

# The Anchor Lines

NEWSLETTER

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## 2025 FALL PROGRAMMING



LEGACY OF

*Love*

End-of-Life Planning  
for People of Faith

BEGINS OCTOBER 22

5:30-7:00 PM

Wednesdays in Green Hall

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## **Legacy of Love: End-of-Life Planning for People of Faith**

**Wednesdays, Oct. 22 – Nov. 19**

5:30–7:00 PM in Green Hall

Light dinner will be provided.

RSVP to [info@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:info@stjamesfairhope.org)

We are happy to welcome **Sue Rollins** to St. James this fall for a special series on **End-of-Life Preparation**.

With over 50 years of experience in healthcare and pastoral care, Sue brings wisdom, compassion, and clarity to some of life's most important conversations.

### Program Schedule

#### **October 22 - Living Life Your Way**

It often feels too early until it's too late. Understanding the role of End-of-Life Doula and having hard conversations.

#### **October 29 - Goodbye Your Way**

Communicating your wishes, living wills, and medical powers of attorney.

#### **November 5 - Palliative or Hospice Care**

What are they and what's the difference?

#### **November 12 - Leaving a Family Legacy**

Funeral planning, memorial preparation, and family logistics.

#### **November 19 - Defining and Dealing with Loss and Grief**

### **About Sue**

*Sue is a retired registered nurse, pastoral care leader, and trained End-of-Life Doula. She has shared her knowledge and compassionate presence across the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, equipping congregations with tools for care, preparation, and hope. This series is designed for people of **all ages**. Whether you are planning for yourself or supporting loved ones, you'll leave with practical resources, peace of mind, and the reminder that these conversations are truly a gift to our families.*

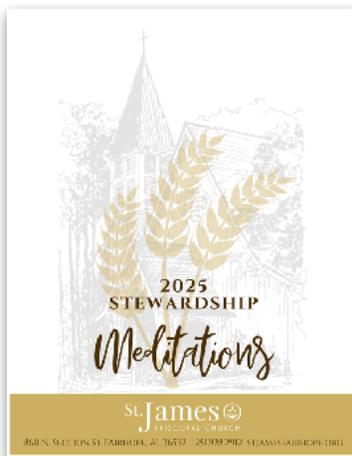
## Stewardship Season



### Harvest Festival & English Tea

We kicked off Stewardship Season with our annual Harvest Festival on September 28. Thank you to everyone who brought food items! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to make a sizable donation to Prodissee Pantry.

Following the Harvest Festival, parishioners enjoyed a traditional English Tea in Green Hall. Many thanks to those who organized the tea and to everyone who helped make it a success.



### Stewardship Meditations

We invite you to take home a copy of our 2025 Stewardship Meditations. Each day offers a short Scripture passage, a reflection, and a prayer to help us remember that *all we have is gift, and our first love belongs to God.*

Copies are available at the church and on our website by clicking the image.



### Stewardship Sunday October 19

On October 19, we will collect Estimate of Giving cards during worship services. These cards will arrive in your mailbox soon and are also available on our website [here](#).

### Stewardship Sunday Barbecue Lunch

Immediately following the 10:30 service on October 19, we will celebrate Stewardship Sunday with a BBQ lunch in Green Hall. **Please RSVP by October 13 to [info@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:info@stjamesfairhope.org).** We would love for you to bring a dish based on your last name as follows: **A-I** Potato or pasta salad, **J-R** Baked beans or green salad, **S-Z** Dessert



## Building & Construction Updates



- The new driveway from Section Street has been completed, and is open for use!
- The parking meadow is now open for **Sunday use only** and can be accessed via the new driveway from Section St.
- The new water main from Section Street has been installed, and the water tap is complete.
- Off-Site fabrication of structural steel is preparing to start. Steel is scheduled to start being delivered toward the end of the month.
- Erection of the pre-engineered metal building frame is scheduled to start at the end of the month.
- The temporary road to our meadow parking has been graded and is ready for access to meadow parking.
- Foundations have been poured for the steel columns for the building.
- Form work for the building floor slab is being installed.
- Under slab plumbing and electrical rough-ins are underway.

📷 credit: Terry Moore

- The foundations and concrete block for the stage will be finished in early October.
- Walls and door frames for the youth meeting room on second floor have been installed. Electrical and HVAC has been roughed in. Fire protection sprinkler piping is being installed in this area.
- We are now 25% complete, time wise, with the project. The project continues to be on schedule for occupancy around July 1 of next year.

*Music News*

The countdown is on! Only a few more weeks until we have  
Grammy Award-winning vocalists here at St. James!

2025-2026  
*Concert Series*  
welcomes  
**CHANTICLEER**

Grammy Award Winning vocal ensemble Chanticleer will be in concert **Tuesday, October 28.**

This group is known around the world as “an orchestra of voices” for its wide-ranging repertoire and virtuosity. Chanticleer’s repertoire is rooted in Renaissance music and has continued to expand to include a wide range of classical, gospel, jazz, popular music and they also commission new compositions to be performed. Tickets are required for this event and can be purchased online. This is an amazing opportunity for our area and not to be missed!

**Tickets are going quickly!**

**Scan the QR code below to purchase online.**



**Chanticleer**  
IN  
CONCERT  
**10.28.25**  
**7:00 PM**

Scan the QR code, or click below to order your tickets today!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/chanticleer-concert>





**We need your trunks!**

If you'd like to decorate a trunk for this event, we'd love to have you! Please contact Natalie at [stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org)

**Important Dates for Children & Youth**

- October 5** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- October 8** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry
- October 8** 5:30pm-7pm You Group
- October 12** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- October 12** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- October 15** 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner

- October 19** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- October 19** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- October 22** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry
- October 26** Senior Acolyte Recognition during the 10:30 service
- October 26** Trunk or Treat 5pm-6:30pm
- October 29** 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner



Have questions? Contact Natalie at [stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org)

## School News

### SAVE THE DATE



BENEFITING  
**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL SCHOOL**

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Fairhope Yacht Club • 6-9pm

Scan to purchase tickets!  
[www.stjamesfairhope.school/tickets](http://www.stjamesfairhope.school/tickets)



Dear St. James Families,

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

The children have been intrigued from our playground fence each day watching the construction progress of our future church and school building. So we were afforded the opportunity to have a real onsite tour of the construction site by our favorite foreman from Witherington Construction "Mr. Jason". The kids refer to him as "the man in the big cowboy hat". He showed the students the heavy equipment and shared what each is used for. All the children received a hard hat too!

Our book fair this year was another huge success! Our school had total sales of \$5,970.75. Thank you to Grace McGann for chairing the book fair this year and all of our parent volunteers.

We were delighted to celebrate our annual Grandparent's Day as our preschool children showcased their study of nursery rhymes. Kindergarten and first grade shared their knowledge of fairy tales and our second grade presented storybook characters from different genres. The program was followed by a reception, photo opportunities and classroom tours. Thanks to our staff and "Seasoned Saints" parish volunteers for making the day run so smoothly!

The students recently enjoyed a morning visit from our local Fairhope Police, volunteer fire department and Medstar ambulance service. This topped off our Community Helpers unit.

The week of October 6th through the 10th is Episcopal School's Week which is a fun filled week of activities to celebrate our school. On October 26th our church and school will host a "Trunk or Treat" and our annual Storybook Pumpkin Contest. Wear your favorite costume, decorate a trunk and bring your friends for some Halloween fun.

**Save the Date November 7th** for our annual Zebedee - do - dah Fundraiser. This is one of our biggest events and fundraisers of the year. This is a great date night event.

Again, thank you for your support and partnership. If you have any questions please contact me personally.

Blessings,  
*Shelley Miller*



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. Amanda Doshier,  
*Associate Rector*

## OUR VESTRY

Margaret Cadden, *Senior Warden*  
Bruce Stone, *Junior 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

Bettie 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  
4:00-5:30 PM - Children's Choir Practice  
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  
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 5, 2025**. 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.

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