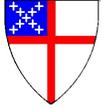


TIDINGS

SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH - CLAYTON, GEORGIA
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ATLANTA



Volume 13 Number 3

March 2017



Margaret Mead said it: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
Michael Curry, in *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*.

What's Going on at Saint James?



Mark Your Calendar

March 1	Ash Wednesday Services	Noon, 5:30pm
March 2	Retirees Lunch	11:30am
March 5	Hunger Walk/Run	Noon
March 7	Garden Guild	10:00am
March 8	Pastoral Care Team	9:30am
March 8	Lenten Soup Supper & Study	5:30pm
March 11	DOK Gathering	10:00am
March 15	Flower Festival Committee	10:00am
March 15	Lenten Soup Supper & Study	5:30pm
March 17	Book Club	10:00am
March 21	Vestry	4:30pm
March 22	Lenten Soup Supper & Study	5:30pm
March 29	Lenten Soup Supper & Study	5:30pm
April 5	Lenten Soup Supper & Study	5:30pm



The Ruminations of the Rector



It has been somewhat a comfort to hear other voices than my own begin a process of what I hope will be a correction to the voice of at least one of our politicians. I am personally appreciative of some of the media beginning to refer to the "religious right" rather than the "Christian" right. For a while there, I was truly becoming uncomfortable being called a Christian either right or left. I know that many of you would prefer that I not talk about politics in this column or anywhere else for that matter. But one politician has called this campaign a "war for the soul of this nation" and when it comes to souls, well, that's my turf.

Battered and bruised as the idea may be, "In God we trust" was the guiding principle of those who framed our Constitution. Sadly, all our politicians have wanted to direct our attention away from that notion and replace it with something like "trust me and I'll take you there." The idea of a Messiah is as least as old as Jesus himself and the idea of a national messiah is older than Isaiah. But if it is God whom we are to trust, then it is his messiah, (as in "This is my beloved Son: listen to him!") whom we ought to be studying for a model.

Jesus was pretty emphatic about telling the Jews that they were not necessarily to hold power over the other nations, but rather to be a model for

other nations. Indeed it was by his obedience to God that Jesus won the good fight, not by his ability to second class anyone, disregard the rights of anyone, and dehumanize anyone. His message was provocative and radical precisely because it struck at the heart of those who thought power over others was the way to go.

One of the ways this country has grown in strength has been because we allowed all our laundry a chance in the light. We exchange our ideas in public and seek through public discourse the better way. It is the team concept that is so reflective of Jesus passion for us to love one another. It is a mystery to me why a country that built its greatness on a network of cities, counties, and states cannot see the possibility of world made strong by a network of countries.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus was not talking about something then, as in the "kingdom to come," but about something now, as in the "kingdom is here." But in that sermon he gave his disciples a vision of how this world might be if our love for one another was as perfect as our Father's love was for us. What we lack these days is a similar kind of vision. We have lost our trust that God will, in his good time, make all things new. From the bestiality in our streets to the

Continued next page

Continued from previous page

violence in our homes to the cut throat behavior of the people in our corporate world, to the obscenity of the differential in the dollars paid to people to entertain us as opposed to the people we pay to teach our children and care for our elderly, all of this bespeaks of a loss of values. Yet the one value that is disappearing so rapidly is the one God thought to be the highest, that is the value of one human life. Jesus gave his life for us and for our salvation.

Yet those among us who find themselves caught in the undertow of this wrong in our land, people who have lost their jobs, suffered economic hardship, would work but cannot find employment, the victims of violence, degradation, and oppression, must now more than ever not lose hope and seek something less than the vision of God. For it is an absolute truth that God has always been the champion of the poor and the underdog.

In our society it is amazingly true that it is the wrong that receives the most attention. The very fact that economic injustice exists is already a cause and the energy for remedy. The very fact that racism exists is already the cause for its identification as a problem and the resolve of many to remedy it. Said differently, when we can name the wrong, we have already begun to define the right. And it is this kind of paradox that God built into this world to enable each of us to find our finest hour. Our individuality, as important as it is, will not come to bloom until it is given to the betterment of the whole. The last groups that talked of building concrete walls around their countries saw those countries rot and die from corruption within. As important as boundaries and borders may be, we need the fresh air of openness to grow and mature.

This is Lent. It is a time for penitence and fasting. It may also be a time to discern in ourselves if we have exchanged the idea of "in God we trust" as the guiding principle of our country and ourselves for something else. If we have, then the correction for that begins with you and me. It is called repentance. For whatever the "soul of this nation" means, we are in truth talking about our own soul, and that soul can be defined by nothing this world can offer. Our soul was bought with the price of the death of the one and only true messiah.

Vestry Actions — Linda Barden

The Vestry met on February 21, 2017.

In addition to addressing several administrative matters, the Vestry took the following action:

- * Elected Lynda White as Senior Warden, Jack Bream as Junior Warden, David Tatum as Treasurer and Linda Barden as Corporate Secretary and Clerk of the Vestry.
- * Approved the 2016 Parochial Report.
- * Authorized the Rector's 2017 compensation to be designated a housing allowance.
- * Authorized Lynda White to replace William Bomar as the Senior Warden signee and Jack Bream to replace John Ingram as the Junior Warden signee on the Rabun County Bank accounts, and Lynda White to replace Bill Bomar as the Senior Warden signee on the Common Fund Investment Account.
- * Adopted the revised 2017 budget.
- * Authorized the establishment of a small finance committee consisting of Bill Bomar and Eston Melton as members with David Tatum as chair.
- * Adopted a policy that any parishioner who wants to give direction to the Sexton or Groundskeeper should communicate that to the Parish Administrator who is their supervisor.
- * Authorized the members of the Search Committee: John Templeton, Alan White, Becky Callahan, Dirk Brown, Gilda Little, Jan Bomar, and Terri Manoogian (Vestry Liaison).
- * Authorized the appointment of John Templeton as chair of the Search Committee.

Complete vestry minutes can be found on the website:

<<http://www.stjamesclayton.org>>

Click on Members Pages at the top of the page and select Vestry Minutes.

The next meeting of the Vestry is scheduled for March 21, at 4:30 p.m.

Sr. Warden — Lynda White

I am excited to be your Senior Warden! Please know that I feel both honored and humbled to serve in this position and I take these responsibilities seriously. I ask for your prayers as I begin this role.

I want to personally acknowledge Bill Bomar for his guidance, the sharing of his depth of knowledge, and particularly his patience with me and my many questions these past months. He truly is a Senior Warden role model and the leadership he provided to the Vestry and our parish will be felt for future years. Thank you, Bill, for everything

Evelyne Sheats completed her three-year term on the Vestry and was a valuable member. Thank you, Evelyne, for your service. Thanks also to John Ingram who served as Junior Warden for two years. The Vestry elected Jack Bream to serve as Junior Warden this year.

We all know that our church has much work to do this year. We will continue to celebrate Father Steve's ministry these remaining months prior to his retirement in May as we begin the process of searching for a new rector. In the January Newsletter, Bill outlined the search process. At its meeting on February 21, 2017, the Vestry took the first step in this process by appointing a Search/Nomination Committee. Those serving on this committee are:

Jan Bomar	Dirk Brown
Becky Callahan	Gilda Little
Alan White	John Templeton, Chairperson
Terri Manoogian, Vestry Representative	

Please keep the Search/Nomination Committee in your prayers as they begin their work.

While communication is always important, it is critical during a time of transition. Please know that information will be shared with the congregation each step of the way. However, if you have questions about any of the Vestry's or Nomination Committee's activities, please ask! The Vestry believes this is so important that a schedule is being developed so that a Vestry member will be present and available at both the 8:00 and 10:30 services each Sunday. We invite your questions, comments and participation. Please pray for our church as we begin this transition.

I look forward to serving as Senior Warden. Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, email or in person if you have ideas, concerns, questions or anything else you'd like to discuss.

Treasurer — David Tatum

The 2016 St. James Financial Report is included in the 2016 Annual Report which is available online or in the church office. At the February Vestry meeting the Vestry approved a balanced budget for 2017. This was accomplished through the combination of the results of the stewardship letter, reduction of several expense lines after review, and certain expenses to be funded from the appropriate designated funds. A more complete financial report will be provided using the end of quarter March 31, 2017, results.

Also, as noted in the 2016 financial report and as was noted at the Annual Meeting, the loan from Rabun County Bank for the building expansion was retired in December, 2016. The Parish is now debt free. It is important, however, that if you have an outstanding Building Fund pledge balance, that you complete your Building Fund pledge. These funds are important for setting the foundation of any further expansion, or if there were to be a need for a major capital expense for the maintenance or repair of our existing campus structures. I will send a separate Building Fund Statement as of March 31, 2017, to anyone with an outstanding Building Fund Pledge during April 2017.

Parish Nurse — Kathy Booker

Sneezing, itchy eyes, runny, stuffy nose, and watery, red or swollen eyes signify for many that the environment is producing allergens causing a less than pleasant reaction. Allergies occur when the immune system reacts to a foreign substance - signaling the presence of that particular allergen. Further exposure to the allergen can result in the release of immune system chemicals, such as histamine, that cause allergy symptoms.



Many people seem to have “colds” at the same time every year which may actually be seasonal allergies. Colds and allergies have similar symptoms, but they are very different diseases. Colds are caused by viruses, while allergies are triggered by exposure to allergens. The cold virus can be picked up when someone who's infected sneezes, coughs or shakes hands with you. Allergies are caused by an overactive immune system. For some reason, your body mistakes harmless things, such as dust or pollen, for germs and attacks them.

Symptom Check – Is It a Cold or Allergy?		
Symptom	Cold	Allergy
Cough	Usually	Sometimes
General Aches/Pains	Sometimes	Never
Fatigue/weakness	Sometimes	Sometimes
Itchy eyes	Rarely	Usually
Sneezing	Usually	Usually
<i>Sore throat</i>	<u>Usually</u>	Rarely
Runny nose	Usually	Usually
Stuffy nose	Usually	Usually
Fever	Rarely	Never
<i>Based on National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases 2014</i>		

Colds seem to occur most often in the winter, but can happen anytime. Symptoms take a few days to appear after exposure with the virus. Allergies can occur any time of the year although some allergy triggers appear seasonally, and symptoms begin immediately after contact with them.

Treatment of a cold usually includes rest, pain reliever and decongestants. A cold may last three to ten days (even up to two weeks). Since they are viruses, colds themselves are not treatable with antibiotics unless there is a secondary infection such as sinusitis or bronchitis. However, there are medications that can help alleviate your symptoms while a cold runs its course. These include:

- Cough syrups (not recommended for children under the age of two)
- Decongestant sprays (only for a few days – not recommended for children)
- Pain relievers, such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil)
- Multi-symptom cold relief medicines (such as DayQuil)

Be sure to discuss taking any over-the-counter cold medications with your healthcare provider, especially if you take any prescription medications or if you have any underlying health conditions. Cold medications should not be used for an extended period of time. Doing so can cause side effects, such as liver damage.

Other remedies you can try that are free of the risk of side effects include: drinking a lot of water, juice, and herbal tea (avoid caffeine); using saline nasal sprays, gargling with salt water, and using a humidifier. Comfort foods like chicken soup always seem to help.

Treatment of seasonal allergies may include the use of over-the-counter or prescription antihistamines, decongestants, and/or nasal steroid sprays.

Antihistamines (such as Allegra, Benadryl, and Zyrtec) tend to be the first line of allergy treatment. These work by blocking histamine reactions to allergens, thereby reducing symptoms. Be aware that some antihistamines can cause drowsiness — either look for a non-drowsy formula, or consider taking them at night only. Seasonal allergies may linger for several weeks.

Decongestants to help alleviate sinus congestion from allergy symptoms by breaking up the congestion and drying up the sinuses. Be aware that these can cause congestion to worsen if taken over an extended time. Decongestants are sold under the brand names Sudafed, Mucinex, and Claritin-D. Saline sprays and humidifiers can also help alleviate certain allergy symptoms.

If you have questions or symptoms persist, follow up with your doctor.

Remember that good hand washing is important in helping to prevent the spread of germs at any time!

Kathy

Sources and for additional information:

www.WebMD.com

www.Healthline.com

www.MayoClinic.com

Parish Committees

Pastoral Care Team — Kathy Booker

Participants offered many positive comments after the first Lunch & Learn. The topic was on change, and was attended by 80 parish and community attendees. Three more are planned for 2017. Watch for more information to come regarding dates and topics. If you have suggestions about topics of interest or speakers, please let us know.

The Smart Driver's Course was presented in February with 18 in attendance. The course was taught by Marcus Booker. There will also be three more sessions in 2017. The next class is scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2017.

If you know of individuals who need assistance, please contact a member of the Pastoral Care Team.

Book Club — Mary Thornton

Date: March 17, 2017

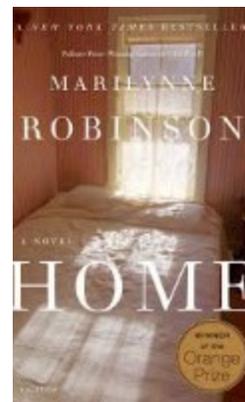
Time: 10 am

Place: Sue Paulsen's home

Book Title: *Home*, by Marilynne Robinson.

All are welcome and bring a sack lunch to enjoy following the discussion. Coffee is provided. Enjoy the read.

Any questions, contact Mary Thornton at marythornton04@gmail.com or 706-490-5050.



Outreach — Peggy Melton

The Miracle fund was able to help a family where the father had major surgery and is unable to work for two months. Saint James also assisted several families in need with utility and rent bills.



Daughters of the King — Mary Flanigen

The Saint James chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King will hold this month's gathering once again at a different place, time, and date. We will go on a guided tour of Camp Rahan Darmon on **Wednesday, March 15**. We will depart from the Saint James lower parking lot at **12:00 noon**. Camp Ramah Darom is a world-class Jewish camp and retreat center in the Rabun County foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains off Hwy 76 West on Persimmon Road. Visitors are welcome to join us and are requested to notify Mary Flanigen (706- 212-2886) in advance.



We invite anyone who would like to learn more about our Order, or simply join us each month in worship, study and fellowship, to attend our gatherings and other events. The Saint James Chapter is open for membership to all women who are communicants of Saint James Church. Each Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service, and evangelism dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of the parish.

Altar Guild — Peggy Melton

The Saint James Altar Guild recently had the two Altar brass candelabra's and the oblong Altar vase professionally repaired and refurbished. This wonderful restoration project was made possible by a generous gift from the Reginald Gunn Memorial fund. Thank you, Mary Lu!



Choir — Alan White

Music Notes

Choir members are working hard every Sunday to prepare for services. The switch to rehearsing once a week at 9:00 a.m. seems to be working very well and allows several choir members who could not regularly attend on Wednesday night to fully participate in practice. We look forward to the special season leading to Easter Sunday and beyond in celebration of the resurrection. Selecting and rehearsing anthems for Lent, Good Friday and Easter are always exceptional times in the life of church music.



We have welcomed some members back to choir who have been unable to sing with us in the past few months. Also, we welcomed Curtis and Rebecca Romp as new members to our church and choir. For those who may want to join us, now is a great time to come and sing for the remainder of the choir season. Finally, I wish to thank our church for allowing me to fill in as director until the summer break. Working with the Saint James choir is a wonderful opportunity to share with a very dedicated, friendly and especially, a fun group of choir members!

Just remember: There's a song for every occasion!

Snips from the Garden . . .

A bright day and a warm breeze, and one knows it's time to begin getting things up and running for the spring - lots of new growth on many plants. The jonquils and daffodils are in bloom.



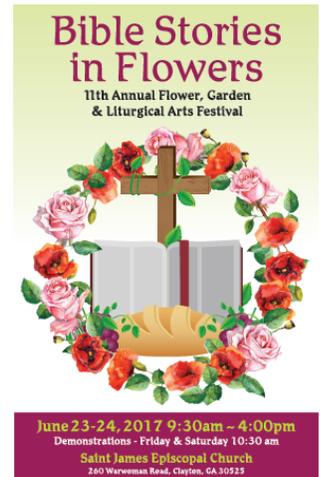
The end of February – and everything is beginning to wake up from the “short” winter’s nap! There are many tasks to be done to get the gardens ready for the Flower, Garden and Liturgical Arts Festival in June. All gardeners or “wanna be” gardeners are welcome to join in the group effort. We will be planning a work day in early April to spruce things up – watch for the upcoming date.

The Garden Guild will meet on March 7, 10:00am, in the Parish Hall. Come and be a part of a fun group!

Flower, Liturgical Arts & Garden Festival — Bev Mannes

Thursday and Friday, June 23 and 24 from 9:30 until 4 each day

Planning for the 11th Annual Flower, Garden and Liturgical Arts Festival is underway. Fifteen enthusiastic people attended our second planning meeting on February 15. The new banner is underway; the poster shown above has been designed and will be used for our publications this year. We accomplished a lot and volunteer spots are filling up. We encourage anyone who wants to help in any way to come to our meetings or email me at bjm999@windstream.net. There are a lot of jobs beyond arranging flowers and it is a good way to get to know people who attend "the other church service". There are tasks that can be done outside of the meetings, so let me know if you want to help but can't come to the meetings.



The theme this year will be **BIBLE STORIES IN FLOWERS** using flowers available in Biblical times if possible.

- ◆ Tables upstairs and downstairs will focus on familiar Bible stories. Other areas will have flower arrangements, too.
- ◆ Children's Bible Story books and songbooks will be on display.
- ◆ The front doors will be welcoming.
- ◆ A preview party and reception will be Thursday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ A container gardening demonstration will be Friday morning at 9:30, flower arranging demonstrations by a few Saint James members will start at 9:30 Saturday morning.
- ◆ The garden guild is working to ensure we have gorgeous plantings all around the church.
- ◆ Liturgical arts will be scattered throughout the church.
- ◆ Planning meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 in the parish hall. Upcoming meetings: March 15, April 19, May 17

How you can help: As you plan your gardens this year, please plant some flowers and greens that will be blooming in late June.

I am so looking forward to working with our volunteers this year to make this a real gift for our community. 706-782-9717 bjm999@windstream.net

Hunger Walk/Run 2017—Jan Nash

"Ask me about my shoes."



The Atlanta Hunger Walk/Run 2017 is Sunday, March 5th 2017 at Turner Field in Atlanta. Join your Saint James team, "St. James Rabun Walkers and Runners" in fundraising for the hundreds of thousands of people living in North Georgia, who are food *insecure* - those not sure where their next meal will be found. It is our opportunity to make a difference and if you are interested, walk or run, as we learn about the plight of hungry Georgians.

The ultimate goal for our Team at Saint James is to *earn funds* for the Episcopal Community Foundation (previously named Episcopal Charities Foundation), "our" organization that supports food banks and programs around North Georgia. When parishes across the diocese partner with ECF to raise funds for hunger, that partnership results in a much larger impact on hunger than any one parish by itself can have.

So...How do you help? How do you take action in a world that desperately needs it?

Step 1 **donate** any amount you can either donate by credit card online or in the weekly collections by making your check out to *St. James* with MEMO-*Hunger Walk 2017*

Step 2. ***Communicate*** and share the knowledge that fellow North Georgians need support. Encourage others (friends, loved ones, and co-workers) to follow your lead in supporting the Atlanta Hunger Walk Run 2017 and donate.

Step 3 (optional) join your Saint James team on March 5th with 17,000 other participants for the 5K walk/run around downtown Atlanta. We carpool and leave St. James Clayton at 10am Sunday, 3/5/2017. [Register](#) as a participant for our team by following this link, remember we are the "St. James Rabun Walkers and Runners". Type that in in the "Join" link. (Having trouble? Let me know or see Bonnie in the parish office for assistance).

Want to put action to your concerns? Want to make a difference? Hunger Walk/Run not only gets you involved by donating to your team, but it also gets you talking about important HUNGER issues, and for some of us, up off our comfy chairs. Know that any type of participation makes THE difference.

And we all know how St. James, the "little blue" church (engine) that could, DOES make the difference! In 2016, we came in third place in the Diocese. THIRD! Imagine those churches with far more parishioners and resources, imagine. Recently, we even got a little friendly competitive nudge from our Bishop. The first place parish has come in first multiple years, and they are getting complacent...

So when you see me in Jeremy's old running shoes on during service, let them serve as a reminder. ***Take a walk in someone's shoes and open your heart, mind, and checkbook.***

Featured Quilter - Jane Threlkeld

This little quilt is made from "orphan blocks" (leftovers from another quilt). As it went together I noticed how it looked like picture frames. It's fun to play with stripes because they do unexpected things. I started calling it "Picasso's Picture Frames" because they were wonky enough to frame one of his paintings. I like to add some quirkiness to my quilts.



I learned to sew from my mother when I was in junior high, but I didn't start quilting until we moved to Sautee Nacoochee about 20 years ago. Quilting seemed like a "country" kind of thing to do. At first I was very traditional but slowly branched out into art quilting. I belong to an art quilting group called Bee Artful which was the idea of your own Bev Mannes. We have her to thank for this exciting group of fellow Quilters who are also artsy.



Announcements

Forward Day By Day Devotional

The February, March, April 2017 devotional booklets (large print and regular print) are now available and are located in the in the Parish Hall. Pick up your copy today.



PANCAKE SUPPER



We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper at the Rusty Bike Café, 677 Highway 441 South. This Tuesday, February 28, at 6:00 P. M. There will be no charge, but tips for the café staff will be accepted. As we are seated, every one will be served a plate of pancakes, bacon, and sausage, and a cup of coffee. Orange juice will be available upon request. The theme, as usual will be Mardi Gras. Come out and enjoy a festive evening.

FOR FAITH

A weekly devotional from Bishop Rob Wright

To sign up for Bishop Robert Wright's weekly "FOR FAITH", go to:

<https://www.episcopalatlanta.org/news/connecting/>

At the bottom of the page, click on "Sign up for emails".

2017 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2017 altar flower sign-up calendar is located on the bulletin board in the parish hall. We especially need people to sign up for **February**. You may sign up in memory, or in honor of a special person or event. Please drop your \$30 check towards the flowers in the offering plate; be sure to mark "flowers" in the memo section.

LENT

Once again, we will offer soup suppers during Lent followed by a book study with Fr. Steve. He has suggested you start reading *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McLaren. The book can be found on Amazon. The suppers will begin Wednesday, March 8 and continue through Wednesday, April 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

DEVOTIONALS FOR LENT

"The Images of Lent," written by Fr. Steve are available for your Lenten journey. We will also have the annual booklet from Episcopal Relief and Development shortly. Pick up your copy today on the table in the parish hall.

In addition, the Saint James website offers resources for How to Have a Meaningful Lent, found under the events tab:

<http://www.stjamesclayton.org/how-to-have-a-meaningful-lent/>

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

A new group, *Knit, Crochet and Pray*, is forming on the second Monday of each month, 1:00 p.m., in the parish hall. If you enjoy getting together to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those that are sick or homebound, please join us. Questions? Contact Bonnie in the church office.

NEW HYMNALS

We need a few more hymnals to fill our pews before Easter. If you would like to purchase a new hymnal in memory or honor of someone, we will put a label inside the front cover. The cost is \$26. Please be sure to mark "hymnal" in the memo section of your check.

From: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Brown Bag Sunday

Thanks to all who bring in groceries once a month for Rabun Sharing and Caring. We are the only church who does this on a regular basis! Please limit the food you bring to small packages. A list of grocery needs can be picked up the 3rd Sunday of each month, and on the following Sunday (4th Sunday) return full grocery bags to the Parish Hall.



On the first Sunday of each month, please bring your donations for the critters at Paws4Life, and leave them in the Parish Hall. The shelter needs: Adult & puppy dog food, canned & dry cat & kitten food. (Please, no Ol' Roy brand dog food.) They always need cat litter, and appreciate the environmentally friendly wood pellets. The shelter staff and their furry residents say, *Thanks!*

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

New sign up sheets are posted to host the Coffee and Fellowship hour. If you've never hosted before, it's as simple as making a plate of cookies and putting the coffee pot on. The sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board downstairs next to the outside door.



PATHWAYS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL

The latest magazine published by the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta—*Pathways* is available downstairs, please take one home. Read about how Episcopalians and non-Episcopalians are taking their love and faith beyond the walls of the church.

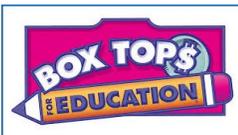
INFORMATION NEEDED

The Pastoral Care Team would like to collect/update emergency contact information for each of our members. Please email or call the church office to provide the name and contact information of the person, other than your spouse, that we may contact in the event of an emergency.



CARE NOTES

CareNotes are located in the lower entrance to the church. Please feel free to go by and see if there is a topic that might be helpful for you or a friend. For school aged children, there are such topics as *Keeping School Cool*, *Bye-Bye Bully*, *Talking with Your Kids*, and *Peer Pressure*. Other subjects include financial stress, dementia, end of life issues and a wide range of issues available to you at no cost. Stop by and take a look.



A REMINDER: Be sure to clip the **General Mill's Box Tops**. Each of these little pink labels are worth 10 cents, and it adds up quickly. Bring them to the parish hall whenever you'd like. There is a little basket on the book shelf. Last year, with your help, Rabun Gap earned \$200. For a small school that is not bad, but we can do more and would love the parishioners to clip and save for us (if you are already doing it for another school, BRAVO!!!)

If you are on Facebook, take a moment to "like" the Saint James Episcopal, Clayton, Georgia, Facebook Page and invite a friend! If you don't have a page yourself, you still can visit to see photo albums and notices.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-James-Episcopal-Clayton-GA/136165709779019>

Sunday Sermons Available Online or CD

The 10:30 Sunday services are recorded each week. Call Bonnie Klinect to request a copy (706 782 6179). You can listen to the sermons online at the Saint James Website: www.stjamesclayton.org Click on the sermon tab on the left side of the homepage.



If you hold an Ingles Advantage Card, Rabun Gap Middle School parents wish to link your card number so you can earn supplies for their school. The Ingles Card does many things beyond saving you money it earns you fuel points and it can earn school supply points. This is at no cost to you and does not affect your personal points.

- *You can email me your 12 digit number from the back of your card or
- *Write your name and card number on the sheets found at church, or
- *Register by following this link and enter in "Rabun Gap":

<https://www.ingles-markets.com/toolsforschools-link>

Thank you, Jan Nash

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Several medical equipment items are available in our inventory for loan. Contact Jack Bream if you are in need of an item—we may have it.

Parish Hall

For all who use the Parish Hall during the week, it would be helpful if you would please return the tables and chairs to the place you found them! Thank you!



Recycle

Any parts of your bulletin and/or Gazette that you do not want to keep, please leave in the rear of the church following the service. They will be recycled!

NEW EAGLE CARDS AVAILABLE

The new Eagle Discount Card is available in the church office. If you enjoy eating out, the Eagle Card will save you so much money. 21 businesses have offered fantastic continued use discounts, good until September 1, 2017! Cards are \$10 each and benefit the good works of the Rabun Gap - Nacoochee Parents Association.

Parish Postings

Lynda White, Sr. Warden, presented Father Steve with a certificate sent by Bishop Wright in recognition of 35 years of Ordained Ministry.



Peripatetic Worship

From Jackie & David Tatum—
Cathedral in Havana, Cuba



Cathedral in Trinidad, Cuba

From John Templeton —

An old chapel now used as
the Episcopal presence on
Edisto Island where John S
and I worshipped during our
time on the island.



From Christy Collins—

This is a photo of our choir at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach. Seated in the middle of the bench is our organist choirmaster, Dr. Keith Paulson-Thorp, who is retiring this month and moving to Mexico with his partner, Marshall. Dr. Keith has been with the parish ten extraordinary years!



From Anthony Sgro—

I recently surprised Faulkner with a weekend trip to Paris. One of the highlights of the trip was attending a service at the American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. This is where the American Episcopal Bishop of Europe has his seat. The choir and organ were particularly amazing.



Passages

Happy Birthday

3/1 Sharon Denman
3/1 Charles Kennedy
3/2 Roxy Dear
3/3 Brian Phillips
3/4 Bill Fisch
3/4 Harper Phillips
3/5 Kay Nielsen
3/6 Terry Wright
3/11 Sue Paulsen
3/11 Charles Crompton
3/15 Ken Klimasewski
3/17 Susan Staiger
3/21 Paulette Williams
3/24 Kay Bomgardner
3/25 Guy Gober
3/25 Charles Groover
3/25 Roxie Hall
3/27 Jennifer Moore
3/28 Dustin Emhart
3/30 Betty Cobb

Happy Anniversary

3/30 Sharyn & Tim McCabe



the Lectionary



The Lessons appointed for use—RCL Year A

ASH WEDNESDAY (March 1)

Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 103
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Mathew 21 6:1-16-21

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (March 5)

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Mathew 4:1-11

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (March 12)

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (March 19)

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (March 26)

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Cycle of Thanksgivings—Year A

First Sunday in Lent - March 5, 2017

Martin Luther (1483- 1546) – According to history, Luther started a rumpus with his 95 theses. Luther was called before the Diet of Worms in April of 1521 where the inquisitors demanded a retraction - or else. Luther stood his ground clearly demonstrating the charges against him were bogus; that is, not supported by either tradition or scripture. Probably the best thing that happened was the Church banned Luther's work thus guaranteeing all sorts of free advertising.

Second Sunday in Lent - March 12, 2017

St. John, Baptist – John had a way with words particularly when addressing the Temple authorities. The second chapter of Matthew, verses 7 -11, gives some of the color and flavor of John's feelings.

Third Sunday in Lent - March 19, 2017

Gregory The Great (540 - 604) – Gregory's first love was monasticism and it was only over his objections that he was elected Pope in 590. Despite the unwanted "promotion", Gregory used the wealth of the church to aid the starving refugees of the Lombard invasion. "We do not want the treasury of the church to be defiled by disreputable gain."

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2017

John Donne, Poet and Priest (1572 - 1631) – Starting life as a bit of a rake, Donne is credited with some seriously racy poetry. Over time Donne took holy orders and used his talent with words (both prose and poetry) to serve God. He is remembered by the reflection on the unity of mankind: "No man is an island."

Thanks to the late Bill Flanigen for these Thanksgivings.

Lay Servers — Camille Day

Ash Wednesday

	Lector	Chalice Bearer	Usher
Noon	Kathy Booker	Marcus Booker	Jan & Bill Bomar
5:30pm	Terry Thornton	Bonnie Klinect	Mary Thornton Lynda White

8:30am	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Chalice Bearer</u>	<u>Usher</u>
March 5	Terry Thornton	Ginny Heckel	Mary Thornton
March 12	Linda Barden	Ron Barden	Linda Barden
March 19	Kathy Booker	Ginny Heckel	Kathy Booker
March 26	Vicki Darrah	Marcus Booker	Betsy Elsas Jack Bream

10:30am	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Chalice Bearers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
March 5	Martha Ezzard	Deacon Anthony Sgro Peggy Melton	Becky Callahan Tom Callahan
March 12	Alan White	Deacon Anthony Sgro Bonnie Klinect	Jan Nash Lynda White
March 19	Jacqueline Groover	Deacon Anthony Sgro Jennifer Moore	Jan Bomar Bill Bomar
March 26	Gayle Galwik	Deacon Anthony Sgro Roxanne Hall	Dustin Emhart Bonnie Klinect

Counters

March 5	Lawrence Nelms, Jim Zobel
March 12	Lawrence Nelms, Janice Grant
March 19	Lawrence Nelms, Jim Zobel
March 26	Lawrence Nelms, Jim Zobel

Saint James Flower Schedule — John Templeton

March 5, 2017- April 16, 2017

March

5 Twigs	The First Sunday of Lent - Purple Altar Hangings
12 Twigs	The Second Sunday of Lent - Purple Altar Hangings
19 Twigs	The Third Sunday of Lent - Purple Altar Hangings
26 Twigs	The Fourth Sunday of Lent - Purple Altar Hangings

April

2 Twigs	The Fifth Sunday of Lent - Purple Altar Hangings
9 Kathy Booker	Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday
16 Guild	Easter Day - The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Members

John Templeton	706-212-0031	jht1938@windstream.net
Bev Mannes	706-782-9717	bjm99@windstream.net
Peggy Melton	706-782-5112	eston@windstream.net
Ann Suich	706-782-9506	asuich@yahoo.com
Kathy Booker	706-782-9203	kbooker@truvista.net
Betsy Elsas	706-783-2122	betsyelsas@gmail.com
John and Kim Ingram	706-212-0640	jingram@immedgroup.com
		kingram@immedgroup.com
Karen Pietrowicz	706-782-0781	pietrowiczk@msn.com
Rebecca Brandon	863-632-5556	rcbasod@aol.com

Please arrange your own substitute if you are unable to do the flowers for your assigned week and let Bonnie know by Tuesday of the week before your Sunday. I would also like to know as I am keeping the Master Schedule. All supplies are in the closet at the foot of the stairs on the right half. Please notify me if we need oasis or other supplies. I hope all of you know how much I appreciate your hard work...but ain't it fun. Thank you so much!

Flowers closest to September 26 are in memory of Bo Mentzer; closest to December 17 in memory of Elizabeth Murrell; Elizabeth Williams on September 12. These are annual requests.

The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright, Bishop, Diocese of Atlanta
The Rt. Rev. Donald Wimberly, Assisting Bishop, Diocese of Atlanta
The Rev. Stephen M. Hall, Rector
Dr. Anthony Sgro, Deacon

Vestry and Staff

<i>Lynda White, Sr. Warden Elect</i>	<i>706-782-3150</i>	<i>Bonnie Klinect - Parish Admin</i>	<i>706-782-6179</i>
<i>Jack Bream, Jr. Warden</i>	<i>706-782-2122</i>	<i>David Tatum - Treasurer</i>	<i>706-782-2875</i>
<i>Ginny Heckel</i>	<i>706-490-2867</i>	<i>Alan White - Music Director</i>	<i>706-782-3150</i>
<i>John Ingram</i>	<i>706-212-0640</i>	<i>Robin Rogers - Organist</i>	<i>828-837-4219</i>
<i>Terri Manoogian</i>	<i>706-982-9004</i>	<i>Kathy Booker - Parish Nurse</i>	<i>706-782-9203</i>
<i>Brian Phillips</i>	<i>706-746-5160</i>	<i>Cheryl McKay - Sexton</i>	<i>706-970-7348</i>
<i>Linda Barden - Vestry Clerk</i>	<i>706-746-0272</i>	<i>Robert Bleckley - Mowing</i>	<i>706-782-3467</i>
		<i>Ginny Heckel - Newsletter Editor</i>	<i>706-782-5686</i>
<i>Scheduler for Lay Ministers</i>			<i>gheckel@wt.net</i>
<i>Camille Day</i>	<i>706-212-0545</i>		

***The mission of Saint James Episcopal Church is:
 To worship God, Renew our hearts and minds , and serve others.***



Saint James Episcopal Church

260 Warwoman Drive
 P.O. Box 69
 Clayton, GA 30525
 706-782-6179

saintjames@windstream.net

www.stjamesclayton.org

“The end result of mission must not be a better church. The end result of mission must be a changed community.”