

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

November 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 November. 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.

Virtual Order of Worship:

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November Participants:

Worship Leader:

Rev. Phanta I. Lansden

Worship Elders:

Elder Charles Knox

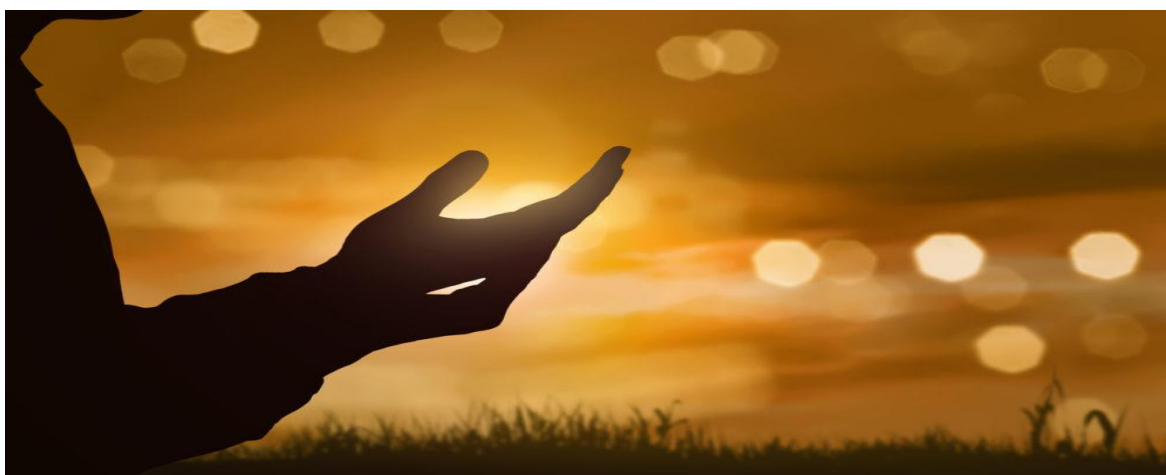
Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

Musicians:

Mr. William Brown, Minister of Music

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist &
Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



November Lectionary

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

• Haggai 1:15b-2:9

2nd Sunday

• Isaiah 65:17-25

3rd Sunday

• Jeremiah 23:1-6

4th Sunday

• Isaiah 2:1-5

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



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**THURSDAY THRIVE RETURNS
TO OUR CONFERENCE CALL FORUM BEGINNING NOVEMBER 3RD!**



JOINT THANKSGIVING SERVICE



ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 27
ADVENT DEVOTIONALS WILL BE AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 13TH



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



Leigh Barnwell
Barbara Chavis
Evelyn Crews
Fred Cundiff, Jr.
Sheryl Davis
Kenneth Doggett
Evelyn Donnell
Yvonne Haley
Vanessa Haygood
Kevin Knox
Alexis Robinson
Manley Spinks, III
Margaret Spinks



A celebration of 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*

BLACK CHURCH FOOD SECURITY NETWORK

PLEASE SEE LOLITA WATKINS FOR MORE INFORMATION

REGARDING DONATION!

Sourcing from
Black-owned farms



Organizing Black churches
to serve as food hubs and
food distributors to improve
community health



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. 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

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 will not meet in November. Our next Circle meeting will be December 4. Look for more information in the December Informer.



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

The Sara Barber Circle will meet November 6, 2022 at 3:00 pm at the home of Adnee Bradford, 5202 Bayberry Rd. Lesson three entitled, Sabbath and Sunday, from the study guide, Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight, will be led by Linda Adams. Scripture: Luke 4:16-22 and Acts 16:11-15. . Be blessed! ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle will meet in Classroom 1 and 2 on Saturday November 19, 2022 at 12:00 noon. We are looking forward to our time together. A reminder that masks are still being worn. Sharon Smiley will be the leader for lesson 3 (Sabbath and Sunday) and lesson 4 (Sabbath and Surrender). Visitors are welcome to join us. Please contact the church office for additional information. Thank you. Demetra Barnwell, Moderator

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

We invite all women of the church to join our Gathering on Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 PM on Zoom. The Essie B. Meares Circle will present a program on the ***Spirit of Giving: Impacting Lives Near and Far***. We also will celebrate the Thank Offering. As we approach the Thanksgiving Season, learn more about the PW Thank Offering and how our gifts are making a difference in the world. The Zoom information is below.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89070923729?pwd=U1VGbll6bUhIZVRWS2l1dUprMoVvUT09>

To call in, please dial: 1-929-205-6099 | Meeting ID: 890 7092 3729 | Passcode: 906902

Essie B. Meares Circle presents

Spirit OF *Giving*
Impacting Lives Near and Far

**Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Gathering
Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 PM
on Zoom**



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

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

Presbyterian Men In the Congregation

Please accept our sincere thanks for the excellent support provided by Dr. Ina Siler and the Saint James Presbyterian Women in helping organizing the Fun and Family Day on August 27, 2022 in Saint James Parking Lot.

We have received some good response from the attendees. We appreciate Elder Jimmy Propst and Jeremy Propst (Our Cooks) and the Presbyterian Men for the delicious meals served.

Both groups' technical and administrative staff was very skillful in handling the event and its attendees. The joint efforts of your teams contributed appreciably to the success of this event. All thumbs up for Shea Maxwell for providing music from twelve noon until four.

Thanks for the attendees and Saint James Family and all their contributions.

Thank you once again for the outstanding support and professionalism shown.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Jerry Young and Freddie Click, Co-Moderators, Saint James Presbyterian Men

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. Please contact the church office for assistance if needed.

~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: "December Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Monday, November 21, 2022 by 12:00 noon.

Human Resources

The Human Resource Committee welcomes: Steven Void, Production Specialist (Audio) Mr. Void was highly recommended, and is a welcomed addition to our hybrid presentations. We look forward to the professionalism he 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.

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

Community Engagements-Mid-term Elections & Recognizing Our Local History

Mid-term Elections Outreach

The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry in partnership with the Beloved Community Center through our Black & Brown Women’s Voting Initiative and the Pulpit Forum of Greensboro sponsored several voter engagement opportunities with a diverse group of partners. These partners included: Democracy North Carolina, Community Ventures, Inc., Enlace Latino NC., Micah Connections, Westminster Presbyterian Church, as well as the NC Chapter A. Philip Randolph Educational Fund, and the Sigma Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Through our collaboration, we hosted three successful People’s Town Halls convening candidates, local advocates sharing information on issues, and individuals sharing their testimonies of their lived experiences in educating citizens on “the people’s concerns” in making informed decisions in selecting their candidates in the elections. Additionally, volunteers from our Social Justice Ministry distributed several hundred non-partisan documents and packages in barber shops, nail salons, restaurants, offices, and other locations accessible to our growing marginalized communities in helping voters to make educated decisions at the polls.

Sharing special “shout-outs” to ministry members, Channelle James for expertly moderating our town halls, Donald Miller for sharing advocacy information involving his work with homeless citizens in our second town hall, Sharon Smiley for arranging opportunities for our ministry in participating in the voter registration outreach sponsored by the City of Greensboro, the addressing of post cards encouraging voting by Doctors Adnee and Althea Bradford.

Celebrating Local History- Play Night at the Triad Stage

Members of our Social Justice Ministry and Saint James attended the play, *Rebellious* which focused on the involvement of Bennett students in local civil rights activism.

We attended the play with members of First Presbyterian, Westminster Presbyterian churches and others from the Salem Presbytery.

This was a fun evening and we hope to gather in the near future to share and discuss what we learned.



FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP *Young Adult and College Ministry*

Soul Food Conversations - We invite college students and young adults (18 - 30) to join us for Soul Food Conversations, Thursdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Do you have questions about the scriptures, your faith, or how to pray? Our bible study gathering is a judgment free space to learn, share and grow. On the 2nd Thursday of the month, we host ***Thirsty Thursday Worship*** on Zoom.

Our pastor, Rev. Racquel Gill will lead bible study and worship.



Click below to join our meeting!

[Faith Point Fellowship Zoom Meeting](#)

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!*

Thank you...

Dear Saint James Congregation and Session, My heart has been filled with joy and appreciation for the many expressions of love during my first year Anniversary and Pastoral Appreciation month. Thank you for being who you are! You all are amazing. I continued to be overjoyed to serve as your Pastor. I pray that the same love expressed to me comes back to you tenfold. Let's keep serving the Lord and see what else God has planned to do through us! ~ Blessings, Pastor Lansden

Dear St. James Family, I am at a loss for words to tell you how much I appreciate the outpouring of love you all showed me via video, cards and attending the cake & ice cream social honoring me on my birthday. I was so touched by the tribute you paid me during the Sunday service and all the warm wishes so many of you expressed in person! Thank you for all the ways you showed me the Lord's love and care. I am so blessed to be a part of His family and yours! God bless you all! ~Love in Jesus, Hyla Cundiff.

Dear St. James & Pastor Lansden, My dearest church family, thank you for the use of your church robes! It was a blessing. I appreciate you being a giving church. I am grateful to the Dance Ministry as well. Much luv, ~Rev. Vicki McCain.

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 Ministry of the Month for November is Bennett College for Women! “Bennett College prepares women of color through a transformative liberal arts education to lead with purpose, integrity, and a strong sense of self-worth. Bennett provides educational access to students while promoting inquiry, civic engagement, social justice, lifelong learning, and equity for all.” <http://www.bennett.edu/about>. Please give generously.

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!*

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

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!



WellSpring
SOLUTIONS



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



STEWARDSHIP *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.*

The Stewardship Committee would like to share this article as we approach the close of this year and anticipate the New Year.

We ask that you please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to God's work. And, may you be encouraged by this message:

Stewardship isn't a financial issue. It's about discipleship.

By Ken Neevel

Perhaps you're familiar with this statement: "Show me your calendar and your checkbook, and I'll show you what's really important in your life." Today it might say, "Show me your Google calendar and credit card statement," but the principle is the same. Billy Graham said it this way: "Every person's checkbook is a theological document. It tells you who and what they worship." More importantly, Jesus said something very similar: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Notice that Jesus doesn't say, "Where your heart is, there your treasure will be." I might believe that if I care about a certain nonprofit organization, I'd contribute to it. But would I? Where my treasure is tells me where my heart is. If, on the other hand, I invested all my savings into one stock, I guarantee you I would check the performance of that stock on a very regular basis. Jesus' point is that if you're not already investing in something, your heart isn't really there. So where is your treasure? It will tell you where your heart is. I sometimes hear from people that the church just wants "their" money to fund the budget, pay the bills, or expand the building. But stewardship isn't a financial issue; it's a spiritual one. It's not about "stuff." It's about discipleship. In the words of Chris Willard and Jim Sheppard in their book *Contagious Generosity*, it's about "being a part of what [God] wants to do through people in his church with the resources he has given them." God doesn't need anything from us, but God does desire our hearts. Clearly, the way we steward our resources is a marker of our spiritual health. It isn't possible to be a disciple of Jesus without giving joyfully and generously from the resources that have been entrusted to us.

The goal of Christian stewardship is the faithful management of everything that God gives us so that God can use our gifts to transform us and to extend Christ's transforming love to others.

Christian stewardship has to do with where our hearts are. God's goal is *always* transformed hearts and lives. Where is your heart?

Ken Neevel is director of development and facilitation for the RCA. "More Than Enough" reflects on issues of faith and stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.*

Have you gotten behind in your personal giving plan and need help catching up? The Stewardship Committee is here to help. Simply call the church office (336) 273-6658 and a member of our team will be in touch with you.

Gentle Reminders – “Special Giving” Opportunities - It’s never too late to give!

Christmas Joy Offering (November -December)

Per Capita Apportionment (January-February, 2023) \$25.00 or as you are blessed.

Emergency Relief Fund and Pennies for Hunger (Ongoing)

If you are **giving on line** or using **Cash App**, please indicate the nature of your **special giving** where it states “**add special instructions**” or “**add a note**”

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your financial commitment to our church

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.](#)

THURSDAY THRIVE

Noon Day Prayer Call

Thursdays from 12 pm to 12:30 pm

Call 617-829-6391

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