

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

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



Are you interested in joining Saint James?

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

Connect With Us!

Office Phone Number: 336-273-6658

Saint James Office Staff:

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

Like us on Facebook: [**www.facebook.com/stjamespresby**](http://www.facebook.com/stjamespresby)

Follow us on Twitter: [**@stjames_gsonc**](https://twitter.com/stjames_gsonc)

Follow us on Instagram: [**@saintjamespresbync**](https://www.instagram.com/saintjamespresbync)

Visit our Website: [**www.stjamespresby.org**](http://www.stjamespresby.org)

Our Purpose Statement:

“The purpose of Saint James Presbyterian Church is to touch lives through Jesus Christ by providing joyful worship, life changing teaching, warm community, and dynamic, meaningful ministries that serve to bring a new generation of believers to Christ and to nurture those who are already growing in faith.”

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WORSHIP

Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.

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August Participants:

Worship Leader:

Rev. Phanta I. Lansden

Worship Elders:

Elder Charles Knox

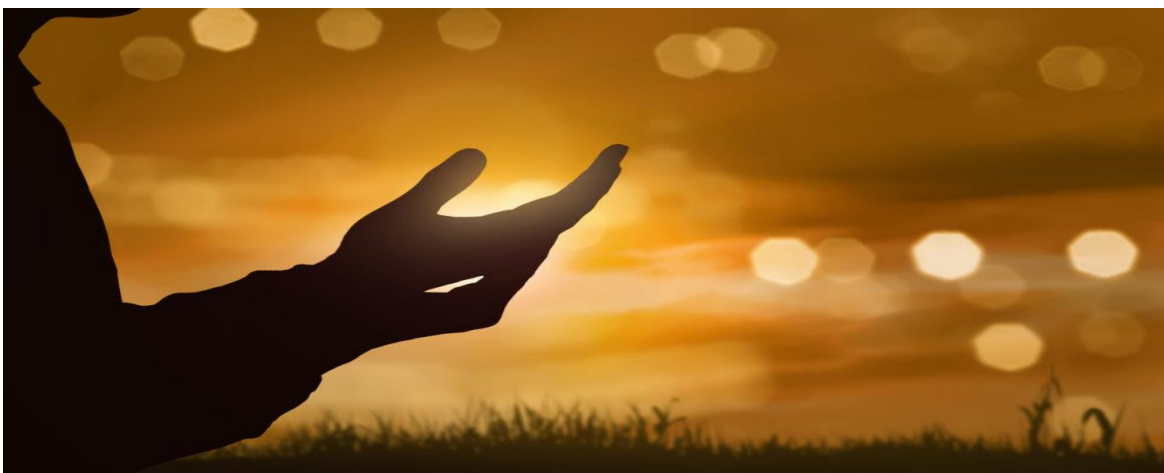
Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

Musicians:

Mr. William Brown, Minister of Music

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist &
Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



August Lectionary

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

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

1st Sunday

• Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

2nd Sunday

• Isaiah 5:1-7

3rd Sunday

• Jeremiah 1:4-10

4th Sunday

• Jeremiah 2:4-13

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Join us for in-person worship!

Visit 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 live on our YouTube Channel:

Click the link here -----> [Saint James Presbyterian Church YouTube Page](#)

Join our live Sunday Service stream on Facebook.

Click the link here -----> www.facebook.com/stjamespresby

To visit our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stjamespresby

or visit www.facebook.com

Go to the search bar and type in "St. James Presbyterian Church"

Click on the picture of our logo!

Visit our website to sign up for email updates.

www.stjamespresby.org

Did you miss any services? Our services are now on YouTube! You can find all of our Sunday and Special Services on our YouTube page. All of our Bible Studies are continually added as well! Please click the link to enjoy any one of our services that you may have missed. Click the link above to watch.

Serve Around the Church

Ushers

Would you like to serve on a phenomenal team? We are looking for volunteers to serve as Ushers for our Sunday morning services. Please reach out to any usher on Sunday or contact the church office for more details!

Choir

Can you sing? Join the choir! We are looking for people to share their musical talents with us. Choir rehearsals are held every Tuesday from 6-7 pm. See any choir or praise team member for more information on joining.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SUNDAY | August 17



FAMILY & FRIENDS FUN DAY | August 27

FAMILY & FRIENDS

FUN DAY

Saturday, Aug 27, 11am - 5pm



Fish or Chicken Dinner: \$12

820 Ross Ave.

Sponsored by Presbyterian Men & Presbyterian Women
in the Congregation

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



Alexis Avent
Victoria Hodges-Witherspoon
Brian C. Knox
Paula Latham
Marie W. Martin
DeQuise “Shae” Maxwell
Deborah Pelli
Kimberly R. Pemberton
Brittany Purcell
C.O. Williamson, Jr.
Jerry Young



The church will celebrate July, August, and September birthdays on September 18, 2022. A celebration of October, November, and December birthdays will occur on December 18, 2022!

Contact Elder Ursula Robinson at ursulabrown87@yahoo.com.

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

Send your info to office@stjamespresby.org

MONTHLY MISSION PROJECT *monthly opportunities for mission*

MONETARY DONATIONS ONLY.



READ ALL ABOUT IT!

A writer for the Presbyterian Today magazine invited Rev. Lansden to write an article about fitness/health as Pastor of St. James and to share her experience and perspective.

Click below to read her article in the July/Aug addition of the magazine!

[Presbyterian Today Magazine - July/August](#)



The Rev. Phyllis Lansden (left) and a health coach going to the gym as she began her transformation (right) in 2010. Courtesy of Phyllis Lansden.

Over the years, clergy obesity has been on the rise. A 2015 Baylor University report found that more than a third of American clergy were obese. Few years didn't last longer. A 2011 study by Northwestern University linked regular church attendance to young people and obesity in middle age. The study tracked 2,433 men and women for 18 years and found that, of those aged 20-32 with a normal body weight who attended religious services at least once a week, 50% more were likely to become obese by their 50s than those who were not religious. More recently, in its 2019 "Encouraging Discernment and Church Attendance Differences in Obesity and

the weight, or other things in transformation, people come to me and ask, 'What did you do?' she said.

Finding the strength within
"Before I began my weight loss journey, I knew I was going to be the heaviest thing I'd ever done in my life so that point," Lansden said. "I knew that I didn't necessarily have the strength within me to do that mountain and more it one of the ways by myself. But I know that with God I could do anything."

Any sort of transformation begins in the mind, Lansden says, and as a person of faith, it begins with prayer. "And it's not like you just pray once. For all the time—a constant prayer. When the day got hard, pray. When you're frustrated because you may not see the change you want to see, keep praying through. Look for the glimmers of light whether there is small progress or large progress, hold on so that until the very piece of the journey continues to unfold — until you reach your goal."

Even though she lost over 100 pounds, Lansden did not see an initial 100-pound goal. "I set five pounds as a goal," she said. "That I hit the first, I celebrated when I said, 'It's do four more.' When I got to 30 pounds, I said, 'The going up on the strength to do it.'" Lansden said. "In the end, I didn't give up, and I will be proud and see into the sun (Mark 11:23). So, in faith, I



The Rev. Phyllis Lansden (left) and a health coach going to the gym as she began her transformation (right) in 2010. Courtesy of Phyllis Lansden.

moved forward in faith and did the work." Referring to James 2:14-17, she said, "Faith without works is dead."

Creating healthy congregations
One of Lansden's passions and goals in ministry is caring for the whole person: the health and wellness of those within the congregation at St. James Presbyterian, just as the case for herself and her own family. St. James Presbyterian states that the church will "raise and equip people to touch lives through Jesus Christ." This year during Holy Week, the church launched a weekly 30-minute prayer walk at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Other adults take part in Golden Rays

were passed during Covid, but will be returning soon. St. James also participates in the CROP Hunger Walk each October. The walk raises funds to fight hunger in Greater Cincinnati and around the world.

"As a pastor, I challenge people to think of ways we can eat healthily," Lansden said. When the congregation began plans for fundraisers, they may serve baked chicken, rice, green beans, salad and some sort of dessert or maybe they have fried chicken, but have baked chicken, too. "It's just thinking of ways to shift the culture to think healthier and to prevent what is unhealthy," she said.

"Our culture often has people say, 'That food was talking to me.' I tell them, you can talk

to it," Lansden said. "You can tell a 'Why?' — because you have a goal. If you want it, you can have it, but you have the power to choose the best time to have it, how much and how often."

Lansden doesn't teach about dietary restrictions because, she said, "If you tell yourself that you can't have something, you want it even more." Instead, she recommends wise choices. "I choose not to eat the cake. I choose not to have the brownie. I choose not to eat the pizza, or whatever. These words give you something you need to power to whatever it is." This language, she explained, seems to help people more toward wellness.

For example, consider the goal of increasing water intake, which

DISCIPLESHIP *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings*

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, and 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

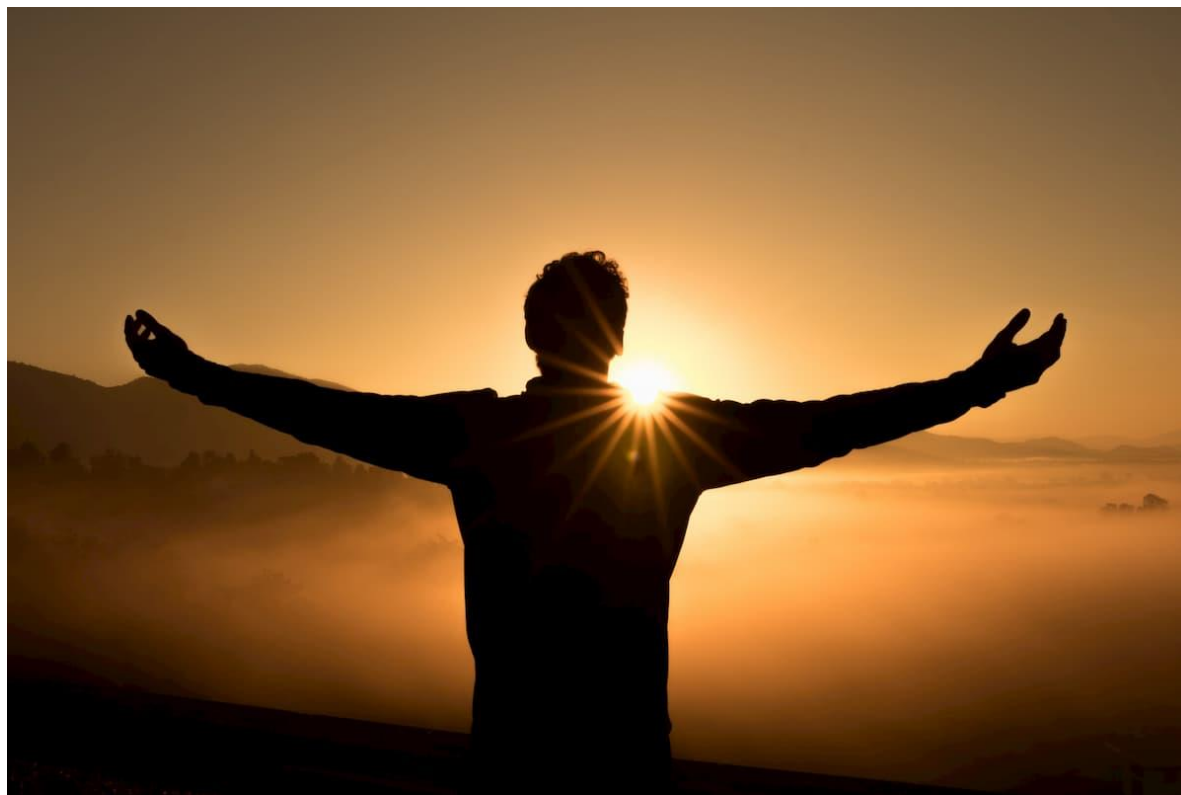
Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles

Grace Brown Circle will continue lessons for the 2022-2023 season soon. Stay tuned for more information. 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 Marie Florance Presbytettes are on hiatus for the summer months. Stay tuned for more information to come.



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

The Sara Barber Circle has ended its lessons for the 2021-2022 season. We will resume again in September. Please stay tuned for more information on an upcoming summer outing. Visitors who would like to visit or join the circle should contact Linda Adams at 336-509-0420. ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle has ended our lessons until September. Members will be encouraged to support PWC activities. For women of Saint James who are non-circle members, we extend a warm welcome to you for consideration of our circle. Please contact the church office for additional information. Thank you. Demetra Barnwell, Moderator

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation will celebrate Presbyterian Women on Sunday, August 14 at 10:00 AM. Our speaker will be our Senior Pastor, Rev. Phanta Lansden who will present an exciting and inspiring message. We encourage the women of the church to wear pastel colors to this worship service. Also, please bring, mail or drop off your PWC Dues this month.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82952241869?pwd=QolslkL7yVwIfGAYCtyBycvwBcu26m.1>

To call in, please dial:

1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 829 5224 1869

Passcode: 307251

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation CT Meeting

The PWC CT Group will meet on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 11:00 AM on Zoom. All Circle Moderators (or their representatives) and PWC Officers are expected to attend. The Zoom link is below.

Topic: PWC CT Meeting

Time: Aug 13, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[Presbyterian Women in the Congregation CT Meeting](#)

To dial in

1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 897 9285 1768

Passcode: 178585



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

The Older Adult Ministry

Today I am shouting out to all Older Adults here at Saint James. As a member of the older adult segment of the general population, I am concerned with health care and voting rights. The political chatter around these issues send up many red flags. I strongly encourage you to: 1.) Make sure you have a Real ID with your photo. This law has been discussed since 1982. Be safe and get an ID from the NC motor vehicle office. 2.) Make sure you have your Coronavirus vaccine as well as the booster. The News & Record (Mike Stobbe, Associate Press) reports that “experts are watching for a potential new Covid-19 surge in the U.S. Be safe. ~Elder Marie

~Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators



ADMINISTRATION *Church Business & Officer Information*

Monthly Informer Article Deadline

Please feel free to mail or e-mail: office@stjamespresby.org. Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: "September Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Tuesday, August 30, 2022 by 12:00 noon.

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.

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!

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 especially during the Pandemic. Due to Elder changes and the desire to continue to care for one another, the Congregational Care Ministry has been updated. 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 prayer, calls and cards during times of medical procedures, health crisis, transitions, and illness. Our 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.

How does Congregational Care 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 member of the congregation has been assigned a Congregational Care team member as seen below. Some examples of when to contact the church include but is not limited to prayer, notice of a medical procedure or surgery, notice of a current or past hardship. Please call the church office at 336-273-6658 or email office@stjamespresby.org. The office will notify the Pastor and your Congregational Care Provider immediately. If there is an end-of-life situation, the 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 is eager to serve, so do not hesitate to share your need.

Congregational Care List 2022 (subject to change)

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Members of the Congregation</u>
Bob Powell	A, B
Ursula Robinson	C, D, E
Sandra Wallington	F, G, H, I
Karen Watts-Yehudah	J, K, L
Mildred Powell	M, N, O
Paula Latham Washington	P, Q, R
Chuck Wallington	S, T
Donna Spinks	U, V, W, X, Y, Z

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY

Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Updates

Greensboro Urban Ministry Needs

The Greensboro Urban Ministry located at 305 West Gate City Boulevard has contacted our ministry to share their needs.

Local college students generally volunteer during the school year to stock food items in their storage pantries.

During the summer months in the absence of college students, the food pantry director is reaching out to community churches and other organizations for individuals to stock their pantry shelves.

Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday with more details provided by calling Gail Lewis, volunteer director.

Ms. Lewis can be reached at (336)-271-5959 and dial extension 305.

People's Town Hall Meeting

The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry in our partnership with the Beloved Community Center and the Greensboro Pulpit Forum hosted a town hall meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2022, in the Tanenbaum Room at the Greensboro Public Library.

The occasion provided the opportunity for citizens to share testimonies related to their local concerns in addition to local community advocates in the areas of housing, food security, and economic sustainability sharing their expertise to the community and city council candidates in attendance.

Nine of the fourteen candidates attended the town hall setting joined by at least eighty interested citizens.

Candidates participated in a facilitated question and answer session and responded to questions from citizens in attendance.

This format enabled a robust discussion on various issues with other town hall meetings scheduled in September and October focusing on national and state issues.

FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP *Young Adult and College Ministry*

Faith Point Fellowship will suspend weekly bible studies and worship services from May through August. Check our Facebook and Instagram for updates and inspirational messages during the summer months. You can also stay connected with us by signing up for weekly text alerts. **Text FPF to 55469** and receive words of inspiration and regular updates during the ministry.

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. *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	UNC Greensboro
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
Nancy Rives	4813 Weston Place Jamestown, NC 27282
Amryl Ward	4041 Queens Grant Rd. Jamestown, NC 27282



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

Moving Forward

My last Sunday at St. James will be 08/28/22 as I prepare for my move to Lakeland, FL. I am truly grateful for the last 18 years with this congregation. My decision to make this move didn't come easy and the transition will also not be easy, however, I'm grateful that I have the support of my family, friends and church family, which means so much to me! Please keep me and Mikala in your prayers as she begins her senior year at Hampton University this fall. I will miss each and every one of you St. James! My forwarding address will be provided to the church office for all future correspondence. Sincerely, ~Roz Thomason

Thank you...

Dear St. James, Your online worship has been a balm to my soul in these COVID times! Thank you for projecting all the way to Atlanta to share the Good News! It is a joy to share this gift. Know your message is being received far and wide. With love & gratitude, ~Amy

Dear Saint James, Thank you for being our superhero! Thank you, Saint James! Now more than ever, your generous donation helps us distribute dignity across North Carolina. We sincerely appreciate being chosen for your mission project. Thank you so much! Gratefully, ~Diaper Bank of North Carolina Staff

thank
you



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

The Hayes-Taylor YMCA is the Ministry of the Month! The Hayes-Taylor YMCA has been a pillar in the black community for many years. We look forward to supporting the mission and vision of this local organization.

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.

ROCKINGHAM AND GUILFORD COUNTY FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Let Us Help YOU *Thrive!*

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



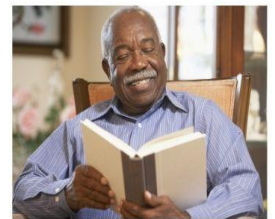
Our program –THRIVE! – is a free opportunity made possible through CARES Act grant funding for family caregivers to do just that . . . thrive!



Family caregivers can receive:

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

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



Register Now:

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



STEWARDSHIP *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.*

STEWARDSHIP

”When I read the Bible, I’m always amazed at what got Jesus excited. He was not concerned with big bank accounts, but with one lost coin. He was not interested in great flocks of sheep, but in one lost lamb. He was not impressed with people who were in positions of power and importance in society, but with people who had the humility to help a beaten-down stranger or wash another person’s feet. And Jesus always got excited when people managed their resources in such a way that placed greater value on faith than on possessions, positions, or accomplishments.

In the story in Mark 12 the widow demonstrated the kind of stewardship that got Jesus excited. She went to the temple treasury and put in two copper coins worth less than a penny. Jesus got excited because she gave - without reservation - all she had...”*

The African-American Devotional Bible, copyright 1997, Zondervan Corp., pg 1108, Rev. Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Verse: Mark 12:44, Passage: Mark 12:41-44

STEWARDSHIP *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.*

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for trusting God and giving generously. We invite you to stay informed and updated on all of the Ministries of SJPC.

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.](#)



Matthew 25 in the PC(USA):

A bold vision and invitation

We are a Matthew 25 church!

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

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

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

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



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