

# The Informer



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*“Touching Lives Through Jesus Christ!”*

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Reverend Richard Hughes, Preaching Supply Pastor

Reverend Frank Dew, Pastoral Leadership for Administering Sacraments and Session Moderator

**April 2020 Edition**

## **Welcome To Saint James Presbyterian Church!**

The members of the Saint James Presbyterian Church are pleased to have you worship with us during the month of April. We ask that you kindly fill out our electronic visitor's card located here: <https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9>. You can also contact us during worship through our Zoom chat, our FB Messenger or send an email after worship to: [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto:office@stjamespresby.org). We would like to have a record of your visit and a way to keep you updated on what is happening here at Saint James. Your information will remain confidential.

A large, elegant, blue cursive script word "Welcome" centered on the page.

## **Are you interested in joining Saint James?**

We welcome you to join Saint James Presbyterian Church and are committed to helping you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. You may become a member of the Saint James Presbyterian Church in one of the following ways: (1) You can fill out our electronic visitors card located here: <https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9> and we will reach out to you. (2) You can contact us during worship through our Zoom chat, our FB Messenger or send an email after worship to: [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto:office@stjamespresby.org). We look forward to helping you make this decision!

## **Connect With Us!**

Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stjamespresby](https://www.facebook.com/stjamespresby)

Follow us on Twitter: [@stjames\\_gsonc](https://twitter.com/stjames_gsonc)

Follow us on Instagram: [@saintjamespresbync](https://www.instagram.com/saintjamespresbync)

Visit our Website: [www.stjamespresby.org](http://www.stjamespresby.org)

## **Our Purpose Statement:**

“The purpose of Saint James Presbyterian church is to touch lives through Jesus Christ by providing joyful worship, life changing teaching, warm community, and dynamic, meaningful ministries that serve to bring a new generation of believers to Christ and to nurture those who are already growing in faith.”

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# **WORSHIP**

*Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.*

## **Virtual Order of Worship:**

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## **April Participants:**

### **Worship Leaders:**

Reverend Sèkinah Hamlin

Reverend Richard Hughes

Reverend Frank Dew

### **Worship Elder:**

Elder Sharon Gaskin

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

### **Music Directors:**

Ms. Jasmine Evans, New Generation  
Praise Team & Inspirational Ensemble

Ms. Valerie D. Johnson, Chancel Choir &  
Combined Choir

### **Musicians:**

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist &  
Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



# April Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of April, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship by reading the scheduled lectionary texts each week.

The texts are listed below. Before you read each text, practice a few minutes of centering prayer to clear your mind. Pray for clarity and focus. While reading, physically or mentally take notes so that you can summarize what the scripture is saying. Finally, go back and pick out any themes or recurring ideas that may be relevant to your personal life, Saint James or the church at large. Close your reading time with a Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's word and revelation.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

• Matthew 21:1-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

• Acts 10:34-43

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

• Acts 2:22-23

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

• Acts 2:36-41

## **WORSHIP** *Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.*

In the interest and concern for your safety during the COVID-19 epidemic, online and conference call services will be conducted until further notice. All physical group gatherings have been transferred to another medium or postponed. We are asking all members and friends to join us via conference call, Zoom, or Facebook Live on Sundays at 10 a.m.

To join us online at Zoom for our Sunday Service:

Click the link here -----> <https://zoom.us/j/742365808>

To join us on our conference call,  
dial in to: 929-205-6099

Enter Meeting ID: 742 365 808#

(This Meeting ID is just for our Sunday Service and virtual sanctuary hangout)

You can also join us on our Facebook page:

Click the link here -----> [www.facebook.com/stjamespresby](http://www.facebook.com/stjamespresby)  
or visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Go to the search bar and type in "St. James Presbyterian Church"

Click on the picture of our logo!

Visit our website to sign up for email updates.

[www.stjamespresby.org](http://www.stjamespresby.org)

### **Pastoral Prayer will be held every Wednesday at 6:00 A.M.**

Please join us on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/6067992791>

Password: 915647 (no pound sign required to join online)

or dial in to: 929-205-6099

Enter Meeting ID: 606 799 2791#

A participant ID is not required!

Just press pound (#) when the system asks for a Participant ID.

Enter Password: 915647 followed by the pound sign (#)

**Did you miss any services?** Our Zoom services are now on YouTube! You can find all of our Sunday and Special Services on our YouTube page. All of our Bible Studies are continually added as well! Please click the link to enjoy any one of our services that you may have missed. Click the link below to watch:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoVErWxOPIgu-48o\\_ig2V2A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoVErWxOPIgu-48o_ig2V2A)

## **DISCIPLESHIP** *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings*

Monday Bible Study with Rev. Frank Dew  
"Becoming Acquainted with the Radical Jesus"

Mondays, April 20 - June 22  
7 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Join us online with Zoom

Click the link: <https://bit.ly/2Vhxpdc>

Meeting ID: 959 4299 7141 Password: 420966

or join us by dialing: 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 959 4299 7141# Password: 420966#

VISIT [WWW.STJAMESPRESBY.ORG](http://WWW.STJAMESPRESBY.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**The John Erwin Sunday School Class** is honoring the Stay-at-Home, physical distancing order.

### **Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles**

Grace Brown Circle will be honoring Stay-at-Home and Physical Distancing practices during this time. Details on our meeting will be forthcoming. ~Donna Spinks & Kathy Moore, Co-Mods.

The Roxie McNair Circle is honoring the Stay-At-Home and the physical distancing. We are currently looking forward to our May 15, 2020 gathering. Specific details to come later. ~Elder Pauline McNair, Moderator

The Marie Florance Presbyterettes met virtually on Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 PM. Look for details about the meeting in the April letter. We studied lesson 9 entitled ***Words of Love: Don't Fixate on What You Don't Have.*** Until we decide how we will study the lesson, I want to present another option. if you have access to a computer, the PW YouTube Channel presents a bible study for Lesson 9. You can find the lesson at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVd8T9Oyico>. ~Ina Siler, Moderator

The Sara Barber Circle will not meet as scheduled on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The moderator will be in contact with members with further logistics for lesson eight entitled, *Words of Love: Speak Truthfully*. Scripture: Exodus 20:16, Deuteronomy 5:20 and Matthew 25:36-37. ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle will not meet as schedule. We have ended our meetings until September. We will finish our last lesson in the fall.

The Older Adult Ministry continues to plan for the Older Adult Sunday Celebration on May 3, 2020. This day is designated by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. as Older Adult Sunday. It is a way to honor and thank older adults for their work and contribution to Saint James. The Older Adult Ministry continues to address the issues of the aging population in a positive and pro-active manner. All Super Seniors are invited to join us. ~Mrs. Marie Martin, Moderator

World Day of Prayer sponsored by Church Women United was held at Muirs Chapel United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 7, 2020. The theme was “Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk.” Three of our Saint James Presbyterian Women attended this worship service - Margaret Carr, Lovie McBryde and, Annie D. Purcell.



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### **Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC)**

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) have postponed all meetings. Please look for updates from Co-moderators Annetrice Johnson and Jasmine Evans in the near future.

### **Presbyterian Men**

The Presbyterian Men's Monthly Breakfast Meeting and Bible Study has been postponed but more information is forthcoming. All men of the church are members of Presbyterian Men's Ministry and your support and your presence is needed as we seek to Touch Lives through Jesus Christ and minister both inside and outside the walls.

Make your personal commitment by joining one of our focused ministry teams:

- Youth Ministry Team: Michael Witherspoon, Bob Powell, and Gary Halley
- Fundraising Ministry: Gary Williams, Jimmy Propst, and Marvin Watkins
- Social Justice Ministry: Jerry Young, Bob Powell and Freddie Click, Sr.
- Community Service Ministry (Feeding the Hungry and Homeless): Charles Burns and James Neal, Jr.
- Men's Weekend: Charles Knox and Charles Burns
- Congregational Outing: Charles Knox
- Bible Study: Oscar Reid.

The 2020 Bible Study will be - The Revelation to John, "Strength for the Struggle".

Additionally the Men are committed to continuing our ministry with Waldo C. Falkener Elementary School and collaborating with ministries of the general church.

**SAVE THE DATES: Details will follow!!**

- Thursday July 23rd - Annual Youth and Congregational Outing With The Greensboro Grasshoppers
- Sunday July 26th – Men's Sunday

All men of the church are requested to donate annual dues of \$65. Payments may be made to Gary Williams, Treasurer or in the regular offering. Make checks payable to Saint James Presbyterian Church with Presbyterian Men on the memo line.

Elder Charles Knox, President



## **ADMINISTRATION** *Church Business & Officer Information*

### **Monthly Informer Article Deadline**

Please feel free to leave typed or handwritten articles in the Administrative Coordinators' Box in the Mailroom or e-mail: [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto:office@stjamespresby.org). Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: "May Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Friday, April 24, 2020 by 12:00 noon.

### **The Informer is going green and social!**

The Informer can now be emailed to you directly. In addition, the monthly Informer is always available on our website. Please sign up for our email subscription on the church website. If you're already signed up, The Informer will be coming to you each month. Also, please remember to follow up on all our social media.

### **Car Wash Gift Cards For Sale!**

Does your car need a little TLC? Purchase a \$20.00 Autobell Car Wash Gift Card today! These cards are a great way to invest in Saint James and to keep your ride sparkling in the spring sun. The Autobell Car Wash Gift Card is also an excellent card filler or gift to someone who loves a clean car. Contact the Church Office, Vanessa Haygood or Timisha Corpening to purchase your card today!

### **Update on Printing through the Office**

Finally! Implementation of copy codes and limits will begin February 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be cost for printing in the church office. Every ministry will receive a printing allotment for the year. Prints over the allotted amount will be billed to each ministry. Contact the office with any questions or code requests.

Yearly Allotment per Ministry: Black & White Copies: 300, Color Copies: 175

Printing Charges: Black & White: \$0.01 per letter-sized impression

Color: \$0.08 per letter-sized impression

Tabloid: Each 11x17 impression counts as two letter-size impressions.

### **Contact Information Update**

The office needs your help! In the effort to keep our Saint James database updated, we will begin updating contact information for all members. Completed forms can be mailed back to the church. Your information will remain confidential. Contact information update forms will also be mailed with your contribution statements. To fill out the form online, please click: <https://forms.gle/bncJhjh5d4gwHafUA>

You can also visit our website and click on the link to be taken to the Contact Information Update form. If you would like a physical form and did not receive one, please reach out to the church office and one will be mailed to you.

## **ADMINISTRATION** *Church Business & Officer Information (continued)*

**Shepherd's Care Ministry!** Congregational Care is an integral part of the ministry of Saint James Presbyterian Church. In an effort to respond to the call to care for one another, our new supply pastor along with the Session, Stephen Ministry, Deacons and Office Staff have developed the new Shepherd's Care ministry.

Shepherd's Care functions as a pastoral care arm of ministry. The purpose of the Shepherds Care ministry is to care for our congregation by providing presence through visits and prayer during times of medical procedures, health crisis, transitions, and illness.

Our supply pastor is the primary provider for end of life care, bereavement and funerals. Our Shepherds Care team provides presence for ongoing care concerns. The foundation for this ministry is in scripture. Just as Moses was admonished to appoint elders to assist with the care of God's flock (Exodus 18); and just as the early church provided people to care for widows as the apostles gave themselves to prayer and the teaching of the word (Acts 2), our church stands in a biblical tradition to commission people of faith to provide for the care of God's people.

So how does it work? To help ensure that everyone has a Shepherd, including those on the Forget Me Not List, our congregation is divided into groups based on the first letter of your last name. Each group has been assigned a Shepherds care team member as seen below. If there is a need for prayer, notice of a medical procedure or surgery, notice of a current or past hardship, members can call the church office at 336-273-6658 or email [care@stjamespresby.org](mailto:care@stjamespresby.org). The office will notify your Shepherds Care Provider immediately.

If there is an end of life situation, the supply pastor is the primary provider. All information is private unless permission is given to share with the entire church during prayer and/or through the forget me not list. The Shepherd's Care Team has been thoroughly trained, and is eager to serve, so do not hesitate to share your need.

### **Shepherd's Care List 2020**

<b><u>Elders</u></b>	<b><u>Members of the Congregation</u></b>
Tyrone Collins	A
Bob Powell	B
Carrie Ledbetter	C
Sharon Gaskin	D, E
Sharon Smiley	F, G
Karen Watts-Yehudah	H, I
Andrea Russell	J, K, L
Oscar Reid, Jr.	M
Charles Knox	N, O, P
Timisha Corpening	Q, R
Paula Latham	S
Linda McSwain-Randall	T, U, V
Donna Spinks	W, X, Y, Z

## **ADMINISTRATION** *Church Business & Officer Information (continued)*

### **Transition Team: What's Next in the Life of Saint James?**

In the summer of 2018, Saint James welcomed Reverend Eustacia Moffett Marshall as the Temporary Supply Pastor. During that time, a committee called the Transition Team was appointed by the Session to coordinate with the Neighborhood Commission on Ministry (NCOM) of the Salem Presbytery. The purpose of the transition team is to complete a mission study and financial review of the church. The team is appointed by the Session and coordinates with the Commission on Ministry of the Salem Presbytery. With the approval of the mission study by the Salem Presbytery at its August meeting and the election of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) on the fourth Sunday in September, the work of the transition committee is now complete. We will continue to be in prayer for our church as the PNC begins the important work of finding a permanent pastor. Transition team members are: Sharon Gaskin, Paula Graves, Charles Knox, Bob Powell, Amryl Ward, and Lolita Watkins.

Your PNC continues to meet on the 1st and 4th Sundays in April. COVID-19 has not slowed us down. We are currently reviewing the Personal Information Forms (PIFs) that were matched with our Ministry Information Forms. The PIFs are like resumes with lots of details about the candidate's background, interests, statement of faith, self-reflections and other information. These forms can be 5-8 pages long depending upon their experience. We are grateful to have Zoom because it is allowing us to start the initial face to face screening of selected candidates. Please continue to pray for us as we work through this process in a new and challenging ways. ~Cynthia Latham & Ina Siler, Co-Chairs

### **Bulletin Boards**

Thanks to all of the Ministries at St. James Presbyterian Church for each Bulletin Board representing what your ministry is doing. It is important that your Ministry board keep our church abreast of what you are doing in your ministry. It also helps members and visitors to take a quick glance at what your ministry is all about. We share and hope you will continue to benefit from our bulletin boards to the point you would like to join one that interests you most. Please contact me with any questions. May God bless you!

~Willie M. Meachem "Peggy"

## **EVANGELISM** *Neighborhood blasts, New Members & Inquirers Class*

### **New Members and Inquirers Class!**

If you missed the last New Members and Inquirers Class or are interested in learning more about Saint James, contact the church office 336-273-6558 to sign up for the next class. We are looking forward to sharing more about who we are and what we believe!

# **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY**

Purpose Statement: The purpose of our ministry is to **educate, empower**, and to encourage our congregation and community to become more actively engaged or **advocate** in policy-making decisions which affect the quality of our lives.

What we have done so far:

1. Community Bus Tour and discussion with city officials about the MLK neighborhood held on December 14, 2019
2. Reviewed Presbyterian Church USA website on our church becoming a Matthew 25 congregation
3. Three members attended a workshop on gentrification presented by Advance Carolina
4. Three members completed Voter Protector training offered by Democracy North Carolina to learn how to report voting irregularities or problems in the upcoming election cycle
5. One member attended a workshop on voting requirements and what's on the ballot updates sponsored by Democracy North Carolina
6. Members have attended public meetings regarding the new police chief, Guilford County Schools Board public discussion which focused on school discipline and student suspension, neighborhood historic preservation project for Benbow Park community, and local issues sharing by the Greensboro Pulpit Forum

Sponsorship/Collaboration:

1. SJPC Social Justice Advocacy Ministry hosted a Community Drop-In on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 for Benbow Park residents to come to the church to share about the houses built in their neighborhood by architect W. Edward “Blue” Jenkins. This information gathering event will help support local efforts to gain historic preservation status for homes built by our church member many years ago. Elder Robert “Bob” Powell from our ministry is very involved in this project.
2. The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry led the Saint James congregation effort for “Souls to the Polls” on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at Barber Park by encouraging church members to vote, providing transportation and educating church members by distributing 100 voting guides on state candidates. Website information was also provided to assist church members in learning about candidates from our state seeking federal offices.

# FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP *Young Adult and College Ministry*

**Soul Food Conversations** - We have suspended all in person activities for the month of April. We still want to stay connected with our Faith Point Family and hope to expand our reach to those who have not been able to attend our bible studies. We will have Zoom or FB Live **30-minute** bible study sessions. Below is our schedule:

Thursday, April 2, 7:00PM, **FB Live** - God, the Good Shepherd, Part 1

Thursday, April 9, 7:30PM, **Zoom** - Prayer Party after Maundy Thursday Worship

*(Start time subject to change. Go to FB page for updates.)*

Thursday, April 16, 7:00PM, **FB Live** - God, the Good Shepherd, Part 2

Thursday, April 23, 7:00PM, **FB Live** - Discipleship

Thursday, April 30, 7:00PM, **Zoom** - Closing Celebration

“Like” the Faith Point Fellowship page or go to [faithpointfellowship.org](http://faithpointfellowship.org) for more information. If you can't watch the Live bible studies, we will post them on our FB page for you to enjoy at your convenience.

Saint James family, please invite your young adult children or grandchildren to participate in our bible studies. Even high school age students who are 16-18 can participate. We do not discuss mature content in our FB bible studies. Participants don't have to live in the Greensboro area. We have people from Charlotte, New York and Chicago participating in our FB bible studies.



### Soul Food Conversations Schedule for April

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God, the Good Shepherd, Part 1

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God, the Good Shepherd, Part 2

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Thursday, April 30, 7:00PM, **Zoom**  
Closing Celebration

30 minute  
bible studies led by  
Shemiah & Jasmine,  
our Ministry  
Coordinators  
for Faith Formation



Jasmine



Shemiah

“Like” our FB page and  
Raquel, our Ministry  
Coordinator for Social  
Media, will make sure you  
have up to date info.



Raquel

For more information go to our Facebook page or [faithpointfellowship.org](http://faithpointfellowship.org)

## **FORGET ME NOT LIST - COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Emmale Burris	Guilford Technical Community College
Terence Burris	NC A&T State University
Christian Butler	NC A&T State University
Victoria Butler	Howard University
Paul Carlton	NC A&T State University
Marcus Funderburk	Forsyth Technical Community College
Micah Funderburk	UNC-Pembroke
Kayla Gaskin	Emory University
Karlton Gaskin	Columbia University
Jalen Graves	UNC-Greensboro
Mia Graves	North Carolina Central School of Law
Ashley Halley	Appalachian State University
Brittani Hewitt	Hampton University
Franklin McCain, III	NC A&T State University
Brianna Mercer	East Carolina University
April Newkirk	Central Piedmont Community College
Messiah Reid	Guilford Technical Community College
Alexis Robinson	UNC-Chapel Hill
Idalia Robinson	Guilford Technical Community College
Nodiyah Satterwhite	NC A&T State University
Isaiah Siler	Guilford Technical Community College
Jacquelyn Sullivan	Guilford College
Mikala Thomason	Nazareth College
Matthew Watlington	NC A&T State University
Shelleik Wilson	Winston-Salem State University

### **Want to stay connected to Faith Point Fellowship?**

Text FPF to 55469 to receive words of inspiration and regular updates or visit our website at [faithpointfellowship.org](http://faithpointfellowship.org). We are also on social media @FaithPointFLWSP

## **FORGET ME NOT LIST** *Remember to pray for those who cannot attend worship*

Gertrude Avery	412 Stewart St., 27401
Stella Carrington (Mother of Trustee Ward)	Brooklyn, NY
Clarence and Pearl Durham	3313 Janet Lane, 27405
Hyla Cundiff	2214 New Castle Rd. 27406
Emily Goodman (sister of Trustee Fred Peterman)	2605 Corinth Dr., 27406
Bob and Luella Graves	4400 Lawndale Dr., 27455
Ralph Greenlee	Givens Highland Farm 200 Tabernacle Rd. Black Mountain, NC 28711
John and Vallie Guthrie	4504 Southall Dr., 27406
Lynette Hawkins	Woodson Manor Assisted Living 2207 St Joan Place Accokeek, MD 20607
Brenda Isaac	707 N Elm St., High Point, NC 27262
Brenda Jackson (daughter of Maxine Covington)	1209 Humboldt Avenue North Minneapolis, MN 55411
Cecelia Jones	2500 Ridge Point Circle Pleasant Garden, NC 27313
Doris Morrison	Richland Place Senior Living, 3823 Lawndale Dr., Rm. 207, 27455
Annis Sensabaugh	Blumenthal Jewish Nursing Center, 3724 Wireless Dr., Rm. 213, 27455
Virgil A. Spaulding (brother of Valarie S. Little) (brother of Vernon Spaulding)	2960 Milford Courts SW, Marietta, GA 30008
Erica Ward (granddaughter of Janie Reid)	141 Vinings Dr. McDonough, GA 30253



# **FELLOWSHIP** *Expressions of gratitude, celebrations and church functions!*

## **Thank you...**

To the Pastors and Members: Thank you so much for all the prayers and condolences following the passing of my mother, Katherine G Johnson. She lived a long and blessed life and so enjoyed it! Thank you for the support and love I've felt as member of SJPC. May it continue to sustain us all during these tumultuous times! ~Gratefully, Katherine Moore

To Our Dear Saint James Presbyterian Church Family, The Cycle of Life is sometimes hard to face as loved ones slip away; however, a loving caring church family has helped us with the dawn of each new day. We appreciate all that you have done for us as we continue this life without our dear sweet "Bern" here with us. Your calls and cards bring us comfort. Your shared memories help us to smile. Your heartfelt hugs and concern keep us strengthened, and your dance ministry donations will keep dancers moving with God's grace and style. Thank you all for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. We appreciate your kindness and we love you dearly. ~ The Doggett & Pemberton families

The Family of Paul Rives would like to thank you for the caring and love shone to us during this difficult time. The cards, food, phone calls, visits were truly a blessing in our time of sorrow. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Be Blessed. ~The Burris, Horton, Witherspoon, & Rives Family

**Congratulations** to the son of Mrs. Willie "Peggy" Meachem on being featured in Time Magazine's March issue. Mr. A. Fulton Meachem Jr. who heads Charlotte's public housing agency, speaks on Housing Voucher Programs and how they can hurt rather than help low income families. Please go to Time.com and search for "A. Fulton Meachem Jr." and enjoy the article!



## **OUTREACH MINISTRY** *We are busy serving the community- Join Us!*

Message and a Meal continues to provide a hot and nutritious meal every Sunday at 3 p.m. Meals are now served in to-go containers. Although we are not able to fellowship together over a meal with the community amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we are grateful for the opportunity to be able to serve takeout meals to those in need.

### **Message and A Meal March 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
3/1/2020	56	4
3/8/2020	58	3
3/15/2020	54	2
3/22/2020	69	2
3/29/2020	90	4

### **March 2020 Health & Spiritual Messages**

Topics of discussion during March included information about influenza, National Women's Day, and best practices to keep safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Let us continue to pray for our neighbors and take all necessary precautions to remain safe and healthy.**

**The Stephen Ministry** welcomes three newly trained Stephen Ministers to our congregation -- Paula Graves, Karen Yehudah and Christina Yongue. We solicit your prayers and encouragement as these ladies use their God-given talents and skill sets to provide Christian care to members of our church and community.



## **OUTREACH MINISTRY** *We are busy serving the community- Join Us!*

### **The Ministry of the Month for March is The Pathway House!**

The Pathways Center is our Ministry Partner for the month of March, and our monthly focus is on the family. Pathways Center is a shelter program that provides homeless families with a safe, temporary environment to live. Families come to Pathways for a variety of reasons, including domestic violence, eviction or crowded living conditions. Through our vision as believers of a spiritual home, let us be guided to help others share in the blessings of a safe living environment. Thanks for your generosity.

### **Tiny House Community Development: We Are... One In The Spirit**

Are you still looking to fulfill a niche? Perhaps, you feel led to help 'the least of these' but don't know where to begin. Well...look no more! There is 'plenty of good room' for you with Tiny House, a ministry that builds safe, affordable housing for the homeless in our community. How can I help, you might ask? The opportunities below are just some of the ways you or your ministry, collectively, can help.—

*Tiny House Volunteer Opportunities:*

**Breakfast 4 Our Friends:** Breakfast is served every Saturday morning between 7:45 A.M. – 8:45 A.M. at Center City Park in downtown Greensboro. Volunteer your time and/or breakfast items for approximately 80-100 people

**Sponsor a Resident's Utilities:** Utilities for a Tiny House averages to \$85.00/month. You can sponsor utilities on either a monthly or yearly basis.

**Donate Appliances:** For one of the six houses currently being built in the Greensboro Tiny House community appliances average to \$1,300.00.

**Make a Tax Deductible Donation To:** Tiny House Greensboro, P. O. Box 20691, Greensboro, NC 27420.

\*For additional information on this ministry, please contact Elders Oscar Reid, Sharon Smiley or Paula Pierce.

**Homeless Committee:** The Homeless Committee wishes to acknowledge with warm appreciation the congregation for the donation of 51 boxes of Quaker Oats for the Greensboro Urban Ministry.

## **OUTREACH MINISTRY** *We are busy serving the community- Join Us!*

Gillespie Park's Grab & Go site will open starting Monday, April 20, 2020. The meal distribution site will be open Mon-Fri, 11 A.M. to 12 P.M. Families can pick up breakfast and lunch for children ages 0-18.

Gillespie Park Elementary 1900 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Greensboro, NC 27406



**Address: Gillespie Park Elementary**  
1900 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Greensboro, NC 27406

**The “We’re In This Together: Loss, Grief & Relationships during COVID-19” Webinar** will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. Check your email blast for more information!

## **STEWARDSHIP** *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.*

The very nature of God is to give. “For God so loved the world; He gave His only begotten son” (John 3:16). Giving in the Spirit is a reflection of our love for Jesus Christ. The Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for the extra measures many of you are taking to fulfill your financial commitment to our church.

### **Reminder - 2020 Guide to our “Special Giving” opportunities.**

Per Capita Apportionment - \$25.00 or more during the months of January and February

One Great Hour of Sharing – Free Will Offering due March 8<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>

Pentecost Offering – Free Will Offering due April 13<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>

Peace and Global Witness – Free Will Offering due September 6<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Joy Offering – Free Will Offering due December 6<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>

If you are **giving on line**, please indicate the nature of your **Special Giving** where it states “**add special instructions.**”

~Your Stewardship Ministry

<b>March 2020 Weekly Collections</b> <b>Goal \$7,497.00 each Sunday \$32.487.00 per month</b>
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3/1/2019	Worship Service	\$ 9,146.25
3/8/2019	Worship Service	\$ 5,445.50
3/15/2019	Worship Service	\$ 5,435.00
3/22/2019	Worship Service	\$ 4,151.67
3/29/2019	Worship Service	\$ 1,470.00
	PayPal	\$ 2,602.73
	Cash App	\$ 1,440.00
Exceeded Monthly Goal by:	\$ - 5,418.77	Total: \$ 22,498.23

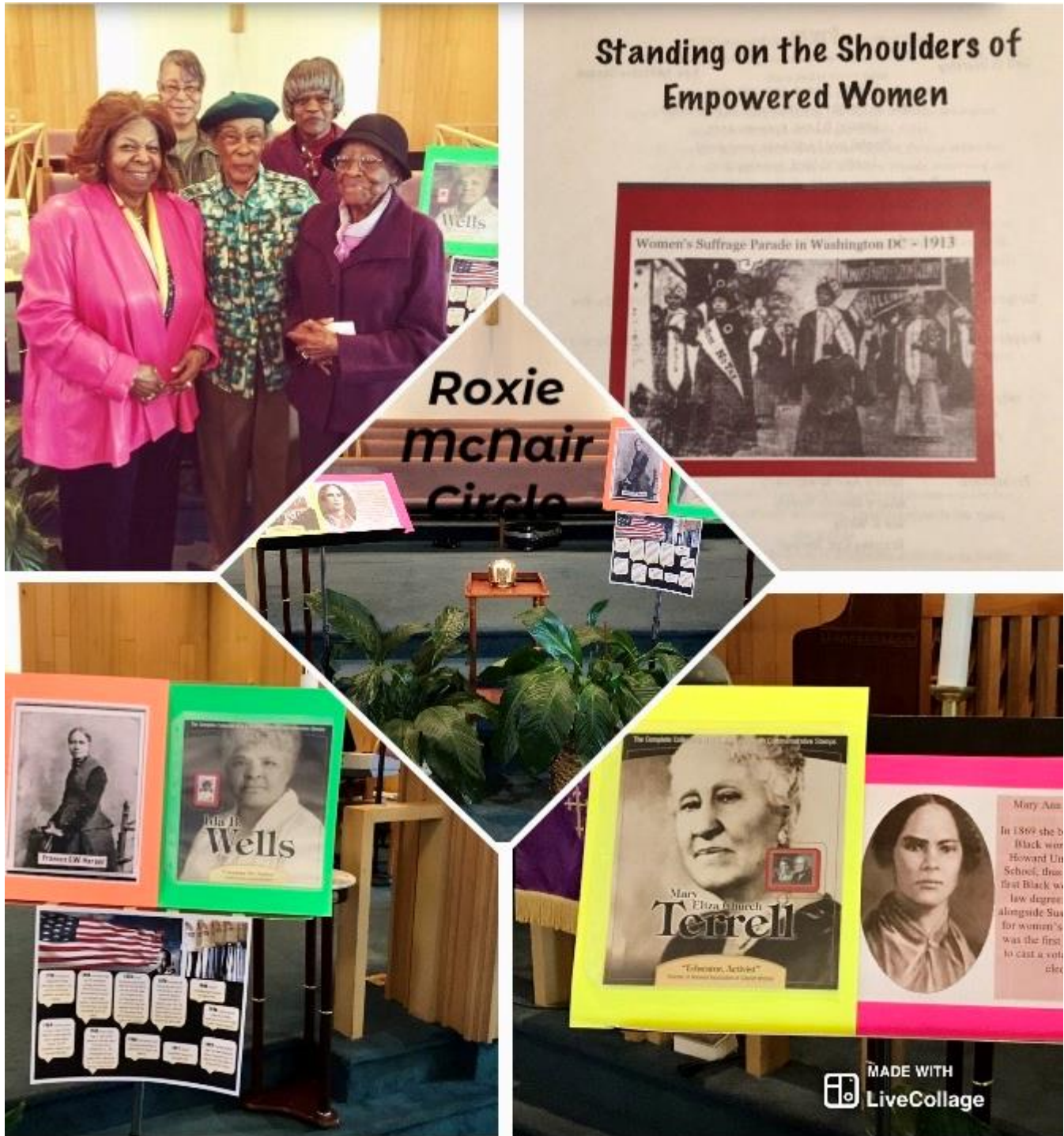
## In Case You Missed It! *Faith Point Fellowship*

Faith Point Fellowship participated in the Tiny Houses Breakfast 4 Our Friends program on Saturday, March 21 in downtown Greensboro. Ministry Coordinators Jasmine Evans, Shemiah Curry, Raquel Stubblefield and Board Liaison, Dr. Ina Siler donated biscuit sandwiches and served breakfast to our hungry and homeless neighbors.



## In Case You Missed It! *The Roxie McNair Circle*

The Roxie McNair Circle of Presbyterian Women presented the Celebration of Women's program. This year is the celebration of the passing of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution (100 years ago) giving women the right to vote. We recognized the contributions of the overlooked African American Suffragettes.



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