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

What's Going on at Saint James?



Mark Your Calendar

October 2	Retirees Lunch	noon
October 3	Lectionary	11:00am
October 6	Blessing of the Animals	10:00am
October 10	Pastoral Care Team	9:30am
October 10	Lectionary	11:00am
October 13	DOK Gathering	10:00am
October 16	Vestry	5:00pm
October 17	Lectionary	11:00am
October 19	Book Club	10:00am
October 24	Lectionary	11:00am
October 28	Consecration Sunday (one service) followed by luncheon	10:30am
October 31	Lectionary	11:00am

Blessing of the Animals

The feast of St. Francis occurs on October 4. The feast commemorates the life of St. Francis, who lived in the 12th century and is the patron saint of animals and environment.

You are invited to bring your pets to be blessed on Saturday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m. in front of the parish house, adjacent to the labyrinth.



From the Rector—The Reverend Mary Demmler

Love and Bridges

Saturday night I closed my eyes to doze a bit while my husband, Derek, drove us home from a family gathering in Gainesville. I had been deep inside my mind, working on my sermon for the following morning. My brain was starting to quiet when I found myself suddenly singing, quietly at first then building. I couldn't remember the name of the song nor who recorded it, but the words flowed out from some deep recess inside of me. I sat up in my seat and watched the familiar roads and signs of 365 slide by, the words of the song coming to me more quickly.



I smiled and remembered learning to play the tune on the piano as a young teenager. "I haven't heard this song in a long time. I had forgotten all about it," I said to Derek.

He replied, "Well, it hasn't forgotten you." It most certainly had not.

The DJ filled in the missing details, "That was 'Love can build a bridge' by The Judds." Of course. How could I forget.

I hope you remember this song as well. The refrain says,
*"Love can build a bridge
Between your heart and mine
Love can build a bridge
Don't you think it's time?
Don't you think it's time?"*

Generally, I love the arrival of fall. I can't wait for cool nights and open windows, the proliferation of pumpkins and spiderwebs. But my enthusiasm is dampened this year. It's midterm election season, one that typically is contentious but feels more so this year than at any other time I remember. The promise of fall as the gateway to holidays entirely about love and thanksgiving starkly stands juxtaposed against the vitriol, hatred, and division championed by the campaigning happening all around us.

I cannot speak to the reasons behind our current love affair with division but I do know that I cannot believe it is of God. In our sinfulness, we have come to prize conflict and aggression. Scarcely do we meet a new person before we assess

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if they are "with us or against us," that is, if they agree with our views and ideologies or are a part of the irredeemable other party.

The temptation of division is nothing new. The earliest Christian communities tried to divide themselves as well. The apostle Paul struggled to help the Roman community set aside their obsession with separating the Jews from the Gentiles among them. He wrote to the Romans, encouraging them to set aside their selfish resentments and delineations in favor of working together in kingdom building, rooted in the love of Christ.

To live in a community of love is not to agree with one another all the time or have the same vision for the specifics of the work we should commit ourselves to do together. Indeed, conflict and disagreement are inherent to any relationship. The test of our discipleship is in our ability to stay together as brother and sister and strive to do the will of God regardless of our differences. In fact, our strength can be found in those very differences. They are the things that enrich our community and our corporate understanding of God.

The Judds go on to sing in their song,

*"I would whisper love so loudly, every heart could understand
Love and only love can join the tribes of man not trials
I would give my heart's desire so that you might see
The first step is to realize that it all begins with you and me...

When we stand together, it's our finest hour
We can do anything, anything
We're believing in the power"*

Despite the animosity that pervades our society, I still hold onto hope. We are resurrection people after all, aren't we? Imagine if our conversations began rooted in love rather than hatred? What if we started from a desire to understand rather than a desire to debate? I still believe deeply in the power of love to transform us and our community, our world.

On that drive home, my mind and spirit compelled my body to sing out words I had long forgotten and it came as a balm to my soul. May the Spirit move us to reach deep inside to find more messages of hope, connection, love, and redemption, rather than the easily accessed hatred and selfish conceit that fills the air around us. If only we would begin with love, rather than division, even if it starts as a mere whisper.

Senior Warden — Lynda White

In my previous article I mentioned that we always know when it's September because the Saint James Choir returns and we have the Saint James Tag Sale. WOW to both of these events!

Thank you, choir, for the beautiful music you have provided since you returned. Talent, time and commitment are involved and this is acknowledged and truly valued.

The Tag Sale was a huge success! Over \$5,000 was raised for the Miracle Fund.

Thank you to everyone who helped organize, set up, take down, and work during the week. Many of you were there all day every day. Thank you!

The election of new vestry members will be upon us soon as Brian Phillips and I will both be rotating off the vestry at the end of December. We make references to the vestry and Saint James members know who serves on the vestry (we hope the "Vestry Person of the Day" has helped!), but what do vestries do anyway? The Episcopal Church Foundation *Vestry Resource Guide* Sates that "Vestry members are legal representatives and agents of a parish, charged with specific responsibilities by the canons of The Episcopal Church. They share leadership responsibilities with the rector." As a legal representative and agent, the vestry has responsibility for finance, property and personnel. It's shared leadership with other vestry members and the rector. However, vestry members don't just discuss a broken toilet or the need for speed bumps or a new refrigerator. The vestry also talks about the hopes and dreams we have for our church and what God is calling us to do. In the next few weeks I ask that you give prayerful thought to members whom you would like to nominate to serve on the vestry. Please consider serving in this leadership capacity yourself. You may contact any vestry member regarding your personal interest or nominate another Saint James member to serve. If you just want more information about vestry service, feel free to contact me or any vestry member. We'll be happy to answer questions and share what our experience on the vestry has been like.

I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to serve with all of you. Please let me know if you have any questions, ideas or concerns. You may contact me at Email: alanlynda@windstream.net or Cell: 404-317-6981.

Love and Peace,

Junior Warden — Jack Bream

We have installed 4 signs advising that Saint James is using monitoring cameras. We are still waiting on the electrician to do various repairs.

Signs have been placed around the church campus letting people know this area is under video surveillance. This may allow us to continue to keep the church doors open for prayer and meditation to our community.

Vestry Actions — Linda Barden

The Vestry met on September 18, 2018.

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

- authorized John Siegel and John Templeton to proceed with plans for the stained glass garden window they are donating to the church; to be placed in the arch over the lower entrance door.

Complete vestry minutes can be found on the website: 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 October 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Vestry Nominations

It's time to prayerfully consider serving on the Vestry of Saint James. If this leadership role is something you might be interested in, please contact one of the current Vestry members by October 15.

Lynda White, Senior Warden, alanlynda@windstream.net, 404-317-6981

Jack Bream, Junior Warden, olddogjack@hotmail.com, 706-782-2122

Jan Bomar, jbomar@windstream.net, 706-782-1436

Becky Callahan, tbcallahan@aol.com, 706-782-8429

Ginny Heckel, gheckel@windstream.net, 706-490-2867

Brian Phillips, bphillips@rabungap.org, 706-982-3507

Vestry members reflections

Lynda White-

When I was initially approached about possibly serving on the vestry, my initial response was, "Why me? I didn't grow up as an Episcopalian – I'm still learning!" I confess that my thoughts also included: there are members at Saint James certainly better for this role than I am, this means more meetings to attend (I had heard the meetings could be really short or really long), what business is conducted in vestry meetings (whether to install speed bumps or embark on a capital campaign?) and selfishly, this is a big responsibility and I really like my current "niche."

As you know, I did agree and will complete my term of service at the end of December. I have definitely learned a lot! Service on the Saint James Vestry gave me the opportunity to work with a dedicated and committed group of individuals who care deeply for our church and its future. We have a common purpose and mutual respect that result in sharing ideas and taking action. Yes, our vestry does make decisions on whether to install speed bumps but so much more. It's a *ministry* with responsibility for finances, communication and management of property and human resources. It's collectively addressing challenges and listening. It's having the responsibility to issue the call to a new rector. It's being accountable. For me, it was a gift – the *opportunity* to serve this church I love. Thank you for this gift.

Jack Bream-

Serving on the Vestry has been a very enlightening experience. Not only am I a part of the decision making concerning current and future actions needed, so Saint James not only runs smoothly, but to insure we will flourish in the future as we continue to grow. I'm also a physical participant in some of the actions needed to make sure our church stays safe and active as we grow in many directions. It is a pleasure to work with Mary+ and the current dedicated Vestry members.

Brian Phillips-

As a member of the vestry, I have learned a lot about how churches operate and are organized. This is my first time in any form of church leadership, so it has been eye opening and helpful. Also, as someone who is not naturally very sociable and outgoing, being a vestry member has pushed me into a position where I have had more of an opportunity to get to know some of the church members in a way that I would not have on my own. Being a member of the vestry has been a valuable experience and I am honored to be a member.

Ginny Heckel-

I chose to serve on the Saint James Vestry out of a sense of opportunity and responsibility to serve Saint James through this specific leadership venue. I felt my skills and passions would provide a lens through which others might see possibilities, and an energy to help discern and determine future paths of growth and engagement for the parish. Serving alongside the rector and other members of the vestry has enriched my faith and purpose, and brought both joy and satisfaction to my life. It is a gift and privilege to be called to serve on the vestry.

Parish Nurse — Kathy Booker, RN, FCN

Arriving soon to our area . . .

Influenza – ‘the flu’! A word we hate to hear or experience. The fall season brings it all back to life again as we begin thinking of ways to prepare ourselves for the onset of colds and flu. No one wants to be sick, yet we move through the fall and winter months without doing things we can do to avoid the dreaded ‘flu’.

We know the flu bug will strike, sometimes with a vengeance. It is a highly contagious viral infection. The flu is often confused with the common cold, but flu symptoms tend to develop quickly and are usually more severe. It is most dangerous for older adults age 65 and over, young children under the age of 5, pregnant women, and people with medical issues or compromised immune systems. These groups of people are more likely to experience severe or even deadly complications from the flu. However, anyone can be affected by the flu at any age.

Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. People may be infected with the flu and have respiratory symptoms without a fever.

Here are some steps that everyone can take to prevent or avoid the spread of the flu virus:

Get your flu shot. While flu vaccine can vary in how well it works, it is the first and best way to prevent seasonal flu. The CDC recommends everyone age 6 months and older be vaccinated against the flu each year. The vaccines are available from your doctor’s office, local Health Department and pharmacies.



Practice good handwashing techniques. Today we know the importance of good hand hygiene - the practice of hand washing prevents the spread of infection, helps keep us healthy and saves lives. It is one of the most important things one can do especially as we begin experiencing an active season of colds and flu. Alcohol based hand sanitizers can be used if unable to wash hands. It's a good idea to keep a small bottle in your purse or car for frequent use.

Avoid being around people who are sick. The microscopic droplets of the flu virus can go airborne when people sneeze or cough and can be shared with others up to about 6 feet away through their inhalation. It can also linger on hard surfaces such as doorknobs, countertops, work desks, computer keyboards and phones that can silently transfer germs from one person to another. It is important to wipe down those surfaces with a disinfectant to get rid of potential exposure to the virus. **Keep your hands away from your nose and mouth** as these can be entry points into the body.

If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except for medical care or other necessities. Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine. While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

Cover coughs and sneezes properly. To avoid spreading germs, cough or sneeze into a tissue and then immediately throw the tissue away, or else cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow. Don't cough directly into your hands.

Forget the antibiotics. If you get the flu, your doctor may prescribe an antiviral drug such as Tamiflu, Relenza or Rapivab to treat it. These prescription medications are different than antibiotics, which treat bacterial infections , and do not work against the flu virus. Antiviral drugs should be started as soon as possible after the onset of symptoms. Follow your doctor's instructions if they are prescribed for you.

Many people underestimate the seriousness of influenza or have questions about flu vaccination. Sadly, every year in the U.S., upwards of 56,000 people – including 100 children – die from the flu and associated complications. Prevention of the flu is definitely the best treatment. Unless contraindicated, get the flu vaccine - you're not only protecting yourself from the virus, but everyone else around you, too!

Staying healthy, Kathy

Resources and for additional information – visit these websites:

WebMD, CDC, Mayo Clinic

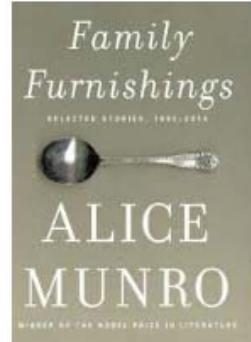
Parish Committees

Book Club — Mary Thornton

As planned, our devoted club leader came back from her new living quarters in Braselton, GA, in order for us to meet at her home on Applewood Dr. last Friday. The discussion began with concentrating on two selections from the book titled *Family Furnishings: Selected Stories 1955 - 2014* by Alice Munro; those being "The View from Castle Rock" and "Too Much Happiness".

For our October 19th, 10:00am, meeting we will add "Home", "Dear Life" and "The Children Stay" for discussion. We will continue to meet at Sue Paulsen's home at 10 am on the third Friday of each month.

All are welcome to join us. Just bring your sack lunch and coffee is always available.



Choir — Alan White

MUSIC NOTES



Our choir has begun the 2018 – 2019 music year with commitment and enthusiasm! We hope to provide a variety of anthems and hymns that support the worship experience each Sunday. There has been growth in our numbers with nineteen members currently on our roll and a couple of others who have expressed an interest in joining. The increase has produced some wonderful problems: not enough copies of some anthems; crowded rehearsal room; and where will we all sit if everyone shows up on the same Sunday? We actually enjoy these problems and hope they continue because I think we can reach about twenty-five active members and that will really give me something to have to figure out!

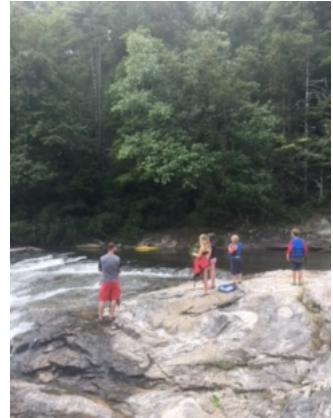
Many of you have spoken to me about the great effort by our choir. When they sang "*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*" we had the wonderful support of a duet by Hannah and Bailey Demmler. We also want to recognize the extra time put in by Tim McCabe who practiced and accompanied the choir and congregation at the church picnic. Tim has also been very helpful in assisting in the set up of microphones and music stands when we need them.

All of this has me looking forward to the fall music season leading all the way through Thanksgiving to Christmas. There is some great music ahead for us and it is alright with me if you mention the choir to others and really cause me some wonderful problems!



Youth Activity—Brian Phillips

On Sunday, September 23rd, the Demmler and Phillips children traveled to Woodall Shoals on the Chattooga River. We enjoyed a short hike through the woods that led us to Woodall Shoals. The rapid is completely man made and is known as the most dangerous rapid on the river. The area was dynamited in an attempt to relieve problems with log jams that were occurring in the area as Rabun County's forests were logged. The resulting rapid and river channel only made the problem worse. Using the rapid as a backdrop, we talked to the children about the importance of not making big decisions hastily, and always seeking guidance from God and the people you love and trust before making big decisions. Afterwards, we enjoyed some time together, swimming in a sheltered pool of the river and playing with toy boats. A good time was had by all and we look forward to our future adventures.



Pastoral Care Team — Kathy Booker

From the Pastoral Care Team

Here are some opportunities coming up in October and November that need a mark on your calendar.



- **October 21, Sunday** – Walgreens will be here to manage a Flu Shot Clinic. A pharmacist will be here to administer flu vaccines to our parish and friends after both services in the Parish Hall.

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. You will need to complete a form which will be available in the Parish Hall. Bring your insurance or Medicare card – flu shots are covered by most insurance companies. It will be a very quick and painless event.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please sign your name so they know how many units to bring. There is a minimum of 25 participants. Remember that October is the best month to receive the vaccine. Please make every effort to come and support this effort - it is to prepare you and your family for the upcoming flu season.

- **November 2, Friday** – is the date for our next Lunch & Learn. The topic is “Ribbons & Wrappings – Memories, Reflections and Reality of the Holidays”, presented by The Rev. Mary Demmler. This is an occasion to explore the emotions generated by the holiday season and how to deal with them in a positive and healthy manner. Lunch is served at 11:30am and the program starts at noon until 1:00pm. Please share with your friends, neighbors and other contacts.

Reservations are requested and can be made through the church office or email to Bonnie admin@stjamesclayton.org

- **November 5, Monday** – Marcus Booker, certified AARP instructor, will facilitate the quarterly Smart Drivers’ Course, 9:00am – 4pm, in the Parish Hall. Contact the church office to register or use the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

Welcome to Jackie Tatum, Linda Ball and Licia Cleaveland, new members of the Pastoral Care Team. We are delighted to have them join our group.



Daughters of the King — Mary Flanigen

The Saint James chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King will gather this month on Saturday, October 13, 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall to enjoy our fellowship together, discuss upcoming activities and projects for the 2018/2019 season, and pass along information from the DOK national and diocesan offices. Please show up with some good ideas for us to consider and learn about plans already decided on for future gatherings.

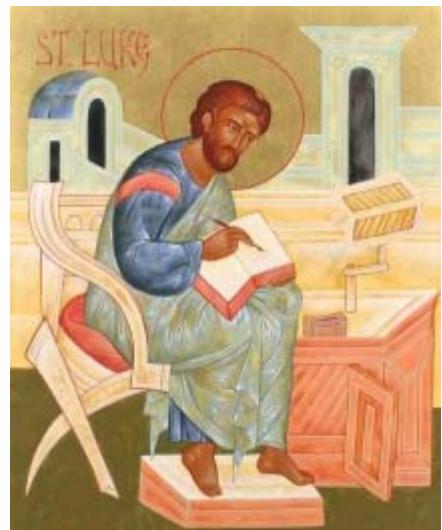


We invite anyone who would like to learn more about our Order, or simply join us each month in worship, study and fellowship, to attend our gatherings and other events. The St. James Chapter is open for membership to all women who are communicants of St. James Church. Each Daughter pledges herself to 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.

Christian Formation

WHAT MAKES LUKE *LUKE?* AND OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT MANY PEOPLE'S FAVORITE GOSPEL: An In Depth Study Coming in November

Just in time as the Lectionary changes over to a heavy emphasis on Luke readings, Saint James will be offering a comprehensive and in-depth study of Luke for those who want to know more. Led by The Reverend Dan Wilson, we will investigate the six titles given to Jesus in Luke's Gospel, whether this may be the first feminist gospel, and attitudes toward wealth, political power and multi-culturalism found in this gospel. Luke's hermeneutic, his eschatology and unique view of history make this book worth digging into on a deeper level. Look for future announcements in coming months.



Please email the office or sign up in the parish hall if you are interested in this study, and let us know the day that works best for your schedule. The class will meet once a month for 2 ½ hours, including a break.

Day choices:

- Sunday at 2:00 pm
- Monday at 10:00 am
- Tuesday at 5:00 pm

Saturday at 9:00am
Saturday at 4:00pm

Garden Guild—Kathy Booker



Summer is fast coming to a close . . . officially ending September 23, 2018. Gardening for just about everyone has been somewhat of a challenge this summer. The weather has been unrelenting- lots of rain, heat and humidity – not all plants responded in a positive manner.

Many of them, especially annuals, may be ready to call it a day, but those weeds - who never give up - still need to be pulled with their roots to avoid new ones next year.

There are several other chores that also need attention. Here are some things that should be done in September:

- ◆ Start fall clean-up in the flower beds, cutting back anything that has finished blooming or is diseased
- ◆ Plant trees and shrubs. Keep well-watered, if there isn't sufficient rain.
- ◆ It's time to renovate the lawn (or at least seed bare patches)
- ◆ Last call to plant starts of lettuce, broccoli, kale, and collards for fall harvests
- ◆ Pull weeds up by their roots before they disperse seeds
- ◆ Plant unpeeled, separated garlic cloves in a sunny spot for next summer's crop
- ◆ Divide spring-bloomers (like lily of the valley, Dutch iris, perennial phlox)
- ◆ Before bringing plants indoors, rinse them well to remove hitchhiking insects
- ◆ Rake beds where mildew, fungus or black spot surfaced this year – dispose of leaves and debris in the trash
- ◆ Harvest grapes
- ◆ Make a soup with the remaining vegetables from the garden.

Look forward to the new cooler weather – Fall is just around the corner! The autumnal Equinox 2018 is Sunday, September 23.

Stewardship — Ginny Heckel

Consecration Sunday is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our Stewardship Committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* (just as we did in 2017) as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our members and our friends who attend regularly to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and others. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Mark your calendars: Consecration Sunday—October 28, 2018; 10:30am



Flower, Garden & Liturgical Arts Preview — Bev Mannes

Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15, 2019, preview party on Thursday, June 13

"Women of Faith"

We have eight women claimed for table displays: Mary for the retable, Mother Teresa, Florence Nightingale, Saint Cecelia, Ruth, Nuns in Georgia Convents, St. Margaret of Scotland, Maya Angelou on upstairs tables. We can feature seven more women upstairs, and seven on small tables downstairs. The women can be from any century, including our own, any walk of life who is recognized for her faith. We welcome anyone who would like to assemble a table to participate, others will do your flower arrangements if that is scaring you off.

So give it some thought and let me know who you would like to feature on a table. Our first planning meeting will be Wednesday, January 16 at 9:30 a.m. so you have plenty of time to decide and round up items for your table.

Looking forward to another beautiful festival! Bev Mannes 706-782-9717,
bjm999@windstream.net



Outreach — Peggy Melton

Saint James has held yet another wonderful Annual Tag sale. This year we collected \$5,200 for our Miracle Fund! It was a wonderful team effort and the Miracle Fund of Saint James will keep on making miracles happen for our community. A special "Thank You" to each and everyone who helped! I was concerned about having the Tag Sale in our Parish Hall but our wonderful volunteers made it work!

The November Outreach Committee meeting date will be announced at a later date.



Quilter—Connie Blyler

Connie has been a long-time member of the Log Cabin Quilters who meet in the parish hall the fourth Tuesday of the month.

This quilt combines piecing and appliqué in lovely Fall colors. She has made many quilts over the years and frequently donates them to the F.A.I.T.H. shelter for the children who stay there. They comfort these traumatized children and let them know they are loved

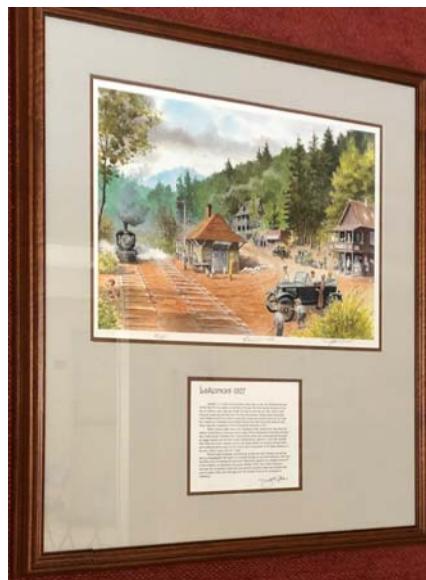


Featured Artist — John Kollock

Remembering early Rabun County...

Charles and Jacqueline Groover were members of Grace Calvary in Clarkesville and met John and they became friends. John is noted for painting Rabun County's history. Five of these paintings depict Tallulah Falls many years ago and provide a retrospective look at the Falls in the early days. A sixth painting shows Lakemont in the early 1900's.

A book of his work is nearby the paintings. Take a look and please replace the book. Enjoy!



Announcements



FLU SHOTS OFFERED THIS YEAR

The Pastoral Care Team is offering flu shots to our parishioners and friends following each service on Sunday, October 21. Walgreens will send a pharmacist over if we have 25 people or more. Please sign up in the parish hall or email the office [here](#). With your insurance card there is no charge.



PARISH MEETING

There will be a parish meeting on Sunday, November 11, at 9:15 a.m. The agenda will include the presentation of 2019-2021 Vestry members, revised by-laws, and a summary of this year's Annual Council. Annual Council will be held at Holy Innocents Church with The Reverend Mary Demmler; and delegates, Ginny Heckel and Lynda White representing Saint James

HERB GARDEN

Did you know Saint James has an herb garden and it's bursting with herbs? Fennel, Oregano, Parsley, Basil, Sage, and MUCH more! You are invited to snip whatever herbs you need as you prepare your meals—made all the more delicious by using fresh herbs from the Herb Garden. Scissors and plastic bags are located in the bird house at the rear of the garden.

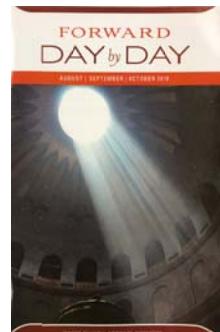
Snipped herbs can be stored in a zip bag in your freezer for use at a later date.

RETIREES LUNCH

The Retirees Lunch will be held at Ishy's Grill on Tuesday, October 2 at noon. We each pay for our own meal and enjoy good fellowship.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONAL

The August, September, October devotional booklets (large print and regular print) are now available and are located in the Parish Hall. Pick up your copy today.



The Reverend Mary Demmler's Blog, *Prayerful Kitchen*

<https://www.stjamesclayton.org/reverend-marys-blog/>

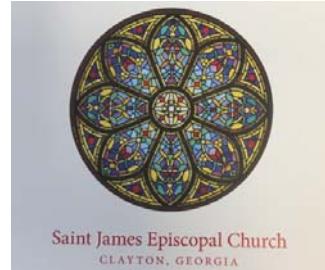
If you want to subscribe to Mary+'s blog, email mdemmler@gmail.com

FLOWER CHART—2018

The 2018 flower chart for designating flowers on the altar each Sunday is located on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Parishioners can honor, celebrate, or remember a special occasion or person. Choose the Sunday you wish, then send a contribution of \$30.00 to the church office to cover the cost of the flowers.

SAINT JAMES NOTECARDS

We have beautiful note cards for sale in the church office. The cards with our stained glass rose window on the cover are available for \$1.00 each, 10 for \$8, or 12 for \$10. All proceeds will benefit the Pastoral Care Team.



FACEBOOK

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>

INSTAGRAM

Check out Saint James' on Instagram.

<https://www.instagram.com/saintjamesclayton/>

If you are an Instagram user, and are interested in posting Saint James images to the Saint James Instagram page, please let Ginny Heckel (gheckel@wt.net) know. We would love to have contributors to the page. Login and password will be provided.

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.

RECYCLE



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

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".



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. A wide range of topics are available to you at no cost. There are also CareNotes that will help your children and grandchildren.
Stop by and take a look.

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.

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!*

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!

Passages

Happy Birthday

10/1	Lynn Kilby
10/1	Mary Wilson
10/3	Elaina Cochran
10/4	Tim McCabe
10/4	William Demmler
10/10	Louise Weber
10/15	Judy Ruth
10/20	John Templeton
10/20	Rebecca Brandon
10/23	Johnny Watson
10/26	Stuart Davis
10/27	Gilda Little
10/28	Michael Clarke
10/29	Nancy Fichter
10/29	Donn Harper
10/29	Anthony Sgro
10/30	Bill Bomar
10/30	Cyrus Manoogian
10/31	Kathy Booker

Happy Anniversary

10/9	Erika & Ken Klimasewski
10/11	John Siegel & John Templeton
10/15	Pam & Roland Clemons
10/23	Jennifer & Scott Moore
10/25	Kay & Stuart Davis



the Lectionary



The Lessons appointed for use—RCL Year B

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (October 7)

Genesis 2:18-34
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (October 21)

Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (October 14)

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-26
Mark 10:17-31

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (October 28)

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:21-28
Mark 10:46-52

Lay Servers — Bonnie Klinec

October 2018

	7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct
8 A.M.				
Lector	Linda Barden	Sandy Hunter	Kathy Booker	
Eucharistic Minister	Ron Barden	Ann Inman	Marcus Booker	
Ushers	Mary Thornton	Betsy Elsas Jack Bream	Kathy and Rocky Ford	
VPOD	Jack Bream	Ginny Heckel	Becky Callahan	
10:30 a.m.				
VPOD	Brian Phillips	Becky Callahan	Jan Bomar	Lynda White
Lector	Derek Demmler	Lynda White	Dustin Emhart	Nannette Curran
Eucharistic Minister	Jennifer Moore Paulette Williams	Peggy Melton Bonnie Klinec	Rob Moore	Ginny Heckel
Acolyte	Hannah Demmler	Cassidy Klimasewski	GiGi Sgro	Harper Phillips
Intercessor	Derek Demmler	Lynda White	Deacon Sgro	Deacon Sgro
Altar Guild	Peggy Melton and John Templeton			
Tellers	Janice Grant Camille Day	Terry Klinec Tom Callahan	Dustin Emhart Nannette Curran	Jim Zobel Tim McCabe
Ushers	Becky and Tom Callahan	Dirk Brown Tim Burns	Jan and Bill Bomar	Mary Wilson Dustin Emhart

Altar Flower Schedule — John Templeton

October 7, 2018-November 25, 2018

October

7	Bev Mannes	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Green Altar Hangings
14	John Templeton	The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost - Green Altar Hangings
21	Peggy Melton	The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost-Green Altar Hangings
28	Rebecca Brandon	The Twenty-Third Sunday of Pentecost - Green Altar Hangings

November

4	Kathy Booker	The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Pentecost - Green Altar Hanging
11	Sharyn McCabe	The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Green Altar Hangings
18	Betsy Elsas	The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost -Green Altar Hangings
25	Tim Burns	The Last Sunday after Pentecost, Christ the King - White Altar Hangings

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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 Flower Room. Please notify me if we need oasis or other supplies.

I hope all of you know how much I appreciate your hard work...but isn't it fun. Thank you so much!

Please Note...Flowers closest to Sept. 26th in memory of Bo Mentzer and closest to Dec 17th in memory of Elizabeth Murrell. This is an annual request.

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. Mary Demmler, Rector

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