

Anchor Lines

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



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The Journey Begins

soon...



OUR ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM WILL LOOK A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR.

We look forward to sharing some special worship experiences with our parish as we focus on generosity that is grounded in gratitude, revealed through prayer, and lived in faith.

Harvest Festival and English Tea

Our Harvest Festival was a great success! Thank you to all who contributed - your generous donations have been distributed to local food pantries and other organizations. We also thank our English Tea coordinators, cooks, and attendees for bringing this lovely event to our parish hall once again!



Parish News & Events

We look forward to seeing you at our annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat!

Get those spooky trunks ready!

**TRUNK
or
TREAT**

Free admission!

Bring money to vote for your favorite storybook pumpkins, presented by
St. James Episcopal School!

Sunday, October 29

5:00-6:30

St. James 
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**Blessing
of the
Animals**

**OCTOBER 8, 2023
5:00 P.M.**

BRING YOUR PET (OR PHOTO) TO THE ROSE GARDEN FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE. PLEASE BE SURE CATS ARE IN CARRIERS AND DOGS ARE PROPERLY RESTRAINED, FOR THEIR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS. PLEASE ALSO BE SURE TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET.

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Parish
BREAKFAST

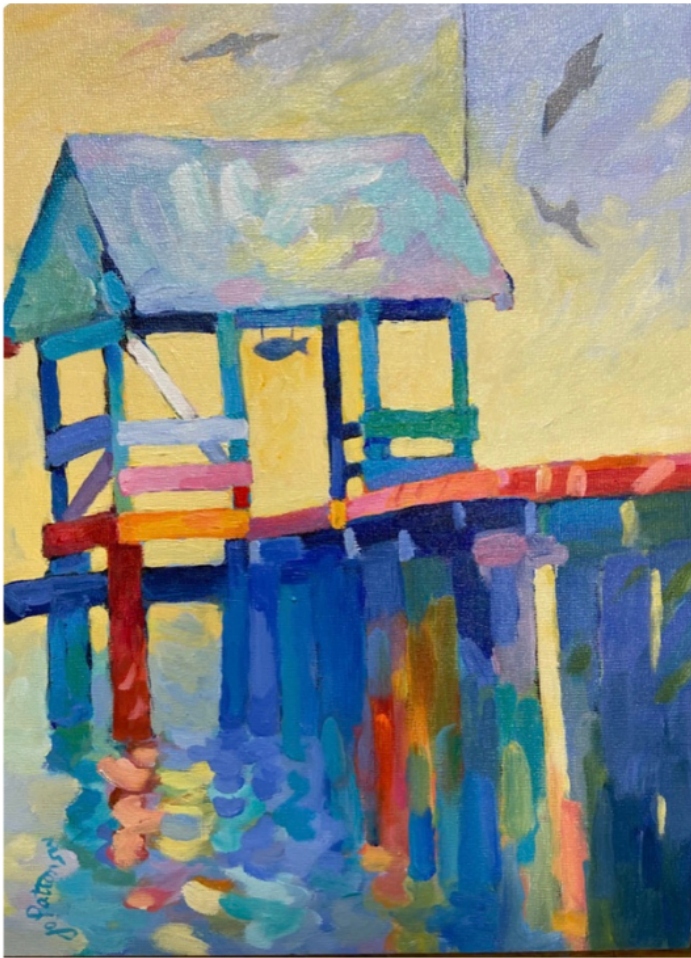


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Following the 7:30 service AND between the 8:30 & 10:30
in Green Hall

\$3 per person . \$10 max per family . Reservations not necessary

Cookbook Updates



ARTWORK *Raffle*

RAFFLE OF ORIGINAL
ARTWORK BY
JO PATTON
11X14 ACRYLIC ON
CANVAS

TICKETS: \$10
SPEND \$50 AND GET A
6TH TICKET FREE!
DRAWING WILL BE
HELD ON NOVEMBER
5TH AT THE ZEBEDEE
DO-DAH SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER AT THE
FAIRHOPE BREWING
COMPANY

*Proceeds go to the
St. James General Fund.*

Our
cookbook
cover art
could be
yours!

Look for
tickets on
sale on
Sunday
mornings at
the Zebedee
Do-Dah
table,
located
outside
Green Hall.



ST. JAMES COOKBOOK

ORDER FORM

	1 COOKBOOK - \$25 EACH
	2-4 COOKBOOKS - \$23 EACH
	5 + COOKBOOKS - \$20 EACH

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER OF BOOKS ORDERED _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

DATE _____

AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER FOR HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING
COVER ART BY JO PATTON

Proceeds go to the St. James General Fund

It's not too late to
order your copy of
the St. James
Cookbook! Simply fill
out the form below or
see one of our
cookbook team
members on Sunday
mornings.



Formation

Formation Has Begun!

Children and Youth on Sunday Mornings:

Senior High (grades 9-12) - Classroom 10

Rite 13 (7th & 8th grades) - Classroom 9

Kindergarten - 6th grade - Room 6

If you are unsure of where to go, look for Natalie or another staff member - we'll be happy to direct you!

Adults on Sunday Mornings:

Rector's Forum - With Fr. De. Freeman, meets in Green Hall during the formation hour (between the 8:30 & 10:30 services).

Lectionary Reading Round Table - With Jim Daniell. Meets in the library during the formation hour.

Adults on Weekdays:

Women's Monday Night Bible Study - Meets at 6:30 in the Vestry Room.

Men's Tuesday Night Bible Study - Meets in the Vestry Room at 5:45.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Meets in the Vestry Room at 9:30 AM.



Please pray for our youth who will leave for this trip on Friday, October 6!

National Acolyte Festival Trip

Washington National Cathedral

October 6 - 8



Visit <https://cathedral.org/calendar/acolyte-festival-holy-eucharist/> to learn more about the National Acolyte Festival or stream the service.

Children/Youth Schedule

EYC Pumpkin Carving - October 15 from 5:30-7:00 at the church. Dinner provided. Bring your own pumpkin!

Senior Cross Service - Sunday, October 15 during the 10:30 service.

YouGroup Kickoff! You Group is back! You Group is a program specifically designed for St. James 5th and 6th graders and their parents. If you are interested in joining us for our kickoff on **Sunday, October 22, 4pm-7pm**, please RSVP by October 19th to stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org



School News



The fall season is an exciting time for the staff and students at St. James Episcopal School!

Our book fair this year was another huge success! Thank you to Mallory Martin and Grace McGann for chairing this year and all of our parent volunteers. Special thanks to everyone who supported the book fair through donations and book purchases.

We were delighted to celebrate our annual Grandparents Day. Our school children showcased their study of nursery rhymes and fairy tales by representing their favorite characters. The program was followed by a reception, photo opportunities, and classroom tours.

To highlight our "Community Helper" unit the students were afforded the opportunity to have special guest visitors from the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department and Fairhope Police Department. Individual classes had special parent visitors from Allgood Dentistry and Freddy's Frozen Custard.

The St. James School Soccer team will be kicking off the season so come out and cheer on our team.

Sunday, November 5th will be our 4th Annual Zebedee-Do-Dah Fundraiser. This is our biggest event and fundraiser of the year. Sponsorship information is available and ticket sales will begin on October 1. This is a great opportunity to join together as a church and school community. I encourage you to reach out to friends, coworkers, and family as we need everyone's support and partnership. **Save the Date: November 5, 2023.** This is a great date night event!

Again, thank you for your support and partnership.

Warmest wishes,

Shelley Miller

St. James Episcopal School Director

4TH ANNUAL
Zebedee
Do-Dah
FUNDRAISER

BENEFITING
St. James
 EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 | 5 PM
FAIRHOPE BREWING COMPANY

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

EVENT ADMISSION \$50
 INCLUDES FOOD, 2 DRINK TICKETS, AND PINT GLASS WITH ST. JAMES LOGO

DRAWDOWN TICKETS \$100

PURCHASE TICKETS
 ON [EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.eventbrite.com) OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE.

BOILS & BREWS | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | \$5,000 DRAWDOWN & MANY MORE PRIZES!

From the Office

From the Communications office...

Prayer List - Need to add someone to the St. James Prayer List? It's simple. Fill out a Prayer Request Card that can be found in the narthex of the church, chapel, or the church office. You may also call the office or email Leslie at communications@stjamesfairhope.org Please note that when adding someone to the prayer list, we ask that you have their permission in order that we may be respectful of privacy.

Prayer List Updates - If you are currently on the prayer list and would like to be removed, please email Leslie or call the church office. Names are generally left on the list for 2 months, unless otherwise requested.

From
the
finance
office

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	Aug	Aug	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	ACT
Church Income	\$83,913	\$120,000	\$837,693	\$960,000	\$852,362
School Income	\$211,113	\$50,000	\$747,324	\$786,923	\$586,689
St. James Income	\$295,026	\$170,000	\$1,585,017	\$1,746,923	\$1,439,051
Church Expense	\$110,164	\$111,916	\$898,816	\$964,861	\$885,696
School Expense	\$67,808	\$79,780	\$609,388	\$637,133	\$449,250
St. James Expense	\$177,972	\$191,696	\$1,508,204	\$1,601,994	\$1,334,946



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

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Fairhope, AL 36532
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday ~ CLOSED

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Fairhope, AL

OUR CLERGY



Rev. De Freeman, *Rector*



Rev. Forbes Sirmon, *Associate Priest*



Rev. Amanda Doshier, *Associate Priest*

OUR VESTRY

Jeanie Smith, *Senior Warden*
Lauren Arington, *Junior Warden*
Mary Mullins Redditt, *Clerk*
Katie Smith, *Treasurer*

Class of 2023

Bebe Goetter
Earl Jackson
Chris Nelson

Class of 2024

Ben Coddling
Peter Gaillard
Laura Jones
Matthew Myrick

Class of 2025

Margaret Cadden
Tracy Corte
Jim Daniell
Dee Gambill

Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 AM* Holy Eucharist in the Church **also online*
Children's Chapel at 10:30 AM
Nursery available at both services
7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

MONDAYS

9:30 - 10:30 AM Gentle Yoga, Green Hall
1:30 - 2:30 PM Chair Yoga, Green Hall

TUESDAYS

5:45 PM Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
12:30 PM Centering Prayer

THURSDAYS:

5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall
7:00 PM Chess, Green Hall

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

9:30 - 10:30 AM Breakfast
7:00 PM - Men's Sung Compline

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 **NOVEMBER 1, 2023**. PLEASE EMAIL INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE TO COMMUNICATIONS@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG, NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE PUBLISHED DATE.

READ THE ANCHOR LINES ONLINE—Call the church office or email communications@stjamesfairhope.org and request to be added to the distribution list. In addition, the newsletter is available on the website at www.stjamesfairhope.org.

Music News

Helen Rodgers'
last Sunday at
St. James will be
November 12.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce that
Helen Rodgers will be leaving
St. James in November.

Helen has faithfully served our parish as organist for over thirty years. During this impressive tenure, she built the Concert Series and helped acquire/restore the sanctuary and chapel pipe organs. Helen is also credited with organizing and leading adult, youth, and children's choirs, Men's Compline, and Taize services.

She has touched the lives of many through her leadership, and sharing of her many musical gifts.


Helen has recently been helping St. Paul's Foley acquire a pipe organ for their sanctuary and has agreed to become their organist as they transition to the new instrument.

We will celebrate Helen and honor her many years of faithful service on Sunday, October 29. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

JOIN US IN HONORING
Helen Van Abbema Rodgers
 Sunday, October 29

Music News

St. James
Concert Series
2023-2024 SEASON



Nathaniel
Gumbs
CONCERT ORGANIST

Free concert at
St. James Episcopal Church
860 N. Section St. Fairhope, AL 36532
251.928.2912
stjamesfairhope.org

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26
7:00 PM

Concert organist Nathaniel Gumbs has performed at many venues in the U.S.A. and abroad. He is Director of Chapel Music at Yale University where he coordinates music for three worshipping communities: the University Church in Battell Chapel, and at Yale Divinity School in both Marquand Chapel and Berkeley Divinity School. In 2017 The Diapason magazine recognized Nathaniel as one of 20 outstanding organists under 30 years old for his achievement in organ performance and church music.

St. James Concert Series
2023-2024 SEASON

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byrd
ensemble

DIRECTED BY MARK DAVIN ORENZA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 4:00 PM

Tickets are \$20 in advance and may be purchased online, at the church office, or on Sunday mornings after the 8:30 and 10:30 services. \$25 at the door.

about the **Byrd Ensemble**

Described as "pure and radiant" (Gramophone), "immensely impressive" (Early Music Review), and "rich, full-voiced, and perfectly blended" (Early Music America), the Byrd Ensemble has been internationally acclaimed for its performances and recordings of chamber vocal music, particularly Renaissance polyphony. They are a Seattle-based professional ensemble made up of 10 to 12 singers. The Byrd Ensemble has also performed in London, where John Rutter described the ensemble as "a fine group that has achieved an enviable standard of tuning, blend, and ensemble." The Byrd Ensemble is named after Renaissance composer William Byrd.

To purchase online, scan the QR code below.



Come pray with us



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Men's Sung
Compline
October 15
in the church at 7:00 PM

Compline is a contemplative service that emphasizes spiritual peace, and is a relaxed, come-as-you-are evening service. There are no bulletins, no hymnals, no prayer books; it is a time for you to disconnect from the cares of life and be with God. Children are welcome. This service lasts about 30 minutes.

Want to learn more about the St. James Concert series, or about the music ministries at St. James? Visit the link below or scan the QR code to check out the music page of our website. [Music Ministry Online](#)

