

# The *Informer*



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

A "Matthew 25" Congregation

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*"Touching Lives Through Jesus Christ!"*

Reverend Sèkinah Hamlin, Temporary Executive Supply Pastor

Reverend Richard Hughes, Preaching Supply Pastor

**May 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 May. 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.



## **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.”

# WE ARE A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION!



## **Matthew 25 in the PC(USA):**

A bold vision and invitation

### **We are a Matthew 25 church!**

Our congregation has accepted the PC(USA)'s invitation to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25:31–46 by becoming active disciples and making a difference in our community and the world.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we pledge to embrace one or more of these three areas of focus:

- Building congregational vitality by deepening and energizing our faith and growing as joyful leaders and disciples actively engaged with our community as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed
- Dismantling structural racism by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color
- Eradicating systemic poverty by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor

To learn more and for ideas on how to get involved and do your vital part as a member of a Matthew 25 church, please visit [pcusa.org/matthew25](https://pcusa.org/matthew25).



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**Presbyterian Mission**

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# **WORSHIP**

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

## **Virtual Order of Worship:**

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## **May Participants:**

### **Worship Leaders:**

Reverend Sèkinah Hamlin

Reverend Richard Hughes

Reverend Frank Dew

### **Worship Elders:**

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

Elder Charles Knox

Elder Jasmine Evans

### **Music Directors:**

Elder 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



# May Lectionary

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

• Acts 8:26-40

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

• Acts 10:44-48

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

• Acts 1:15-17

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

• Acts 2:1-21

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

• Isaiah 6:1-8



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



Join us on  
Sunday May 2, 2021 at  
10 A.M.  
for our  
Older Adult Sunday  
Celebration!



*Sunday May 9, 2021 is  
Mother's Day.  
Join us for a special service  
honoring our mothers at 10 A.M.*

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 May!!



Terri Burris  
Derrick Burris  
Shanice Burris  
Devin Burris  
Diane Givens-Moffett  
Paula Graves  
Mervyn Halley  
Marsha Knox  
Vicki McCain  
Harold McLean  
Paula Pierce  
Cathy Propst  
Wilomenia Rankin  
Blonnie Tipton



Please remember to send us your birthdays to include each month!

Send your info to [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto:office@stjamespresby.org)

## **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, May 21, 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 May 16, 2021 at 3:00 pm via zoom. Please note that the date is the third Sunday instead of the regular first Sunday date. Lesson nine entitled, The End of Lament from the study guide, Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament, will be led by Evelyn Donnell. Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-10; Revelation 21:1-8 Visitors who would like to visit or join should contact Linda Adams at 336-509-0420. ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle has ended our lessons until September. More information will be shared at a later date. This has been an unusual year for everyone. Please stay safe. Thank you. ~Demetra Barnwell, Moderator

The Marie Florance Presbytettes will meet on Sunday, May 23 at 1:00 PM on Zoom. Jasmine Evans will lead lesson 8, *God Laments*. We invite any St. James women to visit our Circle meeting. Please contact Circle Moderator Ina Siler at 551-655-4612 for more information. Please use the Zoom link below to join our meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 845 3849 1968

Passcode: 840525

## **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. Many thanks to the church members: Lolita Watkins, Charles Knox, Rev. Hamlin, Donna Spinks and JaTonda Thompson who planned and assisted with the COVID-19 vaccine project!

The ministry will celebrate Older Adult Ministry May 2-7, 2021. All Super Seniors and interested church members are invited to join us. Please contact Mrs. Marie Martin for more information. ~Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators

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

#### **PWC Monthly Gathering**

There will be no gathering this month. Have a wonderful May!

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

There will be no gathering this month. Have a great May!

### **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: "June Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Tuesday, May 25, 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)*

**Congregational 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 Congregational Care ministry.

Congregational Care functions as a pastoral care arm of ministry. The purpose of the Congregational 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 Congregational 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 an Elder, 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 Congregational 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 [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto:office@stjamespresby.org). The office will notify your Congregational 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 Congregational Care Team has been thoroughly trained, and is eager to serve, so do not hesitate to share your need.

## **Congregational Care List 2021**

<b><u>Elders</u></b>	<b><u>Members of the Congregation</u></b>
Jasmine Evans	A
Bob Powell	B
Carrie Ledbetter	C
Ursula Robinson	D, E
Sandra Wallington	F, G
Karen Watts-Yehudah	H, I
Andrea Russell	J, K, L
Mildred Powell	M
Charles Knox	N, O, P
Chuck Wallington	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 are meeting with candidates as we search for the pastor that God wants for Saint James. We greatly appreciate your prayers and we know God is listening. Please continue to pray for our committee as we diligently work to find our new pastor. We welcome your questions and your ideas. 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!

# Congratulations, Graduates!!

## Sarah Grace Lewers

Sarah Grace Lewers is completing the graduation requirements this spring semester for a second Master of Science degree in Information Technology. She graduated with a Master of Science in Technology Management degree in May, 2017. Her undergraduate degree is in Chemical Engineering. Thanks to the Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and Women in the College of Science and Technology (WIST) at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. [www.ncat.edu](http://www.ncat.edu)

At Saint James Presbyterian Church, she participates in the Presbyterian Women Bible study circles (Sara Barber and Marie Florance Presbytettes), A.D.O.R.E. (Adult Dancers of Religious Expression), and Advocates for STEM in the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry.


Her parents are Reverend Calvin Lewers and Mrs. Vera Lewers that currently Pastor the Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church in Concord, NC. Their 49th Wedding anniversary is this April. The ministry is celebrating its 153<sup>rd</sup> year of Worship and Service. [www.cedargrovespresbyterian.org](http://www.cedargrovespresbyterian.org)

Sarah is the youngest daughter and her two sisters are Mrs. Shava Lewers-Meadows and Mrs. LaToya Lewers-Shoffner. Her future goals are to continue in a STEM career path and graduate research in a Ph.D. program. Special thanks to Mr. DeAngelo Jones and Exodus Fellowship of Greensboro, NC. [www.exodusfellowship.com](http://www.exodusfellowship.com)  
Blessed and Happy Easter to all!





## Jasmine Evans



WAKE FOREST  
UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL of DIVINITY

Jasmine K. Evans is the daughter of Minister Kirsten D. Evans and the late Michael A. Beasley. She will graduate on Sunday, May 16, 2021, at 7pm from Wake Forest University's School of Divinity earning a Master of Divinity Degree with a concentration in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Jasmine will begin a 9-month Clinical Pastoral Education Internship at Wake Baptist Hospital in August 2021.

Crisis Control Ministry, Summer Intern, 2019  
Westminster Presbyterian, Summer Seminary Intern, 2020  
Faith Point Fellowship, Ministry Coordinator for Faith Formation, 2019 - Present  
Westminster Presbyterian, Worship Resident & Administrative Assistant for Communications, 2020 - Present

FTE Leaders Ministry Grant - Fall 18  
CPM Grant Recipient - Fall 19, Fall 20  
PCUSA Study Grant Recipient 2020-2021  
PCUSA People of Color Award 2020-2021

Secretary, Student Leadership Council 19-20  
Student Liaison,  
Curriculum Innovation Committee Summer 2020  
Vice President, Student Leadership Council 20-21

I am graduating from Wake Forest University's School of Divinity and completing my Master of Divinity Degree with a concentration in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. And I can't wait to celebrate with you! So...DRIVE-THRU on Sunday, May 16 from 2pm-4pm, to say hello and wish me well. RSVP here: <http://evite.me/gpKzG7tqvT> Then, JOIN ME VIRTUALLY at the Livestream Hooding and Graduation Ceremony from 7pm-8pm to see me walk across the stage!

# **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY**

## Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Updates- Bible Study Ends & Next Steps Begin

Our six week Social Justice & Servant Leadership Bible Study ended on March 31, 2021, with class members sharing reflections and ideas for next steps. We identified Ann Morris and Melinda Billings (Westminster Presbyterian Church members), Susan Shadis (First Presbyterian Church member), and Katherine Moore and Lolita Watkins (Saint James Presbyterian Church members) as members of our “discernment group” to help us figure out what God is calling our class to do in our next steps. Our group created and shared a survey that was formally presented at an in-person gathering on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The survey was designed to identify three key areas for our consideration which included 1. Identifying our overall goal/objective, 2. Selecting our levels of participation, and 3. Identifying the community or social justice advocacy concerns or issues we will address.

On Wednesday, April 28, 2021, we agreed to move forward with the following objectives:

1. **Group Goal/Objective:** We would like our group to continue to grow individually and collectively as servant leaders through a focus on prayer and social justice action. This could involve listening, dialoguing with community leaders, being among those we wish to serve, and “engaging the powers” at local, state or national levels, focusing on issues that have resulted in unequal access to freedom, justice and equality among people of color.
2. **Levels of Participation:** Attend or visit worship services at First Presbyterian, Saint James Presbyterian, and Westminster Presbyterian churches to listen to the word of God for our continued growth as servant leaders in our community. Discussion group sessions will accompany each church visit. Select one or both sub-committees for participation which include social justice or worship committee.
3. **Community Issues or Social Justice Issues:** Our group selected voter suppression, race relations and poverty as our top three obstacles to address. We also identified several other concerns that we know exist in our community and nation.
4. **Members of our social justice advocacy committee and worship committee are as follows:**

### **Social Justice Advocacy Committee Members:**

- |                          |                     |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Lucia Ward- Alexander | 7. Nancy Dezan      | 13. Carolyn Plumb   |
| 2. Melinda Billings      | 8. Michie Dew       | 14. Mildred Powell  |
| 3. Jenny Bradley         | 9. Patty Edmonds    | 15. Susan Shadis    |
| 4. Terri Burleson        | 10. Katherine Moore | 16. Lolita Watkins  |
| 5. Freddie Click, Sr.    | 11. Ann Morris      | 17. Melanie Woodard |
| 6. Ann Comfort           | 12. Jan Parker      | 18. Kay Zimmerman   |



# **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY**

## **Shared Worship Committee Members:**

- |                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Lucia Ward-Alexander | 11. Ann Morris          |
| 2. Melvin Alexander     | 12. Jan Parker          |
| 3. Freddie Click, Sr.   | 13. Andrea Russell      |
| 4. Ann Comfort          | 14. Susan Shadis        |
| 5. Nancy Deaton         | 15. Ina Siler           |
| 6. Nancy Dezan          | 16. Pat Davis-Thompson  |
| 7. Portia Griffin       | 17. Lolita Watkins      |
| 8. Vanessa Haygood      | 18. Karen Watts-Yehudah |
| 9. Carrie Ledbetter     | 19. Jerry Young         |
| 10. Katherine Moore     |                         |

## **5. Other sub-committees originating from this Bible Study class on social justice and servant leadership may be formed.**

**Note: Elder Pauline McNair's** name was not included previously as a participant in our class.

See pictures from our gathering at Westminster:





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

**Faith Point Fellowship** will suspend weekly bible study and worship from May through August. Check out Facebook and Instagram for information on virtual hangouts during the summer months. You can also stay connected with us by signing up for weekly text alerts.

*Text FPF to 55469 and receive words of inspiration and regular updates during the summer.*



### **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*

Fayma Avent

Duke Hospice

4320 N. Roxboro Rd. Durham, NC 27704

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 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

Willie "Peggy" Meachem

1302 Ross Ave. 27406

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...**

Saint James Family, my sister and I would like to thank you so much for all of your cards, phone calls, notes, and prayers sent for the passing of our “Dear Mother.” It really meant a lot to us to feel the kindness and support extended by you all. Mother will be sorely missed but her memories will live in our hearts always. May God continue to shower you with blessings.

Dear Prayer Warriors, Will you pray for greater awareness of Mental Health and how it impacts our communities and families? Blessings, ~Mrs. Willie “Peggy” Meachem

Thank you to my St. James family for all of your cards, notes and phone calls over the past months. It means so much to me that you remember me. I wish I could write a thank you note to each of you. I hope you know how much I love you and think about you. God bless every single one of you! ~Mrs. Hyla Cundiff

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



## **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.

Thank you to those who participated in our Congregational Survey regarding the Message & A Meal program. We appreciate your input.

### **Message and A Meal April 2021**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
4/5/2021	110	3
4/11/2021	110	2
4/18/2021	110	3
4/25/2021	110	2





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

**The May Ministry of the Month is the Special Olympics.** With the help of your donations, Special Olympics is able to reach one more athlete, so that they too may enjoy the wonderful gifts of opportunity, inclusion, health, achievement and JOY through Special Olympics! Your gift will help fund athletic uniforms, awards, sports training and competition facilities, coaches' education, transportation and much more. No athlete or family is ever asked to pay a fee of any kind to participate in Special Olympics. Your gift helps carry the flame of hope for participating athletes.

### **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*



### **“THE MAIN THING IS TO KEEP THE MAIN THING AS THE MAIN THING.”**

“Our Scripture lesson makes plain to us (Genesis 1:29) that God has given us every kind of seed for all of the plants of nature. God gives us all things to richly enjoy. These things are not only given for necessity, but the blessing of life to our delight.

In response, we should give as God has blessed us. We need to organize our lives in a manner that reflects service to God. We need to eagerly work for the betterment of church, family and ourselves. These are things God wants us to do.

George Sweeting, a philosopher of uncommon magnitude, gives a philosophical position that I could recommend to all who work hard for spiritual values and are reflecting on the seeds that God has provided. “The main thing is to keep the main thing as the main thing.” In other words, watch what you do.”

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

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

Per Capita Apportionment \$25.00 or as you are blessed

**One Great Hour of Sharing, April 4th**

**The Pentecost Offering April 5<sup>th</sup> through May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Note: Missed a "Special Giving" opportunity? No problem!**

*It's never too late to give!*

If you are **giving on line** or using **Cash App**, please indicate the nature of your **special giving** where it states **"add special instructions"** or **"add a note"**

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



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

<u>Receipts:</u>		General Operations
4/4/2021	Worship Service	\$ 6,985.00
4/11/2021	Worship Service	\$ 2,245.00
4/18/2021	Worship Service	\$ 3,700.00
4/25/2021	Worship Service	\$ 4,212.50
	Worship Service	\$ -
	NSF	\$ -
*** Exceeded Monthly Goal By:		
\$	(6,240.45)	PayPal \$ 1,535.00
		Cash App \$ 2,999.05
		\$ 21,676.55

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. Malachi 3:10



# **Black Faith Community Vaccine Toolkit**

Over the past year, COVID-19 has torn through our communities, forcing us into isolation and disrupting one of the foundations of Black American culture: coming together to worship in the house of the Lord. However, there is hope on the horizon! With the advent of COVID-19 vaccines, a future where we can get back to gathering is within our sights.

The [Get Vaccinated! Black Faith Community Toolkit](#) includes information about the benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine, along with frequently asked questions and sample social media posts to help empower you as clergy to speak confidently to your congregations and communities about the vaccine. Let's get back to gathering!



## **GET VACCINATED** **BLACK FAITH COMMUNITY TOOLKIT**

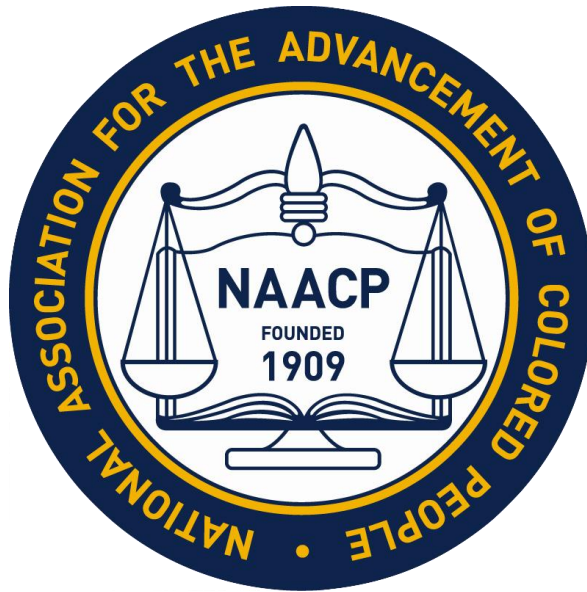


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# NC COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATES



Schedule your appointment now!

Eligible members of the public can make appointments online for a vaccine at the federally supported COVID-19 Community Vaccination Center in Greensboro at Four Seasons Town Centre:

- Appointments can be made online by visiting [GSOmassvax.org](https://GSOmassvax.org)
- North Carolina is setting aside half of all vaccination appointments from March 10th through March 14th (7,500 appointments) at the Four Seasons Town Centre site to help ensure individuals from Historically Marginalized Populations are able to access vaccine appointments.

Additional appointments are available through our call center for those who are not able to access the web-based registration tool. Appointments may be scheduled by phone (888-675-4567) through the COVID-19 Help Center. (Monday to Friday from 7am to 7pm, Saturday to Sunday from 8am to 4pm).

You can also schedule your vaccination with Walgreens.

Please click the link below to schedule.

[Walgreen's Vaccination Scheduling](#)

**For anyone who is having difficulty getting their vaccination scheduled, please contact SJAM Co-Chair Lolita Watkins at 336-540-9627 or Elder Charles Knox at 336-549-4599 so that your name can be submitted on our church list to Senator Gladys Robinson.**



# 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.

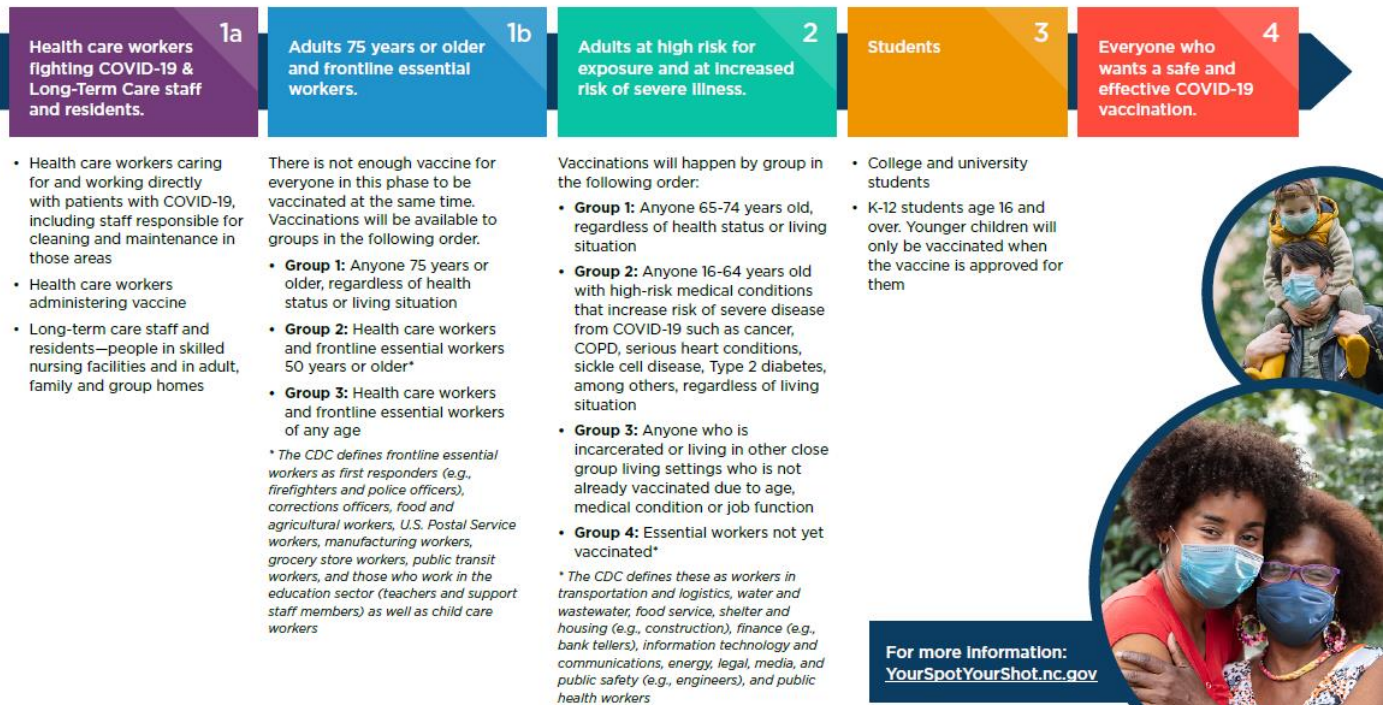
[Vaccine Updates](#)  
[Vaccination Schedule Information](#)  
*(see also infographic below)*

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

**Covid-19 Vaccinations:**  
 Your best shot at stopping COVID-19.

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