



the OPEN DOOR

news from St. James's

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In December we celebrated the birth of Jesus. Now in January, on the 7th, we will celebrate Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan river. You're thinking, wow that was fast – Jesus was only 13 days old. That would be young even for an Episcopalian or a Roman Catholic. Sorry to say Jesus was neither. Jesus was baptized at roughly the age of 30, and this moment in his life marked the beginning of his public ministry.

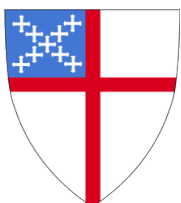
Unlike Matthew and Luke, who spend a lot of time and words on Jesus' birth and the events that led up to it, Mark skips the first 30 years of Jesus' life and starts with John the Baptizer (NRSV translation and straight to the point) and Jesus' baptism. For Mark, it is not the incarnation as seen in the birth narratives that is important, but the incarnation as we come to know it in the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. It is through his healings, feedings, teachings, preaching, the universal welcome he offers, and his blessings that we come to know Jesus and through him the heart and will of God.

Anyone who has ever spent more than just a couple of Sundays with us at St. James's knows that baptism is my favorite liturgical rite. Unlike in the Jordan River or in many Protestant Churches, we Episcopalians tend to get our babies baptized young(ish) — usually between 4-12 months. This of course is not a rule, and since the pandemic it is not even the norm as we catch up with all the baptisms that we had to reschedule.

I have spent a lot of time telling folks I love me a good baptism but I am not sure I have ever explained why. So, let me do that now. There are several things that I love about baptisms. First, there are the babies and kids: I love babies and really enjoy working with the toddler crowd. They are sweet and funny, and you never know what you are going to get. Like a couple of months ago when one little boy climbed the step stool to be baptized and started lapping up the water like a puppy.

I also enjoy teaching folks about liturgy and the origins of our traditions and practices. I see baptism as a way we can welcome new families into our parish and our journey together as well as frequently into the Episcopal Church.

For me, however, the most important part of baptisms and the Baptismal Rite is the frequent reminder of the codependent nature of our spiritual lives. Through the Baptismal Covenant we are reminded of the joys and responsibilities we have for each other, ourselves, and all of creation. The Baptismal Covenant, each and every time we participate in it, calls us to remember what it means to be followers of the living God and to live our lives in accord with it.




To Learn, Live, and Teach the Values
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Jan/Feb 2024

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Highlights in Jan/Feb

- **Sunday, Jan 14** Coffee Hour Forum, "I've Been to the Mountain," 11am
- **Sunday, Jan 14** Youth Group, 5pm
- **Sunday, Jan 15** Martin Luther King Day of Service (see inside for details)
- **Saturday, Jan 20** Annual Chili Cookoff, 5:30pm
- **Sunday, Jan 28** Annual Meeting, 11am
- **Sundays, Jan 21, Feb 4, 11** Coffee Hour Forums, 11am
- **Saturday, Feb 10** Trivia Night, 6pm
- **Tuesday, Feb 13** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30pm
- **Ash Wednesday, Feb 14** Holy Eucharist, 7am, 12:10 & 7pm
- **Thursday, Feb 22** Recital Doug Williams, baritone, and Alan Murchie, piano, 7pm
- **Sunday, Feb 25** Lenten Forum Series: "The Way of the Cross" 11am (every Sunday through March 3)

From the Assistant Rector

DEAR beloved community,

I want to take a few minutes to talk about the meaning of Martin Luther King, Jr. in my faith journey, and why I hope you will join me for an upcoming Coffee Hour Forum reflecting on MLK's "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech.

As many of you know, going to church and talking about God wasn't part of my upbringing. I was raised "unchurched." Yet despite that reality, I felt God's presence moving in my life at an early age. It was something mystical, honest, and comforting. Embracing me. Gently pulling at me. Defining me. Ineffable but real. When I was twelve, my father and I lived in a small house near the Columbia River in central Washington. I would sit in an apple orchard on its banks and listen to the water gently splashing the shore, hoping it was the voice of the divine calling to me. "I can hear you," I would whisper.

The public library was one of the other places where I found the framework for my young faith. Reading a biography of Martin Luther King, Jr. led me to scripture and books on the church, prophets, and theology. I bought my first Study Bible with paper-route money. Although I didn't always understand, the text seemed to come alive as I read it. The messages of social justice, sacrifice, healing, and service resonated with me. I started praying regularly in my bedroom. Trying to go deep with God wasn't an act of rebellion against my upbringing; I saw it as an act of love – an awakening. MLK was a big part of that.

So it was a great privilege to sit with many of you in the St. James's Parish Room after church on the Sunday before MLK Day last year to meditate on and discuss "Letter from Birmingham Jail." During that discussion, I witnessed an honest and heart-felt discussion about the state of not only racial justice but the American church. Your ideas and voices during that time was instrumental in St. James's starting the Sacred Ground series that nearly 20 parishioners attend every two weeks to discuss race and reconciliation through the lens of our Christian faith. Ask anyone involved in Sacred Ground and they will tell you it has been a transformative time. It has been for me.

On January 14, the Sunday of MLK weekend this year, we will come together again in the same place at Coffee Hour to reflect on the words of "I've Been to the Mountaintop." Although I am a great admirer of "Letter from Birmingham Jail" and the "I Have a Dream" speech, I have long considered "Mountaintop" to be the pinnacle of King's prophetic oratory. Indeed, it is more sermon than speech.

Delivered on the night of April 3, 1968, at the Mason Temple (Church of God in Christ Headquarters) in Memphis, Tennessee, it primarily concerns the Memphis sanitation strike. In calling for unity, economic actions, boycotts, and nonviolent protest, King once again challenges the United States to live up to its ideals and church leaders to live the Gospel they preach.

The speech can be seen on YouTube. As he wraps up his words, to the cheers of the assembled crowd, he makes it clear that America – like Jerusalem – kills its prophets. He eludes to his realization that he may meet an untimely death:

Like anybody, I would like to live – a long life; longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land. So I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

With those words, he turns dramatically away from the microphone. I get goosebumps every time I watch him depart from the podium, after making his last public comments.

The next day, April 4, King was assassinated.

The sermon is prophetic in its timing. It is powerfully prophetic in how King uses the biblical language of Amos and Deuteronomy, in which Moses realizes he will not reach the promised land himself, but will only see it from a distance. The speech also incorporates elements of Paul's letter to the Philippians. The sermon is also subversive and powerful in its ability to point toward hope for a better future.

I hope you will join me in the Parish Room at 11am on January 14 to listen to excerpts from this great sermon as spoken by King that night and to reflect on his words. From there, I invite you to join me and Bob for the MLK Day of Service. The opportunities to volunteer and serve others in honor of King's birthday on January 15 included with this letter.

MLK Day of Service Volunteer Opportunities
Monday, January 15, 2024
(times and details to be announced)

Adults: Moving Furniture with Journey Home
Youth: Hartford Catholic Worker
Adults and Supervised Youth: FoodShare CT

Let's make good trouble together in the name of love, in the name of justice, and in the name of Jesus.

Joe†

From the Associate for Education & Music

Epiphany Coffee-Hour Forum: On The Trinity

Father, Son and Spirit in the Writings of Paul

Of the New Testament's twenty-seven books, thirteen are traditionally attributed to the Apostle Paul. Paul wrote his letters to congregations, cities and individuals at least a generation, if not two, before the canonical gospels, (Mark, Matthew, Luke and John) took final form. For ten years before his missionary journeys through Asia Minor, Macedonia and Greece, Paul wrestled with and prayed over the central questions that consumed him after his encounter with Jesus on the way to Damascus. They are big-picture, "zoom-out" questions:

- ◆ What was God up to in the Jesus event?
- ◆ Where are we in the story of God and God's people?
- ◆ How did Jesus's death and rising again equip us to achieve right standing with God?
- ◆ What is the gift of Spirit and how does it manifest in our individual and communal lives?

At its very core, Paul's work in wrestling with these questions points toward an understanding of God as Father, Son and Spirit; though a fully-developed doctrine of the Trinity would come later, Paul is among the early Christian thinkers whose work would serve as significant, inspiring, and, ultimately, foundational.

In this three-part forum, working with Paul's letters, we will ask the following questions:

- ◆ As a faithful Jewish person, who is God for Paul?
- ◆ As a faithful Jewish person who believes fervently in one God, how does Paul view Jesus?
- ◆ Spirit language pulsates through Paul. How and why is Spirit so central in his thought?

In particular, we will look at the following letters:

- ◆ **First Corinthians** Paul's first letter to the Corinthians responds to a number of challenges his congregation faced a few years after he left Corinth. It's a letter saturated in Spirit language yet also in a resurrection hope that, Paul hopes, will serve as the well from which healing and unity will once again spring in and for his beloved communities.
- ◆ **Romans** Paul didn't know the congregations in Rome; he hadn't been there yet when he wrote to them. He grounds this radiant letter in a deep sense of God's ultimate and utter steadfastness, love and covenant fidelity. To put it simply, he starts from a single place of understanding: God is good, God has created us for flourishing, and God will reconcile and restore God's good creation. All else flows in Romans from this fundamental understanding of who God is as "Father."
- ◆ **Philippians, Colossians and Ephesians** These letters bear witness to a deeply influential view of God's work in Jesus and of Jesus's identity; in these letters Paul shows us a divine, pre-existent Jesus who, as God, self-emptying to walk with us here on earth and to offer the gift of himself as a reconciling, restoring act of love. In Ephesians, Paul will insist that we have died with Christ, and that moreover God has "raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus."

Please plan to join us for these three Sunday morning coffee-hour forums; the dates are January 21, February 4 and 11.

Alan

EDUCATION



AND MUSIC

Important Dates

Sundays, January 21

February 4 and 11

Coffee Hour Forums

"On the Trinity" at 11am

Thursday, February 22

Doug Williams & Alan Murchie

Recital at 7pm

Sundays, Feb 25 and Mar 3

Lenten Coffee Hour Forums

"The Way of the Cross" at 11am

Jubilate Deo!

O be joyful in the
Lord all ye lands;
serve the Lord with
gladness and come
before his presence
with a song. *Psalm 100:1*

St. James's Center for Family Ministries



*Nurturing your children's
spiritual life from birth
through high school*

KFC (Kids for Christ) Sundays at 9:30am

*KFC (Kids for Christ) meets in
the parish hall on Sundays.
If you have questions, please
email Priscilla at:
education@stjameswh.org.*

Mondays Music & More

*A fun program for children
ages 3 to third grade every
Monday from 4 to 5:15pm
during the program year.
Music with the Rev. Alan
Murchie and art with
Priscilla Hooper.*



HAPPY New Year! I can't believe that we are in January 2024. That just sounds crazy. As we look to the New Year, we have so many wonderful events coming up.

Mondays Music & More (3Ms) will return on January 22 after a Christmas break. 3Ms has grown and now has 18 children between three and third grade most Monday evenings. I love this program and love that the children are learning Bible stories and beautiful music every Monday, plus we get the joy of hearing them sing in church occasionally. 3Ms WILL NOT meet on January 8, Martin Luther King Day, January 15 or President's Day, February 19.

Youth Group will start with the always popular Commando Church on Sunday, January 14 from 5:30 to 7. This is a great game that the kids always enjoy playing and it is finally dark enough. Join us for dinner and the game. Wear black or dark clothes!

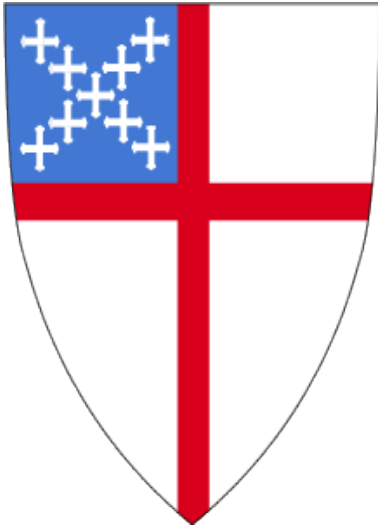
As we head into 2024, I am excited by all the energy at St. James's. I hope and pray that most of you will take advantage of the incredible opportunities for you and your children. During Kids for Christ (KFC) we will be studying Old Testament lessons until Lent, which comes early this year. Ash Wednesday is February 14! I am excited that I have found a great online resource of Old Testament stories that really grab the children's attention. This resource really makes the stories come to life and then, fingers crossed, they might remember the stories after class.

As I have said before, I see my job as the Director of Family Ministries as twofold: First, I see my job as helping the children of this parish develop their spiritual lives. This involves helping them to have some useful tools in their spiritual toolbox. Included in these toolboxes are things like the Lord's Prayer, knowing how to say a prayer of thanksgiving and forgiveness.

The second part of my job is the education part. I try to teach the children the basic stories of The Bible, so that when they see these themes in literature, they will recognize them. That is where you parents and grandparents come in. For instance, if you are reading that wonderful tale of The Velveteen Rabbit with your child, use that as an opportunity to discuss what it means to be really loved by your Creator. If you are watching a film with a biblical reference in it, explore it! While watching Spiderman with a bunch of middle school students, one student shared that when Spiderman was tempted by the Green Lantern it was just like when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness! Helping your children to make these connections with The Bible and modern stories will help them to see the relevance of The Bible in their lives and help them to be better students.

So, in these weeks of thinking about New Year's resolutions, I would like to suggest one to consider: As parents, let's try to help our children to build up those "Spiritual Toolboxes." Let's work with them to grow to be spiritually mature young people who have a basic knowledge of Bible stories. How can that be done? One way is to come to church and Sunday school with your children. Then, to go home and talk with them about what you learned. Make church a priority for you and your children. You will be glad you did.

Your sister in Christ,



Treasurer's Report: January—November

Summary of Current Position: Through November, we are trailing where we had planned to be by \$42,796. The November result represents a significant deterioration from the \$21,800 shortfall as of the end of October. The deficit position through November is driven by a combination of income being \$20,432 less than projected and expenses exceeding their budgeted amount by roughly \$22,364.

Income & Expense Summary:

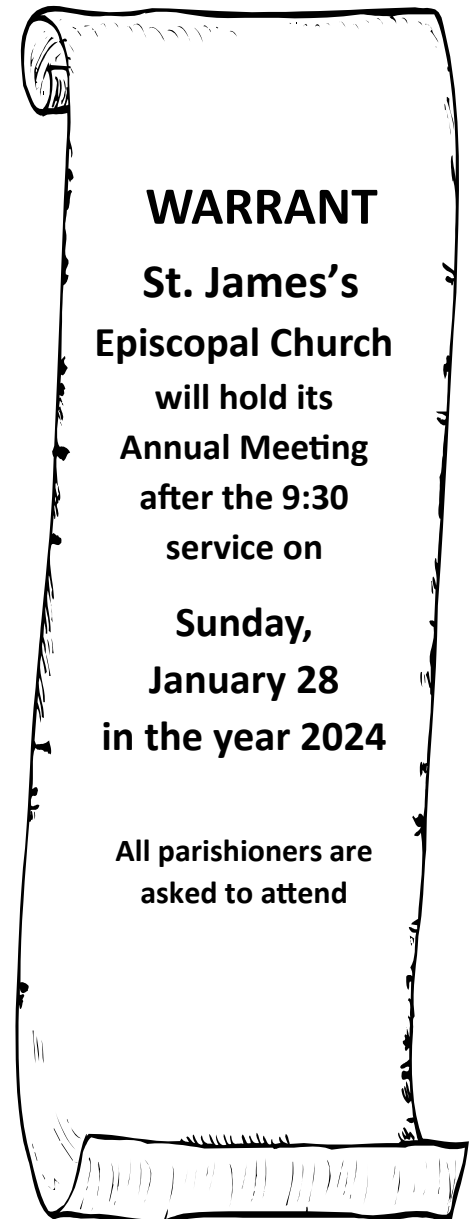
Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Income (+)	\$836,644	857,076	20,432 Below plan
Expense (-)	889,457	867,093	22,364 Above plan
<i>Net</i>	(52,813)	(10,017)	42,796 Negative variance to budget

Income: Year-to-date (YTD) actual income is now \$20,432 above budget (or 2.4% below budget), a deterioration from last month's result which was 0.2% better than budget. The following components impacted the income position through the end of October: Regular Contributions ... ended the month \$11,924 below the \$575,585 budget, or 2.1% below budget. Last month, Regular Contributions were \$770 below budget. Current-Year Pledges, the largest item in this category, are \$29,060 below budget but that is partially offset by higher than projected Prior Year Pledges and Unspecified Offerings collections. Contribution statements were sent out on December 11 to the largest 25 outstanding pledges. Facilities Income: Actual YTD income of \$74,945 is \$8,322 greater than the budgeted amount of \$66,623 due to increased use of the building by outside organizations. Last month, Facilities Income was 7,000 above budget. Fundraising: The remainder of the increase in the income shortfall from October to November is due to lower than projected fund-raising income.

Expense: YTD expenses are \$22,364, or 2.6%, above budget. Last month, expenses were 2.9% above budget. The shortfall has been relatively steady in dollar terms in the recent months. A few key expense categories in terms of their contribution to the overall variance through the end of November are: Administration: Currently \$8,965 above budget, an increase from last month's \$8,800 variance above the budget. As mentioned in previous reports, the largest single item impacting this variance is the \$6,100 in costs associated with the ERC that weren't in the budget. Property: Currently \$8,775 above its \$124,600 budget, a slight improvement from the \$9,200 overage as of October. Gas, Electric, and Maintenance Supplies (\$2,300 over budget, \$1,400 over budget, and \$2,365 over budget, respectively) are similar to last month. Higher General Maintenance & Repair expenses in October account for the remainder of the difference in the overage.

Annual Reports

A reminder that the individual Annual Reports from committee heads are due on **Monday, January 8**. The full annual report will be available on Sunday, January 21 before the meeting on January 28. Thank you!



Mission

Christmas Gifts...

For Parkville Children Update

MANY thanks to those who participated in the Christmas gifts for the Parkville children and families served by the Grace Church Food Pantry. Your response was overwhelming again this year. Over 70 St. James's families purchased 750 gifts for 150 children, which is a significant increase from last year. Your generosity will make Christmas morning very special for these children. Thank you!

Christmas Bags

Collection of men's socks and toiletries

THANK you to all who donated men's boot socks and toiletries to the annual Christmas Bag collection. We delivered 136 Christmas bags to The Open Hearth, and 74 were delivered to the McKinney Men's Shelter in Hartford for a total of 210 Christmas Bags. Thank you for your generosity!

Hartford Catholic Worker Food Pantry

ST. JAMES'S is currently asking for bi-weekly donations for the following items for the Hartford Catholic Worker: **tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, and canned hearty stews.** Donations can be left at the cloister door Monday through Friday 9:00a-4p. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! Monetary donations are also accepted to help purchase

Around the Parish

Fourth Friday Family Night

January 26/February 23 at 5:15pm

Family night will meet on **Fridays, January 26 and February 23** at 5:15pm at St. James's in the parish hall. We will enjoy a pizza dinner and activity for the kids. Kerri will bring the pizza, and the cost will be approximately \$10-15 per family to cover the pizza. You should bring your own drinks, and please feel free to bring a side dish/dessert of your choice. If you'd like to attend, please email Kerri, kerriraissian@gmail.com to be added to the Evite list. Friends and family are also welcome, just please indicate them on the Evite RSVP so we can order enough pizza.



Winter
Coat Drive

Doug Compton is once again collecting winter coats throughout the winter season. Bring your gently used or new coats to the church during office hours or on Sundays. Drop them off in the parish office or place them in the Cloister.
Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE!

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**ST. JAMES'S
THIRD ANNUAL...**

**Saturday, February 10
6-9pm**

**Potluck Pub Fare,
Bring your favorites to
share!**

Serving beer, wine, and soda

**St. James's Episcopal Church
West Hartford Center / In the Parish Hall**

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

Coffee Hour Forums

Sundays at 11am

January 14

"I've Been to the Mountaintop"

Join the Rev. Joe Rose in a reflection of Dr. Martin Luther King's final speech before his death. We will listen to excerpts from this great sermon as spoken by King the night before he died and to reflect on his words.

January 21, February 4 and 11

"On the Trinity"

The Rev. Alan Murchie will present a three-part forum on the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the writings of Paul beginning Sunday, January 21. Please see Alan's letter on page 3 for more information on the series.

Lenten Forum Series—February 25 and March 3

"The Way of the Cross"

Led by the Rev. Alan Murchie, this two-part series will explore Christ's Way of the Cross. Check future bulletins for more information.

Forums are held in the parish hall (unless otherwise stated) with coffee and refreshments provided.

Celebrated Bass-Baritone Douglas Williams Returns to St. James's

SINCE Doug Williams was last here at St. James's, his work was noted by a New York Times critic who wrote: "Mr. Williams unleashed the full power of his clear and incisive tone superbly on his own terms." For all of us who have enjoyed hearing Doug in his 2022 and 2023 concerts, those words resonate, as precisely that clarity, power and rich musical personality have now come to fill our sanctuary so regularly and so memorably. Doug will return to sing for us on **Thursday evening, February 22**. His recital, which will begin at 7 PM, focuses this time on themes of creation, nature, ecstasy and light. Tickets will be available starting in early January; \$25 general admission, \$10 student, free admission for children 12 and under. Please plan to join us!



Resolve to Host Coffee Hour in 2024

CONSIDER hosting coffee hour in 2024 if you have not yet volunteered in the past. Better yet, invite a friend or family member(s) to join you and make it a team effort. There are lots of openings to choose from and two ways to participate, so pick the date and role that work for you and go to www.stjwh.org/coffee to sign up. Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. Any questions, contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com.

Martin Luther King Forum followed by a Day of Service

Sunday, January 14 / Monday, January 15

EACH year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we coordinate a number of volunteer opportunities for all ages. This is a great way to make this a 'day on' instead of just a 'day off'. This year's day of service will be held **Monday, January 15, 2024**. Sites being planned include Journey Home, Hartford Catholic Worker, and Foodshare. The Foodshare service day will take place on **Thursday, January 18**. More information will be forthcoming.

Before the service day, the Rev. Joe Rose will lead a Coffee Hour Forum entitled "I've Been to the Mountaintop" at 11am in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, January 14**. All are welcome!

St. James's Annual ...

Chili Cookoff

**Saturday
January 20
at 5:30pm**

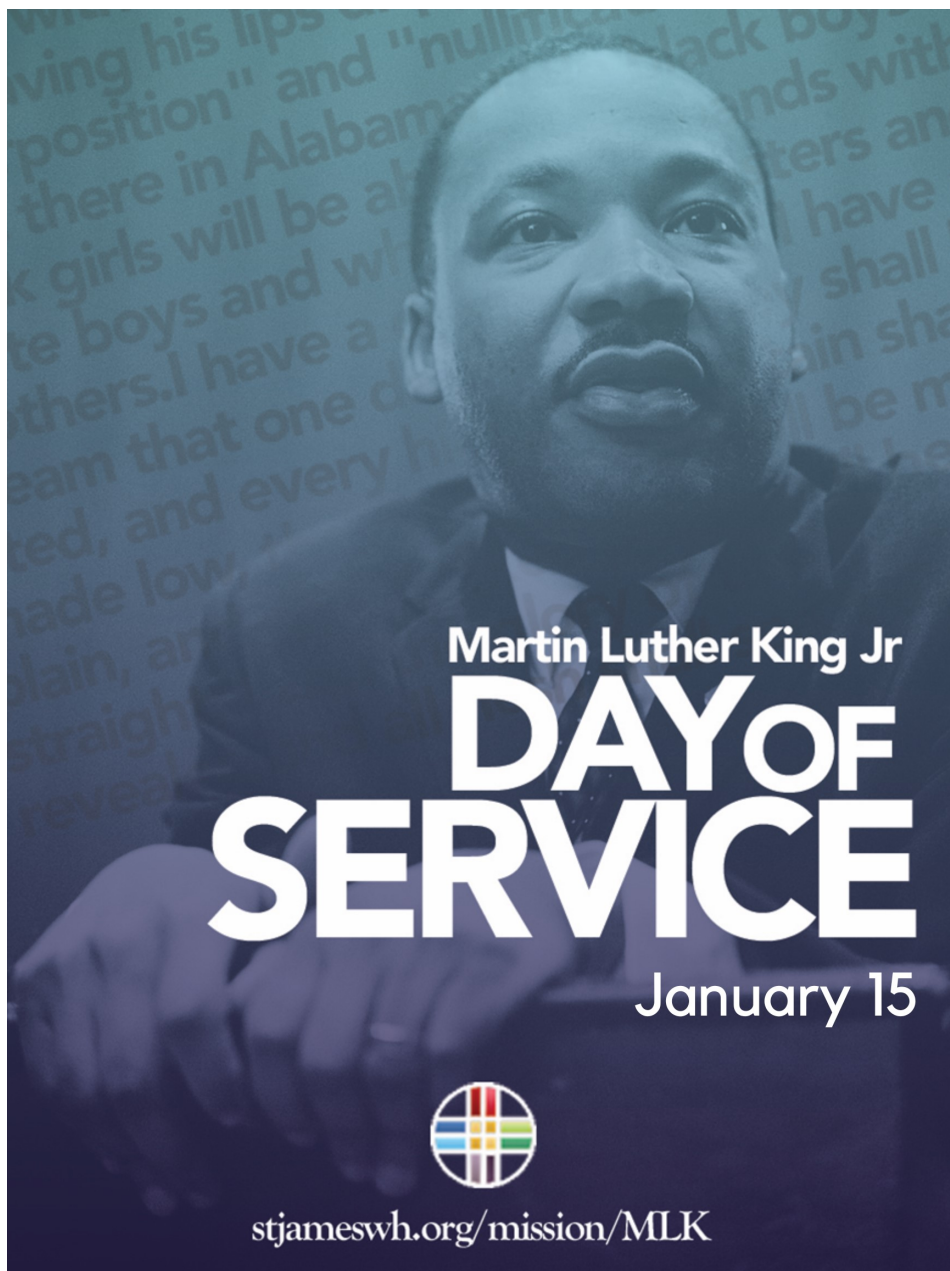
**Make a batch of chili and enter the contest
or just come and enjoy the heat!**



Men's Discussion Group

Second and Fourth Saturdays

A group of men from Saint James's Church and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for an hour beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Room for discussion of religious subjects. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members about a book selected by the group. The next meetings will be held **Saturdays, January 13, 27; February 10 and 24**. Light refreshments are served. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com.



Wednesday Morning Eucharist

HOLY Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday morning in the chapel at 7:00. We hope to see you there!

Healing Prayer

First Wednesday Evening of the Month

On **Wednesdays, January 3 and February 7** at 7:00 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the Parish Room. The service for those who are sick or in need of healing will be based on the contemplative and poetic "Iona Healing" liturgy from the Iona community in Scotland. We will offer prayers for healing of body, mind, spirit, relationships, grief, and all parts of creation. All are welcome! If you are unable to attend, send the names of people you would like mentioned in prayer to the Rev. Joe Rose at assistant@stjameswh.org.

Shrove Tuesday

February 13

JOIN us for a pancake supper on **Shrove Tuesday, February 13** at 5:30pm in the dining room. Plenty of pancakes and other fare. A great way to prepare for Lent. All are welcome!

ash wednesday

FEBRUARY 14

7am Holy Eucharist w/ Imposition of Ashes
in the chapel followed by breakfast in parish room
12:10 & 7pm Holy Eucharist w/ Imposition of Ashes
in the church

St. James's Episcopal Church
1018 Farmington Ave / West Hartford Center



Registry and Readings

Baptisms

Walter Woods Emerick—November 19, 2023

Son of Brian & Katherine Compton Emerick

Graham David Horowitz—November 19, 2023

Son of Daniel & Brittany Horowitz

Deaths

The Rev. Elsa Walberg

November 2, 2023

Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

JANUARY

Laila Chacra, 1
Dillon Hinkson, 1
Wilder Dempsey, 4
Cora Giuffrida, 6
Lucy Adams, 9
Ollie Tewksbury, 10
Caroline Bowman, 13
Leonardo Serpi, 18
Magnolia Corrigan, 22
Amelia Chenault, 24
Harry Keating, 26
Ben Dollar, 27



FEBRUARY

Francesca Galante, 1
Declan Hart, 2
Jack Bowman, 3
Margaret Busse, 3
Lauren Howland, 4
James O'Sullivan, 4
Bryson Tagliavini, 4
Carol Conca, 5
Virginia Collin, 7
Henry Chenault, 7
Benjamin Lawrence, 13
Danielle DiGiacomo, 16
Harriet Busse, 19
Makenzie Gallagher, 20
Nate Meyer, 21
Elizabeth O'Sullivan, 22
Jessalyn Kirsch, 23
Gwendolyn Wills, 23
Lillian Tagliavini, 25

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Elly,
Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom & Chris.

Those in our extended parish family

Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Karen,
David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie,
John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Larry, Barbara, Hudson,
Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier,
Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel, Janet, Annelise, Sue &
Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest.

Those Serving in the Military

Andrew Clark

Sunday Lectionary

First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 7

Genesis 1:1-5; Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11; Psalm 29

Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20); 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20; Psalm 62:6-14

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28; Psalm 111

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 4

1 Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39; Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

Last Sunday after the Epiphany, February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9; Psalm 50:1-6

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21; Psalm 103 or 103:8-14

First Sunday in Lent, February 18

Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15; Psalm 25:1-9

Second Sunday in Lent, February 25

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38; Psalm 22:22-30

Women Of St. James's



January/February

Tuesday, January 9

The Rev. Alan C. Murchie

"Home by Another Road: An Epiphany Reflection"

Winter Picnic

Tuesday, January 23

"Silent Auction with Eleanor Brazell"

Please bring a bag lunch; dessert will be provided

Tuesday, February 6

Program to be Announced Later

Valentine Buffet—please bring a dish to share

Tuesday, February 20

The Rev. Joan Phelps

"Travels with Joan"

Soup Luncheon—Cindy Welch

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Healing Service—Parish Room	4 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	5 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	6 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
7 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 5:00 PM Confirmation & Sacred Ground Classes	8 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	9 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's—DR	10 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	11 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	12 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	13 8:00 AM Men's Disc Group-PR 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
14 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH 5:00 PM Youth Group	15 MLK Day of Service—Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes	16 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	17 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	18 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE	19 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	20 No AA Meeting 5:30 PM Chili Cookoff—PH
21 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum (part 1)—PH 5:00 PM Sacred Ground Class	22 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More	23 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's—DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR	24 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	25 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	26 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:15 PM Fourth Friday Family Night—PH	27 8:00 AM Men's Disc Group-PR 7:00 PM AA—DR
28 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM Annual Meeting—Church	29 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More	30 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	31 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal			

February

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				1 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	2 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	3 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
4 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 Coffee Hour Forum (part 2)—PH 5:00 PM Confirmation & Sacred Ground Classes	5 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More	6 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's—DR	7 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Healing Prayer—Church 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	8 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	9 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	10 No AA Meeting 8:00 AM Men's Disc Group-PR 6:00 PM Trivia Night—PH
11 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum (part 3)—PH	12 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 4:00 PM Monday Music & More	13 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—DR	14 Ash Wednesday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist w/ Imp. of Ashes—Chapel 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist w/ Imp. of Ashes—Church 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Holy Eucharist w/ Imp. of Ashes—Church	15 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR	16 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	17 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
18 Lent I 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 5:00 PM Sacred Ground Class	19 Presidents' Day—Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	20 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's—DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR	21 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	22 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE 7:00 PM Doug Williams Recital w/ Alan Murchie	23 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:15 PM Fourth Friday Family Night—PH	24 8:00 AM Men's Disc Group-PR 7:00 PM AA—DR
25 Lent II 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM Lenten Coffee Hour Forum—PH	26 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More	27 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	28 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	29 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR		

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