

Anchor Lines

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



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Thank you to those who shared their sentiments of gratitude with us this past Sunday, November 5.

Do you see your words in the cross?

Join us this Sunday, November 12, for **Pathways to Generosity Sunday!**

Family Promise

November 19 -26

Volunteers needed to help with meals and fellowship.

Look for a signup board in Green Hall.

Men's Sung
Compline
November 19
in the church at 7:00 PM
Come pray with us

Compline is a contemplative service that emphasizes spiritual peace, and is a relaxed, come-as-you-are evening service. We ask only that you listen. 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.

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Parish
BREAKFAST 



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
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



*Drive-thru
Nativity*
December 3
5:00 - 7:00
Fairhope Pier
Duckpond area

In partnership with
Trinity Presbyterian
and other area
churches.

st. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Mary & Martha of Bethany Chapter of
*The
Order
of the
Daughters
of the King* 

New Member Interest Meeting
Sunday, December 10
11:30 - 1:00
Vestry Room

For questions, please contact Sara Majors
saramajors@aol.com

Thanksgiving Day

SERVICE

Thursday, November 23 at **10:30 (NOT 10:00!)**

PLEASE NOTE: THIS SERVICE TIME IS DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!



The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 23.
(The church office is always closed on Fridays)



Advent Wreath

MAKING

Wednesday, November 29
5:30
Green Hall

Bring your own greenery and clippers, along with \$5 for your wreath kit. Our youth will be cooking spaghetti dinners as a fundraiser for this event!

Children & Youth News

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 12 - Jr. & Sr. High Friendsgiving (see below for more info)

Wednesday, November 15 - Prodisce Pantry youth volunteer night. Meet at the church at 5:00PM to ride in the van. Bring money for dinner.

Sunday, November 19 - You Group meets from 5:30 - 7:00 in Green Hall.

Sunday, November 26 - No Sunday school.

Sunday, December 3 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Drive Thru Nativity. Youth are needed to volunteer for the sheep and shepherd scene for this community event.



Our acolytes had a wonderful experience at the National Acolyte Festival in Washington, DC!

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JR. AND SR. HIGH FRIENDSGIVING

If you plan on attending please bring a side dish for our friendsgiving potluck!

november **12** 5:30pm-6:30pm

We will be meeting in Green Hall
Please RSVP to Natalie
stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

YOUTH SKI TRIP

MASSANUTTEN SKI RESORT, VIRGINIA

FEBRUARY 14-18, 2024

SR. HIGH EYC (9TH-12TH GRADE)
COST \$800 WITH A \$200 DEPOSIT DUE AT SIGNUP
SIGNUP DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1ST AND PAYMENT IS DUE FEBRUARY 1ST

Acolytes Needed!

5th grade and up

Contact Natalie
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Winter Woods

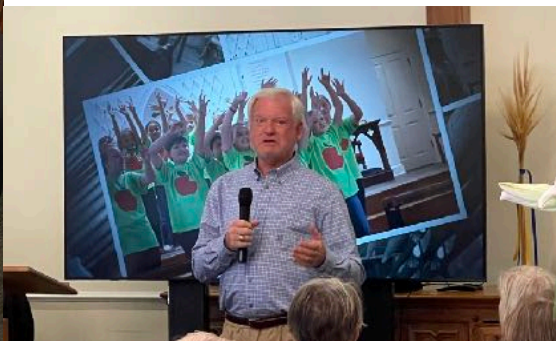
January 12-15, 2024
Join us for a winter camp experience!

Open to all campers!

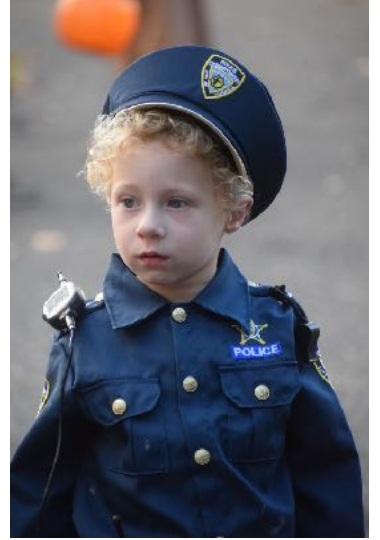
More Info at
www.beckwithal.com/winterwoods

Helen Rodgers Sendoff

The parish enjoyed celebrating Helen Rodgers and her 30+ years of service. We wish Helen all the best in her future endeavors!



Trunk or Treat 2023



School News



Fall is here and we have completed our first quarter.

I am so very excited to share our final total for the Scholastic Book Fair. This year our school raised \$4,756.00. We received \$2,052.71 in scholastic dollars that will be used for the purchase of new library books and class supplies. Thanks again for all your generosity and support of our Scholastic Book Fair.

Thanks to everyone that joined us for the church and school Trunk or Treat for an evening of fun. The class storybook pumpkins were “spooktacular”!

Our students and staff dressed in full Halloween regalia to “trick or treat” around campus on Halloween. The St. James Church staff dressed up too and distributed Halloween treats to all our students.

Thank you for coming out and supporting our school at the annual Zebedee-do-dah Fundraiser. It was a fun night with the church, school and community families coming together to enjoy food, entertainment by Shea White, silent auction and drawdown. Meg Gavin, our event chair and her awesome group of parent volunteers provided us with a fantastic night. A big thank you to all our sponsors and silent auction donors for making this event a success.

I would like to personally invite you to join us for our All Saints Day Chapel on November 8th at 10:00 am in the church presented by our Kindergarten class. We will also have a special Veterans Day program on November 10th at 9:00am. We would love to have all veterans present.

From the students and staff at St. James Episcopal School, we would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings,
Shelley Miller, Director



THANK YOU SPONSORS!





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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Parish Office Hours

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

Friday ~ CLOSED

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Permit # 16
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:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
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

MONDAYS

9:30 - 10:30 AM Gentle Yoga, Green Hall
1:30 - 2:30 PM Chair Yoga, Green Hall
6:30 - Women's Bible Study

TUESDAYS

5:45 PM Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9:00 AM - Wednesday Morning Bible Study
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 **DECEMBER 6, 2023**. PLEASE EMAIL INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE TO [COMMUNICATIONS@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG](mailto: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.

Pathways to Generosity

Pathways TO GENEROSITY

Have you visited the Pathways to Generosity page on our website? You can find everything there, including:

- 1. An introductory video message from Father De.
2. Daily devotional videos recorded by the Pathways to Generosity team and others.
3. Our "Storybook" that contains personal stories of giving and what inspires us.
4. A sample Estimate of Giving card. We will fill out our actual EOG cards this Sunday, November 12, during worship as part of Pathways to Generosity Sunday.

Visit our website here or at https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/giving/stewardship

Join us this Sunday, November 12, for Pathways to Generosity Sunday!

ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Pathways TO GENEROSITY

My 2024 contribution is \$ _____ per:
week month year

Please reserve envelopes for me. Please have a member of the clergy contact me.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

See reverse side for payment options. This estimate of giving may be revised or canceled at any time.

Pathways to Generosity

Pathways to Generosity – Do All Roads Lead to the Same Place?

“Generous.” What does that mean? I have always tried to be generous, but at different times in life the definition changes with our growth in our relationship. This “story” that I have chosen falls under the heading of “you can’t out-give God”. What to do with your blessing, I will leave to you and your journey.

Somewhere in midlife, one late December day, I was walking through the Montrose post office to mail the last of our charity checks to bring us to the generosity level that we felt was appropriate for the calendar year. I had a warm fuzzy feeling. A righteous feeling. An inside big smile. After dropping the envelopes in the slot, I walked towards the door. Suddenly a voice distinctly in my head said, “Give (X) dollars more”. It wasn’t a small amount. I drove home and talked to Nickie about it. It’s not that we really wanted to (having felt good about what we had just done), but the experience was so otherworldly that we decided to just say, “Here I am, Lord”.

After praying about the additional blessings to share, I went back to the Montrose Post office, mailed the checks, and again started towards the door. Then again came the voice in my head, “Buy (x) shares of XYZ stock”. Too random for me.... but I had just mailed out additional checks because of the voice, so I did look into the company. All I knew about the company was that their stock price was on the way down. Nothing that I would buy in my wildest dreams. But... my sister had worked for the company, so I called to see what she would say. She said, “No, run from buying their stock. Don’t listen to that voice.” Well, there was this voice, too strange and compelling to ignore, and in the end, I decided to buy one half the shares that the voice told me to buy. In the next 3 days the stock doubled, giving us a paper gain of several times more than what we had mailed out. I said to Nickie, “I get it”, and immediately sold the shares. Within a few days the stock tumbled back to where it had been. What is the “I get it”? You can’t out-give God, and to listen, and to pray.

After that I didn’t give our house away, or all our savings, but I did feel more comfortable about God’s love for us. And his willingness to step outside the box to help us grow in our faith and knowledge of God. And.... how much less the blessing was because (O me of little faith), I only bought ½ the shares of stock.

- John Olson

Hi,



Your generosity at work.

Your hamburgers have got to be the most talked about meal of the season. Even our pickiest little eater, who never eats anything but chicken nuggets and cheese sticks, devoured a burger. All our residents were just so grateful for the time and energy it took to grill burgers, provide sides, have the best pasta salad to go with them, and then provide Whit's! We are so thankful for the smiles you all provided last week. It was truly a blessing.

Margie Walters

House Manager

Baldwin Family Village