

The Informer



Hello, December

Saint James Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

A "Matthew 25" Congregation

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"Touching Lives Through Jesus Christ!"

Reverend Phanta I. Lansden, Senior Pastor

December 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 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. 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.

The word "Welcome" is written in a large, elegant, blue cursive font. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent 'W' that starts with a large loop. The overall style is classic and warm.

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.”

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.



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Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.

Virtual Order of Worship:

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Opening Prayer
Passing of the Peace
Announcements
Offering
Offertory Prayer
Sermonic Selection
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Holy Communion on First Sundays
Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Benediction & Amen
Virtual “HALLWAY” Hangout

December Participants:

Worship Leader:

Rev. Phanta I. Lansden

Worship Elders:

Elder Charles Knox

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

Music Directors:

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.

1st Sunday

• Malachi 3:1-4

2nd Sunday

• Zephaniah 3:14-20

3rd Sunday

• Micah 5:2-5a

4th Sunday

• 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

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

We are back to in person worship!
In concern for your safety, registration is required to attend service.
Social distancing and masks are also required.
Virtual service options are still available!

To join us in person:

Click the link here -----> [Return to In Person Worship registration](#)

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 or visit 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

Did you miss any services? Our 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



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CURRENT SERMON SERIES!



St. James Presbyterian Church
Rev. Phanta Lansden, Pastor

2021 Advent Sermon Series

DISCOVERING NEW LIFE IN CHRIST



Nov. 28 - Hope in Uncertain Times

Luke 21:25-36

Dec. 5- The Assurance of Peace

Luke 3:1-6

Dec. 12- Joy in Community

Luke 3:7-18

Dec. 19- A Love That Grows

Luke 1: 29-55

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

Holiday Services

Virtual

CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight
SERVICE

December 24 | 6 P.M. on Zoom



Kwanzaa readings

Dec 26 - Jan 1st

8 AM

On FB and YouTube

JOINT
New Year's Eve

WORSHIP SERVICE
FOR

2022!!

DEC. 31ST 7 P.M.

TRINITY A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
631 E. FLORIDA ST.
GREENSBORO, NC 27406
IN PERSON AND VIRTUALLY

Happy Birthday to our members born in December!!



Demetra Barnwell
Eva Collins
Sheryl Davis
Evelyn Donnell
Mona Edwards
Lynette Hawkins
Tonya Purcell
Ralph Robinson
Erica Smiley
William Smiley
Donna Spinks
JaTonda Thompson
Garrett Ziglar



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

Send your info to office@stjamespresby.org

DISCIPLESHIP *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings*

The Monday Morning Bible Study information will be forthcoming. JOIN US!! God's blessings to each of you and continue to stay safe!

The John Erwin Sunday School Class continues to honor the stay at home, physical distancing order. We have continued to study The Present Word Bible Series. If you do not have a copy and would like to join us, all Super Seniors are invited. Call the church office for more information. Each day is a blessing. Aging brings gifts. We want to recognize and acknowledge the special gifts that each member brings.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles

Grace Brown Circle will begin lessons for the 2021-2022 season this month. For those who are interested in joining, please contact the church office for more details.

~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 5, 2021 at 3:00 pm via zoom. Lesson four entitled, *Ruth and Loyal Love*, from the study guide, What My Grandmothers Taught Me, will be led by Andrea Russell. Scripture: Ruth 1-2. Visitors who would like to visit via zoom or join the circle 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 12, 2021. Thank you. Demetra Barnwell, Moderator

The Marie Florance Presbytettes will meet Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Minister Jasmine Evans will lead Lesson 2 on Tamar and Dr. Ina Siler will lead Lesson 3 on Rahab from our bible study ***What My Grandmothers Taught Me***. We invite any women who are not a member of a Circle to visit our Circle meeting. Please contact our Circle Moderator Dr. Ina Siler for more information. The Zoom link for our meeting is below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83396608882?pwd=NjNKOWxOMDAxdVMvaEd3dEs2Not3Zz09>

To join the meeting by telephone, please dial the number below and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode. 1 929 205 6099 US Meeting ID: 833 9660 8882 Passcode: 829521



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

The Older Adult Ministry

Members of this ministry were able to celebrate Older Adult Sunday on May 02, 2021. Thanks to the Worship Committee. This ministry will continue to address the issues and concerns of the aging population in a positive and pro-active manner. This is just a reminder:

- 1.) If you have not gotten yourself a Real ID, please place this on your to-do list.
- 2.) In order to stay healthy, it is important to keep your vaccines current - tetanus, shingles and your Covid booster. All super seniors are invited to join us.

~Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC)

PWC Monthly Gathering

The Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) Gathering will take place on Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 pm via Zoom. The Susan B. Young Circle will host ***The Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest*** during our Christmas Gathering. Please invite a friend to this fun and exciting Christmas event. Don't forget to wear your Christmas sweater, T-shirt or sweatshirt to the gathering.

Do you want to enter the Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest? Please submit a photo of yourself in your ugly Christmas sweater by December 8 to Regina Artis. (Text: 336-601-0242 or email: artisregina@gmail.com)

Join Zoom Meeting [PWC Monthly Zoom Gathering](#)

Dial In: +1 929 205 6099 | Meeting ID: 861 8511 4493

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

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Coordinating Team (CT) will meet on Saturday, December 11 at 11:00 am via Zoom. All Moderators and PWC Officers should attend.

Join Zoom Meeting: [PWC CT Zoom Meeting](#)

Dial In: +1 929 205 6099 | Meeting ID: 882 6614 006 | Passcode: 470098

Presbyterian Men

The Saint James Presbyterian Men of the Congregation will be sponsoring a Toys for Tots Toy Drive! This program is open to the congregation for donations of newly wrapped toys and monetary funds up until Dec. 10th. Our goal is raise \$1000 for donation. Be on the lookout around the church for toy drop boxes and on the church website and e-blast for donation information. Help to make a child's Christmas a little brighter this year!!

~Elder Charles Knox, President | 336.549.4599 | cknox3011@gmail.com

ADMINISTRATION *Church Business & Officer Information*

Monthly Informer Article Deadline

Please feel free to mail or e-mail: office@stjamespresby.org. Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: "January Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Tuesday, December 28th, 2021 by 12:00 noon.

Human Resources

The Human Resources Committee is working with Pastor Lansden and the Worship Committee to employ two Video Production Specialists to further our on-line presence for Sunday's worship.

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. Click this link to view the Informer: www.stjamespresby.org.

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 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. 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

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Members of the Congregation</u>
Bob Powell	A, 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, S
Linda McSwain-Randall	T, U, V
Donna Spinks	W, X, Y, Z

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY

Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Connecting with Food Justice Issues

The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry was called or designated by our church leadership to guide the church in our becoming a Matthew 25 congregation. Our ministry work during this year has focused on that commitment in the areas of dismantling racism, eradicating poverty, and congregational vitality.

See a brief list of the work or accomplishments of our ministry in 2021:

1. Assisted church members in receiving COVID-19 vaccinations by providing information and arranging for appointments;
2. Became a community affiliate or sponsor of the community work of Every Baby Guilford in eliminating disparities related to childbirth, ending disproportionate deaths of babies of color, and empowering families;
3. Collaborated with the Micah Connections Ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church in sponsoring a 6 week book study and discussion of *Improving Our Acoustics for Hearing the Gospel*. This spawned or has led to other collaborations as our two churches “heard, listened, and responded to God’s call” gleaned from our book study;
4. Compiled over 4,000 documents on our church history for the Local Black Church History Project with UNC-Greensboro;
4. Developed a successful community dialogue series called Black & Brown Women’s Community Dialogue with the Beloved Community Center which are held quarterly. The goal of the Black & Brown Women’s dialogue series is to provide a platform for thoughtful discussion of social justice issues;
5. Engaged in workshops, presentations, or conferences related to themes such as culturally responsive education, infant mortality, racial equity training, economic empowerment, church mission work, and food justice;
6. Formed relationships with First Presbyterian Church, New Garden Friends Meeting, and Westminster Presbyterian Church to collaborate in joint servant and social justice work in our community (Formed a Joint Social Justice Committee);
7. Participated in shared worship experiences, Bible Study, and fellowship with Westminster Presbyterian Church members (Formed a Shared Worship Committee);
8. Partnered with Bread for the World (Piedmont Triad Chapter) in a community Prayer Vigil on Hunger & Food Justice which has prompted the Greensboro City Council to consider adopting a resolution on food insecurity to guide and prioritize their work in community revitalization;
9. Planned a Fall Food Summit on Hunger & Food Justice Issues which was well received and provided “a beginning step” in creating awareness of hunger and the creating of a food justice movement;
10. Pledged to work to support underutilized Black & Brown farmers to dismantle economic barriers of racism and “build a sustainable, community-centered food system anchored by black churches and black food producers”.



FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP *Young Adult and College Ministry*

Soul Food Conversations Bible Study will be on winter break starting Thursday, December 9. Bible study will return on Thursday, January 13, 2022.

Want to stay connected to Faith Point Fellowship over the winter break? Text FPF to 55469 and receive words of inspiration and regular updates. Look for us on social media @FaithPointFellowship.



Led by:

Minister Jasmine K. Evans, MDiv

Want to stay connected to Faith Point Fellowship?
Text FPF to 55469 to receive words of inspiration and regular updates or visit our ¹⁴ website at 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
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	Howard University
Matthew Watlington	NC A&T State University
Shelleik Wilson	Winston-Salem State University

Want to stay connected to Faith Point Fellowship?

Text FPF to 55469 to receive words of inspiration and regular updates or visit our website at faithpointfellowship.org. We are also on social media @FaithPointFellowship

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
John Guthrie	4504 Southall Dr., 27406
Lynette Hawkins	17300 Melford Blvd. Apt. 408 Bowie, MD 20715
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)	81 Dogwood Trail Dr. Stockbridge, GA 30281



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

Thank you...

Pastor Lansden, St. James Family and friends: Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for your many acts of kindness as we adjust to life without our brother, Thomas M. Steele. We appreciate the encouraging words, cards, calls, smiles, listening ear and the charitable contributions in his name. May God bless each of you as we continue this journey together in his name. ~Charles and Marsha Knox & The Family of Thomas Maurice Steele.

I want to thank the congregation for all the heartfelt cards, calls and well-wishes in celebration of my 94th birthday. I am truly blessed. I love you all.
~Hyla B. Cundiff

Saint James Family,
Thank you individually and collectively for every expression of kindness shown us during this time of transition for Mrs. Helen Bernice Cole Jones and our transition into life without her. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Sincerely, ~The Helen C. Jones Family

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



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

Message and a Meal continues to provide a hot and nutritious meal every 1st, 3rd, and 5th 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 November 2021

Date	Guests	Volunteers
11/7/2021	99	4
11/21/2021	125	2

Message and A Meal
Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday at 3 p.m.



Location: 820 Ross Ave. Greensboro, NC 27406

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



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Winter Readiness

Winter starts this month so now is the time to get ready. I don't mean just get ready for holiday celebrations, the Super Bowl and basketball season. I mean getting ready for cold weather and winter storms. Here are some things that will make enjoying the fun parts of winter easier.

- Have your heating system checked to make sure it is clean, working well and vented to the outside. Have your fireplaces and chimney's inspected and cleaned. Put up window films or storm windows and weather stripping. Decide what you will use for heat if your heat goes out.
- Make sure smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are working.
- Be careful if you have to go outside. Dress warmly, including a scarf for your head and gloves/mittens for your hands. Wear non-skid shoes. Avoid strenuous activity. Walk carefully.
- Plan indoor activities to stay active and connected with friends and families. Call someone every day, maybe even a different person every day. Read. Exercise. Do a craft. Play a game.
- Know your weather terms
 - Winter Weather Watch: There is a possibility of a winter storm within 12 – 48 hours.
 - Winter Weather Warning: A winter storm is imminent within 12 – 24 hours or is occurring.
 - Winter Weather Advisory: The winter storm could lead to life-threatening situations if caution is not exercised.
- Have what you need in case the power goes out:
 - Ready-to-eat foods that don't need refrigeration or heating
 - Water for everyone in the home, including pets
 - Fully charged cell phone and/or a power bank to charge it
 - Flashlight with extra batteries
 - Radio with extra batteries
 - First aid kit
 - Medications and list of your medications
 - List of phone numbers of your family and friends you might want to contact
 - If you use a generator or gas grill, use it outside away from windows to keep the carbon monoxide from getting in the home.

For more details on winter readiness, check out these websites:

<https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

<https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/features/winterweather/index.html>

<https://msh.ernesthealth.com/winter-care-tips-for-seniors/>

Be ready for the winter season. Make it a safe one and enjoy all that it brings.

Article provided by PACE of the Triad

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

For Older Adults who need assistance in the home, PACE of the Triad is still enrolling new participants. PACE provides medical care and support services to older adults. Services may include, but are not limited to, a health aide for those who qualify, medical transportation, medicines, supplies, therapy, respite, and an optional day program. If you or a loved one can benefit from PACE services, contact PACE at 336-550-4046 for a free assessment or more information. A doctor's referral is not needed. PACE of the Triad is located at 1471 E. Cone Blvd. Greensboro in the Roses Shopping Center. Schedule a tour or free consultation today. Call 336-550-4046 or visit the website www.pacetriad.org/help.

ROCKINGHAM AND GUILFORD COUNTY FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Let Us Help YOU *Thrive!*

Are you caring for an older loved one with chronic illness?
Do you feel overwhelmed, especially during the COVID pandemic?
Do you want to receive the latest information on best caregiving practices – along with relaxing and rejuvenating activities to help *you*?

Our program –THRIVE! – is a free opportunity made possible through CARES Act grant funding for family caregivers to do just that . . . thrive!

Family caregivers can receive:
FREE highly recommended caregiving books, yoga mats, brain healthy groceries and art kits as well as 4G-enabled tablets on loan! Virtual activities will accompany the FREE items!

Register Now for books, art kits, and tablets! Yoga mats coming in May!
Brain Healthy groceries coming this summer!



Register Now: www.Well-SpringSolutions.org/Thrive
or call: (336) 274-3559



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Sallie Mae Fund's Completing the Dream Scholarship Program helps outstanding students from minority and other historically underserved communities complete their post-secondary education.

Students in their final year who are facing financial challenges may apply to receive a one-time scholarship of up to \$2,500 to help complete their post-secondary education program. Starting August 5th, scholarship applications for AY 2021-22 will be accepted on a rolling basis until 12/31/21 or until scholarship dollars have been awarded.

Here is the link: <https://www.salliemae.com/>

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Living Sacrifices

“What does God expect from us? The people of Bethel thought the Lord would be pleased with their fasting and mourning, but the Lord refused their offering... The Lord refused their worship because they were performing empty rituals in order to exalt themselves...”

What does God expect from us? God wants us to love, honor, and praise him. But rather than offering dead sacrifices and empty rituals, he wants us to honor him by becoming living sacrifices (Romans 12:1). We honor God by honoring one another, and we honor one another by refusing to live selfishly.

God’s salvation is just and merciful. To be just is to love each other as God loves us. To be merciful is to see others through the eyes of God. God’s love and mercy comfort the lonely, welcome the stranger, and meet the basic needs of those who are lacking.

Can you hear the Lord urging you to be a living sacrifice? May your response neither anger or disappoint our Creator.” [1]

The profession of our faith can often be seen in the work our ministries are engaged in and the support we offer. In many instances this support comes by way of financial giving.

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Have you gotten behind in your personal giving plan and need help catching up? The Stewardship Committee is here to help. Simply call the church office (336) 273-6658 and a member of our team will be in touch with you.

Gentle Reminders – “Special Giving” Opportunities - It’s never too late to give!

Christmas Joy Offering (November 28th -December 19th)

Per Capita Apportionment (January-February, 2022) \$25.00 or as you are blessed.

Emergency Relief Fund and Pennies for Hunger (Ongoing)

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 is grateful for your support!

Monthly totals will now appear in your quarterly contribution statements!

If you would like to continue to see our monthly income information, please contact the church office.

Spread the Word: Emergency Rental Assistance

Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, billions of dollars in federal rental assistance is reaching renters behind on housing costs, as well as landlords who have struggled during the pandemic. These programs are run locally, and right now emergency rental assistance is available across the country.

The federal government is continuing an all-out push and issuing a call to action to Members of Congress, state and local officials, companies, advocates, nonprofits, the faith community, and more to conduct an all-out push to make sure tenants and landlords take advantage of federal rental assistance to help cover rent, utilities, and other housing costs and keep people in their homes.

Please spread the word about emergency rental assistance. Help is available for renters who are having trouble paying rent, utilities or other housing costs as well as for landlords who have tenants in this situation. State and local programs are distributing billions of dollars in rental assistance.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) recently developed a new “Rental Assistance Finder” tool for renters and landlords to find information on rental assistance in their area. The tool is now live at: <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/renthelp>

The CFPB’s site also includes resources to help renters and landlords understand other resources to help navigate various financial hardships related to the pandemic.

For additional information about the Emergency Rental Assistance program, [visit the unified federal housing assistance portal hosted by the CFPB.](#)

Holiday Services

Virtual



CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight
SERVICE
December 24 | 6 P.M. on Zoom



Kwanzaa readings

Dec 26 - Jan 1st

8 AM

On FB and YouTube

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New Year's Eve

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