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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

**February 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 February. We ask that you kindly fill out our electronic visitor's card located here: <https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9>. You can also contact us during worship through our Zoom chat, our FB Messenger or send an email after worship to: [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto:office@stjamespresby.org). We would like to have a record of your visit and a way to keep you updated on what is happening here at Saint James. Your information will remain confidential.

*Welcome*

## **Are you interested in joining Saint James?**

We welcome you to join Saint James Presbyterian Church and are committed to helping you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. You may become a member of the Saint James Presbyterian Church in one of the following ways: (1) You can fill out our electronic visitors card located here: <https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9> and we will reach out to you. (2) You can contact us during worship through our Zoom chat, our FB Messenger or send an email after worship to: [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto:office@stjamespresby.org). We look forward to helping you make this decision!

### **Connect With Us!**

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.”

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# **WORSHIP**

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

## **Virtual Order of Worship:**

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## **February Participants:**

### Worship Leader:

Rev. Phanta I. Lansden

### Worship Elders:

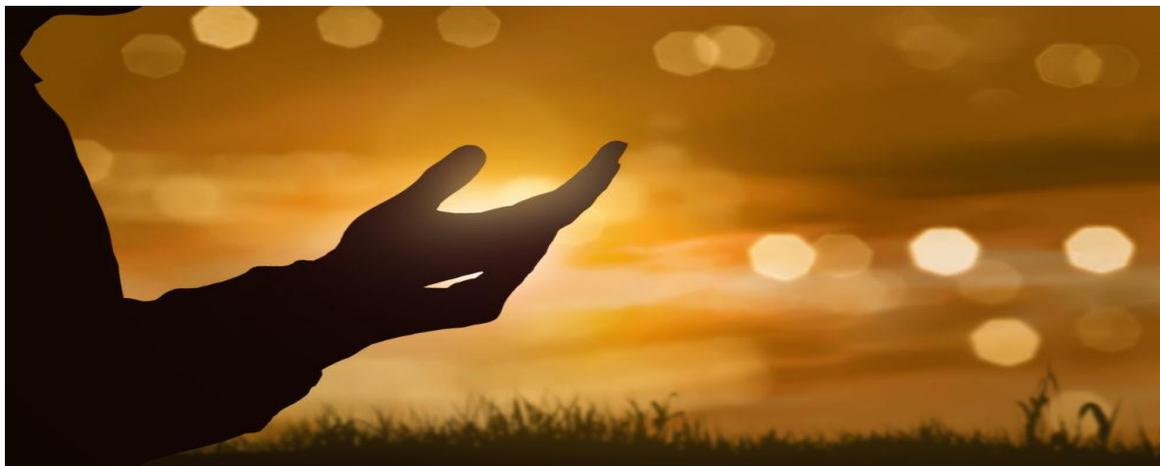
Elder Charles Knox

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

### Musicians:

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist & Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



# February Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of February, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship by reading the scheduled lectionary texts each week.

The texts are listed below. Before you read each text, practice a few minutes of centering prayer to clear your mind. Pray for clarity and focus. While reading, physically or mentally take notes so that you can summarize what the scripture is saying. Finally, go back and pick out any themes or recurring ideas that may be relevant to your personal life, Saint James or the church at large. Close your reading time with a Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's word and revelation.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

• Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

• Jeremiah 17:5-10

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

• Genesis 45:3-11, 15

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

• Exodus 34:29-35

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

In concern for your safety due to COVID and its variants,  
all services will be streamed live!  
Virtual service options are available!

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:

[Saint James Presbyterian Church YouTube Page](#)



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## **FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES**

THE FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW OUR 2022 FOCUS!



A large graphic with a dark red background. The title "Life of the" is in white, sans-serif font, and "beloved" is in a large, gold, cursive font. Below the title, the subtitle "Continuing through February" is written in white, sans-serif font. The graphic includes four inset images: a black and white photo of hands being held together in the top left; a photo of two women smiling in the top right; a photo of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) in the bottom left; and a black and white photo of hands being held together in the bottom right. The background also features a subtle pattern of gold and red lines.

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**Black History Month Celebrations**

The month of February is Black History Month. This month originated with Carter G. Woodson in 1926. It began as a way for remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. It is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in February, as well as in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands in October. Please stay tuned and join us for our activities and programs!

**“Souper” Bowl Sunday**



**Congregational Meeting**

Make sure to join us as we discuss our 2022 Annual Budget



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Happy Birthday to our members  
**born in February!!**



**Olivia Barber  
Douglas Boone  
Emmale Burris  
Naomi Donnell  
Winfred Goode  
Christina Hardy  
Branden Knox  
Simone Langley  
Mac McCain, III  
Pauline McNair  
Andrea Russell  
Lois Small  
Daniel Stringer  
Jasmine Stringer  
Rozlyn Thomason  
Tristan Thompson  
Karen Watts-Yehudah**



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** is honoring the stay at home, physical distancing order. During the pandemic, we have continued our bible lessons. Currently we are in Unit II of Winter 2021-2022, Justice, Law, History. Scriptures come from Genesis, Exodus and Deuteronomy. I encourage us to see this time as a test in progress. We will continue to read and study the bible lessons. If anyone would like to join us, please call the church office for more information. ~Elder Marie Martin

### **Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles**

Grace Brown Circle will continue 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 February 6, 2022 at 3:00 pm via zoom. Lesson six entitled, *Bathsheba*, from the study guide, What My Grandmothers Taught Me, will be led by Sarah Lewers. Scripture: -Scripture – 2 Samuel 11-12: 1 Kings 1:11-31; 1 Kings 2:13-25. 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 February 19, 2022 at 12 noon. Pamela Cameron will be the leader for lesson 7 (Mary) and lesson 8 (Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church). We extend a warm welcome to visitors. Please contact the church office for additional information. Thank you. Demetra Barnwell, Moderator

The Marie Florance Presbytettes will meet Sunday, February 20th at 1:00 PM. We will discuss Lessons 5 & 6 from our bible study workbook ***What My Grandmothers Taught Me***. We invite women who are not members 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.

[Marie Florance Presbytettes 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

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

### **The Older Adult Ministry**

The Older Adult Ministry will continue to address the issues of the aging population in a positive and pro-active manner. I encourage us to stay connected, that is the Presbyterian way. The Congregational Care Team team was established to care for us. Every time you need strength remember the source of our hope - Jesus.

~Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators

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

#### **PWC Monthly Gathering**

We invite the women of Saint James to the PWC gathering on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM on Zoom. We will celebrate Black History Month and the Grace Brown Circle will share their Black History presentation.

Please see the Zoom link below:

[PWC Monthly Gathering](#)

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

**PWC CT Group** will meet on Saturday, February 12 at 11:00 AM on Zoom. All Circle Moderators (or their representatives) and Officers are expected to attend.

Please see the Zoom link below.

[PWC CT Meeting](#)

Dial 1-301-715-8592 | Meeting ID: 882 6614 0067 | Passcode: 470098

### **Presbyterian Men**

#### **Fourth Quarter Highlights**

The Presbyterian Men completed the landscaping beautification project that including shrubbery surrounding the Sanctuary.

During the Holiday Seasons, that included both Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Presbyterian Men purchased and donated six \$50.00 (\$300) Gift Cards for needy families. Four of the families were associated With Pastor Prince, El-Shaddai Vision Church/Mundeke Gospel Mission.

#### **Community Outreach:**

Under the leadership of the Presbyterian Men, a “Toys For Tots Campaign”, was initiated. Thanks to our God and the Saint James Church Family, the goal of \$1,000.00 was exceeded by donating \$1,555.00 plus, many actual toys.

~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: "March Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 by 12:00 noon.

### **Human Resources**

The Human Resource Committee welcomes:

William Brown, Minister of Music  
Thomas Hauer, Production Specialist

Each gentleman was highly recommended, and presented excellent credentials. We look forward to the professionalism they will bring to further the ministries of the church.

### **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**

### February Updates Social Justice Advocacy Ministry & Happy Black History Month

The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry held its first meeting of the year on Saturday, January 15, 2022. This was a Zoom event and 16 members attended.

During our meeting members shared updates on projects or committee work which started in 2021 including Black & Brown Community Dialogue held quarterly with the Beloved Community Center and Black Church History Project (**Ministry Area of Focus: Eliminating Racism**), Hunger, Prayer Vigil, Food Justice Movement (**Ministry Area of Focus: Eradicating Poverty**), and Post Bible Study Committee Updates with partner churches (**Ministry Area of Focus: Revitalizing Congregational Vitality**). Other on-going ministry work or topics for 2022 include infant mortality and racial equity.

The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry decided to focus on these areas of interest or concern for 2022:

1. Hunger & Food Justice
2. Voting Rights & Elections 2022
3. Support of Black Farmers & Black Church Food Security Network
4. Growing Our Ministry

Our ministry welcomes new members. Our meetings are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every other month, beginning at 11:00 am. All meetings are virtual and will occur on March 19, May 21, September 17, and November 19, 2022. You may contact Lolita Watkins at [watkinlc@yahoo.com](mailto:watkinlc@yahoo.com) or (336)-540-9627 for any additional information especially if you have an interest in social justice advocacy.

#### Announcement: NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference, February 17, 2022

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual conference on child hunger will take place on Thursday, February 17, 2022. This is an online and free event sponsored by the Carolina Hunger Initiative and is a project of the UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. The conference theme: **CELEBRATE SILVER Linings!** will provide an opportunity for participants to hear stories of hope, innovation, and perseverance that have emerged from a challenging year of making sure kids have the healthy food they need.

See Register at [CarolinaHungerInitiative.org/Register](https://CarolinaHungerInitiative.org/Register)

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

**Young Adult Sunday** – Faith Point Fellowship will lead worship on Sunday, February 27 at 10:00 AM on Zoom. Journey with us as we draw near to God through a dynamic messenger and creative expression. The Campus Ministry of North Carolina Central University will join us in worship. Check our social media @FaithPointFellowship for Zoom information.

**Soul Food Conversations Bible Study** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month 7:00 – 8:00 PM. We will continue our **Journey** themed 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. Check our social media @FaithPointFellowship for Zoom and Facebook Live information.

**Thirsty Thursday Worship** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month 7:00 – 8:00 PM on Zoom. Minister Jasmine Evans leads a dynamic worship service tailor made for young adults and those who are young at heart. Check our social media @FaithPointFellowship for Zoom and Facebook Live information.



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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
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...**

Dear St. James Church Family,

As some of you know, I serve as the Power of Attorney for Ms. Annis Sensabaugh. I am communicating to thank you for continuing to support her. On January 4, 2022, she celebrated her 101 Birthday. She was blessed with cards from the church organizations and individuals. I visited with her and so did a few persons during the day. She had large balloons, beautiful flowers and lots of goodies. Ms. Sensabaugh expressed her thanks to God for a long life and for persons who have not forgotten her. She is aware that many visitors who previously came to see her cannot because of the pandemic.

I visit with her weekly and see the beautiful cards and gifts you send throughout the year not just at holidays. Ms. Sensabaugh's mind is relatively good. During our visits, we sing, recite scripture and the Lord's Prayer. She enjoys talking about her childhood, career as a nurse, church and family. Of course, she misses her family very much. I thank you in advance for your support and love for Ms. Sensabaugh. ~God bless, Dr. Delores A. Parker

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, 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 January 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
1/2/2022	100	3
1/16/2022	105	5
1/30/2022	108	2

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**Location: 820 Ross Ave. Greensboro, NC 27406**

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

### **The Ministry of the Month for February is The Pathway House!**

The Pathways Center is our Ministry Partner for the month of March, and our monthly focus is on the family. Pathways Center is a shelter program that provides homeless families with a safe, temporary environment to live. Families come to Pathways for a variety of reasons, including domestic violence, eviction or crowded living conditions. Through our vision as believers of a spiritual home, let us be guided to help others share in the blessings of a safe living environment. Thanks for your generosity.

### **Tiny House Community Development: We Are... One In The Spirit**

Are you still looking to fulfill a niche? Perhaps, you feel led to help 'the least of these' but don't know where to begin. Well...look no more! There is 'plenty of good room' for you with Tiny House, a ministry that builds safe, affordable housing for the homeless in our community. How can I help, you might ask? The opportunities below are just some of the ways you or your ministry, collectively, can help.—

#### *Tiny House Volunteer Opportunities:*

**Breakfast 4 Our Friends:** Breakfast is served every Saturday morning between 7:45 A.M. – 8:45 A.M. at Center City Park in downtown Greensboro. Volunteer your time and/or breakfast items for approximately 80-100 people

**Sponsor a Resident's Utilities:** Utilities for a Tiny House averages to \$85.00/month. You can sponsor utilities on either a monthly or yearly basis.

**Donate Appliances:** For one of the six houses currently being built in the Greensboro Tiny House community appliances average to \$1,300.00.

**Make a Tax Deductible Donation To:** Tiny House Greensboro, P. O. Box 20691, Greensboro, NC 27420.

\*For additional information on this ministry, please contact Elder Oscar Reid.

**Homeless Committee:** The Homeless Committee wishes to acknowledge with warm appreciation the congregation for the donation of 51 boxes of Quaker Oats for the Greensboro Urban Ministry.

**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 continues with a bang this month, so making sure to get ready for cold weather and winter storms is important. 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*?



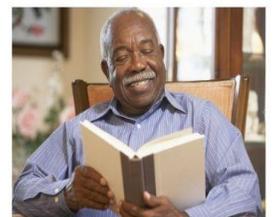
Our program –THRIVE! – is a free opportunity made possible through CARES Act grant funding for family caregivers to do just that . . . thrive!



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

**“...God does not force his will upon us but allows us to maintain the integrity of free will. The choice to submit to the will of God has to be of one’s own free volition. The world attempts to dominate and force its will upon humanity through a multitude of ways, but the Lord allows each person to choose his way or the world’s way. We are all allowed to say “Thy will be done,” as we are given grace and strength to choose God’s ways.”\***

\*The African-American Devotional Bible, copyright 1997, Zondervan Corp., pg 1080, Rev. Dr. Bennett Smith Jr., Verse Matthew 26:42, Passage Matthew 26:36-46

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

*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!**

***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](https://pcusa.org/matthew25).



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