

Saint Cames Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

A "Matthew 25" Congregation

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"Touching Lives Through Jesus Christ!"

Reverend Phanta I. Lansden, Senior Pastor

# **February 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 February. 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

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# **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:

**Musical Prelude** 

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction & Amen

#### **February 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



# February Lectionary

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

•Isaiah 58:1-9a

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

•Deut. 30:15-20

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

•Exodus 24:12-18

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

•Genesis 2:15-17

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

Join us for in-person worship!
Visit <u>www.stjamespresby.org</u> for registration information
Virtual service options are also available!

To join us online at Zoom for our Sunday Service:

Click the link here ----> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/742365808">https://zoom.us/j/742365808</a>

To join us on our conference call,

dial in to: 929-205-6099

Enter Meeting ID: 742 365 808#

(This Meeting ID is just for our Sunday Service and virtual sanctuary hangout)

You can also join us live on our YouTube Channel: Click the link here -----> <u>Saint James Presbyterian Church YouTube Page</u>

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

To visit our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stjamespresby

or visit 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

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

#### **Serve Around the Church**

#### <u>Ushers</u>

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!

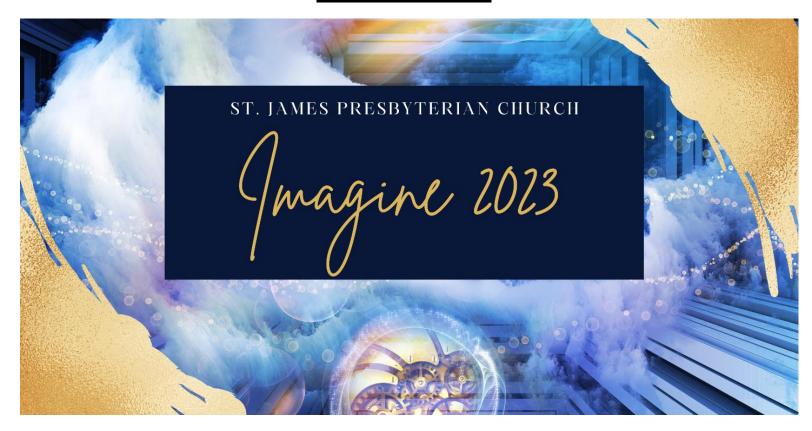
#### Choir

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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#### **OUR THEME FOR 2023**

# **IMAGINE**



# WELCOME TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH



# WORSHIP Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities

#### **Black History Month Celebrations**

The month of February is Black History Month. This month originated with Carter G. Woodson in 1926. It began as a way for remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. It is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in February, as well as in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands in October. Please stay tuned and join us for our activities and programs

#### "Souper" Bowl Sunday



**Young Adult Sunday** – Faith Point Fellowship will lead worship on Sunday, February 26th at 10:00 AM in person and on Zoom. Our theme will be "No Dreams Deferred: Imagining God's Best For Us in 2023" Our preacher will be Yazmin Spearman, a third year seminarian at Duke University School of Divinity. Please invite a college student or young adult to experience this powerful worship service. We urge all Saint James members and friends to wear your favorite college, fraternity or sorority gear.

The Beginning of Lent Season - Ash Wednesday - February 22<sup>nd</sup> Stay tuned for more upcoming information regarding this holy time of year

# Happy Birthday to our members born in February!!



Olivia Barber **Douglas Boone Emmale Burris** Naomi Donnell **Winfred Goode Christina Hardy Branden Knox Simone Langley** Mac McCain, III **Andrea Russell** Lois Small **Daniel Stringer Jasmine Stringer Tristan Thompson** Karen Watts-Yehudah



Celebrating 95 years young on February 24th

Mrs. Pauline McNair

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**

<u>Grace Brown Circle</u> will continue lessons for the 2022-2023 season soon. Stay tuned for more information. For those who are interested in joining, please contact the church office for more details.

~Donna Spinks & Kathy Moore, Co-Mods.

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

<u>The Marie Florance Presbytettes</u> will meet Sunday, February 26th at 1:00 PM. We will discuss Lessons 5 & 6 from our bible study workbook **Celebrating Sabbath.** We invite women who are not members of a Circle to visit our Circle meeting. Please contact our Circle Moderator Dr. Ina Siler for more information. The Zoom link for our meeting:

#### Marie Florance Prebytettes Zoom Meeting

To join the meeting by telephone, please dial the number below and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode.

Dial 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 851 0146 9379 Passcode: 796237

<u>The Sara Barber Circle</u> will meet via Zoom at 3:00 pm on February 5th. Members of the circle will all join in leading lesson six entitled Sabbath and Hospitality. Scripture: Exodus 20:8-11 and Deuteronomy 5:12-15. Visitors are always welcome. Please contact Linda Adams if you have questions. Be blessed! ~Linda Adams, Moderator

<u>The Essie B. Meares Circle</u> will meet in Classroom 1&2 Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 12 noon. Dr. Linda Parker will be the leader for lesson 7 (Sabbath and Self-Care) and lesson 8 (Sabbath and Justice). 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)

#### **Presbyterian Women in the Congregation**

We invite the women of Saint James to the PWC Gathering on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM on Zoom. The Grace Brown Circle will present a engaging and informative Black History program. The Zoom link is below.

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Meeting

Dial 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 890 7092 3729 Passcode: 906902

**PWC CT Group** will meet on Monday, February 6 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. All Circle Moderators (or their representatives) and Officers are expected to attend. The Zoom link is below.

#### **PWC CT Group Meeting**

Dial 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 819 6633 8426 Passcode: 557889

#### **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



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

#### **Presbyterian Men**



# **ADMINISTRATION** Church Business & Officer Information

#### **Monthly Informer Article Deadline**

Please feel free to mail or e-mail: <u>office@stjamespresby.org.</u> Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: "March Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>February 22</u>, <u>2023 by 12:00 noon.</u>

#### **Update on Printing through the Office**

Finally! Implementation of copy codes and limits has been updated. There will be cost for printing in the church office. Every ministry will receive a printing allotment for the year. Prints over the allotted amount will be billed to each ministry. Contact the office with any questions or code requests.

Yearly Allotment per Ministry: Black & White Copies: 300, Color Copies: 175

Printing Charges: Black & White: \$0.01 per letter-sized impression

Color: \$0.08 per letter-sized impression

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

#### Car Wash Gift Cards For Sale!

Does your car need a little TLC? Purchase a \$20.00 Autobell Car Wash Gift Card today! These cards are a great way to invest in Saint James and to keep your ride sparkling in the spring sun. The Autobell Car Wash Gift Card is also an excellent card filler or gift to someone who loves a clean car. Contact the Church Office to purchase your card today!

#### **Contact Information Updating**

Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Did you know that you can send update your contact information anytime? Our contact information form is always available online. To fill out the form online, please click: <a href="https://forms.gle/bncJhjh5d4gwHafUA">https://forms.gle/bncJhjh5d4gwHafUA</a>
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?

Eldono

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)

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A, B
C, D, E
F, G, H, I
J, K, L
M, N, O
P, Q, R
S, T
U, V, W, X, Y, Z

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

# Youth Racial Equity Presentation

Come to hear the results of our first youth racial equity series. These youth have been gathering monthly from Oct 2022 - Feb. 2023 to study structural racism and what they want to do about it!

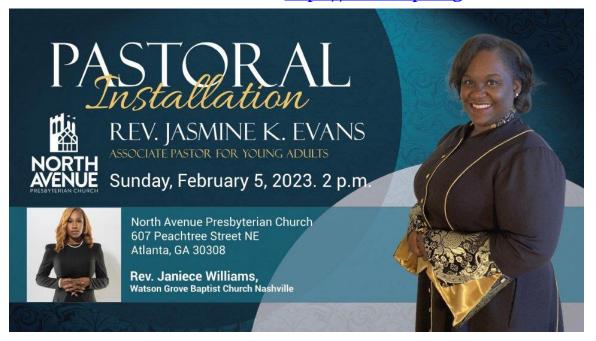
FEBRUARY 19, 2023 | 2 PM TO 4 PM LOCATION:
ST.JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (SANCTUARY)
820 ROSS AVE
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

A collaboration of St. James Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, and the Hayes Taylor YMCA.

# FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP Young Adult and College Ministry

#### **Installation Service for Jasmine Evans**

Rev. Jasmine Evans will be installed as the Associate Pastor for Young Adults at North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA on Sunday, February 5 at 2:00 PM. The service will be livestreamed on the church's website at <a href="https://www.napc.org">https://www.napc.org</a>.



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**Soul Food Conversations Bible Study** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month at 7:00 PM. Our bible study is led by Rev. Racquel Gill and she is bringing exciting lessons for the spring semester. If you are between the ages of 18-35, we invite you to learn what God can teach us through movies? Join us for the *Faith and Film Series* this spring on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting: <u>Soul Food Conversations Bible Study</u>

**Thirsty Thursday Worship** takes place on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Rev. Racquel Gill will lead a dynamic worship service tailor made for college students, young adults, and those who are young at heart. The Zoom link is below.

Join Zoom Meeting: Thirsty Thursday Worship Service

#### 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

17300 Melford Blvd. Apt. 408 Lynette Hawkins

Bowie, MD 20715

Brenda Jackson (daughter of Maxine Covington) 1209 Humbaldt Avenue North

Minneapolis, MN 55411

Willie "Peggy" Meachem 1302 Ross Ave. 27406

81 Dogwood Trail Dr. Stockbridge, GA 30281 Erica Ward (niece of Elder Nancy Rives)

4813 Weston Place Jamestown, NC 27282 Nancy Rives

Amryl Ward 4041 Queens Grant Rd. Jamestown, NC 27282



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

#### Thank you...

Rev. Lansden and fellow members of Saint James, thank you for your concern and support during my illness. Your prayers, cards, calls, and visits were truly appreciated and uplifting. Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." ~ Elder Andrea Russell

Dear Saint James, Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent beautiful flowers. If so, we saw them there. Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console the heart, we thank you so much, whatever the part. ~ Sincere thanks, the Family of Paul Watkins.

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



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

#### 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

<u>Volunteer at a Workday</u>: sharing your skills. Call 336-897-1001 to schedule a date. <u>Sponsor a Resident's Utilities:</u> Utilities for a Tiny House averages to \$85.00/month. You can sponsor utilities on either a monthly or yearly basis.

**<u>Donate Appliances:</u>** 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 <u>pfp25@msn.com</u>

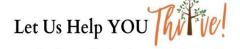
# **OUTREACH MINISTRY** We are busy serving the community-Join Us!

<u>Homeless Committee:</u> The Homeless Committee wishes to acknowledge with warm appreciation the congregation for the donation of 51 boxes of Quaker Oats for the Greensboro Urban Ministry.

**Stephen Ministry.** a Christ-centered ministry that provides care in alleviating pain and stress of life, remains attentive to the needs of others. Our personal contact via the phone allows us to connect. As we venture day by day through this pandemic, we extend the promises of God and the affirmation of His Omni-presence. Our goal is to represent the love, concern and care of Jesus in a confidential way. If we can be of assistance as we journey together, please call a Stephen Leader: Adnee Bradford (336) 202-6989, Yvonne Patterson (336) 375-0122, Cynthia Latham (336) 324-7252

For Older Adults who need assistance in the home, PACE of the Triad is still enrolling new participants. PACE provides medical care and support services to older adults. Services may include, but are not limited to, a health aide for those who qualify, medical transportation, medicines, supplies, therapy, respite, and an optional day program. If you or a loved one can benefit from PACE services, contact PACE at 336-550-4046 for a free assessment or more information. A doctor's referral is not needed. PACE of the Triad is located at 1471 E. Cone Blvd. Greensboro in the Roses Shopping Center. Schedule a tour or free consultation today. Call 336-550-4046 or visit the website www.pacetriad.org/help.

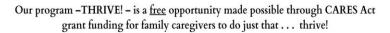
#### ROCKINGHAM AND GUILFORD COUNTY FAMILY CAREGIVERS



Are you caring for an older loved one with chronic illness?

Do you feel overwhelmed, especially during the COVID pandemic?

Do you want to receive the latest information on best caregiving practices – along with relaxing and rejuvenating activities to help you?







Family caregivers can receive:

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

Register Now for books, art kits, and tablets! Yoga mats coming in May!

Brain Healthy groceries coming this summer!







# **STEWARDSHIP** Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.

# Stewardship

# THE FULLNESS OF STEWARDSHIP

"In Deuteronomy 26 Moses instructs Israel to present the offering on the firstfruits to the sanctuary priest. Moses also instructs Israel about presenting the tithe in the third year. This was a reminder to Israel that they should keep giving back to the God who had done so much for them.

The firstfruit is a powerful symbol calling us to give God his portion off the top. Regular, generous giving is an act of worship- a tangible expression of personal thanksgiving and an acknowledgement of his graciousness. It is the recognition that, "All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee"."

\*The African-American Devotional Bible, copyright 1997, Zondervan Corp., pg 235, Bishop Marshall Gilmore, Deuteronomy 26:10

# **STEWARDSHIP** Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.

The Ministries of St. James Presbyterian Church are working hard to achieve the goals set by the congregation. Your continued support is crucial to both maintain and build upon the intentions set forth in our Mission Statement.

Note: Missed a 2022 "Special Giving" opportunity? No problem! Just indicate your intention on your check or in the on line giving in "special instructions"!

Our Per Capita Apportionment

\$25.00 or as you are blessed during the months of January and February

Finally – Let's not forget to contribute to our Emergency Relief Fund!

If you are giving on line, please indicate the nature of your Special Giving where it states "add special instructions."

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.



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