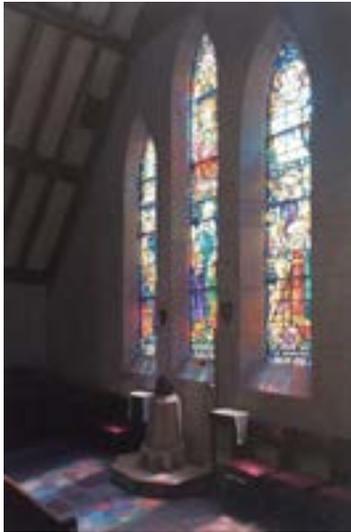


ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The SEASONS Of St. James

COME AND WORSHIP

By The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt, Rector

One of the wonderful things about worship in the Episcopal Church is that it offers an opportunity to engage God vertically as well as horizontally every time we worship. A vertical line and a horizontal line, you are not surprised to know, add up to be the sign of the cross. Beyond the shape of the cross (which is already enough), I find a lot of meaning in the metaphor of the horizontal and vertical ways to meet God.

When we speak of having a vertical engagement with God, we refer to what some people call their “personal relationship with Jesus Christ.” (Please, if this phrase “a personal relationship with Jesus Christ” puts you off, don’t let it make you stop reading this article. I’m not writing about being “saved.”) Coming to your vertical center probably requires some quiet and concentration (or lack of distraction). Prayer is one way to meet God vertically. In a broader sense, it means a God-in-me/me-in God sensibility. In vertical engagement, through prayer, meditation, study, and personal reflection we find our identity in God/becoming one with God.

We exemplify horizontal engagement with God when we pass The Peace in worship. The literal reaching out between two, or more, people is a way to come to know God because relationships with other people teach us about the love of God. It is while in service to others that some describe recognizing Jesus (or God) in the face of the one they serve. Knowing God in others is coming to the center of your horizontal relationship with God.

Being centered vertically (self in God), and being centered horizontally (God through others), brings you right to the point of their intersection and the heart (the sweet spot) of spiritual life. Coming to worship helps you journey in the direction of spiritual balance. In the seasons of Lent and Easter (especially Holy Week), the worship service offerings are of many types and held at various times. Understanding the kind of worship service you are attending (ask a question or look it up if you don’t find information in the bulletin), and fully participating with those present for the service, can add up to very impactful worship.

I encourage you, with all of my heart, to give yourself the opportunity to be shaped by worship as you traverse the journey of life on the vertical axis and on the horizontal axis of engagement with the Holy One. May God bring you to the place where it all comes together and makes sense: on the cross. AMEN.



ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS

Vestry

Joan Moore,
Sr. Warden
Danny Blair,
Jr. Warden
Bert Clark,
Treasurer
Susan Stallings,
Asst. Treasurer
Pam McCausland,
Clerk
Class of 2021
Clay Bastian
Delmar Klocke
Cheryl Schmeidler

Class of 2022
Anne Clark
Brandon Whipple
Paula Skinner
Class of 2023
Judy Goodpasture
Jeanie Hans
Sara Robinson

Delegates

Class of 2021
Adrienne Edwards
Jackie Farha
Tristan Holmberg
Class of 2022
Randy Harrison
Marilyn Milhon

Alternates

Class of 2021
Jacob Graybill
Vicky Petty
Rick Wulf
Class of 2022
Rick Milhon

Nominating Committee

Deb Hager
Phil Speary
Jane Spurrier
Susan Stallings
Gary Thudium

Endowment Board

Class of 2021
Hew Goodpasture
Paul McCausland
Class of 2022
Tom Gossen
Barry Carroll
Class of 2023
Deb Bagby
Tom Zerger

SENIOR WARDEN’S ANNUAL MEETING ADDRESS

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

Good Morning and welcome to the 100th Annual Meeting of St. James! I am Joan Moore, your Senior Warden and I want to discuss one very important issue with you this morning. I felt very blessed to lead our Vestry over the last year and your Vestry was a very courageous group of church volunteers that love St. James and love the work they do to make our parish stronger. One of the challenges any Vestry faces is balancing transparency with confidentiality.

I’m sure many of you read the Forward Day by Day devotions like I do. As I was preparing these remarks this past week, the scripture for Tuesday, Jan. 21st really stood out to me: John 3:20 says, “For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.” Your Vestry is an honest, hard-working group of men and women who want nothing more than to be transparent with this parish. They not only want information to come INTO the light, but they DO want the church’s deeds to be exposed.

For decades there have been temporary restricted accounts for many of the activities we do in the church. There are accounts for DOK, for ECW, for the Guild Hall players, pretty much every activity has an account for financial and budgeting purposes, and some of these accounts USED to have separate checking accounts with their own check books. That system was eliminated by Father Fred Miller when he was interim rector before Mother Dawn. He advised us to combine all of those separate bank accounts with our everyday checking account which we use to pay our bills.

At the same time, our church has a very complex accounting system. We can’t just use Quick Books for our accounting purposes like a small business can use; we use the same system that many churches use. It is cumbersome, it is not user friendly, BUT it is very complex so that it can prevent fraud and embezzlement.



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Senior Warden Continued

At the same time, former bookkeepers didn’t always properly record in the software when all of these temporary restricted funds WERE used. Let me give you an example. A generous donation was given to the church to fund the search for an Associate Rector. The funds were recorded and the actual cash was placed into the operating account. The Search Committee spent the money on the search, and as you know we hired Mother Sarah, but that expense was never recorded against the temporary restricted fund which was on the books. Until November 2019 in our system it looked like we still had that money to spend, but obviously we didn't have that money anymore.

Two years ago, when Erin Compton was our Senior Warden and we were transitioning through bookkeepers, these errors were discovered. Erin and Mother Dawn had two options – they could bury their heads in the sand and keep doing business as usual or they could expose these errors to the Vestry and decide how to move forward. I was a member of that Vestry and we all discussed what had happened and how we needed to try and figure out what funds were actually available from the temporary restricted accounts. Bert Clark was starting as our new Treasurer and Paul Clark was hired shortly afterward as our part-time bookkeeper. Erin kept pushing for us to figure out what funds we had available and to ask for a correct balance sheet each month, something that the vestry had not had for a long time. To help Paul Clark unravel this complex situation, we asked our Asst. Treasurer Susie Stallings to help Paul, because of her accounting background. They worked on the unraveling for over a year and at our November Vestry meeting, we finally got to see what money was supposed to be in the temporary restricted accounts and we were all upset and disappointed. What we were afraid of was true: the funds we thought existed did not exist anymore. No one STOLE this money, no one took it outside the church or spent it on personal or unlawful means. Instead these funds had been co-mingled with operational funds and used at a time when our cash flow was low to pay our bills. Things had gone on like this for years, because past bookkeepers were not making the proper entries in the accounting system when money was spent and the Vestry was seeing incorrect balance sheets every month.

This whole process has been extremely frustrating and very painful for the Vestry, for Mother Dawn, for Bert, for Paul and for Susie. No one was happy about it and the very hard work had to be done to unwind the “books” to get to accurate and “real” numbers. I am so pleased to tell you that Paul's, Susie's and Bert's VERY hard work paid off and everything is now accurate, out in the open and we wanted to share this news with everyone because we now know what we’re dealing with. The accurate numbers went to the Finance Committee in November and they recommended that several of these temporary restricted accounts be CLOSED and that the most active ones remain open and be brought up to date with their real numbers. Moving forward, future bookkeepers and treasurers will know how to avoid making the same accounting system errors and the temporary restricted accounts are NO LONGER co-mingled with operating funds. We have one temporary restricted account where all of those temporary restricted funds live together and they are separate from the everyday budgeted funds. If you want to read even more details about this issue, please take the time to read the Treasurer's report that you will all receive today.

I want to thank Erin Compton for urging all of us to not run away and hide from this problem, but to face it head-on until we discovered the truth. I want to thank Bert, Paul and Susie for doing the very hard work of straightening out this mess. Most importantly I want to thank Mother Dawn for reminding us that while this situation was very hard, we must have faith to do the right thing and I want to thank the Vestry members who stood firm and did live up to their fiduciary duty to this parish and got to the truth. Thanks to ALL of you.

TE DEUM WINDOW PAINTING

By Denise Evans Gorney

In honor of the occasion of St. James' centennial anniversary, a painting of our beautiful Te Deum Window has been commissioned. The oil painting was painted by local artist, Bill Goffrier. It is currently on display in the back of the church near the window and the font it depicts.

The Te Deum Window in the west wall of the nave was installed as a gift from the R.C. McCormic family in memory of Fr. Sam West, the second rector of St. James. The three tall lancet windows point to the heavens and are symbolic of the hope and aspiration of all Christians. The Te Deum is an ancient Christian hymn which was composed in the 4th century. Our window illustrates the images of the sacred hymn.

An opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the St. James Te Deum Window, captured in this painting by Bill Goffrier, is now available. Prints and boxed sets of notecards featuring a reproduction of the painting can be ordered. Prints can be ordered on fine quality paper or on canvas in a variety of sizes. The paper prints can be framed as is in standard size frames or matted to a different size. The canvas prints can be framed in a similar manner as any oil painting. This would typically be frame only (no glass or mat). The boxed sets of notecards come with 12 cards and 13 envelopes.

A table has been set up in the church entry displaying the print options and the boxed notecards. It is located just inside the red doors on the east side of the building. Order forms are available here as well. Completed order forms may be dropped off at the front desk, placed in the offering plate on Sunday, or mailed to the church. In the near future, order forms will also be available at www.stjameswichita.org.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



TE DEUM WINDOW PAINTING

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Order Forms will be collected for processing each Sunday. Expected delivery time frame should be approximately 2 weeks from order placement. Parishioner order pickup will be at the Church. Payment is due at time of order.

PARISHIONER ORDER FORM

Note: Purchases are NOT Tax Deductible

Place orders/payments in a sealed envelope and turn in at the welcome desk.

ITEM	SIZE	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Print (Unframed)	6x9" Image on 11x14" Paper	\$35.00		
Print (Unframed)	11x17" Image on 16x20" Paper	\$55.00		
Canvas Print (Unframed)	12x18"	\$100.00		
5x7" Notecards	Set of 12 (13 Envelopes)	\$15.00		
Purchase Total			\$	

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Method of Payment (please circle): Cash Check Credit Card

Name on Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ CCV #: _____

I authorize St. James Episcopal Church to process payment on the above listed credit card for the Purchase Total Amount.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

100TH ANNIVERSARY

By Susan Reynolds

"Gratitude makes sense of the past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow"

Melody Beattie

2020 is finally here!! And wonderful it is to see the beginnings of our year-long celebration come together. So what does 100 years mean to you?

Something I never really gave much thought to, not in a particularly serious way, but when I come to church each Sunday and begin to think of our church, how it started, how many, many "saints", the men, women and children who toiled and helped to create where we are, right here, right now, in this beautiful place, I feel gratitude. St. James, a place of peace, a place of community, a safe place where we appreciate the opportunity to receive spiritual clarity and inspiration. Gratitude is indeed for ALL who came before us, ALL of us in the here and now, and to the many who will follow.

This past 18 months the 100th Anniversary Steering committee met for our meetings, we focused on the past, present and future in order to define a sense of balance while creating the opportunities for celebration. The consensus was the past is important, as is the present, but it is the future that counts as life moves us forward. Our hope is that we met the mark. And now is the time to enjoy St. James and the 100 years of accomplishments...as



we contemplate and plan for the future. Our Capital Campaign kicked-off during the Annual meeting providing us all an opportunity to support and invest in our future with the many projects defined to improve and protect the longevity of our physical structure and some projects to benefit the here and now. The Steering Committee requested that the Vestry approve an opportunity to start saving now to provide funds for future celebrations. \$1000 per year for the next 100 years was approved and will be set aside, securing the foundation for future reflection and celebration.

The now is to be enjoyed as the year unfolds. Take the time to enjoy the many opportunities on the agenda, you will not be disappointed. Of course, the biggest event will be Reunion Week, June 13 and 14. By default the summer months activities are at a minimum as families take vacations and enjoy time together. The Fall months will again provide occasion to experience community and enrich our hearts.

So with gratitude for our past, and peace for today, let all of us look forward as we create our vision for the future. Blessings

ST. JAMES 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, give us the loving and generous imagination which secures the foundation of 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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)**

Saturday, April 4 at 5:30 PM and Sunday, April 5 at 8:30 AM

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

Sunday, April 5 at 10:45 AM

Service begins outside under the portico in the parking lot with blessing of palms & festive procession into church for dramatic reading of the Passion & service of Holy Eucharist

Holy Week

Monday, April 6 at 7:00 PM – Service of Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 PM – Service of Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 8 at 12:15 PM – Service of Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 PM – Service of Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 PM – Service of Foot Washing, Celebration of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, stripping of the altar & commencement of the overnight watch

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

Good Friday, April 10 at 11:00 AM – The Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 10 at 12:00 Noon – The Good Friday Liturgy

Good Friday, April 10 at 7:00 PM – Contemplative Evening Service

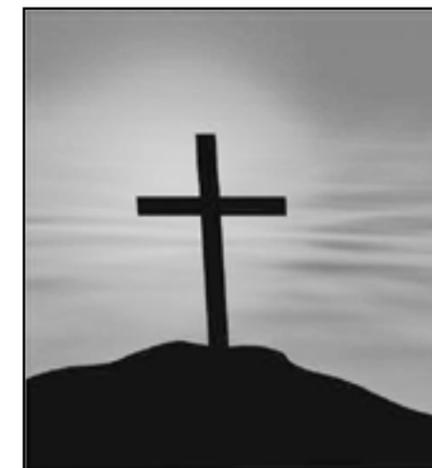
Holy Saturday, April 11 at 10:00 AM – Holy Saturday Liturgy

Easter (Resurrection Sunday)

Sunday, April 12 at 6:00 AM - 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 12 at 8:30 and 10:45 AM – Festival Service of Holy Eucharist
(music at both services)

Sunday, April 12 at 10:00 AM - Easter Egg Hunt (church yard, weather permitting)



MUSIC AT ST. JAMES*By Marlene Hallstrom*

2020 has begun with much excitement and anticipation at St. James as we begin the celebration of 100 hundred years of ministry in this place. The visual arts have been in the forefront with a wonderful painting of the Te Deum window by local artist Bill Goffrier as well as beautiful banners, clothing, book-marks, etc. bearing the anniversary logo. Reports about former events, clergy and historic worship services keep us marveling over the rich history of St. James.

An anniversary hymn "A Cause for Celebration" with text by our own Jeanine Hathaway and music by American composer Alfred Fedak has been presented in worship, sung at the annual meeting, and will continue to grace our celebrations throughout the year. A choral anthem was commissioned for the anniversary as well, also by Jeanine Hathaway and Alfred Fedak. This anthem, "In the Communion of Saints" for choir and string quartet will be prepared and then sung at the anniversary celebration on June 14. It has just arrived from the composer, and the choir will begin rehearsing soon.

Former choir members or those who would like to participate in the choirs of St. James during this anniversary year are welcome. While some members of the St. James Choir have a long history with the congregation's first century, the Choristers will help us continue into the second. These two groups, along with the Handbell Choir and instrumentalists, have done much and will continue to bless the worship life of St. James. Please contact me if you are interested in being part of the music festivities!

**CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICES**

Join the posture of silence and as you do, listen for the voice of God, which is very near you. The contemplative planning committee, who brought you two services of pillows and quiet in the church in 2019, offers these Sunday evening services for your meditating pleasure in 2020:

April 10 - 7:00pm Contemplative Good Friday Service

May 31 - Taize for contemplation on Pentecost service

July 19 - Contemplative service

September 20 - Contemplative service

November 29 - Contemplative service

UPDATES FROM SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES*By Fr. Chas Marks*

In the 5th Chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, our Lord enjoins us to let our "light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." I would like to once again offer, on behalf of Saint Francis Ministries, a thank-you to St. James for all of your on-going support for the work we are doing to bring healing and hope to children and families. Your support and your prayers are making a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve and give glory to God.

We have some exciting news to share about developments in our services. Recently, a new program was piloted in Wichita that provides youth in our Independent Living program vocational training with local businesses and a pathway to employment. Fr. Benjamin Thomas, Saint Francis Director of Social Justice, has been meeting with community and business leaders throughout Wichita to make this program a reality. Youth aging out of foster care are a particularly vulnerable population and this program's goal is to help them more smoothly make their transition into the work force and into adulthood with additional support, life skills training, and workforce soft skills. Two youth completed the program in December and now have jobs in the community. More youth will begin the program in March.

Another new development was the awarding of two grants to Saint Francis Ministries by the state of Kansas for Seeking Safety and Family Centered Treatment programs. These two programs fall under the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act. As the name implies, this act encourages states to focus on support and services before a child is removed from their home and placed into foster care. Seeking Safety will provide treatment for adults and teens with a history of substance abuse and Family Centered Treatment provides intensive in-home services for families faced with disruption. Both programs encourage family resiliency and healthy, nurturing relationships. We are excited to be able to offer these supports to families in need.

We are always so very grateful for the support of your parish for Saint Francis. A particular note of thanks goes to Judy, Emily, Peg, and Marilyn who wrapped Christmas presents for our youth to give to their families this year. Please remember in your prayers all who are touched by our ministries and all who are employed in the Gospel driven work we are doing. Thank-you and God bless you.

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Fr. Chas Marks

Senior Advisor for Community & Church Relations

The Saint Francis Foundation



OBSERVING LENT AND EASTER WITH YOUR ALTAR GUILD*By Crystal Barber*

There are many times you can participate during the next few weeks. As you think about each of these opportunities, try thinking about helping any ministry, or look into how you might like to know more about a ministry, or become involved with that ministry.

Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting, is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 46 days before Easter and can fall as early as February 4 or as late as March 10. Ash Wednesday is observed by many Western Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, and some Baptists. Our Altar Guild prepares the church for the upcoming Lenten season usually the day before Ash Wednesday.

Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. This event is observed in the Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches. Its institutional purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week, marking the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the tradition and events of the New Testament beginning on Palm Sunday, further climaxing on Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday, which ultimately culminates in the joyful celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Participation can be picking up a Lenten Folder from the back of the church or the front desk and placing your quarters in the folder or donating funds for Easter flowers (since during Lent no flowers are placed on the altar). Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels. All those palm crosses are made by your Altar Guild Saturday (April 4) and if you would like to see how they are made and help, you are invited to join us in the Lounge at 9:00.

Holy Week in Christianity is the week just before Easter. In the West, it is also the last week of Lent, and includes Palm Sunday, Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Each day of Holy Week provides opportunities to become involved with the Altar Guild. If you would like to help us at this time we will be discussing this during our cross-making Saturday, April 4.

Easter, also called Resurrection Sunday, is a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent, a forty-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance.

If you find that any event during these seasons would work for you or if you would like general information about the Altar Guild speak to any current member or call me at 316-612-6955 or email me at barbercris@cox.net.

**GREETER MINISTRY***By Helen Haskin Bousfield*

We wish to form a corps of greeters who can come fifteen minutes early to their favorite service every now and then to welcome those arriving in the foyer with a smile and a friendly greeting. Here is what it takes to be a greeter:

- Smile
- Make eye contact
- Take the initiative and greet someone.
- Look like you are enjoying it!
- Say, "I don't think I've met you before, I'm Deb..."
- Be ready with helpful information --- Nursery? Restroom? Service times? Service location? Coffee?

Then, after the service, hang around in the foyer to thank newcomers for worshipping with us and to visit with the new friends you may have just made.

If this sounds like a ministry you would enjoy, please sign up on the Greeter sheet in the hallway or contact Jinger in the office to let her know of your interest to greet at a particular service. Once we have a list of interested persons, a quarterly schedule will be built so we all get a share in this new ministry of welcoming the stranger.

ST. JAMES GARDENING*By Anne Clark*

- March 7: Preen application and cleanup
- March 28: prep for spring
- April 11: prep for Easter
- April 25: Work on celtic Garden to prep for Tea
- May 9: Pruning and planting
- May 23: Cleaning
- June 6: preen application and cleanup for 100th anniversary
- June 20: cleaning
- July 11: cleaning
- July 25: cleaning
- August 8: cleaning
- August 22: cleaning
- Sunday, Sept 13: cleaning
- October 17: cleaning and planting fall bulbs
- November 14: cleaning prep for winter



KIDZONE ACTIVITIES

By Chelsea Whipple, Program Director

March 1st - Sunday school: The Disciples class (4th & 5th grade) is memorizing the 'Our Father' prayer and learning what each line means to us. The Seekers & Fishers class (1-3rd grade & PreK-K) are learning about the Kingdom of Heaven and what are parables? Children's Chapel: Special Ash Wednesday service where we will receive our own ashes and learn about Lent as a journey.



April 5th - Sunday School: All the classes are learning about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and in Children's Chapel: Special Palm Sunday service!

April 12th - Easter Sunday: Easter Egg Hunt at 10am. All Kids are welcome!

May 3rd - Sunday School: All the classes are learning about Jesus' Last Supper and what a Passover meal was like. Children's Chapel: What is with those different colored books in church? And when do we use them?

May 13th - End of Program Year Cookout

Information about our Sunday school and Children's Chapel program: The children learn that God's love is with them throughout their lives and that they can show God's love by the way they live in harmony with others, just as those in their church home nurture and care for them. Sunday school takes place on the FIRST Sunday October – August from 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. upstairs above the lounge. We have 3 different age groups and your child is placed on his or her appropriate school age group; Fishers are Preschool – Kindergarten, Seekers are First – Third graders, and Disciples are Fourth – Fifth graders. We use the Rotation model to deepen your child's understanding of each lesson/story. Possible rotation classes include: drama, art, cooking, or games. The kids participate in the Wichita Alternative Gift Market each November.

Immediately following Children's Sunday school is Children's Chapel at 10:45 a.m. on the FIRST Sunday of the month, October – August. During this time all children ages three and up are welcome to attend. It is the perfect place to ask questions of what happens during Church service, what it all means, why do we sit, stand, kneel, what do the readings mean to me, how do we pray, what are all those colors mean, etc. We take a hands on approach to give children an understanding of not only our Episcopal tradition but how worship can be meaningful to them! Children will rejoin their families in the Sanctuary at the Peace.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School

Mark your Calendars for our VBS this year on June 22-25 from 6-8pm. On Easter we will reveal the THEME for this year's VBS. Children ages preschool (potty trained) to incoming 6th grade are welcome and youth and adults are invited to volunteer!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS**IN LENT**

By The Rev. Jeff Roper, Deacon

Middle School and High School youth: Sunday School for Lent through Pentecost will begin with our first organizational meeting on Sunday, February 23, in the youth room between services. Facilitators are Deacon Jeff Roper and Tristan Holmberg. Our focus this spring will be on Your own spiritual journey: where have you been?, where are you now?, and where are you headed in the future with God's help? All 6th to 12th grade youth are invited to help us to plan out our spring activities. See you from 9:45-10:25 a.m. on Sunday!

**YOUTH GROUP**

By Anne Clark

Youth group this spring is gearing up for putting together the labyrinth this summer. We will be learning more about more ways to do meditation and centering ones self. We will be selling bricks for the labyrinth in the next couple of months so please look for that information.



We also will be having a garage sale to help raise funds for a trip to Washington DC in summer 2021. Please start saving things to donate. Dates for the sale is July 9 to 11. We will need help organising things that week ahead of the sale as well as people to work the event.

WAY OF LOVE



We continue to join the Diocese of Kansas with Way of Love practices for all congregants.

March - Worship - Enjoy an evening Sunday Service on March 22. Look for the instructed Eucharist information in the bulletin.

April - Bless - Support the Wichita Minster Projects.

May - Go: Transforming the World, through one act of service at a time. "Acquire the spirit of peace and a thousand souls around you will find their salvation" (St. Seraphim of Sarov). The month of May will be finding ways to spread peace through a committed act of service each week. Examples will be given in the service bulletin and on Facebook.

LENT ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Please note: there are numerous opportunities for formation at St. James; including fellowship, outreach, volunteer, different ministry participation, etc. The following ones pertain to classes, small groups or retreats. If you'd like more opportunities for formation please contact Chelsea Whipple, we are always looking to add more opportunities.

Adult Forum: starting at 9:45am every Sunday (but 2nd Sunday) in the Guild Hall. The topic is Difficult Conversations. Stop on by!

Contemplative & Meditation Group: starts at 5:30pm in the Lounge. They are discussing Fr. Richard Rohr's book, "The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See" and discussing nondualism and how the implications of the contemplative lifestyle play out in life. Seated meditation begins at 6:15pm in the Chapel.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: starting at 6pm in the Lounge. The topic is Galatians and anyone is welcome to attend at anytime!

Going Deeper Spiritual Retreat: See Flyer on the next page!



April 3rd 6-8pm &
April 4th 9am-3pm

Going Deeper Retreat:

The Value of Idleness

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a

- Go deeper into stillness and rest and experience the value of idleness.
- Learn how to awaken your inward nature through contemplative practices that are meant to name and notice the presence of God found within.
- Experience ways of how movement, creativity, silence and relationships bring us closer to who we are and the one who calls us by name.
- This is an excellent way to prepare for the solemn liturgies of Holy Week and the joyful awakening of Easter.

St. James Episcopal Church

3750 E. Douglas Ave.

Lunch is provided and registration is required

Sign-up at www.stjameswichita.org/goingdeeperretreat

Retreat is open to the public & free, donations are accepted

100TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**SAM WEST CELEBRATION**

Father Sam West was elected rector of St. James on April 4, 1930. He was here when Bishop Wise was in office and died (our church was named for his son, Jimmy Wise), for the 15th anniversary of the parish, and oversaw the construction of the Parish House. Father West died in 1952 and his ashes lie beneath the altar of the Chapel of the Holy Innocents.

March 7 at 5:30 p.m. and March 8 at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.: The Rev. Sam West will be remembered at our services of Holy Eucharist. Our guest preacher that weekend will be Paul Leeker who has studied both history and theology.

Sunday, March 8 from 9:30 to 10:45 breakfast will be served. Come join us for fellowship.

FOUR HORSEMEN OF TOLERANCE ECUMENICAL PRESENTATION

On Wednesday, March 11th, you are invited to a talk on Father Sam West and the Four Horsemen of Tolerance. A potluck dinner begins at 5:30PM and the talk at 6:30PM. The talk titled a "Kansas Clergy Expose Anti-Semitism: How Fr. West and his colleagues sounded the alarm about a Nazi sympathizer's power grab" will be given by Seth Bate, a teacher and coach with the Kansas Leadership Center and Director of the Center for Leadership Development at WSU Community Engagement Institute. The faith homes of the "Four Horsemen" are St. James Episcopal Church, Congregation Emanu-el, Plymouth Congregational, and the Roman Catholic Church. We have invited these congregations, and are expecting a larger than normal crowd, so here's how the potluck is going to work. If you plan to attend and your last name begins with A-K, please bring a side dish to share. If you plan to attend and your last name begins with L-Z, please bring a dessert to share. Sign up at the front desk or call the office at 683-5686 to let us know you're coming.

Wednesday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m.: dinner followed by program. Seth Bate, Historian, will present the program.

Come for dinner and learn more about our second rector, The Rev. Sam West, and the ecumenical posse of 1938.

HISTORICAL SERVICES

Worship in the style our fellow parishioners of the 1920s would have worshiped in when this church was founded. Services will be based on the 1892 Book of Common Prayer.

March 28 & 29: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

May 16 & 17: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

August 29 & 30: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

November 21 & 22: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

GOING DEEPER RETREATS

Spiritual formation retreats assisting us with gathering the calm of our souls and empowering us to respond to God's call. Spring retreat will focus on interior calm and fall retreat will focus on responding to call.

Friday, April 3, 6-8 pm & Saturday, April 4, 9am-3pm

Friday, October 9 & Saturday, 10

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday the 13th Family Picnic begins at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday the 14th Festival Holy Eucharist and Champagne Reception. Service begins at 9:30 a.m.

Join us the weekend of June 13 & 14 for all anniversary festivities.

ST. JAMES OUTREACH COMMITTEE

By Judy Goodpasture, Outreach Committee Chair

Spring is on its way, and we look forward to the renewal of blooming plants and trees, as well as our spring outreach projects. Our committee is grateful that our St. James parish supports outreach efforts so generously and graciously.

On Sunday, Feb. 16, we will hold our American Red Cross Blood Drive. Your donation is greatly appreciated. Sign up with the American Red Cross online or by contacting Chair Dottie Evans Clark, dottieevans6@gmail.com.

In February we will once again host Partners for Wichita's in-gathering of toiletries for numerous charity groups. Bags of Blessings Chair Tim Flynn

In February we will also hold our annual Undies Sundays Drive for the Wichita Children's Home. Please bring diapers and new undies in all sizes, and we will deliver them to the Wichita Children's Home.

Our Pocket Change Ministry continues in 2020. Our year's first gift of \$750. will go to Breakthrough ESS. Chair Gary Thudium

In March we will hold our annual Suitcase Drive for Foster Children served by St. Francis Ministries. Chair Sarah Robinson

Also in March our committee will work with the Youth on a service project benefiting St. Francis Ministries. Chairs Judy Goodpasture and Sarah Robinson

Reality U volunteers will help students at Marshall Middle School with a personal finance workshop on March 10. Chair Hew Goodpasture

Our Outreach Committee will also support these year-round projects:

- Greeting Cards for Winfield Correction Facility. Chair Deacon Jeff Roper
- Boxtops for Education for Jefferson Elementary. Chair Judy Goodpasture
- Pop Can Pull-Tabs for Africa. Chair Adrienne Edwards
- Paperbacks for Prisoners. Chair Beth Criss
- Read to Succeed Tutors for United Way. Chair Hew Goodpasture
- Card Ministry to our parish.

Please visit our committee any month. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the lounge.



DANCING WITH THE STARS RETURNS!*Breakthrough Episcopal Services**By Peg Flynn*

WHEN: SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 9TH

WHERE: HYATT REGENCY HOTEL – 400 W WATERMAN ST, WICHITA, KS 67202

TICKETS: COMING SOON!



Last year's Dancing with Stars Event raised over \$100,000 for Breakthrough ESS and their mission of restoring lives for people in need in the Greater Wichita Area—a mission that has been generously supported by the good people of St James for over three decades.

Once again this year, dancers will put their hearts and souls into an incredible night of entertainment. But dancing is not their day-time job. They are business leaders and service leaders in our community who are putting their entertainment skills on the line! They need your help to WIN this fun competition.

The Very Rev. Laurie Lewis is the Episcopal Clergy STAR Dancer this year, so she'll be grateful for your support as she prepares for this fun event.

Mother Laurie was raised up by St James Episcopal Church, and is currently serving the Southwest Convocation as Dean, and is Rector of Grace Church in Winfield and Trinity Episcopal in Ark City. Along with the other Star Dancers, she will team

up with a local dance professional for a fundraising event like none other. They will join our Emcees, Celebrity Judges, and 500 adoring fans for a night of MUSIC and DANCING!

Proceeds will allow Breakthrough ESS to continue to serve those suffering from severe and persistent mental illness, and for those living in poverty,

the folks who Breakthrough helps live and work in the community, independently and with dignity.

Last year, thanks to the support of St James, member Jean Wiest won the Dance Champion Award—most actual votes!

Once ticket information becomes available, we will have sign-up sheets for those who would like to join one of the St James' tables for the event. For those who do not attend the event, there will be opportunities to make \$10 donations—each \$10 donation made in Mother Laurie's name is a vote for her to win the championship. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact Rachel Newell rachel.newell@breakthroughwichita.org or Adrienne Edwards aedwards3@cox.net

**BREAKTHROUGH EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES WINS WBJ INNOVATION AWARD***By Peg Flynn*

Thirty-five years ago, Wichita Episcopalians recognized the need for a lunch program in Wichita to serve the needs of those living in poverty. Episcopal Social Services (ESS) first formed out of a desire to meet that need. It has continued to evolve and offer employment and other support services to those living in poverty.

Late last year, Breakthrough ESS received the Wichita Business Journal award for innovating its switch from a lunch feeding program to breakfast. So many folks were not eating from the time when Lord's Diner served dinner until lunch the next day. And other organizations had begun serving lunches. Breakthrough ESS found that switching to serving a full hot breakfast, Monday through Friday, gets folks off the street first thing in the morning—especially when it's bitterly cold outside. Those folks stick around longer, volunteering to clean up after breakfast and help out around the kitchen and clubhouse, and we get to know them and have been able to find jobs for several.

One couple has gone from living in their truck the first day they arrived shortly after the breakfast program first started, to getting jobs and an apartment—all with support and assistance from Breakthrough. They are getting married this spring and want the service to be held at Breakthrough.

One gentleman we got to know because of the breakfast program is a veteran with schizophrenia, who refuses to go to a shelter on even the coldest nights, but he always shows up for breakfast and volunteers to mop the floor, or run the dishwasher. We make sure he always has warm clothing, hand warmers and other essentials when he leaves Breakthrough in the late afternoon.

One of the great gifts of Breakthrough ESS is to "meet people where they are" -- respecting their dignity and right to make personal choices, while figuring out how to serve every person in the best way that we can in each particular moment.

Breakthrough ESS is profoundly grateful for the vision and on-going partnership and support from the good people of St James Episcopal Church. Thank you, St. James!



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.

Give thanks to God for a significant event in your life, 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.)

~ MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS ~

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

New Living Endowments from November 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020

Bert Clark's Direct Reports at CCH, Inc. **\$100.00**

In gratitude and Thanksgiving for being valued employees and enjoyable to work with.

Dillons Community Rewards Program **\$381.42**

Endowment Fund Support from enrollees in Dillons Community Rewards Program.

Bert Clark **\$ 20.00**

In Thanksgiving for his leadership

Shirley Seminoff **\$ 2000.00**

In Thanksgiving

Additions to Memorial Enrollments from November 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020

Carol Wolfe Konek **\$ 25.00**

In honor of her life of giving to others through teaching, counseling, and living with God's love in her heart.

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.

LEGACY SOCIETY NEWS - WINTER 2020

The Endowment Fund Board has been working to enroll new members in the Saint James Church Legacy Society. During the process a few questions have come up frequently. Some answers are provided below:

1. Although there are many ways the estate of an individual or couple can provide a financial gift, in most instances there is no need to alter a Will or Trust to leave a bequest for the church. You can simply leave a percentage or specific dollar amount of a life insurance policy, an IRA, or a 401K by listing Saint James Church as a secondary or contingent beneficiary on the document. Your financial advisor or brokerage company can provide a form for your signature in the event an IRA, 401K (or similar) is to be used.
2. Unlike gifts made to the Endowment Memorial Fund, the amount of a Legacy society bequest is not reported to the Endowment Fund Board or Saint James Church and will not be specified in the annual publication of the Endowment Fund Board Report until after the Estate of the bequeathing member or members is closed.
3. What monetary amount should be made as a financial bequest? A suggested guideline is that a bequest amount could reflect the member's intent to continue a Church pledge for a certain number of years after death. However, no specific bequest amount is required to join the Legacy Society and members can join anonymously if they so choose. Membership in the Legacy Society only represents a public commitment to the legacy of Saint James Church and only requires that the individual or couple specify in writing that they have made a bequest to Saint James Church in their estate documents.
4. Don't hesitate to contact a member of the Endowment Funds Board to answer your specific questions. Access an enrollment form online: <https://www.stjameswichita.org/st-james-church-perpetual-memorial-endowment-fund/>

Please give membership serious prayerful consideration!

TOWN HALL MEETING

By Bert Clark

Due to the timing of everything happening in April, the Executive Committee has decided that it's best to cancel the April Town Hall meeting. The July Town Hall will be held between services on July 12. In the meantime, the Endowment Funds Board, Fiance Committee, and Stewardship Committee will meet again to continue the discussion.

ANNUAL OYSTER DINNER



ST. JAMES OYSTER DINNER

February 25, 2020

**LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
INCLUDING TICKET SELLERS**

Please come and help make the dinner a success!
We will be working:

All day Tuesday, February 25, 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.

Easter Lilies 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 Easter Season. The total cost of palms for Palm Sunday and lilies for Easter is more than \$1,000.

During Lent, altar flowers are replaced with curly willows which remain for the season. We need your help providing the palms and Easter lilies which adorn the altar at our holy time of year. 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 "Palms" or "Easter Lilies." Please include information if the gift is in "thanksgiving for" or in "memory of." The listing of gifts will be in the Easter Bulletin. A second listing will be in the next Sunday's bulletin for the gifts received after the printing of the Easter bulletin.

Contributions and information must be received in the parish office no later than Monday, April 3, to be included in the Easter bulletin.

Your generosity to the fund for palms and lilies makes us able to express, as fully as possible, our depth of feeling for our Lord's crucifixion and greater joy at his resurrection. Thank you for taking part in this beautiful tradition.



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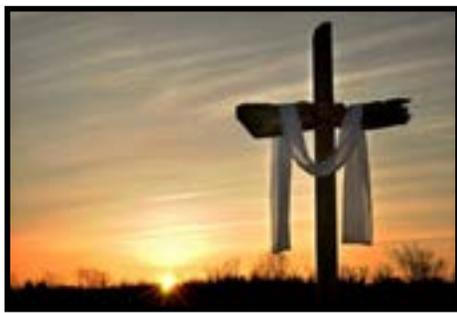
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2020 DATES OF NOTE

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FEBRUARY

- 25 - Shrove Tuesday
- 25 - Oyster Dinner
- 25 - Burning of the Palms
- 26 - Ash Wednesday

MARCH

- 1 - First weekend of Lent
- 1- Children's Sunday School & Children's Chapel - 9:30 am
- 1 - Daughters of the King - 9:45 am
- 4 - Get Acquainted Mixer
- 5 - Breakfast Club
- 5-8 - GHP Production Next to Normal
- 7-8 - Sam West Weekend
- 11 - Four Horsemen of Tolerance
- 11 - Worship Committee - 4:00 pm
- 14 - OPUS
- 19 - Vestry Meeting - 6:00 pm.
- 22 - Evening Worship
- 25 - Lenten Soup Dinner
- 28-29 - Historical Service

APRIL

- 2 - Breakfast Club
- 3-4 - Going Deeper Spring Retreat
- 4-5 - Palm Sunday
- 5 - Children's Sunday School & Children's Chapel - 9:30 am
- 5 - Daughters of the King - 9:45 am
- 6 - Holy Eucharist - 7:00 p.m.
- 7 - Tenebrae - 7:00 p.m.
- 8 - Holy Eucharist - 7:00 p.m.
- 9 - Maundy Thursday
- 9 - Holy Eucharist - 7:00 p.m.
- 9-10 - Overnight Vigil - 8:00 p.m.
- 10 - Good Friday - 12:00 Noon
- 10 - Stations of the Cross - 11:00 am
- 10 - Contemplative Service - 7:00 pm
- 11 - Holy Saturday - 10:00 am
- 12 - Easter Sunday - 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 am
- 12 - Easter Egg Hunt - 10:00 am
- 16 - Vestry Meeting - 6:00 pm

MAY

- 2 - Olde English Tea
- 2 - Children's Sunday School & Children's Chapel - 9:30 am

- 2 - Daughters of the King - 9:45 am
- 4 - SEASONS Newsletter Deadline
- 7 - Breakfast Club
- 10 - Breakfast Sunday
- 13 - Worship Committee
- 16-17 - Historical Service
- 20 - Get Acquainted Mixer
- 21-24 - GHP Production "Sing Sing Sing"
- 25 - Memorial Day - Office Closed
- 31 - Mega Camp Begins

JUNE

- 1-6- Mega Camp
- 7 - Red Cross Blood Drive
- 7 - Children's Sunday School & Children's Chapel - 9:30 am
- 7 - Daughters of the King - 9:45 am
- 4 - Get Acquainted Mixer
- 13 - Anniversary Family Picnic
- 14 - Festival Holy Eucharist and Champagne Dinner
- 22-25 - VBS