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sending along warm and congratulatory well-wishes as they begin this new journey.

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In the midst of this pandemic, life seems to have been put on hold for many occasions. We've been looking for some sort of sign or signal to tell us that it's all clear, so that we might begin life again and get back to our old routines. It turns out that life in a pandemic has been difficult to say the least, and it has caused us to miss out on the most simple and human aspects of being present for one another in fellowship for moments of sadness and pain, and for moments of celebration and delight.

One significant moment to celebrate has come and nearly passed, in that Stephen Pecot was approved by Bishop Kendrick and the Commission on Ministry to continue down the path towards ordained ministry, and begin seminary in the fall. This news came out quite some time ago, and I'm afraid that I have been remiss in getting the word out, in hopes that we would have a celebration for he, Travis and James. Since we are not going to be able to celebrate this time in our usual fashion, I hope you will join me in



August 31, 2020

St. James Family,

By the time you read this Stephen should be settled in well at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA. He successfully completed his first term online this summer, and James and I sent him on his way to campus life yesterday. I will likely join him next year, as James and I are staying in Fairhope this year for James's senior year at Fairhope High School. Some of you knew Stephen before I did, as he first

visited St. James when he moved to Fairhope in 2009. Some of you know him from his previous career as a forester and environmental consultant, but most of you know us as a couple active in St. James and Cursillo. With guidance from our Diocesan Commission on Ministry we made the decision for Stephen to pursue his calling to be an Episcopal priest. It is a calling he has felt for nearly 35 years. Many of you did not know we had entered the process or that we had reached a decision, as we have had to rely on word of mouth and Facebook posts instead of coffee hour and proper public announcements during this time of pandemic. Our St. James family has been a large part of our journey, through prayer, the big and small conversations we've had over the years at coffee hour, and countless other ways. Upon graduation, Stephen will be ordained in our diocese, where we hope to continue to serve unless called elsewhere. Stephen will be home late November for the holidays so you will see him then, and we will keep you updated on his progress. Thank you for your continued prayerful support, St. James family.

Yours in His service,

Travis and Stephen Pecot

Rector

The Rev. De Freeman

Associate Priests

The Rev. Dr. Mary Jayne

Ledgerwood

The Rev. Forbes Sirmon

Vestry Members

Pel Henry, *Sr. Warden*

Roger Guillian, *Jr. Warden*

Anderson McKean, *Clerk*

Katie Smith, *Treasurer*

Class of 2020

Drew Downey

Frances Patton

Sallie Smith

Class of 2021

Kris Bradley

Elizabeth Orr

Ed Shell

Class of 2022

Elizabeth Erwin

Evelyn Garrett

Shannon Pesnell

Jeanie Smith

News and Events

Worship at St. James

In-Person

8:30 am ~ in the Church
 10:00 am ~ in the Church
 6:30 pm ~ in Green Hall

Online

10 am ~ Sunday Worship
 10 am ~ Wednesday Morning Prayer
 at stjamesfairhope.org, Facebook and YouTube

SUNG COMPLINE September 20 8 pm, Online

Listen. Rest. Worship.

On the third Sunday of every month, we offer sung Compline online, presented from the Church at 8 pm on our website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. Go to stjamesfairhope.org.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TEMPORARY SCHEDULE CHANGES

This week, September 6, we will have Morning Prayer at 8:30 and 10 am in the Church and Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm in Green Hall. We will be unable to livestream at 10:00 am either on Wednesday, September 2 or on Sunday, September 6. We apologize for any inconvenience and we hope to return to our "regular" schedule as posted above as soon as our staff and clergy quarantine period has ended. **We will NOT have wafer pick-up this Thursday, September 3.**

Need a Book of Common Prayer for at-home worship?

We would love to loan you one.
 Just call the church office at 251-928-2912 or email info@stjamesfairhope.org.

**St. James
 CONCERT
 SERIES**

REVISED SCHEDULE

Quintessential Harp Duo
 Friday, November 13 – 7 p.m.

Jillian Gardner Organ
 Friday, January, 15 – 7 p.m.

**PICK-UP BLESSED WAFERS
 THURSDAYS**

11:00AM-12:30 PM or 4:00-6:00 PM

in front of the church

OUTREACH

Our Outreach Committee recently met for the first time since February! Through prayerful conversation, plans were made to communicate to the parish how everyone can be involved in serving the needs of our community. Outreach Committee members are Jeb Arington, Susan Crutchfield, Catherine Dorrough, Chair Teddy Faust, Mary Pilcher, Michelle Roberts, Anne Sclater, Bryce Wooten, and Kristen Wooten.

Family Promise

For years, St. James faithfully and strongly supported Family Promise, whose mission is to transform the lives of families who experience



homelessness. Because of the pandemic, we and other area churches are unable to host Family Promise on our sites. This fall, Family Promise was scheduled to stay at St. James in mid-September.

“During this time, the families are able to stay in the Family Promise home but are not provided any other services,” explains St. James Family Promise coordinator Nickie Olson. “Normally we provide all of their meals during our host week.” Instead Nickie asks that we please consider sending a gift card from Walmart, McDonalds, etc. for any amount you chose to:

Family Promise
 Attn. Executive Director Beth Biggs
 20511 County Rd. 36
 Summerdale, AL 36580

Beth will oversee the distribution of the gifts. Nickie suggests that our different St. James groups, e.g., men’s and women’s Bible study, supper clubs, or other groups that have prepared dinners in the past could join together to give one gift card.

Prodissee Pantry Turkey Trot



Outreach committee members Jeb Arington and Michelle Roberts are rethinking how we can revive our plans to represent St. James in this event. Details are being worked out for parishioners to participate virtually to help the mission of Prodissee Pantry, who provide emergency food and disaster relief.

Turkey Trot will be virtual this year. You choose where and when to #beatrkey and run a 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

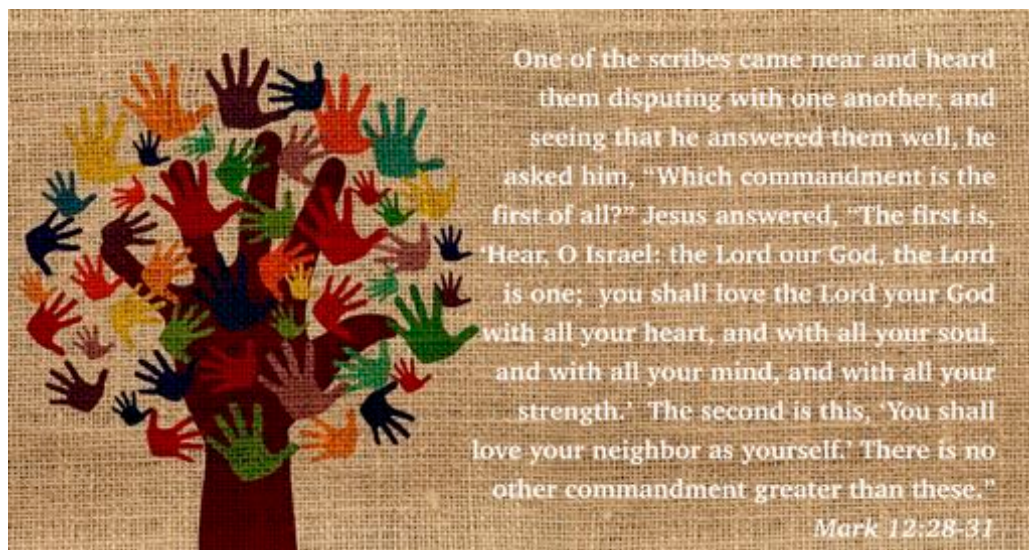
during the month of October. Then, share a #turkeytrotselfie! Remember #everyrunnerisaturkey for a family in need at Prodissee Pantry!

Jeb and Michelle are hopeful, too, that the running teams can continue as a form of outdoor, active fellowship.

The Giving Tree



Outreach committee member Anne Sclater is coordinating our efforts to continue this Christmas season favorite in new and innovative ways. The Giving Tree benefits Ecumenical Ministries, The Shoulder, and Prison Fellowship. Discussion includes a possible outdoor tree or semblance of one, online sign-up, and specific drop-off times, so participation can equal what we’ve always done in the past.



One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:28-31

Children and Youth News

RITE 13

Thank you for your patience this spring and summer with the delay of the Rite 13 retreat and service. At this time, we still cannot host an overnight retreat for the youth, but we are able to honor them with a special service on September 27th at 4:30 pm for Rite 13 youth and their families. Please arrive 15 minutes early for a brief screening and temperature check. Everyone is required to wear a mask inside the church.

Each youth may invite 6 additional family members or friends. Once you know who will attend the service, please email the guest names and your best contact number to Anne McEniry at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

By now, you have received an email regarding the youth bios for the service bulletin. These are due to Anne no later than Monday, September 14. Please email them to Anne at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel has resumed at 8:30 and 10:00 am Sunday services.

St. James would like to stay in touch with your college freshman. Parents of new freshmen, please email Anne McEniry your freshman's new address to christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

Ellen Huckabay or Anne McEniry lead the chapel lessons. If you and your child wish to continue worshipping at home, enrichment bags are available for pickup. The bags contain materials that give children an interactive experience that encompasses the recorded chapel lessons. Please email Ellen Huckabay to request a children's chapel bag at childrensministries@stjamesfairhope.org.



Ellen Huckabay is also creating videos each week for Children's Chapel. The video is posted to our website, YouTube channel, and Facebook page, and is available Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Watch it with your children before the service begins. Links for Facebook and YouTube are available on the homepage of our website at stjamesfairhope.org.

BACK to SCHOOL BLESSING SERVICE RESCHEDULED

The Back-to-School Blessing service, originally scheduled for August 30, will be rescheduled to a later date. Please look for details coming soon in your Friday email update.

The Lectionary Schedule

Date	The Old Testament	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
September 6, 2020 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
September 13, 2020 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
September 20, 2020 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Psalm 23	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
September 27, 2020 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32	Psalm 25:1-8	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
October 4, 2020 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80:7-14	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46

School News



St. James Episcopal School welcomed 49 students back to school on August 12th as our doors opened for year three. We are navigating new protocols prompted by the pandemic. So far, it has been a positive experience; students, faculty, and parents are adapting to the “new normal.” Our small class sizes and ample campus space have paved the way for the school to feel confident offering in-person learning while still upholding CDC and prevention guidelines.

Over the summer, two new classrooms were added upstairs in Wilson Hall to house our new first-grade class and enrichment room. During the renovation, a new sprinkler system was also added for additional safety so that Wilson Hall meets building code.

With our new and returning, enthusiastic, devoted staff, as well as new enrichment classes, music, and

environmental science, all signs point to an incredible school year!

Thank you to the St. James Parish for your continued prayers and support as we move forward to make the school year one of growth and achievement for all our children.

Sincerely,

Shelley E. Miller

Shelley Miller
School Director



is hiring

- substitute teachers
- after-school teachers

Applicants must pass background check and be CPR and First Aid certified.

Send your resumé & cover letter to schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org.

We still have space in our Kindergarten and 1st-grade for a few more students.

New Classrooms Upstairs in Wilson Hall



DIOCESAN NEWS

Saturday, September 19
Online 9:30am to 2:30pm

DISCIPLESHIP DAY

Marked as Christ's Own Forever: A Celebration
of Living Baptized in Today's World

register at www.diocgc.org/event-registration

Discipleship Day will be a time to gather as a whole diocese to investigate ways in which we might become more confident about our calling as the baptized faithful in this fast-changing world.

We will hear from Dr. Lisa Kimball of Virginia Theological Seminary and other leaders as we celebrate the new opportunities and ministries in our diocese such as Baptized for Life. We will also break out into small groups to investigate and discover the challenges before us as citizens of the kingdom. Our time together will be framed by the dynamism of our baptismal covenant and how it is lived out in our own shared stories and witness.



Dr. Lisa Kimball



Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

DIOCESAN NEWS

Join us at
Beckwith Camp and Retreat

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A FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUNDRAISER WEEKEND

BAYLIGHTS
AT BECKWITH

BAYLIGHTS 2020
SEPTEMBER 25-27

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Come for the day or stay the whole weekend!
(or just buy a drawdown ticket!)

registration, ticket, and auction info:
www.beckwithal.com/baylights

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Waterfront, ropes course, outdoor games available
Low country boil
Live entertainment
Online Silent Auction - begins Sept. 7
Live ticket drawdown (viewable on Facebook live)
for a chance to win a trip to Tuscany, Italy!

Changes for September 6

- Morning Prayer at 8.30 and 10 AM
- Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM
- No Live-Stream at 10 AM
- No Children's Chapel

Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS:

- 8:30 am ~ Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 10:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 6:30 pm ~ Holy Eucharist in Green Hall

THIRD SUNDAY of the Month:

Sung Compline online at 8:00 pm:

WEDNESDAYS:

10 am ~ Morning Prayer, online

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Currently Closed to Visitors

Friday: CLOSED

If you have good news or a blessing that you would like to share, the birth of a child, grandchild, an anniversary, etc., email communications@stjamesfairhope.org. We will share your news in our Friday email update.

The St. James Staff

Parish Administrator: Meghan Fancher

Director of Music Ministries: Helen V. Rodgers

Associates for Music Ministries: Asheton Green, Frank Stabler

Director of Christian Formation: Anne McEniry

Associate for Children's Ministries: Ellen Huckabay

Director of Finance: Jim Ketchum

Director of Communications: Jennifer Glover

Administrative Assistant: Elizabeth Phelps

Director of St. James School: Shelley Miller

Housekeeping: Rose Collins

Sexton: Mike Costigan

For staff email addresses or other contact information go to the *About Us* tab on our website at stjamesfairhope.org or *click here for St. James Staff*.

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **OCTOBER 7, 2020**. PLEASE EMAIL INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE TO JENNIFER GLOVER, AT COMMUNICATIONS@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG, NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE PUBLISHED DATE.

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