

# The Informer



*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

**March 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 March. We ask that you kindly fill out our electronic visitor's card located here: <https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9>. You can also contact us during worship through our Zoom chat, our FB Messenger or send an email after worship to: [office@stjamespresby.org](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.”

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# **WORSHIP**

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

## **Virtual Order of Worship:**

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## **March Participants:**

### Worship Leader:

Rev. Phanta I. Lansden

### Worship Elders:

Elder Charles Knox

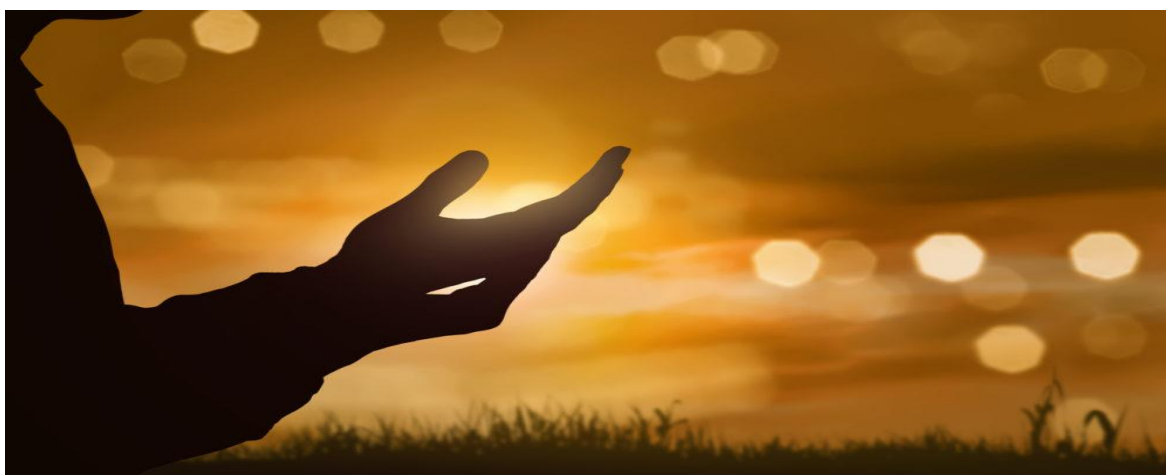
Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

### Musicians:

Mr. William Brown, Minister of Music

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist &  
Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



# March Lectionary

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

• **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

• **Genesis 15:1-12**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

• **Isaiah 55:1-9**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

• **Joshua 5:9-12**

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Join us for in-person worship!  
Visit [www.stjamespresby.org](http://www.stjamespresby.org) for registration information  
Virtual service options are also 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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## **LENTEN SERMON SERIES**

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



**LENTEN SERMON SERIES**  
*Melodies of Resurrection*  
Preaching the Psalms  
Saint James Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Phanta Lansden, Pastor

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## JOIN US FOR LENTEN SEASON!

**"CULTIVATE"**  
**A LENTEN SEASON BIBLE STUDY**  
 WITH PASTOR PHANTA LANSDEN  
 WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 P.M. ON ZOOM  
 FEB. 23 - APR. 6TH

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 PM

**Youth Event**

APRIL 9

TIME TO BE DETERMINED

**PALM SUNDAY**

SUNDAY, APRIL 10  
10 AM

**Virtual  
Maundy Thursday  
Service**



THURSDAY, APRIL 14  
6:30 PM

**VIRTUAL  
GOOD  
FRIDAY**



FRIDAY, APRIL 15  
12 PM

*Resurrection*  
SUNDAY



SUNDAY, APRIL 17  
10 AM

**40 DAY  
PRAYER  
CHALLENGE**

**Draw  
the  
Circle**  
 The 40 Day Prayer Challenge  
 Mark Batterson  
 New York Times Bestselling Author of The Circle Maker

**MELODIES OF  
RESURRECTION  
SERMON SERIES**

**LENTEN SERMON  
SERIES**  
*Melodies of  
Resurrection*  
 Presenting Rev. Phanta  
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Happy Birthday to our members  
born in March!!



**Jason Adams**  
**Brandon Bellamy**  
**Portia Griffin**  
**Peggy Meachem**  
**Jaden Reid**  
**Kiara Reid-Rowell**  
**Ursula Robinson**  
**Helen Russell**  
**Mikala Thomason**  
**Marvin Watkins**



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

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

# MONTHLY MISSION PROJECT *monthly opportunities for mission*

## MARCH MISSION PROJECT



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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION**  
SAINT JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA

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## FUND DRIVE

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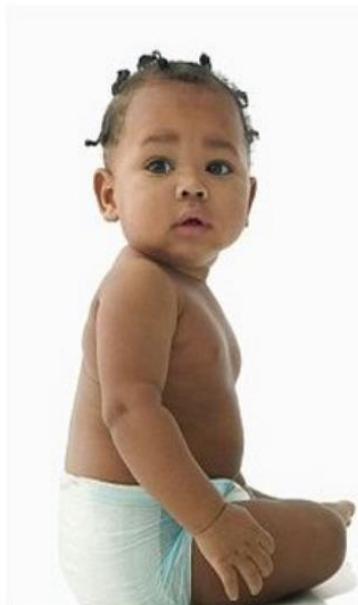
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CHECK OUT THE CHURCH WEBSITE: [stjamespresby.org](http://stjamespresby.org)

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QUALITY OF LIFE



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Saint James Presbyterian Church, USA  
820 Ross Avenue, Greensboro NC 27406  
with **"diapers"** in the memo section

## **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 invites all women of the church to the "Celebration of Women" program to be held March 13, 2022 at 2 pm on Zoom. Rev. Lansden will be our speaker! Please join us! Click this link to join the service: [Celebration of Women program](#)



Presbyterian Women in the Congregation  
Gathering

The Roxie McNair Circle  
presents

*"A Celebration of Women"*

Sunday, March 13  
2:00 PM on Zoom

Visit [www.stjamespresby.org](http://www.stjamespresby.org) for more information.

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

The Sara Barber Circle will meet March 6, 2022 at 3:00 pm via zoom. Lesson seven entitled, Mary, from the study guide, What My Grandmothers Taught Me, will be led by Evelyn Donnell. Scripture: Matthew 1:18-2:23. 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 Saturday March 19, 2022 at 12 noon. Blonnie Tipton will be the leader for lesson 9. This is our final lesson which is titled, "What are These Women Doing in a Place Like This?" 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, March 20th at 1:00 PM Zoom. We will discuss Lessons 6 & 7 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

### **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 March 13th at 2:00 PM on Zoom. The Roxie McNair Circle will lead a celebration of Women's History Month. Please see the Zoom link: [PWC Monthly Gathering](#)

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

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

Please see the Zoom link. [PWC CT Meeting](#)

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

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

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.

~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: "April Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Tuesday, March 26, 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.

### **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**

### **SECOND LENTEN BOOK STUDY SJPC SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY & FRIENDS**

**Saint James Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church,  
& Westminster Presbyterian Church Friends**

We are pleased to announce and share the good news of the second Lenten season book study scheduled for members of the Saint James Presbyterian, First Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian churches.

This book study serves as an opportunity for members of Presbyterian churches in Greensboro to come together to share our authentic experiences as Christians from varying backgrounds, cultural/racial identifications in support of creating God's Beloved Community for everyone.

The book we are reading is "Shoutin' in the Fire: An American Epistle" by Dante Stewart.

We begin our six- week series on Thursday, March 3, 2022, and continue through Thursday, April 7, 2022. All sessions begin at 7:00 pm and are scheduled as Zoom events.

Dr. Adnee Bradford and Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah from Saint James are serving as co-facilitators along with Ann Comfort and Ann Morris from Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Please see below the list of individuals participating in this exciting time of engagement, revelation and reflection:

- |                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Lucia Ward-Alexander | 12. Katherine Moore           |
| 2. Melinda Billings     | 13. Ann Morris                |
| 3. Dr. Adnee Bradford   | 14. Jan Parker                |
| 4. Jenny Bradley        | 15. Carolyn Plumb             |
| 5. Terri Burleson       | 16. Elder Mildred Powell      |
| 6. Stephanie Chandler   | 17. Susan Shadis              |
| 7. Freddie Click, Sr.   | 18. Jane Sharp                |
| 8. Ann Comfort          | 19. Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah |
| 9. Nancy Dezan          | 20. Melanie Woodard           |
| 10. Marilyn Fish        | 21. Lolita Watkins            |
| 11. Marion Gamble       | 22. Kay Zimmerman             |

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

***Soul Food Conversations*** is bible study with a twist. We meet 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 the ***Journey*** themed bible studies 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.

***Thirsty Thursday Worship*** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month 7:00 – 8:15 PM on Zoom. Minister Jasmine Evans leads a dynamic worship service tailor made for young adults and those who are young at heart.

***Faith Friday-The Comedy Edition*** takes place on Friday, April 1 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Relax, release & recharge through laughter with us!

**Check our social media @FaithPointFellowship for Zoom and Facebook Live for more information on our events.**



**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
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	Hampton 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...**

To Pastor Lansden and the Saint James Family,  
Thank you for the beautiful tribute and gorgeous flowers. I am appreciative for all the love and support I have received during my 14 years at Saint James. May God richly bless all of you! ~Ms. Valerie D. Johnson

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

thank  
you



# **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 February 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
2/6/2022	109	2
2/20/2022	103	1

**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!*

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

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

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

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

#### *Tiny House Volunteer Opportunities:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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!*

**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*?



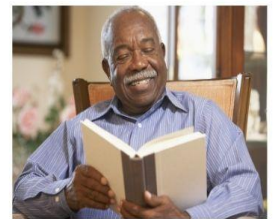
Our program –THRIVE! – is a free opportunity made possible through CARES Act grant funding for family caregivers to do just that . . . thrive!



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!



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

# Stewardship

"...AS ONE READS THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES ONE IS IMPRESSED WITH THE AUTHOR'S ASSESSMENT: LIFE IS COMPOSED OF A SET OF MEANINGLESS, IMMUTABLE EXPERIENCES. WHEN LIFE IS FINISHED THERE IS NO TIME FOR CHANGE OR ALTERATION..."

"WE MAY HAVE MANY ISSUES AND QUESTIONS THAT WILL GO UNANSWERED UNTIL WE MEET JESUS FACE TO FACE. BUT THIS DILEMMA DOES NOT EXEMPT US FROM BEING FAITHFUL TO GOD'S WILL AS REVEALED TO US..."

"GOD KNOWS WHETHER OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH IS TRUE AND WHETHER OUR WORKS DEMONSTRATE A COMPLETE COMMITMENT TO THE LORD OF THE UNIVERSE. MANY OF OUR QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED ONLY AS WE WALK IN FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WAYS..."

"IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING FOR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OR SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS, TURN THEM OVER TO JESUS AND LET HIM WORK IT OUT. STOP WASTING ENERGY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT LIFE..."\*

\*The African-American Devotional Bible, copyright 1997, Zondervan Corp., pg 743, Rev. Dr. Alicia D. Byrd, Verse Ecclesiastes 12:13, Passage Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

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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.*

### **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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