

The **Informer**



Saint James Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

A “Matthew 25” Congregation

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“Touching Lives Through Jesus Christ!”

Reverend Dr. Phanta I. Lansden, Senior Pastor

July 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 July. 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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Hymn First Sundays

Opening Prayer

Welcome/Greetings

Offertory Prayer

Call to Offering

Sermonic Selection

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Holy Communion on First Sundays

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction & Closing Song

July Participants:

Worship Leader:

Rev. Dr. Phanta I. Lansden

Worship Elders:

Elder Tyrone Collins

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

Musicians:

Mr. William Brown, Minister of Music

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist &
Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



July Lectionary

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

- Matthew 10:40-42

2nd Sunday

- Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

3rd Sunday

- Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

4th Sunday

- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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*

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

Kathryn Barber
Marcia Bellamy
*Margaret Carr
Rashad Doggett
Lovie McBryde
Moses McClam
*James W. Neal Jr.
Jimmy Propst
Dr. Ina Siler
Jermaih Williams



* The Marie Florance Presbytettes Circle will celebrate the 100th birthday of our Circle Sister, Margaret Carr on July 10th, we invite you to bring a birthday card to church by Sunday, July 9th to drop in the birthday box in the Narthex or mail a card to her home address is 2100 Bywood Road, Greensboro, NC 27405.

*Join us to celebrate James W. Neal Jr. 90th birthday in the Fellowship Hall immediately after service Sunday July 9th .

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*

In celebration, honor, and remembrance of the fathers and father figures of St. James Presbyterian Church, our Mission of the Month for July will be Servant House. Servant House is a local non-profit organization funded through the contributions of community organizations and community members whose purpose is to empower homeless and disabled individuals (particularly veterans), to become independent contributing members of our community through housing, healthcare, and restorative services.



Make checks payable to Saint James Presbyterian Church with
"Servant House" in the memo section.

DISCIPLESHIP *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings*

All Circles will reconvene in September 2023. Please check with your Circle leaders or review the August Informer for up-to-date information.



The Older Adult Ministry

Look for updates on schedules and events from The Older Adult Ministry Moderators during the summer months.

~Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators

Presbyterian Men

Look for updates on schedules and events from The Presbyterian Men's Leadership Team during the summer months.

~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 10:00am-5:00pm Monday thru Thursday. Please reach out for any questions or concerns. 336-273-6658

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: "August Informer." **The Final Deadline for articles is Tuesday, July 18, 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
To be assigned	U, V, W, X, Y, Z

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY



Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Updates- Blessing of Offering of Letters for the Renewal of the Farm Bill 2023

The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry in partnership with Bread for the World initiated our Farm Bill Letter Writing Campaign on May 6, 2023, by contacting members of various church organizations in seeking their participation in this timely effort. The mission of Bread for the World as a faith-based international and national organization is to end hunger globally and our ministry was one of their local partners in encouraging writing of letters to Senator Thom Tillis and Congresswoman Kathy Manning NC District 6 in supporting the renewal of the Farm Bill.

On Juneteenth & Father's Day Sunday, June 18, 2023, during our worship service ministry member, Sharon Smiley offered an advocacy moment regarding the Farm Bill as she remembered her father raising a variety of vegetables for sale through truck farming in Tidewater, Virginia, shared the major themes of our letter-writing, and introduced local African American Farmer, Carl McClellan, owner of Off Da Branch Farms who shared his testimony as a dedicated African American Farmer in our community. Reverend Lansden eloquently blessed our church letters and uplifted hunger, nutrition, the environment, food waste, and generational racial discrimination, etc. which the African American Farmer has endured historically in this nation for years.

Reverend Lansden and the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry would like to thank all church organizations involved in the Farm Bill Letter Writing Campaign and the following individuals who participated by letter writing or representing their members in our worship service:

1. Nancy Rives, ADORE
2. Ava Neal, Deacons & Ushers
3. Demetra Barnwell, Essie B. Meares Circle
4. Lovie McBryde, Grace Brown Circle
5. Karen Watts-Yehudah, Hand Bell Choir

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY

6. Portia Griffin, Inspirational Ensemble
7. Dr. Ina Siler, Marie Florence Presbytettes
8. Marie Martin & Paula McEachern, Older Adult Ministry & Roxie McNair Circle
9. Bob Powell, Presbyterian Men
10. Dr. Adnee Bradford, Sara Barber Circle
11. Mildred Powell, Session
12. Sharon Smiley, Social Justice Advocacy Ministry
13. Cynthia Latham, Stephen Ministry
14. Ralph Robinson, Trustees

A special thanks to the Social Justice Advocacy Farm Bill committee listed below for letter writing and to member, Pat Davis-Thompson for recruiting her son, Don Davis, United States Congressman NC District One for participating in our campaign locally through his recorded video remarks and for his inspiring message at the national 2023 Bread for the World Advocacy Summit held in Washington, DC. On Tuesday, June 13, 2023:

Linda Adams, Lucia Ward-Alexander, Dr. Adnee Bradford, Dr. Althea Bradford, Mildred Powell, Pat Davis-Thompson, and Lolita Watkins. See pictures from this event:





FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP *Young Adult and College Ministry*

Faith Point Fellowship

Soul Food Conversations (SFC) Bible Study

~Will resume in the fall of 2023~



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
Paul Carlton	NC A&T State University
Sydnee Evans	NC State University
Marcus Funderburk	Forsyth Technical Community College
Micah Funderburk	UNC-Pembroke
Kayla Gaskin	Emory University
Karlton Gaskin	Columbia University
Jalen Graves	UNC-Greensboro
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
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*

Margaret Carr

Maple Grove Health & Rehab
308 West Meadowview Rd. Rm. 104
Greensboro, NC 27406

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

Oscar Reid

3834 Riceland Place, Charlotte, NC 28216

Nancy Rives

4813 Weston Place Jamestown, NC 27282

Fannie Scales

Guilford House

5918 Netfield Rd. Greensboro, NC 27455

Amryl Ward

8100 Grahamson Ln. Charlotte, NC 28269

Erica Ward (niece of Elder Nancy Rives)

81 Dogwood Trail Dr. Stockbridge, GA 30281



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

Thank you...

On behalf of the Peery/Thomason family, to the Deacons and Trustees at St. James Presbyterian Church for your condolences, prayers, love and support during this very difficult time of loss. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated! Please see the photo of the plant we received for my Mother's services on 05/19 and 05/20/2023. ~Rozlyn Thomason



thank
you



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

Tiny House Community Development, Inc. – Building Tiny Houses with Big Hearts!

Tiny House Community Development's (THCD) mission is to be a coalition of diverse individuals and local organizations who aim to reduce homelessness by engaging in public and private partnerships to create tiny home communities. Working alongside people experiencing homelessness, our goal is to encourage positive community engagement and foster an educational experience in a welcoming environment.

There are plenty opportunities for YOU to get involved!

- Volunteer at a workday; contribute your skilled labor for designing, building, plumbing and electrical work, etc.
- Volunteer with “Breakfast 4 our Friends”; Breakfast is served every Saturday Morning at The HOPE Center located at [**360 W Gate City Blvd. Greensboro, NC 27406**](#); from 8:00am – 9:00am
- Donate - We appreciate anything you can give, whether it be monetary, your time, or donated building materials. If you’d like to find out more about what we need and to make an online donation visit our website.

https://www.tinyhousesgreensboro.com/get_involved

Donations can be mailed to - THCD, PO Box 20691, Greensboro, NC 27420

Contact Elder Paula Pierce for additional information pfp25@msn.com



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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.



STEWARDSHIP *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.*

Our God Is Able

“...Jude tells us that God is “able to keep [us] from falling, and to present [us] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 24)... He is able to keep us walking in paths of joy and righteousness.

...If God can keep us spotless from the world – if he can make our salvation a reality in the world to come – what is he unable to do? Only those things which we limit, by our disbelief or disobedience, his ability to work. Let us turn God loose by unleashing our faith and putting on a spirit of obedience so that we may see him accomplish great and marvelous things in and through us.”

**The African-American Devotional Bible, copyright 1997, Zondervan Corp., pg. 1423
Passage: Jude.*

Rev. Dr. Alicia D. Byrd, Verse: Jude 24,

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 contact you.

Per Capita Apportionment \$25.00 or as you are blessed

The Pentecost Offering

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

Note: Missed a “Special Giving” opportunity? No problem!

It’s never too late to give!

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.



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

To learn more and for ideas on how to get involved and do your vital part as a member of a Matthew 25 church, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25.



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