

# Anchor Lines

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



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*Growing Faithfully*  
and MOVING FORWARD



The images above are two of the updated renderings presented at our  
**Annual Parish Meeting on January 12.**

To see all updated renderings and learn about how you can get involved with our ongoing  
Capital Campaign,  
please visit our website at <https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/giving/capital-campaign>



## Parish News & Events

### Children's Christmas Pageant

Our Children's Christmas Pageant made its official debut on December 24, 2024, at the 3:00 PM service.

The children and youth were filled with the Christmas spirit and did a wonderful job of telling the story.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped wrangle the angels, wise men, shepherds and more, and thank you to our

Director of Children and Youth Formation, Natalie Smith, for her hard work and many hours of planning and coordinating to bring this event to life!



### Women's Monday Night Bible Study Annual Christmas Party

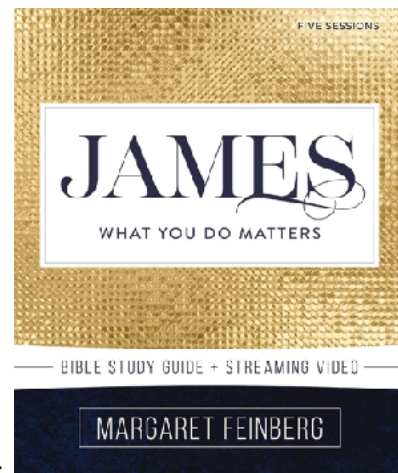


A lovely time was had by all at the annual Christmas party held by the Women's Monday Night Bible Study. In addition to the food, music, and other festivities, the group was able to present poinsettias to 45 homebound parishioners. This group will begin a new study this month and will kick off with a potluck dinner on January 20 in the Vestry Room at 6:30. See opposite page for more details.

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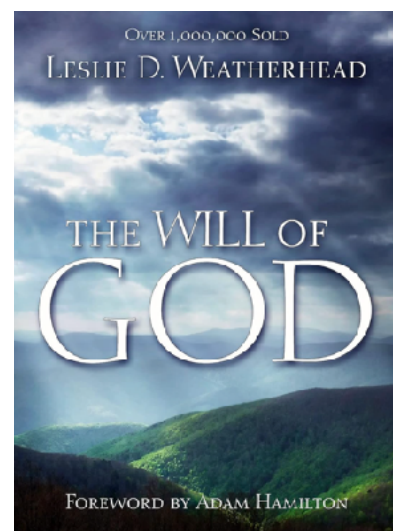
### Women's Monday Night Bible Study Resumes January 20

The new study will focus on James, the half-brother of Jesus. Join us as Margaret Feinberg, host of the podcast Joycast and beloved Bible teacher and speaker, leads us through a study of the book of the Bible that "sounds more like Jesus than any other letter in the New Testament." The class will kick off at 6:30 PM, January 20, with a Pot Luck dinner and a discussion of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew Chapters 5-7. We will begin the book study of James on January 27, 2025. If you have questions please contact Babs Stapleton at [babs.stapleton@gmail.com](mailto:babs.stapleton@gmail.com).



### Wednesday Morning Bible Study Resumes January 22

The new study will focus on *The Will of God* by Leslie D. Weatherhead (available on Amazon and [christianbooks.com](http://christianbooks.com))  
This class meets in the Vestry Room on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM.



### Confirmation 2025

Please contact Natalie Smith at [stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org) if you are interested in confirmation classes, or have questions. Confirmation is open to adults, and youth in 9th grade and up.



## Confirmation INFORMATION

**JANUARY 26**

FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE  
PARENT MEETING FOR YOUTH CONFIRMANDS

**FEBRUARY 2**

FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE  
FIRST CLASS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

**MARCH 30**

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



## Parish News & Events

### January Outreach

For the month of January, we are partnering with St. James School to collect the following items for Baldwin Family Village: Paper towels, Pine-Sol, Small bottles of laundry detergent

Collection basket located in Green Hall

# PARISH Breakfast

Interested in being a breakfast volunteer?  
Email [info@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:info@stjamesfairhope.org)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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

\$3 per person

\$15 max per family

*Venmo accepted!*

Reservations not necessary

### Children & Youth Important Dates:

**January 15** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry

**January 17-20** Sr. High EYC Universal Studios Trip

**January 22** 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner

**January 26** parent and youth confirmation meeting  
following the 10:30 service

**January 26** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

**January 26** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

**January 27** 5:30-7pm You Group

**January 29** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry

## SAVE THE DATE!

St. James

*Women's Retreat*

April 4-5, 2025

More information to come!



**Rose Garden**  
Spring Cleanup

**Saturday,  
February 22  
10:00 AM**

No experience necessary!  
Please bring your own  
gloves, clippers, or whatever tools  
you prefer to work with.

**St. James**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## FEBRUARY OUTREACH!



"Gently Used Shoes" is a caring ministry created by  
parishioner Bob Douglass.

Please bring your gently used athletic shoes of all sizes to the collection  
box in Green Hall beginning in February.

If you need more information,  
please contact Bob at [bdouglass104@gmail.com](mailto:bdouglass104@gmail.com)

*Music News*

*Want to sing in the choir* as we prepare for Lent and Easter? Aside from singing on Sunday mornings, we will be preparing Bob Chilcott's St. John Passion, a choral work with soloists, which will be presented on Sunday, April 13 at 4pm in our sanctuary. Two requirements to sing:

1. You can match pitch (MK sings la and you can sing the same pitch back to her)
2. You can commit to weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals. Contact Mary Katherine at [choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org) if you are interested or have questions about singing in the choir.

JANUARY 19

in the Church at 7:00 PM

MEN'S SUNDAY

*Compline*

Featuring Music Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: "We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace"  
Come immerse yourself with a peace that passes all understanding to pray and listen for God's call.

**Save the date for the next St. James Concert Series event!**

**February 2, 2025 at 4:00pm**

**Jihye Chang and Benjamin Sung**

Husband and wife duo, Jihye Chang and Benjamin Sung will present a program of "Life in (and) Music" featuring works by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Antonín Dvořák, Amy Beach, Maurice Ravel and more.



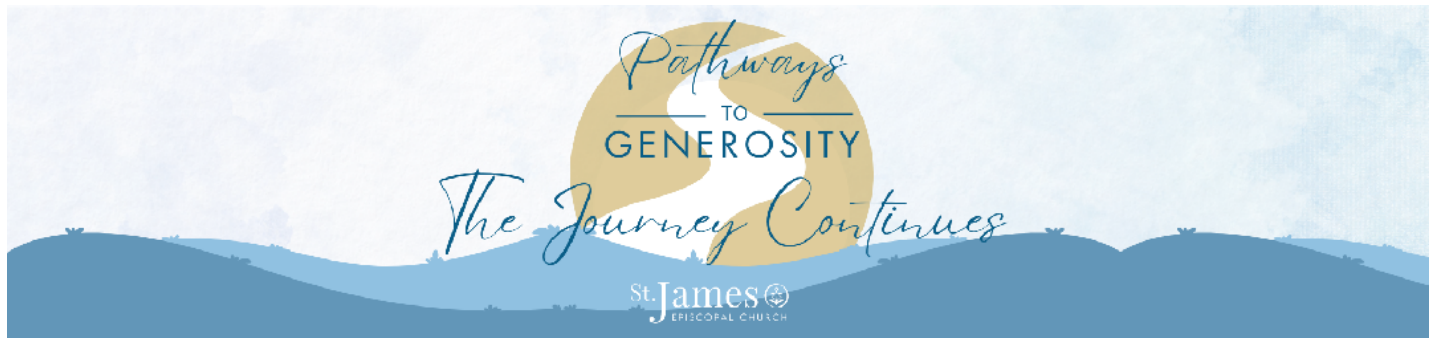
### Girls & Boys Choir

The St. James Girls and Boys Choir rehearses on

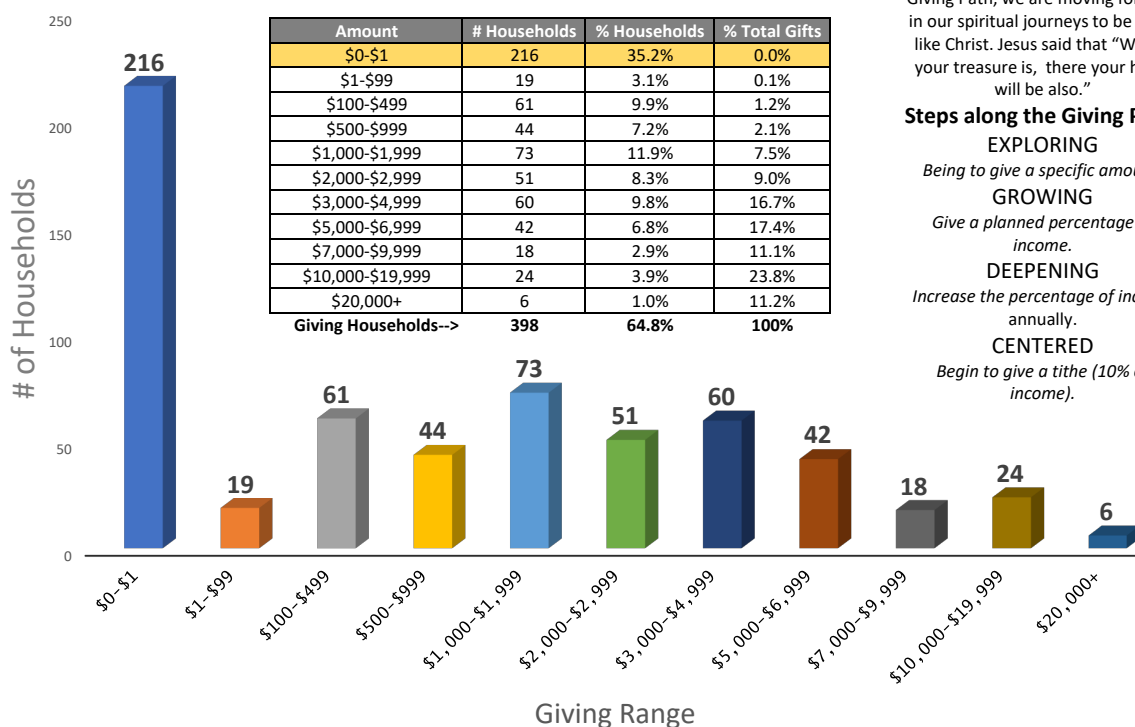
**Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 in the Choir Room.**

Interested in joining? Contact Joe Setzer at [organist@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:organist@stjamesfairhope.org)

# Stewardship



## St. James Episcopal Church Giving Illustration



### The Giving Path

When we take a step along the Giving Path, we are moving forward in our spiritual journeys to be more like Christ. Jesus said that "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

### Steps along the Giving Path:

#### EXPLORING

Being to give a specific amount.

#### GROWING

Give a planned percentage of income.

#### DEEPENING

Increase the percentage of income annually.

#### CENTERED

Begin to give a tithe (10% of income).

## ESTIMATE OF GIVING

### Pathways TO GENEROSITY

My 2025 commitment is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per: **Week** **Month** **Year**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This commitment may be revised or canceled at any time. For questions, please contact our Finance Director, Jim Ketchum. [finance@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:finance@stjamesfairhope.org)

To learn more about our stewardship campaign, or to complete the Estimate of Giving online, please visit our website at <https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/giving/pathways-to-generosity>



## School News

The students and staff at St. James School had a delightful December celebrating all the joys of the season! We ended 2024 with my favorite program of the school year. All of our students did a wonderful job presenting **"The Story of Christmas: A Nativity Tale for Children"** in the church. It was such a beautiful way to begin the Christmas Holiday and we were delighted to have so many families present.

Our school is off to a great start for 2025. Re-enrollment and open enrollment are going on now. Please spread the word!



We are currently seeking substitute teachers and summer camp counselors for our 7-week summer camp. You must be 16 to work in our summer camp program. Please call, come by the school office for an application, or submit a resume to [schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org).

As we move into the new year, we continue to be grateful for our school and parish family. We are so very excited about the future growth of our school.

Blessings,  
*Shelley Miller*

### ARE YOU STILL LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT FIT THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

Schedule a tour and explore our exceptional academic programs, dedicated faculty, and nurturing community.



LEARN MORE &  
SCHEDULE A TOUR



**St. James**  
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

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## SUMMER CAMP

COUNSELORS WANTED!

**June 9 - July 25**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Looking for a fun summer job?  
St. James Episcopal School is looking for enthusiastic, energetic, and responsible summer camp counselors, ages 16 and older.

Stop by our office to pick up an application, or submit your resume to  
[schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org)

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## OUR CLERGY



Rev. De Freeman, *Rector*



Rev. Forbes Sirmon,  
*Chaplain & Associate Priest*



Rev. Amanda Doshier, *Associate Rector*

## OUR VESTRY

Margaret Cadden, *Senior Warden*  
Mary Mullins Redditt, *Clerk*  
Amanda Montz, *Treasurer*

### Class of 2025

Tracy Corte  
Jim Daniell  
Dee Gambill

### Class of 2026

Dan Campbell  
Bill Dowdle  
Jennifer Lambert  
Misty Whitehead

### Class of 2027

Bettsie Norton  
Bruce Stone  
Cappi Sully  
Ken Talbert

## 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  
6:30-8:00 PM, Women's Bible Study, Vestry Room

### 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.  
7:00 PM Taizé or Compline

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