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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



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*The Journey
Continues*

Pathways TO GENEROSITY

STEWARDSHIP

BEGINS OCTOBER 13



Instructed Eucharist

OCTOBER 6

AT ALL SERVICES

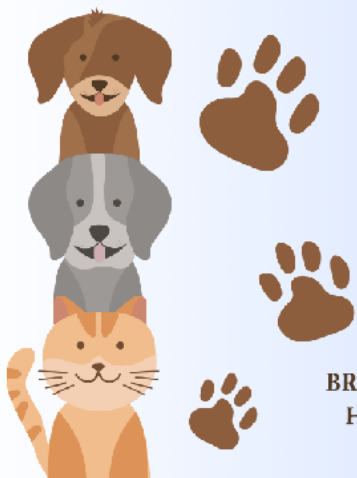
Have you ever sat in your pew on Sunday mornings wondering why some people make the sign of the cross or genuflect at certain times during the service? Or wondered "What exactly is the Eucharist?" "What's a collect?" "Why do we say the Peace?" An **Instructed Eucharist** service is designed to answer these questions and more. Join us on October 6!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Blessing of the Animals and EYC Pet Wash Fundraiser

October 6 at 5:30 PM

BRING YOUR PET (OR PHOTO) TO THE ROSE GARDEN FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE. ONCE YOUR PET HAS BEEN BLESSED, VISIT THE EYC IN THE CIRCULAR DRIVE NEAR THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE FOR OUR EYC PET WASH FUNDRAISER!



TRUNK OR TREAT

AND SPOOKY ORGAN CONCERT!

OCTOBER 27

Children are invited to the church for a 15-minute "spooky" organ concert with Joe Setzer at 4:45 PM. Following this mini concert, Joe will encourage children to visit the choir loft and check out the organ before heading to Trunk or Treat in the parking lot at 5:00 PM.

Parish News & Events



THE
AFTER PARTY
TOWARD BETTER CHRISTIAN POLITICS

Six-week series

**SEPTEMBER 25 -
OCTOBER 30**
5:30-7:00 PM in Green Hall

The After Party is a video/discussion-based series presented by the clergy on Wednesday nights for the six weeks leading up to the election (Sept 25 - Oct 30, 5:30-7:00 PM). A small Agape meal will bring us together each week as we learn how to listen with love and put Christ at the center of our political discussions. The After Party is an invitation to model the virtues of hope and humility, bearing Christian witness to a broken and bitterly divided world. If you have already RSVP'd for this series, there is no need to RSVP again—if you're just discovering the series and would like to attend, please let us know by emailing the number in your party to info@stjamesfairhope.org

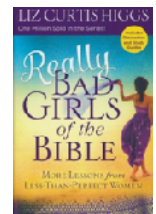
Sunday Formation for Adults:

Rector's Forum: The rector will lead a forum in Green Hall on Sunday mornings between the 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM services. The class will offer an opportunity to dive more deeply into scripture—to open up conversation, and learn from the lessons God teaches us. Join us whenever you can. The sessions are not interdependent.

Lectionary Reading Round Table: This class meets on Sunday mornings to further discuss the readings appointed for the day from the Revised Common Lectionary. The focus of the weekly study is to learn how scripture applies to your daily faith life. The **study will meet in the library during Sunday formation time.**

Weekday Formation for Adults:

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: This group meets every Monday evening from 6:30-8:10 PM and is studying *Really Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs - available on Amazon new and used, and on christianbooks.com



Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast

Start your day with coffee, breakfast, and a devotional. Meets every Tuesday morning at 7:00 AM in Green Hall.

Tuesday Night Adult Bible Study: "Questions for a Faithful Heart" This group meets EVERY OTHER TUESDAY at 6:00 PM in the Vestry Room. Led by John Olson.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study: This group meets in the Vestry Room from 9:00-11:00 AM. This study focuses on the book *Faith and Fire: Elijah* by Priscilla Shirer, which is available on Amazon, both new and used.



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ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' DAY MEMORIAL

Remember a loved one on All Saints' & All Souls' Day, **November 3.**

Names of the deceased will be read at all Sunday services and printed in the bulletin.

Deadline for publication is Wednesday, October 30.

Please complete this form and hand deliver or mail it to the parish office:
 St. James Episcopal Church, 860 North Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532,
 or email your loved one's name/information to info@stjamesfairhope.org.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Your Name: _____ Your Phone #: _____

Please include the name of your family members or loved ones **who have died since November 1 of 2022.**
 If you need additional space, please use another form. Thank you.

In memory of: _____ Date of death _____

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Children completed Communion Instruction classes and celebrated First Communion on September 8.



Jr. & Sr. High EYC kicked off their year with a bowling trip to Eastern Shore Lanes! Want to join the EYC? Email Natalie at stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

Children & Youth Important Dates

- October 2:** 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner
- October 6:** EYC Pet Wash Fundraiser
- October 9:** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry
- October 11-14:** National Acolyte Festival in D.C.
- October 20:** Sr. Acolyte Recognition at the 10:30 service
- October 20:** 1pm-3pm You Group Kickoff at Camp Beckwith
- October 20:** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- October 20:** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- October 23:** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry
- October 27:** 5pm-6:30pm Trunk or Treat
- October 30:** 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner

National Acolyte Festival

Please keep our youth in your prayers as they travel to Washington, DC to participate in the

National Acolyte Festival
 October 11-14 at the National Cathedral.

PARISH Breakfast

Interested in being a breakfast volunteer?
Email info@stjamesfairhope.org

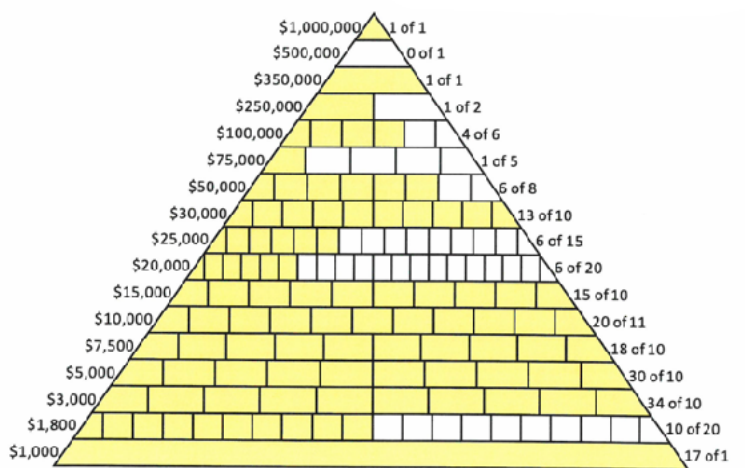
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

After the 7:30 service &
Between the 8:30 & 10:30 services
Green Hall

\$3 per person
\$15 max per family *Venue accepted!*
Reservations not necessary

Capital Campaign & Building Committee Update

HELP US
fill the pyramid!
Ask about our matching
program!



Committed: \$4,900,000
Fill the pyramid: \$1,350,500
Grants Foundations In-kind gifts > Goal: \$1,167,000



We are pleased to announce that the Vestry has selected **Witherington Construction** as the General Contractor to oversee construction and expansion at St. James. The Building Committee, architects, and Witherington Construction are having bi-weekly meetings and working to have building permits approved by the end of the year. If you have questions about this project or would like to contribute to our Capital Campaign, please visit our website to learn more.

<https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/giving/capital-campaign>

Music News

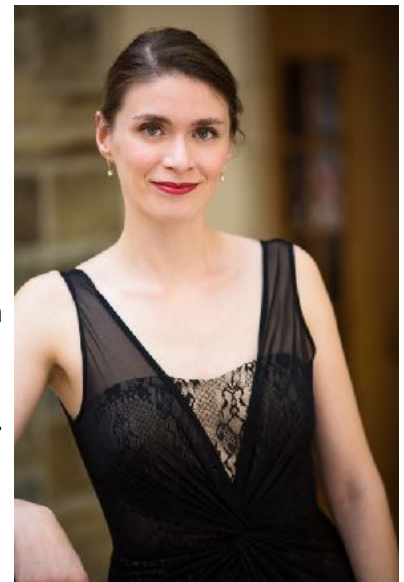
Girls & Boys Choir

The St. James Girls and Boys Choir rehearses on **Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 in the Choir Room.** Their first service at St. James will be Sunday, October 6th. Interested in joining? Contact Joe Setzer at organist@stjamesfairhope.org



Thursday, October 10 at 7:00pm

A true star among young classical musicians, Monica Berney has made a name for herself as one of the finest organists on the scene today. Known for her technical mastery, effortless musicality, and engaging stage presence, she has been inspiring audiences from coast to coast. Ms. Berney was appointed Director of Music at St. Paul’s Parish, K Street (Washington, D.C.) in August 2023. Her robust leadership of this celebrated music program has already generated ripples of excitement across church music spheres.



Taizé

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 PM IN THE CHAPEL

TAIZÉ IS A SIMPLE, MEDITATIVE, CANDLELIT SERVICE FILLED WITH SONGS, SCRIPTURE, PRAYERS, AND SILENT REFLECTION. THIS SERVICE LASTS AROUND 30 MINUTES.

All are welcome!

School News

The fall season is an exciting time for the staff and students at St. James Episcopal School! There are so many fun things happening, including our soccer team kicking off their second season.

This year's book fair was a huge success, raising overing \$6,000 in Scholastic Dollars for our school! Thanks to Mallory Martin and Grace McGann for chairing this event and to all of our parent volunteers. Special thanks to everyone that supported the book fair through donations and book purchases.

We celebrated our annual Grandparent's Day on September 20. 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. Thanks to our staff and our "Seasoned Saints" parish volunteers for making the day run so smoothly.

To highlight our "Community Helper" unit, students were afforded the opportunity to have special guest visitors from the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department, Fairhope Police Department and Mike Sandell Ambulance service.

We will celebrate Episcopal School's Week along with 800 + Episcopal Schools throughout the Episcopal church October 6-11. This celebration is an opportunity to give thanks and to proclaim to our community and the Church the good news that is our school!

Please be sure to visit Green Hall after church services on October 6 for a Powerpoint presentation, tour of Wilson Hall, and refreshments hosted by St. James School. We will have an all-school chapel on Wednesday, October 9th, at 10:30am in the church. During this celebration we will unveil our new school mascot.

Friday, November the 1st, will be our 5th Annual Zebedee - do - dah Fundraiser. This is our biggest event and fundraiser of the year. 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 Friday, November 1st.** This is a great date night event for food, fun, fellowship, live music and silent auction.

As always, thank you for your support of our parish school!

Blessings,
Shelley Miller



Scan the QR code
to purchase tickets!

BENEFITING ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL SCHOOL



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Fairhope Yacht Club • 6:00-9:00pm





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

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Parish Office Hours

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

Friday ~ CLOSED

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OUR CLERGY



Rev. De Freeman, *Rector*



Rev. Forbes Sirmon, *Associate Priest*



Rev. Amanda Doshier, *Associate Priest*

OUR VESTRY

Jeanie Smith, *Senior Warden*
Margaret Cadden, *Junior Warden*
Mary Mullins Redditt, *Clerk*
Bruce Stone, *Treasurer*

Class of 2024

Ben Coddling
Laura Jones
Matthew Myrick

Class of 2025

Margaret Cadden
Tracy Corte
Jim Daniell
Dee Gambill

Class of 2026

Dan Campbell
Bill Dowdle
Jennifer Lambert
Misty Whitehead

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:

6:30-8:00 PM, Women's Bible Study, Vestry Room
9:30-10:30 AM Gentle Yoga, Green Hall

TUESDAYS:

7:00-8:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast
6:00-7:30 PM - Adult Bible Study every other Tuesday

WEDNESDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9:00-11:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Vestry Room
12:30 PM Centering Prayer
7:00 Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAYS:

12:00 PM Healing Service
5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall
7:00 PM Chess, Green Hall

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:*

Parish Breakfast - Following the 7:30 service, and between the 8:30 and 10:30 services -

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **NOVEMBER 6, 2024**. 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.