

Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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The St. James Annual Meeting Vestry Elections & Committee Reports Sunday, January 19 *Twelve noon, in the Church*



Elizabeth Erwin



Shannon Pesnell



Evelyn Garrett



Jeanie Smith

**We will elect
four new vestry
members on
January 19.**

As we enter a new year, we want to thank the following men and women for their service on the St. James Vestry. We sincerely appreciate your work and dedication to our church:

**Mary Hopkins Chamblin † Callie Grissett
George Huckabay † Bob Keyser † Bruce Stone**

*Brunch will be served on Sunday, January 19 from 10 am until 12 pm.
The parish meeting will follow an abbreviated 11 am worship service.*

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Elizabeth Erwin—I have been a member of St. James for over twenty years and have been an Episcopalian all of my life. I was raised in Mobile and was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mobile before joining St. James. I have been married to my husband, Chris, for thirty-six years and we have two adult sons, Houston and Michael. Both of our children grew up in St. James and were confirmed in the church as well.

During our many years at St. James I have been active in a variety of ministries, beginning with the children's programs while Houston and Michael were young. I have also been involved with Family Promise by preparing meals and spending the night in the church with the families. I have recently had the honor of serving on the Alter Guild and have truly enjoyed this ministry. The Monday Night Women's Bible Study and Christian Formation classes have also become part of my weekly routine, and to say the least I have been amazed and enlightened by the biblical knowledge of so many of our members!

Three years ago I retired after a twenty-five year career with the Baldwin County Department of Human Resources. I definitely have more free time these days, and would consider it a privilege to serve on the vestry. St. James has many community outreach programs and I know from experience that it takes a group effort to make these programs vibrant and effective in God's work of serving our community. St. James has been such a blessing in my life and in the life of my family, and I would welcome the opportunity to "give back" by serving on the vestry.

Evelyn Garrett—I was born and raised in Montgomery, Alabama where I married and raised my children. I earned my degree in Education at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and then returned to Montgomery. I taught both special education and regular education as well as doing Crisis Intervention with students and their families. Eventually, obtaining my real estate license, I was a realtor in Montgomery until I moved to

Fairhope. At the present time, I am the Office Manager and Communication Liaison at Homestead Village of Fairhope, a senior living facility.

My husband Rush and I joined St. James 12 years ago and have thoroughly enjoyed being involved in various aspects of St. James. Currently, I teach Sunday School and serve as a co-leader of our St. James Family Promise ministry. I have also been involved in mission trips, been a confirmand mentor, and have led the monthly Parish Breakfast teams. One of my favorite activities at St. James is the Women's Monday Night Bible Study, where I have learned and grown in my relationship with Jesus Christ as well as deepened friendships with many St. James parishioners.

Rush and I have six children and seven grandchildren. We prayerfully anticipate more to come!

I am humbled and excited to be considered to be a part of the St. James Vestry! I pray I will be able to serve Christ and further the St. James ministry.

Shannon Pesnell—I moved to Fairhope in 1972 with my parents Steve and Sandy Mills and my brothers Steve and Coleman. After visiting several local churches, Mom and Dad fell in love with St. James, welcomed by Bill Hill and Jack Potts, a former Rector and a former great St. James parishioner who changed many people's lives for the better.

I was active with Camp Beckwith as a camper throughout middle school and high school and as a counselor at Winter Woods during Christmas Break from College.

President of St. James EYC in 1981-1983.

Graduated from Bayside Academy in 1983 and University of Alabama in 1987.

In 1995 after moving back to Fairhope and marrying Harvey Pesnell, I was attending on and off another Episcopal church when I had a chance meeting with Mark and Beth Wilson and that was it. I came back and never left.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

- St. James Episcopal Church-Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer
- Former St. James Altar Guild Member, Crucifer and Acolyte
- Thomas Hospital-Auxiliary Member
- 12 full marathons run.
- Hooked on Hot Yoga.

Professional Life:

- Account Manager for Vionic Footwear
- Travel Multiple state territory selling to independent shoe stores and boutiques
- I have been in this business for the past 15 years.

My husband and I have been married for 24 years and we enjoy living in downtown Fairhope.

My parents Steve and Sandy live close by and attend St. James as well.

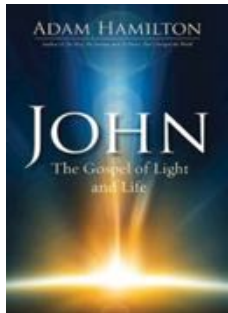
I am interested in serving on the Vestry if the Parish thinks I would be a good representative for them. I would like to be able to improve parish life and serve as a conduit between the parish and Father De and Mother Mary Jayne. I know I am responsible and true to my word. If it is the will of St. James, I am happy to serve.

Jeanie Smith—I've been married to Maclin for 39 years and we have three married children, Maclin Jr, Catharine and Wilson along with the blessing of five grand children.

I'm a cradle Episcopalian raised at St. Paul's, Mobile where I attended until marrying Maclin. We lived in Monroeville, AL for 14 years where we worshiped at St John's. Life moved us in a different direction and we landed in Fairhope, opening Bay Flooring and Design in 1994, where we worked together until about 12 years ago when I fired myself. This enabled me to dedicate more time to the things I love: St James, the Flower Guild, Pastoral Care and enjoying my family, grand babies and friends.

NEWS and EVENTS

Monday Night Bible Studies



Why did God's Son come to earth? The Gospel of John has the answer. The Monday Night Women's Bible Study AND the Monday Night Men's Bible Study will both be studying Adam Hamilton's book, *John, the Gospel of Light and Life*.

In the words of the author, "The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. It includes some of the loftiest and most loved verses in all the Bible: *'And the Word became flesh...For God so loved the world...You who are without sin cast the first stone...I am the resurrection and the life...I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'*

The writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that his readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they *'may have life in his name.'*

The women began on Monday, January 6 and meet at 6:30 pm in Vestry Room. (However, it's not too late to join). The men will begin on Monday, January 21 at 6:30 pm, in the upstairs classroom of Green Hall. The books or e-books may be purchased on Amazon or christianbook.com. For more information, contact Mary Hopkins Chamblin at 251-709-9273 or Gabe Chamblin at 251-709-9272. All women and men are welcome to attend their respective groups.

Join us for Compline

Sunday, January 19 at 7 pm
in the Church

Next in the St. James Concert Series

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC's Michael Hey is Coming to St. James January 24, 2020, 7:00 pm

Juilliard-trained organist Michael Hey's organ recitals have been described as "flashy" and "exciting" (*The American Organist*) and "crisp, clean, and enticingly communicative" (*The Straits Times, Singapore*). As Associate Director of Music and Organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral on New York City's Fifth Avenue, he performs for hundreds of thousands of people each year. Not exclusively a solo organist, Michael's musical output is greatly inspired and informed by numerous other art forms, especially by classical and modern dance, and he enjoys a widely varied career that includes collaborations with instrumentalists and vocalists, recitals for solo piano, and transcribing for organ and other instruments – all of which enlighten and electrify his solo organ recitals. Concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, contact 251-928-2912.



New Bible Study Coming January 16

Join Curate Forbes Sirmon for **The Good Book Club's Study of John** on Thursday nights from 6:00-7:00 pm beginning January 16th. The study will be held for six weeks in the classroom above Green Hall. All are welcome and if needed, childcare will be made available.

For more information or to register for childcare, please contact Anne McEniry at 251-928-2912 or email her at christianinformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

Welcome our New Curate

Forbes Sirmon

Beginning January 13



NEWS and EVENTS

Confirmation Classes for Adults & Teens

Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, February 2. Confirmation Sunday is March 22. If you are interested in learning more about the classes, please contact Anne McEnry.

New Podcast from Forward Movement



Are you struggling to pray the Daily Office with your busy schedule? Forward Movement has a podcast for you. Subscribe to **A Morning at the Office** and be led through Morning Prayer each day. This would be a great habit for you to begin in the new year.

2020 Altar Flower Dedication Calendars

The 2020 Altar Flower Dedication Calendars are available in Green Hall. Print your name and contact information on an available spot in the calendar, then fill out a form and place it in the envelope in the back of the notebook. For the church, each arrangement is \$50. If you choose to dedicate both arrangements in the Church, the cost is \$100. The cost for both arrangements in the Chapel is \$50. Send your check to the office or pay online prior to the dedication date. If you have questions regarding Altar flowers, call Elizabeth Redditt or call the church office at 928-2912 and speak with Jennifer or Meghan.

Yoga at St. James

In case you haven't heard, the Thursday night yoga class meets in Green Hall from 5:45 - 6:45 pm. The class is free and is led by parishioner Stacy Reckeweg. All yoga classes are open to St. James members and friends. We also offer yoga on Monday mornings, led by parishioner Jane Tucker. Flow Class begins at 8 am and Gentle Beginners class begins at 9:45 am.

Average Sunday Attendance	
January	502
February	430
March	384
April <i>(includes Easter)</i>	674
May	371
June	366
July	350
August	376
September	365
October	430
November	444
December <i>(not including Christmas Eve and Day)</i>	433
Christmas Eve & Day	1,153

New to St. James?

- 1) Have you filled out a newcomer card to let our staff know that you are attending? The newcomer cards are available in the narthex of the church and chapel. They may also be found in the church, at the end of each row, on the back of the pews. Just fill one out and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or stop by the office and introduce yourself.
- 2) Sign up to receive our newsletter online. Call Jennifer at 928-2912 or email her at communications@stjamesfairhope.org and request to be added to the distribution list. We email updates every Friday (except the Friday following the main newsletter). We also email funeral notices and other important news that just can't wait!
- 3) Would you like to visit with one of our priests? Our priests are very active in ministry and are not always in the office. They may be in meetings or out visiting parishioners at their homes or in the hospital. It's best to call ahead and schedule a time. Thank you.
- 4) Do you have a pastoral emergency after regular office hours? Call the church number, 251-928-2912 and listen to the prompts. You will press "4" and your call will be forwarded to the on-call priest. Leave a message and he or she will call you back.
- 5) If you have any questions or need help learning your way around, just call the church office. We are happy to help! In the meantime, check out our website at stjamesfairhope.org. You will find lots of information there! We also have a Ministry Guide that describes all of the ministries of the church and lists the contact person. Pick one up in Green Hall or the narthex of the church.

Mark your calendar for the

Women's Retreat at Camp Beckwith, March 13 & 14!

Epiphany Feast of Lights



Thank you to all who participated in the Epiphany Feast of Lights service on Sunday, January 5:

Mary: Riley Wootten

Joseph: Riley Ross

Baby Jesus: Thompson Moseley

Sheep: Penelope Richeson, David Swift, Chance Mostellar, Telly Myrick, Holden Richeson, Claire Stracker, Reid Smith, Holden Richeson, Lucy Kate Smith, Jane Smith, Elizabeth Buster, Mary Virginia Buster

Angels: Ellie Dorrough, Eliza Lehrter, Caroline Buster, Mary Helen Swift, Janie Hicks, Ida Mae Myrick

Shepherds: Wright Thompson; Wyatt Richeson

Friendly Beasts: Ella Catherine Bradley (cow), Ella Gray Lambert (sheep), Will Huckabay (sheep), Carlisle Mostellar (sheep), Claire Lambert (donkey), Mary Alice Cannizzo (dove), Margaret Conyers (camel)

Gabriel: Emmie Freeman

Isaiah: Shepherd Smith

Wisemen: Woods Henry, William Buster, Jack Deakle

Star: Carmella Cannizzo

Readers: Chloe Ayres, Charlotte Guillian, Forrest Smith, Gracie Thompson, Wyatt Ayres

Following the service, we had a delicious white chicken chili meal in Green Hall, prepared by Bruce Stone and his team of helpers. Thanks guys!



a Visit from Saint Nicholas



Like our facebook page
@stjamesfairhope for photos,
news, events, reminders and more!



Decorating Cookies for Santa



Christmas Eve



Mission Trip Opportunities:

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP

June 6-13, 2020



Any youth 16 or older may travel to Costa Rica without a parent. Anyone under 16 years of age, must have a parent escort. The cost is \$1,500. Participants will continue the construction work that was begun last summer on a church in Palmares, and provide an afternoon VBS to the children. If interested, email Anne at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

The Border Zone Project:

Over the past six months, a group of approximately 20 members from across our diocese have traveled to the Texas-Mexico border to serve in mission, and learn more ways in which they can bring advocacy and awareness to solving the needs of asylees who are seeking resettlement in the United States.

The Rev. Deacon Clelia Garrity regularly shares updates on the team's work and forming bonds with Team Brownsville, a group that brings humanitarian assistance to asylum seekers. Deacon Clelia says the Border Zone Team plans to send another group of 15 people in early June to help prepare and serve meals at the border. Contact Deacon Clelia at garritycpg@gmail.com or Anne

McEniry at 251-928-2912 or christianformationstjamesfairhope.org if you are interested in joining the next mission.

Reflections from previous trips:

Mary Poteat, a 16 year old who says, "Our presence in that moment lets them know that we see them, they are God's children, and they are loved."

The Rev. Mary Alice Mathison shares, "When we view immigration through the lens of faith, as followers of Jesus, we begin to see God in those who we often view as strangers."

Youth News

Happening #56

February 14-16

Happening is a spiritual retreat weekend for teenagers in grades 10, 11, 12, led by teenagers under the direction of adult clergy and lay leaders. It is a highly memorable, special experience with the

purpose of bringing young people into a fuller relationship with Jesus Christ and to a deeper level of commitment and apostleship.

Youth who have attended Happening before are invited to apply as Youth Staff. Adults are welcomed to volunteer as well and are asked to contact the

Happening coordinator, Addie Boyd-Quina at addiequina@yahoo.com.

This year, Happening will be held February 14-16, 2020 at St. Paul's, Daphne. Staff training will be January 17-19. The cost is \$60.

Youth Calendar of Events

DATE	WHO	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE/INFO
Resuming January 5	7th - 8th graders	Rite 13 Class	12:15 - 1:00 pm on Sundays	Youth Room, lunch provided
First Wednesday of the Month <i>*(January 8)</i>	5th & 6th graders	You Group	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Green Hall, dinner provided
January 18-21	8th - 12th graders	Ski Trip	Leave Saturday Return Tuesday	Beech Mountain, NC
Beginning Feb. 2	9th graders and up	Confirmation Classes	12:15 - 1:15 pm on Sundays	Youth Room, lunch provided

If you would like to be added to the weekly EYC newsletter, please email Anne McEniry at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

The Lectionary Schedule

Date	The First Reading	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
January 12 <i>The Baptism of our Lord</i>	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29:1-9	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
January 19	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-12	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
January 26	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 5-13	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
February 2 <i>The Presentation at the Temple</i>	Malachi 3:1-4	Psalm 24:7-10	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
February 9	Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 112:1-9	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	Matthew 5:13-20
February 16	Sirach 15:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37

School News

Happy New Year! December was a very exciting time for our precious children at St. James School. We started off the holiday season by participating in the Fairhope Christmas parade. With all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas holidays our children were able to stop and experience the true meaning of Christmas. They learned the importance of Advent through our weekly chapel services and with "Miss" Anne in Godly Play. Our students performed their Christmas Pageant "The Story of Christmas, A Nativity Tale for Children" in the church this year. It was amazing to experience the story of Christmas through the eyes and angelic voices of our children. The pageant was truly heart-felt by our parents, grandparents and many other family members and friends who were in attendance. In addition to our Christmas program, the children celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas on December 6th and had a special visit from Santa Claus himself aka Mr. Cecil on our "Polar Express" Day.

We are looking forward to a very busy and exciting 2020. The week of

January 27 – 31, St. James Episcopal School will be participating in "The Great Kindness Challenge." We are a "Kindness Certified School" which means we are committed to a culture of kindness and we want to demonstrate a commitment to fostering a positive, caring and respectful school environment where all students thrive.

St. James school is currently offering open enrollment for the 2020 – 2021 school year. If you know of someone who is looking for a school that will introduce children to Christ in a nurturing environment by providing exemplary preparation for future learning, please have them contact me. I am always delighted to discuss our curriculum, enrichment opportunities, and give tours of our school and beautiful campus.

Shelley E. Milner



Outreach

St. James Reaches out in 2020!

Our Outreach Committee has been hard at work making plans for the new year. They continue to recommend to the Vestry our ongoing parish wide support—both financially and through seasonal collections—of our many service providers and organizations.

This year to add to our financial support and many collections, the Outreach Committee is organizing four major outreach events to encourage the participation of the whole parish. Expect one event per quarter! A ministry coordinator will oversee the organization of each event, and you will hear more details as we get closer to each event. In the meantime, take note of all these plans.

1st Quarter—On March 7, we will participate in Chili for Charity to benefit the good work of Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. Outreach Committee member Anne Sclater is our ministry coordinator for this 20th year celebration chili cook off. Our chili cookin' team is spearheaded by George Huckabay.

2nd Quarter—In the spring Jim Ketchum will serve as our ministry coordinator for our involvement with Habitat for Humanity Baldwin County. Jim is in the process of arranging both weekend and weekday work days for us.

3rd Quarter—This summer we will participate in the Fairhope Police

Department sponsored Back to School with Red White and Blue. Outreach Committee Chair Teddy Faust is our ministry coordinator for this one.

4th Quarter—Finally, in October, we will participate in Prodissee Pantry's Turkey Trot. The fun thing about this one, is Outreach Committee member Jeb Arington, who is the ministry coordinator for this event, is going to get us all in shape beforehand. He and his wife Lauren are planning fitness outings for us in this new year, so we can trot with pride.

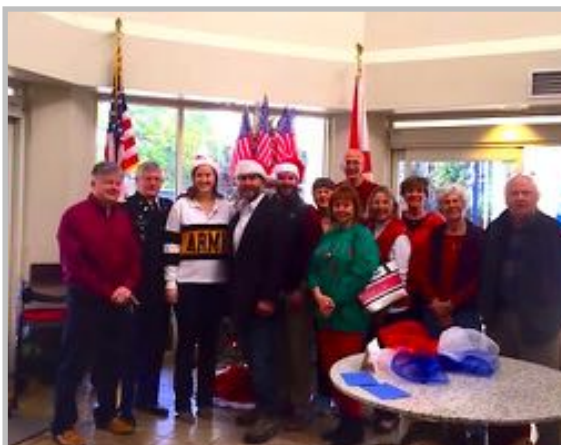
For all these events, be sure to pick up your St. James t-shirt. **Let's reach out together!**

Chili for Charity - March 7, 2020



Christmas for Veterans

Thank you to all who helped deliver gifts to the veterans in Bay Minette on Christmas morning.



From Bob Keyser:

My family has participated in the Veterans' Christmas each year since St. James became involved. It's incredibly gratifying to get to share Christmas morning with the Veterans, seeing the gratitude on their faces, and most importantly, hearing their stories. Over the years I've had the honor to share time with veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, as well as those who served outside of conflict, helping to make our military arguably the greatest in history. Sometimes funny, sometimes sad, but always interesting, hearing their stories is a wonderful experience, and sharing the celebration of Christ's birth with these selfless individuals is a real joy. My children in particular look forward to our time at the Veterans' home each Christmas, and never miss it when they're in town. It's a great outreach that we share with the Mobile County Sheriff's Office, and as our Mission Statement reflects, is a great way to "share God's love." If you've never done it, I'd encourage you to be a part of it next year!

Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS:

- 7:30 am, Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
- 9:00 & 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 10:15 am - Christian Formation for All Ages
- Nursery available at 9 & 11

THIRD SUNDAY of the Month at 7:00 pm:

- Taizé in the Chapel or Sung Compline in the Church

WEDNESDAYS: 7 & 10 am, in the Chapel

The St. James Staff

Rector: The Reverend De Freeman
Associate Priest: The Reverend Dr. Mary Jayne Ledgerwood
Curate: The Reverend Forbes Sirmon
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
Associate for Nursery Care and EYC: Lanham DiMartino
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.](#)

Parish Office Hours

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

Current Recurring Events

- Sunday, 7:30 am, Holy Eucharist, in the Chapel
- Sunday, 9:00 am, Holy Eucharist, in the Church (nursery available)
- Sunday, 10:15 am, Christian Formation for all ages
- Sunday, 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist, in the Church (nursery available)
- Monday, 8:00 & 9:45 am Yoga, Upstairs Green Hall
- Monday, 6:00 pm, Centering Prayer, Church
- Monday, 6:30 pm, Women's Bible Study, Vestry Room
- Monday, 6:30 pm, Men's Bible Study, Upstairs Green Hall
- Wednesday, 7:00 am, Holy Eucharist, Chapel
- Wednesday, 9:30 am, WAMBS Bible Study, Vestry Room
- Wednesday, 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist & Healing service, Chapel
- Wednesday, 3:30, Canterbury Choir practice
- Wednesday, 6:45 pm, Adult Choir practice
- Thursday, 5:45 pm, Yoga, Green Hall
- Thursday, 7:00 pm, Chess, Library

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday



The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, January 20 for the
Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **FEBRUARY 5, 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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