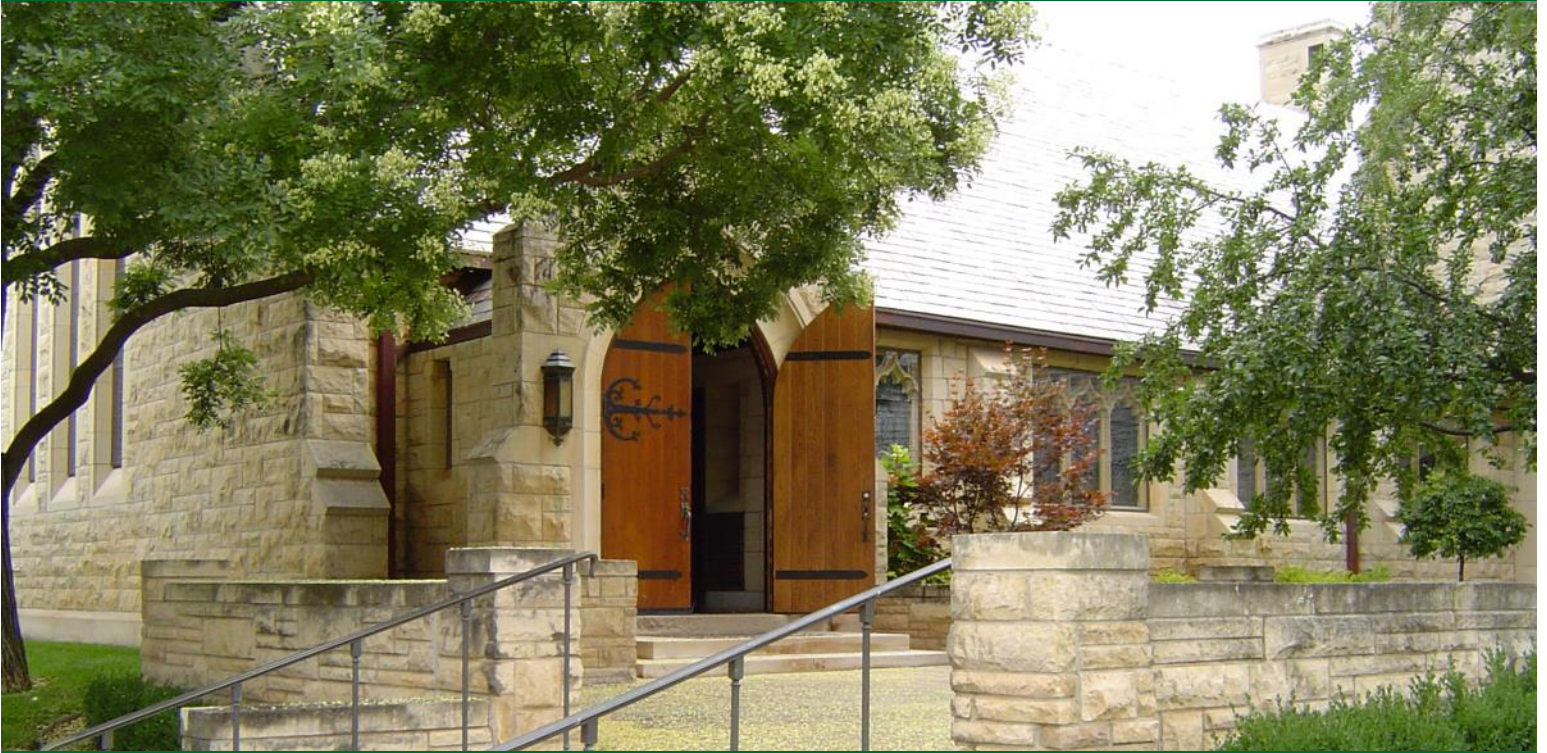


# The Seasons

## of St. James Episcopal Church

**Summer 2023:  
Ordinary Time**



## Higher and Higher Notes

**The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector**

Many know the adage: 'Those who sing pray twice.' Not only do those who sing pray twice, but all who hear and/or play sacred music pray as songs, hymns, melodies, and harmonies are raised to God.

We give heartfelt, deep appreciation for Dr. Warren Kim, a professor of music at WSU, who, in the span of one academic year, has challenged and encouraged the members of the St. James Choir to sing at new levels of excellence. This experience has not only been exciting and instructive for the Choir. Those of us who have been listening to and enjoying the choir this year have been inspired to consider what might next be possible, and we have become eager to incorporate a greater variety of music into our common worship.

Warren's last Sunday with us will be Sunday, May 28. The choir will hold a reception of thanksgiving for Warren after the 10:45 service that day, which is Pentecost. Don't forget to wear red to church. If you are unable to attend the reception, you are invited to drop off a card for Warren. All cards received will be presented to him on May 28.

*Message from the Rector continued on page 2...*

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*Higher and Higher Notes continued...*

This summer a variety of organists and musicians will provide music for the congregation. You probably remember that the St. James Choir takes the summer off and returns to sing on Sunday, September 10 at the 10:45 service. This is what we call "Start Up" Sunday, a time which marks the beginning of the program year for many.

### **Bring in the New**

Soon we will welcome Dakota Bennett back to St. James, and this time as our new Music Director. You will remember that Dakota has played the organ and piano passionately for us in times past. For the last year he has been "back east" in Pennsylvania doing an internship centered around Episcopal/Anglican worship and has incorporated new appreciation for a variety of music in worship.

Dakota will come back to Wichita in August. On August 20, he will play here again for the first time after being away. In the fall Dakota will be responsible for all of the music at St. James. He will lead the choirs (adult, choristers, and bells) and play for us on piano and organ on Sunday mornings and special services. Please pray for his travels as he returns to Kansas, and for his well-being as he makes these transitions. We look forward to making music with him at St. James Church.

**Join us on Sunday, June 11, 2023 for an outdoor worship service!**

**We will gather for worship outside at 10:00 am.**

**A potluck picnic will follow the service.**

*We will only have one worship service on Sunday, June 11.*

## **St. James Church and the American Red Cross**

### **Dottie Evans, St. James Blood Drive Coordinator**

St James has a long standing relationship with the American Red Cross. Many church members have given regularly throughout the years to the worthy cause of saving lives. However, our donor population is dwindling. If you have ever considered giving blood, there is no better time than now to do so. The Red Cross is very careful in screening for healthy adults, the only cost to be screened is a few minutes of your time. Once screened the donation appointment takes approximately 15-20 minutes. We provide water and healthy snacks after each appointment.

We have three more drives at St James in 2023.

- Sunday, June 18th
- Sunday, September 24th
- Sunday, December 3rd

For questions and more information please contact Dottie Evans Clark at [dottieevans6@gmail.com](mailto:dottieevans6@gmail.com) or call 785-341-4532. You can also go to the American Red Cross website at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to sign up. Thank you for helping us save lives.

● ● ● Worship

## Celebration Reception for Choir Director Warren Kim

### Joan Moore, Senior Warden

Please join us in thanking Adult and Bell Choir Director Warren Kim for the wonderful work he has done this year, as we celebrate and thank him after the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, May 28 (Memorial Day Weekend Sunday). Cake and punch will be served immediately after the service and cards of thanks are appreciated.

At the reception, the raffle number for the beautiful quilt will be drawn and announced. Just a reminder that the funds for this quilt raffle will benefit the refugee family that St. James is adopting, and tickets are available to purchase after the 10:45 service each Sunday leading up to May 28.

Please come to Warren's reception to thank him and celebrate his successful ministry, while joining your friends to see who wins the beautiful quilt!



## Altar Guild: Candles

### Adrienne Edwards, Chair

Before the invention of electric lights, candles played an essential role in the conduct of the worship service. Candles play a major ceremonial function as part of our liturgy and the appropriate use of the various candles is explained in the Book of Common Prayer. The Episcopal Dictionary of the Church explains that lighted candles may be seen to symbolize the light of Christ, or the light of the gospel. The light can refer to Jesus who said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Candles have been used in the Anglican church since the 16th century. Candles provide illumination that enhances the beauty of the church and may provide additional lighting for use during the worship service. At St James if we have at least three acolytes assigned; candles are carried in the opening processional, Gospel processional, as well as during the recessional at the end of the service. If candles are used at the gospel, they are held on either side by the acolytes as the Gospel is read.

Other candles that are part of the worship service include the four Advent Candles, three pink, one blue and the white Christ Candle. The Christ Candle represents the light that the Son brought into the world when he was born. The Christ Candle fulfills a similar function as the Paschal Candle at Easter.

The Paschal Candle is a tall decorated candle that symbolizes the light of Christ who was crucified, died, rose, and ascended into heaven. It is lit at the Easter Vigil and every weekend service during the Easter season. The Paschal candle is also lit during baptisms and funeral services.

Altar Candles are used both as a sign of festivity and solemnity. At St. James they are usually lit when there is a Eucharist service.

The Baptismal Candle is the most significant symbol representing the light of Christ. This candle is lit from the Paschal Candle during the service of Baptism and provided to the individual or the family of the newly baptized.

The Sanctuary Candle is the located in the chapel at St James and is the white candle placed in the red glass globe. It signals that there are reserved sacraments, consecrated wine and bread present.

There are other candles used during special services to include Taize, Tenebrae, and other contemplative services. These can be votive candles or tea lights placed on a stand. We also use handheld candles during the Easter Vigil and during some of the Christmas Eve services.

● ● ● Adult Formation

## Adult Formation Opportunities

### Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

We have the desire to offer a weekly bible based class. If you want to lead this group, please contact Mother Dawn or me. With that in mind, please consider joining a current class or small group:

**Adult Forum:** Reading the Lord's Prayer in different ways  
Meets at 9:45 am in the Guild Hall every Sunday (except 2nd Sunday). June 4-July 30. We will take a break in August.

#### Contemplative Prayer Group

Meets at 5:30 pm in-person. Contact Dave McDonald for more information

#### Basic A 2023

Will meet every Tuesday, 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm beginning August 22 through September 26.

#### Education for Ministry (EfM)

Meets at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays. The class has currently started but if interested contact Deb Bagby for information on joining the next cohort in Fall 2023.

#### The Book Club of St. James & St. Stephens

Meets at 12:00 pm on Thursdays. Contact Mary Sloan for information on the current book being read.

## Education for Ministry (EfM)

### Deb Bagby & Paul Rillema, Co-Mentors

EfM is a four year program administered by the University of the South. It consists of Old Testament (YR 1), New Testament (YR 2), Church History (YR 3) and Theology (YR 4) studies. Participants report on weekly reading assignments given in the EfM Reading and Reflection Guide and, in addition, develop skills in Theological Reflection (TR). By examining their own beliefs and their relationship to our culture and the tradition of our Christian faith, participants learn what it means to be effective ministers, not clergy, in the world.

Two of our current group members, Dottie Evans and Sarah Robinson, are graduating this year. So we have vacancies for new people to become group members. We currently meet over a period of nine months on Wednesday evening from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm via Zoom. Please contact Paul Rillema (paul.rillema@gmail.com, 316-252-4400) or Deb Bagby (debagby@gmail.com, 316-612-0628) for information about the EfM program if interested in learning more about becoming members of the group.



#### Here's what group members have stated about their experience with the program.

*EFM provides a way to learn about the Bible and Theology by reading and summarizing each week's readings. The community is supportive with others interested in spiritual growth. VP*

*What amazes me about EfM is the overall body of knowledge and scholarship that has gone into understanding faith and religion. DE*

*EFM has really stretched my soul! TA*

●●● Adult Formation, Outreach

## Adult Forum

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

Adult forum is a Sunday school class for adults which is held in the guild hall. Adult forum takes place most every Sunday when there's not a parish breakfast. It starts at 9:45 and ends before the 10:45 service. Please join us, it's a great group and we have lively discussions.

### Some specific notes:

- May 28 - Memorial Day weekend. No adult forum. Join us after the 10:45 worship service for a reception honoring Warren Kim, our choir Director.
- A new series about a variety of versions of the Lord's prayer will begin on June 4. It will be held every Sunday through July.

**There will be no adult forum in August.**

**A new season of adult forum begins on September 17.**

## Seminarian Update!

Maddie Bishop, Seminarian

Hello St. James family! My name is Maddy Bishop and I wanted to give you all a bit of an update on my seminary journey and the ordination process. I just completed my second year of the M.Div program at Princeton Theological Seminary and only have one year left. The past year I have been working at a local coffee shop in Princeton and working at an Episcopal Church in Philadelphia on Sundays. I have loved my time at St. Luke and The Epiphany in Philly and will be working there for another year when I return in September. I have gained so much practical and liturgical knowledge during my time there and look forward to another year with that community. As part of the ordination process in the Episcopal Church, Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is required in order to be ordained. This means that I will be working as a student Chaplain at Wesley hospital for the summer. I'm nervous about the intensity of the program but excited about all the ways I will be stretched and challenged. This also means that I will be back in Wichita for three whole months and will be able to attend St. James again on Sundays. I am so excited to be back home with you all for the summer. I look forward to seeing and catching up with you all so soon!

## Contemplative Prayer

Dave McDonald, Group Leader

The Contemplative Prayer Group is a group of people drawn to a meditative form of prayer. Each week at 5:30 PM on Mondays, we pursue both the communal practice of contemplative prayer and the study and discussion of the writings of authors who have written about it. At group meetings, we spend about the first half of our meeting discussing a member-suggested reading and then we go into our contemplative prayer portion for the remainder of the meeting. All are welcome and no experience is needed. If you are curious about joining this group or just want to know more about this form of prayer, please contact Dave McDonald.

## SANDWICH SATURDAYS

JUNE 10

SEPTEMBER 9

DECEMBER 9



St. Johns Episcopal Church on Topeka street downtown provides lunches to those in need. St. James volunteers every three months to help with this important ministry. We help by giving out sack lunches, water, dog/cat food, underwear, socks, etc.

If you would like to participate, volunteers can make sandwiches, provide needed supplies, or help serve.

**CONTACT JOAN BLEDSOE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

## Feeling the Love

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

### Updates from the Kidz Zone

Our kids have adjusted well to Godly Play and you can sense the awe and wonder as the stories unfold before them. They love the re-telling part and getting to create their own narrative using their imagination. We have only 3 more Sundays left before our 5th graders graduate to Youth Group and everyone moves up another grade level in October. Our new project is learning the Lord's Prayer with bodily movements. We will learn about the Mystery of Pentecost, The Flood and the Ark, and the Great Family. Kids aged preschool-5th grade can join us at any time. We meet on the 1st Sunday of the month starting at 9:30 am. Our next gathering is on Sunday, June 4th.

Questions? Contact me at [formation@stjameswichita.org](mailto:formation@stjameswichita.org) or by calling 683-5686.

Next up is a Pentecost Party on Sunday, June 4th (a week late but will enjoy Pentecost nonetheless).



## Vacation Bible School 2023

**VBS WILL BE JULY 17 – 20 FROM 5:30 – 8:00 PM.**

THIS INCLUDES A DINNER FOR THE KIDS FROM 5:30-6:00 PM.

JULY 21ST WILL BE AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT 6:00 PM FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

**WHERE? AT COLLEGE HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.**

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**Volunteers**



[HTTPS://CHUM.BREEZECH  
MS.COM/FORM/CDB1D410](https://chum.breezech.ms.com/form/cdb1d410)

St. James is excited to announce our first ever ECUMENICAL VBS!

What is ecumenical? It is a fancy word to describe promoting unity among Christian churches. For our VBS we've joined forces with Grace Presbyterian, Plymouth Congregational and College Hill United Methodist Church to have a rockin' time with lots of new faces and even more fun! Don't worry it is still no cost and friends are invited!

We will still need volunteers and donated materials for VBS.

Questions? Contact Chelsea at

[formation@stjameswichita.org](mailto:formation@stjameswichita.org) or (316) 683-5686

### Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs

Participants will explore what all living things need to live—shelter, food, water, air, and community—and how we can have compassion for the living earth, especially in their local ecosystems.

Through awareness, gratitude, wonderment, reciprocity, and kinship, participants will consider how to become co-sustainers and participants in the work of God's creation. Using Psalm 104 as our grounding text, along with additional supporting scripture, participants will closely examine the interconnectedness of the whole earth—humans alongside the more-than-human world.



●●● Youth Formation

## Youth Group

Anne Clark, Youth Mentor

This spring we have been learning about different topics. We've talked about why we observe Lent. We've had Deb Brineger come with the Red Cross talking about safety in and around our home as well as hands only CPR. Racine came to visit and take the kids through the stations of the Cross. Chelsea set up a field trip to the Jewish Synagogue so we could see the similarities and differences in the Jewish tradition and our traditions and have made hamantaschen in memory of Esther.

We are looking forward to our trip to Washington DC, June 3-7, 2023, with the 4 seniors and a couple of parents.

Thank you to the adults who have stepped in to help make sure we can fulfill our Safe Church Guidelines of two adults with youth at each time. If you see Jeff Roper, Racine Zachula, Bert Clark and Shannon Johnson, please thank them for helping this spring season.

We are still looking for assistance in leading youth group starting next fall. If interested, please talk to Chelsea or Mother Dawn.



Wichita East High School Senior Deacon Marlin shared a sermon for Youth & Graduate Weekend on May 13 & 14

# St. James Youth Weekend



St. James celebrated 4 graduates this spring: William Compton, Talia Halley, Deacon Marlin, and Lauren Schmeidler.

## Welcoming New Neighbors to Wichita!

Suzanne Laycock, Co-Chair of St. James IRC Project

This past February, the Outreach Committee invited representatives of the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to attend its monthly meeting and make a presentation on their work and the status of refugees in the Wichita community. To say it was eye-opening would be an understatement. The Wichita office of the IRC is the regional hub for many refugees settling in the Kansas/Missouri/Nebraska/Oklahoma area. Their office staff has nearly quintupled since 2018 due to the need for refugee services in the area. It is expected that over 1,200 refugee families will arrive in Wichita in 2023 after waiting for years in refugee camps for asylum applications to be approved the U.S. State Department; or as emergency Ukrainian refugee applicants.

Donations of money and physical goods have always been greatly needed, and appreciated, by the IRC. But, an area that receives less attention are the difficulties refugees have in becoming part of an entirely new country and culture. It is in the spirit of hospitality, acceptance, inclusion and expressing God's love for every human being that Jessica Moore and I were moved (at the invitation of Mother Dawn) to accept the challenge of forming a group to co-sponsor a refugee family's resettlement in Wichita. As we learned in April at a meeting with IRC, co-sponsorship is a new kind of partnership that has been developed. While there are several cities around the country that have more extensive experience with this program (check out the IRC website for videos in specific cities), St. James Episcopal Church would be the first one in Wichita to take on the responsibility of helping to deliver core resettlement services to a refugee family in this region. So, hey...no pressure here!

With my hopes of shadowing an experienced group of local people with all the answers firmly dashed, Jessica and I are moving on to the next step of getting the IRC project off the ground – volunteer training. Two mandatory 2.5-hour training sessions are coming up, with the first one scheduled for Saturday, June 17 at 9am at St.

James. This training isn't only on how church volunteers will interact with refugees. It's also designed for volunteers to reflect and explore on the best ways our church community can provide support for any family who needs us. What are our strengths and assets, and where do we fall short and need help (which IRC will provide)?

Co-sponsorship is a partnership with IRC. We will not be expected to do everything for the family ourselves. We will be there as a compassionate, helpful welcome for residents to start their new lives in the United States as they work toward their own self-sufficiency. We sincerely need all those who expressed an interest in working on this project to attend the training sessions as there are specific procedures and rules that must be followed when working with refugees.

This IRC Project has received wonderfully enthusiastic support from the Outreach Committee, which is holding a quilt fundraiser to reach the minimum amount of funds needed for co-sponsorship - \$5,000. Many thanks to talented quilter, Dottie Evans, for gifting her lovely quilt for the raffle; and to Judy Goodpasture and all the members of the Outreach Committee who truly embody God's loving generosity every time we meet. Jessica and I will keep you updated on our progress. Thank you to everyone who has reached out to us so far. Your patience and generosity with us as we figure out how to create a brand-new committee for a group that hasn't yet been done in Wichita is so greatly appreciated.



●●● Outreach

# Thank You St. James!

Fr. Andy Houlberg, CEO Breakthrough ESS

Dear St James,

Thank you for contributing your time, treasure, and talent to this year's Oyster Dinner. May your hearts be joyful, knowing that your support, encouragement, and prayers make a difference in the lives of people in need.

*14 My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? 15 Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. 16 What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? 17 In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity. James 2:14-17 (CEB)*

Grace and Peace, Fr. Andy



# Sandwich Saturdays

Joan Bledsoe

**Sandwich Saturday** takes place every Saturday at St. Johns Episcopal Church on Topeka St. in downtown Wichita. St. James and St. Johns provide lunches **once every three months**, our next sandwich Saturday is **June 10 and September 11**. We help feed the food insecure. We also distribute socks, underwear, dog and cat food, backpacks and other donated items when we have them.

**Sack Lunches include:** One sandwich ( PB&J, Cheese, Meat, Meat & Cheese), one fruit ( banana, orange, applesauce with spoon - apples can be hard if people have poor dentition), chips and cookie or power bar and a water.

If you volunteer to distribute we are there from 1045 AM to 1130 or noon. If you would like to participate e mail Joan Bledsoe at pansy1918@icloud.com.

# Pocket Change Ministry

Judy Goodpasture, Outreach Chair

The **Pocket Change Ministry** is now saving for a \$500 check to **Breakthrough ESS**. Breakthrough plans to use our gift to help their clients with problems like rent application fees, health visit co-pays, proper workplace clothing, a week's transportation card, and food for a client's first week of work. No doubt our check will help some of our city's truly needy people. Thank you St. James.

**St. James Episcopal Church**

**Give the Gift of Life**

Upcoming **2023 Blood Drive Dates**

- 18 June 2023**
- 24 September 2023**
- 3 December 2023**

Questions? Contact Dottie Evans



## Outreach Ministry

### Judy Goodpasture, chair

Our Outreach Ministry Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. and features monthly speakers from social service agencies. Visitors are always welcome. Just come.

#### PROJECT REPORTS:

- Our Charitable Project funded by the St. James 100 Year Celebration has now furnished all five Family Visitation Rooms at St. Francis Ministries. 4155 E. Harry. We plan an Open House for St. James parishioners at the facility from 1-3 pm on Sunday, June 4. Thanks to donations from many parishioners, we can refresh the rooms with books and puzzles for another year. Project Chair Judy Goodpasture
- Our Undies Sundays Project was a great success once again. Mary and Delmar Klocke delivered nearly 3000 diapers and undies in April, and the Children's Home was most appreciative. Project Chair Mary Klocke
- An exciting new ministry, the sponsorship of a refugee family, has begun. Working closely with the International Rescue Committee, our volunteers will prepare a home for the family, meet them at the airport, and work with them for a year. The Outreach Committee will be holding several fund-raising activities for this project. Our Dottie Evans Clark Quilt Raffle will kick off these events. If you would like to help with the Refugee Project, contact the Project Chairs Suzanne Laycock and Jessica Moore
- Our Pocket Change Ministry continues to provide funds for children and families served by the Wichita Children's Home, Breakthrough ESS, Kansas Children's Service League, and St. Francis Ministries. Currently, we are saving for a gift to the Wichita Children's Home. They requested funds to buy clothing for youth going for job interviews. We are grateful to this congregation for ongoing generosity. Project Chair Vicki Evans
- Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, June 18, 2022. Please sign up, knowing that each donation helps as many as three persons. Project Chair Dottie Evans Clark.
- St. James has joined the Wichita Minister's effort to provide Saturday Sack Lunches at St. John's Episcopal Church for the homeless. To help make or deliver sandwiches, please contact St. James Project Chairs Joan Bledsoe, Jessica Moore, and Shirley Orr.
- This summer we will again collect Water Bottles for clients at Breakthrough ESS. Chair Mary Druding
- At the summer's end we will again collect School Supplies for the Pando Initiative. Chair Suzanne Laycock
- Our committee continues to send cards to ill and bereaved parishioners. If you know a parishioner who might appreciate a card, please email [jgoodpasture@cox.net](mailto:jgoodpasture@cox.net).
- And speaking of cards, Deacon Jeff Roper's Card Ministry for inmates at the Winfield Correction facility continues. Just drop off new cards in the hall basket.
- In March our committee selected two community recipients for the St. James Endowment Fund's charitable gift of \$3802. Half of this gift went to Breakthrough ESS and half went toward the St. James Refugee Project.

Our Outreach Ministry Committee wishes each of you a healthy and a happy summer. Thank you, St. James parishioners, for demonstrating that our church cares about community outreach!

*Sponsoring a Refugee family*

## WANT TO HELP?

THROUGH INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE COMMITTEE (IRC)

| WHY?  | WHO?   | NEED?   |
|---|--|---|
| 1200 or more refugee families will come to Wichita in 2023. St. James will be helping one family to build new lives in Wichita. | The St. James effort will be led by Suzanne Laycock and Jessica Moore. To become part of the Leadership group for this effort, contact Suzanne or Jessica. | IRC requires that the sponsoring group have at least <b>\$5000</b> on hand. Our Pocket Change Ministry has started them with \$500. If you wish to contribute financially, write a check to St. James, and write "IRC Refugee Project" in the memo. |

## 100 Year Charitable Final Project Report to the Vestry

### Judy Goodpasture, 100 Year Fund Charitable Project Chair

The Outreach Committee feels very positive about the importance of our project refurbishing five Family Visitation Rooms at St. Francis Ministry, 4155 E. Harry. We have worked with social worker Martin Helget for advice and admission to the facility. St. Francis is most grateful for our project. Development Director Lisa Capps tells us that the social workers are truly pleased with the inviting environment created for families, and she has featured our project on their website.

#### OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Make each room bright and inviting.
  - ◊ Each room features freshly-painted walls and cheerful décor.
  - ◊ Most framed posters represent animals. Two present pictures of black and white children playing together.
- Provide activities that encourage wholesome parent and child interaction.
  - ◊ Books for children of all ages
    - \* Books featuring wholesome and educational themes; featuring various races; new and used books
  - ◊ Puzzles for various ages
  - ◊ Construction toys (Legos, Lincoln Logs, blocks)
  - ◊ Games for parents and children: Uno, Candy Land, Checkers
  - ◊ Educational card sets (alphabet, numbers,...)
  - ◊ No computer toys
  - ◊ No battery toys
  - ◊ No books or toys suggesting violence
  - ◊ No crayon or marker activities. Coloring is a solitary rather than an interactive activity. Also, we want to avoid markers and crayons used on walls.
  - ◊ No projectiles.
  - ◊ All pictures framed with acrylic rather than glass.

**WORK SCHEDULE** - We could work at St. Francis only on weekends because the Family Visitation Rooms are so heavily used, and because privacy for families must be observed. Martin Helget came in on Saturdays to admit us for deliveries, painting, and decorating. Gene Carr spent both Saturdays and Sundays for five week-ends working on our rooms.

**PROGRESS** - To date we have completed five rooms. Each room has three walls painted a very light beige, with an accent color on the fourth wall. Accent wall colors are aqua, pale blue, green, golden yellow, and lavender.

In each room we have provided a bookcase filled with books, toys, games, and puzzles; colorful framed posters; colorful pillows; a new rug; four chairs for the existing round table; and one special item. One room has a changing table; two have child-size table and chairs; and two have city car rugs and toy cars.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PLAQUES** - We have mounted small plaques acknowledging our project just outside each room. Each plaque contains the statement: "This room furnished by St. James Episcopal Church" followed by a one sentence blessing, such as, "May God's love bring you peace and renewal."

**EXPENSES** - Our expenses have been low because of numerous donations, such as several hundred books and puzzles from Janet Newlin, dozens of books from Vicky Evans and Joan Bledsoe, 18 hand-sewn pillows, a donated frame, two bookcases donated by Marilyn Taylor and Louise Brinegar, and miscellaneous toys donated by Outreach Committee members. Also, the Frame Shop discounted our framing.

At least twenty items were purchased through our personal SmileAmazon account, so St. James has received a small percent return for those purchases.

Every four to six weeks, volunteers from our committee have gone to St. Francis Ministries to clean and tidy our rooms. We've all enjoyed working together on these occasions.

Our expenses for the five rooms total \$9557.67. Before reimbursement, every receipt was submitted to Susie Stallings, and I have saved all these receipts.

**FUTURE PLANS** - We are planning a Sunday afternoon Open House for our congregation soon. Because we still have large quantities of books, puzzles, and games on hand, we plan to continue periodically cleaning and refreshing our five rooms, at least for one more year.

Considerable funds remain in our budget. The Vestry can decide how to spend these funds. However, our Outreach Committee strongly recommends donating our budget balance to our new Refugee Project.

● ● ● Building & Grounds

## Notes from the Junior Warden

### Danny Blair, Jr. Warden

Earlier this year the Diocese of Kansas sent out a suggestion for Churches to initiate an Energy analysis targeting the building in a wide array of areas. Building energy use/loss was looked at in terms of Heating/Cooling equipment age and type, lighting, insulation, water use and control and heat gain/loss through air movement.

We began with a lecture on the Building envelope (air movement in and out) at an ASHARE meeting. This opportunity was sponsored by Richard Bowman, thank you, Richard. We then spent weeks examining our building from top to bottom and identifying both accomplishments and opportunities for improvement. Claudette Johns spearheaded this for the Creation Care Committee and did a fantastic job. This gave us a snapshot of where we are in controlling both use of natural resources and cost of operating the building. This document is now in a Binder in the office and we will revisit it on an annual basis to identify both progress and opportunities for improvement.

A big thanks to the several parishioners that were tapped for expertise and memory and a big thank you to Claudette for the time and effort to put this all together. Our new boiler installation is nearly complete requiring only a few

plumbing tweaks to be fully operational. This will offer further improvement in control and usage of resources both environmental and economic.

We continue to accomplish the goals of the Capitol Campaign. Of the original 11 goals of the Campaign 7 have been completed. The renovation of the Nave sound system, adding pew cushions, re-carpeting the Lounge, improving the Lighting system in the Nave and Chancel, cleaning and tuck pointing the exterior stone, a new roof on the Education wing and Guild Hall ( actually all of the remaining roofs not replaced when the original building roof was replaced) and restoring the original doors to the Nave. The remaining projects are somewhat more intensive and are currently in planning and engineering. Adding two elevators and a remodel of the upstairs restrooms.

The continuing repair and maintenance of our grand old building continues on a daily basis and as always if you notice things that could use some help please feel free to let me know. You can grab me at Church or drop me a line at [qsrranger@yahoo.com](mailto:qsrranger@yahoo.com).

Yours in Christ's everlasting love.

## Church Key Cards

### Krystal Poindexter, Parish Communicator

Developing systems for record keeping is a task that people seem to either enjoy, or despise. I have spent quite a bit of time recently digging through old documents, comparing forms, and trying to match all of the known key cards for the church with their current owner. Fortunately, while it may not be what I'd call 'enjoyable,' this type of work is at least interesting to me.

The main purpose of having good records for the key cards is to keep us all safe. Knowing who has a key and when people are coming and going helps everyone to feel secure. This is especially true for staff, as we are more likely to spend time alone in the building.

That being said, some of our key cards were missing documentation on who currently has them. These cards have been deactivated so that they will not unlock the doors anymore. If you try to use your card to get into the building and it doesn't work, please reach out to the office. I will be happy to reactivate your card and get you reconnected. Most people should not have to do anything about their cards, but we wanted people to be aware so that if your card doesn't work anymore, you know what needs to happen to fix it.

## Creation Care

### Elizabeth Wenger, Creation Care member

Welcome to the third year of Creation Care, and thank you to everyone who has aided and participated in our efforts in the last year! Over the spring, we have added more native plants along Yale and in the Memorial Garden. We're hoping to add mulch to conserve water in the current drought. We're pleased to see the area becoming a restful, meditative space!

In April, we presented to the Vestry a completed energy audit for St. James modeled on the "Do-It-Yourself Energy Audit for Congregations" provided by the Diocese. It is a snapshot of how energy is used at St. James, a list of the improvements made in energy usage, and suggestions for future improvements. We were pleased and not at all surprised to find that the leadership of St James has been forward-thinking and prompt in their actions to maintain the church in a way that saves energy, preserves financial resources, and helps to protect the natural resources in the environment. The audit also addressed the availability of special rates for churches and any energy efficiency programs. The complete report is available at [www.stjameswichita.org/creation-care](http://www.stjameswichita.org/creation-care). Special thanks to Junior Warden Danny Blair for his energy and expertise in completing this work!

Finally, as summer is upon us, we present a list of creation-themed books for any beaches (or shady, cool nooks) that may be in your future. To keep things vacation-appropriate, we're focusing on recent non-fiction without a particular policy focus.

- Robin Wall Kimmerer. *Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses*. This is the same author who wrote *Braiding Sweetgrass*, and it has some of the same mix of human, natural, and cultural concerns.
- Victoria Johnson. *American Eden: David Hosack, Botany, and Medicine in the Garden of the Early Republic*. If you like a biography that opens out into larger themes, this is for you.
- Mary Oliver. *Upstream* Mary Oliver might seem like an obvious choice, but this collection persuaded my non-poetry-reading mother to give heavy recommendations.
- Stephen Buchmann. *The Reason for Flowers: Their History, Culture, Biology, and How They Change Our Lives*. Like Kimmerer, Buchmann is serious about the culture in his title: this book traces the human systems in which plants live and reproduce in addition to evolution of plant life in general, then flowers, then pollinators,
- J. Ray Fisher and Robert N. Wiedenmann. *The Silken Thread: Five Insects and Their Impacts on Human History*. Though this book is written by two entomologists, it reads almost as much as a travelogue and a history.

## Guild Hall Players

### Phil Speary, GHP Representative

The 2022-2023 season is almost over for the Guild Hall players, with just two performances left. Tickets are still only \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and military. It is a good idea to call ahead and reserve your tickets, as seating is limited.

The Guild Hall Players will present the classic American comedy *Born Yesterday* by Garson Kanin, from Thursday, May 25 through Sunday, May 28. The play that became an Oscar winning film tells the story of a young woman finding her voice and independence in post WWII Washington. Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 pm and Sunday at 7:00 pm. Don't miss this very entertaining show.

The final show of the Guild Hall season will be Stephen Sondheim's romantic musical drama *Passion*, which performs July 20 through 23. Sondheim is considered the greatest musical theatre composer and this show was his last great masterwork. With a beautiful score, *Passion* shows the journey of a 19th century Italian military officer to learning to love unconditionally. The musical is an unforgettable moving experience. Thanks for supporting the Guild Hall Players!

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## Update from the Treasurer

### Woody Swain, Treasurer

As you may recall, our membership's response to the 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign was amazing! The total amount pledged over 3 years, starting with 2022, was \$468,734. To date, 38 member have completed their pledges, and another 38 pledges are ongoing through 2024. \$353,288 has already been donated, which is 75% of the total pledged!

Thus far, we have cleaned, tuck pointed and resealed the building's exterior stone and brick surfaces, the guild hall and education building has a new roof, a much more reliable and efficient boiler is being installed, the exterior double-door to the nave has been rebuilt and updated, and we are enjoying the beautiful new pew cushions as well as the new carpet and furnishings in the lounge and main office. And, a large improvement project to St. Francis Ministries' facilities has been completed by our Outreach Committee.

In addition to the new boiler, the projects this year will focus on the first of two elevators, with preparations for the revamped music area in the chancel, new restroom facilities in the second floor of the education building and the second elevator.

We should feel very good about how well we are preparing our beautiful place of worship for its second 100 years. Should you have any questions about the status of your pledge, please contact our bookkeeper, Susie Stallings.

## News from St. James Endowment Funds Board

### Tom Gossen, EFB Representative

### A Rose in Recognition and Appreciation

Did you attend worship at St. James the weekend of March 12, 2023? If you did, we hope you noticed the red rose on the altar presented in recognition of and thanksgiving for the life and ministry among us of Pamela McCausland. And, in gratitude for her generosity in leaving a generous legacy gift for the St. James Endowment Fund.

Thank you Pam! Rest in peace.



**"In the end, the only answer we might give to the question, "Which Gospel is true?" is a simple, "Yes." In the end, God speaks to us through these four stories, written by four different authors at different times from the perspective of four very different communities. This is yet another reminder that the God who cannot be contained by one story has chosen to meet us in the messiness of our lives."**

**- Eric Barreto**

# Perpetual Memorial Endowment Fund

Tom Gossen, EFB Representative

## PMEF ~ What's That?

Each edition of Seasons includes news about the Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Fund (PMEF) of St. James Church. **Are you aware of the opportunities and benefits of the PMEF?**

**Give thanks to God for a significant event in your life, or for a loved one** (or someone else) who has influenced your life by making a gift to the PMEF. **There are two categories of tributes: (1) Living Tributes for those who are still living; and (2) Memorials in remembrance of the deceased.**

Enrolled Gifts are reported in perpetuity in the Annual Report of the PMEF. New - and additions to previously enrolled gifts - are announced in each edition of SEASONS.

Create an Enrolled Gift by completing an enrollment form available on St. James website (or contact the parish office.) Initial gifts to the PMEF can be as small as \$100 (multiple smaller gifts can be combined.)

## ~ MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS ~

### New Enrollments and Additions to the St. James Perpetual Memorial & Endowment Fund

#### Additions to Existing Living Endowments from February 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2023

|                                   |               |
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| <u>The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt</u> | <u>\$ 500</u> |
| In thanksgiving for her ministry. |               |

#### New Memorial Endowment Gifts from February 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2023

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| <u>Joy Johnson (1937 – 2023)</u> | <u>\$ 300</u> |
| In loving memory.                |               |

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| <u>Pamela McCausland (1952 – 2022)</u>             | <u>\$ 73,751</u> |
| In loving memory and in thanksgiving for her life. |                  |

#### Additions to Existing Memorial Enrollments from February 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2023

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| <u>Ron Harrison (1931-2022)</u>  | <u>\$ 25</u> |
| In memory of his many faithful years of service to St. James as a parishioner and a "go to" guy. |              |

To honor a loved one by making a gift, visit the Endowment page at the St. James website: <https://stjameswichita.org/give-to-st-james/endowment/> for the Enrollment Forms (Living Tribute and Memorial). OR, Contact the Church office 316-683-5686.

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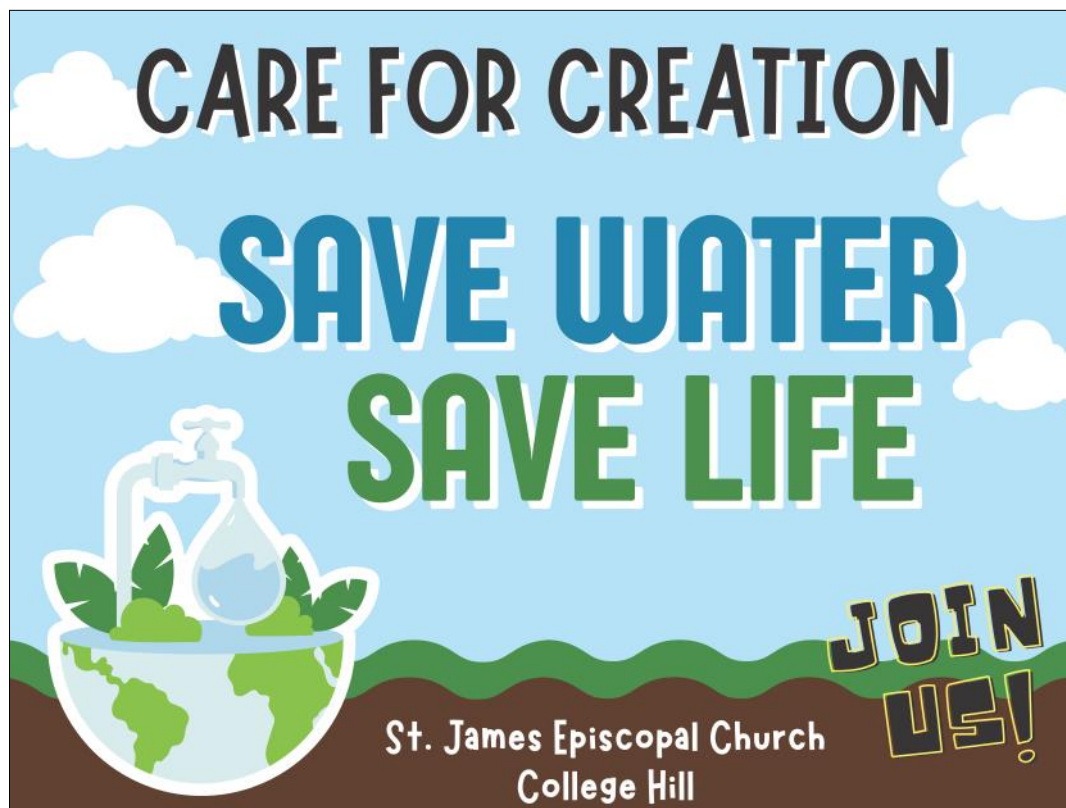
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If you would like a yard sign to encourage others (or to explain why your yard may not be as perfectly lush as it typically is) you can stop by the church to purchase one for \$20.

They are professionally printed, 18" x 24" and include the metal stake so that you can put them out in your yard easily.