

# The Informer

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Saint James Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

A "Matthew 25" Congregation

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*"Centered in Christ, Inclusion and Justice!"*

Reverend Dr. Phanta I. Lansden, Senior Pastor

## Welcome to the PASTOR's Desk

### Greetings Beloved!

Last month marked the beginning of Lent, a sacred time of reflection, sacrifice, and transformation. As we journey through this season, we remain steadfast in our commitment to resisting the oppressive climate emerging from our federal leadership. Our focus this Lenten season is on actionable resistance through the Target Fast, Weekly Rallies of Resistance (GSO Black Lent Link-up), and Buying Black initiatives.



Thank you for being so dedicated to supporting Black-owned businesses and for standing firm in our decision to refrain from shopping at Target and other corporations that fail to uphold Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) values. Your continued participation is making a difference. To help with this effort, you can visit **BlackLent.org** for resources on Black-owned

businesses in Greensboro and other cities. As you travel for vacations or business, we encourage you to plan ahead and ensure your spending aligns with our commitment to economic justice.

In March, we also joyfully celebrate the dedication and impact of our Presbyterian Women with Legacy Day, honoring their unwavering commitment to faith, fellowship, and biblical study. It was a blessing to see and hear the video presentations from each circle and enjoy delicious food and fellowship. We also extend our deepest gratitude to the volunteers from local colleges who have partnered with us to support our Black and Brown Women's Voting Initiative in 2024. Your passion and hard work ensure that





every voice is heard and every vote counts. Your contributions strengthen our community and uplift the values of equity and empowerment that guide us.

Additionally, last month and continuing in April, we will take an important step toward justice and reconciliation as we engage in conversations with First Presbyterian Church regarding reparations for the historical harm experienced by our congregation's founders and the ongoing inequities that exist today. I have been in discussion with Pastor Jill Duffield and Associate Pastor Matt Bussell as we discern a path forward that fosters true healing between our congregations.

To guide us through this essential work, we will collaborate with Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam, the Director of the PC(USA) Center for Repair of Historical Harms. A Task Force will be established to lead our congregations through this process, ensuring that our voices are heard and our needs addressed. More details on congregational involvement and the next steps will be shared in the coming months. As we move into April, let us prepare our hearts and minds for the sacred journey of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the culmination of our Rallies of Resistance. We will continue this powerful season of activism and faith with a joyous Easter Sunday worship, celebrating the resurrection of Christ and the renewal of our spirits. I am excited about all that God has in store for us as we continue to grow in faith, justice, and love. Let us remain steadfast in our commitment to manifesting God's vision for our congregation and community.



***In Christ,***

***Rev. Dr. Phanta Lansden, BSW/DMin***

***Senior Pastor, Saint James***

## **Pastoral Schedule Updates**

New Sabbath Day – Mondays off

Work Schedule: Tuesday – Fridays (sermon writing) and Sundays

## **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 that works best for you. 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\*\*](https://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!**

Virtual service options are also available!

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

[Saint James Presbyterian Church YouTube Page](#)

**Facebook**

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

**To visit our Facebook page:**

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)

## **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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### **April Participants:**

#### **Worship Leader:**

Rev. Dr. Phanta I. Lansden

#### **Worship Elders:**

Elder Cynthia Latham

Karen Watts-Yehudah



#### **Musicians**

Mr. Shawn Gunthrop, Minister for Music

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist

## April Lectionary

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

***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday***

***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday***

**John 12:1-8**

**Luke 23:1-49**

**John 20:1-18**

**John 20:19-31**





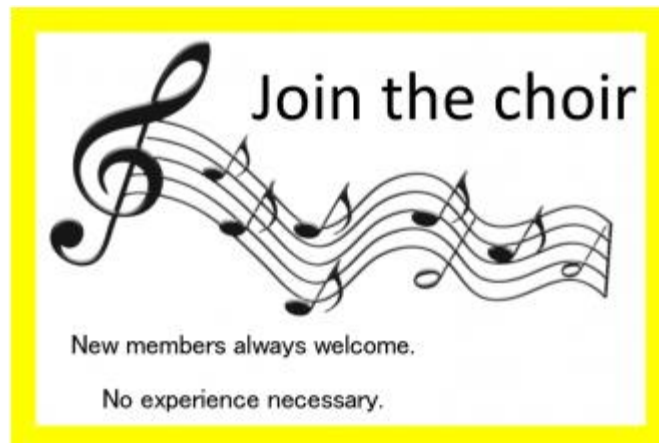
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**Serve Around the Church**



**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.

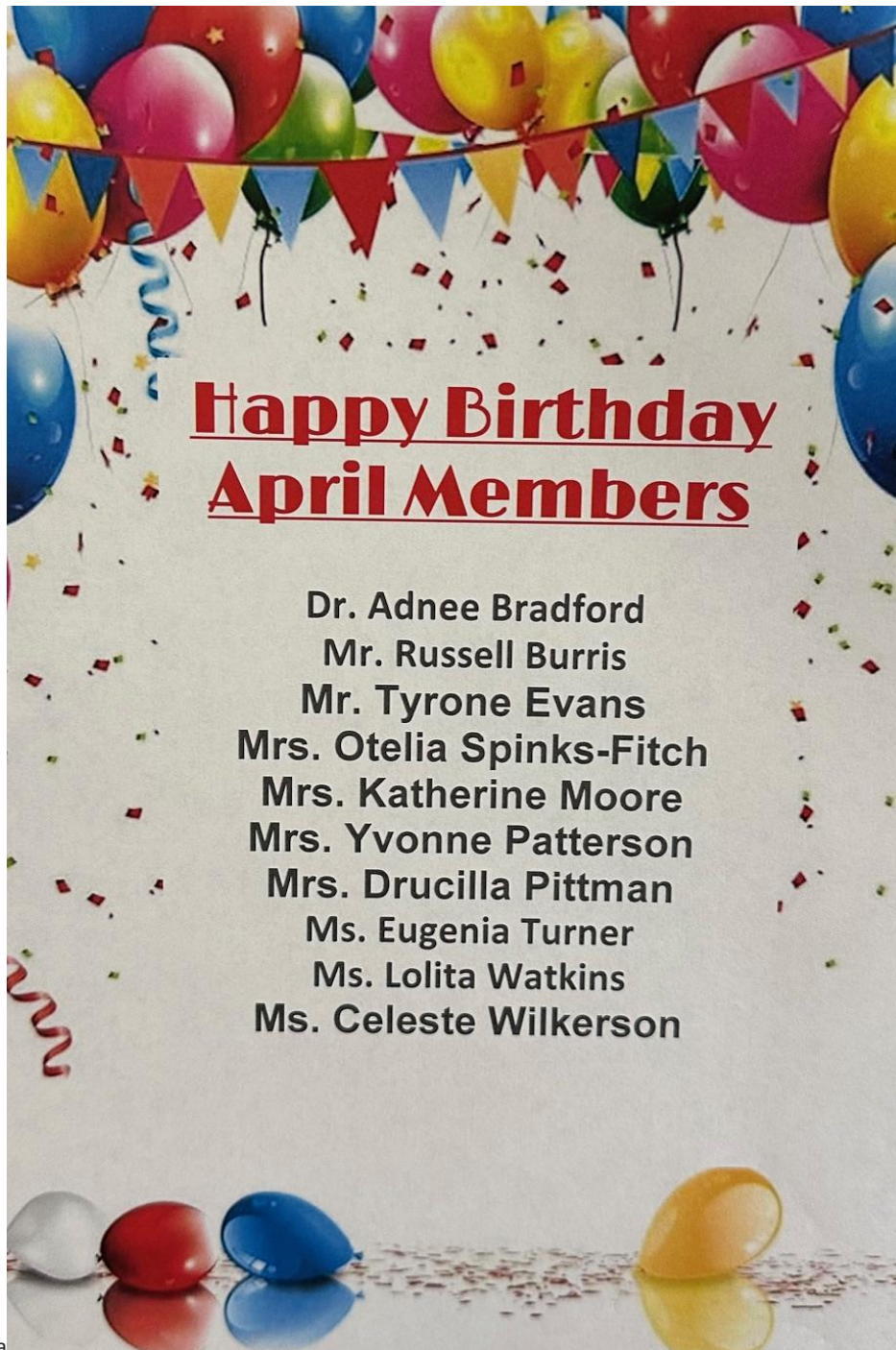
## **COMMUNITY** *Saint James community happenings and highlights of the month*

### **WELCOME TO LENT**



**We enter the season of Lent, a time of drawing near to Christ through prayer and scripture reading. We do this by giving up or taking on something to focus our hearts and minds on the power of Christ's love and sacrifice. During this Lenten season, we are committed to several social justice acts as a measure of our faith and commitment to being the hands and feet of Jesus in our world.**

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



# Mission of the Month

## Blessing Box

**This month**, as you are grocery shopping, consider picking up a few extra items for our blessing box. The box provides essential items like food, toiletries, and other necessities for those in need. Donating Non-Perishable Foods like Canned goods, pasta, rice, and snacks is always appreciated. Contributing Toiletries such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products can make a big difference.

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!



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

**The Essie B. Meares Circle** concluded our Horizon's Study Guide on March 15, 2025 with Valarie Spaulding Little serving as discussion leader for lesson 9. (Sustaining Creation's Health for All). Members will be encouraged to continue support of PWC activities. Thank you.

***Demetra Barnwell, Co-Moderator***

**Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC)** The Laney /Eaton Circle would like to invite you to join in the fun and games as we celebrate the P.W. Birthday Offering." Our theme is, "Celebrate Life's Blessings". It will be held on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, starting at 12 PM in the fellowship hall. Please bring a donation for our blessing box of non-perishable goods and come dressed in your favorite floral or spring attire. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

**CT Meeting** The PWC CT committee will meet on Monday, April 7th at 7:00PM on Zoom. All Circle Moderators and Officers are expected to attend.

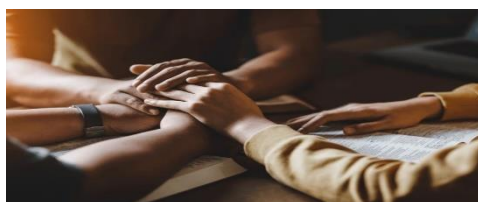
**Marie Florance Presbytettes Circle** The MFP Circle will meet on Saturday, April 19th at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. Lessons on Air Quality and Economic Climate Justice will be discussed. Please bring a light snack to share with the group.



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

**The John Erwin Sunday School Class** continues to use the Present World Adult Bible Lessons. We speak 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***



### **The Older Adult Ministry**

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).

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

### **Presbyterian Men**

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

***Bob Powell, Moderator***

### **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

## **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: **“May Informer.” The Final Deadline for articles is Monday, April 21, 2025, 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 needs.

### **Congregational Care List 2025 (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**

The Social Justice  
Black & Brown



Advocacy Ministry and the  
Women's Voting

Initiative organized a successful Get Out the Vote Campaign 2024 through our Adopt a Precinct voter engagement strategy. With this community voter strategy, we focused on establishing relationships and sponsoring events in the historic Warnersville community, the oldest African American planned neighborhood in the City of Greensboro. Our group partnered with the Warnersville Community Association and planned various events which enabled our Adopt a Precinct Committee to share voter education information, register individuals to vote, and establish relationships to build from in supporting this close knit community. Student leaders from Bennett College and North Carolina A&T State University participated in phone banking, neighborhood canvassing, event planning, and verifying voter registration as these were key areas of our focus. On Sunday, March 30, 2025, these young adult student leaders were recognized in our 10:00 am worship service by our Pastor Reverend Dr. Phanta Lansden and received certificates of appreciation in a reception held in the fellowship hall. Two middle school voter advocates, Kendall and Kora Emly and high school advocates, Cyrah and Victoria Hardy were also recognized for assisting with voter look-up verification after worship on Sunday, September 29, 2024.

The Adopt a Precinct Committee and the Black & Brown Women's Voting Initiative are involved in planning next steps in supporting our Warnersville neighbors and friends. Contact our church office at (336)-273-6658 for information about the Adopt a Precinct Committee and the Black & Brown Women's Voting Initiative.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY**

### **Accomplishments of Triad Black Faith Leaders & Black Farmers Network 2024:**

Officially became a 501 (C) non-profit organization, Established leadership council, by-laws and received funding from the USDA, Cone Health Foundation, Second Harvest Food Bank, First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro Men's Club, Saint James Presbyterian Church and several donors, Sponsored our second successful community farmers' market at Hayes Taylor YMCA on Juneteenth 2024, Assisted farmers in our Network in participating in a festival in High Point, North Carolina, Provided holiday fresh produce for the second year to over 500 individuals and families in Greensboro in December of 2024, Connected farmers in our Network with the NC Extension Office: Guilford County, Greensboro Housing Authority, and Greensboro NC Chapter of The Links, Inc. in providing fresh boxes of produce and prepared meals to 75 senior citizens in Greensboro, Sponsored a successful holiday mini-fresh produce market in the fellowship hall on Monday, December 23, 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
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 Belcrest Drive, Greensboro, NC 27406
Frank Woods	4704 Sharon Donna Drive Greensboro, NC 27406
Mrs. Margaret Spinks	4512 Lawndale Drive Apt. 244, Greensboro, NC 27455
Ms. Lynette Hawkins	C/O Fredericka Charity, 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**

#### **Family Support**

SJPC Affordable Housing Committee along with West Market St UMC assisted our first family with moving from Pathways to a permanent residence. We were able to provide rental assistance to a single dad with 3 children living in transitional housing at Pathways to move into their own apartment.

#### **IAHI Support**

A special thanks to Session for approving the use of funds to assist IAHI with their non-profit application. At the March IAHI workgroup meeting we were advised that IAHI had received approval for its 501(c)3 non-profit status. This will allow for donations to be tax deductible and position IAHI for filing for grants.

#### **Winter Shelter**

Four IAHI participating churches provided nightly winter shelter and meals to 57 people experiencing homelessness during the months of December - March. This was the result of a partnership with Greensboro Urban Ministry and the City.



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

God invites us to worship Him in many ways. This includes the giving of our Tithes and Offerings. Here's what that means. The Old Testament reminds us to "bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:20 (KJV). Similarly, the New Testament reminds us that the Lord loves a "cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7 KJV), and all that we have already belongs to the Lord. It is in this spirit that we invite you to support the work and the ministries of St. James Presbyterian Church through the consistent and cheerful regular giving of your tithes and offerings. Thank you.

Your financial commitment to St. James Presbyterian Church in 2024 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."

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

Initial Offering is \$4.00

Per Capita is \$25.00

Offering Envelopes will be available on Sunday, January 19, 2025 in the George Simpkins Room.

## **Current SJPC Officers**

### **Elders**

Lucia Ward-Alexander – Discipleship

Marcia Bellamy – Fellowship and Congregational Care

Freddie Click- Trustee Liaison

Gary Halley – Assistant Clerk of Session

Dr. Vanessa Haygood – Outreach, Social Justice Advocacy and Emergency Assistance

Marsha Knox – Clerk of Session and Discipleship

Cynthia Latham – Worship and Evangelism

Mildred Powell – Outreach, Social Justice Advocacy, Emergency Assistance and Deacon Liaison

Chuck Wallington – Stewardship

Gloria Washington – Children, Youth, Young Adults and Deacon Liaison

Karen Yehudah – Worship, Evangelism and Human Resources

Zaiah Wadelington- Youth Elder

**Deacons**

Melvin Alexander

Regina Artis, Co-Moderator

Charlene Bowden

Lula Burns

Russell Burris

Otelia Spinks-Finch

Cedric Jarman

Tracey Jarman, Co-Moderator

Ava Neal

Sonia Boakyewaa Osei-Okyere

Dr. Kim Pemberton

Dr. Ina Siler

Daydra Wilkes

**Trustees**

Demetra Barnwell  
Terry Bellamy, Moderator  
Brandon Herring  
Stephanine Horton  
Charles Knox  
Carrie Ledbetter  
Donald Lindsay  
Marie Martin  
Donald Miller  
Saundra Peterson  
Bob Powell  
Annie Purcell  
Eugenia Turner  
Victoria Hardy - Youth Trustee



## **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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