

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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OUR YEARLY GATHERING

By Dawn M. Frankfurt, Rector

This year, on the last Sunday in January, we tried a new pattern of starting the morning with worship at 9:30, followed by the Annual Meeting at 10:45, when we met to conduct the business of the parish. At least 150 members were present for these activities.

We thanked Erin Compton for three years of faithful, expert service as Sr. Warden and elected Joan Moore to her first term as Sr. Warden. Wardens serve one-year terms with up to three consecutive years, before we are required to elect someone another leader. This year we elected Woody Swain to his third term as our extra competent Jr. Warden.

In addition to our Wardens, we elected the following members to positions of leadership:

Vestry (term ends 2022)

Maddy Bishop
Anne Clark
Brandon Whipple

Endowment Funds Board

(term ends 2022)
Barry Carroll
Tom Gossen

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

(term ends 2021)
Adrienne Edwards
Jackie Farha
Tristan Holmberg

Alternates to Diocesan Convention

(term ends 2021)
Jacob Graybill
Vicky Petty
Rick Wulf

Nominating Committee 2019

Pam Callender
Diane Gossen
Tim Newlin
Chelsea Whipple
Peggy Zerger

A complete list of the elected leadership of this parish is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Copies of the Annual Report are available at the front desk of the church. If you would like one of these reports, please take a copy. If you would like to have one mailed to you, please call Jinger in the church office at 683-5686 and let her know.

Richard Bowman, President of the Endowment Funds Board, spoke about the goal of having 100 members in the legacy society in honor of our 100th anniversary.

Bert Clark, who is doing an outstanding job as our new Treasurer, made a presentation about the 2018 parish finance report and the 2019 parish budget.

Joan Moore, as our out-going Stewardship Chairperson, and as our new Sr. Warden, addressed the congregation about giving. Giving to the parish for 2019 increased over giving in 2018. For this we are very grateful and want to convey our sincere appreciation to each of you who have already pledged to give. Joan challenged pledgers to prayerfully consider the possibility of giving a 13th month pledge to St. James in 2019. Her remarks are included in this newsletter. If you have not yet decided to join in giving this year, you are still asked to do so.

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Our Yearly Gathering, Continued

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by the Steering Committee of the 100th Anniversary. The logo for our anniversary appears with this article. It was presented, for the first time, by Susan Reynolds and Susan Stallings, who are co-chairs of the Steering Committee. Each spoke about their lifelong connection to this beloved parish, Tom Gossen presented a wish-list of capital improvements to be supported by a 100th anniversary capital campaign, and Anne Clark gave us a little walk down memory lane with a presentation about parish history. Upon the sharing of this exciting news, and the announcement of our election results, the meeting ended on a positive, hopeful note. Once minutes from the annual meeting are approved at the March Vestry meeting, they will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway near the Guild Hall.

One of the things your leadership, the Vestry, and I worked on for some time is the annual parish budget. We are making every effort to see that everybody can understand how our different accounts work together to fund our ministries. All of these, our operating account, our restricted funds, and the endowment, exist because of your giving.

We are working to manage the Fleming bequest (which supports youth and Christian formation ministries) so it will last. We need to be able to spend less and less of this gift each year. The desire to maintain the positions of our Associate Rector and Director of Christian formation is an important element which causes us to seek increased giving.

We want our budgeting to be as realistic as possible, so we are taking the step of anticipating a percentage of unfulfilled pledges as an expense in our 2019 budget.

We are attempting to make provisions to schedule and complete delayed building maintenance, and we hope that extra attention to our facility and grounds needs is allowing us to more accurately anticipate what it costs to maintain our beautiful, 100-year old building. We have been wishful thinkers in budgets of the past.

This work, and more, is being undertaken by the vestry with the explicit purpose of being as transparent and as realistic about our financial situation as we can possibly be. In the coming year you will notice new ways the vestry will begin communicating with you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the members, the treasurer, or the wardens.

May the love of God at work in you transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

AMEN!

ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS

<u>Vestry</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Nominating Committee</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Joan Moore, Sr. Warden	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	Pam Callender	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Woody Swain, Jr. Warden	Diane Gossen	Tom Gossen	Diane Gossen	Richard Bowman
Bert Clark, Treasurer	Jeri Moss	Bill Moss	Tim Newlin	Tom Zerger
Susan Stallings, Asst. Treasurer	Necia Rillema	Paul Rillema	Chelsea Whipple	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Pam McCausland, Clerk	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	Peggy Zerger	Hew Goodpasture
<u>Class of 2020</u>	Adrienne Edwards	Jacob Graybill		Paul McCausland
Matt Carroll	Jackie Farha	Vicky Petty		<u>Class of 2022</u>
Georgie Drake	Tristan Holmberg	Rick Wulf		Tom Gossen
Joy Marlin				Barry Carroll
<u>Class of 2021</u>				
Clay Bastian				
Delmar Klocke				
Cheryl Schmeidler				
<u>Class of 2022</u>				
Maddy Bishop				
Anne Clark				
Brandon Whipple				



ON BEHALF OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

By Joan Moore, Senior Warden and Chair of the Stewardship Committee



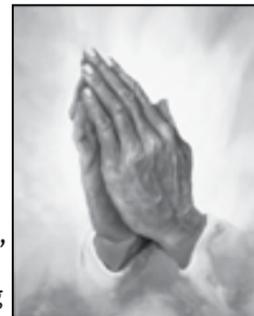
I am writing all of you, not only as your Stewardship Chair, but also as a passionate donor to our parish. I love ST. James and I believe it is my responsibility to give St. James my time, my talents, and my treasure. You all may know that I am a professional fundraiser for Wichita Collegiate School, and before this job I was a full-time community volunteer who raised money for many different non-profits in our city. The reason I succeed at this task, is that I ONLY raise money for causes that I feel VERY passionate about. I can't ask ANY one for money unless I BELIEVE in the cause. Not only is it the most ethical thing to do, but it is the only authentic thing to do.

So I am asking for your help on behalf of your Stewardship Committee, your Vestry and now as your newly-elected Senior Warden who cares VERY deeply about what happens to our church. And when I say "church" I mean the building itself, the programs that we fund, the outreach ministries that flow from our church AND the clergy and staff, the people who are such an integral part of St. James that we could not function as a church body without them. The Vestry presented all of you an unbalanced budget at annual

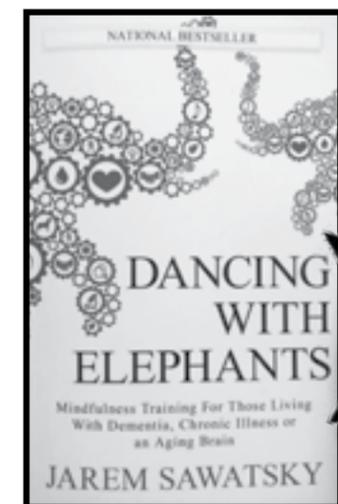
meeting, because we cannot honestly balance it. The Vestry felt it would be dishonest to make up some overly optimistic numbers, just to present a balanced budget. I am asking you – IF YOU ARE ABLE – to consider another gift to St. James – another gift in addition to your pledges or gifts for 2019. Members of the Vestry are going to do things like contribute in the plate every week, in addition to fulfilling their pledge. Personally, I gave a 13th month payment to help meet the budget shortfall. We will also send a letter out to all of our members asking them to consider making one of these choices. Other parishes are facing this same situation. St. Stephen's, our east Wichita neighbor, is in the same situation; they reached out to their members and asked, and the members stepped up and closed their budget gap. I'm asking all of you to prayerfully consider helping us do the same thing. We ask all of you to help in lots of ways around here, and you always respond to our pleas. I hope this is just one more way in which you will choose to help us. Thank you so very much.

THE COLUMBARIUM

Stop into the chapel (south of the church) for a few moments of prayer and silence. There you will see our columbarium niches on the north and south walls of the chapel where many a beloved church member now rests. In 2015, we added a new columbarium on the south wall of the chapel facing the existing columbarium on the north wall. Many parishioners now have been laid to rest here since its installation and others have reserved niches as part of their funeral planning. The cost of a niche is \$1,000 and each niche can hold the ashes of up to four individuals. All niches in the north columbarium are reserved. For information about reserving a niche in the south columbarium, contact the church office.



RECOMMENDATION BY MOTHER DAWN



ST. JAMES GARDENING*By Anne Clark*

Below is a list of the dates that we are planning on working. Of course you are more than welcome to pull weeds when you see them.

March 9: Preen application and cleanup
 March 30: prep for spring
 April 20: prep for Easter
 April 28: Work on Celtic Garden to prep for Tea
 May 11: Pruning and planting
 June 1: Preen application and cleanup
 June 22: Cleaning
 July 13: Cleaning
 July 27: Cleaning
 August 10: Cleaning
 August 24: Cleaning
 Sept 14: Cleaning
 October 12: Cleaning and planting fall bulbs
 November 2: Cleaning prep for winter

Thanks again for all of your help to make St. James beautiful! If you have any questions, please contact Anne Clark at aws1155@yahoo.com or 816-797-6177.

**ST. JAMES LEADS THE WAY AT WICHITA ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET!**

A hearty THANK YOU to St James' youngest members for their outstanding work in gathering donations at the 2018 Wichita Alternative Gift Market. The Sunday school project, Education and Hope for Refugee Children in Syria's border countries, topped the list of 37 projects with \$2,313 in gifts. The Youth group collected \$1,214 for Clean Water and Sanitation for Rural Villages in India. Together with April Pameticky's East High students and Vicky Petty's colleagues at Vitreo Retinal Consultants and Surgeons, St James helped make our Wichita Market the most successful in the country, garnering a total of \$33,528 of which \$4,353 has been presented to seven local charitable projects.

Please put this year's Market on your calendar: Saturday, November 9, 10am to 4 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Broadway, and plan to join us for our 25th year of giving hope to a world in need. To learn more about the Market, please visit AlternativeGiftMarketWichita.Wordpress.com.

**MUSIC AT ST. JAMES***By Marlene Hallstrom*

I recently came upon an article about the importance of the volunteer church choir which applies especially well to the choirs and congregation at St. James, so I requested permission to reprint portions of this article in Seasons. With the emphasis on the importance of small group ministry at St. James, I think this is a wonderful example of how well a choir can meet the goals of this ministry.

A Case for the Church Choir by Paul Detterman

How important are church choirs? How vital are they to a healthy ministry? Why have them at all? Many people are asking questions like these. Tragically, some congregations have decided that the whole business of nurturing and supporting a choir is just not who they are, or who they are anymore. But as we enter a new year, I want to make a case for the volunteer church choir and the people who give so freely of their time and effort to support it. I believe the church choir is a unique and vital part of a healthy congregation. Why? Four reasons:

- 1. MOTIVATION** - A rare and special dynamic is created among people who don't have to be there. Church choir members show up, week in and week out, out of love (see below). The only compensation they receive is the joy of being a part of this unique ministry and the joy of making music together. That is enough to keep them coming back.
- 2. INSPIRATION** - The members of a volunteer choir seek (and find) their inspiration in the music they sing and the opportunity they have to be part of something far greater than the sum of its parts. You can't experience the thrill of an ensemble singing by yourself—the beautiful forte blend, or the subtlety of a well-rehearsed pianissimo. In a church choir, ordinary people can experience the thrill of a text coming to life as they sing a well-rehearsed anthem, hymn, or psalm.
- 3. FELLOWSHIP** - A volunteer choir creates a community unlike any other. As a choir meets together, week in and week out, they “do life” together. They pray for one another—celebrating births, mourning deaths, welcoming new members, and grieving the departure of good friends. A healthy choir can be one of the strongest small groups in a congregation.
- 4. LOVE** - Love is what makes a volunteer church choir: love of music, love for each other, and especially love of the Savior. Love brings a young entrepreneur rushing in for rehearsal after a week of conferences in a foreign country. Love inspires a businessman to drive several hours through holiday traffic to make the dress rehearsal for a Christmas concert. Love causes a young couple to rearrange their lives so that choir rehearsal becomes “date night” on a weekly basis. (None of these examples are imagined).

Nothing will ever replace the volunteer church choir. Nothing ever can. Choral music itself will never be a thing of the past, but impoverished are the congregations who are forcing their people to experience singing in secular settings. If your congregation has a choir, nurture it. Thank the members and support the director. If you don't have a choir, consider (re)starting one—possibly for Holy Week or Easter. If you're part of a church choir, keep singing. Keep coming. If you are blessed to be the director of a church choir, don't take them or that opportunity for granted. Cherish the joy of being part of this rare and wonderful ministry as we enter 2019!”

If the choirs at St. James have been a blessing to you in worship, please thank a choir member. If you have a musical gift to share, please consider joining a choir. As the choirs prepare music for the seasons of Lent and Easter, we hope the music will deepen your worship experience.

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TRADITIONAL BEGINNINGS OF THE LENT SEASON

Burning of the Palms on Shrove Tuesday – A brief service of burning 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. Bring your dried palms and palm crosses from previous years for the burning on Shrove Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 pm. Join us immediately following the Oyster Dinner.

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. The evening service will include the St. James choir and liberal use of incense.

The Great Litany – The first Sunday of Lent is the weekend of March 9 & 10. Our recital of the beautiful traditional Great Litany will open each service that weekend. Incense will be used at the 10:45 service on Sunday, March 9.

Rite One – The traditional liturgy of Rite I (see page 319 and following in the BCP) will be used on the first weekend of the month in Lent. On April 6 & 7 we will worship according to Rite I in the Book of Common Prayer and use the Revised Standard Version (RSV) of the Bible for our readings. The RSV, first published in 1946, is an older (original) version of the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) released in 1989. The NRSV is the version we usually use in liturgy.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES

Reconciliation of a Penitent (a.k.a. Confession) – Lent is a season when people often make a formal confession of their sins and receive sacramental absolution. See pages 446-452 in the Book of Common Prayer for some introductory information about the Reconciliation of a Penitent. If you would like to make a private confession in Lent, or at any other time, make an appointment for your private confession with Mother Dawn or Mother Sarah. If you haven't made a private confession before, have a conversation with Mother Dawn or Mother Sarah ahead of time to find out what to expect and how to prepare.

Noon Eucharist – Holy Eucharist at 12:15 every Wednesday in the chapel. This service is offered year-round, but is attended by some as a special act of devotion during the Lenten season. All are welcome.

Lenten Posture – There are only two times a year when the church specifically requests those who are able take a certain posture in worship. Those times are the seasons of Lent and Easter. During Lent, the appropriate positions for us to strike are those of penitence, reverence, and obedience. We do this by placing emphasis on kneeling, by making deep bows and by ceasing our proclamation, "Alleluia!" Celebration is set aside during Lent and returns at Easter. In Lent, our services of Holy Eucharist begin with The Penitential Order (see BCP page 351). Immediately after the Opening Acclamation, we will kneel through the Collect of the Day. We will kneel for the Prayers of the People. At the Holy Eucharist we will sing (or say) the Agnus Dei (remembering the forgiveness of our sins) immediately before the administration of Holy Communion (see BCP page 337). When you come to the altar rail to receive the sacrament of bread and wine, you are asked to kneel if you are able to do so. We will kneel for the post-communion prayer and closing prayers. As always, we will stand to sing hymns. Notations in the bulletin will lead you smoothly through the service. It should feel quite natural to you and hopefully your sense of the season will be amplified by the way your body and actions reflect the Lenten ethos. If there are times in the service when you would like to genuflect (i.e.: entering or leaving your pew or at certain times in the Creed), you are welcome to do so and Lent is the most appropriate time to do it. Crossing yourself is always an acceptable expression of piety and should be done with special solemnity in Lent. You will never be asked to do something which makes you uncomfortable. Although these physical expressions of the season are strongly suggested, please know that your own physical ability and personal piety will always be honored and respected.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday – Holy Week starts with a surge of positive emotions on Palm Sunday as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at Passover. The Palm Sunday service begins with a blessing of the palms. The Saturday 5:30 PM service and the 8:30 AM Sunday morning services begin in the church. Weather permitting, the 10:45 AM service Sunday morning will begin outside under the portico in the parking lot. There we will bless the palms and begin festive procession through the southwest entrance to the church accompanied by choristers and choir. The reading of the Passion according to Matthew is a part of each service this year (Year A). Some individuals read assigned parts and the congregation speaks together as the crowd when they say: "Crucify Him!" After Holy Eucharist, the service ends on a somber note and all depart in silence. The weekend of Palm Sunday is April 13 and 14.

Holy Wednesday Tenebrae Service – This service of psalms and anthems is held in diminishing light. Again this year, a beautiful and simplified version of the service will be offered on Wednesday evening of Holy Week, April 17. It precedes the Triduum services of Maundy Thursday, Holy Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter. Some of the dramatic features of the service are the gradual extinguishing of candles and lights in the church until only one candle, considered the symbol of our Lord, remains. Toward the end of the service this candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of the crucifixion and the resurrection (Matthew 27:51, 28:2). The hidden candle is restored to its place and by its light all depart in silence.

Maundy Thursday – The service begins at 7:00 pm on April 18. At the service, we recall Jesus' demonstration of servitude with the service of foot washing. Here we remember the Last Supper and Christ's institution of the Eucharist. To signify the emptiness left in his disciples hearts when Jesus was arrested, the altar is stripped and the chancel stands bare. After the service, a vigil (also called an overnight watch) is held in the chapel where you are invited to offer prayer and silent meditation through the night. Doors to the church will be locked through the night, but someone will be inside the red doors at all times to grant entrance and ensure a safe exit.

Good Friday – We first remember Christ's path to the cross by walking the Stations of the Cross beginning at 11:00 a.m. on April 19. At noon, the Good Friday Liturgy begins. It is the solemn remembrance of the crucifixion. Silence and solemnity are observed in the church from noon to 3:00 pm. These are the hours Jesus's body is thought to have been on the cross.

Holy Saturday – The brief Holy Saturday liturgy begins at 10:00 a.m. in the hollow, empty church. We remember the followers of Jesus who knew that he was dead and did not know what was coming next.

Easter – The culmination of the week comes on the Sunday with the services which celebrate the feast of Christ's Resurrection. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday (the third day) following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief. Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ. The Great Vigil of Easter starts at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. There is no better way to arrive at the end of a long holy week journey than with the sunrise service of The Great Vigil. It will leave you in a blissful state drawing together joy, peace, assurance, jubilation, relief and calm. Festive services of Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning with the St. James choir. The Easter Season is also known as the Great Fifty Days. The end of Easter is the Feast of Pentecost.



Refer to the last page for Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

CHRIST IN CREATION, THE BODY OF GOD

By Laura Stephens

The Biblical creation story is brimming with God’s own proclamations of the goodness of that creation. Jesus draws repeatedly on the natural world for the wisdom he passes on to his followers. He himself finds a cathedral in the hills and the trees, to which he steals away for a moment alone with his creator; in nature, he seems to find a greater, more intimate connection. God called everything created “good”, and God created humanity as an intrinsic part of the biological ecosystem of the planet over which God also commanded humans to be caring stewards. John, in his Gospel, refers to the Christ as the “Light of the world” and the “Logos” (or, as Richard Rohr puts it, the “Cosmic Blueprint”), which is in and through and one with all creation. Christ is in and is all of it.

Most of us in the Church have been swept up in the negligent and exploitative habits of consumption in our society, often in the name of convenience, and we are complicit in the destruction of our God-indwelling, sacred habitat, apart from which we cannot live. This is not only to the detriment of many animal and plant species, but it adversely affects all of us, especially the poor and destitute. As we walk in solidarity with Jesus during the Lenten season, entering the spiritual wilderness, we are called out of our anthropocentrism and into an awareness of our place within the context of all of God’s creation, which is

GO GREEN

By Madison Bishop

In the Fall semester I was in a class called, “Introduction to Christian Living.” Every week we took up a spiritual practice such as Lectio Divina, the Wesleyan fast or complete silence for five minutes every day. One of my favorite practices was our “Go green and no-buy week.” We were challenged to stop using single use plastic such as water bottles, take out boxes or to-go coffee mugs. While not only being conscious of our plastic use, we were challenged to not buy anything that week except items for our basic needs. We were to abstain from purchases such as buying coffee at shops, going out to eat and even buying books. Yes, that was real, not even books. Thank goodness we have such a wonderful public library! Compared to the other spiritual practices I mentioned, this one seems a bit different. When this prac-

God’s Sacred Body. Traditionally, Lent is a time of omission, a time when we relinquish indulgences, as a way to make space for the Christ to come into our awareness. This season, let us relinquish the wastefulness of our consumptive, convenience culture to make room for recognizing and cherishing Christ in everything that exists. Releasing habits that contribute to and convince us of our separateness from Nature, we enter into a more simplified life, a spaciousness where we meet God, as one with God, in our creatureliness—as homogenous with God as with the very water we drink, the air we breathe, the earth that we eat. During Lent, in place of (or along with) giving up sugar, coffee, alcohol, etc., we can take up our crosses through conscious action in our everyday choices toward healing and communing with the earth—the manifestation of God in physical form that we were so generously given into and from which we are inseparable—asking ourselves what we can do (or, what we can omit) toward honoring and receiving Christ within All Of It. It is in awareness of and intentional, active love and care of the Christ in everyone and everything that we come to know God more fully, that we come to know ourselves as secure and inalienable from that abundant, unified, provisional Love that permeates every rock, every tree, and every creature on the planet.

tice was first introduced I thought, “what does this have to do with my spiritual life or the lives of others?” I quickly realized it has everything to do with our spiritual lives. That week I was confronted with the consumeristic habits that are deeply ingrained in me, wanting to buy things such as a cup of coffee or a cute t-shirt, just because I could. In choosing to use reusable grocery bags, coffee mugs and take out boxes, I realized that it takes both effort and intention. I have to plan ahead and maybe have my convenience altered. This was difficult, but I believe it is important. Changing my habits requires sacrifice. Relinquishing my convenience and my privilege requires sacrifice. I believe Jesus cares deeply about how we spend our money and whether or not we are being good stewards of what we are given.



LESS PLASTIC FOR LENT













	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
PLASTIC BOTTLES & LIDS 			MARCH 6 ASH WEDNESDAY Giver of Life, in the midst of poisoned water, I weep with creation. In the midst of polluted air, I weep with creation. In the midst of mountains of waste, I weep with creation.				10 Isaiah 24:4-5 The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers; the heavens languish together with the earth. The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants.
FOOD SHOPPING 	11 No Foam takeaways. Ask for alternative – or bring own lunch box.	12 Refuse Straws. Ask for no straw or a paper straw. It is estimated that by 2050, there will be more plastics than fish (by weight) in the oceans.	13 Don't use single use plastic shopping bags. Save money and the environment and bring your own!	7 Use your own water bottle. An estimated 1-million plastic bottles are bought around the world every minute. Commit to using your own glass or re-useable bottle.	8 Refuse plastic lids. Ask for take away drinks without a plastic lid or bring your own cup. These lids are unlikely to get recycled and infact are likely to outlive you by a couple of 100 years.	9 Community Action: Are you recycling at home? Set up a recycling bin system. Does your church recycle? Write them to set up a recycling system.	17 Psalms 104: 25-30 There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.
BATHROOM 	18 Plastic liquid soap dispensers. Use soap in a bar form or refill plastic dispensers instead of throwing away every time.	19 Cotton Ear buds / toothbrushes. There are environmentally friendly and biodegradable options available. Look out for wooden/bamboo toothbrushes.	14 Plastic cutlery. Buy a set of affordable cutlery for centering events and share with others. Carry a teaspoon with you.	15 Avoid buying vegetables in plastic packaging. Buy from plastic free stores, local traders or bulk stores. Alternatively bring your own boxes/bags for veg.	16 Community Action: Choose One issue – straws or single use plastic bags – visit your supermarket/restaurant and ask them/email them to stop using single use plastic bags & straws.	23 Community Action: Caring policy for big events. Ban polystyrene/foam at your church/school /community group. Discuss reusable alternatives that will also save money	24 Colossians 1:16-17 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.
KITCHEN 	25 Use natural cleaning cloths. Avoid using single use wet wipes. Choose long last cloths (made from cotton) or make your own from scrap material.	26 Buy glass and/or stainless steel containers for food storage. Glass works well for freezer storage as well, just ensure you leave room at the top of the jar. Reuse coffee jars or jam jars.	28 Look around your kitchen. See what plastics you can replace when they wear out. Replace with wooden or metal.	22 Go for large sizes of shampoo, conditioner etc. Avoid the travel sizes. You can even buy shampoo in a bar form in some shops.	29 Lose the clingfilm and ziplock bags. Keep food in a container with a lid or explore other options such as beeswax covers.	30 Community Action: water policy at church and home. No more bottled water and cool drinks – start making ecobricks.	31 Jeremiah 2: 7 I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable.
CLOTHING 	APRIL 1 Choose natural fibres. Synthetic fabrics create microfibre pollution when washed. Look for organic cotton, wool, and other natural fibres.	2 Old Shoes and Clothing Into New. Take clothes to a tailor for alteration if they don't fit/arent in style rather than throwing them away.	4 Avoid bargain plastic items. These often break easily, like cheap accessories.	5 Request zero plastic packaging if you're buying clothes online ask the retailer if they can reduce or remove plastic packaging.	6 Community Action: Organise Church clean up in the community. Not just the church building but the grounds also. Photograph the items you find most of and post them on social media tagging the company eg @cocacola clean up your mess #sthsyears	7 Revelation 22:1-2 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb, through the middle of the street of the city.	
KIDS 	8 Give an experience rather than a plastic gift (for kids) take them on an outing.	9 Help them look at the plastic in products and choose for themselves. And recycle. EG SUCKERS.	11 Organise a toys swap for kids at school or Sunday school.	12 Don't use wetwipes. Try using reusable cloths instead or make your own wipes.	13 Community Action: Make your voice heard. Share what you are doing with friends, family and community. Ask your MP what they are doing to tackle single use plastics. Ask your ward councillor.	14 PALM SUNDAY. John 12:13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Plant a tree for palm sunday.	

MAGIC GROW CAPSULES AND CATCHING WITH LOVE

By Fiona Halley

Many of you might have enjoyed a toy that I did when I was younger called Magic Grow Capsules. These are little capsules that, when put into water, magically grow into little sponge animals, and I absolutely loved them. I have a distinct memory of sitting in my parents' bathroom with an entire big package of Magic Grow Capsules, which I had just proudly bought with all my allowance, and I was confident I was going to raise my own army of sponge animals.

You see, this was around the time that I first remember hearing the gospel that we heard today. Now, I was on board with Jesus making the nets of these fisherman plentiful because from the sound of it, they had a long and unsuccessful day. But the part I was a little concerned by was when Jesus tells Simon "from now on you will be catching people." Because in my head, I imagined it as there was an entire ocean full of people, just like there were several oceans of sea creatures. And the people in the ocean were small, but when Simon fished them out, they would become regular human sized, like the Magic Grow Capsules. I know it doesn't make much sense now, but come on, I really thought I was gonna build an entire sponge army with just one full package of Magic Grow Capsules: a lot of things were possible in my head at that point.

As I grew, I figured out that the passage didn't mean literally catch people, but instead Jesus meant to go out and find people who believed. I think my version is a little more exciting, but I find the actual meaning much more interesting each time I think about it. I always wonder if Simon ever questioned how he would catch people. To me, the key to "catching people" in that way is through love.

I'm a person who's full of love, I've also been told I draw some people to me. I like to believe it's because I always try to radiate love and kindness, because let's be honest, the world always needs more love and kindness. Love plays many different roles in different ways. One of the ways that's prominent in my life is the way this church has always loved and supported me, and led me to making a couple of amazing friends who have loved and supported me through quite a lot.

At the beginning of last August, I was part of a group of people at this church who met to talk about an event that was happening at the end of September: Pride Festival. No, not Wichita Pride, though I have come to appreciate what this city has to offer. I'm talking about LGBT pride. I know it can be a sensitive topic, especially because we're in Kansas. But it's one I'm deeply passionate about and have found part of that passion through this church.

Walking through those big red doors, I never fail to feel loved. Even in the time when I was struggling to understand what I was feeling and coming to terms with my identity

right now, I knew I could walk through those doors and be loved. I am lucky to be able to have felt this way, I know many in the LGBT community have the opposite experience. Part of the passion I've found through this church has come in the form of understanding that there are plenty of people of faith who are LGBT, sometimes they struggle with their faith, sometimes they don't.

One of the things I've always loved about St. James is how open to the LGBT community I've found it. Growing up, I knew we had a few members here, but it wasn't until this past fall that I realized how many we actually have here. Sitting in that first meeting, I looked around at the group of people, and wondered how many were allies and how many were in the LGBT community. As the meeting went on, I found that there were more than I expected, and more allies than I expected.

Hearing the older members of this church community who are also a part of the LGBT community talk about their experiences, both here in Wichita and elsewhere, has been eye opening. Because before then, the only first hand experiences from earlier than the 2000's that I had heard, were things I had read or things I had watched. But in those meetings, they were there in front of me and seemed fairly open to sharing some of the things they had been through before. Listening to them share stories or give advice made me realize how strong love really is.

Love has the ability to bind people together, whether it be people being married, a group of people coming together to make a change, or what I felt in each of those meetings-- the love that I felt coming from the older generations as we all prepared for Pride weekend.

Just like those Magic Grow Capsules, I felt myself grow in those moments. The wisdom and love I felt helped me grow, and is still helping me to grow today. It also helps show the key to catching people is through love. And if there is one thing I want everyone sitting here with us for youth weekend to take away, it's love. Love is the key.



Sermon delivered on Youth Sunday 2019

KIDZ ZONE EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Kidz Zone events:

March 3	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
April 7	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
April 21	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt & Children's Easter Flowers
May 5	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
June 2-8		MEGA Camp
June 7	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
June 24-27		VBS

**BREW & BIBLE**

Join young adults and friends to savor something caffeinated as we consider prophetic voices in Scripture, across biblical genres, who help us to hear the Spirit's call to be people who embody God's peace and justice in the world. Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m. at Fairmount Coffee, 3815 E. 17th St. N. (across from WSU).

MEGA CAMP!

Episcopal Summer Mega Camp
Three Camps: One Week
Faith ~ Friends ~ Fun

Episcopalians have been attending Summer Camp the first week in June at Camp Wood YMCA for over 80 years. Camp Wood is accredited by the American Camp Association—a process that has over 300 safety and quality standards. There are separate age-appropriate Christian education, camp activities, and sleeping arrangements for all three age-groups, as well as healthy well-balanced meals with accommodations available for allergies.

Camp Wood features a variety of activities such as horseback riding, archery, climbing tower, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, water slide, mud slide, arts and crafts, and sports. The volunteer Episcopal staff provides solid Christian education, featuring worship, music, small group discussions, and prayer.

When: Sunday, June 2, 2:30 p.m. to Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m., 2019

Where: Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale, KS

Who: Students in grades 3-12 for 2017-18 school year (you must have finished third grade to attend); Camp is NOT restricted to Episcopalians or regular churchgoers. All are welcome, so feel free to invite friends and family.

Cost: \$450 if registered by April 1, 2019
\$465 if registered between April 2-May 10, 2019
\$480 if registered after May 10, 2019

Those needing scholarships should register for camp by April 1, 2019. The diocese has 20 scholarships for \$150 available for those with extreme financial need. You can apply for scholarships on the registration form. Information about your household income will be required. Scholarships are awarded by a committee. Your parish should also be able to provide some scholarship money.

Cancellation Deadline: Thursday, May 16, 2019. There are absolutely no refunds after Friday, May 16. Regardless of your payment status, you will still owe the full price for camp unless you notify us that you are canceling your registration by May 16. Registration form: <https://edok.formstack.com/forms/camp2019>

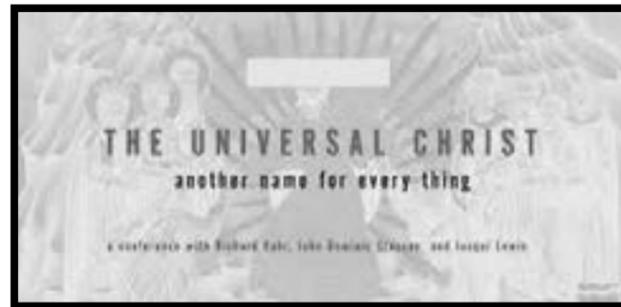
MEGA CAMP

ADULT CLASSES & SMALL GROUPS**Funeral Planning Workshop**

Make advantage of this opportunity and begin planning your funeral or the funeral of a loved one. Attend Mother Dawn's four-week Funeral Planning Workshop. We will talk about what kind of end-of-life planning you need to do with your family before it is needed. Making decisions about the way you'd like to die, sharing your instructions, and having a plan for your funeral can be very comforting to you and your loved ones when the time comes to face once-in-a-lifetime experiences. In this workshop we will go through the funeral service in the Book of Common Prayer, consider scripture passages, discuss hymns you might have, and whether to include the Holy Eucharist. The group may discuss topics of interest to participants such as: Should I be cremated? Where should the final resting place of my body or my ashes be? What about dealing with the funeral home, family or other complications? Bring your questions. We will meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM from March 13 to April 3.

Palestine in Jesus' Time

Come learn and explore about the world in which Jesus lived. It will focus on what scholars know about the people and culture in Palestine during the years of Jesus' ministry as recorded in the Gospels. Newcomers are always welcome to join at any point. This will be held Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m.

**The Universal Christ Retreat**

Join us for a 3-day retreat to "explore the central themes of Father Richard Rohr's new book, *The Universal Christ*, and discover the roots of the universal Christ in the rich history of the Christian tradition. Experience Easter in a new way as we consider Holy Week through a larger, cosmic view of Christ, drawing upon theology, practices, conversation, and liturgy. How might this vision impact our own lives and communities?" We will be watching the webcast version of the Center for Action and Contemplation's upcoming conference. We will hear from scholars, Fr. Richard Rohr; Dr. John Dominic Crossan, one of the leading scholars on the historical Jesus; and Dr. Jacqui Lewis, is a Senior Minister at Middle Collegiate Church and founder of the Middle Project. The retreat will take place beginning on Friday, April 12th from 6-8pm, Saturday, April 13th 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 14th 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. All meals will be potluck style. There will be a time for contemplative practices and small group discussion. A complete schedule with specific topics will be published 2 weeks beforehand. Sign-ups will be posted as seating will be limited. For more information please contact Chelsea Whipple or to view conference details go to www.cac.org.

Small Group Leader Training

This summer St. James will be offering a small group leader training. This is perfect for those interested in leading/facilitating a small group, whether at St. James or not. Look for more info to come!

ENDOWMENT FUNDS BOARD REPORT

By Tom Gossen

The EFB continues to meet monthly. A summary Annual report was presented at the annual meeting. The full report will be published and made available early in Lent. As determined by the Vestry's annual distribution policy, the 2019 Endowment distribution will total \$33,574 divided among Outreach (\$3,357); EFB expenses (\$2,500); reserve for Future Capital expense (\$11,364); and, 2019 Capital expenses (\$16,353). The EFB continues to work on plans to engage parishioners on the importance of building the endowment through increasing membership in the Legacy Society – those who witness they have remembered St. James Church in their estate planning. This provision can be made without legal expense by simply designating St. James Church Endowment Fund as a beneficiary on a 401K, an IRA, an insurance policy, or an annuity. No specific amount or percentage is required for Legacy Society Membership. The EFB also plans to re-emphasize to the parish, the importance of registering Dillons Shoppers Cards to designate a contribution of a percent of the parishioner's purchase dollars to go to the St. James Church Endowment Fund, at no expense to the parishioner. A great way to help build the endowment bit by bit with every purchase at Dillons! Bert Clark will be available in the entry foyer on Breakfast Sundays to assist you with enrollment in the Dillons Community Rewards program. Many thanks to Bert and to those who have already taken advantage of his assistance.

~ 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!

LOVE IN LENT

By Sarah C. Stewart, Associate Rector

Slowing down feels freeing in winter, as inclement weather chases away my FOMO. My body seems grateful, even hungry, for that seasonal stillness I've been postponing, in favor of finishing my to-do lists. Subtle sounds I seldom stop to notice catch my ear, leaving me awe-struck: sleet as it strikes the house, soup simmering on the stove, a baby as she stirs from slumber. In the space between breaths, when I'm safely snuggled under a blanket with a warm beverage, I awaken to God's presence in my daily life. I feel myself syncing with God's divine heartbeat, drawing me—Body, Mind, and Spirit—into love's healing rhythm. Inviting me to discover that I, too, am love. Just as God is.

Lent isn't a time in the church year that evokes "warm fuzzies" for many of us. Our annual love-fest (Valentines, all) is past. By this time, we're more likely

mid-winter-frazzled. We have more on our proverbial plates than we really know what to do with, which might explain how "giving something up" for Lent could feel like sweet relief. I doubt we're all raising our hands at once for a "romantic Lenten getaway" with Jesus. Still, this season in our communal lives is meant to be neither lifeless nor loveless. Love has drawn near to us already, as it did to Jesus during his wilderness journey, providing all we need to weather life's changes and chances. Leaning into this love will look different for each of us. Lent is the perfect season for experimentation and discovery as we embrace our spiritual longings.

Thankfully, this life-long journey of faith includes liturgical seasons we revisit together, year after year. Such holy seasons, like Lent, extend gentle invitations to slow down, to be still,

to lay down our to-do lists, so that we can let God's love strengthen us. Perhaps Lent 2019 will be your personal mid-winter retreat, where you seek that healing space between breaths. Maybe you'll find it to be an adventure with intrepid companions whose faithful presence heartens you to face the rigors of your current spiritual desert. Or, maybe, it presents you an unexpected gift of 40 days to listen to the silences (and sounds) that come alive as you consider Jesus' time in the wild. Individually and communally, Lent teaches us that we need not fear. None of us will miss out when it comes to God's love. Where (and with whom) will you discover its liberating power?



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 AND ADDITIONS TO THE ST. JAMES PERPETUAL MEMORIAL & ENDOWMENT FUND

Newly Enrolled Living Tributes from November 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019

Paula Skinner \$200

In celebration of her admission into the Daughters of the King.

Paul & Linda McCausland \$150

In celebration of their wedding 12-31-18

Additions to Living Tributes from November 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019

Anne Clark \$35

In honor of her birthday

Dillons Community Rewards Program \$279

Endowment Fund Support from enrollees in Dillons Community Rewards Program.

Additions to Memorial Enrollments from November 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019

James M. Callender, III (1931-2018) \$200

In loving memory and 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 for the Enrollment Forms (Living Tribute and Memorial). OR, Contact the Church office 316-683-5686. *To make “no cost” contributions to the PMEF through the Dillons Community Rewards Program enroll online at www.dillons.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/.

WAYS OF GIVING

By Bert Clark

How to Sign-up for Dillons Community Rewards

1. Obtain a Dillons Plus Shopper’s Card from a local Dillons store. Already have a card? Proceed to the 2nd step.
2. Create a Dillons on-line account at www.dillons.com. Already have a Dillons on-line account? Proceed to the 4th step after logging in and choose My Account. Already have a Dillons on-line account but do not remember your password? Click forgot password on the Sign-in screen.
 - Hover over Welcome Sign In and select My Account
 - Click Create Account at the very bottom
3. Fill out the form
 - Enter your zip code and click Find - assign yourself a “home” store. You don’t have to exclusively shop this store for points or rewards
 - You can use any email address you own; if the email is already in use the form will tell you
 - Your Dillons password must be at least 8 characters long and contain one letter and one number
 - Enter the number from the back of your Dillons Plus Shopper’s Card or enter your Alt ID
 - Click Create Account (its up to you to unselect the two check boxes)
4. Click Community Rewards under My Account
5. Enter HB310 in the box and click Search
6. Verify the organization name appearing is St. James Episcopal Church and click Enroll
7. Shop at Dillons to support St James! Thank you!

Please know that when you sign up for Dillons Community Rewards, you do not change your enrollment in fuel points. Also, Dillons Community Rewards rolls over annually so you do not have to sign-up each year.

Use Amazon Smile When You Shop on Amazon.com

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St James every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to St James. You can choose from over one million organizations to support but we prefer you choose St James!

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

How do I select St James to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

What if I have a different organization assigned instead of St James? Can I change my charity?

Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards St James. To change your charity, sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select “Change your Charity” in “Your Account.”

- Just remember to use smile.amazon.com when you shop Amazon.com so that St James receives a contribution from your purchases!

Easy Sign-up at Breakfast Sundays!

Over the next couple of months a member of the Endowment or Stewardship Committee will be hosting a sign-up station at Breakfast Sunday to assist you in the event you do not have access to a computer or need help getting signed up for these programs. We’ll put an announcement in the bulletin and eTower if we are available on a non-Breakfast Sunday.

ST. JAMES OUTREACH COMMITTEE

By Judy Goodpasture

Thanks to the good will and generosity of the St. James congregation, our Outreach Committee completed some impressive projects this fall:

- Christmas gifts for 82 people and 22 food baskets delivered to families recommended by Kansas Children’s Service League and Breakthrough ESS.
- Gifts wrapped for foster children served by St. Francis Ministries
- A training and dinner at St. James for new refugees from Eritrea and the Congo.
- A successful fall American Red Cross Blood Drive
- Volunteers recruited for United Way’s Read-to-Succeed program
- Volunteers recruited for Reality U workshop at Southeast High School
- A service project by children and Sunday School teachers at the Alternative Christmas Market
- 80 blankets delivered to Inter-faith Ministries and St. Francis Migration Ministries

This winter we will offer several other projects:

- American Red Cross Blood Drive on February 17, 2019
- Creative Blessings Event and dinner with the Youth Group in March
- Undies Sundays to benefit the Wichita Children’s Home

And, through our Pocket Change Ministry, we will continue our on-going financial support of four agencies serving children and families in Wichita: Kansas Children’s Service League, the Wichita Children’s Home, St. Francis Ministries, and Breakthrough Episcopal Social Services. We will also continue our year-round collection of Box Tops for Education to benefit Jefferson Elementary, our collection of Paperbacks for Prisoners, and our collection of pop can pull tabs for women in Africa.

At our meetings the **4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.**, in the lounge, we monitor our projects, sign cards for parishioners who are ill, and hear speakers. For example, on Jan. 22 we heard the woman who is in charge of the refugee program at St. Francis Ministries describe her challenging work. Do visit us. We are a friendly group working together to make outreach a vital part of the St. James community. And — we always serve cookies.

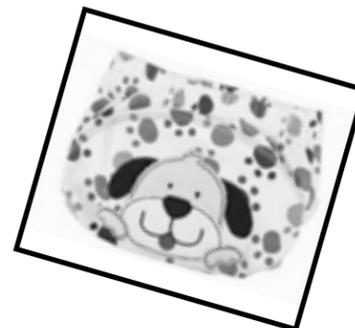
Grateful

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 Clark, 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. Come visit us. And yes, we serve treats.

UNDERWEAR FOR WICHITA CHILDREN’S HOME

By Mary Klocke, Chair

The St. James Outreach Committee is beginning the Annual Undies Sundays Drive again. This drive to collect new underwear for the children served by the Wichita Children’s Home will run for four Sundays: Feb. 24, March 3, March 10, and March 17. Starting next week, please bring new underwear to fit sizes infants through adults. Special requests from the Wichita Children’s Home are for Size 5 diapers, boys’ boxer shorts, and girls’ bikini undies. Just put the undies in the basket by the red doors next week. Thank you!



OLD ENGLISH TEA

By Kate Miller and Susan Stallings

This year will mark the 90th time our church will open its doors to extend our most gracious hospitality to the community at large. Our Olde English Tea has become a Wichita “rite of spring” going back decades to the first tea held in 1921.

It’s not just a Tea...

Our Tea is a fundraiser that supports our outreach programs. Last year 9 (nine) local non-profits benefited from the \$9,500 raised. At a time when government funding and grants may be in jeopardy, our community outreach is more important than ever.

Our Tea is a chance for all of us to get to know each other as we support this fundraiser. It is an opportunity to meet new people and turn Sunday morning acquaintances into friends. It’s a feeling of accomplishment and pride to open our church home to the community.

Our Tea is tradition. It is tightly woven into the beautiful tapestry that makes up our parish life. Generations of St. James families have built this event into what it is today and it’s an honor and privilege to carry their work forward. In our fast-paced lives filled with so many options for fun and entertainment, the Tea stands out as a very unique event to attend!

So Please Join Us!

- We invite ALL members of St. James to be a part of the tea in some way.
- If you have been involved in the past, we thank you! If you have not...WE NEED YOU!
- The opportunities to contribute are plentiful...Please look for announcements and updates in the weekly E-Tower and worship bulletins.
- Do not hesitate to contact Co-chairs, Kate Miller (kate7426@cox.net) or Susie Stallings (smstallings6@cox.net) with your interests, questions and/or comments.

ANNUAL OYSTER DINNER



Tickets On Sale Now!

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.

ST. JAMES' GIFTS FOR BREAKTHROUGH EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES

By Deacon Peg Flynn

Recently, St James received a letter from our partners at Breakthrough ESS. The letter was thanking the church for its donation of \$8,500 in 2018. It went on to say that since 2006 (which is how far back they have electronic records) the church has contributed nearly \$112,000 to Breakthrough ESS, and this does even not include the value of donated items such as pies, food and hygiene pantry items.

Rachel Newell, Development Director, added that—in addition to the cash gifts from the church itself—individual parish members of St James have contributed nearly \$500,000 to the charity since 2006.

This is a huge commitment of support that has made so many important projects of Breakthrough ESS possible over the years. And this is only the tip of the iceberg. For many parishioners have donated countless hours of service to ESS as well. In the past year, for example, a number of parishioners have volunteered for the Representative Payee program: Every week Woody Swain, Rick Milhon, Pete Schrepferman, Jim Lewis, Father Sam Criss, Marj Williams, Marcia Wilder, and Mary Druding work to help individuals receiving Social Security Disability pay their bills. This important project has helped many experiencing homelessness to get off the streets—and enabled others to stay in their homes.

On Valentine's Day Mother Sarah, Mary Ohlemeier, Diana Morton and Linda Johnson helped serve up about 60 delicious breakfasts to the community which comes to Breakthrough Monday through Friday. Most community members who come to breakfast are living on the streets and in shelters. A hot meal and cup of coffee served up with smiles and hearty greetings help many get their day off to a good start.

The Breakthrough ESS breakfast program is often a first chance to connect and build trusting relationships with people who are in dire need of employment or mental health services, medical care or hygiene products. A nurse is on-site two Thursdays each month to do routine tests and make referrals to Hunter Health Clinic.

Mary Klocke and Kelly Harper are working on the upcoming Dancing with the Stars event. This new fund raiser will be held Saturday evening, May 6 and will replace the previous Red Carpet Event as Breakthrough's major fund raising event of the year. And Jean Wiest will be representing St James' in the dance competition.

In August, Chelsea Whipple and Matt Carroll were part of the Kindness Moves Me Walk which attempts to raise awareness about mental health issues and raise money for the Breakthrough Clubhouse.

Sarah Stewart, Sarah Robinson, and Adrienne Edwards currently serve on the Board of Directors. Tom Gossen serves on the Community Awareness Committee.

I apologize for those that I have left off this list. There are many who have volunteered in past years as well.

If you or someone you know volunteer at Breakthrough ESS—or would like information about opportunities to do so, please contact Deacon Peg at deaconpeg@gmail.com or Jacqueline Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator at Jacquette.Thompson@breakthroughwichita.org.

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 35:40



100TH ANNIVERSARY

By Susan Stallings

The 100th Anniversary Steering Committee is excited to share our progress to date and what is in store for the 2019 year. Our presentation at the Annual Meeting began with a power point of the early history of the Episcopal presence in Wichita, a town of about 100 citizens in 1869. Committee introductions, a report from the fundraising chair, Tom Gossen, introduction of our logo and theme, followed by what has been accomplished and comments regarding what else needs to be accomplished.

What has been accomplished to date: A survey was first on our agenda. We realized the importance of requesting the opinions of all church members in order to have a means of evaluating collective opinions. Seventy-nine (79) church members submitted their survey for evaluation. The survey results were made available to all members and definitely provided the steering committee with valuable insight and ideas. After the survey results were available Woody Swain, Jr., Building and Grounds, began the task of laying the foundation of a needs assessment from the many suggestions for capital improvements, Tom Gossen began working on the development of a capital campaign and Judy Goodpasture began the process of searching for a noteworthy community outreach project. The committee took a break for the holidays and we began January preparing for a presentation to the Vestry and our presentation at the Annual Meeting. All committees are fully developed and have started the process of planning projects and events for their respective areas. The Steering Committee will continue to meet monthly, usually the last Saturday of each month, 9:30 a.m. in the church lounge.

The plan for 2019 is to calendar all 100th celebratory projects and/or events that will be available in honor of our 100th anniversary. To date the most important date to put on your calendar is reunion week June 1 through June 7. Specifically, Saturday June 6, there will be an evening celebration event, yet to be named, and Sunday, June 7, there will be one celebratory church service followed by a champagne reception. The Steering Committee continues to be excited about our progress and we maintain a positive outlook for our future accomplishments.

A CROSS OF STONE

By Wes Rine,

Dedicated to St. James Church, Wichita, KS

There in sanctified ground
Stands a cross of gray
Telling the congregation
I am the truth and light and way.

Its flowered vestibule
The circle is complete
When life's cycle ends
I am before Judgment's seat.

In quiet meditation
Knowing there is redemption
I humbly before it stand
By his merciful guiding hand.

Tis a symbol
Carefully fashioned stone
Near a holy place filled with stained
Glass windows
Wherein faith is sound.



CENTENNIAL PRAYER

Gracious God, we lift our praise to you for the gift of St. James Church. Our parish, dedicated to your Word, is given by a century of saints now remembered in love on this holy ground. This life-giving communion, through which we know you, comes from the history you established for all time. We give you grateful thanks for this, and for the hope we have, through Christ, of the eternal communion. Lord, make us loving, generous, and imaginative as we strive to secure our second century. May we be found faithful to the traditions of St. James Church and eager servants of the future saints who will find the knowledge and love of you in this place for years to come. Amen.



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Holy Week and Easter Service Schedule

Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)

Saturday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m.
and Sunday, April 14 at 8:30 a.m.

*The blessing of the palms,
dramatic reading of The Passion,
and service of Holy Eucharist*

Sunday April 14 at 10:45 a.m.

Service begins outside the red doors under the portico with blessing of palms & festive procession into church for dramatic reading of the Passion & service of Holy Eucharist.

Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday)

Sunday, April 21 at 6:00 a.m. - The Great Vigil of Easter &
Service of Holy Eucharist (with incense)
service begins with the lighting of the new fire
in the parking lot

Sunday, April 21 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Festival Service of Holy Eucharist - music at both services

Sunday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt - Church yard, weather permitting

Holy Week

Monday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. – Service of Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. – Service of Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 17 at 12:15 p.m. – Service of Holy Eucharist in the Chapel, Rite I

Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. – Service of Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. – Service of Foot Washing, Celebration of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, The stripping of the altar & commencement of the overnight watch

Maundy Thursday into Good Friday 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 Noon – Overnight Watch in the Chapel

Good Friday, April 19 at 11:00 a.m. – The Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 19 at 12:00 Noon – The Good Friday Liturgy

Good Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. – Youth-led Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m. – Holy Saturday Liturgy