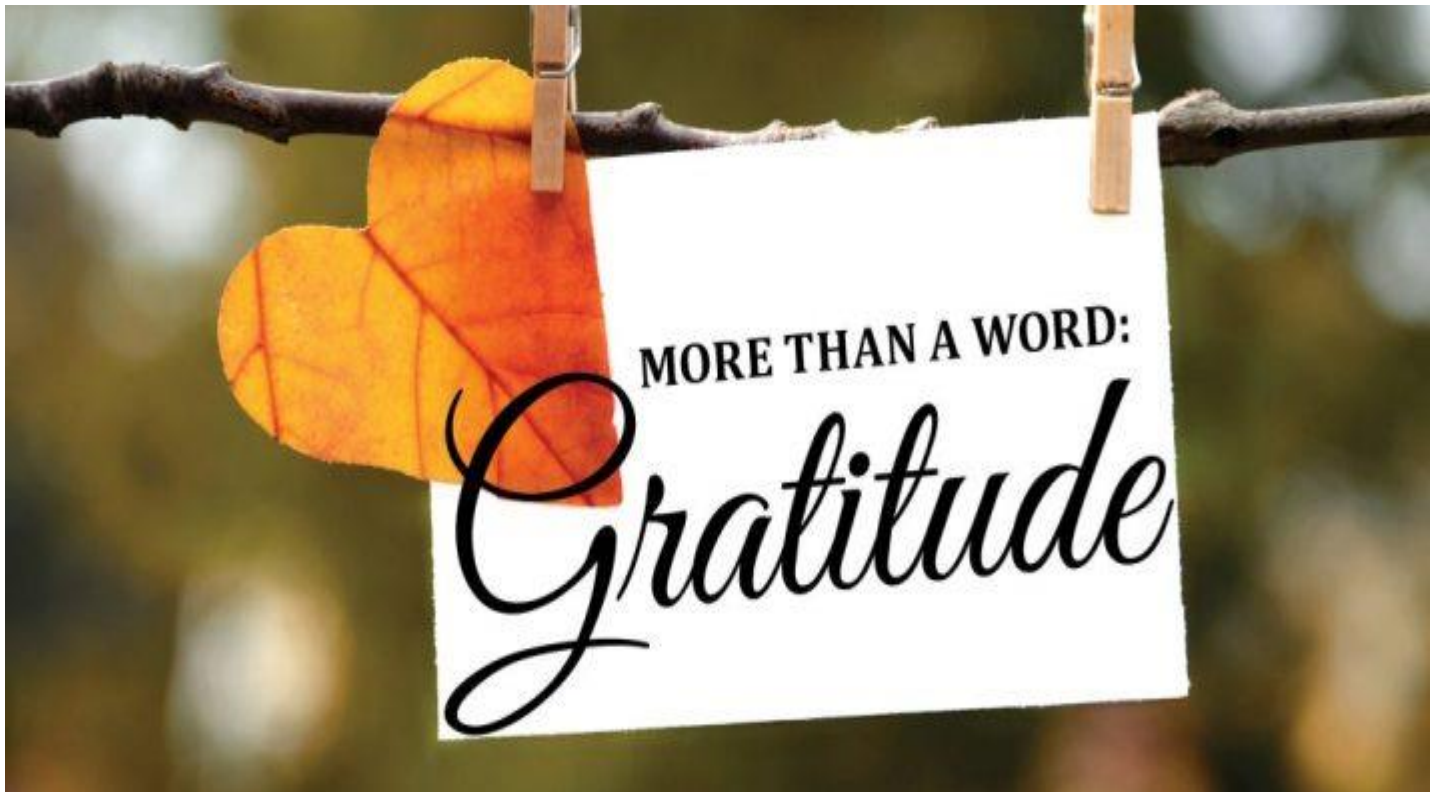


# The Informer

November 2024



## 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

## Welcome to the PASTOR'S Desk

### Monthly Musing:

Greetings Beloved!

October was a fun and engaging month full of impactful ministry initiatives, community programs, a new outreach ministry, voter

engagement, congregational social activities and new officer training. **Saint James has been on the move!**

I would like to extend expressions of gratitude to the **Presbyterian Men** who started our month with their delicious fish fry fundraiser! The fish is always fresh and delicious. Thank you once again for your teamwork and commitment to being a blessing in this way!



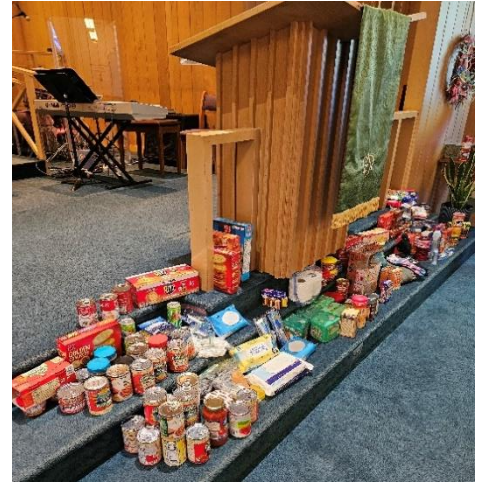
The **CROP Hunger "Mini" walk** closed out the weekend with a bang. It was a huge success thanks to the leadership of Elder Marcia Bellamy and Ms. Barbara Chavis. **Voter engagement** continued at Barber Park where our social justice ministry sponsored a **Voting Block Party** geared toward registering people to vote. We enjoyed delicious food, games, and music. Thank you, Lolita Watkins and Christian Yongue, Co-chairs of the SJAM, and other members and



volunteers for leading this ministry initiative. The block party was supported by members of our sister Presbyterian congregations- Westminster and First Presbyterian (Greensboro).



Session voted several months ago to begin a new ministry initiative, the **Blessing Box**, as an extension of our food justice work and continuation of Message and a Meal. We collected items for the box in October then stocked, blessed, and opened the box to the community **on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>**. It was a grand time to see the impact on the community during its initial opening.



To engage with the community, I attended **Bennett College's Pastor's Luncheon** where I continued to



build relationships with pastors in the community and the spiritual life student coordinator at Bennett. Bennett is truly embracing innovative concepts under President Walsh's leadership. They strive to ensure student success. We look forward to continuing to support the students through **FPF and**

**other ministry engagements.**

I love supporting our youth!! This month I attended Victoria Hardy's volleyball game. It was wonderful to see her play and to be there to cheer her on!

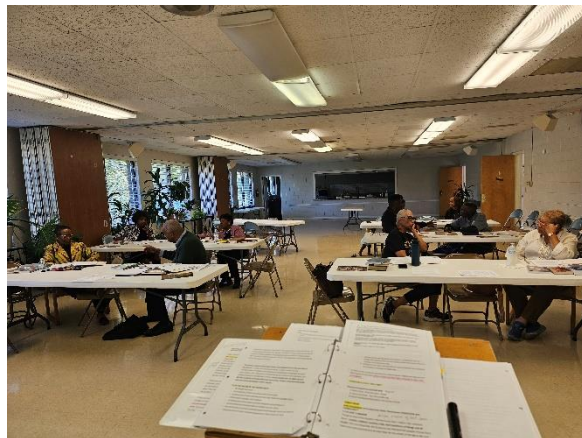


It is always a blessing when I attend the PWC monthly meetings. In Oct. guests offered a presentation for breast cancer awareness. The guests shared a testimony and gave valuable and practical suggestions to manage our health and navigate the medical system.

We celebrate our PWC circles!! Because it is National Breast Cancer Awareness month they recognized Dr. Kim Pemberton as a breast cancer survivor. We celebrate her and thank God for her healing!!

Dr. Kim Pemberton, PhD  
Recognized Breast Cancer Survivor

We have **NEW OFFICERS**, WOOHOO!! They began new officers training in October and will finish Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. The group is studying the book “Who Moved My Pulpit,” the Book of Order and “Leadership Essentials” as platforms to discuss spiritual leadership, innovation, and presbyterian governance. They will be ordained and installed on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> during our morning worship service.



We have completed many wonderful ministries initiatives last month and God is still on the move.

Let’s continue to serving and being a blessing for the remainder of the year!

***In Christ Love, Pastor Lansden***

### **Pastor’s Contact Information:**

#### **Contact Information**

Email: [stjpastor820@gmail.com](mailto:stjpastor820@gmail.com) | Cell: 336-365-2805 | Church: 336-273-6658

#### **Scheduling appointments**

To schedule an appointment with Pastor Lansden please use the calendar link below.

[www.calendly.com/plansden](http://www.calendly.com/plansden)

Simply click on the link and choose the day and time available. You can also reach Pastor Lansden via cell phone, email or call the front office to schedule an appointment.

## **Our Purpose Statement:**

Saint James Presbyterian Church is a Christ-centered, missional church called to be relevant, spiritually healthy, inclusive, and dedicated to serving God & one another through vibrant worship and intergenerational ministry that glorifies God and transforms all things and all people.

## **Connect With Us!**

Office Phone Number: 336-273-6658

Like us on Facebook: [\*\*www.facebook.com/stjamespresby\*\*](http://www.facebook.com/stjamespresby)

Follow us on Instagram: [\*\*@saintjamespresbync\*\*](https://www.instagram.com/saintjamespresbync)

Visit our website: [\*\*www.stjamespresby.org\*\*](http://www.stjamespresby.org)

## **Join us for in-person worship!**

Visit [\*\*www.stjamespresby.org\*\*](http://www.stjamespresby.org) for registration information

Virtual service options are also available!

## **You can also join us live on our YouTube Channel:**

Click the link here -----> [\*\*Saint James Presbyterian Church YouTube Page\*\*](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

## **Join our live Sunday Service stream on Facebook.**

Click the link here -----> [\*\*www.facebook.com/stjamespresby\*\*](http://www.facebook.com/stjamespresby)

## **To visit our Facebook page:**

[\*\*www.facebook.com/stjamespresby\*\*](http://www.facebook.com/stjamespresby)

or visit [\*\*www.facebook.com\*\*](http://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\*\*](http://www.stjamespresby.org)

## Meet the St. James Presbyterian Church Office Staff



Portia Griffin,  
Office Manager/Pastoral Assistant



Aubrey Scruggs, Media Specialist



Elder Andrea Russell, Business Manager



Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah, Treasurer



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### **November Participants:**

#### **Worship Leader:**

Rev. Dr. Phanta I. Lansden

#### **Worship Elders:**

Elder Cynthia Latham



#### **Musicians**

Mr. Shawn Gunthrop, Minister for Music

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



## November Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of November, 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 Hebrews 9:11-14**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Hebrews 9:24-28**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Hebrews 10:11-14**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Revelation 1:4-8**

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

### **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.

**COMMUNITY** *Saint James community happenings and highlights of the month*

**WELCOME TO The Month of Giving Thanks**

Thanksgiving is a time to gather around and take a moment to reflect on the blessings in our lives. Whether it's family, friends, or the little things that bring us joy, let gratitude fill our hearts. Be sure to give thanks to God and for the people who bring laughter and cherished memories. Wishing you a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving!



**COMMUNITY** *Saint James community happenings and highlights of the month cont*



The holidays are coming up! Here are office hours to stay aware for the days to come:

Closed for Thanksgiving - Nov. 27th & 28th

Christmas - Dec. 23rd: Office Hours are 10AM to 3PM, closed Dec. 24th & 25th

New Years' Eve - Office Hours are 10AM to 3PM, Closed New Years' Day



**COMMUNITY** *Saint James community happenings and highlights of the month cont*



Saint James Presbyterian Church family and friends,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for your support and encouragement during and after our 2024 Chili Cook-Out. Dr. Lansden, I cherish your continued support for our numerous fellowship events. It was my goal to provide a distinctive Turkey Chili.

Freddie E. Click

## **COMMUNITY** *Saint James community happenings and highlights of the month cont*

### **PCUSA Unification Commission Updates**



We thank God for the continued powerful leadership of Rev. Dr. Diane Givens-Moffett and keep her in prayer as she transitions from the PMA position (see more information in the article below). Join Dr. Moffett to hear her preach at Salem Presbytery Meeting, on Nov. 16th at First Presbyterian Church, Reidsville, NC.

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2024/10/10/the-rev-jihyun-oh-named-leader-of-the-presbyterian/>





# Mission of the Month

## The Blessing Box

We're reaching out to ask for your support in keeping our blessing box stocked and thriving! The box provides essential items like food, toiletries, and other necessities for those in need.

Here's how You Can Help: Donating Non-Perishable Foods like Canned goods, pasta, rice, and snacks are always appreciated.

Contributing Toiletries such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products can make a big difference.

Or leave a Kind Note. Sometimes, a little encouragement is just what someone needs!

Every small contribution helps make a big impact. Let's come together to support our neighbors and show that we care!

Drop off your donations at the front of the church or in the boxes in the Narthex and Simkins room. Thank you for your generosity!

**Blessing Box**  
SJPC Community Outreach

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**We accept donations of non-perishable items.  
See the full list on the donation sheet.**

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**\*Located at front of the church\***

## **DISCIPLESHIP** *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings*

**The Sara Barber Circle** will meet on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Dr. Adnee Bradford, 5202 Bayberry Ln, Greensboro at 2:00 pm. Lesson two, entitled Land Justice, will be from the study guide, Let Justice Roll Down and will be led by Co-Moderator, Linda Adams. Scripture for the lesson: Genesis 2:7; Leviticus 25:23; 25; 26-27; 28; Deuteronomy 20:16-18; Joshua 6; 1 Kings 21:1-16; Psalm 24:1-2; Isaiah 5:8 We invite all women of PWC to join us for this bible study on what promises to be an enlightening experience.

Linda Adams, Co-Moderator

**The Essie B. Meares Circle** will meet in the Conference Room, Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Blonnie Tipton will be the leader for lesson 3 (Food Justice). All members will discuss lesson 4 (Water Justice). We extend a warm welcome to visitors. Please contact the office for additional information. Thank you.

Demetra Barnwell, Co-Moderator

**The John Erwin Sunday School Class** - The John Erwin Sunday School Class continues to use the Present World Adult Bible Lessons. The 2024 Summer Series speaks of ideas and situations that are in the news today. In the current study the authors use scripture to show how the thread of hope works in transforming the lives of the early Christian church. If you would like to join us, call the church office for a book 336-273-6658.

Elders Adnee Bradford, Marie Martin and Linda Randall, Co-Moderators

**Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC)** will meet on Sunday, November 10, following worship in the Fellowship Hall. The Essie B. Meares Circle will have presentations from an elementary school counselor and a high school social worker on the impact of COVID in the school setting. This will be followed by The Thank Offering program and our business meeting. We invite all ages to attend. We invite all women of the church to attend the meeting. The program will be live streamed on Zoom starting at 12 noon. Look for more information in the coming weeks on the eblast.



## **DISCIPLESHIP** *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings cont.*

### **The Older Adult Ministry**

We encourage you to update your contact information. If you need help getting to Sunday Worship, please call the church office by Tuesday of the week 336 273 6658. Covid 19 is still with us, check your shot record.

Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators

### **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](http://www.pacetriad.org/help).

### **Presbyterian Men**

Bob Powell, Moderator

The Presbyterian Men's Council will meet on the third Saturday of the month at 8am in the Fellowship Hall.

~Saint James Presbyterian Men

## **SAINT JAMES PRESBYTERIAN MEN**

### **OUR MISSION**

The mission of Saint James Presbyterian Men's Ministry is to lead men into a vital relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow in their spiritual and personal lives.

### **WHO WE ARE**

For over 150 years Saint James Presbyterian Men have been responding to the call of Jesus Christ, taking the gospel into the community and the world, bearing witness to Christ's saving love. Today the Holy Spirit is still present, calling us to share in what God is doing in our lives to make the world a better place for all people.



## WHAT WE DO

- We involve Presbyterian Men in worship and service to God.
- We invite all men of the congregation and men from the community to worship.
- We fellowship, worship and support church activities.
- We support the ministries of Saint James and the greater church community.
- We train and develop Presbyterian Men to be leaders.
- We are active participants in numerous communities such as Nomination, Pastor Nomination, Social Justice, Bible Studies, Fund Raisers ...

Saint James Presbyterian Men are working to make better communities by strengthening the faith of our brother and sisters in Christ and to make new disciples in Christ.

Several Presbyterian Men have become ministers, including Rev. Dr. Carl Manuel, Rev. Jimmy Hawkins, Rev. Juan Guthrie and Rev. Rodney Collins.

## CURRENT OFFICERS

Elder Robert (Bob) Powell

Moderator

Elder Charles Burns

Secretary

Deacon Gary Williams

Treasurer

Trustee Tommy Gillespie

Chaplin

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Former Moderators)

Elder Charles Knox

Elder James Neal

Elder Jerry Young

Elder Oscar Reid

Deacon Freddie Click

## **DISCIPLESHIP** *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings cont.*

### **Grace Brown Circle**

The Grace Brown Circle will meet November 20th at 12:45pm in the Conference Room.

Katherine Moore and Marcia Bellamy, Co-Moderators

## **ADMINISTRATION** *Church Business & Officer Information*

### **Office Hours**

The church office is open from 10:00am-5:00pm Monday - Thursday. Phone: 336-273-6658.

### **Monthly Informer Article Deadline**

Please feel free to mail or e-mail: [stjpresby@gmail.com](mailto:stjpresby@gmail.com). Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: **“December Informer.” The Final Deadline for articles is Monday, November 18, 2024, by 12:00 noon.**

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

Implementation of copy codes and limits has been updated. There will be a 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 concerns.

Due to the cost of printing, only **STJPC ministry-related photocopies** will be printed by the main office. Please adhere to the yearly allotment for each ministry listed below:

Yearly Allotment per Ministry: Black & White Copies: **100**, Color Copies: **100**

Printing Charges: Black & White: \$0.012 per letter-sized impression

Color: \$0.06 per letter-sized impression

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

### **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/ie6YDkwR4yqffr9c9>. Your information will remain confidential.

## **ADMINISTRATION** *Church Business & Officer Information (continued)*

**Congregational Care Ministry!** This is an integral part of Saint James Presbyterian Church. The purpose of the Congregational Care ministry is to care for our congregation by providing presence, prayers, calls and cards during times of illness, medical procedures, health crisis, and transitions. 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 [stjoffice820@gmail.com](mailto:stjoffice820@gmail.com). 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 2024 (subject to change)**

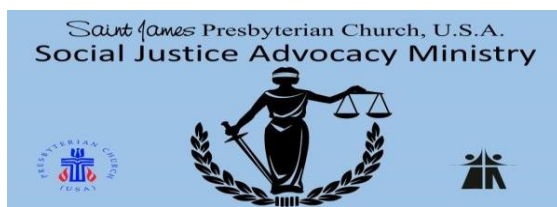
<b><u>Elders</u></b>	<b><u>Members of the Congregation</u></b>
Tyrone Collins	A, B
Cynthia Latham	C, D, E
Gloria Washington	F, G, H, I
Marcia Bellamy	J, K, L
Mildred Powell	M, N, O
Cynthia Latham	P, Q, R
Chuck Wallington	S, T
Marcia Bellamy	U, V, W, X, Y, Z

# **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY**

**Chairs, Lolita Watkins, Christina Yongue**

## **Election Updates**

Our Social Justice  
the umbrella of the



**2024**

Advocacy Ministry under  
Black & Brown

Women's Voting Initiative has been active since February of this year. Our church hosted the kickoff event of our voter engagement outreach and we have been meeting every month since that meeting. Our partners in our voter campaign to educate, encourage, register, and provide assistance in getting our neighbors to the polls during early voting or on Election Day are: our founding co-partner, Beloved Community Center, Tau Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Micah Connections of Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Market Street United Church, Bethel AME Church, Warnersville Neighborhood Community Association, Advance Carolina, and the Greensboro Chapter of the Links, Incorporated. The Cone Health Foundation is providing \$10,000.00 in supporting our coalition work. Members of the Presbyterian Women and other members of our church is joining with us in distributing voter information at Guilford County Schools' open houses, back to school events, and other locations. Please pray for the community work we are doing and for each other in encouraging everyone in voting in our 2024 local, state and national elections. See pictures below of Social Justice Advocacy Ministry members and community friends turning in new voter registration forms, attending National Night Out events, and participating in community meetings to get out the vote in 2024.



# **FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP** *Young Adult and College Ministry*

## **Faith Point Fellowship (Young Adult Ministry)**

Text FPF to 844-233-6202 and receive words of inspiration on Motivational Monday. If you are on FB, please join our chat group. Look for us on Facebook and Instagram social @FaithPointFellowship.

Internship Opportunities - Faith Point Fellowship will hire college students for the 2024-25 academic school year to serve as Evangelism Interns. Interns must be at least a sophomore in a local college with a B average and active in campus activities. Interns are expected to invite students to ministry events, assist in leading ministry activities, and identify community service projects for the ministry. For more information, contact Dr. Ina Siler at 551-655-4612 or email us at [faithpointfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:faithpointfellowship@gmail.com).



## **FORGET ME NOT LIST** *Remember to pray for those who cannot attend worship*

Shaquille & Sheryl Davis	3938 Eastland Ave., 27401
Clarence Durham	3313 Janet Ln., 27405
Hyla Cundiff	2214 New Castle Rd. 27406
Emily Goodman	Guilford Health Care Center, 2041 Willow Road, Greensboro, NC 27406
Shirley Barnes	2219 Lakeland Road, Greensboro, NC 27405
Willie “Peggy” Meachem	Call the church office
Oscar Reid	3834 Riceland Pl. Charlotte, NC 28216
Fannie Scales	Guilford House 5918 Netfield Rd. Greensboro, NC 27455
Amryl Ward	8100 Grahamson Ln. Charlotte, NC 28269
Katherine Maynard	412 Stewart St Greensboro, NC 27401
Mrs. Thelma Williams	1907 Belecrest Drive, Greensboro, NC 27406
Frank Woods	Moses Cone Health Rehabilitation Center 1121 North Church St. 4 West Rm. 16
Mrs. Margaret Spinks	4512 Lawndale Drive Apt. 244, Greensboro, NC 27455
Ms. Lynette Hawkins	1212 Swan Creek Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744

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

## **Stephen Ministry**

There are trained congregation members who can provide one-to-one care to those experiencing difficulties on life's journey.

Do you need someone to listen, to care, to encourage and to provide emotional and spiritual support? If so, please call a Stephen Leader: Adnee Bradford (336)202-6989, Yvonne Patterson (336) 375-0122, Cynthia Latham (336) 324-7252.

For at home care assistance, please see ***The Older Adult Ministry***

## **SJPC Housing Resource Directory**

### **Housing Resource Directory**

The committee created an online Housing Resource Directory that contains some community information to assist those in need of housing; home repairs; rental assistance; utility assistance; eviction assistance; and more. Click here [HousingDirect \(1\).xlsx](#)

### **Pathways Partnership**

SJPC is now in partnership with Pathways to assist families moving from their transitional housing program to permanent affordable housing. Our church will assist families who need household supplies and move-in financial support as they transition to affordable housing.

### **Guilford County Schools Homeless Services & Community Support**

As a member of the Interfaith Affordable Housing Initiative (IAHI) our SJPC Affordable Housing Committee collected Food Lion gift cards for children in Guilford County Schools experiencing homelessness. Special thanks to PWC, Presbyterian Men and others for making this a very successful project.

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

“... “Why is the house of God neglected?” Then I called them together and stationed them at their posts. All Judah brought the tithes of grain, new wine and olive oil into the storerooms.” Nehemiah 13:11b-12.

Your financial commitment to St. James Presbyterian Church in 2023 supported church leadership, staff, building maintenance as well as many ministries that work tirelessly to address the growing needs of our community. None of this could happen without the love you express through your giving.

We must work diligently at getting ourselves into “good trouble.”

***Christmas Joy Offering – Free Will Offering due December 8<sup>th</sup> – December 22<sup>nd</sup>***

For those of you who ***give online***, please indicate the nature of your ***Special Giving***.



**New Elected Officers for 2025-2027**

**Elders**

Lucia Ward-Alexander  
Freddie Click  
Dr. Vanessa Haygood  
Marsha Knox  
Katherine Maynard  
Karen Yeduhah  
Zaiah Wadelington- Youth Elder

**Deacons**

Lula Burns  
Brittany James  
Sonia Owusu  
Dr. Ina Siler  
Kaelem James- Morris- Youth Deacon

**Trustees**

Demetra Barnwell  
Brandon Herring  
Charles Knox  
Carrie Ledbetter  
Bob Powell  
Annie Purcell  
Victoria Hardy - Youth Trustee

## **Current SJPC Officers**

### **Elders**

Marcia Bellamy – Congregational Care  
Mildred Powell – Social Justice  
Chuck Wallington - Stewardship  
Cynthia Latham - Worship  
Gloria Washington – Youth & Young Adults/Deacons  
Cyrah Hardy – Youth

### **Deacons**

Melvin Alexander  
Regina Artis - Co Moderator  
Charlene Bowden  
Lula Burns  
Russell Burris  
Otelia Spinks Finch  
Cedric Jarman  
Tracey Jarmen - Co Moderator  
Ava Neal  
Kim Pemberton  
Daydra Wilkes  
Kiara Reid Rowell - Youth

### **Trustees**

Terry Bellamy - Moderator  
Stephanie Horton  
Donald Lindsay  
Marie Martin  
Donald Miller  
Saundra Peterson  
Eugenia Turner  
Jeremiah Reid Rowell- Youth



## **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](https://pcusa.org/matthew25).



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Presbyterian Mission