

# The Informer



## Saint James Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

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*"Touching Lives Through Jesus Christ!"*

Reverend Sekinah Hamlin, Temporary Executive Supply Pastor

Reverend Richard Hughes, Preaching Supply Pastor

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

## December 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 December. 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.

*Welcome*

## **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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## **December Participants:**

### **Worship Leaders:**

Reverend Sèkinah Hamlin

Reverend Richard Hughes

Reverend Frank Dew

### **Worship Elders:**

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

Elder Charles Knox

Elder Sharon Gaskin

### **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



# December Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of December, 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

• Isaiah 40:1-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

• Isaiah 61:1-4

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

• 2 Samuel 7:1-11

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

• Isaiah 61:10-62

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

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Join Saint James on Thursday, December 24, at 6:30 pm for Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Come, watch and wait for the arrival of Christ on Earth and hear from God through song, reflections and the lighting of candles. Come out and witness as the nativity unfolds and brings us into the Reason for the Season. Zoom information will be forthcoming. Keep an eye on your e-blasts!

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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)

**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)



# Happy Birthday to our members born in December!!

Fayma Avent

Eva Collins

Mona Edwards

Lynette Hawkins

Brenda Isaac

James McMillian

Terri Purcell

Tonya Purcell

Ralph Robinson

William Smiley

Donna Spinks

JaTonda Thompson

Garrett Ziglar



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

**Bible Study with Rev. Frank Dew** will continue on Wednesdays through December 23rd for Advent Season from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Join us by clicking this link: [Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom](#). We pray you can join us during this holiday season!

Join the members of the **Monday Morning Bible Study** class from September thru December 2020 for an AT-HOME-STUDY of the book of PROVERBS. This study will allow us to glean the wisdom God wants us to know and use. Study this book of the Bible to find a truth to learn, a promise to claim, a command to obey and a prayer to echo. JOIN US!!

**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. Our December virtual meeting will be held on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 3 pm. Join Zoom Meeting by clicking here: [The Grace Brown Circle Meeting](#) with Passcode: 263759. For those calling in, please dial: 929-205-6099 with Meeting ID: 854 9942 7436 and Passcode: 263759 ~Donna Spinks & Kathy Moore, Co-Mods.

The Roxie McNair Circle is honoring the Stay-At-Home and the physical distancing. More details to come later. ~Elder Pauline McNair, Moderator

The Sara Barber Circle will meet December 6, 2020 at 3:00 pm via zoom. Lesson four entitled, Lamenting Death from the study guide, Into The Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament, will be led by Adnee Bradford. Scripture: John 11:28-37. Visitors who would like to visit or join should contact Linda Adams at 336-509-0420. ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle will be on Break for December. Members will participate in the Presbyterian Women's activity on December 13, 2020. Thank you. Demetra Barnwell, Moderator





## **DISCIPLESHIP** *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings (continued)*

The Marie Florance Presbyterettes will meet virtually on Sunday, December 20 at 1:00 PM. Zoom information will be sent in the December letter. Jasmine Evans will lead Lesson 4 from the Horizons workbook Into the Light – Lamenting Death. We welcome all visitors. Please contact our Moderator, Ina Siler at 551-655-4612 for Zoom Information.

We celebrated three Presbytette birthdays in November with a surprise garage party for Mrs. Jean Ellis and lawn parties for Timisha Corpening and Jasmine Evans.





## **DISCIPLESHIP** *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings (continued)*

**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. Please contact Mrs. Marie Martin for more information. ~Mrs. Marie Martin, Moderator

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

Calling all girls and women of Saint James! You are invited to attend our next Presbyterian Women of the Congregation Zoom on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Girls and women of all ages (5-100+) are welcomed to attend. Please consider joining us this month! Follow this link to join the meeting: [PWC Meeting](#) Password: 727127

Dues for this PWC year are \$30.00. All active women are encouraged to submit your dues no later than Friday, December 11th. You can pay via mail (820 Ross Avenue, 27406), PayPal or CashApp (\$SJPCNC). Please indicate PW Dues in the memo.

### **Presbyterian Men**

The Presbyterian Men's Ministry would like to express our thanks for the congregational support of our Fish and Chicken Fundraisers and to all men that actively in the ministry during 2020. During the challenges of this pandemic we have continued to seek ways to Touch Lives through Jesus Christ and minister inside and outside the walls.

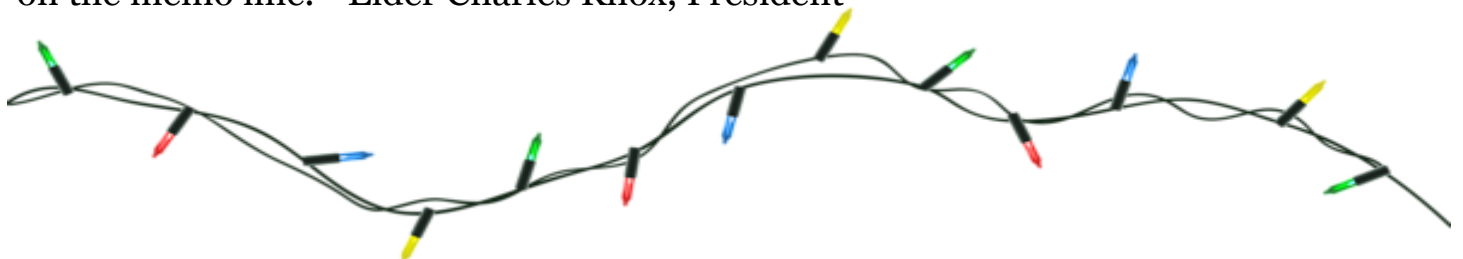
We have missed the in-person meetings and wonderful fellowship breakfasts, prepared by Deacon Wilomenia Rankin. However, the Men have continued to actively participate on Boards of the church, the Pastor Nominating Committee, Congregational Care, Message and a Meal, supporting Saint James as a Matthew 25 Congregation by participating with the work of the Social Justice Ministry and through Community Service projects, such as donations to Urban Ministry, Blessed Table Food Pantry and to Families with special needs.

As a substitute for our usual Congregational Christmas Breakfast, a Virtual Christmas Breakfast is planned as noted below:

SAVE THE DATE:      Details will follow on the Weekly E-Blast!!

- Sunday December 20th – Men's Virtual Christmas Breakfast

All men of the church are requested to donate \$35 for 2021 annual dues. Payments may be made to Gary Williams, Treasurer or in the regular offering. Make checks payable to Saint James Presbyterian Church, PayPal or CashApp (\$sjpcnc) with Presbyterian Men on the memo line. ~Elder Charles Knox, President





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

### **Monthly Informer Article Deadline**

Please feel free to mail or e-mail: [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto:office@stjamespresby.org). Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: "January Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Thursday, December 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.

### **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 has been updated. 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 Updating**

Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Did you know that you can send update your contact information anytime? Our contact information form is always available online. 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, please call the church office and one will be mailed to you. Your information will remain confidential.



# **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)*

### Pastor Nominating Committee

We continue to review the PIFs, watch the sermons of our applicants, and schedule interviews. As we talk with people in other presbyteries who are looking for pastors, we know the surge in COVID-19 cases is impacting communities all over the country. Pastors are choosing to put their congregations before their careers. Please continue to pray for your PNC as we continue our search for our next pastor. As always, we welcome your questions, ideas, and referrals.

The members of your PNC are:

Linda Adams  
Jasmine Evans  
Marie Martin  
Gretchen Robinson  
Karen Watts-Yehudah

Freddie Click  
Cynthia Latham - Co-Chair  
Ina Siler - Co-Chair



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

### **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!**

During this time of COVID-19, to keep you and our members' safe, our New Members Class is not being held. If you missed the last New Members and Inquirers Class or are interested in learning more about Saint James, contact the church office at 336-273-6558. Our dedicated Elders will reach out to you. We are looking forward to sharing more about who we are and what we believe!



# **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY**

## **GUILFORD COUNTY COALITION ON INFANT MORTALITY PARTNERSHIP**

The Saint James Social Justice ministry has been contacted by the Guilford County Coalition on Infant Mortality to enlist interested church members in the Collective Action Strategic Planning process the coalition is undertaking to rebrand and redirect its efforts. The purpose of the process is to create strong strategies designed to reduce infant mortality and eliminate the significant disparities that exist for infants of color. We all realize that starting work on this youngest cohort of our citizens, our infants, is essential in order to see the strong, equitable and healthy society we desire.

Three areas of participation have been suggested for those Saint James members who want to partner in any portion of this important work:

- 1) Participate in work groups or “convening” where goals and priority areas of the rebranded Coalition will be defined. There will be 4-5 sessions of 90 minutes each between now and March led by the Root Cause consulting group to complete this phase. The dates of these sessions will be announced within the next 3 weeks, and posted in the Sunday announcements.
- 2) Volunteer for a Leadership Action Team made up of members of the African American community who represent faith communities, healthcare industry, public officers, and interested at-large citizens. The team will partner with the coalition to superintend the implementation of the priority areas.
- 3) Board of director’s members with experience in the following sectors will be needed: healthcare, hospital administration, marketing, legal, finance, DHHS, and community organizing. No fund raising is required for board participation.

If you have an interest in investing in the future of our city, county, state and country by battling infant mortality and its disproportionate effect on communities of color, please choose one of the activities designed to make the Coalition a strong force in making a difference in all our lives. For additional information, contact Vanessa Haygood, Christina Youngue, or email Jean Workman, CEO at [jworkman@guilfordcountync.gov](mailto:jworkman@guilfordcountync.gov) with your interest in joining this effort.



# **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY**

## **GET OUT THE VOTE COMMITTEE**

The purpose for establishing the GOTV Committee of the Social Justice Advocacy ministry in August of 2020 was to support the participation of church members and community friends in the election process during the worldwide COVID-19 healthcare crisis.

Our voting engagement campaign strategies were as follows:

1. Aggressive Absentee Ballot Request Campaign
2. Voter Registration Campaign
3. Post Card Voter Registration Outreach Campaign
4. Voter Education Campaign & Outreach to Young Adults

### **Phase One: Voter Engagement:**

These voter engagement strategies yielded the following outcomes:

- A. Establishing a Get Out The Vote committee consisting of members of the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry and other organizations of our church;
- B. Contacting church members and verifying voter registration status;
- C. Sharing with church members and community friends the option of completing absentee ballot request forms that led to 100 church members and community friends requesting absentee ballots to vote;
- D. Hosting of voter registration event at Saint James Presbyterian Church on September 12, 2020 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.;
- E. Completing almost 1,500 postcards to primarily African Americans removed from Guilford County Election Board records in collaboration with Democracy North Carolina to encourage voter participation;
- F. Developing educational fliers and worship service announcements to inform church members of key election dates, early voting polling sites for in person voting, and scripting steps for completing and returning absentee ballot requests and the actual ballots;
- G. Coordinating with Faith Point Ministry a “Soul Food Conversation “on voting held on September 3, 2020 to encourage young adult voter engagement in this important election cycle;
- H. Sharing of transportation resources available in our community during early voting or on Election Day;
- I. Providing nonpartisan voting guides from Democracy North Carolina and personal protection kits from North Carolina Black Alliance for use by church members and friends in exercising their right to vote.



# **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY** *cont.*

## **Saint James Presbyterian Church Social Justice Ministry Get Out The Vote Committee 2020**

- |                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Linda Adams             | 11. Linda Parker                |
| 2. Lucia Ward-Alexander    | 12. Mildred Powell              |
| 3. Demetra Barnwell        | 13. Annie Purcell               |
| 4. Dr. Adnee Bradford      | 14. Delores Scott               |
| 5. Freddie Click, Sr.      | 15. Sharon Smiley               |
| 6. Mona Edwards            | 16. Dr. Vernon Stringer         |
| 7. Reverend Sekinah Hamlin | 17. Pat Davis-Thompson          |
| 8. Dr. Vanessa Haygood     | 18. Amryl Ward                  |
| 9. Carrie Ledbetter        | 19. Karen Watts-Yehudah         |
| 10. Paula McEachern        | 20. Phyllis Wyatt               |
|                            | 21. Lolita Watkins, Chairperson |

Stay tuned to the January Informer for an article on the Phase Two accomplishments of the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry GOTV efforts.

**Happy holidays and blessings for the new year from  
Lolita Watkins and Christina Yongue,  
Co-Coordinator of the  
Social Justice Advocacy Ministry,  
Saint James Presbyterian Church.**



# **FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP** *Young Adult and College Ministry*

**Faith Point** was awarded a \$1000 grant from the 1001 New Worshiping Community Team in Louisville to support stipends for our Interns next year. We are grateful to God for continuing to bless our ministry.

Our ministry will be on winter break until January 14, 2021. Check out FB, Instagram, and the Informer to see what we will be doing virtually to stay connected. Look for our Share the Joy of the Season Dance and Christmas Card events. We hope Saint James members will participate too!

**Meet the Faith Point Leadership Team!** Jasmine Evans and Shemiah Curry serve as Ministry Coordinators for Faith Formation (MCs). They are responsible for leading bible study and worship services. Rycal Blount (A&T graduate student) and Jayla White (Bennett College sophomore) are the Social Media Interns. They promote Faith Point events on social media and to their network of friends and college students.



## **LEADERSHIP TEAM**



**JASMINE EVANS,  
MC**



**SHEMIAH CURRY,  
MC**



**JAYLA WHITE,  
INTERN**



**RYCAL BLOUNT,  
INTERN**

### **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 @FaithPointFellowship

## **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              |
| April Newkirk        | Central Piedmont Community College   |
| Messiah Reid         | Guilford Technical Community College |
| 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       |

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## **FORGET ME NOT LIST**

*Remember to pray for those who cannot attend worship*

Gertrude Avery

412 Stewart St., 27401

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 Graves

4400 Lawndale Dr., 27455

John and Vallie Guthrie

4504 Southall Dr., 27406

Lynette Hawkins

1212 Swan Creek Rd.

Fort Washington, MD 20744

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

3823 Lawndale Drive

Greensboro, NC 27455

Annis Sensabaugh

Blumenthal Jewish Nursing Center,

3724 Wireless Dr., Rm. 213, 27455

Erica Ward (niece of Elder Nancy Rives)

141 Vinings Dr. McDonough, GA 30253



*Forget Me Not*



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



### **Birth Announcement!**

Sonia Boakyewaa and her husband Clifford Osei-Okyere celebrated the birth of their first child on October 27. Sinai Abena Ampomaa Osei-Okyere weighed in at 7 lbs 2.6 ounces.

### **Thank you...**

Dear Saint James Church Family, Kayla, Karlton, and I thank you for the beautiful plant. It brought light and love and helped to brighten this sad time. We are thankful for your thoughtfulness. We are grateful to have the love and support of our church family. We also Thank you for your continued support and love as my family mourns the loss of my beloved mother, Beatrice Newsome. I sincerely appreciate the memorial courtesy. Please continue to keep my family in your prayers. With gratitude. ~Sharon Gaskin, Kayla & Karlton

Dear Saint James Family, Many thanks for your acts of kindness and prayers as I deal with the passing of my dear friend, Elder Julia Ruth Richmond. Her selfless contributions to the church and its ministries serve as an ever present reminder of her love and faithful dedication to St. James. Always. ~Lindell Mills

Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thank you for thinking of our family during this difficult time. Thank you for the wonderful flower arrangement. ~Eric, Natalie & Khloe Gipson

Rev. Hamlin and St. James Presbyterian Church Family,  
Thank you for the peace lily, cards, phone calls and expressions of sympathy you extended to me in the loss of my mother, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Gillis. It's been a very difficult time. However, our grief has been made easier to bear because of your love and support. Thank you very much. ~Mona Gillis Edwards and Family

Rev. Hamlin, Rev. Hughes and the entire Saint James Presbyterian Church Family, we are so appreciative of your many acts of kindness shown towards us during my father's illness and at the time of his death. Your cards, text, emails and prayers were reassuring that we were not alone during these uncertain times. God Bless each of you! ~Sincerely, Ralph, Ursula, Devin and Alexis Robinson

# **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 September 2020**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Guests</b> | <b>Volunteers</b> |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 11/1/2020   | 134           | 4                 |
| 11/8/2020   | 134           | 3                 |
| 11/15/2020  | 153           | 5                 |
| 11/22/2020  | 150           | 2                 |
| 11/29/2020  | 138           | 6                 |

## **Free Flu Shots**

Our Message & A Meal program, in partnership with Cone Health, is offering free Flu Shots every week from 2:00 p.m – 3:00 p.m. There will also be the possibility of free COVID-19 testing later in the month. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity during this flu season! Stay masked up and stay well. This is open to the public.



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

**The Ministry of the Month for December is Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary!** “Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary provides innovative theological education to advance communities of faith, justice, and compassion.” -

<https://www.smithseminary.org/about-us> Saint James looks forward to partnering with this school to help fund their ability thrive. Donations can be made to Saint James with JCS Seminary in the memo.

## **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 Elder Oscar Reid.

**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.

**Stephen Ministry,** a Christ-centered ministry that provides care in alleviating pain and stress of life, remains attentive to the needs of others. Our personal contact via the phone allows us to connect. As we venture day by day through this pandemic, we extend the promises of God and the affirmation of His omni-presence. Our goal is to represent the love, concern and care of Jesus in a confidential way. If we can be of assistance as we journey together, please call a Stephen Leader: Adnee Bradford (336) 202-6989, Yvonne Patterson (336) 375-0122, Cynthia Latham (336) 324-7252

## **Continued Free Meal Distribution**

Guilford County Schools is continuing to provide Grab & Go meals Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until noon at 41 schools and 64 neighborhood locations for children under the age of 18. Find the locations here:

[Meal Distribution Listing](#)



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

## **The Greatest Commandment**

"Many people don't mind giving God a little. And some are willing to give a bit more. Others are even willing to give him a great deal. But God demands us to give him all. Everything. Not just all our headaches, heartaches, troubles and sorrows. God wants our gifts, talents, intelligence, skills and will.

When we bring him our all, he will do for us what he did with two fish and five loaves of bread. He'll bless us and multiply what we have and what we give. He'll bestow purpose and meaning upon our lives. He'll cause us to be men among men and women among women."

Matthew 22:37-38 (Verse), Matthew 22:34-40 (Passage)

Reverend Keith M. Lemmons, The African American Devotional Bible, KJV, 1997, Pg. 1073.

*Giving Envelopes for 2021 are now available in the George Simpkins Room.  
Please call the Church Office at 336-273-6658 for hours of operation.*

For those of you who **give on line**, please indicate the nature of your **Special Giving** where it states "add special instructions."

***You can now give from your smart phone! Use Cash App - \$sjpcnc***

*Praise  
the Lord*

November- 2020- Weekly Collections  
Goal - \$7,497.00 each Sunday/ \$27,917.00 per month

### Receipts:

11/1/2020  
11/8/2020  
11/15/2020  
11/22/2020

Worship Service  
Worship Service  
Worship Service  
Worship Service  
Worship Service  
NSF

### General Operations

\$ 3,553.00  
\$ 6,315.00  
\$ 3,527.00  
\$ 3,874.00  
\$ 2,752.00  
\$ -  
\$ 1,530.99  
\$ 1,962.00  
\$ 23,513.99

\*\*\* Missed Monthly Goal By:

\$ (4,403.01)

PayPal

Cash App

For I know the plans I have for you, " declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11



## **STEWARDSHIP** *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities. (cont.)*

**Reminder - 2020 Guide to our "Special Giving" envelopes.**

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

*Finally – Let's not forget to contribute to our Emergency Relief Fund! During this time many are truly experiencing a difficult time.*

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***Though we are worshipping electronically, many of the Ministries of St. James Presbyterian Church are still operating in full to support our Mission of service. Our staff continues to work to maintain the order of church business, keep you informed of church and community activities, oversee the church facility, and provide pastoral services to individuals and families in need or in crisis. Additionally, we have Ministries working all over Greensboro to provide leadership and maintain our engagement in issues surrounding social justice and much needed health initiatives. In other words, the work of "The Church" continues in earnest.***

***The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your financial commitment to our church.***



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# ADVENT EXPECTATIONS

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY  
WITH REV. FRANK DEW

JOIN US  
ON ZOOM  
FROM 6P-7P:

11/18

12/2

12/9

12/16

12/23

FOR THOSE CALLING IN,  
PLEASE DIAL:

929-205-6099

MEETING ID: 833 4743 8438

PASSCODE: 216186

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