

The Seasons

of St. James Episcopal Church

**Summer 2024:
Ordinary Time**



Greet 'Em, Meet 'Em: Worship at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday Morning this Summer

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

Summer worship at St. James presents us with an opportunity. If you are someone who habitually attends one worship service or another on Sunday morning (to the exclusion of others), then your circle of friends and acquaintances at church may be only extend to others who regularly go to the same service you do.

With our large congregation spread out across three weekend worship services, it can take a long time to get to know others who don't go to "your service." This summer, by combining the two Sunday morning worship services, the gap between 8:30 and 10:45 will be closed for three months. Take advantage of our summer schedule to see people you may not have met before, or people you haven't seen in a long while.

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This summer we will gather for a combined Sunday morning service at 9:30 a.m. This temporary schedule will be in effect beginning Memorial Day weekend and will go on through Labor Day weekend. In addition to the pleasure of summertime living, we will enjoy a couple of outdoor services on Sunday morning. On Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend we will worship in the church yard and share a parish picnic outside afterward. Please plan to attend. Your participation makes the time we spend together all the more valuable. Even though it may not always be obvious, we come to parish worship and events for the good it does for other people at least as much as we attend for our own good.

Part of the summer schedule includes a continuation of Adult

forum in June and July (we take a break for the month of August). Adult forum is a gathering of friends who share honest and widely varied conversation about Holy Scripture set aside for the day. Join us this summer. Adult forum will follow the 9:30 service at 10:30 in the Guild Hall. Our 5:30 Saturday evening service will remain unchanged. Parents, please note, children taking part in Sunday school on the first Sundays of the month should plan to meet with their classes in June, July, and August beginning at 9:15 a.m.

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Chancel & Organ Project Feasibility Committee Update

Dakota Bennett, Director of Music

Committee members Dakota Bennett, Susan Picotte, Mark Laycock, Richard Bowman and Dean Roush met on Monday, 29 April to begin looking into the proposal by Dakota as the music director. One component of the proposal revolves around an organ in Louisville, KY in need of a new home for which we may be a good candidate. A couple committee members along with Dakota and also Luke Headley, the organ builder who cares for our organ, will be making an exploratory trip to Louisville to investigate on behalf of all committee members. The findings of this trip will be necessary information as the committee works to conduct a feasibility study. All of which will be presented to Vestry with a recommended course of action. It's too early in the process to have a timeline, but the committee is motivated to keep progressing with this project and will provide additional information as it becomes available. Feel free to contact Dakota or any of the committee members with questions.

The Ordination of Maddy Bishop

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

Three Spaghetti Dinners, Guest Preaching, and Remote Worship Add up to One New Priest

Fewer than three years ago we held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Maddy Bishop and sent her off to Princeton, N.J., to embark on her seminary education. Poof! And suddenly, here she is, in what seems the blink of an eye, returning three years later. Maddy is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, had earned her Masters of Divinity degree, and the General Ordination Exams (GOEs) complete and in her rearview mirror.

On Saturday, June 15 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Cathedral in Topeka, KS, Bishop Cathleen Bascom will ordain Maddy (along with other candidates) to the sacred order of Deacons. The Episcopal Church requires that its priests serve as deacons for at least six months before they are ordained to the presbyterate. On a Saturday in early January 2025 Maddy will be ordained priest.

In 2020 we readily recognized Maddy's call to this ministry as she began to share her dream of ordination with the parish. St. James parish has been extraordinarily supportive and generous to Maddy as she persisted in discernment toward Holy Orders in the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas.

Now come new steps and long-awaited celebrations! After her ordination on Saturday morning, The Rev. Maddy Bishop, Deacon, will join St. James Church in worship serving as Deacon for the first time. It will be **at church at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 16th that we will congratulate Maddy** on her successful completion of an extended period of education, practical training, and discernment.

We plan to present Maddy with a gift from the parish on Sunday, June 16th. If you would like to contribute to our gift for her, you may send a check to St. James with "Maddy" written in the memo line. If any contributions are left once her gift for ordination to the diaconate is purchased, funds will be retained toward our gift to her in January 2025 when she is ordained a priest. If you would like to send or bring cards to church for Maddy on the weekend of June 15-16, they can be presented to her at that time.

God bless each and every one of you for the generous gift you have given to the Episcopal Church by way of Maddy's ministry. We believe she will bless many lives in generations to come. May we delight together in the Communion of Saints and in the service of God for ever. **Amen.**

93rd Annual Olde English Tea

A big thank you to everyone who came out to support the OET this year. The morning seating was completely sold out before the event started, and the afternoon was quite full as well. We do not have the numbers finalized yet to know how much we will be able to donate, but we will keep you updated!

Youth Group

Anne Clark, Youth Mentor

This spring we have talked about resiliency, participated in the church lunches, helped bring up Oyster Dinner supplies, made homemade ice cream, talked about Rosa Parks and her efforts for Civil Rights, St Patrick's Day activities, helped set up the Easter Egg hunt for the little kids and have gone to walk a full sized labyrinth.

We will be fundraising for our next Washington DC trip in summer 2025 with some lunches or dinners for the parish. Please watch the eTower and bulletins for more information on those!

Kids Summer Sunday School Schedule

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

The year is flying by...And we are so excited to have a new teacher! Kate Miller is now the Seekers (grades 1-3) teacher. She joined us a few months ago and the kids are enjoying having her on our adventure. Because of the **one Sunday service during the summer we will be starting Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. and will go through the Peace.** For us, we will still get to do Godly Play and the Blessing Box, then we move straight to Children's Chapel. The kids are working hard on memorizing the Sign of the Cross and the Lord's Prayer. If you listen closely you can hear them repeat it at church.

The next Sunday school and Children's Chapel is June 2nd. Sunday School and Children's Chapel takes place the 1st Sunday of every month (except September) **starting at 9:15 am.** 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.

We need VBS Volunteers!

Please sign-up to be a fellow volunteer and bring to light this fun VBS for the kids!

St. James will need between 8-10 volunteers

Fellowship Hall Leaders – Assist the kids during dinner, clean up as necessary, shuffle kids to the sanctuary for the opening and then on to the classroom. Time commitment: 5:15-6:30 each night

Assistant Teacher – Help the teacher with tasks in the classroom. You will be assigned to the same group of kids all week. Time commitment: 5:30-8:30

Dinner Crew – St. James will once again host the Monday night dinner. You will help make and serve dinner to the kids and volunteers. Time commitment: 5:00-6:30 MONDAY only.

Tear Down Crew – You will help put rooms back to the way they were after VBS. Time commitment: During the day on Friday, June 21st.

Sign-up at: <https://www.plymouth-church.net/vacation-bible-school/>

Or contact Chelsea, formation@stjameswichita.org

Vacation Bible School 2024 - Neighborhood VBS 2.0!

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

St. James is again joining with our neighborhood friends/churches for our 2nd ecumenical VBS! And we are expanding! College Hill UMC, Grace Presbyterian, Pleasant Valley UMC, Plymouth Congregational, St. James, and University Congregational are comin' together to spread the fun and love of Christ! Don't worry it is still no cost and friends are invited!

VBS will be **June 17-21** from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. This includes a dinner for the kids from 5:30-6:00 pm.

June 21st will be an ice cream social at 6:00 pm for the whole family.

Where? At Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 N Clifton Ave.

Theme? Just Like Me: Digging In & Growing Deep

Who? Kids ages entering Pre-K (potty trained) – entering 6th grade.

This intersectional curriculum is designed to help kids celebrate their own identities as beloved creation of God – just as they are. Over the course of the week, campers will be introduced to a cast of neighborhood Gardeners who will help them explore Biblical stories of people who were able to change things for the better. Students will practice sharing what they have, finding their community, and using their voice for others!

Register today!

<https://www.plymouth-church.net/vacation-bible-school/>

We will still need volunteers and donated materials!



Scan to
register for
VBS

*Questions? Contact Chelsea at
formation@stjameswichita.org or 683-5686*



Nurse 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, contact Chelsea, formation@stjameswichita.org or call the office, 683-5686.

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. Our first Summer Adult Forum is June 9th.

Summer Music

Dakota Bennett, Director of Music

It seems strange to be looking at the end of the choir season so soon this year. However, an early Easter brings an early Pentecost and before we know it, we'll be seeing green (liturgically of course)! In the summer, regular routines seem to have a way of slowing down and giving way to alternative plans. In my case, there aren't any choirs that need accompanying or directing; at West High or St. James! While the absence of their music from our lives is definitely noticed, I think that is a good thing. Their absence as well as the, "low church way" we conduct Mass in the summer serves as a way of helping us appreciate the richness of our tradition all the more in September. This however doesn't mean that church during the summer is any less important or beautiful. As a musician, I and many of my colleagues enjoy the opportunity to worship with less responsibilities during Mass. The lightened load also makes taking a holiday easier. One of my favourite things while traveling is visiting other churches and connecting with other musicians who often have more time to visit and show me their church than they would have during the rest of the year.

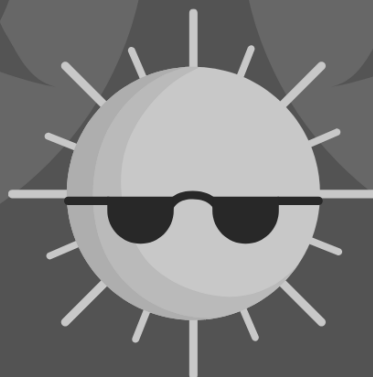
Around St. James, I am looking forward to having one Sunday service as it will bring people together that may miss each other due to regularly attending a certain service time. This, along with the low-pressure summer environment provides a great opportunity for any of you to share your musical talents with us! I would love to have a different musician(s) each week offer a solo, duet, trio, whatever you want to do. I will gladly help with music selections, accompany you, or whatever else I can do to help this happen so please reach out!

While you may not have a job that provides quite as noticeable a summer change as mine does, I do hope that you will take time to stop and smell the roses figuratively and literally! Even with travel plans and such, I'll still be around most Sundays and hope that you will be too. And before you know it, you'll hear choir recruitment messages from a lectern near you!

Summer Schedule

Between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend: May 25 - September 1

- **Worship** will be on Saturdays at 5:30 pm, and Sundays at 9:30 am.
- **Adult Forum** will be on Sundays at 10:30 am (Not meeting in August)
- **Children's Sunday School and Chapel** will be on the first Sunday of the month at 9:15 am (Not meeting in September)
- **Staff** will plan to leave at noon on Fridays. The office will be open Monday - Thursday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and Friday, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm



SUNDAY, MAY 26 OUTDOOR WORSHIP

JOIN US OUTSIDE FOR WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM AS WE
BEGIN OUR NEW SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE!

NO ADULT FORUM ON MAY 26.

A POTLUCK PICNIC WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.

Summer Contemplative Prayer Group

Contemplative prayer is meeting in-person for the summer (rather than Zoom). They meet on Mondays at 6:30 pm, in the Lounge. All are welcome, no experience is necessary. Contact Dave McDonald for more information.

Contemplative prayer is a group of people drawn to a meditative form of prayer. We pursue both the communal practice of contemplative prayer and the study and discussion of the writings of authors who have written about it.

Creation Care

Claudette Johns, Creation Care Co-Chair

Naturalist Edwin Teale said, “The world’s favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May.” And with this hope, the Creation Care Team started planning for a certified **Monarch Waystation** to be located on the Yale Street side of St. James.

Monarch Waystation certification is a program by Monarch Watch that recognizes landscapes that provide habitat for monarch butterflies. To be certified, a habitat needs to have at least 100 square feet of monarch-friendly plants. Upon certification, the habitat will be included in the Monarch Waystation Registry and will receive a certificate and an ID number. We can also purchase a metal sign to share our garden with the community and encourage others in designating part of their yard or garden for the monarchs.

The Monarch Waystation had a wonderful start on April 14 with Mother Dawn blessing the area where the plants will be placed and nurtured. With the help of Chelsea Whipple, the youth recently added coloring butterflies and other activities to their Sunday School activities. Planting the garden will happen in late April or early May, weather permitting. Stop by and watch the garden grow!

The early spring meant we had to move the **garden clean-up to late March**. Thanks to all our great and industrious volunteers, we mulched, raked, trimmed, pruned, and weeded the gardens surrounding St. James. Special thanks to Anne Clarke, Dr. Tom Snyder, Joan and Gene Bledsoe, Deb Bagby, Danny Blair, Marilyn Milhon, Tom Zerger and Pat Butin. Special thanks to seven members of Scout Troop 506 and their great leaders. Thanks, too, for the many members who stop by to pull a weed or two on a cool spring day. Every bit helps!

The **targeted water crew** currently consists of Joan Bledsoe, Pat Butin, Lise VanArsdale Hansen, and Claudette Johns. If you would like to join this group and help get our Monarch-friendly plants established, contact Claudette Johns at CDLJ2111@gmail.com. We water with a light hose that can be easily maneuvered around the garden. We rotate weeks and water the west side of the church two or three times during our designated week. Each watering takes about 30 minutes. No experience is necessary and the peacefulness of the garden rewards you many times over.

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●●● Parish Life, Finance

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Mary Stone monitors **state and federal legislation** impacting our environment and recommends when she believes letter-writing or phone calls are necessary. Mary also coordinates our efforts with other environmental groups and keeps the Creation Care page on the St. James web site up to date. The Kansas Legislature will be recessing soon but their committees, where significant work takes place, meet year-round.

Danny Blair and Claudette Johns recently completed the **second annual Energy Audit** of St. James. This audit was a follow-up to the audit last year and will be an annual report to the Vestry on the progress St. James is making to being wise stewards of our energy resources. The Audit assesses energy usage over the year as well as makes recommendations for future improvements.

Since the last Energy Audit, a new boiler has been installed with a Variable Frequency Drive to mitigate the increase in cost when demand peak charges occurs and reduce the power factor penalty. Lighting in the kitchen and storage area were replaced with LED. The Creation Care Team also started a consistent watering program for the Yale side of the church to help preserve water and maintain the plantings. Future goals include: inspecting doors for proper weather-stripping, continue to replace old bulbs with the LED, conduct a thorough inspection of the sprinkler system, continue to plant native plants, and continue to explore the use of solar technology where possible. A full report of the latest Energy Audit is available on the Creation Care webpage

Treasurer's Report

Woody Swain, Treasurer

Through April 2024, which is the first third of our church's financial year, our operating budget is in good shape, thanks to generous and reliable giving by our members and good expense decisions by staff and volunteers. So far, we have only used 17% the 2024 draw from the Endowment Fund, and that was solely for Outreach. We have not needed to use any of the budgeted funds from the Betty Shaw gift.

Through April, our total revenues are \$208,897, which is 34.4% of our full year budgeted revenues of \$606,742. Actual expenses for this period are \$204,479, which is 32.8% of our full year budgeted expenses of \$622,724. As explained during the Annual Meeting, our 2024 budget is forecasting a deficit of -\$15,982, which is 2.6% of our budgeted revenues. So, with continued care with our expenses and continued good follow-through on giving, if there is a need for some additional revenue at the end of 2024 to make ends meet, that need should be manageable.

After every Vestry meeting I post the previous month's and Year-to-Date financials on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Please feel free to review them and ask me or Susie Stallings, our bookkeeper, any questions about them.

Outreach Ministry

Judy Goodpasture, Outreach Ministry Chair

Our Outreach Ministry Committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. and features speakers from social service agencies, as well as a short business meeting. Visitors are always welcome. Just come.

Project Reports

- **Our Undies Sundays Project** was a great success once again. **Chair Louise Brinegar** delivered nearly more than 2000 diapers and undies in April, and the Children's Home was most appreciative. **Project Chair Louise Brinegar**
- An exciting new ministry, the sponsorship of a refugee family, has begun. Working closely with the **International Rescue Committee**, our volunteers have supplied our family from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (a mother, five children, and one new grandchild) with their essential needs. We will continue helping this family six months beyond the requirement. **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, and the Kansas Children's Service League**. Currently, we are saving for a gift to the **Children's Home**. We are grateful to this congregation for ongoing generosity. **Project Chair Vicki Evans**
- We are contacting College Hill parishes to set up a College Hill Blood Drive shared among four or five parishes. **American Red Cross Blood Drive Project Chair Dottie Evans Clark**.
- St. James has joined the **Wichita Minster'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**.
- 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 **Hew Goodpasture**
- 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.
- 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.
- This spring a number of parishioners have volunteered for **Reality U, a Pando Initiative** finance workshop for middle and high school students. **Chair: Judy Goodpasture**
- To help the Ronald McDonald Houses, we are now collecting pop can pull tabs. **Chair: Vicki Evans**
- In March our committee selected one community recipients for the **St. James Endowment Fund's** charitable gift of **\$3802**. This year's gift went to **Breakthrough ESS**.

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!

St. James Refugee Family

Jessica Moore & Suzanne Laycock, IRC Project Co-Chairs

April was a month full of changes for the refugee family. They welcomed a new family member, a baby boy, in mid-April. Suzi Miner played a big role before, during, and after the birth by transporting “Z” to all of her doctor’s appointments and being with her at the hospital. Both mom and baby are doing well.

To date, financial donations by St. James parishioners have provided \$3,750.00 in rental assistance and \$1,362.84 in utility assistance. Our 6 month initial co-sponsorship agreement with IRC has been completed. The goal of co-sponsorship is to help the family gain independence. The family has faced a lot of obstacles, and still needs assistance. We have outlined a plan to continue support through the end of their first year here, while also having them take on more financial responsibility each month. IRC officially used our initial \$5,000.00 contribution through the end of April. We have come up with a “draw down” system, which will have them taking over more of their own expenses each month. We have sent IRC an additional \$2,300.00 so far to cover a large portion of the draw down.

In March, “M” applied for jobs at Creekstone and Dold Foods. Unfortunately, they did not result in offers of employment and she continues to work with the employment coordinator at IRC for other job opportunities.

With the completion of the school year approaching, we have discussed with IRC what opportunities they have for the children during the summer. They will be hosting a summer camp that we hope the family will take advantage of. We are hopeful that they will continue working on their English language skills during the summer months as well.

2024 Oyster Dinner Proceeds

We are sending \$1250 to Breakthrough/ESS and \$1250 to the Wichita Children’s Home. Thanks for another great dinner!

Sandwich Saturdays

Jan Bledsoe, SS Project Chair

Our Sandwich Saturday group helps feed the food insecure at St. John’s on Topeka St. Thanks to our many generous supporters at St. James and St. John’s we continue to help fill a food gap for many. If you are interested in making sack lunches and either meeting me at St. James parking lot or taking and helping distribute them at St. John’s please let me, Joan Bledsoe, know at pansy1918@icloud.com.

A shout out to past helpers to Claudette Johns, Linda Guyot, Mary Druding, Deb Hagar and more.

2024 Upcoming Dates

June 8, September 14, December 14. Meet at St. James or St. Johns 10:25 - 10:45 am

Sack Lunches include:

- One sandwich (PB&J, Cheese, Meat, Meat & Cheese)
- One fruit (banana, orange, applesauce with spoon)
- One bag chips and a cookie or power bar.

If you volunteer to distribute we are there from 10:45 am to 11:30 or noon. You sign up to make 10-25 lunches. Thank you.

Update from the Junior Warden

Danny Blair, Junior Warden

Allowing for the normal hiccups the building is sailing along pretty well so far this year. We did have to replace the aging disposal in the dish room suddenly right before the Olde English Tea but the crisis was avoided. The elevator project is off and running after several stumbles. Issues of maintaining ADA compliance and egress have been resolved and the contractor believes the construction hurdles have been overcome. We should be on the path now.

A note about doors in the Church. As I walk the Church checking on things I notice various doors being left open when no one is around. Doors are our number one defense if a fire were to occur. Due to the age of our building we have essentially no fire protection systems with the exception of an alarm system which serves a small portion of our building. When doors are open if a fire were to break out a closed door is our only line of defense against the fire spreading rapidly throughout the building. Closed doors can help keep a fire contained to a smaller area until it can be responded to. When not in use every door should be closed. Open them when we are here using the building and then close them when we leave. Your help in this will be greatly appreciated and could help prevent tragedy.

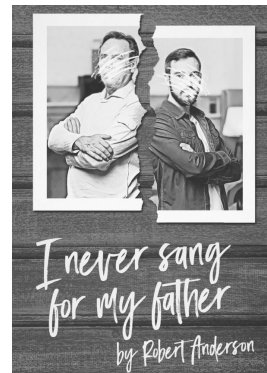
A quick note of praise. Our garden crew along with the Creation Care committee has done wonderful work outside our beautiful church. They are adding a Butterfly Garden this year on the West side of the Guild Hall. The Lawn does a fantastic job of keeping the grounds mowed, trimmed and maintained. Stop them in the Hall and just thank them for their wonderful volunteer work and as always they will gladly welcome you into their ranks. Inside the Church, Jose and his family work tirelessly keeping things operational and providing security for our gatherings. The Altar Guild always has our Sanctuary ready for any season or event. The Oyster Dinner and Olde English Tea events require a huge amount of work to put on. The list of involvement and volunteer effort is large. Take a moment to stop and say “Thank you for your work” when you see them.

Guild Hall Players

Phil Speary, GHP representative

Guild Hall Players presents Robert Anderson’s family drama, *I Never Sang for My Father*, Thursday, May 23 through Sunday, May 26. This famous American play shows a middle-aged man dealing with the recent death of his parents. It is an engaging, thoughtful way to spend a couple of hours on Memorial Day Weekend. The play became an Oscar nominated film in the 70’s starring Gene Hackman. Come support St. James’ resident theatre. Performances will be Thursday – Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 7 pm. Reservations through the church office.

Don’t forget about our upcoming summer performance, Hello, Dolly!, scheduled for July 18-21



● ● ● **Other Groups**

Turning Point Program

Andy Houlberg, CEO of Breakthrough ESS

We are excited to announce that the Breakthrough ESS Turning Point program has officially moved to the St John's campus at 401 N Emporia. Its hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Breakthrough

Volunteer Opportunities-

- Breakfast prep, serving, and cleanup
- Sorting Donations
- Calling Landlords
- Gardening

Needs-

- Washer and Dryer
- Gardening tools
- Crockpots
- Large Capacity Coffee maker



ESS's Turning Point program is designed to empower individuals facing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Turning Point offers a supportive community environment through a strength-based approach where participants can access various resources and opportunities to rebuild their lives and secure stable housing. Above all, turning Point is steadfast in its commitment to promoting resilience and fostering positive community engagement among its participants, inspiring them to keep moving forward. Please take a moment to visit their new office to learn more about the program and how to connect our neighbors with them! Services offered: Breakfast, Housing Navigation, Peer-Peer Resource Navigation, Prevocational Volunteer Opportunities, and Peer Support Training and Work Experience.

Scouts at St. James

Danny Blair, Jr. Warden

Many of you stop me from time to time to ask about the Scout units at St James. We have a Scout Troop serving boys from ages 11 through 18 and a Family Cub Pack serving Girls and Boys from ages Kindergarten through the Fifth grade. Both units stay very active. The Boy Scout Troop will have an Eagle Scout Court of Honor this June 29 for Luke Buddy. Congratulations to Luke and his family for this tremendous achievement. Another Eagle is on the path. Mason Bailey expects to complete his Eagle rank this summer. Mason is currently the Senior Patrol leader of the Troop. The Troop stays very active outdoors including Summer Camp and Trappers Rendezvous. Trappers this year saw -7 temps with unmentionable chill factors yet they persevered. Hats off to you stalwart campers. The Pack has grown from 4 members coming out of the Covid experience to over 30 today. Cubs follow the School Calendar for their regular meetings but have the option of remaining active during the Summer. We do not meet regularly during the Summer but do plan activities every month and have earned the Summertime Pack Award every year. Our Cubmaster Lew Hutchison was awarded the District Cubmaster of the Year Award this year. Great job Lew. In addition, three of our leaders attended Woodbadge training this April. This is an advanced leader training program encompassing 5 days of dawn to late night training activities in support of our Scouting program. Lew Hutchison, Daniel Moeder and yours truly attended and now have 5 "tickets" to complete to achieve this completed training. Boy Scouts of America will change officially to Scouting America on January 1, 2025. This is to recognize that we accept all youth into this program. As a note there are over 150,000 girls in Scouting today and the number reaching the Eagle rank is outstanding. Thank you St James for welcoming us and for your support.

Happening #98 Registration is Open

Diocese of Kansas

Happening is a Christian Experience by youth for youth. It's a weekend retreat, focusing on Jesus and what he taught. There are games, music, great food, and a chance to talk with peers about things that really matter. Students "go through" Happening only once, after that, they may come back and serve on Happening staff, recreating the experience for others.



The program, led by youth for youth, focuses on three big questions (Who am I? Where do I fit? What difference can I make?) and what the good news of Jesus Christ can tell us about these questions.

When: July 19-21, 2024

Where: St. Margaret's, Lawrence

Who: Grades 9-12 (including rising 9th graders in the summer); College students are invited and welcome to serve on staff.

Fee: \$60

Priority deadline: 1-week prior to event (fee increases by \$15 after this date)

Registration form: <https://bit.ly/EDOKSessions>

What is it like for high school youth to serve on staff?

Youth, college students, and adults who have previously attended Happening are invited to be on staff. Volunteers can choose from several available staff positions depending on their interest. We need young people to serve as family group leaders, kitchen staff, photographers, gophers, and musicians. Staff will gather beginning at 4 pm on Friday to prepare for the weekend. All staff (youth and adults) need to complete the registration form above if they wish to serve on Happening staff.

Questions? Contact Diocesan Youth Missioner, Karen Schlabach, kschlabach@episcopal-ks.org.

All invited to KC Pride

Diocese of Kansas

Following the Pride liturgy, those wishing to join the KC Pride parade



will make the short walk to Westport to take our spot in line. Parishes are encouraged to bring signs and/or banners identifying your churches. The parade is approximately 2 miles in length, ending at Pridefest located at Theis Park in front of the Nelson Atkins Museum.

Many in the LGBTQIA+ community have a history of rejection by the **religions** they were raised in. The Episcopal Church allows everyone, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, to practice their faith as their authentic self. We support diversity, equality, and inclusion for all!. Supporting the LGBTQIA+ community during Pride month is an impactful way to show our love and support. Kansas City Pridefest is June 7-9.

Please join us, we would love to show a strong Episcopal presence! For questions or additional information please email john.pfannes@att.net.

81st General Convention

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church. Every three years it meets as a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies and House of Bishops, composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese. Between conventions, the Executive Council serves as the governing body of The Episcopal Church. The General Convention also includes committees, commissions, and task forces that have been given responsibilities to accomplish between the triennial sessions.

For more information about schedules, resolutions, reports, etc., please go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/public-affairs/gc81/>



Slate of Bishops for 28th Presiding Bishop

The Episcopal Church’s next presiding bishop will be chosen this June from a slate of five nominees: Nebraska Bishop J. Scott Barker, Pennsylvania Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, Atlanta Bishop Robert Wright, Northwestern Pennsylvania Bishop Sean Rowe who also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York, and and Central New York Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe.

Those five bishops will be presented for election at the 81st General Convention, which convenes June 23-28 in Louisville, Kentucky. The nominees’ names will be formally submitted June 25 during a joint session of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies. On June 26, the bishops will elect, and deputies will be asked to confirm, the church’s 28th presiding bishop, who will succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry beginning November 1.



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