

# Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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## The Road Ahead — A letter from the Vestry

As early as 2018, your Vestry has been discussing the need for expansion of our church campus resulting from both the increase in church attendance and membership, as well as the increased enrollment in St. James School. In order to address and meet the needs of the church and school, in late 2020, Fr. De organized a Master Planning Committee, chaired by former Sr. Warden Bob Keyser, to assess our building needs and requirements. The Master Planning Committee's sole purpose was to determine the needs for additional space for the church staff, the school, and the general parish at large. The committee then provided a wish list of these needs to your Vestry at the June 2021 meeting. The plans are to provide much needed space for everyone: additional activity space and classrooms for the school, dedicated space for the church for fellowship, Christian formation, meeting space, expanded church office space as well as multi-purpose space for mixed use.

At that Vestry meeting, after review, consideration and further recommendations of the proposed master-plan final report, the Vestry voted to proceed with reaching out to several architectural firms with requests for proposals. We expect to be receiving those proposals from the architects hopefully by the end of May. The Vestry will form a selection committee in order to make a final decision on an architect and hope to have a final Master-Building Plan of the project, in the fall of 2022. Once completed, we expect to

have several parish-wide meetings for presentations and discussions of the proposed building project.

GROWTH is good, especially during the uncertain times over the past two years, but St. James is simply running out of space. The school, which is *not* a separate entity from the church and is doing extremely well financially, will reach its maximum capacity (space-wise) this coming fall with the addition of the 3rd grade. Scheduling events at St. James is becoming increasingly difficult for the Parish Administrator for both weekday regularly scheduled activities and committee meetings, as well as providing space for outreach and community events, Family Promise in particular. If you have been attending the Wednesday night Lenten suppers, you will know that Green Hall has been at nearly full capacity.

Along with growth, comes the inevitable need for additional space and expansion, as well as the financial resources to fund and accomplish such. At the Annual Parish Meeting on January 9, 2022, Fr. De discussed this upcoming need for expansion resulting from our growth, which has also been a regular topic of discussion with your Vestry going back to 2018. The Vestry expects to underwrite the proposed building project through a Capital Campaign and would expect to launch this campaign in the near future. This would be *the first Capital Campaign Plan initiated since the late 1980s* for St. James, which at that time commenced in order to build the

existing church we are in today!! At this time, the projected budget and funds required are not known, and will not be determined until such a time as we receive a final proposed building project budget and estimate from both the architect and building contractor, once selected.

Lastly, we are mindful that St. James' contemplated Capital Campaign Fund next year may overlap somewhat with the current Go Forward Diocesan Capital Fund Drive, and that many St. James parishioners have already been contacted for their own personal financial commitment to the Diocese. We would only ask that you please prayerfully and thoughtfully consider your own personal, individual financial commitment to St. James' Capital Campaign Fund when the time does come, in the very near future.

Sincerely,

The St. James Vestry

Jeanie Smith, Sr. Warden  
Lauren Arington, Jr. Warden  
Bruce Stone, Clerk  
Katie Smith, Treasurer  
Ben Coddington  
Tracy Corte  
Elizabeth Erwin  
Peter Gaillard  
Bebe Goetter  
Earl Jackson  
Laura Jones  
Matthew Myrick  
Chris Nelson  
Shannon Pesnell  
Mary Statkewicz

*Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3, NRSV*

## Upcoming Events



Lenten Lecture Series 2022



**FINAL SPEAKER TONIGHT**

**April 6**

**5:30 PM in Green Hall**

**Dr. Bertice Berry**

*Professor, Author, Entertainer*



*No Compline or Taizé in April*



Join us for this special “once a year” gathering for fellowship, food, music, and fun preparing palm crosses for our Palm Sunday services. All are welcome on Saturday morning, April 9 in Green Hall. Dress casually and bring scissors, if you’d like. No experience is needed. We have great teachers! Come when you can, even for just an hour! If you would like to assist in giving out the palm crosses on the morning of Palm Sunday, April 10, please call Jane Jackson at 251-635-2474.



**SAVE THE DATE**

for  
Holy Week  
**Cleaning  
& Polishing**

**Monday, April 11  
10:30 AM**

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME TO  
JOIN US!**

***A light Lenten soup will be served for lunch!***

Please email [deanna.dalrymple@gmail.com](mailto:deanna.dalrymple@gmail.com) if you plan to attend so that appropriate preparations may be made.



# Holy Week



## Week at St. James

### Palm Sunday

**April 10**

8 AM in the Chapel

9 & 11 AM in the Church

Liturgy of the Palms

begins in front of the Chapel or Church

*Whitby and Canterbury Choirs sing for the 9 AM service*

### Monday

**April 11**

Clergy will hear confessions during office hours from  
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Call the church office at 251-928-2912  
to make an appointment.

### Tuesday

**April 12**

Healing Service, 6 PM

in the Chapel with Celtic Harp

### Wednesday

**April 13**

Holy Eucharist, 7 AM

in the Chapel

### Maundy Thursday

**April 14**

**Holy Eucharist**

6 PM, in the Church

### Good Friday

**April 15**

**Meditation**, 12:30 PM, in the Church

**Stations of the Cross**, 6 PM

begins in the Chapel

### Holy Saturday

**April 16**

**Easter Egg Hunt** begins at 10 AM

Meet under the portico at the circle drive  
near the school entrance.

**Easter Vigil** 6 PM

begins in front of the Church

### Easter Sunday

**April 17**

**Holy Eucharist** at 8, 9, & 11 AM\*

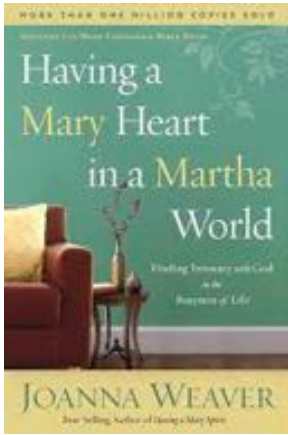
*all services in the Church*

*\*11 AM will be streamed live on our website at  
stjamesfairhope.org,*

*on our Facebook page, and YouTube channel.*

# Christian Formation & More Events...

## Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study




The Wednesday morning Bible study is currently studying an updated version of *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. They are especially enjoying the DVD as well as the discussions. The book is available through Amazon. Even if you are not able to come to every meeting, feel free to join when you can, as each chapter is a subject on its own. The group meets at 9 AM for fellowship and the study is from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. This is a very welcoming group that is open to each member's insight. It is currently being led by Elaine Pannell.

*We encourage you to attend the*  
**ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE**  
*of*  
*Amanda Dasher*  
*&*  
*Kenneth White-Spunner*



**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022**  
**11 AM - 12 PM**

Christ Church Cathedral  
 115 S. Conception St, Mobile, AL

**St. James**   
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Men's Tuesday Night**

*Bible Study*  
 RESUMES  
**APRIL 26**

Gather at 5:45 PM in the Vestry Room. Study begins at 6PM. Questions? Contact De Freeman at [rector@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:rector@stjamesfairhope.org) or 251-928-2912.

## The Lectionary Schedule

Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
Sunday, April 10, 2022 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56
Sunday, April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Acts 10:34-43	Luke 24:1-12
Sunday, April 24, 2022 The Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32	Psalm 150	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
Sunday, May 1, 2022 The Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
Sunday, May 8, 2022 The Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
Sunday, May 15, 2022 The Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35



# From the Parish Office

## Monthly Financial Report

	March	March	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Church Income	\$126,429	\$109,053	\$371,501	\$327,158	\$326,622
Church Expense	\$123,790	\$127,712	\$320,166	\$342,524	\$309,110
School Income	\$50,194	\$40,185	\$167,897	\$120,555	\$145,354
School Expense	\$60,239	\$50,479	\$164,652	\$152,788	\$107,192

**Please remember you can set up your recurring gifts online by clicking this link.**  
*Gifts may be made by ACH or credit card. Amazon Smile is an easy way to donate to St. James*



## Your choice makes a difference!

So far, AmazonSmile has donated \$589.30 to St. James Episcopal Church. This quarter, Amazon Smile has made a donation in the amount of \$71.29 to St. James, on behalf of customers using AmazonSmile. Thank you to everyone who has selected St. James as their charity of choice.

# RECOGNIZING OUR Graduates

**May 1st and 15th**

St. James would like to recognize all of our kindergarten graduates on May 1st and our graduating seniors at the 11 AM service on May 15th.

Please email Ellen Huckabay at [christianinformation@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:christianinformation@stjamesfairhope.org) if your child is a graduating kindergartener or senior this year.

# Remember,

## THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

### APRIL 18-22.

**No Services on Wednesday, April 20.**  
**Regular Sunday Services on Sunday, April 24.**  
**The office will re-open Monday, April 25.**

If you have a pastoral emergency anytime while the office is closed, call 251-928-2912 and listen to the prompts. The on-call priest will return your call.

# Outreach

## Family Promise



GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE...

## BLESSING BOXES

*of Baldwin County*

March 9 – April 14



There has been a real outpouring of love happening at St. James. Have you seen it? Thank you to all of our parishioners who have donated to the Blessing Boxes of Baldwin County! If you haven't had a chance to donate,

you still have time. The containers labeled for donations in Green Hall will remain through Thursday, April 14. If you would like to participate with distribution, please contact Michelle Roberts at [outreach@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:outreach@stjamesfairhope.org).



## SUPPORT THE UKRAINE CRISIS RESPONSE



From bringing a loaf of bread to spending the night, St. James needs scores of volunteers doing many varied jobs in order to make Family Promise a success. Beginning April 17 at 5:00 pm, St. James will host Family Promise. Small Groups & Supper Clubs—think about hosting a dinner night or bringing the kids pizza and having a movie night. The sign up board is in Green Hall! Questions? Contact Nickie Olson at [nickie@homesbynickie.com](mailto:nickie@homesbynickie.com) or Margaret Cadden at [mbcadden@gmail.com](mailto:mbcadden@gmail.com).



We will be building a handicapped ramp for a parishioner at their home, and we will also be doing various light construction and landscape projects at St. James. Please email Michelle Roberts at [outreach@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:outreach@stjamesfairhope.org) if you plan to attend so that the appropriate number of projects can be arranged.

## A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us, "Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called Children of God." In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice. Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence. Yet may they also have the strength and perseverance to defend their land from all adversity and foreign attacks.

Help us to all live according to your Divine Will. O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask also that the Most Holy mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over our Ukraine. Amen.

*The Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, DC.*



# Looking ahead to May & June

## Community of Hope (COH) Training Coming to St. James

Do you want to grow in your relationship with Christ? Do you want to acquire the skills to handle different life situations in your everyday journey? Then the Community of Hope is for you, where you will be challenged in your relationship with Christ, and utilize life skills to help others.

The mission of Community of Hope International is to create Christian communities of lay volunteer pastoral caregivers united in prayer, shaped by Benedictine Spirituality, and equipped for and serving in pastoral care ministries.

The volunteer pastoral caregivers remain united in prayer and community as their ministries lead them to serve in the congregation and in the wider community. The program remains rooted in Benedictine Spirituality and is based on the classic clinical pastoral education model used in many hospitals to train pastoral caregivers.

The training is open to and enriched by the representation of many denominations. The Community of Hope training awakens God's call by helping individuals discover and better understand their own spiritual gifts for ministry. Each participant is encouraged to make this experience a journey into wholeness and to use this opportunity to explore a "rule of life" through practicing sacred silence, Christian meditation, compassionate listening, pastoral identity and Lectio Divina - all within the context of Benedictine Spirituality. This experience builds community and develops spiritually centered pastoral caregivers.

Questions? There will be a Community of Hope open forum on **Sunday, May 1st at 10 AM** in the Vestry Room. Community of Hope (COH) applications are available through the church office and must be submitted by May 8 to Christopher or Elaine (see contact info below). COH applications will also be available at the open forum. [Applications are also available on our website.](#)

*"Care of the sick must rank above and before all else so they may truly be served as Christ, who said, 'I was sick and you visited me'..."*

(Matthew 25:36) The Rule of Benedict; Chapter 36

**Christopher Roberts** – Circle of Care Coordinator,  
(251) 408-7945, [christopherdroberts@gmail.com](mailto:christopherdroberts@gmail.com)

**Elaine Estefan** – COH Center Facilitator, (251) 510-4891

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It's about the skills and the practices of spiritual life that prepares each one of us to be open to the other...to believe and trust that the hospitality of the Christian faith is to look for the Christ in the other person, and as we approach them to serve them and in humility provide ministry to them. Our prayer is that the stranger will receive us and look for the Christ in us.

— Rev. Dr. Helen Appelberg | Community of Hope International Founder

St. James  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**VBS**  
**Champions**  
**in LIFE**

Ready, Set, GO with GOD!



**June 12 - 16**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW**

Contact Ellen Huckabay. Call 251.928.2912 or email her at [christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org).

**VBS takes a league of volunteers! We need players, coaches, and cheerleaders. On which team will you sign up?**

VBS needs:

- Age group leaders
- Story-tellers
- Games Leader and helpers
- Crafts Leader and helpers
- Decorations committee
- Snack committee
- Service Squad Leader

You may not be able to commit to the full 3 hours every day, but could you make and drop off snacks for one day? Could you tell the story one day? Could you head up or help with the decorations committee?

Many hands make light work, and we guarantee you'll get a blessing in the process!

**ONLINE REGISTRATION COMING SOON**



# School News

Dear Friends,

We are welcoming the warm days of spring and our students have been studying insects and animal habitats. Each class has a different insect larva and are anxiously awaiting the metamorphosis process for their insects to hatch. To culminate our animal habitat unit the students had an onsite field trip visit from Uncle Joe's Petting Zoo.

Our kindergarten, first and second grade students had a great opportunity to visit the Pelican's Nest, Fairhope History Museum, downtown park and got a special treat from Mr. Gene's Beans. We are so blessed to live in such a special community!

The children celebrated St. Patrick's Day with leprechaun traps and wearing of green. No luck catching a leprechaun!

We celebrated our dads and special friends for our first "Hog Diggity Dog" lunch. It was a beautiful day to celebrate our dads.

Our St. James School soccer team completed its first ever soccer season. The team was presented with trophies and medals during our Monday morning chapel service. We are so very proud of our team and the leadership of Coach KJ.

We are always looking for volunteers at the school. If you are interested in sharing your talents or just want to help out, please contact the school office.

I am so excited about all the wonderful things that are happening at our school. Thanks again for all of your continued support of our parish school.

*Shelley E. Miller*

Blessings,

Shelley Miller

School Director

Uncle Joe's  
Petting Zoo



Hot Diggity  
Dog





# School News



Congratulations to our first St James Soccer team!



Pelican's  
Nest Field  
Trip



## St. James

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

# NOW ENROLLING!

## PRE-K2 - 3RD GRADE

Schedule a tour to visit our beautiful campus and explore the benefits of an Episcopal education!

\*3rd grade available for 2022-2023 school year.

860 N. Section St., Fairhope, AL 36532 | 251.928.2912

[www.stjamesfairhope.school](http://www.stjamesfairhope.school)

## St. James

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ALL ARE INVITED TO

# Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt

10 AM

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

860 North Section Street, Fairhope, AL  
Bring your Easter basket for the Easter Egg Hunt!

WWW.STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG

Bring a friend!



# Photos...

Rite 13 Retreat,  
Dauphin Island,  
March 11 & 12



Fr. Forbes  
Blessing the Sail Fleet,  
Fairhope Yacht Club,  
March 26



Rite 13 Filling Blessing  
Boxes in Baldwin County



## Wednesday Evening Lenten Programs, One Lord of ALL

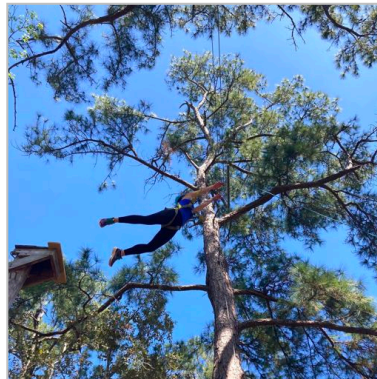
Special thanks to our guest speakers thus far: Mr. Bradley Byrne, Rev. Kelly Brown, Captain Tim Kinsella. Each one has been truly remarkable. And we are appreciative of the time and culinary talents of our cooking teams, for providing simple yet delicious meals each week: The Outreach Committee, The Meal Ministry, The Friday Night Small Group, Paul & Margaret Cadden's Team, and The Vestry. We are grateful for your generosity.





# and more photos

## Youth Confirmation Ropes Course at Beckwith, March 20



## Confirmation, March 27



*We welcome the newly confirmed:*  
Meredith Amon, Aldo Bryant, Mary Frances Collins, Woodie Collins, Anna Bowler Conyers, Caroline Fitzhugh, Gary Garner, Charlotte Guilian, Thomas Hearin, Jack Hicks, Ceci Howard, Kaci Johnson (re-affirmed), Michael Johnson, Madi Johnson, Katherine Luce, Amelia Marron, Caroline Marron, Isabelle Martin, Jack McKean, Mason McClure, Charlie Merchant, Jo Patton (re-affirmed), Sarah Lu Priester, Anne Sclater, Sawyer Smith, Ella Gray Snedeker, Shannon Spinks, Skylar Spinks, Noel Turner





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 (Resumes March 9)  
6:45 PM Adult Choir

### **THURSDAYS:**

10:00 AM Chair Yoga, Choir Room  
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*  
Lauren Arington, *Jr. Warden*

## Class of 2022

Elizabeth Erwin  
Shannon Pesnell  
Tracy Corte  
Mary Statkewicz

## Class of 2023

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 Priest: 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](http://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 **MAY 11, 2022**. PLEASE EMAIL INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE TO JENNIFER GLOVER, AT [COMMUNICATIONS@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG](mailto:COMMUNICATIONS@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG), NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE PUBLISHED DATE.

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