

# The Informer

## A YEAR

To draw near

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Draw near to God and he will come near  
to you. James 4:8

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*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

## January 2022 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 January. 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!**

Office Phone Number: 336-273-6658

#### **Saint James Office Staff:**

Ms. JaTonda Thompson, Administrative Coordinator  
Elder Andrea Russell, Business Manager  
Elder Timisha Corpening, Treasurer

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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.”

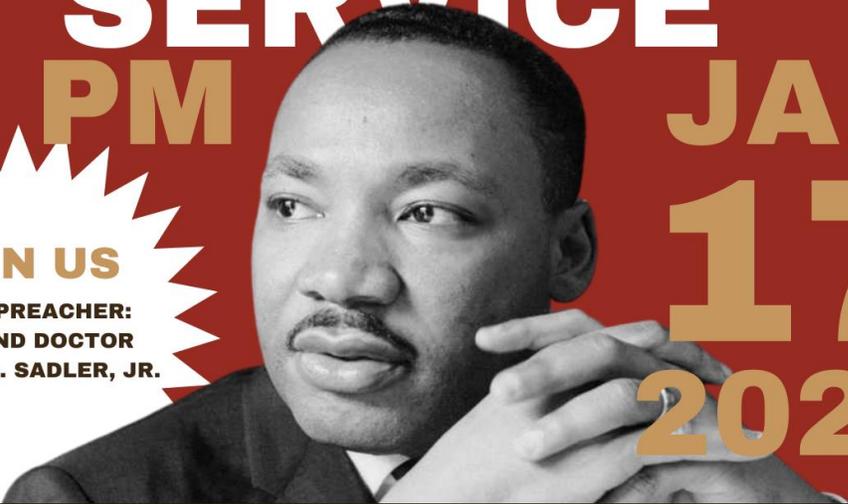
*Annual  
Candlelight Memorial Service*



January 9, 2022 @ 2 PM  
Join us on Zoom and FB Live

**THE 17TH ANNUAL  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
VIRTUAL INTERFAITH  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

**12 PM** **JAN**  
**17**  
**2022**



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GUEST PREACHER:  
REVEREND DOCTOR  
RODNEY S. SADLER, JR.

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# **WORSHIP**

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

## **Virtual Order of Worship:**

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Passing of the Peace

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction & Amen

Virtual “HALLWAY” Hangout

## **January Participants:**

Worship Leader:

Rev. Phanta I. Lansden

Worship Elders:

Elder Charles Knox

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

Musicians:

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist &  
Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



# January Lectionary

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

• **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

• **Isaiah 43:1-7**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

• **Isaiah 62:1-5**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

• **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

• **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

## **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](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 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)



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

## **JANUARY SERMON SERIES**

THE JANUARY SERMON SERIES WILL FOLLOW OUR 2022 FOCUS!



### **LIVING AS THE BELOVED OF GOD**

(Based on the book: "Life of the Beloved" by Henri Nouwen)

**Jan. 16 - Being the Beloved**

**Jan. 23 - Taken**

**Jan. 30 - Blessed**

**WORSHIP** *Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.*  
MLK Service Flyer

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**The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Interfaith Service**

The Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Interfaith Service hosted by Saint James Presbyterian Church will take place via Zoom on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. This will be a time for people of all faiths, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds to join together to honor the legacy of the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to receive a charge to continue his legacy in 2022. The service is open to the public. Stay tuned to your e-blast for more information.

# Happy Birthday to our members born in January!!



**Ron Campbell**  
**Paul Carlton, IV**  
**Kayla Gaskin**  
**Lisa Graves**  
**Robert Graves**  
**Vallie Guthrie**  
**Carrie Ledbetter**  
**Lindell Mills-Jolly**  
**Dionne Pittman**  
**Milton Pittman**  
**Annie Purcell**  
**Annis Sensabaugh**  
**Vernon Stringer**  
**Roderick Zigler**



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*

**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** has 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.

### **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 physical distancing. More details to come later. ~Elder Pauline McNair, Moderator

The Sara Barber Circle will meet January 16, 2022 at 3:00 pm via zoom. Lesson five entitled, Ruth and Redemption, from the study guide, What My Grandmothers Taught Me, will be led by Sarah Lewers. Scripture: Ruth 3-4. 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 meet via Zoom January 15, 2022 at 12 noon. Lindell Mills will be the leader for lesson 5 (Ruth and Redemption) and lesson 6 (Bathsheba). Visitors are welcome to join us. Please contact the church office for additional information.

Thank you. Demetra Barnwell, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle adopted a family of three for Christmas. Gifts totaling more than \$300 were presented to Pathways Center 3517 N. Church St., December 17, 2021.

Pictured L - Valarie Spaulding Little

Lynn Brady

R - Demetra Barnwell

Lindell Mills

Sharon Smiley



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

The Marie Florance Presbyterettes will meet Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 1:00 PM. Dr. Ina Siler will lead Lesson 3 on Rahab and Dr. Kim Pemberton will lead Lesson 4 on Ruth and Loyal Love from our bible study workbook 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.

Join Zoom Meeting: [Marie Florence Meeting](#)

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

### **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 Sara Barber Circle will host a Memorial Service for Saint James members who passed in 2021 on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 2:00 PM on Zoom. Please join us as we remember those who have gone on by attending this service. There will be no PWC business meeting. The link to this service is below.

Join the Zoom Service: [PWC Candlelight Memorial Service](#)

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

### **Presbyterian Men**

The Saint James Presbyterian Men of the Congregation thanks you for your donations to the Toys for Tots Toy Drive! Our goal was to raise \$1000 for donation and we exceeded that goal. Thank you for your contributions in making a child's Christmas brighter!

~Elder Charles Knox, President | 336.549.4599 | [cknox3011@gmail.com](mailto:cknox3011@gmail.com)

## **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: "February Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Tuesday, January 25th, 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](http://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](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 2022**

<b><u>Elders</u></b>	<b><u>Members of the Congregation</u></b>
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 Ministry & City of Greensboro Moving Toward

### Creating a Resolution on Hunger

The purpose of the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry of Saint James Presbyterian Church “is to educate, empower and advocate for our church members/community friends to become more actively engaged in policy decision-making affecting the quality of their lives”.

With this purpose statement in mind, our ministry is working with the City of Greensboro through the Greensboro City Council in preparing a resolution on hunger to guide and direct our local leaders in addressing food insecurity and food justice issues.

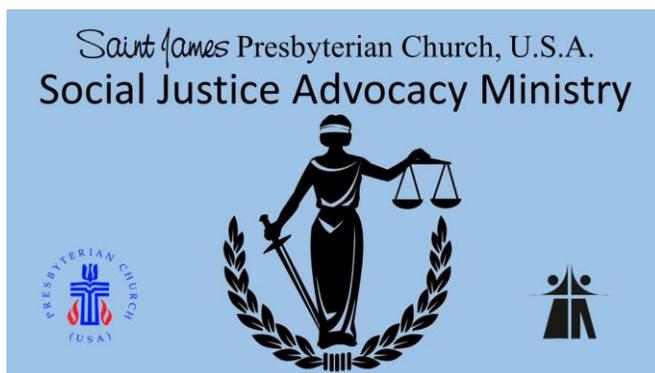
Our ministry co-sponsored a Community Prayer Vigil on Hunger and Food Justice Issues on November 30, 2021, in the downtown governmental plaza. Faith-based leaders led by Reverend Phanta Lansden and non-profit leaders with organizational missions focused on hunger encouraged city leaders to resolve to address hunger in our community more vigorously than ever.

Our resolution efforts are based on the following three key facts about Greensboro and Guilford County:

1. Hunger in Greensboro and Guilford County has been identified by residential zip code locations and revealed the existence of 26 areas referred to as “food deserts” or areas of “food apartheid” due to poor access to, or non-existent grocery stores or supermarkets;
2. In 2016, 25% of Guilford County survey respondents identified cost as a factor that prevented them from eating as healthy as they should;
3. One in six residents of Guilford County is food insecure and one in five children is food insecure.

We ask for your prayers in working with our City Council in creating not only a resolution on eradicating hunger but in creating a comprehensive and sustainable plan to renew and revitalize neighborhoods affected by hunger.

We would like to share the resolution with our community in the March City Council meeting of 2022.



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

***Soul Food Conversations Bible Study*** will return on Zoom January 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM. We will continue our ***Journey*** theme bible study led by Minister Jasmine Evans. We invite Young adults 18 - 35 to take this journey with us as we seek to understand God's Word for us. The Zoom link is below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89500071442?pwd=ZVFucGU0ZXZZbWdyc0FMdS9la29pdz09>



**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 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
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

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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
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 94<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 December 2021**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
12/5/2021	100	3
12/19/2021	105	5

# Message and A Meal

## Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 January is the International Civil Rights Museum!**

“The International Civil Rights Center & Museum is an archival center, collecting museum and teaching facility devoted to the international struggle for civil and human rights. The Museum celebrates the nonviolent protests of the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins that served as a catalyst in the civil rights movement.” – [www.sitinmovement.org](http://www.sitinmovement.org) We look forward to supporting the museum in January with our giving. Please make checks payable to Saint James with “Museum” 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



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

## **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](http://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*?

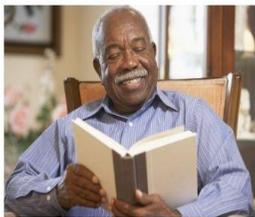


Our program –THRIVE! – is a free opportunity made possible through CARES Act grant funding for family caregivers to do just that . . . thrive!



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

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

# STEWARDSHIP

**“...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling;”** Philippians 2:10-12

**“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else...”**  
**2 Corinthians 9:11-13**

The Stewardship Committee encourages your commitment to financial giving. It is essential to the ministries that care for our local community and beyond.

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

*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 28<sup>th</sup> -December 19<sup>th</sup>)

**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.](#)

# 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](http://pcusa.org/matthew25).



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