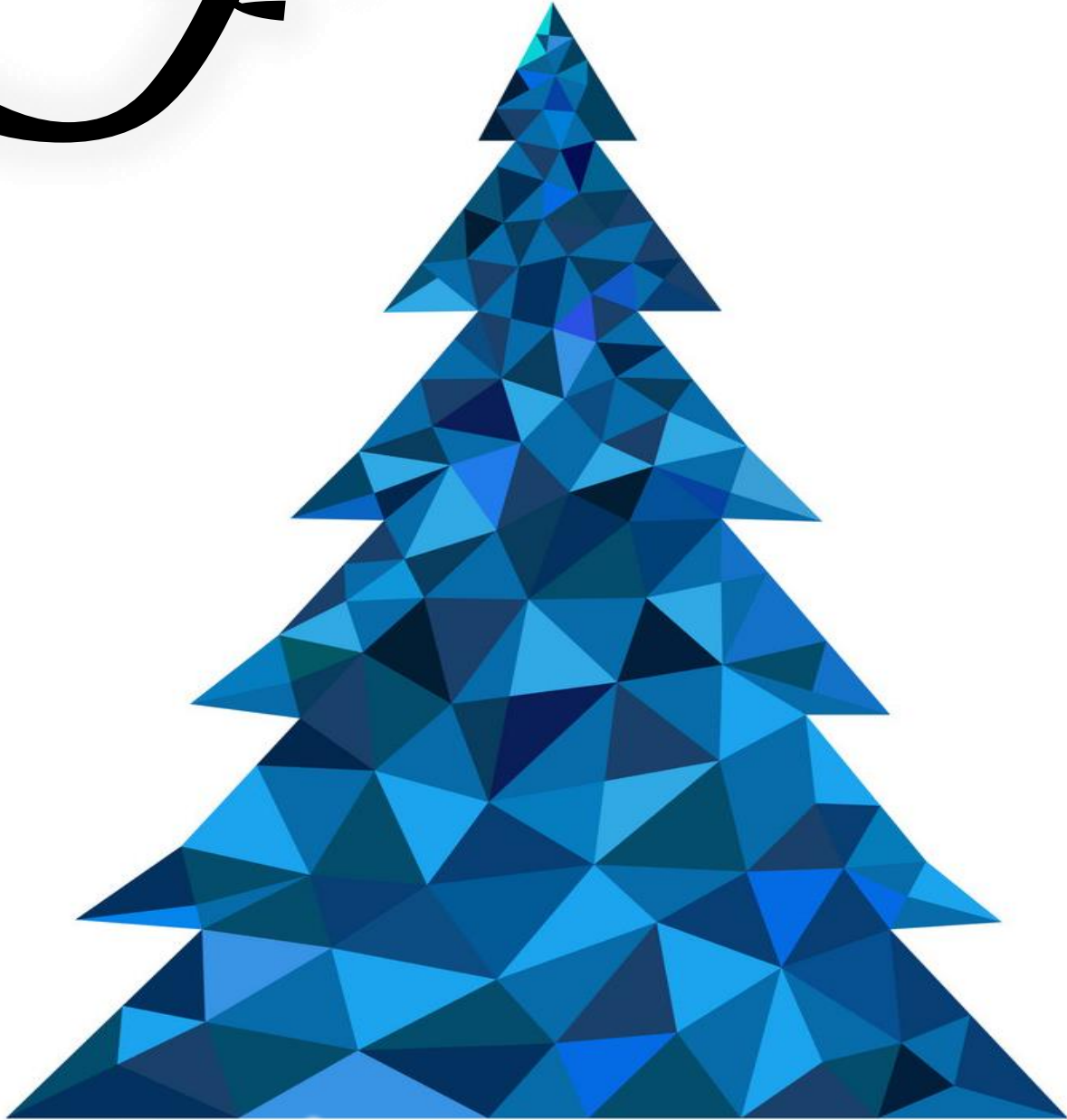


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Saint James Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

A "Matthew 25" Congregation

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"Touching Lives Through Jesus Christ!"

Reverend Phanta I. Lansden, Senior Pastor

December 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 December. 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**](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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Offering
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Sermonic Selection
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Holy Communion on First Sundays
Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Benediction & Amen

December 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



December Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of December, 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 11:1-10**

2nd Sunday

• **Isaiah 35:1-10**

3rd Sunday

• **Isaiah 7:10-16**

4th Sunday

• **Isaiah 62:6-12**

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

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.

From the Pastor's Desk Advent Reflections

The Greatest Gift

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). **Matthew 1:22-23 (NIV)***

The naming of a child has great significance in many cultures but especially in the Jewish tradition. The name of a child is typically given by the father and is in line with the customary names of the family. The name holds a significant meaning that marks who the child is and potentially what their legacy will be. In the historical biblical narrative, we see this to be true and in the modern world we find the same. Names mean something to the family, and their impact on the world.

Jesus enters the world fully human and fully divine. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit (divine) and born of a virgin Mary (human). His work was in line with his name and call. He was to be called Jesus, the Messiah, the anointed one, and Immanuel – "God with us." Jesus' mark on the world was to save people from all sin, which is the greatest gift anyone could give. Jesus' agenda was political in nature as he set the captives free and proclaimed good news to the poor and marginalized.

During this holiday season as we prepare to give and receive gifts, may the hustle and bustle of the holiday not overshadow the greatest gift, Jesus Christ. May we pause and celebrate Christ and discern how we are to live according to the tenants and commands of Christ. May we be moved as "sent ones" to imitate Christ by participating in the transformation of our world for good. May we also pause and celebrate the comfort God provides in our sorrow, the hope we find in trouble, the joy that leaps in our souls as children of God and the peace of Christ that surpasses all our understanding. These are treasures that will never fade. These are all worth celebrating.

May we celebrate the greatest gift, and the blessings Jesus brings to us all!

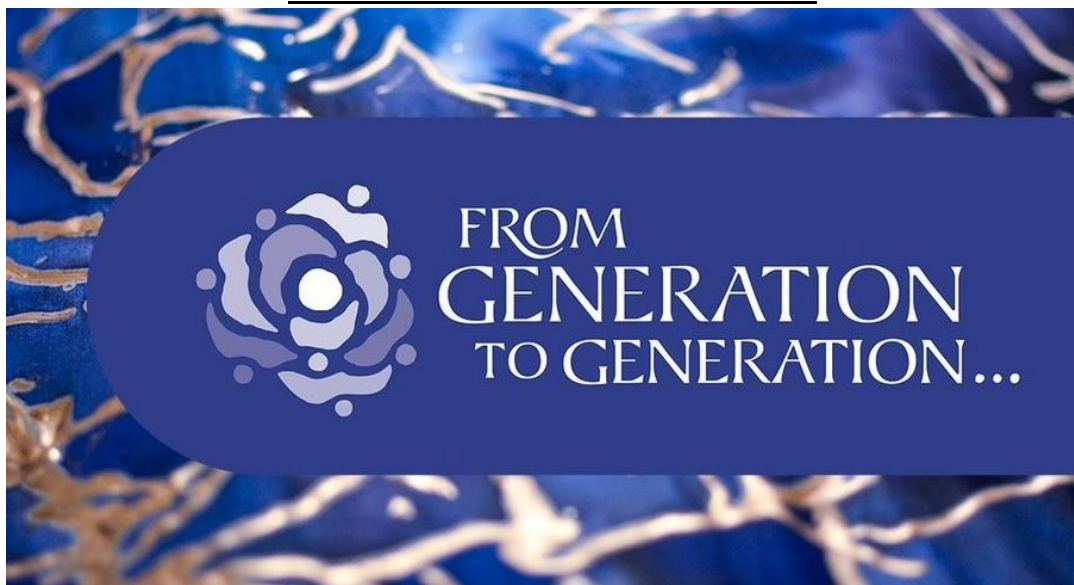
Merry Christmas!!

Rev. Phanta Lansden, Pastor



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

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ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SIMKINS ROOM.



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THERE WILL BE NO NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE THIS YEAR.
PLEASE JOIN OUR NEIGHBOR CONGREGATIONS FOR SERVICE!



Holiday Office Hours

Monday, December 26:	CLOSED
Tuesday, December 27:	CLOSED
Wednesday, December 28:	10a-2P
Thursday, December 29:	10A-2P
Monday, January 2:	CLOSED

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

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



Demetra Barnwell
Eva Collins
Sheryl Davis
Evelyn Donnell
Mona Edwards
Lynette Hawkins
Tonya Purcell
Ralph Robinson
Erica Smiley
William Smiley
Donna Spinks
JaTonda Thompson
Garrett Ziglar



In honor of birthdays from July thru December, Saint James is providing cupcakes on December 11, 2022. Please contact Elder Ursula Robinson by Thursday December 8th to participate.

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*

TOYS FOR TOTS!

A graphic for the Toys for Tots Toy Drive. It features the 'TOYS FOR TOTS' logo in red with white stars, and 'Toy Drive' in a red, gear-like font. Below the text, it says 'Drop off newly unwrapped toys at the church until December 19th!'. On the right, there is a cardboard box filled with various toys, including a teddy bear and a white stuffed bear. The Presbyterian Men logo is in the top left corner.

TOYS FOR TOTS
Toy Drive

Drop off newly unwrapped toys at the church until December 19th!

Our December mission of the month is
Toys for Tots!

We will be accepting newly unwrapped toys
and monetary donations until
December 19th.

Reach out to our Presbyterian Men for
more information.

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 meet on Sunday, December 4 at 12:30 PM in Classrooms 1 & 2. We also will be on Zoom. We will study Lessons 2 & 3 in our Horizons Workbook Celebrating the Sabbath. Please bring your own lunch or snack to this meeting. We invite all women of the church who are not in a Circle to visit our meeting.



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

The Sara Barber Circle will meet December 4, 2022 at 3:00 pm at the home of Karen Yehudah in Greensboro. Lesson four entitled, Sabbath and Surrender, from the study guide, Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight, will be led by Althea Bradford. Scripture: Exodus 16. Visitors are always welcome. Be blessed!
~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle will be on Break for December. Members will be encouraged to participate in the Presbyterian Women's Christmas activity on December 11, 2022. Thank you. Demetra Barnwell, Moderator

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

We invite all women of the church to join our Christmas Gathering on Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 PM at Presbyterian Church of the Cross. The church is located at 1810 Phillips Avenue in Greensboro. The Susan B. Young Circle will host the meeting. We are excited that the women in PCC's PWC will join our meeting.

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation CT

The CT Committee will meet on Saturday, December 10th at 10:00 AM on Zoom. The Zoom link is below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89853139399?pwd=YTB1Qkk1dkFHUjZzNaNoxQUnlEZz09>

For those dialing in: 1 929 205 6099 | Meeting ID: 898 5313 9399 | Passcode: 385745



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

Presbyterian Men In the Congregation

SJPC Presbyterian Men invite you to:

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

DECEMBER 18

8:30A – 9:45A

R.S.V.P. by December 11th
to 336-988-3997

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: "January Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Monday, December 19, 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

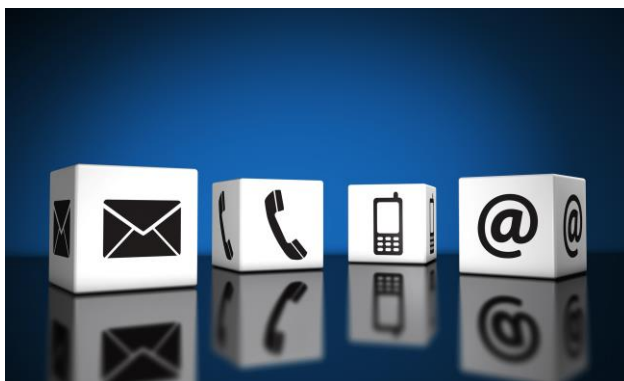
Tabloid: Each 11x17 impression counts as two letter-size impressions.

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

Social Justice Advocacy Ministry End of the Year Highlights

The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry anchored or co-hosted a series of community programs or events with awesome partners during 2022. Our major partners were the Beloved Community Center, Pulpit Forum of Greensboro, North Carolina Extension Service (Burlington Road location), Micah Connections- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Democracy North Carolina and the Weaver Foundation. These events occurred by way of Zoom, in-person or a combination of both to encourage community participation.

Our programming continues to be centered on the scripture embodied in Matthew 25 “to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor.”

Specifically, our planning this year focused on the following themes accompanied by the community events which took place:

1. Education/Diversity/Inclusion

- a. Black & Brown Women’s Community Dialogue on Equitable Education for a Multicultural Society a Call for Community Action- January 25, 2022;
- b. Second Annual Lenten Book Study & Discussion with Westminster Presbyterian Church- March 3- April 28, 2022;
- c. Black & Brown Women’s Community Dialogue on Outstanding Female Leaders Sharing Concerns through the Lens of Diversity and Inclusion-March 17, 2022;
- d. Black & Brown Women’s Community Dialogue on 2022 Guilford County School Bond Educational Forum May 5, 2022;
- e. Sponsored Youth Racial Equity Training- October 15 & October 16 2022;
- f. Play Night at the Triad Stage to see *Rebellious* which focused on the social activism of Bennett College students in civil rights with Saint James, First Presbyterian, Westminster churches and Salem Presbytery friends- October 21, 2022;
- g. Lenten Book Selection gathering to discuss next book with Westminster Presbyterian Church friends October 30, 2022.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY

2. Hunger/Food Justice Issues & Support of African American Farmers

- a. Creation of Greensboro Hunger Strategies group which met January through July 16 to encourage conversation and decision-making of local government leaders to successfully adopt first county-wide food security plan on July 16, 2022;
- b. Co-hosted with the Pulpit Forum of Greensboro an interest meeting on the establishing of a local chapter of the Black Church Food Security Network- July 9, 2022;
- c. Hosted Bread for The World Listening Session on the impending Farm Bill Renewal in 2023 on August 22, 2022 led by Congresswomen Alma Adams and Kathy Manning;
- d. Planned and anchored Black Farm Tour with Black Church Food Security Network & local sponsors on October 22, 2022.

3. Voter Engagement

- a. Collaborated with Beloved Community Center and other partners in distribution of non-partisan voting information and hosting of three People's town hall meetings in July, September and October of 2022;
- b. Partnered with students from Ben L. Smith High School of the Guilford County Schools in creating up to 500 non-partisan voting guide bags for distribution in the community - October and November of 2022.

Saint James Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. **Social Justice Advocacy Ministry**



FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP *Young Adult and College Ministry*

We invite all college students and young adults (18 - 32) to our end of ***Christmas Pajama Party*** on Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. We will play Jeopardy, Name those Lyrics and award a prize for best PJs Onesies or Lounge outfit. Cash prizes will be given out!



FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP
INVITES COLLEGE STUDENTS AND
YOUNG ADULTS!!!

CHRISTMAS

Pajama Party

"Wear your favorite pair of pajamas, onesies, or loungewear and join us!"

1 Dec, 2022 7 pm

Online
DM for zoom link

@faithpointfellowship

Soul Food Conversations will return January 12th at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Have a safe and healthy Christmas!

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



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

The Ministry of the Month for December is Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary! “Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary provides innovative theological education to advance communities of faith, justice, and compassion.” - <https://www.smithseminary.org/about-us> Saint James looks forward to partnering with this school to help fund their ability thrive. Donations can be made to Saint James with JCS Seminary in the memo.

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!



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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:

A Community of Responsibility

“Whether we are leaders or citizens of a community, we are all held responsible for its development. We can readily see our commitment to the community, but do we take the time to recognize how our commitment to Jesus must influence how we handle the affairs of our community?”

“... As Christian men and women we should ask God each day to strengthen us and guide us in our decision making, not only concerning spiritual matters but also concerning community and leadership matters.”

The profession of our faith can often be seen in the work our ministries are engaged in and the support we offer. In many instances this support comes by way of financial giving. The Stewardship Committee encourages your commitment to financial giving as it is essential to the ministries that care for our local community and beyond.



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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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