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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

March 2021 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 March. 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. 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.



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. We look forward to helping you make this decision!

Connect With Us!

Like us on Facebook: 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

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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March Participants:

Worship Leaders:

Reverend Sèkinah Hamlin

Reverend Richard Hughes

Reverend Frank Dew

Worship Elders:

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

Elder Charles Knox

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



March Lectionary

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

1st Sunday

• Exodus 10:1-17

2nd Sunday

• Num 21:4-9

3rd Sunday

• Jer. 31:31-34

4th Sunday

• Mark 11:1-11

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

Lent Season Services

During this season of Lent, please stay tuned to our website and the weekly e-blasts for update on upcoming services including, **Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (Seven Last Words), Easter Sunday and any Holy Week activities.** We will keep you updated!

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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 March!!

**Jason Adams**

**Brandon Bellamy**

**Erika Booker**

**Chaunci Donnell**

**Portia Griffin**

**Kathy Johnson**

**Paul Jones**

**Peggy Meachem**

**Jaden Reid**

**Kiara Reid-Rowell**

**Ursula Robinson**

**Helen Russell**

**Mikala Thomason**

**Marvin Watkins**

**Sadie Woods**

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

Join the members of the **Monday Morning Bible Study** class 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 February virtual meeting will be held on Friday, March 19, 2021 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 March 7, 2021 at 3:00 pm via Zoom. Lesson seven entitled, *Creation Laments* from the study guide, Into The Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament, will be led by the circle members. Scripture: Isaiah 24:4-6, 8, 19; Romans 8:19-23. 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 studying lesson 9 for March- The End of Lament. Partners will be discussing our final lesson and its implications for today. The moderator looks forward to continuing talks with various members regarding the study guide this year. Visitors are welcome to join our circle. Thank you. ~Demetra Barnwell, Moderator





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

The Marie Florance Presbytettes will meet virtually on Sunday, March 21 at 1:00 PM. We will discuss Lessons 5 and 6 from the Horizons workbook. We welcome all visitors. Please contact our Moderator, Ina Siler at 551-655-4612 for more Information about our Circle. The Zoom link for the meeting is below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84538491968?pwd=TGozSWlFMctLYTZDYWVRUoV5SndzZz09>

Meeting ID: 845 3849 1968

Passcode: 840525

We celebrated the birthdays of two Presbytettes in February. Just because our Circle sister Mrs. Vivian Givens now resides in Sacramento CA didn't stop us from surprising her. Dr. Vivian Thorpe, who celebrated her birthday on Valentine's Day received Valentine and birthday love!



## **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)**

#### **PWC Monthly Gathering**

The monthly PW gathering will take place on Sunday, March 14th at 2:00 pm via Zoom. We will use our standard Zoom link published on the website and in the weekly e-Blast. Follow this link to join the meeting: [PWC Meeting](#) Password: 727127

#### **PWC CT (Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Coordinating Team) Meeting**

Circle Moderators along with PWC officers will meet briefly on Saturday, March 13th at 11 am via Zoom. Moderators, please follow this link to join the meeting: [PWC CT Meeting](#) Meeting ID: 817 4972 9144 Passcode: 558437

### **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 participated 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.

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: "April Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Friday, March 26, 2021 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

Your PNC continues to review applications, interview candidates and listen to their sermons. We ask you to continue to pray for our team's work as we search for our new pastor. As always, we welcome your questions, ideas, and referrals. Our members are listed below.

The members of your PNC are:

Linda Adams

Freddie Click

Jasmine Evans

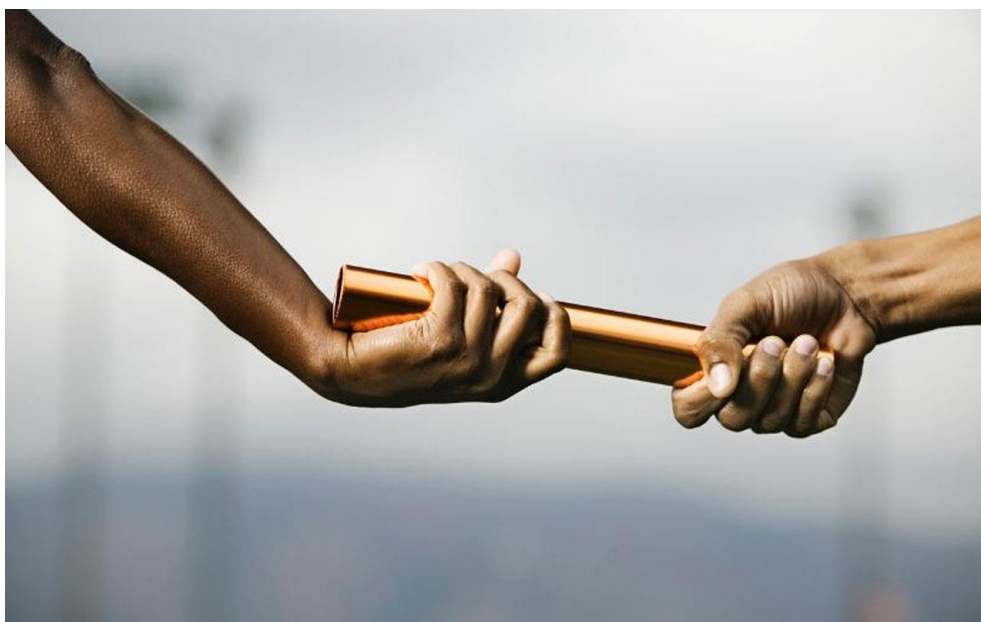
Marie Martin

Gretchen Robinson

Karen Watts-Yehudah

Cynthia Latham - Co-Chair

Ina Siler - Co-Chair



## **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**

## **Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Cited in UNC-Greensboro CACE 2021 Conference**

### **Conference on African American Culture and Experience The Year of the Black Woman**

The work of the Saint James Presbyterian Church Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Get Out The Vote Committee was recognized in a presentation by co-coordinator Christina Yongue and Andrea Metcalfe from the Beloved Community Center on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, during the 2:00 pm breakout session of the CACE Conference. The presentation title was "Reflections and Future Plans for Mobilizing With the Black and Brown Women's Voting Initiative" where the work of the seven committees established during our Phase Two voter outreach work was shared and applauded by attendees. The almost hour long discussion focused on the personal journeys of the presenters in their civic and voting engagement efforts and the voter engagement work of the seven committees. The impact of the work by the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry GOTV Initiative and the Beloved Community Center inspired our most recent collaboration in the establishing of the Black & Brown Woman's Community Dialogue Series. The next scheduled discussion event will take place on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 7:00 pm with a Zoom event hosted by the Beloved Community Center. Public health epidemiologist Dr. Bahby Banks will lead a discussion on "An Equity-Based Approach to Increase Awareness about COVID-19 in African American communities." Registration information about this event will be posted on the Beloved Community Center website.

### **Social Justice & Servant Leadership Bible Study Debut**

The Saint James Presbyterian Church Social Justice Advocacy Ministry with the Westminster Presbyterian Church Micah Group held its first Bible study session on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 7:00 pm led by Reverend Frank Dew with over thirty participants present. Our first topic focused on "Hearing the Call of God" and led to interesting breakout group discussions. The following individuals from Saint James are participating in the Bible Study culminating on March 24, 2021:

- |                         |                                                                                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Lucia Ward-Alexander | 9. Paula McEachern                                                                |
| 2. Freddie Click, Sr.   | 10. Katherine Moore                                                               |
| 3. Pat Davis-Thompson   | 11. Mildred Powell                                                                |
| 4. Portia Griffin       | 12. Andrea Russell                                                                |
| 5. Vanessa Haygood      | 13. Ina Siler                                                                     |
| 6. Charles Knox         | 14. Lolita Watkins                                                                |
| 7. Carrie Ledbetter     | 15. Karen-Watts-Yehudah                                                           |
| 8. Marie Martin         | 16. Jerry Young                                                                   |
|                         | 17. Phyllis Wyatt (Social Justice Advocacy<br>Ministry Member & Community Friend) |

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

**Soul Food Conversations** - Join us for our 30 minute bible study on Facebook Live on Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 PM. We also will host Soul Food Conversation discussions on Thursday, March 18 & 25 at 7:00 PM. Rev. Zuogwi Reeves will be our guest facilitator at the March 25 Soul Food Conversations discussion group. Use the Zoom link below to join the discussion group.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86884873490?pwd=L1F5QjVrc0NMNWd5YjJ5NTZubk5DUTo9>

Meeting ID: 868 8487 3490

Passcode: 732712

**Thirsty Thursday Worship** - Our worship service will be held on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Jasmine Evans will be preaching. We invite all young adults and those who are young at heart to join this dynamic worship experience. Please click on the link below to join the worship service.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86884873490?pwd=L1F5QjVrc0NMNWd5YjJ5NTZubk5DUTo9>

Meeting ID: 868 8487 3490

Passcode: 732712



### **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*

Shaquille & Sheryl Davis

3938 Eastland Avenue 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 Jackson (daughter of Maxine Covington)

1209 Humboldt Avenue North

Minneapolis, MN 55411

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



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

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

Rev. Hamlin and the Saint James Presbyterian Church Family,  
Thank you for your words of comfort during the unexpected passing of my brother, James Arthur. He was the patriarch of our family and will be solely missed. Your cards, emails, texts and phone calls helped to make this time more bearable. May God bless you all.  
~Linda Adams

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 February 2021**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Guests</b> | <b>Volunteers</b> |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 2/7/2021    | 140           | 4                 |
| 2/14/2021   | 107           | 4                 |
| 2/21/2021   | 120           | 4                 |
| 2/28/2021   | 122           | 3                 |





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

## **Pathways Center is the Ministry of the Month!**

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 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.

## **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 for children under the age of 18. Find the locations here:

[Meal Distribution Listing](#)

**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

# **STEWARDSHIP** *Monthly collection*

## **Opening the Floodgates**

“... God is the sole proprietor of everything and everybody (Psalm 24:1). God is the unlimited Landlord of all. These are the basic principles of Christian stewardship. They release us from the worries and woes in life that come with ownership. We can sleep better at night when we realize that God owns the house, the car, the family and even us. Therefore, since God will neither “slumber nor sleep” (Psalm 121:4) and everything belongs to him, we have no reason to worry about things we do not own and circumstances we cannot change.”

*\*The African-American Devotional Bible, copyright 1997, Zondervan Corp., pg 1036, Reverend Lee R. Brown, Verse: Malachi 3:8, Passage: Malachi 3:6-17.*

The Ministries of St. James Presbyterian Church continue to work hard to achieve goals set by the congregation. Your support is crucial to both maintain and build upon the intentions set forth in our Mission Statement.



February- 2021- Weekly Collections  
Goal - \$7,497.00 each Sunday/ \$27,917.00 per month

|                                  | <u>Receipts:</u>               | General Operations |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
|                                  | 2/7/2021      Worship Service  | \$    3,822.00     |
|                                  | 2/24/2021      Worship Service | \$    2,710.00     |
|                                  | 2/21/2021      Worship Service | \$    1,811.00     |
|                                  | 2/28/2021      Worship Service | \$    5,120.00     |
|                                  | Worship Service                | \$           -     |
|                                  | NSF                            | \$           -     |
| *** Exceeded Monthly Goal By:    | PayPal                         | \$    3,438.99     |
| \$                    (9,658.01) | Cash App                       | \$    1,357.00     |
|                                  |                                | \$    18,258.99    |

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.)*

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

*Note: Missed a 2020 "Special Giving" opportunity? No problem! Just indicate your intention on your check or in the on line giving in "special instructions"!*

*It's not too late to give!*

*Per Capita Apportionment \$25.00 or as you are blessed*

*One Great Hour of Sharing – Please give as you are blessed*

*Finally – Let's not forget to contribute to our Emergency Relief Fund!*

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

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





# NC COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATES

You have a spot, take your shot.

A tested, safe and effective vaccine will be available to all who want it, but supplies will be limited at first. To save lives and slow the spread of COVID-19, independent state and federal public health advisory committees recommend first protecting health care workers caring for patients with COVID-19, people who are at the highest risk of being hospitalized or dying, and those at high risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Keep practicing the 3 W's—wear a mask, wait six feet apart, wash your hands—until everyone has a chance to get vaccinated.

Please follow the links below for more updates, information and scheduling timeframes.

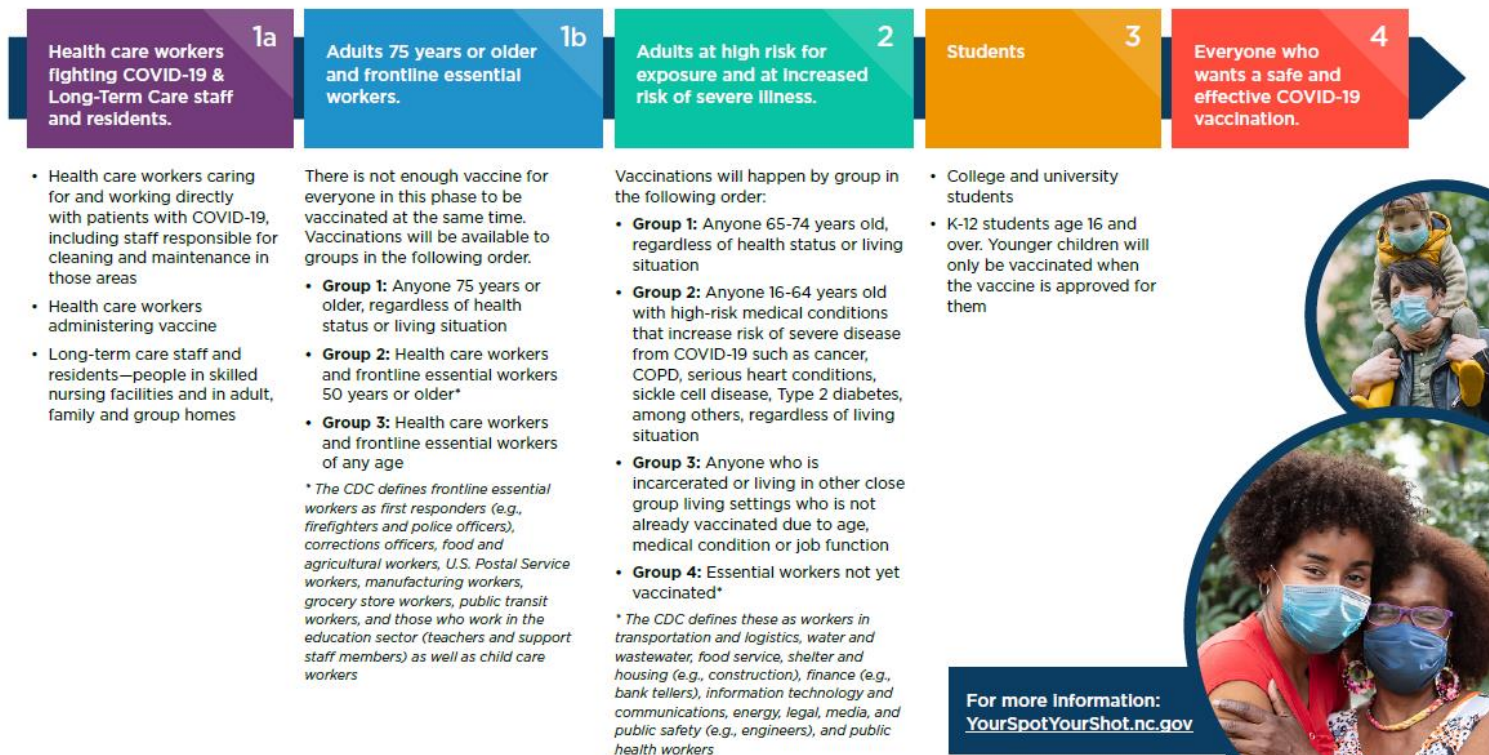
[Vaccine Updates](#)  
[Vaccination Schedule Information](#)  
*(see also infographic below)*

The link below has helpful hints and information:  
[The North Carolina DHHS Vaccination Website](#)

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 Your best shot at stopping COVID-19.

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For more Information:  
[YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](https://YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov)



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