

The Seasons

of St. James Episcopal Church

Spring 2024
Lent, Holy Week,
and Easter



Message from the Rector

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

The Annual Meeting recently held in the Guild Hall was widely attended and followed by one of our newest activities, the 4th Sunday Lunch. As we do at every Annual meeting, we held elections and the results are listed below. Congratulations to those who were elected and Thank You to all who were nominated. We also offer our gratitude to those whose terms ended at the Annual Meeting. There are many talented and thoughtful people who can serve the People of God at St. James Church. We give thanks for their leadership and lift our prayers for our 2024 parish leaders as the year begins.

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Vestry Members

These 3 individuals have been elected to serve 3-year terms on the Vestry:

Kennedy Compton (2027)

Dana Stelter (2027)

Ethan Lindsay (2027)

These persons have been elected to 1-year terms in 2024

Joan Moore, Sr. Warden

Danny Blair, Jr. Warden

These persons are appointed to 1-year terms in 2024 vestry-related positions

Deb Bagby, Clerk

Allie Mutzke, Youth Representative

Woody Swain, Treasurer

Continuing Members of the Vestry:

Dave McDonald (2026)

Jessica Moore (2026)

Troy Wells (2026)

Richard Bowman (2025)

Pat Butin (2025)

Suzanne Laycock (2025)

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

Graduating Members of the Vestry:

Diana Morton (2024)

Drew Rucker (2024)

Mary Sloan (2024)

2024 PMEF Board

These 2 individuals have been elected to 3-year terms on the PMEF Board:

Bert Clark (2027)

Luree Lusk (2027)

Continuing Members of the PMEF Board are:

Deb Bagby (2026)

Scott Orr (2026)

Clay Bastian (2025)

Kelly Harper (2025)

Woody Swain, Treasurer

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

Graduating Members of the PMEF Board:

Jay Price (2024)

Erin Compton (2024)

2024 Delegates and Alternates

These 4 lay persons have been elected to 2-year terms as a Delegate or an Alternate from St. James Church to the SW Convocation meetings and Diocesan Convention. The parish of St. James is allotted 5 Delegates and 5 Alternates.

Delegates

Paul Leeker (2026)

Joan Moore (2026)

Alternates

Randy Harrison (2026)

Mary Sloan (2026)

These 6 lay persons continue as a Delegate or an Alternate from St. James Church:

Delegates

Rick Milhon (2025)

Paul Rillema (2025)

Racine Zackula (2025)

Alternates

Marilyn Milhon (2025)

Necia Rillema (2025)

Elizabeth Wenger (2025)

Graduating Delegates:

Randy Harrison (2024)

Joan Moore (2024)

There are no graduating Alternates.

2024 Nominating Committee

These 5 individuals have been elected to a 1-year term on the Nominating Committee.

Richard Bowman

Judy Goodpasture

Mary Halley

Kate Miller

Lise Van Arsdale Hansen

Joan Moore, Sr. Warden

The graduating Nominating Committee:

Richard Bowman

Erin Compton

Judy Goodpasture

Kate Miller

Marilyn Taylor

**The year in parenthesis which follows some names above indicates the year of the January annual meeting when a term ends.*

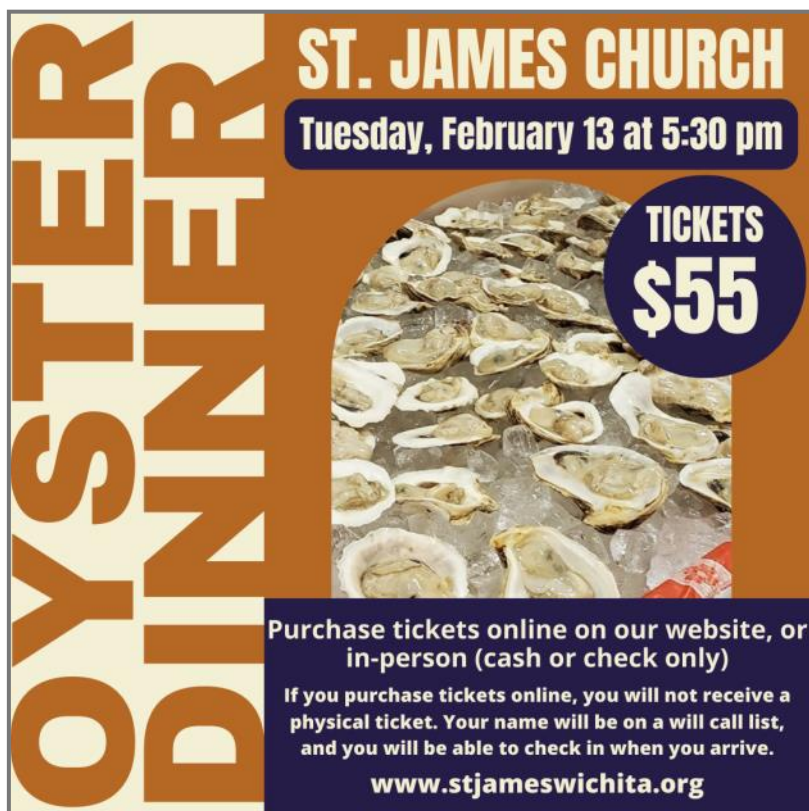
From the Junior Warden

Danny Blair, Jr. Warden

This Season's report comes in the form of an appeal. Our livestream mission allows us to bring our services to those who cannot attend in person either because they are ill or physically unable as well as those who have moved away but still wish to join in our Celebration. I have received several thanks for this service. Livestreaming also allows us to share Weddings and Funerals with those who cannot be there in person. This is, I think, a very worthwhile service but comes at a significant cost in our budget as we pay to have the equipment operated.

We began livestreaming during Covid and it was essential and well received. We expanded or improved the equipment with a generous gift from one of our parishioners. This still requires someone to operate the cameras and the feed during a service. Early on we tried to create a corps of volunteers to take on this project and probably due to getting back into the day to day of getting back into in person church this did not work out. We wish to try again to start this Volunteer Corps. There is some training required but this is not daunting and with a bit of practice becomes simple. This is open to members of all ages. With a reasonable number of volunteers this should be achievable. Training will be provided by Wichita Livestream and as the group expands can be completed completely in house.

Please consider serving in this mission so that we can continue to stream our services and use these monies in other ministries. Contact Woody Swain, myself, or leave a note in the church office if you would consider this as a way to serve at St James.



OYSTER DINNER

ST. JAMES CHURCH
Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 pm

TICKETS \$55

Purchase tickets online on our website, or in-person (cash or check only)

If you purchase tickets online, you will not receive a physical ticket. Your name will be on a will call list, and you will be able to check in when you arrive.

www.stjameswichita.org

Ticket Sales from the Oyster Dinner help support local charities and outreach projects.



Scan the QR code to register and pay for your tickets online!



Music Ministry

Dakota Bennett, Director of Music

You may have noticed the music for January was a bit more, “cheerful.” Perhaps you would describe it as the choir did on one particular January Sunday as, “Baptist Sunday.” While it's true, at least musically in my case that, “you can kick the boy from the Baptists but you can't kick the Baptist out of the boy”, this wasn't exactly the goal. Advent and Lent, while distinct in their own ways, share a lot of similarities; especially when music is concerned. Both seasons see a scaling back of sorts, taking a more somber, less grand persona both musically and liturgically. Sometimes these similarities make it difficult to give each season distinct meaning not only in corporate worship, but in our own spiritual journeys. By utilizing this time from Epiphany to Ash Wednesday to sort of reset from one penitential season to the next, I hope you will find yourself heading into Lent feeling refreshed and ready to embark on what is one of the most intense and exciting seasons in the life of the church.

This brings us to the second short-term commitment choir opportunity of the season, Holy Week (24-31 Mar). The choir will be singing

Palm Sunday (10:45 am with call time no earlier than 10:00 am), **Maundy Thursday** (7:00 pm with call time no earlier than 6:00 pm), **Good Friday** (12:00 pm with 11:30 ish call time), and **Easter Sunday** (8:30 am and 10:45am with call time no earlier than 7:45 am).

Rehearsal commitments for short-term folks (in addition to aforementioned call times) will be Wednesday, 20 March at 7:00 pm; Sunday, 24 March immediately following the 10:45 am service; and Wednesday, 27 March at 5:45 pm.

Holy Week is an incredibly busy time but it is also equally rewarding. I encourage anyone who is interested in joining us to speak to me at your earliest convenience. One way to think about Holy Week is as a week-long binge watching of the Passion story. If you miss a service, you're missing part of the story! In the case you really can't make it to everything, the plot synopsis is in a readily accessible book and there are spoilers everywhere, but it's just not the same. So, whether you sing with the choir or from the pews, I hope to see you at as many services as possible!



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

7:00 pm

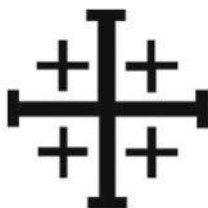
Altar Guild

Adrienne Edwards, Chair

Throughout the church year, you will see comments in the bulletin and E Tower about donating flowers in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one. We post a sign-up sheet on the wall in the hallway leading to the Guild Hall. In the bulletin we acknowledge the family when flowers used during a funeral or wedding are left for the church to be displayed as part of the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning services.

However, during Lent, from Ash Wednesday thru Holy Saturday St James does not decorate with flowers and those dates are crossed off the list. Lent is a solemn season of penitence, fasting, and introspection. For this reason, we remove religious icons, drape or veil crosses, change the frontal and clergy vestments to purple which is the color of penance and atonement. Flowers are no longer on display behind the altar. Instead, we use two potted curly willows which are not yet in bloom, and placed in black containers to symbolize Christ's time in the wilderness.

During the last couple of weeks leading up to Easter, we once ask for contributions in honor or in memory of someone special or to mark a special event, so the church can be filled with lilies and blooming flowers in celebration of the Lord's resurrection.



The Great Litany

The first weekend in Lent

Saturday, February 17 at 5:30 pm (spoken)

Sunday, February 18 at 8:30 am (spoken)

Sunday, February 18 at 10:45 am (sung)

Holy Week and Easter

PASSION OR PALM WEEKEND

Sat. Mar 23 at 5:30 pm
Sun. Mar 24 at 8:30 & 10:45 am

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK: RITE I

Monday, March 25
7:00 pm

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK: RITE I

Tuesday, March 26
7:00 pm

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 27
7:00 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 28
7:00 pm

OVERNIGHT WATCH IN CHAPEL

Thursday, March 28
through Friday, March 29

Sign-up to help keep watch

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29
12:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, March 30
10:00 am

No 5:30 pm service

EASTER VIGIL

Sunday, March 31
6:00 am

EASTER HOLY EUCCHARIST

Sunday, March 31
8:30 am & 10:45 am

Easter Egg Hunt outside at 10:00 am

Approaching the Finish Line: Life Updates from Chelsea

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

As an update, I'm progressing through my doctorate program at Fuller Theological Seminary, and I'm now composing my doctoral project. I can see the finish line in sight! However, to successfully cross that line, I need your assistance. A crucial requirement for my Doctorate of Ministry involves creating a ministry that addresses the community's needs. For me, this entails organizing a women's retreat centered on spiritual formation utilizing feminine Divine imagery. Here's where you come in: I'm seeking thirteen women to participate in the retreat. Whether it's yourself or someone you know,

if there's interest, please consider registering. Participation is open to women of all backgrounds, not restricted to the Episcopalian faith. Reverend Canon Lisa Senuta, the Canon for Spiritual Life for the Episcopal Diocese of KS, is collaborating with me on this initiative. I wholeheartedly invite you to join us on this transformative retreat! For further details and registration instructions, please refer to the attached flyer.

Thank you to all who have supported me on this educational journey and kept me in their prayers.

Summer Adult Forum

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

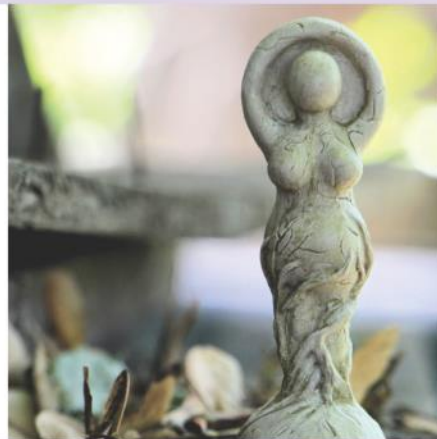
The 164th Annual Convention for the diocese centered around the theme "Go: See and Be Seen," encapsulating one of the diocese's core objectives of fostering a culture of mission, invitation, and welcome within neighborhoods. Building on this theme, the Summer Adult Forum aims to explore these principles further. We invite members of our congregation to share insights on community activities and explore ways in which we can actively participate. We hope to broaden the church's and individuals' engagement in observing and being observed. If you are involved in an initiative or nonprofit that fits this theme, we encourage you to sign up for an Adult Forum session in June or July. Contact Mother Dawn or Chelsea to sign up.

Youth Group

Anne Clark, Youth Mentor

Youth group continues to meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm with a combination group of 6-12 grades. On the 4th Sunday, we meet after the church potluck lunch from 12:30-1:30. We celebrated the Christmas season helping organize the food baskets for families in need and went to Illuminations at Botanica. We took a break during the school break, resuming on January 21st. We've talked about what resilience means to us and had a game day after the luncheon this past week. We look forward to taking some field trips to learn about other religions or other ways Christians worship, talking about Purim and making hamantaschen and helping with the Oyster Dinner and Olde English Tea.

Stand in Your Own
SPACE
Women's Retreat



April 5, 4 pm - April 7, 1 pm | \$250 per person (includes lodging on Friday & Saturday, meals and snacks)

Marillac Retreat Center, 4200 S 4th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048

A women's retreat centered on the truth that we are made female in God's image. This spiritual gathering is an opportunity for women of all ages, stages, and backgrounds to come together, connect, and embrace the inherent beauty and strength within us and as a community of women walking in faith with Christ Jesus.

Seeking our own spiritual transformation in our society today, we will celebrate the feminine perspective, strength, and resilience that radiates through women of faith. During the retreat, we will explore the examples and teachings of our foremothers in Scripture and the early church. Guided by the feminine Divine energy in their witnesses that defied societal and religious rules and roles, we will engage in soul-nurturing prayer practices to give voice to the divine 'She' welling up in our lives. This retreat is designed to support women moving forward in faith to live with courage, compassion, and authentic faith.

The retreat begins Friday evening with check-in from 4-4:30 pm.

Labyrinth, reading materials, icons, and journaling will all be provided to aid your time with God alone. A Spiritual Director will also be available. The Marillac property is a beautiful place to stay, with extensive property for walking, spacious private rooms, and meals provided.

This retreat is led by Chelsea Whipple, Program Director for St. James Episcopal Church, Wichita, in partnership with The Rev. Canon Lisa Senuta. The retreat encapsulates Chelsea's doctoral project for Fuller Theological Seminary, where she is pursuing her Doctorate of Ministry degree. Disclaimer: All participants will receive a pre-retreat questionnaire to understand how you feel your gender has influenced your relationship with the Divine and a post-retreat survey to evaluate the retreat. All answers are anonymous.

REGISTER HERE



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

For more information or to register, scan the QR code, or <https://bit.ly/3S8iONz>

Worship

THE RETREAT WILL END WITH A EUCHARIST LED BY THE REV. CANON LISA SENUTA THAT USES FEMININE LANGUAGE TO WORSHIP OUR TRIUNE GOD.

● ● ● **Formation**

Nursery Updates

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

We are still short-staffed in the Nursery and need volunteers. To keep the nursery open and operating, we need 10 volunteers to commit to a Sunday every 2 months. You can spend time with our kids, love them, and minister to their needs. If you are interested, please contact Chelsea, formation@stjameswichita.org or call the office, 683-5686.

Easter Egg Hunt

Get ready for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The Easter Egg Hunt for the kids will occur at 10 am on Easter, March 31, 2024.



Watch for an announcement for volunteers to fill Easter eggs for our kids. We will set up a basket in a few weeks for anyone to grab a bag of empty Easter eggs by the front doors to fill up with your special goodies. Then, you'll simply drop off the filled Easter eggs back into the basket. The plan will be to drop off the Easter Eggs by Palm Sunday, March 24.

Exploring the Stories: Happenings in the Kidz Zone

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

This year has been so much fun upstairs! We've explored the stories of Christmas, some Parables, and the Ark of the Covenant. The kids enjoy using their imagination and watching the story unfold. In Children's Chapel, we've been learning the sign of the cross and the Lord's Prayer. The kids' goal is to memorize the Lord's prayer before they move on to middle school.

The next Sunday school and Children's Chapel is March 3rd. Sunday School and Children's Chapel takes place the 1st Sunday of every month (except September) starting at 9:30 am. Children's Chapel begins at 10:45 am and we take the kids to their families during the Peace. Kids aged 3 (potty trained) - 5th grade are welcome and must be registered. You can contact Chelsea at formation@stjameswichita.org or call the office for more information.

Our teachers for this program year are: Mrs. Amber in the Fishers class and Mrs. Chelsea in the Seekers class; Disciples class.

***We are in need of a teacher for our Seekers class and Fishers class.** If interested please contact Chelsea.

VBS...coming Summer 2024!

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

We will take off on a new adventure this summer with Vacation Bible School!

Last year, we combined with College Hill United Methodist Church, Grace Presbyterian, and Plymouth Congregation, and this year, we will AGAIN be joining our new friends also with University Congregation and Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church. Planning is underway!

Mark your calendars for June 17-21

The theme is a nature-oriented VBS, called Grow In Me. The VBS will take place at Plymouth Congregational Church.

Outreach Ministry

Judy Goodpasture, Chair

Our Outreach Ministry Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. We gather in the church lounge. At least five times a year, we have speakers from social service agencies. You are invited to join us for any meeting.

Spring Projects

- The **St. James Refugee Family Project** has decided to extend the project from the six months required by the International Rescue Committee to a year. We will find ways to assist our family of 6 (a mother and 5 children) from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. **Co-chairs: Suzanne Laycock and Jessica Moore.**
- As another fund raiser for the Refugee Project, the **Outreach Committee** will host an **Adult Evening Party** in March.
- 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.** We are grateful to this this very generous congregation. Since 2015, this project has given \$24,250. to agencies serving children and families. **Chair Vicki Evans and Gary Thudium** (emeritus project founder)
- To offer **Red Cross** blood drives in 2024, we are seeking to partner with area churches on a rotating schedule. **Chair: Dottie Evans Clark**
- St. James has joined the **Wichita Minster's** effort to provide **Saturday Sack Lunches** for the homeless at St. John's Episcopal Church. To help, please contact **Chair: Joan Bledsoe.**
- **Justice Together.** An ecumenical effort involving more than 50 churches in Wichita is working toward the development of a social justice project in the areas of homelessness and mental health. In May, a city-wide gathering will advocate for their chosen project. **Chairs: Shirley and Scott Orr, Vicky Evans, and Fr. Joseph Bayles**
- **Undies Sundays** to provide diapers and underwear for the **Wichita Children's Home** will begin in March. **Chair: Louise Brinegar**
- **Prayer Cards.** Our committee continues to send **Prayer Cards** to ill and bereaved parishioners. Birthday cards are also sent to parishioners. **Co-chairs: Mary Druding, Joan Bledsoe, and Judy Goodpasture**

● ● ● Outreach

Sandwich Saturdays

Joan Bledsoe, Chair

Sandwich Saturday enjoyed the help of a number of members of St. James. A thank you to Jane Spurrier, Mary Druding, Claudette Johns, Susan Graybill, Luree Lusk, Lise Van Arsdale Hansen, Kelly Harper, Jessica Chase, Susie Stallings and others.

This year's schedule for meal delivery is March 9, June 8, September 14 and December 14th.

If you are interested in helping to make and or help deliver lunches to St. Johns, please contact Joan Bledsoe at pansy1918@icloud.com

Thank you for helping the food insecure in downtown Wichita.

Justice Ministry Update

Shirley Orr, Co-Chair

Sedgwick County's new Social Justice Ministry now has a name! Justice Together is the name selected by the 450 individuals representing more than 30 congregations who convened on November 9. At the same meeting, homelessness and mental health were selected as the first two priority issues that will be addressed by Justice Together.

Currently, study groups are meeting on a regular basis to explore the issues of homelessness and mental health, with the goal of learning about the current status of these issues in our community, the contributing factors, and potential strategies to address these issues, including strategies that have proven successful in peer communities across the country.

The next opportunity for engagement by all interested individuals is a Solutions Briefing, which will be held on April 11. At that convening, study groups will present their findings for discussion and consideration by those attending the session, in preparation for presenting recommendations to local policymakers. Additional information about the Solutions Briefing, including the meeting time and location, will be provided in our e-newsletter. Please plan to attend!

International Refugee Committee (IRC)

Jessica Moore & Suzanne Laycock, Co-Chairs

It's hard to believe it has been over 90 days since the refugee family arrived in Wichita! During this time, our co-sponsor group has had the opportunity to assist the family with the various challenges and joys of resettlement. The children love attending school and seem to know more English words and phrases each time we see them. They love technology, music and art. The mother of the family is attending ESL classes and is working through the employment process with IRC.

Last weekend we started the "cultural orientation" portion of the resettlement process. This includes a variety of presentations on topics such as cultural adjustment, budgeting, US laws and health and hygiene. When I asked what they had heard about the United States before they moved here, they said they heard it is very cold and there are a lot of cars. Learning their thoughts and perspectives is always very interesting!

Please keep the family in your prayers as they bravely continue on with resettling and acclimating to life in America.

Love Thy Neighbor

Shirley Orr

Today in Kansas, over 150,000 working and low-income Kansans don't have access to affordable health insurance. Although Medicaid expansion became available in 2014 as a provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Kansas is one of only 10 states in the US who have not expanded Medicaid benefits to those who lack access to health coverage. According to the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas, expanding Medicaid would ultimately reduce health care costs for everyone, and make Kansans across our state healthier and more secure. It would also help to prevent the loss of health care in rural communities due to hospital closures.

Throughout the month of February, thousands of faith-based advocates are engaging their state legislators to advocate for improved health coverage for all Kansans in the "Love Thy Neighbor" campaign. The Alliance is collecting postcards from Kansans to give legislators showing how important

Medicaid expansion is around the state. You can participate in the postcard campaign by visiting the website, <https://expandkancare.com/love-thy-neighbor/> Scroll down to "sign the digital postcard," provide your name and address, and the Alliance will deliver a postcard to your state legislator on your behalf. As of January 29th, 23,710 postcards have been delivered to urge the House and Senate to hold debates on Medicaid expansion.

In addition to the postcard campaign, Love Thy Neighbor Day at the Kansas Statehouse will take place in Topeka on February 14. The expandkancare.com website provides information about how you can participate in this event, along with other events being held to demonstrate support for improving access to health care for all Kansans.



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

February 14, 2024 | Kansas Statehouse

Kansans deserve access to affordable health care. Let's work together to expand Medicaid in Kansas.

ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHY KANSAS
ExpandKanCare.com

KIFA "Love Your Neighbor" Medicaid Expansion Sabbath

We are calling for congregations in Kansas to designate the weekend of February 2-4 as "Medicaid Expansion Sabbath" and to lift up the issue in worship that weekend. Medicaid Expansion would help 150,000 (mostly) working Kansans access affordable health insurance. Kansas is one of the last 10 states in the country not to have expanded, and it is (and has long been) the greatest moral priority in Kansas policy. Please also join us on February 14th for the "Love Thy Neighbor" Medicaid Expansion advocacy day at the Capital. You can register at www.kansasinterfaithaction.org/events/medex-feb24



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St. James Episcopal Church

OLDE ENGLISH TEA

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024
for a traditional English tea, plus fashion
show, musical entertainment,
and raffle.

TWO SEATINGS

Morning Tea from 10:00 am to Noon

Afternoon Tea from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

ENGLISH MARKETPLACE

with baked goods, flowers,
designer purses, and more!

TICKETS

\$30 Adults

\$10 Children

Children are ages 5-12;
only children 5 and
older, please.

All proceeds benefit
Episcopal Social Services, St.
James' Refugee Outreach
Program, and St. James Church

**LIMITED SEATING,
PURCHASE TICKETS EARLY!**

Tickets can be purchased online at
www.stjameswichita.org/engage/olde-english-tea
at the parish office, or at the door (if still available)

Creation Care

Elizabeth Wenger, Committee member

This Lenten season, Creation Care invites you to consider what it might mean to be in a right relationship with God’s creation. As we do our work as a committee, we have found that it is easy to careen from excitement and awe at the beauty of the natural world to guilt and panic over the crises facing us. To steady ourselves, we have begun to try remembering that creation isn’t a problem outside of us—we are part of creation, and already in the middle of a relationship with the rest of it. This puts us in a place to focus less on single actions and more on our overall orientation. We have begun to ask: would living in a right relationship with our fellow creatures mean being more aware of them? More mindful? Would we need to live more simply? Are there others we should be listening to? We’re not sure where these questions will take us, but we would love to talk about them with you.

In the meantime, as we move through Lent and winter gradually melts into spring, we ask for your prayers as we prepare to begin another year of work and learning about our world and how we, even in our own small way, can make a very real difference. We ask you to join us—contact Pat Butin at patandwalk@aol.com or Claudette Johns at CDLJ2111@gmail.com to add your name to an email list and be notified of garden work days, contribute to suggestions on how we can save energy or resources in our homes or at church, and other ways you can contribute your talents to our efforts. We also always want any thoughts you have about new ways that Creation Care can support St. James and all of its people in our work for a just, equitable, and green future.

Everything Bagel Pull-Apart Bread

Ingredients:

- 2-16 oz cans refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
- 1 stick butter, melted
- ½ c sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- ½ c parmesan cheese, grated
- ½ c everything bagel seasoning*

Preparation:

- Preheat oven to 350F and prep a bundt pan with non-stick spray.
- In a large mixing bowl, mix the cheeses and seasoning, stir in melted butter and mix well.
- Cut each biscuit into quarters and add to bowl.
- Combine biscuits and butter mixture gently until all biscuit pieces are covered, then transfer to bundt pan.
- Place pan in oven, with foil under pan to catch any drips. Bake for 40-45 minutes, or until dark golden brown.
- Remove from oven and cool for 10 minutes, then invert onto serving plate.

*Or make your own everything bagel seasoning:

- 2T sesame seeds (1 white, 1 black), 2T poppy seeds, 1T onion flakes, 1T garlic flakes, ½ T coarse salt, ½ T pepper, 1T dried parsley

Recipe from Shirley Orr, by popular request after the Annual Meeting

PARISH POTLUCKS

LET’S GATHER TO SHARE CONVERSATION AND A MEAL TOGETHER!

For every potluck, a main dish will be provided. You are invited to bring a dish to share, but most importantly, bring yourself! There is always enough food to share.

On the **second Sunday each month, we will have breakfast at 9:30 am.**

On the **fourth Sunday each month, we will have lunch at 12:00 pm**

Treasurer's Report

Woody Swain, Treasurer

I've made some minor updates to my financial report for the recent Annual Meeting and wanted to include this report on our 2023 Actuals and our 2024 Budget for the benefit of those that were unable to attend this meeting or did not get to read the annual report.

Going into 2023, we recognized that it was going to be a financially challenging year, as our budget for the year forecast a shortage of -\$24,539. By last November, it was clear that we were going to need extra funds in order to finish the year. So, starting with "Giving Tuesday", just after Thanksgiving, we made our congregation aware of this need. The result was a generous \$32,500 of additional giving, allowing us to end 2023 with an overage of \$470! So, thanks to excellent follow-through on 2023 pledges, this extra giving, and expenses that were \$20,593 less than budgeted, we entered 2024 "in the black"!

Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign recognized that we needed to increase our pledged income significantly over 2023 in order to balance 2024's budget. This was due to 3 main factors:

1. The -\$24,539 shortfall in our 2023 Budget
2. Our 2024 Diocesan Apportionment will be increasing by \$29,075 over 2023's; in 2023, our Apportionment expense benefitted from a one-time credit of \$18,598 due to overpayment in 2017.
3. The Fleming Bequest that provided \$20,684 in 2023 has been used-up.

Therefore, this Campaign's ambitious goal was to increase pledged revenue by 15% vs. 2023's.

The response from our congregation has been encouraging. We've received 117 pledges totaling \$475,195, which is an increase of \$42,061 (9.7%) over 2023's \$433,130 from 128 pledges. And, the average pledge increased by 20%, from \$3,384 to \$4,061! To supplement this, we plan to use \$23,885 of last year's gift from Betty Shaw's estate to help fund our Christian Formation ministry. And, the Vestry approved an increase in 2024's Endowment Fund distribution from 4% to 5%.

Our 2024 expenses, excluding the effect of the Apportionment, are forecast to increase by \$21,591, or 4.4%, over our 2023 Actuals, and we are maintaining all of the ministries and activities that we have previously funded. Thus, the 2024 Budget approved by your Vestry shows a shortfall of -\$17,434, which is \$7,105 better than 2023's and should be manageable, based upon past experience.

As for our 100th Anniversary Capital Fund - of the \$470,854 that was either donated or pledged, a total of \$421,741, or 90%, has been received so far. The Fund's balance is \$156,783, and final, 3rd year pledged amounts will be coming in during 2024. Major improvements to the flat roofs, stone and brickwork, and the heating system have been made, and the first of two elevators is planned to be installed in the first half of 2024. This campaign funded a significant Outreach project at St. Francis Ministries and will be funding other worthy causes in the future.

Spring 2024: Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

●●● Finance

St. James Episcopal - Summary of 2022 and 2023 Actuals and 2024 Budget

	<u>2022 Actuals</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>2023 Actuals</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Revenues					
Pledged Giving	\$410,375	\$438,380	\$453,894	\$475,195	1
Non-Pledged and Carryover Giving	\$90,788	\$82,174	\$71,145	\$71,000	
Endowment Fund	\$44,733	\$22,662	\$22,662	\$30,410	2
Ray Fleming Bequest	\$75,523	\$20,684	\$20,684	\$0	
Betty Shaw Bequest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,885	3
Miscellaneous	\$3,090	\$4,200	\$4,130	\$4,800	
Total Revenues	\$624,509	\$568,100	\$572,515	\$605,289	
Expenses					
Diocesan Apportionment	\$100,572	\$82,332	\$82,320	\$111,408	4
Clergy	\$130,654	\$155,863	\$154,127	\$157,904	
Administration	\$108,452	\$125,557	\$121,693	\$126,542	
Building & Grounds	\$173,309	\$147,279	\$144,255	\$146,149	5
Christian Education	\$41,694	\$34,653	\$29,047	\$30,785	
Music	\$33,490	\$35,550	\$29,023	\$34,723	
Other Ministries	\$8,757	\$11,405	\$11,580	\$15,213	6
Total Expenses	\$596,928	\$592,639	\$572,045	\$622,724	
Revenues minus Expenses	\$27,581	-\$24,539	\$470	-\$17,434	

Notes:

1. \$32,500 of extra giving in late 2023; 2024 pledging increased by 9.7% over 2023
2. 5% distribution for 2024
3. \$20,715 would be left after 2024
4. \$18,598 credit in 2023 for 2017 overpayment
5. Includes 2 deep fryers for Oyster Dinner
6. Extra funds for fellowship events and Invite/Welcome/Connect program



PERPETUAL MEMORIAL AND ENDOWMENTS FUNDS

"Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks [with] Compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.³ Discipleship is about focusing on Jesus, following in the footsteps of Jesus, becoming his hands and feet in the world. Discipleship is about loving as Jesus loves, giving as Jesus gives, forgiving as Jesus forgives, welcoming and including as Jesus welcomes and includes, doing justice and loving mercy and walking humbly with God, like Jesus. Matthew's gospel concludes with Jesus telling the disciples to "go therefore" and make disciples who make a difference in the world. "Go therefore" and be my hands, be my feet, be my face, be my voice, and change the world! (Matthew 28:19–20)."
Michael Curry, *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*

Grace begets Gratitude begets Generosity, illustrates how we as Christians can step into the reciprocal dance of life. Our gratitude for God's grace is reflected in the gifts we share generously with others. Our giving liberates us from our fears of a lack of abundance. Our gifts are enough and are crucial for our doing God's work in the world, together, as St. James Church.

The recent bequests that St. James received from the estates of Pam McCausland and Betty Shaw, are perfect examples of two of our members experiencing and recognizing God's grace through the ministry of the people of God at St. James. They, in gratitude, were moved to express their gratitude through generous gifts from their estates. Thanks be to God!

What is the Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Fund (PMEF) of St. James Church?

- A gift to PMEF grows in perpetuity – that is, the gift is never depleted. Income generated by the gift is disbursed annually and spent as directed by the vestry per the spending rules adopted for the administration of the fund. Your gift will continue to grow and to empower the ministries of St. James long into the future.
- You can give thanks to God for a loved one or someone who has influenced your life with a gift to the PMEF. Living Tributes as well as Memorials are welcomed.
- 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.)

New Enrollments and Additions to the Perpetual Memorial & Endowment Funds

*Rob and Erin Compton
Janice May (In thanksgiving) \$100*

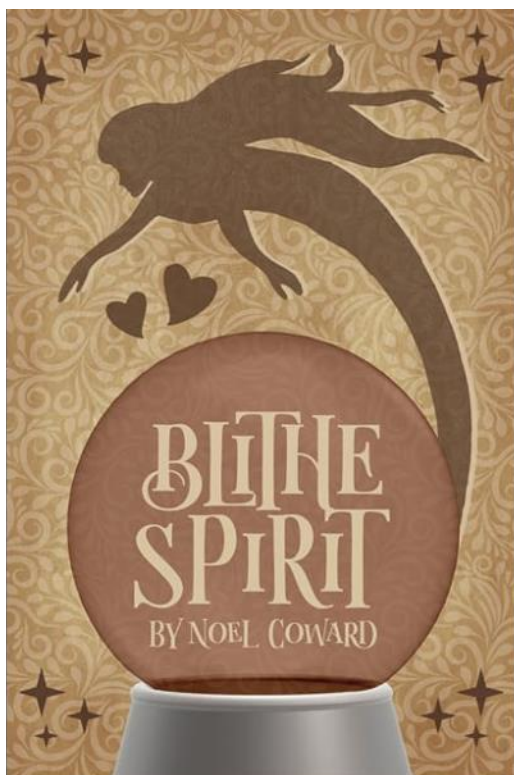
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Ensure the Future of St. James Church

- Designate a bequest to St. James. Bequests designated for the Perpetual Memorial & Endowment Fund will grow and give in perpetuity.
- Witness your intension by enrolling in the St. James Church Legacy Society.
- If you have questions, contact a member of the Endowment Funds Board for assistance.

To honor a loved one by making a gift, visit the Endowment page at the St. James website: stjameswichita.org for an Enrollment Form or contact the Church office 316-683-5686.



●●● Affiliated Groups



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APRIL 4-6 AT 8PM
APRIL 7 AT 7PM

GENERAL ADMISSION \$12
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*I never sang
for my father*
by Robert Anderson

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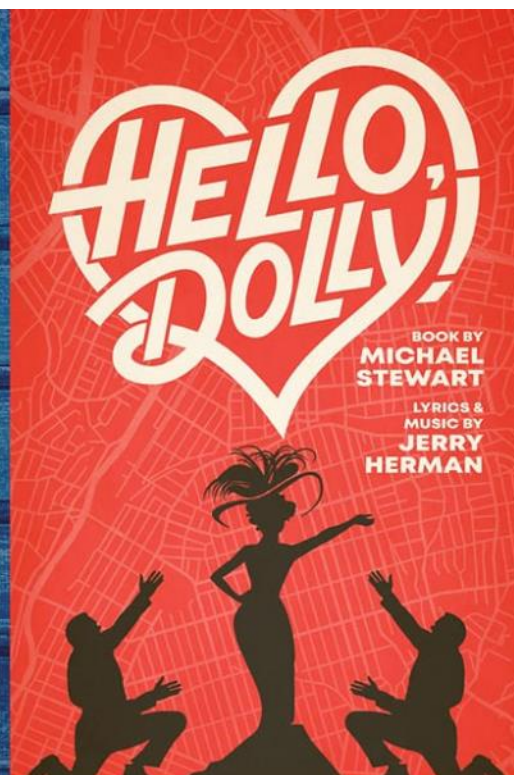
MAY 24-26 AT 8PM
MAY 27 AT 7PM

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MUSIC BY
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HERMAN

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JULY 21 AT 7PM

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Diocesan Book Study Planned for Zoom

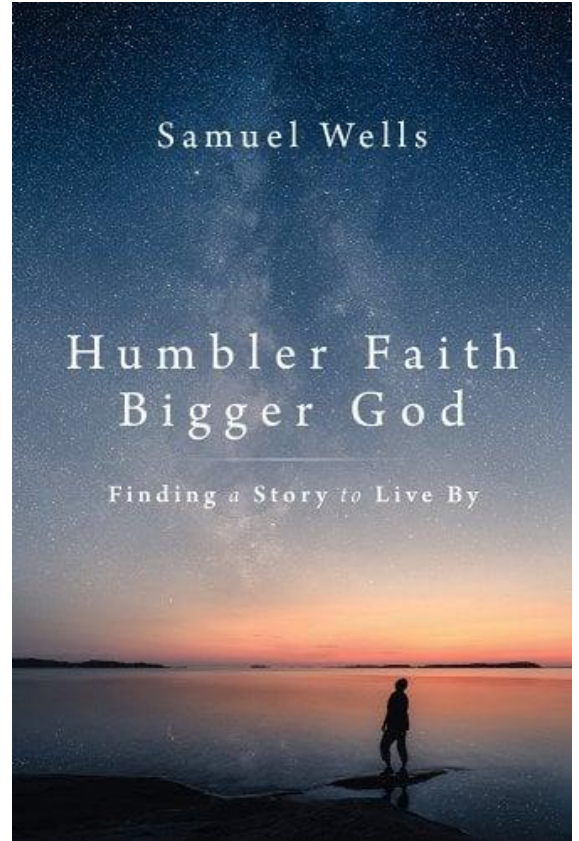
Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

Bishop Bascom invites the diocese to participate in a collective read of Vicar Sam's 2022 apologia *Humbler Faith, Bigger God: Finding a Story to Live By*. Beginning the first Thursday in Lent, the read will gather each week to discuss a chapter of the book. Interested participants can see a reading schedule on the diocesan website for the event: www.episcopal-ks.org/2024-tocher/

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Feb 15	Crutch for the Deluded?	Pg. 1-26
Feb 22	Catalogue of Betrayals?	Pg. 27-54
Feb 29	Fairy Tale for the Infantile?	Pg. 54-79
Mar 7	Drug for the Poor?	Pg. 80-100
Mar 14	Intolerant Poison?	Pg. 101-120
Mar 21	Perpetrator of Terrible Harm?	Pg. 121-142
Mar 28	Break for Maundy Thursday	
Apr 4	Cause of Endless Conflict?	Pg. 143-164
Apr 11	One Path Among Many?	Pg. 165-183
Apr 18	Break for Clergy Retreat	
Apr 25	Arrogant Narcissism	Pg. 184-205
May 2	Cruel Fantasy	Pg. 206-227
May 9	A Faith to Live By	Pg. 229-230

Meeting on Zoom: episcopal-ks.org/wellszoom



Monastery Day in Atchison Kansas

Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

A spiritual field trip to the Benedictine Monastery in Atchison, Kansas. This day will include a tour with explanation of monastic life as well as spiritual space and time to reflect on the monastery in your heart for God. Organized by Sharon Highberger and Canon Lisa Senuta.

When: Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 9 am - 3 pm

Where: Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, KS

Cost: \$20, includes lunch (scholarships available)

Register: Sign-up online (limited space available)

The Courage to Forgive

Diocesan Lent Quiet Day

Expect music, poetry, and guided prayer times to nurture an interior invitation to give and receive forgiveness. The day will have a spacious start at 9 am with coffee and check in. Beginning at 9:30 am Canon Lisa Senuta will guide you through times of spiritual learning, personal reflection, and small group sharing. Direct questions to Lisa Senuta at lсенута@episcopal-ks.org.

When: Saturday, March 2, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Where: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Manhattan, KS

Cost: \$20, includes lunch (scholarships available)

Register: Sign-up online

Silence is God's primary language

Young adult retreat

Spend one night in a monastic setting to learn the wisdom and richness of silent reflective prayer practices with Canon Lisa. Register online!

When: February 17-18, 2024

Where: Upton Hall at Grace Cathedral, Topeka

Who: Young Adults age 18-30ish

Cost: \$75, 50% scholarships available when you register, need more? let us know!

Bed linens and towels are provided at Upton Hall. Saturday supper and Sunday breakfast are included in your registration fee. Questions? E-mail Canon Lisa Senuta at lsenuta@episcopal-ks.org

Episcopal Summer Camp Registration now open

Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Youth News

Camp Wood YMCA features a variety of activities such as horseback riding, archery, climbing tower, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, water slide, mud slide, arts and crafts, and sports. The volunteer Episcopal staff provides solid Christian education, featuring worship, music, small group discussions, and prayer.

When: June 2-8, 2024

Where: Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale, KS

Who: Young people in grades 3-12 for 2023-24 school year (you must have finished third grade to attend)

Cost: \$525 through May 1, payment plans are available.

Registration: online via UltraCamp; priority deadline is Wednesday, May 1

Scholarships: You can apply for scholarships on the registration form.

Want to serve on Episcopal Camp staff? We need close to 50 adult volunteers to make camp happen. If you love working with young people, and want to experience a life-giving, spirit-filled week, sign-up here. Note: signing-up does not guarantee you will be approved to be a staff member. The Youth Missioner will be in touch.



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Dates of Note

Shrove Tuesday Oyster Dinner - Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Service - Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 pm

The Great Litany - Saturday, February 17 at 5:30 pm (spoken)
Sunday, February 18 at 8:30 am (spoken) and 10:45 am (sung)

Passion or Palm Weekend - Saturday, March 23 at 5:30 pm
Sunday, March 24 at 8:30 am and 10:45 am

Holy Week Rite I - Monday, March 25 at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 pm

Holy Week Contemplative Service - Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm

Overnight Watch in Chapel - After Maundy Thursday service, overnight until the Good Friday service.

Good Friday - Friday, March 29 at 12:00 pm

Holy Saturday - Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 am (no 5:30 pm service)

Sunday of the Resurrection
Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Vigil

6:00 am

Festive Holy Eucharist

8:30 am & 10:45 am

Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 am