

The Informer

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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 Dr. Phanta I. Lansden, Senior Pastor

Welcome to the PASTOR's Desk

Greetings Beloved!

As we step into February, I can't help but be in awe of the powerful ways God is moving among us. January was a month of action, reflection, and divine alignment. We set the tone for this year with boldness, and I am excited to see how we continue to **Manifest**—our theme for 2025—bringing to life the vision and mission of Saint James with faith and determination.



Reflecting on January: A Month of Purpose and Power

I officially began my journey in the **Spiritual Direction program through the Ignatius House**, which will deepen the pastoral care I provide to this congregation. This training is teaching me the sacred practice of **holy listening**, helping individuals discern God's movement in their lives. It is a gift to walk alongside you in your spiritual journeys, offering space for reflection, healing, and divine wisdom.



Our **MLK Worship Service** was nothing short of electrifying! Rev. Paul Ford brought a word that stirred our spirits, calling us to **Refuse, Resist, Rest, and Repeat** as we navigate the political landscape that continues to challenge Black and Brown communities. His message was both a prophetic charge and a reminder that rest is a revolutionary act.

We also experienced our **first snowfall in years**, a quiet and sacred moment that reminded us of God's presence in the stillness. But even in the beauty of that winter scene, we remained committed to the work—continuing to support **Pathways Transitional Housing** in its fight for marginalized communities.



Holistic healing was at the forefront as we welcomed **Andrea Cole** for a powerful discussion on **embodied healing practices**. We explored how grounding ourselves spiritually, physically, and emotionally equips us to stand firm in faith amid the turmoil in our world. Theology and therapy—what a divine pairing!

In sacred remembrance, we honored the life of **Marvin Watkins**. As a congregation, we wrapped our arms around his family, embodying the love and care that defines Saint James.

We also made great strides in our **climate resilience work**, embracing a new grant from Bennett College: **“Solar Power to the People: Building Relationships to Create Transformative Resilience in East Greensboro.”** This initiative will empower communities like Asheboro, Arlington Park, Benjamin Benson, Warnersville, and Willow Oaks to thrive in the face of climate and economic shifts. Though executive orders may try to silence our efforts, we will continue to do the work!



And, yes—we are **rebranding!** A dynamic team, including **Aubrey Scruggs, Rev. Dr. Phanta Lansden, Pat Davis Thompson, Portia Griffin, and Jessica Langley**, has been working hard on our new logo and brand identity. This is an exciting step forward as we prepare to launch a fresh website that reflects the energy and vision of Saint James.

Manifesting the Mission in 2025

As we move into February, our charge remains the same: **Manifest**. This is not just a theme—it is an active call to bring forth what God has already placed within us. We will celebrate **Black History—not just for a month, but as a continual foundation of our faith, identity, and mission.**

Saint James, we are doing extraordinary things in a short amount of time. Your commitment, generosity, and faithfulness fuel this movement. Let's continue pressing forward, standing firm in our calling, and manifesting the vision of justice, healing, and spiritual empowerment.

With love, gratitude, and expectation,

Rev. Dr. Pastor I. Lansden, Senior Pastor

Pastoral Schedule Updates

New Sabbath Day – Mondays off

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

Pastor's Contact Information:

Contact Information

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Scheduling appointments

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

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

Follow us on Instagram: [**@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

To visit our Facebook page:

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.

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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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Benediction & Closing Song

February 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

February Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of February, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship by reading the scheduled lectionary texts each week. The texts are listed below. Before you read each text, practice a few minutes of centering prayer to clear your mind. Pray for clarity and focus. While reading, physically or mentally take notes so that you can summarize what the scripture is saying. Finally, go back and pick out any themes or recurring ideas that may be relevant to your personal life, Saint James or the church at large. Close your reading time with a Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's word and revelation.

1st Sunday

2nd Sunday

3rd Sunday

4th Sunday

Psalm 24:7-10

Psalm 138

Psalm 1

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40



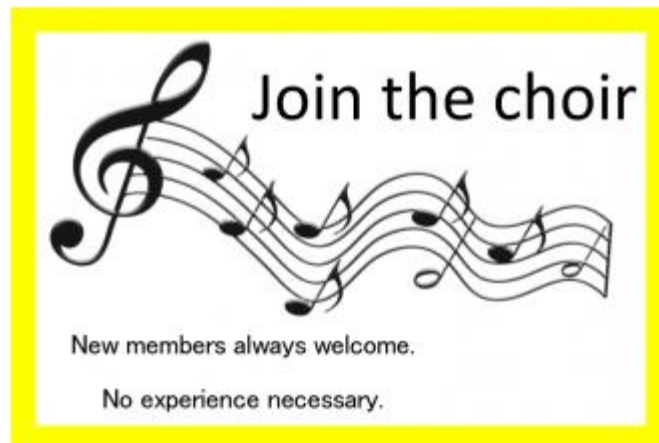
WORSHIP *Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.*

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.

An interest meeting will be held on Feb. 2nd after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Come and learn more about the choir and the vision for 2025.

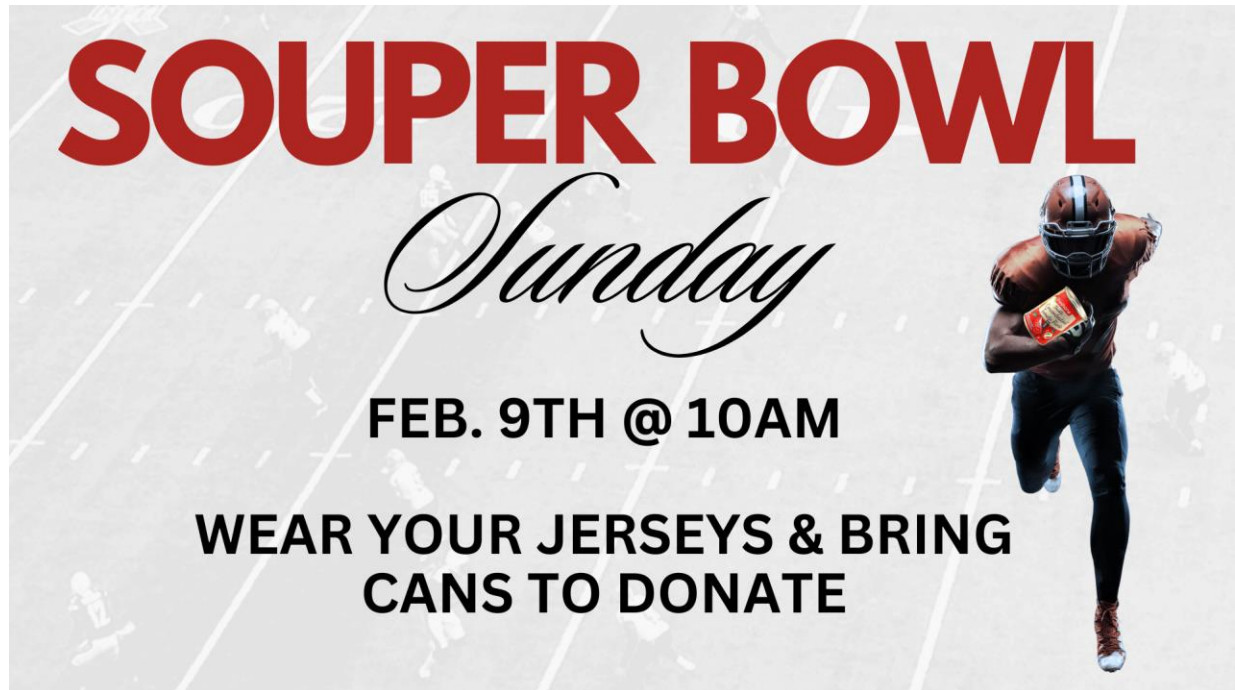
COMMUNITY *Saint James community happenings and highlights of the month*

WELCOME TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black History Month is a time to celebrate and reflect on the incredible contributions, achievements, and resilience of Black individuals throughout history. It's an opportunity to honor the legacies of pioneers in various fields such as science, art and civil rights. This month is not only a moment for recognition but also a reminder of the ongoing work toward equality and justice. By sharing stories of perseverance, creativity, and leadership, Black History Month helps inspire continued progress for future generations.

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



As we get ready to enjoy the big game, let's also take a moment to give back. **Sunday, Feb. 9th is our Souper Bowl Sunday service!** We're collecting donations to help make a difference in our community. If you can, please bring canned soups, either flip-top or microwavable, and place them in the collection boxes in the Narthex and Sanctuary. Don't forget to wear your jerseys! Let's score some big wins both on and off the field! Thank you so much for your generosity—let's make this Super Bowl even more unforgettable.

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!



We Stand On Their Shoulders

By Donald Miller

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Marcus Garvey
Frederick Douglas
Lucy Laney
Garret Morgan
James Weldon Johnson
Madame CJ Walker
Dr. George Evans, Dr. Alvin Blount

Are just a few whom we owe a Tribute to.
Black and Denied,
But still peacefully pledged to thrive,
Was Dr. Martin Luther King's mantra for the Black Race.

For we also hold these truths
To be Self Evident,
That our Existence Now
Is a Direct Reflection of the Shoulders We stand on Today.

Standing Tall, Deliberate and Proud of our Blackness.
Our Afro-centric Heritage,
They Stood then,
So we can Stand Today.

Shirley Chisolm
Langston Hughes
Jesse Owens
Charles Drew
Duke Ellington
Pearl Bailey
Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery
Dr. George Simpkins

A proud people,
Who knew of Oppression
Yet still, they Rose.
For We Stand on their Shoulders.
And yet and still,
We Conquer and Quest
Amidst the Unrest.

Martin Luther King
Wilma Rudolph
Josephine Baker
Benjamin Banneker
Louis Armstrong
J. Kenneth Lee
Crawford Jones
Vance Chavis

A People of substance
Who persevered, believed in something bigger,
And wrote their own biography.
For Success is predestined to determined individuals
Who knows their purpose,
And Masters the Critics
Fiery Darts.
We Stand on Their Shoulders.

Thurgood Marshall
James McCune Smith
George Washington Carver
Hattie McDaniel
Mae C. Jemison
Miles Davis
Waldo Falkner
Dr. Roy Moore
Rev. James Crestfield
Rev. J.T. Douglas
Judge Henry and Shirley Frye
Rev. Howard Allen Chubbs
Mayor Pro Tem Yvonne Johnson

We Stand Now,
Because They Stood Then.
They held their heads high,
They didn't give up.
They went through,
So we could get to.....
A Better place,
A Better tomorrow,

A Better People,
A Better mind-set,
A Better knowledge
A Better understanding:
That the Race is not Always
To the Swift, But to those Who Persevere.

We stand on their shoulders,
Yet, We Must Still Show Up
With the Breast plate of Righteousness,
In spite of difficulties,
Throwbacks, Denials, Refusals,
Doors shut in our Face, Phones Hung up on us, No callbacks,
Verbal thrashing, Persecution, confinement, Police Beatings, hangings and even
shootings.

Dr. Martin Luther King gave his life for all of us.
We've witnessed our race of people be victimized and some – dehumanized.

But, God knows our Determination, Our Hearts and honors that,
Yet, we stand on shoulders of people who dealt with adversity---
Who Made a Difference
Who were Unselfish,
Who were a Proud People,
Who were determined,
Who were fearless,
Who believed that “if God be for us,
Who can be against us?”
Because they felt in their spirit,
That they didn't have anything to lose,
but much to gain.

So, we come down off the Ladder,
Of standing on a Great People
And finally, Stand for Ourselves.....
Always balancing our Posture, checking our egos,
As we remember, how those before us stood on the High Wire of Life,
We look down, to a flat and supposedly equal ground that represents:

Malcom X
Arthur Ashe
Rev. James Cleveland

Barbara Jordan
Zora Neale Hurston
Rosa Parks
Fred Cundiff
Julius Fulmore
Freddy Curly Neal
Bob McAdoo
Marvin Watkins
Katherine Johnson

We still Stand Now, Because They Stood Then.
And in our stillness, while standing,
We remember all who sacrificed and refused to let nobody turn them around.....

“ For he that dwelleth in the shelter of the most high; shall abide under the shadow of the almighty. I will say of the Lord, my Refugee, My God.....In Him will I TRUST.”

In Addition, you see no one told me or you that you had to:
Implement Change like Obama, Dream like Martin, Fight like Malcom, Judge like Thurgood, Write like Maya, Build like Oprah, Challenge like Rosa, Invent like Carver, Think like Garvey, Educate like Booker T, Speak like Frederick, Act like Cicely, Sing like Lena or Lead like Harriet, NO One Told You that you had to do any of those.....

However, in your God-given purpose, Do YOU.....
But do youIn excellence,
And don't Settle for Less.
For our Ancestors and their Spirit is manifested
Through Our Trials, Tribulations and Momentous Triumphs.
They're Rooting for You, Me, And Us.....

And finally, we hear an Echo
An Echo of Assurance, resounding with Clarity...
“Remember who you are,
And whose you are;
God gives one strength,
To Rise Again.”
For We Stand on their Shoulders !

By Donald Miller
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DISCIPLESHIP *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings*

The Sara Barber Circle invites you to study God's Word with the women and supporters of the Sara Barber Circle, Sunday February 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm at the home of Annie Purcell, 1802 Eastwood Avenue, in Greensboro. Please note that this is the third Sunday instead of the regular first Sunday time. Not only will we study the Word, but there will be great fellowship, fun and good food. Lesson five entitled, Air Quality, from the Horizon study guide, Let Justice Roll Down, will be led by our circle supporter, Janet Hopings. Scripture readings are as follows: Genesis 1:26, 30; 2:7; 6:17; 7:15, 22; Psalms 32:2; 104:29; Job 7:11; Isaiah 42:5; Ezekiel 11:5; 37:5, 8, 10 Looking forward to this time of study, fellowship and fun.

Linda Adams, Co-Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle will meet in the Conference Room, Saturday, February 15th at 12noon. Valarie Spaulding Little will be the leader for lesson 7 (Economic Climate Justice) and lesson 8 (Intergenerational Justice). We extend a warm welcome to visitors. Please contact the office for additional information.

Demetra Barnwell, Co-Moderator

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) will hold their monthly Gathering on Sunday, February 9th, immediately following worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Light snacks will be served. The Grace Brown Circle will host the meeting with a program honoring Black History Month. The meeting will also be live streamed on Zoom starting at 12:15 PM. Look for more information in the coming weeks in the eBlast.

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

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



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.

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. Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: **“March Informer.” The Final Deadline for articles is Monday, February 17, 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. 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)

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Members of the Congregation</u>
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

Our Social Justice
the umbrella of the

Women's Voting
since February 2024.



Advocacy Ministry under
Black & Brown

Initiative has been active
Our church

hosted the kickoff event of our voter engagement outreach and we have been meeting every month since that meeting. Our partners in 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 Triad Black Faith Leaders & Black Farmers Network was established as a coalition of faith leaders, faith organizations, and Black Farmers in 2023, in providing access to fresh produce and supporting Black Farmers in our community.

Members of our organization locally as of December 31, 2024, are as follows:

New Hope Community Development Group, Poplar Grove AME Church, Positive Direction for Youth & Families (Evangel Fellowship Church), Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Saint James Presbyterian Church, Saint Matthews United Methodist Church, Saint Phillip AME Zion Church and Shiloh Baptist Church.

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.



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	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	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

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.*

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 titles 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

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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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