



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 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

Mark your calendars for Pentecost Sunday, May 19th where we will welcome new members, renew our Baptismal Vows, be splashed by the Waters of Baptism and have several surprises!

Pentecost is the Birthday of the Church and historically has been a primary feast

day along with Christmas and Easter.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday!

-Father Jim



Thoughts from a Deacon



Thoughts From a Deacon 04.23.2024

Psalm 149:3 says, "Let them praise his name with dancing...." Yea baby!

David dances before the Lord with all his might, surrendering himself to God in worship. Moses' sister, Miriam and the Israelites danced in celebration of their deliverance from Egypt all because of God's power at the Red Sea. Dancing is mentioned as a good thing in Psalm 150:4, Ecclesiastes 3:4, Ephesians 5:19, Jeremiah 31:13, 2 Samuel 6:61, Psalm 30:11 and Luke 15:25. Check it out! Dancing is a way of praising and worshipping God. It's art.

Recently, some of us have been line dancing and we are smiling, laughing, and learning all under the guidance of our teacher, our very own, Sam. I know God is at work, right now, in her, because her joy and enthusiasm for something she loves comes out when you watch her demonstrate, teach, guide, but mostly when she dances. It's in her heart and soul - - it's her gift. As she said, "I guess life is like this too. We should focus more on each individual step we take, being sure not to take any back or get too far ahead of ourselves. Otherwise, we miss what's right in front of us and lose the moment." You know it, Sam!!!

It's good for us too. Line dancing improves balance, coordination, weight loss, mental health, and cardiovascular health. Doesn't matter if you're rich or poor, have rhythm or not (I will attest to that), big or small, wear cowboy boots, sneakers, pumps or sandals, whether you are different in any way, you can line dance!! Or you can come, watch, enjoy the fun and the music. We don't judge and neither does God!

Zephaniah 3:17 says, "The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will **rejoice** over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud **singing** as on a day of festival." Rejoice can mean to spin around with emotion. Spinning around? God is always moving helping us to find moments. I think God is singing and dancing

too!!





A NOTE FROM your Parish Administrator

Hi All,

St. James is always in need of volunteers to host Coffee Hour following the 10:30am Sunday Service.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board of the Parish Hall or you may reach out to me via email.

Thank you all so much for being such active members of St. James!

Sam



[Email Sam](#)

TED is in need of a FURever, loving home!

From John Templeton and John Siegel:

We are in Edisto Beach South Carolina for a couple of weeks and after a lot of discussions over a long period of time, we realize we need to rehome our dog, Ted.



This will not be easy because he is not an easy dog but our situation has changed, at 80 and 85 with John T's eyesight failing, he is more than we can handle.

TED'S BIO:

- Tibetan Terrier mix
 - 7 Years Old
 - Approximately 15 pounds
 - Neutered Male
 - Up To Date on Vaccinations
 - Micro Chipped
 - House Broken
- Good with other dogs / unsure how he is with other animals
 - Good on a leash
 - Rides well in the car
 - Lovable
 - Smart
 - Hyper Active
 - Has some slight separation anxiety so would do best with someone who is home the majority of the time or can take him places with them.

Ted is a 7 year old Tibetan Terrier (we think) who is incredibly cute but can be very active at times and needs some real training. He is lovable, smart but he is determined to have his own way especially when it comes to food.

We are reaching out wherever we can to find him a loving home with someone who is willing to take their time with him and give him the proper time, attention, exercise and training that he needs.

We have had him since he was 6 months old and just wish to find a forever home for him where he and his new family will be happy!

Thank you so much for reading and for sharing him with your contacts!

Sam in the office, with her extensive background in animal rescue and placing adoptions, has offered to assist in screening potential prospects so that we can ensure that it's a good match. Feel free to reach out to either us or her.

-John Siegel

[Email Sam](#)

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.



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Fellowship



COFFEE HOUR

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

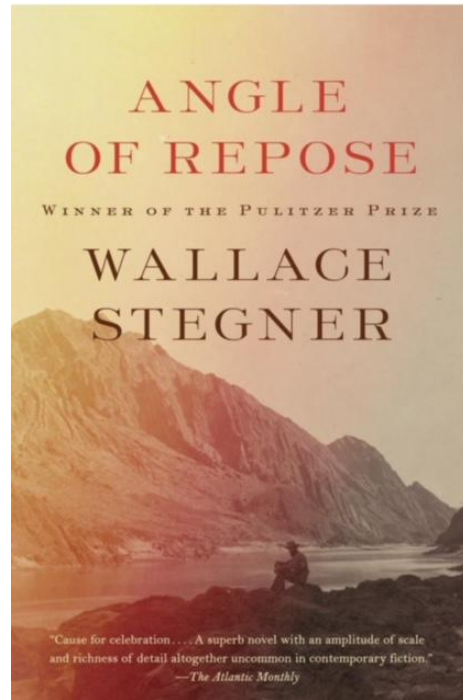
VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED to host coffee hour each Sunday. Please sign up via the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall. Simply bring a plate of cookies and make a pot of coffee! There is always someone around should you have any questions.

St. James Book Club

This month we are reading "Angle of Repose" by Wallace Stegner.

Everyone is invited to join us on Thursday, May 16th, 11:00am in the Parish Hall. Contact Becky Callahan

[HERE](#)



LINE DANCING

with Sam in the Parish Hall

NO CLASSES 04/27 and 05/04

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 16th, 2024. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Questions? Contact Roland Clemmons [here](#).



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



April Celebrations

Birthdays:

4- Katherine Grice
7- Bob Clayton
8- Nannette Curran
9- Bonnie Klinec
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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