



St. James Episcopal Church

Messenger

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*Our mission is to preach the Gospel, worship God,
renew our hearts and minds, and serve others.*

Daily Morning Prayer Continues

Daily Morning Prayer has been so fulfilling for the dozen or so participating that we have decided to continue year round except for during the summer.



Join Father Jim for
Morning Prayer

Monday - Friday
7:30am-8am
ZOOM ONLY

[Access Here](#)

Meeting ID: 218 094 8164

Passcode: 682287

A NOTE FROM Father Jim

Just a reminder that even though I'm in Savannah, I am still doing the Lectionary class and attending various meetings via Zoom, including Daily Morning Prayer. I am always available via text, phone or email for any of your concerns, questions, theological discussions, problems, solutions, ect., ect., ect.,... =)

I give you this reflection by Br. Jack

Crowley:

"In our walk with Jesus, things get real. The cross is the place where our hopes and dreams meet reality and always survive. The cross is the place where we consider that maybe God's plan for us is better than our own. The cross is where we let go of bitterness and grab hold of gratitude." ~Br. Jack Crowley, SSJE



Thoughts from a Deacon



Thoughts From a Deacon 04.03.2024

Easter Sunday service was a true joy! The people, singing, bell ringing, sprinkling of baptismal waters, words to think about, ah-ha moments, Holy Communion, the flowers, lots and lots of prayers and praise. God's glory was right there surrounding us.

And then, a gathering at the winery. We had 35+ people from St. James, our surrounding community and out of town family guests. The food was outstanding, the company fine and we can't say enough about our gracious hosts. And a view of God's glory right in front of our eyes, surrounding us.

A natural stage in the shade on a small slope gave us music from the keyboard of Greg. Many of us sang along to old favorites..... "I've got a peaceful easy feeling..., Sha-la-la, la-la, la-la, la-la tee-da....."

Church, the picnic, however you spent this Easter day.....
I know there were many "Ah-ha" moments! I am reminded of A Prayer of St. Chrysostom said at the daily morning prayer group. "Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time.... and you have promised that when two or three are gathered together in His name, you will be in the midst of them..

It was obvious God was in our midst Easter Sunday. He is risen, he is risen indeed. Alleluia!









Stewardship at St. James



INVITE. WELCOME. CONNECT.

Your stewardship committee, led by chair Linda Sanders, began meeting early this year and has many plans for a successful campaign!

We have created a theme and a logo of Fishers of Men/The Heart of Giving. You may have already noticed in church that we have introduced several parish ministries; Garden Guild, Outreach and Worship Ministries. Additional parish ministries will be introduced throughout the coming months. We will have a Time and Talent Giving Tree this year and Shannon LeMoine will introduce this on April 21st at both services.

We have strong, active and engaged ministries here at St. James and we hope that you might join one or more of them! Or, even, suggest a new ministry!

On Sunday, April 7, *Worship Ministries* were highlighted. Ann Inman and Shelley Urban spoke during the 8am and 10:30am services.

Worship Ministries It takes a village to put together a worship service each Sunday at St. James. Twelve church ministries are part of most every Sunday service. Each contributes in an important way to make each worship service a worshipful experience. Polish and commitment to the tasks are crucial. It may seem seamless because each ministry becomes a part of the whole. It is extremely rewarding to play a key role in Sunday services.

Lectors, Intercessors, Altar Guild members, Eucharistic Ministers, Chalice Bearers, Ushers, Vestry Persons of the Day (VPODs), Choir members, Acolytes, Flower Guild members, Video Recorders, and the communion Bread Bakers.

Would you like to become part of one or more ministries that make up the Worship ministries? Let Father Jim know. Your experience of being an important part of worship at St. James will feel so good!

[Contact Linda Sanders](#)

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Scheduled Tour Times: 9:00AM - 4PM

"Into the Crayon Box"



HOME, ART,
AND
GARDEN TOUR

John Templeton & John Siegel

(Located on Lillian Smith Property)

TICKETS

ADULTS \$ 25

STUDENTS \$ 15

(AGES 12+)



BUY NOW

Tour Length 1 ½ hours

Transportation provided – meet at St. James Episcopal Church
30 minutes before scheduled time.



A fundraiser sponsored by the Rabun County Friends of the Library

Mark Your Calendar . . .



Victory Home

Greenhouse Plant Sale

320 Victory Home Lane
Tallulah Falls, GA

May 8 – 11, 2024

Wed – Sat



A great selection of plants for your garden & home landscaping!

Perennials – Annuals – Shrubs – Trees - Natives



Cash, Checks, & Credit Cards Accepted

Master Gardeners on site to help answer your gardening questions.

Sponsored by Headwaters Master Gardeners & Victory Home

Proceeds benefit Victory Home, Headwaters Master Gardeners, & Greenhouse.



HEADWATERS MASTER GARDENERS' MISSION/PURPOSE - Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteers (GMGEV) bring the latest horticultural information and practices from the world of research to our community's landscapes and gardens. Headwaters Master Gardeners is a nonprofit volunteer organization whose membership is composed of master gardeners from Habersham, Rabun and White Counties. We are trained in horticulture and related areas, and work under the direction of the UGA Extension service. Our mission is to educate others through horticultural programs and projects that benefit the community.

Easter Flowers



Thank you to the Flower Guild for working together on Saturday, March 30th to create an amazing flower arrangement for our Easter Sunday services.

The Easter Flowers were given to the glory of God by:

In Memory Of:

Lee Burson in memory of Ken and Stan

Betty Cobb in memory of Neal Cobb

Christy Collins and Sandy Simon in memory of their parents

Betsy Elsas in memory of Jack Bream

Katherine and Crawford Grice in memory of Walter, Elizabeth, Walt, Grace, and Karen

Bonnie and Terry Klinect in memory of their parents

Sharyn and Tim McCabe in memory of Ed and Kevin McCabe and Trey McNamara

Dee and Jim McElroy in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Jones, Jr and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E McElroy, Sr.

Jackie and David Tatum in memory of Price Tatum

Tatum Young in memory of Leroy S Young and Shirley Curry Cheatam

Lynda and Alan White in memory of their parents

In Thanksgiving for:

Betty Cobb in thanksgiving for her loving family

Christy Collins and Sandy Simon in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren

Betsy Elsas in thanksgiving for family and friends

Bonnie and Terry Klinect in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren

Susi Roessler and Shelley Urban in thanksgiving for the people of St. James

John Seigel in thanksgiving for the 54th anniversary for John Templeton as Priest

Jackie and David Tatum in thanksgiving for Ashley Price

Lynda and Alan White in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren







Preaching Baptism

The subject of the Lenten program held on Saturday, March 24th was "Everything You Wanted to Know About Baptism but Did Not Know to Ask". Father Jim engaged the participants with questions and answers and went over the 5 baptismal vows which are:

Participation-We will continue in the apostles' teachings.

Repentance-Repent and return the Lord when we sin.

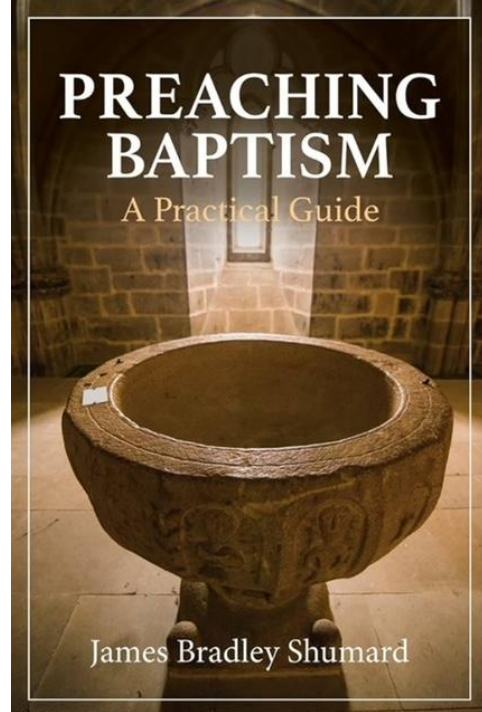
Preaching-We vow to proclaim the good news of Christ in word and deed.

Outreach-We will seek and serve Christ in everybody.

Justice-We will strive for justice and peace, respecting the dignity of every human being.

Father Jim also discussed his book, "**Preaching Baptism**" which you may purchase [HERE](#).

After the program everyone enjoyed a lunch of 2 soups, chili, cornbread and bread. Thank you to the parishioners who prepared the lunch!



LINE DANCING with Sam
Saturdays 10am-11am

Due to the overwhelming positive response to Sam's Intro to Line Dancing class held on



Saturday, April 6th, we have decided to make this a regular fellowship class organized by the Pastoral Care Team.

Join us every Saturday 10am-11am.

Line Dancing can often be recognized at weddings, events, dance halls and other social gatherings. This dance form practices the fundamentals of ALL dance styles in synchronized routines with sections repeating on either 2 or 4 walls. Line Dancing is accessible to all ages or skill levels.

DANCES TO PRACTICE:

****Note for Good Morning****

I am now realizing I went out of order for the vines on the end...we will correct this on Saturday, but the ultimate goal (besides having fun!!!) for each class is having the steps and counts correct as you become familiar with them since we will use them in most dances (think putting a list of dance steps on shuffle and changing the music).

You all had these steps down by the end of class so regardless of my mistake, you all did great and no time was wasted! See you on Saturday! :-)

"GOOD MORNING"

"STRAIT DOWN"



Victory Home Greenhouse



Need to get rid of plastic flower pots? Victory Home Greenhouse will recycle pots for you. They can use any size, but especially 1, 2, and 3 gallon pots. Please leave them in a plastic bag at the picnic table area or contact Kathy Booker [HERE](#), and they will be delivered to the greenhouse.

Brown Bag Sunday

Brown Bag Sunday the 4th Sunday of each month.

Help Sharing and Caring with their most needed items:

- Sugar
- Oil
- Flour
- Corn Meal
- Eggs
- Salt
- Pepper
- Margarine



Fellowship



COFFEE HOUR

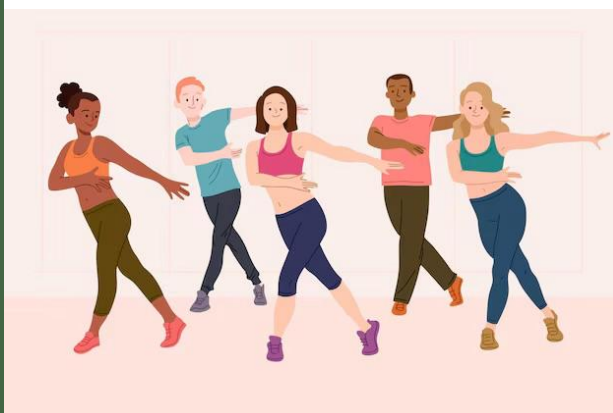
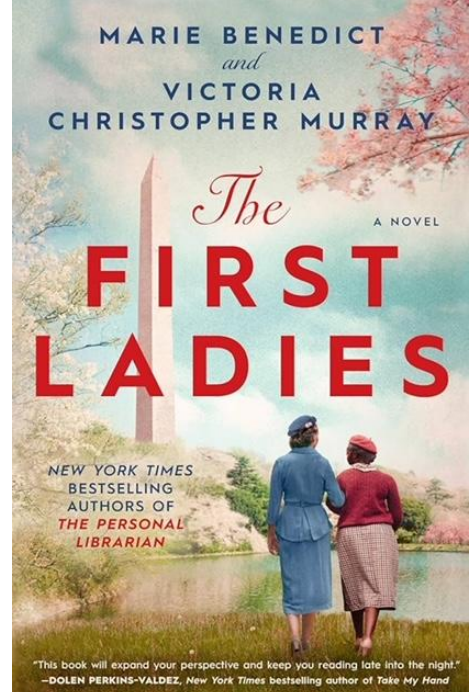
Hosted in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service each Sunday!

St. James Book Club

This month we are reading "The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict and Victoria

Christopher Murray. Everyone is invited to join us on Thursday, April 18th, 11:00am in the Parish Hall.

Contact Becky Callahan [HERE](#)



LINE DANCING

with Sam in the Parish Hall

Saturdays 10am-11am

\$5. per drop in

Retirees Lunch

The Retirees will begin meeting at noon **EVERY 3RD TUESDAY** of each month in 2024 and will meet at Ishy's Restaurant in Clayton April 16t, 2024. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Questions? Contact Roland Clemmons [here](#).



April Celebrations

Birthdays:

- 4- Katherine Grice
- 7- Bob Clayton
- 8- Nannette Curran
- 9- Bonnie Klinect
- 15- David Tatum
- 16- Chery McKay
- 17- Sandy Hunter
- 24- Mike Shahan
- 26- Lynda White

Anniversaries:

13- Terry Wright & Steve Bull
15- Traci & Kevin Cagle
20- Lynda & Alan White
27- Maggie & Bob Hatcher



Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram

The St. James social media team is keeping our Facebook and Instagram channels updated with current information about St. James events, fun features about our parishioners and their good works, and inspirational thoughts and themes.

Shelley Urban and Nanette O'Hara are sharing social media duties, with an able assist from Ginny Heckel. Dustin Emhart also will be pitching in.

Find us on Facebook at [St. James Episcopal, Clayton, GA](#)

Follow us on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/saintjamesclayton/>

Content suggestions are welcome. We also need photos from any St. James activities current or past, or just photos of our beautiful church and gardens that you're willing to share. You can reach us by phone, text or email as follows:

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Timeline for the Weekly Messenger:

Articles or other content received by NOON on Wednesdays will be in the next Messenger. Please contact the **church office** if you have any questions.

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