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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

January 2023 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 January. 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.

Virtual Order of Worship:

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Sermonic Selection

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Sermon

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction & Amen

January Participants:

Worship Leader:

Rev. Phanta I. Lansden

Worship Elders:

Elder Charles Knox

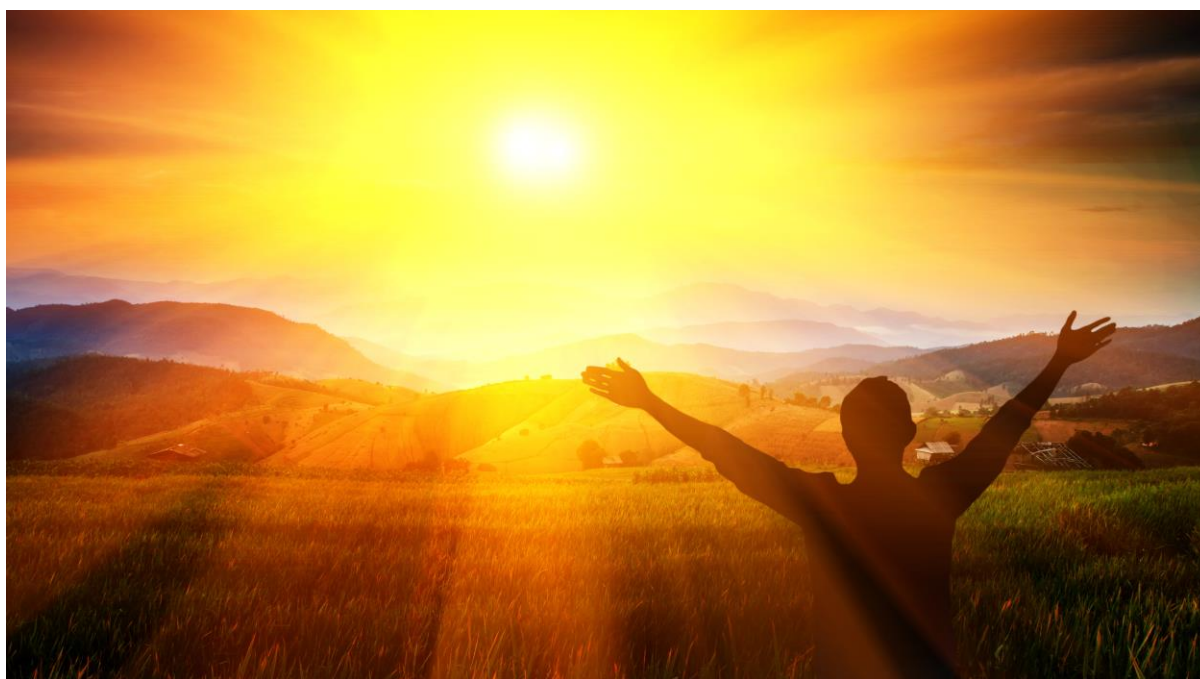
Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

Musicians:

Mr. William Brown, Minister of Music

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist & Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



January Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of January, 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 63:7-9

2nd Sunday

• Isaiah 42:1-9

3rd Sunday

• Isaiah 49:1-7

4th Sunday

• Isaiah 9:1-4

5th Sunday

• Micah 6:1-8

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!

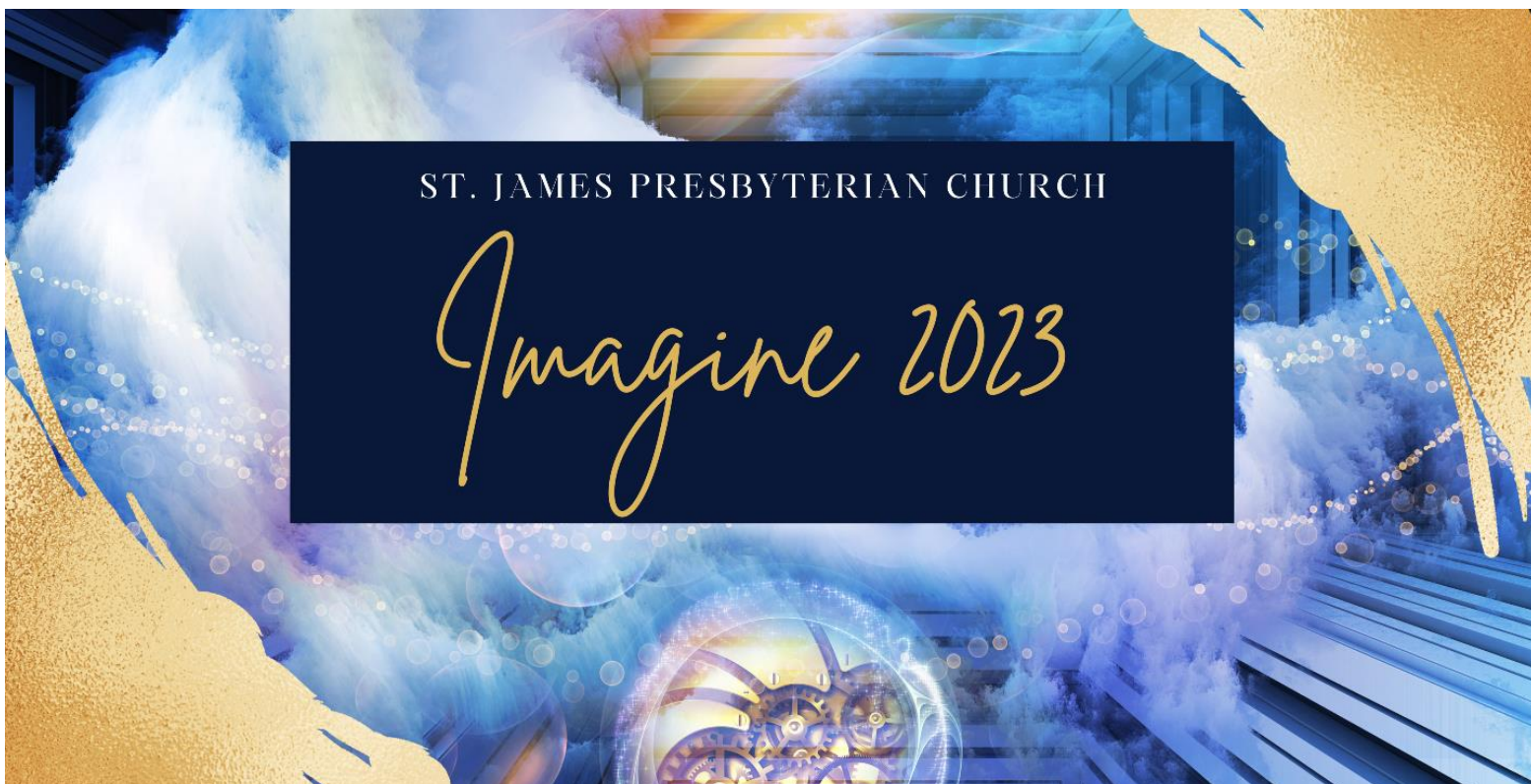
Choir

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.

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

OUR THEME FOR 2023

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

JANUARY 8 | 10AM



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SAINT JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

**18TH ANNUAL
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE**

**JAN 16, 2023
12 NOON**



**GUEST PREACHER:
DR. DARAN H. MITCHELL
TRINITY A.M.E.
ZION CHURCH**

**820 ROSS AVE.
GREENSBORO, NC 27406**

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

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

Happy Birthday to our members
born in January!!



Ron Campbell
Paul Carlton, IV
Kayla Gaskin
Lisa Graves
Robert Graves
Vallie Guthrie
Carrie Ledbetter
Lindell Mills-Jolly
Dionne Pittman
Milton Pittman
Annie Purcell
Annis Sensabaugh
Vernon Stringer
Roderick Zigler



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

Send your info to office@stjamespresby.org

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, January 22nd at 1:00 PM on Zoom. Dr. Kim Pemberton will lead Lessons 3 *Sabbath and Sunday* from our Horizons Workbook **Celebrating the Sabbath**. We invite any women to attend our bible study. Please contact our Moderator, Dr. Ina Siler for more information at 551-655-4612. The Zoom link below.

[Marie Florance Presbytettes Meeting](#)

Call In Information

1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 851 0146 9379

Passcode: 796237

The Sara Barber Circle will meet January 15, 2023 at 3:00 pm at the home of Karen Yehudah in Greensboro. Please note that this date is the third Sunday instead of the first Sunday, our usual meeting date. Lesson five entitled, Sabbath and Servitude, from the study guide, Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight, will be led by Andrea Russell. Scripture: Genesis 2:15 and 3:17-19; Exodus 31:12-18, 35:1-29, and 36:1-7. Visitors are always welcome. Be blessed! ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle will meet in Classroom 1&2 Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 12 noon. Lynn Brady will be the leader for lesson 5 (Sabbath and Servitude) and lesson 6 (Sabbath and Hospitality).

We extend a warm welcome to visitors. Please contact the church office for additional information. Thank you. Demetra Barnwell, Moderator

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

The Essie B. Meares Circle adopted a family of three for Christmas- a mother and two boys- ages 4 and eleven months. Gifts totaling more than \$300 were presented to Pathways Center 3517 N. Church St., December 15, 2022. Shoppers this year were Lynn Brady, Lindell Mills and Sharon Smiley.

Pictured Demetra Barnwell, Lindell Mills, Sharon Smiley



Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

PWC will not hold a gathering in January 2023 and there will be no CT meeting in January. Our annual Memorial Service honoring 2022 deceased members will take place on Sunday, January 8th at 10:00 AM during our worship service.



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: "February Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Tuesday, January 24, 2023 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 2023 (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

Thanks for Your Generosity & Support of Local African American Farmers

The mission of the month for November was designated to support the Black Church Food Security Network and this congregation responded.

As of December 14, 2022, **\$1,919.00** has been collected to provide funds to support our work in this community to initiate a local Network chapter with other churches and partners in our community.

Since our Black Farm Tour in October of 2022, considerable research and discussion has taken place locally and our next action step is to sponsor a meeting on January 5, 2023, with interested churches, community members, and farm or garden leaders.

The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry appreciates your monetary gifts and requests your prayers as we begin this transformative journey to provide healthy food choices grown by African American farmers and in community gardens supported by faith-based institutions.

Support of Local African American Farmers Requested

Members of the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry and church members purchased lush collard greens for their upcoming holiday meals from local farmer, Gerald Hall of Pleasant Garden, North Carolina. (Address: 2601 Fuzzy Hollow Road, Pleasant Garden, NC. Phone (336)-674-6669)

Mr. Gerald Hall is known commercially as the “Eggman’s Eggs” and has raised chickens and fresh vegetables for 23 years. Hall was once the largest independent producer of eggs in the state owning 6, 000 chickens. He now owns 600 chickens and his fresh brown free range eggs can be purchased at Deep Roots Market in downtown Greensboro or from his family farm.

Consider purchasing collard greens and other seasonable vegetables from Mr. Hall and don’t forget those eggs as well. See these pictures below:



SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY



FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP *Young Adult and College Ministry*

Soul Food Conversations returns from winter break in January 2023. Rev. Racquel Gill, our Pastor, is preparing exciting lessons for the spring semester. What can God teach us through movies?

Join us on Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 PM on Zoom and invite a friend.

Join Zoom Meeting for our Thursday gatherings

[FPF Soul Food Conversations](#)



Rev. Racquel Gill

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 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 January is the International Civil Rights Museum!

“The International Civil Rights Center & Museum is an archival center, collecting museum and teaching facility devoted to the international struggle for civil and human rights. The Museum celebrates the nonviolent protests of the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins that served as a catalyst in the civil rights movement.” – www.sitinmovement.org. We look forward to supporting the museum in January with our giving. Please make checks payable to Saint James with “Museum” 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.

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

"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.

STEWARDSHIP *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.*

The Stewardship Committee encourages your commitment to financial giving. It is essential to the ministries that care for our local community and beyond.

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

Per Capita Apportionment (January-February, 2023) \$25.00 or as you are blessed. **Christmas Joy Offering** (November 27th -December 18th - It's never too late to give)
Emergency Relief Fund and Pennies for Hunger (Ongoing)

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

The Stewardship Committee is grateful for your support!

Monthly totals will now appear in your quarterly contribution statements!
If you would like to continue to see our monthly income information,
please contact the church office.

Spread the Word: Emergency Rental Assistance

Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, billions of dollars in federal rental assistance is reaching renters behind on housing costs, as well as landlords who have struggled during the pandemic. These programs are run locally, and right now emergency rental assistance is available across the country.

The federal government is continuing an all-out push and issuing a call to action to Members of Congress, state and local officials, companies, advocates, nonprofits, the faith community, and more to conduct an all-out push to make sure tenants and landlords take advantage of federal rental assistance to help cover rent, utilities, and other housing costs and keep people in their homes.

Please spread the word about emergency rental assistance. Help is available for renters who are having trouble paying rent, utilities or other housing costs as well as for landlords who have tenants in this situation. State and local programs are distributing billions of dollars in rental assistance.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) recently developed a new “Rental Assistance Finder” tool for renters and landlords to find information on rental assistance in their area. The tool is now live at: <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/renthelp>
The CFPB’s site also includes resources to help renters and landlords understand other resources to help navigate various financial hardships related to the pandemic.

For additional information about the Emergency Rental Assistance program, [visit the unified federal housing assistance portal hosted by the CFPB.](#)



Matthew 25 in the PC(USA):

A bold vision and invitation

We are a Matthew 25 church!

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

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

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

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