

Saint ames Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

A "Matthew 25" Congregation

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"Touching Lives Through Jesus Christ!"

Reverend Phanta I. Lansden, Senior Pastor

September 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 September. 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. 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. 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

Follow us on Twitter: @stjames gsonc

Follow us on Instagram: @saintjamespresbync Visit our Website: www.stjamespresby.org

Our Purpose Statement:

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

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WORSHIP

Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.

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Sermon

Holy Communion on First Sundays

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction & Amen

September 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



September Lectionary

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

• Jeremiah 18:1-11

2nd Sunday

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

3rd Sunday

• Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

4th Sunday

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

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Join us for in-person worship!
Visit <u>www.stjamespresby.org</u> 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 -----> <u>Saint James Presbyterian Church YouTube Page</u>

Join our live Sunday Service stream on Facebook. Click the link here -----> <u>www.facebook.com/stjamespresby</u>

To visit our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stjamespresby

or visit <u>www.facebook.com</u>

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

<u>Did you miss any services?</u> 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

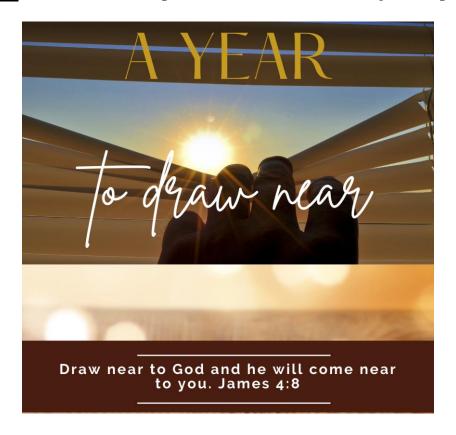
Ushers

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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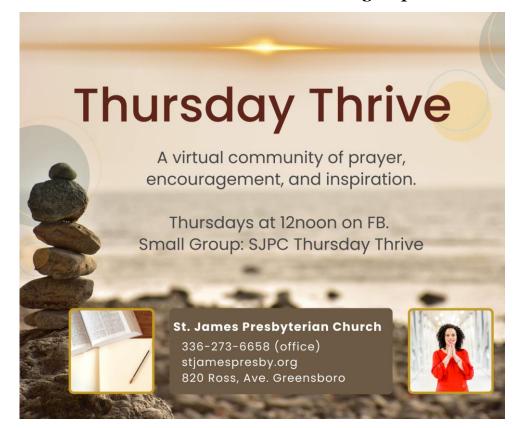
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THURSDAY THRIVE RETURNS SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 IN OUR SPECIAL FB PRAYER GROUP! Join the "SJPC THURSDAY THRIVE" group on FB!



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Happy Birthday to our members born in September!!



Terence Burris
Charles E. Knox
Clarence Jolly, Jr.
Daisy D. Boone
Frank E. McCain, Jr.
Hyla B. Cundiff
Jamilliah Halley
Nancy Rives
Oscar Reid
Sharon C. Smiley
Chris Young



A celebration of birthdays will occur on December 18, 2022! Contact Elder Ursula Robinson at <u>ursulabrown87@yahoo.com</u>.

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

TINY HOUSE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC Help Stock ROMAN'S HOPE CLOSET

Tiny House Community Development, Inc is asking for help in stocking a closet with household and wellness products not covered by food assistant plans for our residents and others in need.

Drop-off DONATED items at 1310 W Gate City Blvd during business hours or if purchased on the THCD Amazon Wishlist, ship directly to the warehouse.

CLEANING PRODUCTS:

Glass cleaner, bathroom cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, toilet wands, dish detergent, rags, mops, brooms, etc.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES:

Paper plates, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, reusable water bottle, etc.

HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Multi-Vitamins, Zinc, Vit-C, Band-Aids, Antiseptic cream, Wet Wipes, etc.

HYGIENE PRODUCTS:

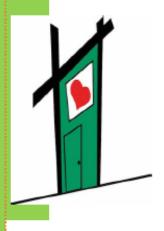
Shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, body lotion, Vaseline, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash, no-rinse shampoo shower caps, etc.

Children's Items:

Educational Products for children, diapers, art supplies and many more products on our Amazon wish lists.

Drop-off DONATED items at 1310 W Gate City Blvd during business hours- Mon-Fri 9-5

'Items for our Friends' For a more detailed Amazon Wishlist'' Tinyhousesgreensboro.com/roman-s-closet



Tiny House Community Development, Inc.

1310 West Gate City Blvd Greensboro, NC 27403 336-897-1001

From the Desk of the Pastor

Greetings Beloved,

Grace and peace to you on this day and every day. I continue to feel incredibly blessed and honored to be your pastor as God leads us into a new season of life and ministry together.

Today I want to personally give thanks for the strong and faithful support of Saint James. Conscious stewardship has helped this congregation to begin the process of rebuilding after great transition and the impact of a pandemic. Your dedication continues to make a difference in the lives of the people God has called us to serve. Upon review of this quarterly report, you will see that your stewardship (tithes, offerings, and special offerings) has made an impact for our ministries and most importantly, for our community.

As I reflect on the impact of giving, I am encouraged by the growth of our monthly outreach missions, our newly hired technical support team member that facilitates our online presence, the return of a Minister of Music who draws us nearer to God in song, as well as the deepening of our social justice work and its impact on our community as it connects to our Matthew 25 initiative. I also see the building repair work nearing completion and give thanks for a generous donation that allowed us to pay off our mortgage!

Focusing on the road ahead with a vision of furthering and deepening our commitments, additional dedication and broadening of our giving is needed. As you review the quarterly income/expense report, please note that there are several areas of unmet needs which will cause us to use surplus funds to ensure that no ministry is halted. We do not want to continue this practice. One way to draw near to God is through dedicated giving that connects to our vision and mission. Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving to help us meet our upcoming needs:

- 1. Replace two TVs for the sanctuary
- 2. Increase lighting and cameras for livestream worship services
- 3. Develop the media team with additional staff to facilitate a quality stream
- 4. Grow support of our youth ministry

We believe, as the bible indicates, that there is a power at work within us, as God's people, to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. We take God at God's word as we expand our generosity and commitment to the life and ministry of Saint James Presbyterian Church.

If you have any specific questions about this report or regarding how your gifts are being used, please feel free to contact our Business Manager, Andrea Russell through email at russella@stjamespresby.org or by phone in the church office.

Thank you again for your faithfulness to God. We look forward to finishing this year strong! In Christ's Love, Rev. Phanta Lansden

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 III of the Present Word, Bible Lessons series, Summer 2022, "The Great Hope of the Saints." Scriptures come from Revelation 21:1-27, 22:1-21. I encourage us to continue reading and studying the lessons. This quarter's lesson is designed to help us envision the new home and city God has prepared for the redeemed. If anyone would like to join us, please call the church office for more information. ~Elder Marie Martin

Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles

<u>Grace Brown Circle</u> 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.

<u>The Roxie McNair Circle</u> is honoring physical distancing. More details to come later. ~Elder Pauline McNair, Moderator

<u>The Marie Florance Presbytettes</u> will meet Sunday, September 25 at 2:00 PM on Zoom. It will be a time to reconnect and begin our study of the Horizon 2022-2023 bible study Celebrating Sabbath. We will discuss Lesson One, Sabbath and Celebration. We invite the women of St. James who are not members of a Circle to visit our Circle meeting and participate in this 9 month bible study. Please contact our Circle Moderator Dr. Ina Siler at 551-655-4612 for more information.

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85101469379?pwd=dXVxMURGcktzNmZUZEd2WkgwSzVodzo9

To call in, please dial: 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 851 0146 9379 Passcode: 796237



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

The Sara Barber Circle will meet September 18, 2022 at 3:00 pm at the Rocky Knoll Clubhouse, 405 Rocky Knoll Rd., Greensboro, NC. Lesson one entitled, Sabbath and Celebration, from the study guide, Celebrating Sabbath, will be led by Adnee Bradford. Scripture: Matthew 11:28-12:13. Visitors are welcome. Please contact Linda Adams for more information. 336-509-0420. Be blessed! ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle received their study guide- CELEBRATING SABBATH: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight by Carol M. Bechtel in August. Members will be encouraged to participate in the Presbyterian Women in the Congregation meeting on Zoom, September 11. We look forward to a productive and blessed year. More information will be forthcoming. Thank you. Demetra Barnwell, Moderator

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

We invite all women of the church to join our gathering on Sunday, September 11 at 2:00 PM on Zoom. Linda Adams, our Spiritual Enrichment Coordinator will introduce the 2022-2023 Horizon Bible Study *Celebrating Sabbath*. We will also present the results from our May listening session and our priorities for the upcoming year. Please join us and consider participating in one the committees for planning programming and fundraising events.

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89070923729?pwd=UlVGbll6bUhIZVRWS2l1dUprMoVvUT

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Presbyterian Women in the Congregation CT Meeting

The PWC CT Group will meet on Saturday, September 10 at 11:00 AM on Zoom. All Circle Moderators (or their representatives) and PWC Officers are expected to attend. The Zoom link is below.

Join Zoom Meeting
Presbyterian Women in the Congregation CT Meeting

To dial in 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 889 0116 8257 Passcode: 700011

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

The Older Adult Ministry

We are still in the pandemic mode. In order to move forward it is necessary to have members communicating and working together. I am reaching out to older adults who need support getting back into church activities.

We have reached out to the Central Library to assist us in organizing a curriculum for a workshop - "Teaching Seniors about Technology." It is designed for senior members who are hesitant to use Zoom for worship services.

Please call the church office if you are interested in being a part of this project. The workshop is scheduled for September 10, 2022.

~Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators



ADMINISTRATION Church Business & Officer Information

Monthly Informer Article Deadline

Please feel free to mail or e-mail: <u>office@stjamespresby.org.</u> Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: "October Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is <u>Tuesday, September 20, 2022 by 12:00 noon.</u>

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>	Members of the Congregation
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 Ministry Hosts Farm Bill Listening Session with Congresswomen Alma Adams & Kathy Manning

On Monday, August 22, 2022, the Saint James Presbyterian Church sanctuary was the site of a very important meeting sponsored by Bread for the World and hosted by our Social Justice Advocacy Ministry.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for our community to share our ideas, lived experiences, and work expertise, with Congresswomen Alma Adams and Kathy Manning for consideration in the impending renewal of the Farm Bill in 2023 in the United States Congress.

Congresswoman Adams shared remarks and participated by Zoom and Congresswoman Manning was in attendance.

Congresswoman Adams has sponsored and advocated for issues concerning hunger throughout her years in Congress.

The Farm Bill is renewed every five years in the United States Congress and the listening session held in our church was the only one sponsored by Bread for the World in the Piedmont region of North Carolina. And the only session with two members of Congress present.

Five groups convened for conversation from the 40+ people assembled and shared innovative ideas and opportunities for collaboration across communities.

Some of the thoughts shared included designation of public land for the creation of community gardens, building intergenerational relationships in sharing knowledge of gardening, creating jobs for marginalized youth related to gardening/farming, reparations for African American farmers who have historically been omitted from participation in the food supply system by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Freddie Click, Sr, Reverend Frank Dew, Dr. Vanessa Haygood, Reverend Sekinah Hamlin, Katherine Moore, Mildred Powell, Dr. Vernon Stringer, Lolita Watkins, and Christina Yongue represented the Social Justice Ministry at this event.







FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP Young Adult and College Ministry

Faith Point Fellowship Soul Food Bible study returns on Thursdays later in September. College students and young adults (18 - 35) are invited to participate in dynamic and relevant conversations where all topics are on the table! Do you have questions about the scriptures, your faith, or how to pray? Do you wonder how you can apply Jesus' teachings in your everyday life? What are your gifts and talents? Faith Point is a safe, judgment free space for you to explore these kinds of questions and so much more.

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 Humbaldt 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

4813 Weston Place Jamestown, NC 27282 **Nancy Rives**

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



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

Ministry of the Month: Greater Greensboro Crop Hunger Walk

The 41st annual Crop Hunger Walk for Greater Greensboro Sunday, October 3, 2021. Contact Elder Oscar Reid for more information. Help stomp out both local and global hunger... one step at a time! More information coming soon.

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 those experiencing homelessness. 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. Davie Street Parking Deck (lower level) across from Center City Park in downtown Greensboro. Call 336-897-1001 to schedule a date to volunteer serving breakfast.

Roman's Closet - THCD is asking for help in stocking a closet with household and wellness products not covered by food assistant plans for our residents and others in need.

· CLEANING PRODUCTS:

Glass cleaner, bathroom cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, toilet wands, dish detergent, rags, mops, brooms, etc.

· HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES:

Paper plates, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, reusable water bottles, etc.

· HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Multi-Vitamins, Zinc, Vit-C, Band-Aids, Antiseptic cream, Wet Wipes, etc.

· HYGIENE PRODUCTS:

Shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, body lotion, Vaseline, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash, no-rinse shampoo shower caps, etc.

These items can be dropped off at THCD Office – 1310 Gate City Blvd. Greensboro, NC 27403

Volunteer at a Workday: sharing your skills. Call 336-897-1001 to schedule a date. 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: THCD, P. O. Box 20691, Greensboro, NC 27420.

> * For additional information on this ministry, please contact Elder Paula Pierce pfp25@msn.com

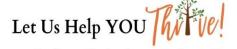
OUTREACH MINISTRY We are busy serving the community- Join Us!

<u>Homeless Committee:</u> 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

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.

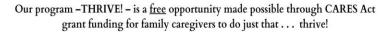
ROCKINGHAM AND GUILFORD COUNTY FAMILY CAREGIVERS



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?







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!







STEWARDSHIP Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.

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"God calls the church to manifest his generosity. Yet we have so often failed him and fallen short in our call because we have not heeded seriously his call to be stewards of all that he created... a tension has developed- a tension that has separated people from each other... best seen in the line that separates the rich from the poor.

The love of money has created a world where godliness has become secondary to other pursuits.... godly stewardship demands that we challenge the "haves" while encouraging the "have-nots," because we believe God desires to make all good things available to every person that he has created. God's will is that we are to "do good, that [we] be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate" (1Timothy 6:18).

God's people must hear his call to replenish the earth, contribute to the development of communities, rebuild the broken structures of society, and reinvest our faith so that all of the world might witness God's presence and power in a tangible way.

It is our responsibility to develop a just stewardship of our own resources: to give with a cheerful attitude; to lend to those who have need; to learn how to live with peace of mind whether we have money or not; to learn to rejoice in all of the wonderful blessings that God makes available to us; and to cherish those things that are righteous- that are built on a foundation of godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness."*

*The African-American Devotional Bible, copyright 1997, Zondervan Corp., pg 1356, The Honorable Floyd H. Flake. Verse: 1Timothy 6:6, Passage: 1 Timothy 6:6-19.

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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) Monthly Missions (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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