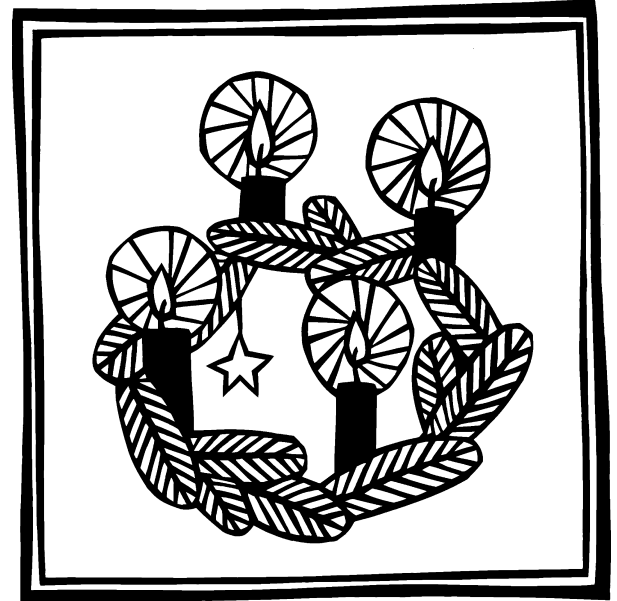


The Season of Advent

This coming Sunday is the 3rd in the season of Advent. Advent is a season of reflection, prayer, penitence and anticipation. It is at odds with our modern American shopping frenzy. May the season give you a chance to find quiet time to remember Who it is we celebrate!



ANNUAL MEETING December 11th, 2016, 10:30am

The following people have agreed to let their names be placed in nomination for 5 council member positions. Please pray for discernment in election and with thanksgiving for their willingness to serve:

Luke Roland
Ben Freeman
Jim Tynner
Midge Lane

Cora Nevitt
Larry Kyzer
John Harmon
Amanda Huber

Mary Browder
Bill Hogan
Kim Backman

We will also elect a new person to the Endowment Committee. These persons have indicated a willingness to serve:

Charlene Frye

Ben Freeman

We will also approve the proposed budget for 2017. See page 7.

Year End Giving

At the end of last year, members of St. James helped us wipe \$30,000 off our debt. We have less than that now on our only outstanding debt. Any gift towards reducing this debt will free other funds for ministry going forward. Please consider a year end gift towards the debt retirement!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, December 19th 2pm - 7pm at St. James!

Please come out and help your neighbor by the gift of blood. You could save a life!



Christmas Poinsettias

Would you like dedicate a poinsettia to decorate the chancel for Christmas this year? Each plant is 14-18". The price is \$14. Please contact the church office or place an envelope in the offering plate on Sunday with the amount and color (white or red). Thank you for helping glorify God through this gift. If the gift is in memory or honor of someone, please mark that as well.

Bible Study

Bible Study of Matthew

Pastor Kevin is offering a Bible Study on the *Gospel of Matthew* on Thursday nights at 7pm. Matthew wrote his gospel for his community that was reeling from the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. They had been expelled from the Jewish synagogues and were living in exile in Syria away from the Jewish homeland. “What does it mean to be the People of God?” and “How do we reach out to people not like us?” were the questions being asked. Perhaps we are asking similar questions. Matthew’s gospel maybe a place to start!

Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Fellowship hall! Dinner provided.

Bible Study of 2 Peter

Vicar Brian continues his study of the 2nd Epistle of St. Peter on Tuesdays at noon. Bring your lunch and enjoy a great conversation! We meet in the N E Age Room.



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December 15th at Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy each other’s company. Be fed by both the wonderful flavors of our members but also by the Lord in Holy Communion. Our special invitees for the day are our members who are normally homebound. Come enjoy

the fellowship with those who otherwise are not able to be with us each Sunday! If can, bring a dish to pass. If not, COME ANYWAY! We will be fed by each others’ stories and laughter!



Member Prayer List

Alice Raffa
George Knox
Richard Kyzer
Norma Moore

Birthdays

12/4
Jayden Roland
12/5
Mike Summer
Tammy O’Quinn
12/6
Faith Wright
Scott Christmas
Katy Wallace
12/7
Anthony Hutto
Keagan Pearl
12/8

Member Shut-ins

Bobby Frazier
Margaret Kyzer
Frank McLeod
Roberta Pound
Dollie Pounds
Anna Ree Roland
Kathleen Smith

Friends & Relatives of Church Members

David Ball - Father of Rosemary Davis
Pam Crossland - Friend of Cheryl Austin
Jacob & Alberta Dooley - Relative of Margaret & Allen Hollis
Clarence Davis - Father of Jason Davis
Barbara Eckard - Cousin of Mary Hines
Donna Florence - Mother of Megan Joyner
Gracey Goodman - Great Niece of Henry Poplin
Mildred Gunter - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland
Lee Hamilton - Grandson of Norma Moore
Terri Moore Hamilton - Daughter of Norma Moore
Haley Hilliard - Friend of the Freeman’s

Lanell Hicks - Mother of Miranda We
Rick Kyzer - Son of Richard Kyze
Roger Lindler - Brother of Mendel Lindl
Billy Long - Brother of Mike Lon
Sandy Martin - Friend of Janet & Russell Taylo
Samantha Molnar - Sister of Carolyn Steel
Gerald Roof - Brother of Debbie Kyze
Priscilla Shealy - Sister of Alice Raff
Allie Snider— Granddaughter of the Freeman
Johnny Starnes - Brother of Anna Ree Rolan
Susan Russell - Friend of Brenda Popli

Military Workers

Michael Anderson - Friend of St. James
Dwight Barrs - Grandson Eunice Backman
Joseph Brown - Grandson of Bill & Kathryn Kyzer
Ryan Caulder - Son of Mot Caulder

Daniel Herb - Son in Law of Mot Cauld
Jeremy Jolly - Grandson of Hazel Rav

This Week At St. James

Monday, December 5

6:00PM Hanging of the Greens

7:00PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, December 6

12:00 PM Bible Study

6:00PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday, December 7

6:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, December 8

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00PM Bible Study

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday in Advent

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Communion

4:00PM Confirmation Class

ST. JAMES COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016

Cheryl Austin - President

Adam Steele - Vice President, assigned to Cemetery

Katrina Shealy - Evangelism

Dick Kyzer - Family Life

Russell Taylor - Finance

Jeff Hibbs - Personnel

Dwight Bachman - Property

WORSHIP LEADERS IN DECEMBER

Sunday, December 11

Presiding Minister
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

Guest Preacher
Pastor Jann Boyd

Assisting Minister
Vicar Brian Foulks

Acolyte
Alyssa Long

Crucifer
Mattie O'Quinn

Communion Assistants
Mary Browder

Altar Guild
Lynette Steele

Lector
Mary Browder

Ushers
Guy West

Sunday, December 18

Presiding Minister
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

Guest Preacher
Vicar Shea Berbaum

Assisting Minister
Vicar Brian Foulks

Acolyte
Marshall O'Quinn

Crucifer
Mattie O'Quinn

Communion Assistants
Cheryl Austin

Altar Guild
Lynette Steele

Lector
Katrina Shealy

Ushers
Guy West

Christmas Eve

Presiding Minister
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

Assisting Minister
Vicar Brian Foulks

Acolyte
Marshall O'Quinn

Crucifer
Mattie O'Quinn

Communion Assistants
Mary Browder

Altar Guild
Lynette Steele

Lector
Tammy O'Quinn

Ushers
Guy West

Sunday, December 25

Presiding Minister
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

Assisting Minister
Vicar Brian Foulks

Acolyte
Marshall O'Quinn

Crucifer
Mattie O'Quinn

Communion Assistants
Kevin & Krisie Turner

Altar Guild
Lynette Steele

Lector
Tammy O'Quinn

Ushers
Guy West

Request from Red Bank Elementary School

Tony is ten years old. He's never seen his dad because he was incarcerated from the time Tony was born. Anna's mother died and, not knowing the whereabouts of her father, she was taken in by her mother's boyfriend who can barely keep up with the three other children he has. Johnny is being reared by his 19 year old aunt because both parents are addicted to drugs. Andrew struggles because he loves sports, fishing, and all-boy activities but there is no male figure in his life.

These children are precious. They have no choice about to whom they were born, where they live, or who will be there for them. They need you. Would you consider being a mentor to one of these students? A lunch buddy comes once per week and visits with the child during their lunch time. The attention from one caring adult, once per week, makes a tremendous difference for these children.

If you can be a friend to a child, please call Jeannie Epps at Red Bank Elementary School at 803.821.4600.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matt. 25:40

Council Proposed Spending Plan for 2017 with 2016 comparison

<u>Item</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Education	\$4,500	\$2,907
Evangelism	\$1,000	\$ 250
Family Life	\$ 750	\$ 750
Social Ministry	\$ 100	\$ 100
Stewardship	\$ 500	\$ 500
Worship & Music	\$5,725	\$5,225
Outreach (Mission & Benevolence)	\$22,200	\$20,000
Administration (Salaries)	\$147,915	\$145,561
Finance (Insurance, taxes, etc.)	\$15,000	\$15,000
Maintenance	\$21,149	\$21,149
Office	\$7,150	\$7,650
Utilities	\$20,488	\$19,488
Miscellaneous	\$2,500	\$2,500
Debt Retirement	<u>\$18,000</u>	<u>\$17,780</u>
Totals	\$268,627	\$259,510

Needed weekly in 2016: \$4,990.

Needed weekly in 2017: \$5,166

A detailed budget will be presented at the meeting so that members can see how each of these areas was arrived at.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

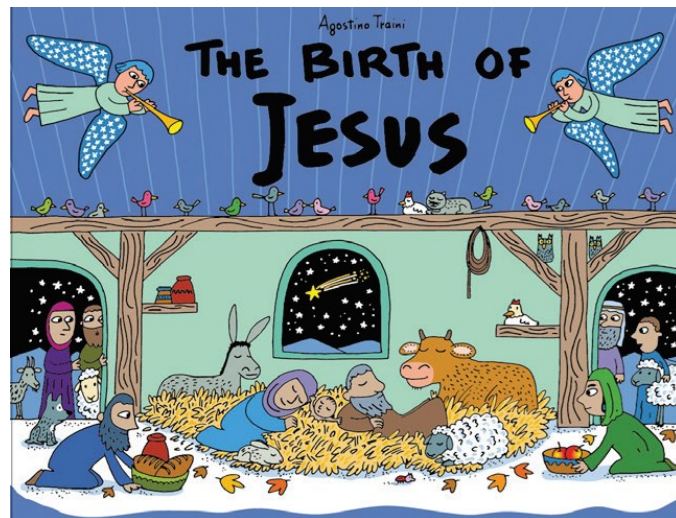
9:15am Sunday School

10:30 Holy Communion

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
5:00pm