from 2018, as well as the 2019 budget will be presented. Elections also will be held. I am listing the slate of nominees for these elections here.

Thanks to all who agreed to run for election. Your willingness to serve the church is a gift to all of us and we deeply appreciate your ministry. We also thank the members of the 2018 Nominating Committee who were: Erin

Compton, Joan Moore, Barry Carroll, Kelly Harper, George Bousfield, Tim Flynn, Kate Bastian, Susan Miner, and Debbie Stephens (who died during her term).

### SLATE FOR 2019 ELECTIONS

1. Sr. Warden: Joan Moore
2. Jr. Warden: Woody Swain
3. Vestry (*elect 3*)  
Maddy Bishop, Ken Breeden, Anne Clark, Eric Gilman, Brandon Whipple
4. Delegates and Alternates (*elect 6*)  
Adrienne Edwards, Jackie Farha, Jake Graybill, Tristan Holmberg, Vicky Petty, Connie Timmons, Rick Wulf
5. Endowment Funds Board (*elect 2*)  
Barry Carroll, Tom Gossen
6. Nominating Committee (*elect 5*)  
Pam Callender, Diane Gossen, Mary Halley, Tim Newlin, Diane Schawe, Chelsea Whipple, Peggy Zerger

As you will remember, our current election process does not allow for nominations to be taken from the floor at the annual meeting. However, you can still add a name to the slate. You can add your own or the name of another consenting person. To add a name to the slate, a nomination must be made prior to the end of 2018. This is done by writing a letter to the wardens and vestry, asking that the individual named be added to the list of nominees. The nominee will be added to the ballot if the letter is signed by at least 20 parish members. Submit the letter to the parish office or to the clerk of the vestry, Pam McCausland.

In the spirit of anticipation which is advent, and which is quite fitting at this time in the life of our vital parish, I wish you all a joy-filled holiday season. As our momentum grows, may God bless you, and may there be peace on earth. AMEN.

## SHOWING UP, WE FIND....

By the Rev. Sarah Stewart C. Stewart, Associate Rector

"I find God in the world at least as often as I do in church." Most of us have friends who have said something like this, whether or not they professed themselves "spiritual but not religious." Who hasn't glimpsed an undeniable divine presence in the striking majesty of mountains or the unshakable murmur of the sea, in flowers radiating luscious fragrance or the warm tingle of sun-kissed skin? Most days, we scurry along, distracted and preoccupied by many things. Meanwhile, God beckons, "Here I am!" Gratitude and awe for God's indwelling characterize our creaturely faithfulness. When the Psalmist exclaims, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it!" (Ps. 24:1), he celebrates our distinct role in sharing divine abundance and charges us to enter the world with eyes peeled, looking for God! Whether we realize it consciously or not, our senses strain to meet the HOLY everywhere. God doesn't disappoint: popping into sight in neighbor, fellow creatures, and even unexpected strangers.

When we notice that *we are God's church* (rather than any building/grounds), we are freed to see love's redemptive movements in the world and lend our hands to love's holy, healing work. This blessedly complicates my life as a person of faith. I frequently feel nudged to invite folks to services at St. James Church, trusting God wants us to experience something special together in worship. AND I feel pulled beyond what we do "in here" to plunge myself elbow-deep in the Holy Spirit's earthly "construction zone." Creatively building muscle by exercising my spiritual heart, I expend physical energy on projects well beyond the comforts of our building. This curiosity about where God is hiding (and waiting to be found) pushes me into relationships with others, including people who don't aspire to follow Jesus or to

attend my church.

The Tree of Life synagogue murders in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, last month left me raw and grieving the needless agony of this horrific human trauma, keenly felt by Jews around this country. As much as I hoped to join with other residents of East Wichita in an outpouring of support for our local Jewish community (and an outcry against anti-Semitic sentiment), St. James' special seasonal services initially precluded my participation. I was grateful for a subsequent opportunity (one day later) to #ShowUpForShabbat, joining kind-hearted people of all faiths, from New York to New Zealand, attending services around the world with millions of Jews on November 2 and 3, in solidarity with Pittsburgh's Jewish community, in an effort to deliver a resounding message that love triumphs over hate.

At the lighting of Sabbath candles, congregants prayed for compassion to be kindled in all our hearts. With songs of peace throughout service, we worshipped the Eternal One, Shield of Abraham and Protector of Sarah, the Giver of Wisdom, whose paths are peace (Prov. 3:17). Children flanked Rabbi Davis, as he processed Congregation Emanu-El's huge Torah scroll around the synagogue. Each of us reached out by turns, gently tapping our service leaflet against the soft cover, as the Hebrew Scripture scroll passed. The story of Rebekkah welcoming the stranger (servant to her future father-in-law) sprang to life, enfolding me in the sturdy hospitality of this vibrant community, intently channeling God's peace. Rabbi Davis' profoundly honest and pastorally sensitive homily blessed all of us in the Family Night Shabbos crowd, as little ones roamed innocently among adults clearly sobered by what had happened the prior Sabbath and what we all wished were not true.

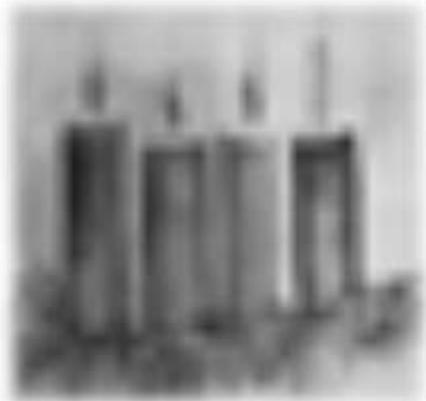
Our hearts strained to perceive the divine presence, in the wake of weaponized hate, as we listened to a humble, gentle leader who, starting with ROYGBIV, pointed our gaze toward the metaphor of prismatic light, where every diverse color is vital to seeing the world as it really is, illuminated by God's healing love. As we prayed the Mourner's Kaddish, recalling loved ones recently taken from the world, including those eleven faithful souls from Pittsburgh, tears overwhelmed me. Whispering that final prayer, "May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and all the world," I recommitted myself to embodying the peace of God in a world ready to sweep me into a sea of violent outrage (increasingly difficult to resist).

Heading home from the synagogue that evening, I recalled a text exchange with a friend I had invited to attend our service of "Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed," at St. James the prior night. She excitedly had queried, "Will we get to pass the peace?" Perhaps I never had esteemed that worship ritual adequately. In the afterglow of grace exuded by my grieving Jewish friends, my inner chill began to thaw. I vowed never again to dismiss an opportunity to seek, and to embrace, that unique divine indwelling in a fellow human. Whether we risk a hug, a handshake, or even authentic exchange in which we share our differing beliefs, I will open my heart in Shalom to each and every one (friend or foe), in the name of reconciling love, whether our encounter transpires inside a synagogue, a church, or any other place in the world.



### ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES

All weekend services in Advent start with a special lighting of the candles on the Advent wreath. Opportunities are available for December 2, 9, 16 and 23 at each of the following services: Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at either 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. Sign up to participate with your family or friends. If you would like to volunteer to do this at a service one weekend, please let Deacon Peg know of your interest in participating. Please contact Deacon Peg at [deaconpeg@gmail.com](mailto:deaconpeg@gmail.com) or 316-641-7686.



Sunday, December 2 at 5:30 PM  
Candlelight Service  
of Advent Lessons & Carols  
with the St. James Choirs

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS, a service celebrating the season with music and readings, will be celebrated in the church at St. James on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2, at 5:30 p.m. This service of candlelight, scripture readings, congregational song, choral voices, and instrumental music helps us prepare for the coming of Christ. Please join us and stay for fellowship and a soup supper which will follow in the Guild Hall sponsored by the St. James Musicians. To be involved, please contact Marlene Hallstrom, Director of Music, in the church office at 316-683-5686, or at [music@stjameswichita.org](mailto:music@stjameswichita.org).

### THE ST. NICHOLAS BAZAAR, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Your home-made arts and crafts will be displayed and sold at the Bazaar which will be held from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Guild Hall, during Breakfast Sunday. To ensure a successful fundraiser that benefits the Episcopal Church Women of St. James, where might you be able to help?

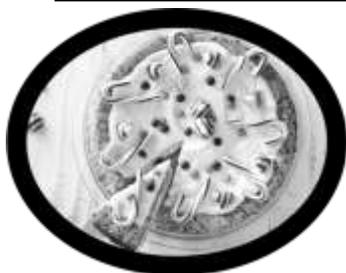
Please donate knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, jewelry, crosses, crocheted prayer bracelets, tree ornaments, stuffed toys, etc. Contact Beth Criss at 682-3748 or [bethcriss@aol.com](mailto:bethcriss@aol.com).

Please leave your donated cookbooks on the stage in the Guild Hall. The money raised for these wonderful books

goes to the Episcopal Church Periodical Club which helps churches who need Bibles, Prayer Books, Sunday School supplies. Please call Necia Rillema, 634-6945 or [nrillema@yahoo.com](mailto:nrillema@yahoo.com).

Lots of baked goods are needed for the bake sale. We have freezers here at the church, if you don't have room at home to store them. Peg Bowman is the baked goods chair.

There may be a visit from St. Nicholas himself.



### HOLIDAY NEEDS OF BREAKTHROUGH/EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Once again, Breakthrough/Episcopal Social Services will be hosting a community holiday lunch with turkey and all the trimmings. They are requesting the help of local Episcopal churches to help provide holiday pies for these meals, to be served on Tuesday, December 18.

### A SEASON FOR THE RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Advent is one season when people may feel particularly moved to make formal confession of their sins and to receive sacramental absolution. As we prepare for the coming of Christ, if you would like to make a confession in Advent, have a conversation with a priest ahead of time and make an appointment for your formal confession. Mother Dawn and Mother Sarah will hear confessions by appointment. See pages 446-452 in the Book of Common Prayer for some introductory information about the Reconciliation of a Penitent (confession).

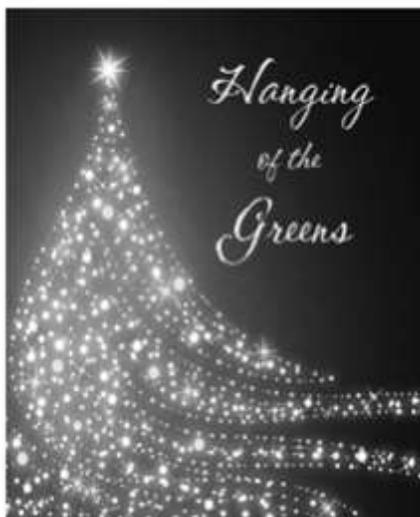


### **Christmas Greens are given to the Glory of God and... in “thanksgiving for” or in “memory of” a loved one.**

Your contributions are greatly needed and appreciated by all who participate in the worship at St. James Church during the Christmas Season.

During the four Sundays of Advent, altar flowers are not used. We will need your help in providing for the Christmas Greens and Poinsettias which adorn the church for the Christmas Season. These gifts may be given in “thanksgiving for” blessings in your life or in “memory of” loved ones.

If you would like to share in this beautiful custom, please send your contribution to the parish office, marked “Christmas Greens.” Please include the information if the gift is in “thanksgiving” or in “memory.”



### GREENING OF THE CHURCH

The fun and festive tradition of hanging of the greens takes place each year between the end of worship on the fourth Sunday of Advent and the start of Christmas Eve. That means this year it starts around 12:30pm on Sunday, December 23. Led by the Newlin family (and fed by the Parish Life Committee), plan to lend a hand and join the fellowship. Many hands make light work and many more hands make light work jolly!

## THE WAY OF THE CROSS - YOUNG ADULT ARTICLE

By Laura Stephens

As much as we might like to avoid admitting this reality, the human life cycles just like the earth cycles with the seasons. We humans may prefer only happiness, only times of ease and light. But, everything in existence does this. Rocks erode over time. Plants rise and fall and decay and give birth to something new. Animals change their colors and shed their skin or take off their winter coats when the days grow warm again.

Usually we contemplate the death and resurrection of Jesus as the winter recedes into early March and the ensuing months give way to the ascending light of spring. **But, I wonder if it's not appropriate** to give mind to the themes of this miraculous story as we enter the seasons of darkness.

In my own recent season, I walked through one autumn of my life--loss, like the letting go of leaves and the fading of something once vibrant from radiant green to sullen brown. A split from the man I thought to be my life partner. It felt like divorce, though it was only a year-and-a-half commitment. It *was* a commitment, a life-long commitment in my heart, and its death meant uprooting from the community and home I was creating in Colorado and returning to Kansas.

Such a walk through the valley of the shadow, of course, left me to

ponder the cycles of my own spiritual life, of these lessons that seem to circle back around to us in new ways--always carrying **themes we've been learning about** for our entire existence. Here I was, in the thick of this excruciating end to the life I had known, **and I was lamenting that life isn't always roses, isn't always spring time.** I was angry about this, desiring to do anything to stay in the light.

And then it dawned on me (no pun intended): perhaps the "Way" that Jesus taught, the cross that we bear, is the very act of surrendering moment after moment, season after season, year after year, to the necessary deaths we must all die before we can be resurrected anew. Like the rocks, animals, and the trees, we must occasionally allow our own descent into the dark decay of life as we know it and wait there for Grace to come and reshape us into a newly blossoming thing. Perhaps, among its many other weighty lessons, Jesus meant for us to learn from the cross that very truth--that in order to enter into new life, we must undergo these smaller spiritual deaths. Perhaps, he was awakening us to the reality of this truth in all of Creation--that this death and resurrection **isn't merely the path of the Chosen**, but the intrinsic nature of

All That Is.

We humans can so easily get **caught up in the desire to be "all roses"**, all spring time, all light. We even bring this unrealistic (and often harmful) hope into the church with us, being unwilling to air our dirty laundry within the **church community** because we're afraid to admit we have our own chaotic moments. But, without the fall, there is no chance to be made new.

And so, in this Advent season and **in the light of the Savior's birth**, let us hold the shadow of the cross in view and fully enter into what it means to allow, without resistance, our own decomposition, trusting that Grace will draw us up from the ground and into the sunshine again. As we take the Eucharist together and await the birth of the Christ Child, let us remember the necessary darkness of winter that lets our seeds of faith germinate beneath the snow.





### THE ST. JAMES CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The St. James Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 23, at 10:00 a.m. in the Guild Hall. Youth of all ages will participate in this reenactment of the story of the birth of Jesus. Middle and High School youth will act as narrators and the main

actors. Sunday School children and Choristers will sing and serve as characters in the pageant. There will be costume fitting and a rehearsal on Saturday morning, Dec. 22, at 10:00 a.m. in the Guild Hall. We hope many of our young people will be able to join us for this wonderful event. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the pageant on December 23.



### MUSIC ON CHRISTMAS EVE

As is the recent tradition at St. James, there will be three Christmas Eve worship services and music will be an important part of the celebration. There will, of course, be lots of carols for everyone to sing, including pre-service carols and other Christmas music. Come early to join the singing! At each service, there will also be music presented by choirs and other musicians.



### MUSIC AT ST. JAMES

*By Marlene Hallstrom*

Advent will begin on Sunday, December 2, as the first candle on the Advent wreath is lit and readings of hope and preparation are read. That evening at 5:30 St. James will once again offer the traditional Advent Lessons and Carols with Scripture readings which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah and the Incarnation. Each lesson will be followed by a congregational hymn or choir anthem that reflects the lesson's message and a brief prayer. Choir, Choristers, Handbells and instrumentalists will participate in this beautiful service. A soup supper hosted by the musicians will follow the service. Please consider attending this service and time of fellowship at the beginning of the Advent Season. To be involved, please contact Marlene Hallstrom, Director of Music, in the church office at 316-683-5686, or at [music@stjameswichita.org](mailto:music@stjameswichita.org).



Music during Advent worship will include responses from the Taize tradition as the Advent candles are lit and as part of the Eucharistic liturgy. This will call attention to the change of season and the themes of waiting and hope.



The Christmas Pageant will be presented on Sunday morning, December 23, at 10:00 in the Guild Hall. Directed by Phil Speary and Marlene Hallstrom, this multi-generational event has become a tradition at St. James. Children, Youth, Adults and one baby, along with Choristers and congregational singing will help the Christmas story come alive for everyone in attendance. Please join us!!



Christmas Eve worship will be celebrated on Monday, December 24, with three services:  
4:00 p.m. – Holy Communion for all ages with special consideration for families with children;  
Choristers and instrumentalists will participate.  
7:00 p.m. – Holy Communion with Choir and instrumentalists  
11:00 p.m. – Holy Communion with incense; vocal and instrumental music

Christmas Day worship will take place on Tuesday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m. While this is usually less well attended than Christmas Eve worship, it is a beautiful celebration of the Newborn King. Consider adding it to your Christmas tradition!



Epiphany, January 6, will fall on a Sunday this season, and plans are being made for this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas! The season of Epiphany will be as long as it can possibly be with eight Sundays following Epiphany and ending on March 3. During this “ordinary time” of the church year, the themes, readings and music will focus on the life of Jesus and our opportunities to love and serve our neighbors.

## SUNDAY YOUTH FORMATION

St. James Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers are exploring new pathways of faith formation this year. *SERVING*, on the first Sundays of the month, invites everyone to lend a joyous helping hand with Sunday School and Children's Chapel (which runs until the Peace at the 10:45am service) for younger kids in our parish. *FUELING* up on Breakfast Sundays, the second Sunday of the month, allows us to celebrate a long-standing tradition of building intergenerational friendships in Christian community. *FORMING* faith through lively conversation and snacks in the Undercroft, every third Sunday of the month, we explore with Mother Sarah & Deacon Jeff the ways the Holy Spirit is growing God's life within us, by reflecting on our monthly F.R.U.I.T. of the Spirit. Fourth Sundays afford *DEEPENING* time for digging into themes of the liturgical year and unearthing historical gems from our theological tradition. Don't be surprised to be invited to join us for these experiential learning opportunities! No matter when you have time to join us, we look forward to seeing you!

## WISDOM, LET US ATTEND

Wednesday nights with St. James' youth continue to be enlivened with wit and wisdom. We retain favorite traditions like monthly parish potlucks, annual service projects, and periodic game nights, as well as the sacred holiday trip to Botanica. We also will be introducing spiritual practices to nurture our faith. Christian meditation, reflective conversations about contemporary issues, and prayer labyrinths will support us in engaging our world harnessing the resources of our faith tradition. This fall, our youth stretched into new expressions of faith in action, through leadership, communal engagement, and evangelism. They marshaled St. James' parish presence at Wichita's Pride Festival at the end of September and bore vibrant witness to God's inclusive love in our broader community. "I really enjoyed helping create our church's booth for Pride! It was a bit of work, but it was all worth it in the end to see how many people we got to interact with while we were there. I'm really glad that we had the opportunity to do this. It means a lot to me and several other people within the congregation. I'm looking forward to next year!" shared Eve Moore.

## GOD'S INCLUSIVE KINGDOM - YOUNG ADULT ARTICLE

By Maddy Bishop

In mid-September, St. James participated in Wichita's PRIDE festival, held at the Mid-American Indian Center. Our booth was up and running Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. We passed out water bottles and fun colored balloons, chatting with participants and inviting them to our various services and formation opportunities. The atmosphere was full of joy, unity and belonging. For me, it was a special weekend to witness a group of God's children who have been subjects of hatred and oppression, feel loved, accepted and celebrated. My mind is drawn to Jesus's Beatitudes. In Matthew 5, Jesus sees the crowds of people and then begins to teach about the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus does not pull out a rule book and list off pious requirements as to who will live in the Kingdom of God. Instead, Jesus addresses the people he sees, inviting those who are poor in spirit, who mourn, who are meek, who hunger and thirst for righteousness, who are merciful, who are pure in heart, who are peacemakers, and those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, saying they will inherit eternal life. Jesus flips the narrative on who we believe will live in the Kingdom of Heaven. We do not get to draw the lines on who we think is worthy or unworthy of God's love. PRIDE weekend was a beautiful testament to the diversity of the Kingdom of Heaven that we live in right now and will live into fully in our Endless Day.



# Wichita's PRIDE Festival



## MAKE YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION BE ONE OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

*By Chelsea Whipple, Director of Christian Formation*

Each year, we are blessed to have numerous classes and small groups available for us to connect, grow, and be in community with one another. If you haven't taken the opportunity or a regular, please join us as we kick off the New Year with some amazing Spiritual growth opportunities. Classes and small groups are still being added so be on the lookout for more announcements to come. Below is a list of classes that are happening now or will start in 2019:

Adult Forum - Loving the Way of Love - In Adult Forum this fall we've studied Bishop Michael Curry's Practices for a Jesus Centered Life. Part of these practices for us is concentrating how they each help us to love and be more loving. By taking the time to Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest; we are re-orienting our viewpoint to look through the eyes of Jesus and how we can live through His example to love ourselves and love others. We will continue these practices again and concentrate on how these practices liberate us. Please join us on Sundays (except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) to learn with one another how fruitful these practices can be in our own lives.



**Daughters of the King 'Ladies Night'** - Have you ever wondered what is a Daughter of the King? Who are these wonderful women praying with people during the church service? How can I learn more? Come to the eight week training and informational class starting on Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup> in the chapel from 5:30-6:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Jeri Moss at 744-1597 or 640-5311.

Forgiveness - Forgiveness is one of the concepts emphasized by Jesus' teachings in the New Testament. It is a part of every Eucharistic service and daily prayers in the Book of Common Prayer. But what does it mean and how do we practice it? Based on the teaching of Dr. Robert Enright and his book, Forgiveness is a Choice: A Step by Step Process for Resolving Anger and Restoring Hope. This book gives suggestions for journaling but it is not required to participate in the class. We will meet starting January 8<sup>th</sup> until April 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Fr. Joseph Bayles will lead the class.

Savoring the F.R.U.I.T. of the Spirit - Adults of all ages meet for fellowship with new & familiar church friends in the Guild Hall, the third Sunday of each month, immediately after morning services. Join us as we savor contemplation, snacks, and questions around the prior month's F.R.U.I.T. ((December 16 we look at November: Faithfulness; January 20 we reflect on December: Self-Control, etc.). Even if you haven't previously considered the F.R.U.I.T. featured on a given day, come be nourished by spirited conversation in community, as we take time to notice and celebrate the diverse spiritual fruits blossoming in our lives. Participate every time or simply when you can. All are welcome!

Small group - **What Does the Bible Say About...?** - This group will continue to meet until mid-December and then regroup on January 9<sup>th</sup> and determine a new topic. Newcomers are always welcome to join at any point. They meet in the Lounge on Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and are led by Dr. Phil Speary.

Brew & Bible - Our long-anticipated Bible study begins on Friday, December 14, 9:00 a.m. at Fairmount Coffee, located at 3815 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St. N. (across the street from WSU). Join young adults and friends who gather weekly (for an hour before work) to savor something caffeinated as we consider prophetic voices in Scripture, across biblical genres, who help us hear the Spirit's call to be people who embody God's peace & justice in the world.



Discerning Our Spiritual Gifts - In our liturgy of Holy Baptism, the gathered community asks God to grant the newly baptized person "an inquiring and discerning heart." Many of us find practices to sustain our spirits as we grow on this life-long journey of faith. But cultivating a heart that listens for the voice of God is not something into which we stumble unconsciously. Prayerfully discerning our spiritual gifts, and how to express them purposefully, can free us to live joyfully as God's people. Come be part of this six week series (Monday nights at 7:00 p.m., starting January 7<sup>th</sup>) designed to help us discern personal gifts and life-giving ways to share them!

## KIDZ ZONE KICKOFF!

It has been a fun and joyous time upstairs in the Kids area. After changing our program to include more instruction time, bring back Children's Chapel and accommodate busy family schedules, the kids and teachers have adjusted to all the changes. In fact, we have 140% increase in registration and enjoying seeing all the new faces. We jumped into our journey learning about the Garden of Eden and the story of Abraham. Next up is talking about Isaiah and diving right into the story of Jesus. The kids love having their own church time where they get to ask questions, pray, respond (as loud as they want), sing, hear the story, and start to learn about what and why we do things in Church! Mark your calendars for our next meetings (always the First Sunday of the month), 12/2, 1/6, 2/3 and 3/3. There are lots of opportunities for kids to be involved this upcoming season, specifically the Christmas Pageant on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. All you need to do is come to rehearsal on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am in the Guild Hall.



## MEGA CAMP FOR KIDS (AND COLLEGE KIDS) THIS SUMMER

Episcopal Summer "Mega" Camp at YMCA Camp Wood will be held from June 2 to June 8. This is a traditional camp experience with Christian education for grades 3-12. Registration opens Wednesday, January 2, 2019. The priority registration and scholarship deadline is Monday, April 1, 2019. The payment deadline for all campers is Friday, May 10. Cancellations must be received no later than Thursday May 16. There will be a mega-camp-like experience for college-age students on June 22 and 23. Contact Michael Funston [mfunston@episcopal-ks.org](mailto:mfunston@episcopal-ks.org) / 785-231-8785 mobile/text, or Karen Schlabach at [kschlabach@episcopal-ks.org](mailto:kschlabach@episcopal-ks.org) / 913-708-5927 mobile/text, for more information about Mega Camp or College-Age Mini-Camp at Camp Wood YMCA.

## YOUTH DIOCESAN EVENTS THIS SUMMER

Happening #94 at Good Shepherd, Wichita. June 28-30.

*A spiritual retreat for youth by youth, grades 9-12.*

Registration opens by Mon., April 22. Priority deadline: Fri., June 14.

MissionWichita - July 9-14.

*A mission 'trip' serving Episcopal ministries in Wichita, KS. grades 9-12.*

Registration opens by: Mon., May 6. Priority deadline: Tues., July 2.

Alaskan Mission trip to Fairbanks. July 23-31.

*Open to students in grades 9-12 and college-age.*

2018  
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**STEWARDSHIP GIVING**  
for ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Gathering*  
OUR  
  
*Blessings*

The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.

**2 CORINTHIANS 8:15**

### What do you seek?

**WE SEEK LOVE**

To know God's love, to love and be loved by others, and to love ourselves.

**WE SEEK FREEDOM**

From the many forces - sin, fear, oppression, and division - that pull us from living as God created us to be: dignified, whole, and free.

**WE SEEK ABUNDANT LIFE**

Overflowing with joy, peace, generosity, and delight. Where there is enough for all because we all share with abandon. A life of meaning, given back to God and lived for others.

**WE SEEK JESUS**

The Way of Jesus is the Way of Love, and that way has the power to change lives and change the world.

As the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, and followers of Jesus' Way, we seek to live like him. We're serious about moving out to grow loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with God (evangelism); to grow those relationships with each other (reconciliation); and to grow those relationships with all of creation (creation care).



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Many thanks to all who made Ingathering Weekend and Breakfast Sunday such a celebration of God's blessings in our community.

## PMEF ~ What's That?

Each edition of Seasons includes news about the Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Fund (PMEF) of St. James Church. Are you aware of the opportunities and benefits of the PMEF?

Gifts to the PMEF grow in perpetuity – that is, the gift is never depleted. Only income generated by the gift is disbursed annually and spent as directed by the vestry per the spending rules adopted for the administration of the fund. Your gift will continue to grow and to empower the ministries of St. James long into the future.

You can give thanks to God for a significant event or for a loved one (or someone else) who has influenced your life by making a gift to the PMEF. There are two categories of tributes: (1) Living Tributes for those who are still living; and (2) Memorials in remembrance of the deceased.

Enrolled Gifts are reported in perpetuity in the Annual Report of the PMEF. New - and additions to previously enrolled gifts - are announced in each edition of SEASONS.

Create an Enrolled Gift by completing an enrollment form available on St. James website (or contact the parish office.) Initial gifts to the PMEF can be as small as \$100 (multiple smaller gifts can be combined.)

## New Enrollments & Additions to the St. James Perpetual Memorial & Endowment Fund

### *Additions to Enrolled Gifts from August 16, 2018 to October 31, 2018*

The Rev. Joseph A. Bayles, MDiv. (1934 - )  
Patricia W. Bayles, MSN (1940 – 2016) \$ 200  
 In recognition of Patricia's dedication to children as a pediatric nurse, to education as a Dean of Nursing and of Joseph as a correctional chaplain.

Sally Brown Crank (1939-2007); **John McKibbon "Kib" Crank (1963-2018)**; Anna Brown Crank (1965-1994);  
and, Asher Crank (1989-2007) \$ 100  
 To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their lives and the lives of the Brown family who were founding members of St. James Church.

**Colleen "Coke" Didier (1940-2018)** \$ 50  
 In thanksgiving for her life and unfailing support of St. James Church.

Dillons Community Rewards Program \$ 1,235\*  
 \*Endowment Fund Support YTD from enrollees in Dillons Community Rewards Program.\*

### *New Memorial Enrollments from August 16, 2018 thru October 31, 2018*

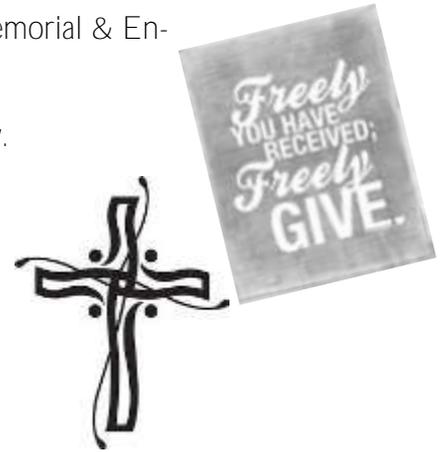
James M. Callender, III (1931-2018) \$ 1,940  
 In thanksgiving for his life and faithful service to St. James Church.

To honor a loved one by making a gift, visit the Endowment page at the St. James website: [stjameswichita.org](http://stjameswichita.org) for the Enrollment Forms (Living Tribute and Memorial). OR, Contact the Church office 316-683-5686. **\*To make "no cost" contributions to the PMEF thru the Dillons Community Rewards Program enroll online at [www.dillons.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/](http://www.dillons.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/)**

## ~ ST. JAMES CHURCH LEGACY SOCIETY ~

### ENSURE THE FUTURE OF ST. JAMES CHURCH

- † Designate a bequest to St. James. Bequests designated for the Perpetual Memorial & Endowment Fund will grow and give in perpetuity.
- † Witness your intension by enrolling in the St. James Church Legacy Society.
- † If you have questions, contact a member of the Endowment Funds Board for assistance.
- † Remember God's will in yours!



### CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION TAX TIPS

*Fall 2018 Schwab Investment Magazine*

The new tax law still allows "qualified charitable distributions" (QCD's) directly from IRA's for those 70 1/2 or older. If you are that age and have an IRA, then you must take "required minimum distributions" (RMD's) each year from it, and this RMD is taxed as income. One way for you to avoid that tax is to gift money (up to \$100,000) from your RMD directly to a qualified public charity, such as St. James. Since this reduces your taxable income by that amount, it can also improve your situation on Medicare premiums. QCD's are not tax deductible, but you may not be itemizing deductions this year with the increased standard deduction.

Regardless of your age, if you itemize deductions instead of taking the standard deduction, the new tax law still allows a deduction for the donation of appreciated assets, such as shares of stock, mutual funds or ETF's. By giving these assets directly to a charity, they are not subject to a tax on capital gains for you or the charity.

Your brokerage or tax accountant should be very familiar with these rules, so talk it over with them if you think one or both of these ideas may benefit you.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

*By Judy Goodpasture, Chair*

Our St. James Outreach Committee has presented several projects this fall, and we are grateful for the St. James congregation's generous help.

- † Thanks to Dottie Evans, we held a successful American Red Cross Blood Drive in September, and we have scheduled 3 more blood drives for the year. Our next drive will be Sunday, February 17. Sign up with Dottie or online.
- † Thanks to Mary Druding, we will once again lead a sizeable Christmas project, providing large food baskets and gifts for needy families served by Episcopal Social Services and **Kansas Children's Service League**.
- † Thanks to parishioners saving Box Tops for Education, we sent another set of coupons to Jefferson Elementary, bringing our total gift to them to \$136.70.
- † Thanks to the entire congregation, we collected more than 80 new or serviceable blankets. Twenty were given to refugees served by St. Francis Community Services, and more than 60 went to the homeless population served by the Inter-faith ministries.
- † Thanks to the many St. James donors and project chair Gary Thudium, our Pocket Change Ministry will donate \$500. to **Kansas Children's Service League** in November, and we will keep collecting for our next gift.
- † Thanks to the Outreach Committee, we will send get well and condolence cards to a number of parishioners each month.
- † Thanks to St. James volunteers, we are sending reading tutors to several elementary schools through United **Way's Read-To-Succeed** program and other volunteers to **The Pando Initiative's Math Tutors** program in two elementary schools.
- † Thanks to St. James volunteers, we sent workers to Southeast High School in November to help present Reality U, a finance workshop for students.
- † Meeting with the Youth in March, we will write blessings and sacred poems to surprise and delight people within our church, in our schools, and in our community.
- † Thanks to Suzi Miner, Chelsea Whipple, and our Sunday School teachers, St. James staffed several booths at the Alternative Gift Market on November 10. In addition, these volunteers staffed a mini-Alternative Gift Market at St. James on Sunday, Nov. 11.

Besides managing projects, our committee continues to educate ourselves through speakers and facility tours concerning programs for children, families, and those in need.

Our committee is most appreciative of the parish support of our projects, and I am grateful for the joyful dedication of our committee members: Mother Sarah Stewart, Deacon Peg Flynn, Verger Tim Flynn, Vestry Liaison George Bousfield, Secretary Marcia Wilder, Beth Criss, Mary Druding, Dottie Evans, Hew Goodpasture, Mary Klocke, Jim Petty, Sarah Robinson, Linda Smith, Marilyn Taylor, Joy Johnson-Thudium, Gary Thudium, Diana Williams, and Dick Williams.

New members and guests are always welcome at our Outreach Committee meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Come visit us. And yes, we serve treats.



Thank  
you

## AN UPDATE FROM THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY STEERING COMMITTEE

*By Sue Reynolds and Susan Stallings, Co-Chairs*

The process of putting together a year of celebrations for our church's 100th birthday is well on its way. The Steering Committee has met the last four months. Many discussions have been held, information exchanged and plans established for moving forward. A short, anonymous survey was developed and presented to the congregation for input. Seventy nine (79) members returned the surveys providing the steering committee and the individual committees with valuable information as we begin to organize our responsibilities.

The individual committees are: Historical, Fundraising, Outreach, Reunion Guests, Gala Events, Other Special Events, Youth and Children. These committees are separately developing their strategic plans, timelines and estimated budgets for presentation to the Vestry in January. There will no more steering committee meetings until after the holidays. However, much is still being done during this break as the individual committees are beginning to meet independently and parallel to the steering committee. The members-at-large have been very helpful with insight and willingness to assist wherever necessary.

A designated bulletin board will soon be present in the hallway for reference, announcements and activities. Please check to see what is new and important. The Co-chairs meet most Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. at the church as we too have lots to accomplish before January. Please feel free to drop in if you have suggestions, questions or just want to know what is going on. If you can't come to the church please call one of us with your questions.

As a committee we continue to look forward, as we keep in our minds the many who have sacrificed and labored before us, whose efforts over the last 100 years created this beautiful church we lovingly call St. James.

## REMEMBERING THE AUTHOR OF “THE MESSAGE”

Most of you who worshiped at St. James in the liturgical Year A (2016-17), remember hearing Scripture lessons from “The Message,” a contemporary translation of the Bible enjoyed by some. The author, Eugene H. Peterson, gave us all something important to think about: Holy Scripture. Peterson, who was known as a pastor and prolific writer, passed away on October 22, 2018. What follows is his obituary which was published in the New York Times:

### ***“Eugene H. Peterson, 85, Scholar Turned Homespun Pastor, Dies***

*“The Rev. Eugene H. Peterson, a Presbyterian minister who challenged the mass marketing of Christian evangelism and wrote a shelf of books on religion — notably “The Message,” a series that recast the Bible into everyday English — died on Monday at his home in Lakeside, Mont. He was 85.*

*“Amy Peterson, his daughter-in-law, said the cause was congestive heart failure. Mr. Peterson, who had dementia, had been in hospice care.*

*“For most of his life Mr. Peterson was a small-town pastor and college professor who spread the Gospel with paperback books and with his sermons and ministrations to a few hundred parishioners. But he became an influential voice of American evangelism in his 70s, after the publication in 2002 of his full translation of the Bible, which sold 15 million copies worldwide and lifted him out of anonymity.*

*“While televangelists like Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, Bob Jones Sr. and Joel Osteen reached millions with more impersonal and lucrative mass-media techniques, Mr. Peterson deplored modern megachurches, virtual religions online, televised preaching and what is known as the gospel of prosperity, which propounds the popular notion that God rewards the faithful in material ways.”*

Peterson was not an Episcopalian, but his work encouraged us to think about what Scripture said, led us to investigate again how we thought about it, and enabled us ultimately to become more intimate owners of what we believe. A balance of scripture, tradition and reason in our approach to faith is the Anglican way. It asks us to be serious thinkers, to engage thought with our experience of the world, and yet make room for the mystery of God's power at work in the world. It isn't the simplest way to come into relationship with God, but it seeks to be nothing less than faith which is wholly personal and lived with integrity.

## SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL OYSTER DINNER



March 5, 2019

### LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED INCLUDING TICKET SELLERS

Please come and help make the dinner a success.

We will be working:

All day Tuesday, March 5, until 10:00 pm.

Come and stay an hour, stay for 4 hours or stay all day long.

Child care provided for workers.

***It's a wonderful time of fellowship and fun.***

Come in jeans and we will give you an apron and set you to work.

You will walk away with new appreciation for your church community.

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Burning of the Palms – A service to burn the palms to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday will be held on Shrove Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 pm in the Celtic Garden. We need your dried palms and palm crosses from previous years for the burning. A basket for the reception of old palms and palm crosses will be available until Shrove Tuesday, March 5.

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Shrove Tuesday (March 5) at 7:00 p.m. in the Celtic Garden, we will have a brief service of the Burning of the Palms. Join us immediately following the Oyster Dinner.



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Ash Wednesday (March 6) join us for one of the services of The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist at 12:15 or 5:30 p.m. in the church.

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2018 ELECTED OFFICIALS

### ST. JAMES VESTRY

The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt, Rector

The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart, Assoc. Rector

Erin Compton, Senior Warden

Matt Carroll (2020)

Woody Swain, Junior Warden

Georgie Drake (2020)

Bert Clark, Treasurer

Joy Marlin (2020)

Pam McCausland, Clerk of the Vestry

George Bousfield (2019)

Clay Bastian (2021)

Kelly Harper (2019)

Delmar Klocke (2021)

Joan Moore (2019)

Cheryl Schmeidler (2021)

### 2018 DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Diane Gossen (2020)

Tom Gossen (2018)

Jeri Moss (2020)

Bill Moss (2020)

Necia Rillema (2020)

Paul Rillema (2020)

Helen Bousfield (2019)

Jeanie Hans (2019)

Randy Harrison (2019)

### ENDOWMENT FUNDS BOARD

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Hew Goodpasture (2021)

Kate Bastian

Paul McCausland (2021)

Barry Carroll

Richard Bowman (2020)

Tim Flynn

Tom Zerger (2020)

Suzi Miner

Louise Brinegar (2019)

Debbie Stephens

Jeff Newlin (2019)

## BALANCING THE BOOKKEEPERS

After almost exactly one year on the job, we bid farewell to our bookkeeper, Donna Penner. Facing issues related to aging, Donna has decided to move to Pennsylvania to be near her children. She will sell her house in Wichita and move after the first of the year.

With an unexpected vacancy to fill, the Lord provided a new candidate for the bookkeeper position right away. Paul Clark (who heard about the opening from his son, our parishioner Bert Clark) made known his interest in working for us in the parish office. A professor of business and management courses, Paul personally knows the importance of accurate record-keeping as he ran his own agribusiness for years. If you don't know Paul already, come by the parish office during the week (he will work in the earlier part of the day) and say hello.

## REGIONAL CONFIRMATION

Confirmation for the Southwest Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas was held at St. James on Saturday, November 18. The Rt. Rev. Michael P. Milliken of The Diocese of Western Kansas was the Presider. Canon Torey Lightcap of the Diocese of Kansas is pictured along with The Rev. Mary Korte of St. Stephens, and Julia Hart, who was received. Pictured are Mother Dawn Frankfurt, Mother Sarah Stewart, Marlene Hallstrom (on the organ bench). Also present but not pictured were The Rev. Laurie Lewis and Deacon Peggy Flynn. Those confirmed from St. James are: Cynthia Arterburn, Celia Blair, Timothy Garrels, Diana Morton, and Jeromiah Taylor. Those from St. James who reaffirmed their faith are: Danny Blair, Eve Moore, and Charles West. Thanks to our vergers, servers, altar guild, ushers and ECW who made this service and the reception following special for all of us.



## GIFT-WRAPPING FOR CHILDREN

On Tuesday, Nov. 27, the St. James Outreach Committee plus spouses wrapped gifts for foster children at St. Francis Ministries. Busy wrapping and labeling 110 gifts were Sarah Robinson, Mother Sarah Stewart, Deacon Peg Flynn, Tim Flynn, Marcia Wilder, Lowell Wilder, George Bousfield, Helen Bousfield, Marilyn Taylor, Jim Petty, Hew Goodpasture, and Judy Goodpasture. A good time was had by all.

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### DATES OF NOTE

#### DECEMBER 2018

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 – YouthTide! at St.

Andrew's, Emporia

2 – Kid Zone – Sunday School & Children's Chapel 9:30-11:15am

2 – Advent Lessons & Carols Service 5:30pm

3 – Daughters of the King 6:00pm

6 – Breakfast Club 8:00am

9 – St. Nicholas Bazaar, Breakfast Sunday 9:15-10:45am

20 – Finance Committee 5:00pm

20 – Vestry Meeting 6:00pm

22 – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 10:00am

23 – Christmas Pageant 10:00am

23 – Greening of the Church 12:30pm

24 – Church office closes at noon

24 – Christmas Eve worship services at 4:00, 7:00, and 11:00pm

25 – Church office closed

25 – Christmas Day worship service - 10:00am

26 – Church office closed

26 – NO 12:15pm service of Holy Eucharist

31 – Church office closes at noon

#### January 2019

1 – Church office closed

2-4 – Church office open 9:00am to noon

3 – Breakfast Club 8:00am

5 – Ordinations in Topeka

6 – Kid Zone – Sunday School & Children's Chapel 9:30-11:15am

7 – Daughters of the King 6:00pm

13 – Breakfast Sunday

18-19 – Mini-Miqra (*college age 18-24*) at Grace Cathedral, Topeka

19-21 – MIQRA (*grade 6-12*) at Grace Cathedral, Topeka

21 – MLK Day – Church Office closed

21 – ARISE Choir Breakfast and Awards

27 – Annual Meeting 10:00am

30 – Parish Potluck Dinner 5:30pm

#### February 2019

3 – Kid Zone – Sunday School & Children's Chapel 9:30-11:15am

4 – Daughters of the King 6:00pm

7 – Breakfast Club 8:00am

9-10 – Youth Weekend

#### February 2019

10 – Breakfast Sunday

17 – Blood Drive

21 – Vestry Meeting

22-24 – Mustard Seeds Music Weekend (*grade 9-12*) at St. Paul's, Manhattan

27 – Parish Potluck Dinner 5:30pm

#### March 2019

2 – Consecration of Bishop in Topeka

3 – Kid Zone – Sunday School & Children's Chapel 9:30-11:15 a.m.

4 – Daughters of the King 6:00pm

5 – Oyster Dinner

5 – Burning of the Palms

6 – Ash Wednesday

7 – Breakfast Club 8:00am

11-15 – Spring Break for USD259

29-30 – New Beginnings

(Diocesan spiritual retreat for Jr. High student, led by High School students)