

Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



January 12, 2022

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Meet Your Vestry

Our annual parish meeting was held in Green Hall on Sunday, January 9 following a 10 AM worship service. Vestry elections were held and six new members were added to fill vacant spots: Ben Coddling, Tracy Corte, Peter Gaillard, Laura Jones, Matthew Myrick, and Mary

Statkewicz. Bruce Stone and Katie Smith were re-elected to serve as clerk and treasurer, respectively. Jeanie Smith was appointed as Senior Warden. The Junior Warden is yet to be determined. To view committee reports, *go to our website, stjamesfairhope.org, under the THIS WEEK tab.*



Pictured L-R

Jeanie Smith *Sr. Warden*

Bruce Stone, *Clerk*

Katie Smith, *Treasurer*

Jr. Warden is TBD



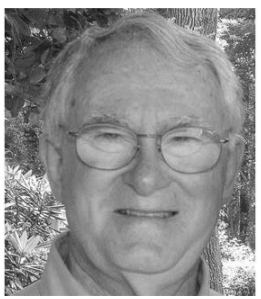
Class of 2022

Elizabeth Erwin

Shannon Pesnell

Tracy Corte

Mary Statkewicz



Class of 2023

Lauren Arington

Bebe Goetter

Earl Jackson

Chris Nelson



Class of 2024

Ben Coddling

Peter Gaillard

Laura Jones

Matthew Myrick

Annual Meeting

Outgoing Vestry Members



Pictured L-R: Pel Henry, Sr. Warden, Roger Guilian, Jr Warden, Kris Bradley, Elizabeth Orr, and Ed Shell.

We give thanks to our outgoing Vestry members for their dedication and service to St. James Episcopal Church. Each one's enthusiasm, leadership, and devotion to our parish is to be admired. They have been generous with their time, talents, and gifts that God has given them and in sharing their gifts with St. James, we have become a stronger

community. The three years of their vestry tenure have not been easy ones, but these parishioners stepped up, accepted the challenge, and stayed the course. Thank you for your perseverance.

**All are welcome
for this special
community event
on January 16!
Please help us
spread the word.**

We are asking everyone to please wear a mask. We will be taking precautionary measures.

35TH ANNUAL BALDWIN COUNTY

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Celebration

Memorial Program

January 16, 6:00 PM

**No Compline or Taizé in January, due to the above memorial program celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Christian Formation

Wednesday Evening Programming

Resumes tonight - January 12

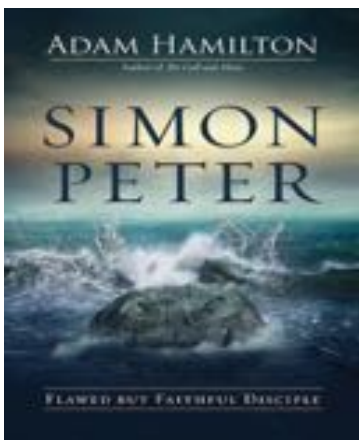
Come for worship, fellowship, and formation on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 - 7:30 PM! Casual worship service in the church begins at 5:30 PM followed by dinner in Green Hall. Formation begins at 6:30 PM (we will eat during formation). A nursery will be available for children too young to attend formation and opens at 6:15 PM.

Reservations are not necessary and there is no cost for dinner.

Formation classes for adults are clergy-led. Children and youth will have various classes depending on the level of interest and number of volunteers. Curriculum includes Godly Play lessons, Communion Instruction, and more. Volunteers are needed to teach the children's lessons. A long-term commitment is NOT required. Contact Christian Formation Director, Ellen Huckabay, at 251-928-2912 or christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org if you would like to help or if you have questions.

Christian Formation

Monday Night Women's Bible Study Beginning New Book - February 21



The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will be studying Adam Hamilton's study of St. Peter for our 2022 Lenten season. The book is titled *Simon Peter – Flawed but Faithful Disciple*. In this six-week journey, pastor and author Adam Hamilton takes an in-depth look into the life, faith and character of Simon Peter. There is a video session with each chapter.

Hamilton describes the book in the following way: *He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here is another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. It doesn't even sound like the same man. Peter was just an ordinary man who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.*

We will begin on Monday night, February 21, at 6:30 in the Vestry room. All women are invited to attend and the book may be purchased from Amazon, Cokesbury, or Christianbook.com. It is also available on Kindle. For more information, contact Michelle Orr at 251-990-6077 or 251-490-6077.



What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop. (BCP 860)

Classes begin on January 23. Youth will meet on Sundays from 12:15 to 1:15 PM in the classroom above Green Hall. Adult meeting time is to be determined.

If you are interested in being confirmed, received, or re-affirmed into the Episcopal Church, please email Ellen Huckabay at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org 251-928-2912.

The Order of the Daughters of the King



St. James members of the Order of the Daughters of the King wish to invite women of our parish to a wine and cheese informational meeting and fellowship on Thursday, January 27th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the Vestry Room. If you have an interest in deepening your Christian journey and spiritual growth, we hope you will join us. For questions, contact Fonda Wilson at 42fondawil@gmail.com or call her at 251-604-5132.

Weekly Opportunities

Sundays A **Lectionary Class**, led by Jim Daniell is held in the Library, between the 9 & 11 AM services. All adults are welcome. For more information, contact Jim at jdaniell917@gmail.com.

Rite 13 (7th & 8th graders) - 12:15 to 1:15 PM

Mondays 6:30 PM - **Women's Bible Study** meets in the Vestry Room, led by Michelle Orr. Resumes 2/21.

Tuesdays 5:45 PM - **Men's Bible Study**, meets in the Vestry Room, led by Father De.

Wednesdays

9:00 AM **Adult Bible Study** in the Vestry Room
Resumes January 26

12:30 PM **Centering Prayer**, meets in the Chapel

5:30 PM **Evening Program** for the whole family begins in the Church. Concludes by 7:30 PM.

Next Taizé
Sunday, February 20
7 PM in the Chapel



Christian Formation

Library's Grand Re-opening Coming Soon!



The library committee is hard at work reorganizing the library by subject/genre to make it more user friendly for our patrons. We are planning a grand reopening by

early February and are excited about all the new books in the collection. Committee members are D.J. Elmore, Lisa Havard, Sara Majors, Elaine Pannell, Rita

Wells, Savan Wilson, Randal Wright and Forbes Sirmon, advisor.

The L e c t i o n a r y S c h e d u l e

Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
Sunday, January 16 Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Sunday, January 23 Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
Sunday, January 30 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
Sunday, February 6 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13]	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
Sunday, February 13 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
Sunday, February 20 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38

Music at St. James

The St. James Concert Series Presents

An Afternoon of Chamber Music

by regional artists

Sunday, February 6, 2022

4:00 PM

Handel - *Organ Concerto VII in B flat Opus 7*

Debussy - *En bateau from Petite Suite*

Mozart - *Clarinet Quintet in A major K. 581*

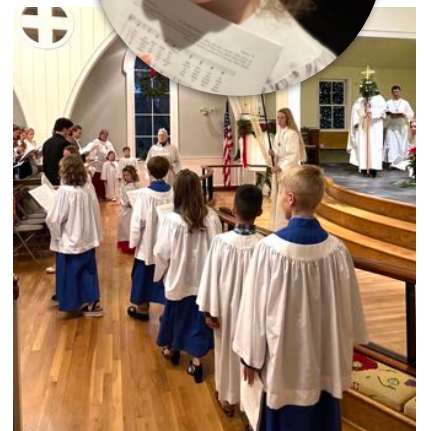
Ravel - *Introduction et Allegro*

All concerts are free and open to the public. Donations are accepted.



Whitby & Canterbury Choirs Welcome New Singers

The Whitby Choir, for students in grades K - 2, rehearses on Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:15 PM. The Canterbury Choir, for students in grades 3 - 6, rehearses on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:15 PM. Both choirs rehearse in the Music Room (upstairs above Green Hall) and are led by our very talented Choir Director, Mary Katherine Kilgore. If your child is interested in joining the choir, contact Mary Katherine at 251-928-2912 or choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org.



Sung Compline

Sunday, March 20, 2022

7 PM in the Church



Compline is the last of the four services in the Daily Office (BCP, p. 127). It is descended from the night prayers said before bed. The Compline service lasts about 30 minutes. It is casual... come as you are, listen, and pray for God's protection during the night to come. Children feel free to wear your pj's and lie down on the pew.

From the Parish Office



Updates & Schedule

Gentle yoga at Creative Outlet will resume on Monday, January 17 at 9:30 AM. To sign up, please email Jane Tucker at janetucker@bellsouth.net. There will be a 30.00 charge for 12 sessions. Bring payment to first session. The room accommodates 16, so there will be a cutoff when room is full.

Chair yoga will begin on Thursday, January 20. We will normally meet in Green Hall at 10:00 AM. Please come and try out this new offering at no charge, led by Jane Tucker!

Thursday night yoga begins at 5:45 PM in Green Hall. This free practice is for all ages and levels and is led by parishioner Stacy Reckeweg. Can't make it in person? Join us via ZOOM. Email Stacy for the link at stacy.reckeweg@gmail.com.

Friday yoga flow will resume on January 21 at 7:30 AM in Green Hall. This class is led by Jane Tucker. No charge.



The parish office will be closed Monday, January 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.



Breakfast is served in Green Hall on the third Sunday of the month (unless otherwise advertised) from 8:30 AM until 11:00 AM. The cost is \$3.00 per person or \$10 per family. Reservations are not necessary. Pay when you get in line. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Parish Breakfast, contact the ministry leader, Selah Dryer, at selahmdryer@hotmail.com.



MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO

Remember to put in your "can't serve dates" in Ministry Schedule Pro to avoid being scheduled when you are not available. The deadline for the February schedule has passed. The February schedule will be posted soon. You may put in "can't serve dates" for any future date, March 1 or later.

If you have forgotten your password, or need help with Ministry Scheduler, call the office at 251-928-2912 and ask for Meghan or Jennifer.

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WE'RE HIRING!

- ✓ Associate for Children's Ministries (part-time)
- ✓ Nursery Workers
 - Sundays 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM
 - Alternating/occasional Wednesdays 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
 - Occasional Fridays or Saturdays for special services/events

Contact Ellen Huckabay
christianinformationstjamesfairhope.org or 251.928.2912

From the Parish Office



OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY IS ONLINE
View our directory online or via the FREE mobile app today!

- To view the online directory, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in. Only members have access.
- Download the FREE mobile app at the Apple® Appstore in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download.
- You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.
- Need help or have questions? Email Jennifer at communications@stjamesfairhope.org or call her at 251-928-2912.

2022 Altar Flower Calendars are Available in Green Hall

If you would like to dedicate flowers on the altar in memory or honor of a loved one, look for the notebooks in the parish hall on the information table by the window. There you will find calendars with the available dates. Just pick an open spot and print your name. Send in your payment the month before you are to dedicate the flowers. We will handle the rest! The cost to dedicate both arrangements in the Chapel is \$50. The cost for both arrangements in the Church is \$100. If you have a question about how to dedicate flowers on the altar for the Church or Chapel feel free to call the office at 251-928-2912 or email us at info@stjamesfairhope.org. We are happy to help!



THANK YOU ST. JAMES PARISH!

Thank you to all of our parishioners who participated in our various Christmas giving programs. Each year, our giving spirit seems to be more and more contagious. This year we provided Christmas gifts for Veterans, Children and elderly in need through Ecumenical Ministries, children of parents in prison through the prison ministries, residents of Wilmer Hall, and the Shoulder. A special thanks to Teddy Faust, Mary Pilcher, and the entire Outreach Committee for their work organizing our efforts.



Mark your calendar for EMI's Chili for Charity

February 12 11:30 - 2:00 pm

at the Halstead Amphitheater in Downtown Fairhope

Besides some of the best chili you will taste in Baldwin County, there will be live music by Blind Dog Mike and the Howlers & Robert Sully, a mechanical bull, children's inflatables, balloon artist (Dr. Gee), zoo ambassadors from the Alabama Gulf Coast

Zoo, tasty baked goods and of course the friendly competition among the cooking teams.

Admission: \$15 at the gate (\$12.50 in advance from Eventbrite or the office of EMI). Children 12 & under are free.

Update from the Finance Office...

2021 Church Income:	\$1,347,005		2021 Operating Expenses:	\$1,355,941
Pledge Report	2021 Total pledges =	214	Pledge Amount =	\$953,204
	2021 Total as of 1/18/21 =	198	Pledge Amount =	\$878,199
	2022 Total as of 1/5/22 =	199	Pledge Amount =	\$911,540

Pledge Envelopes are Here!

If you ordered envelopes, pick them up in Green Hall. If you did not order envelopes and would like them, see Jim Ketchum, or email him at finance@stjamesfairhope.org.

School News

Happy New Year!

The students and staff at St. James School had a delightful December celebrating all the joys of the season. We had a special Feast of St. Nicholas Day



Chapel with St. Nicholas as our guest of honor. The children had the opportunity to enjoy the story of the *Polar Express* along with wearing their comfy pajamas for Pajama



Day. Santa Claus, aka Mr. Cecil, made a surprise visit and presented each student with a silver bell. We ended 2021 with all our students presenting “The Story of Christmas: A Nativity Tale for Children” in the church. It was such a beautiful way to begin the Christmas holiday. We were delighted to have all our families present and in person this year.



Our school is off to a great start for 2022. We are delighted to welcome 5 new students and we are currently enrolling PreK-2 through 3rd grade for 2022 - 2023. I am sure you have seen our banners in front of the church. The school has joined the YDL (Youth Development League) for ages 5 years and up



School News



to have our first soccer team. GO ST. JAMES!

All of our students are currently learning about nursery rhymes and fairy tales as we prepare for our Grandparent's Day presentation.

The spring will offer many off-campus field trip opportunities for our Kindergarten and First Grade classes. We are ALWAYS in need of volunteer drivers. If you are interested in driving the church van for us, **please** call the school office.

Be on the lookout for upcoming fundraisers. We would not be where we are without you. Thank you again for everything you do for our parish school.

Respectfully,

Shelley E. Miller

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We are a community anchored in Christ, seeking God, sharing His love and serving others.

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Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
9:00 & 11:00 AM
Holy Eucharist in the Church
11 AM also available online
10:15 AM Lectionary Class, Library
12:15-1:15 PM Rite 13

MONDAYS:

9:30 AM Gentle Yoga at Creative Outlet
3:30 PM Whitby Choir
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAYS:

5:45 PM Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS:

7:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Vestry Room
12:30 PM Centering Prayer, Chapel
3:30 PM Canterbury Choir
5:30 PM Evening Program, Church
6:45 PM Adult Choir

THURSDAYS:

10:00 AM Chair Yoga, Green Hall
5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall

FRIDAYS:

7:30 AM Yoga, Green Hall

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

7:00 PM Compline in the church & online
or Taizé in the Chapel

The Vestry

Jeanie Smith *Sr. Warden*
Bruce Stone, *Clerk*
Katie Smith, *Treasurer*
Jr. Warden is TBD

Class of 2022

Elizabeth Erwin
Shannon Pesnell
Tracy Corte
Mary Statkewicz

Class of 2023

Lauren Arington
Bebe Goetter
Earl Jackson
Chris Nelson

Class of 2024

Ben Coddling
Peter Gaillard
Laura Jones
Matthew Myrick

The St. James Staff

Rector: The Reverend De Freeman
Associate Rector: The Reverend Forbes Sirmon
Parish Administrator: Meghan Fancher
Director of Music Ministries: Helen V. Rodgers
Choir Director: Mary Katherine Kilgore
Associate for Music Ministries: Frank Stabler
Director of Christian Education: Ellen Huckabay
Associate for Children's Ministries: TBD
Director of Finance: Jim Ketchum
Director of Communications: Jennifer Glover
Associate for Communications: Leslie Guilian
Director of St. James School: Shelley Miller
Director of Admissions: Anne McEniry
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

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **FEBRUARY 9, 2022**. 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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