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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

March 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 March. We ask that you kindly fill out our electronic visitor's card located here: <https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9>. You can also contact us during worship through our Zoom chat, our FB Messenger or send an email after worship to: office@stjamespresby.org. We would like to have a record of your visit and a way to keep you updated on what is happening here at Saint James. Your information will remain confidential.



Are you interested in joining Saint James?

We welcome you to join Saint James Presbyterian Church and are committed to helping you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. You may become a member of the Saint James Presbyterian Church in one of the following ways: (1) You can fill out our electronic visitors card located here: <https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9> and we will reach out to you. (2) You can contact us during worship through our Zoom chat, our FB Messenger or send an email after worship to: office@stjamespresby.org. We look forward to helping you make this decision!

Connect With Us!

Office Phone Number: 336-273-6658

Saint James Office Staff:

Ms. JaTonda Thompson, Administrative Coordinator
Elder Andrea Russell, Business Manager
Elder Timisha Corpening, Treasurer

Like us on Facebook: [**www.facebook.com/stjamespresby**](https://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**](https://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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Sermon

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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March Participants:

Worship Leader:

Rev. Phanta I. Lansden

Worship Elders:

Elder Tyrone Collins

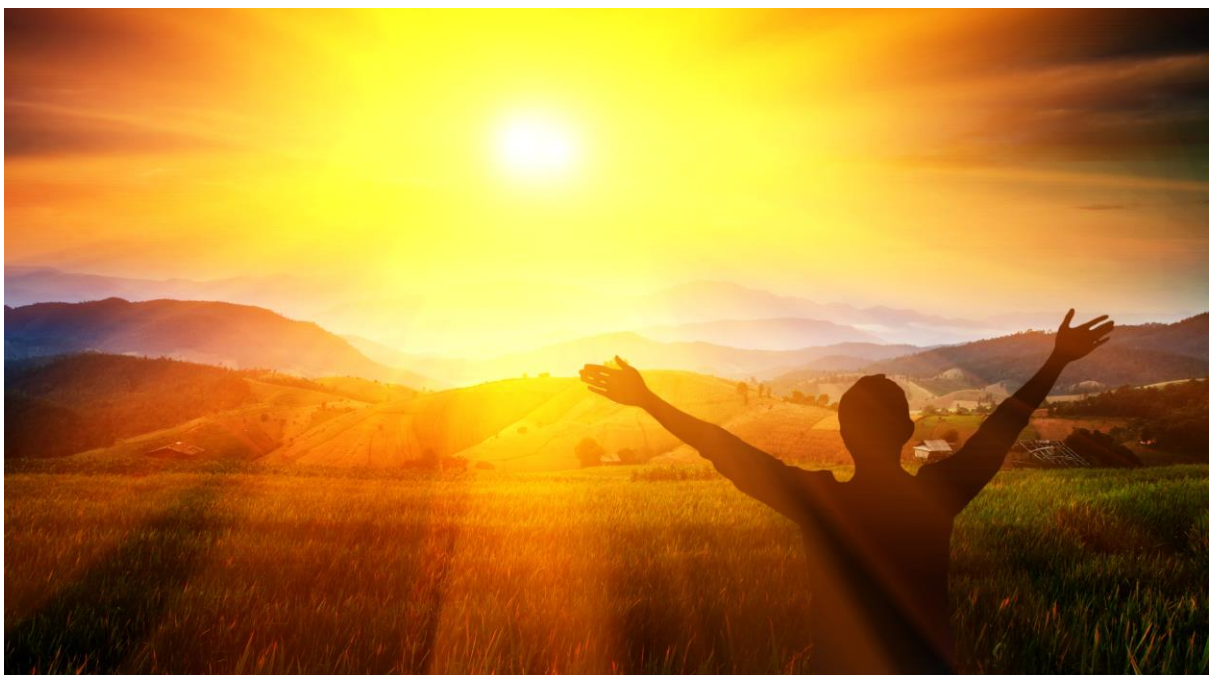
Elder Charles Knox

Musicians:

Mr. William Brown, Minister of Music

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist &
Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



March Lectionary

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

• Genesis 12:1-4

2nd Sunday

• Exodus 17:1-7

3rd Sunday

• I Samuel 16:1-13

4th Sunday

• Ezekiel 37:1-14

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Join us for in-person worship!

Visit www.stjamespresby.org for registration information

Virtual service options are also available!

To join us online at Zoom for our Sunday Service:

Click the link here -----> <https://zoom.us/j/742365808>

To join us on our conference call,

dial in to: 929-205-6099

Enter Meeting ID: 742 365 808#

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

You can also join us live on our YouTube Channel:

Click the link here -----> [Saint James Presbyterian Church YouTube Page](#)

Join our live Sunday Service stream on Facebook.

Click the link here -----> www.facebook.com/stjamespresby

To visit our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stjamespresby

or visit www.facebook.com

Go to the search bar and type in "St. James Presbyterian Church"

Click on the picture of our logo!

Visit our website to sign up for email updates.

www.stjamespresby.org

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

Serve Around the Church

Ushers

Would you like to serve on a phenomenal team? We are looking for volunteers to serve as Ushers for our Sunday morning services. Please reach out to any usher on Sunday or contact the church office for more details!

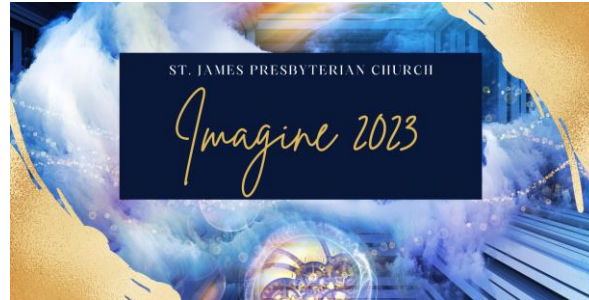
Choir

Can you sing? Join the choir! We are looking for people to share their musical talents with us. Choir rehearsals are held every Tuesday from 6-7 pm. See any choir or praise team member for more information on joining.

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OUR THEME FOR 2023

IMAGINE



Imagine More is a small group conversation that will explore our Lenten devotion and help us to discern the "more" we have been missing.

Join Rev. Lansden at St. James beginning on Wednesday, March 1st at 12 noon! Connect with us in-person at for these transformative conversations at 820 ROSS AVE. | GREENSBORO, NC 27406

**MAKE SURE TO STAY TUNED FOR ALL OF OUR LENT SEASON
ACTIVITIES!**

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Join Us For Our

Chili

COOK
OFF

SUNDAY,

MARCH 26

DIRECTLY FOLLOWING SUNDAY WORSHIP

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER



Try for your chance
to win our
Chili Cook-Off trophy!



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For more information:

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Happy Birthday to our members
born in March!!



Jason Adams
Brandon Bellamy
Portia Griffin
Peggy Meachem
Jaden Reid
Kiara Reid-Rowell
Ursula Robinson
Helen Russell
Mikala Thomason
Marvin Watkins



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 made it this far through the pandemic. We are ending our winter 2022-2023 cycle “From Darkness to Light”. The lessons this quarter gave us a glimpse of how God prepares us to do His will. We are encouraged to live our spiritual journey with God’s guidance. The upcoming cycle - Spring 2023, “Jesus calls us” - will challenge us to get to know our neighbor. ~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, March 19th at 12:00 noon at the home of Delores Scott (6 Pineway Court in Greensboro). We will also be on Zoom. The link is below. We will discuss Lesson 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 (551-655-4612) for more information. The Zoom link for our meeting is below.

[The Marie Florance Presbytettes 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

The Sara Barber Circle will meet via zoom on March 5, 2023 at 3:00 pm. Lesson Seven entitled, *Sabbath and Self-Care*, from the study guide, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight*, will be led by Adnee Bradford. Scripture: Luke 13:10-21. Visitors are always welcome. ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle will meet in Classroom 1&2 Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 12 noon. All members are encouraged to read and participate in our discussion of Lesson 9 (Sabbath and Community). 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 Zoom, March 12th at 2:00 PM. The Roxie McNair Circle will lead the Installation Service for PWC Officers followed by the business meeting. The Zoom link is below.

Join Zoom Meeting
[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, March 6 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. All Circle Moderators (or their representatives) and Officers are expected to attend. The Zoom link is below.

Join Zoom Meeting
[PWC CT Group Meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 834 7919 6862
Passcode: 353778

The Older Adult Ministry

The Older Adult Ministry is shouting out a loud “Thank You” to all of the participants of our Digital Communication Class on September 10, 2022. The Older Adult Ministry was awarded a grant to sponsor the workshop.

We are pleased to share that 18 persons agreed to attend and twelve participated. Copies of the handout information was shared with 25 of our church members. (Good response!) We need to think about Older Adult Ministry Sunday, May 07, 2023. I am reaching out to older adults who need support getting back into church activities. Please contact the church office at 336-273-6658 for assistance if needed.

~Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators

Presbyterian Men

We sincerely appreciate your presence at SAINT JAMES PRESBYTERIAN MEN’S SWEETHEART BREAKFAST. We are so delighted to provide food and fellowship with each of you and look forward to more opportunities to share these types of events in the future. ~Respectfully submitted, Saint James Presbyterian Men

ADMINISTRATION *Church Business & Officer Information*

Updated Office Hours

The church office has updated hours! The office will now be open from 9a-6p Monday thru Friday. Please reach out for any questions or concerns.

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: "April Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Tuesday, March 21, 2023 by 12:00 noon.

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>
Tyrone Collins	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

Members of the Saint James Presbyterian Church Social Justice Advocacy Ministry were joined by church members and community friends in attending two lectures of civil rights icons, Reverend Andrew Young and Reverend James Lawson.

These lectures were sponsored by the International Civil Rights Center & Museum and other local community sponsors in their first Black History Month Speakers Series.

The picture on the left was taken on the campus of UNC-Greensboro on February 8, 2023, following memorable recollections and reflections shared by SCLC leader, mayor, congressman, and UN diplomat Andrew Young.

Reverend Young took us through his involvement in the civil rights struggle and his association with Dr. King and others drawing attention to what he called “the freedom high” which represented Dr. King’s encouraging words he shared before marches or demonstrations.

These “freedom highs” served to inspire individuals who literally confronted violence and possible death in their civil rights activism on a routine basis.

Reverend James Lawson at Guilford College on February 22, 2023, shared his thinking on the major events of the civil rights movement from 1953- 1973, and called on us to come together to oppose people and leaders with “holes in their souls” to address current attempts to slow the bend of the “moral arc of justice” which leans toward freedom and equality for all.

The picture on the right was taken after Reverend Lawson’s inspiring message.

Both of these activists are at least 90 years of age and provided unforgettable evenings to those in attendance.



FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP *Young Adult and College Ministry*

Faith Point is on spring break and there will be no bible study on

March 2, 2023.

Soul Food Conversations Bible Study will meet on the 3rd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Rev. Racquel Gill will continue the Faith & Film Series during March through the film *Just Mercy* starring Michael B. Jordan. The film is about world-renowned civil rights defense attorney Bryan Stevenson as he works to free a wrongly condemned death row prisoner. We hope you will be able to see the film before the bible study begins. Please note that it is not a requirement. If you are between the ages of 18-35, we invite you to learn what God can teach us through movies?

Join Zoom Meeting: [Soul Food Conversations Bible Study](#)



Thirsty Thursday Worship will take place on Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 PM Saint James Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:15 PM. The worship service also will be on Zoom. Rev. Racquel Gill and worship leader Jelina Sheppard 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](#)

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
Erica Ward (niece of Elder Nancy Rives)	81 Dogwood Trail Dr. Stockbridge, GA 30281
Nancy Rives	4813 Weston Place Jamestown, NC 27282
Amryl Ward	8100 Grahamson Ln. Charlotte, NC 28269



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

On behalf of the Peery/Thomason family, we would like to say "Thank You" to St. James Presbyterian Church for your continued prayers and support regarding the passing of my beloved brother, Jacque Breton Peery. It was very heartwarming to return home from Texas and receive numerous cards from many of the members expressing their condolences, which meant a great deal to me. I will always treasure my St. James family for all the love and support you've always shown towards Mikala and I. I miss you all dearly and hope to visit in the near future! ~Rozlyn Thomason



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

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!

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.*

Stewardship

"...AS ONE READS THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES ONE IS IMPRESSED WITH THE AUTHOR'S ASSESSMENT: LIFE IS COMPOSED OF A SET OF MEANINGLESS, IMMUTABLE EXPERIENCES. WHEN LIFE IS FINISHED THERE IS NO TIME FOR CHANGE OR ALTERATION..."

"WE MAY HAVE MANY ISSUES AND QUESTIONS THAT WILL GO UNANSWERED UNTIL WE MEET JESUS FACE TO FACE. BUT THIS DILEMMA DOES NOT EXEMPT US FROM BEING FAITHFUL TO GOD'S WILL AS REVEALED TO US..."

"GOD KNOWS WHETHER OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH IS TRUE AND WHETHER OUR WORKS DEMONSTRATE A COMPLETE COMMITMENT TO THE LORD OF THE UNIVERSE. MANY OF OUR QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED ONLY AS WE WALK IN FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WAYS..."

"IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING FOR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OR SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS, TURN THEM OVER TO JESUS AND LET HIM WORK IT OUT. STOP WASTING ENERGY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT LIFE..." *

*The African-American Devotional Bible, copyright 1997, Zondervan Corp., pg 743, Rev. Dr. Alicia D. Byrd, Verse Ecclesiastes 12:13, Passage Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

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 church, local community and beyond.

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 is grateful 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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