

The Anchor Lines

NEWSLETTER



November 5, 2025

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PAVE THE WAY

BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS AND A LASTING LEGACY

A new chapter is beginning at
St. James Episcopal Church and School!

Join us in support of
PAVE THE WAY,

a legacy project benefiting the future of our church and school.

Purchase a personalized brick to leave your family's name or message as a lasting part of our new campus.

Brick by brick, we're building the future together.

St. James 
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
& SCHOOL

PURCHASE A BRICK
TODAY BY SCANNING
THE QR CODE OR
VISITING THE WEBSITE
BELOW.



The Growing Faithfully Capital Campaign is now accepting orders for commemorative engraved bricks! Bricks will be located in the sidewalks around our new buildings and covered drop-off areas.

Ordering is open until December 19, 2025.

Bricks will be installed in the spring of 2026.

Space is limited, so place your order(s) as soon as possible.

Visit <https://donate.brickmarkers.com/sjec> to order online or scan the QR code.



THANKSGIVING DAY *Service*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT 10:30
IN THE CHAPEL



YOU'RE INVITED TO A
**CHRISTMAS
OPEN HOUSE**
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 14

4:30 PM IN GREEN HALL

Wine & heavy hors d'oeuvres
will be served.

Please RSVP by December 11
to info@stjamesfairhope.org

Looking ahead to the holidays and beyond:

Christmas Eve Services:

3:00 PM with Children's Christmas Pageant

6:00 PM & 10:00 PM - Traditional services

Annual Parish Meeting - January 11. More info coming soon.

A complete list of Advent and Christmas services will be published in the December Anchor Lines, and will also be available on our website.

Family Promise

November 23-30

Volunteers needed to help with meals and fellowship.

Look for a signup board in Green Hall.



NOVEMBER 16
 Following the 7:30 service
 & between the
 8:30 & 10:30 services
Green Hall
 \$3 per person
 \$15 max per family
 Reservations
 not required!
Venmo accepted!

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

Wednesdays, 5:30–7:00 PM in Green Hall

Light dinner will be provided. RSVP to info@stjamesfairhope.org

We are happy to have **Sue Rollins** at 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.

Remaining Program Schedule

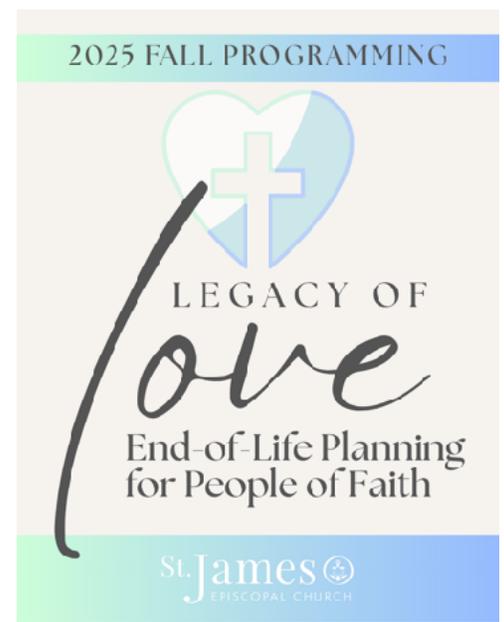
November 5 - Palliative or Hospice Care

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



2025 FALL PROGRAMMING

LEGACY OF
love
 End-of-Life Planning
 for People of Faith

St. James
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Parish News & Events

Outreach Committee's Fall Great Day of Service 2025



I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your incredible support and hard work on our outreach project. Your efforts in building the deck and handicap ramp have made a meaningful difference in someone's life. Additionally, I am deeply grateful to those who helped serve food to our group — your kindness and hospitality truly made everyone feel welcome. Your generosity, teamwork, and dedication are genuinely appreciated. Thank you for helping us create a more accessible, welcoming, and caring community.

Mary Pilcher - St. James Outreach Committee

Be on the lookout for Christmas giving opportunities from the Outreach Committee coming soon! Giving Tree program, Neighborhood Bridges, Ecumenical Ministries, and a local Veterans initiative.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Stewardship 2026

My 2026 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

Music News

Thank you to everyone who attended the Chanticleer performance on October 28 and helped make this event a tremendous success!

2025-2026
Concert Series

UPCOMING DATES

February 1, 2026 at 4:00pm

Art Songs and Arias

Jan Miller Studio Artists from the Pensacola Opera

Enjoy an afternoon of great music sung by these incredibly talented rising artists. They will perform some of the great standards of vocal repertoire.

Tuesday, February 24 - March 24 at 12:05 PM

Lenten Concert Series

Each week we will feature a different musical or group of musicians from our area. Concerts will begin at 12:05 PM in the sanctuary and be followed by lunch in Green Hall.

April 19, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Chamber Music Concert

featuring horn, harp, strings, and organ

Josiah Bullach, horn and Rebekah Atkinson, harp

Mozart Horn Quintet, Elgar's Sospiri, and Glière's Harp Concerto

May 29, 2026 at 7:30 PM

June 12, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Eastern Shore Chamber Music Festival

Sahada Buckley, violin and Trace Johnson, cellist

along with guest musicians will present two separate concerts in our sanctuary.

We are delighted to welcome the ESCMusic Festival back to St. James!

Advent
Lessons & Carols
December 7

At the 8:30 and 10:30 services



Children & Youth News



EYC volunteers weekly at Prodissee Pantry.



The new Youth Room is coming along!

Friendsgiving

NOVEMBER 23
6:00 - 7:30 PM
JR. & SR. HIGH EYC

Children & Youth November Schedule

November 5 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade
Postcard Ministry

November 9 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

November 9 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

November 12 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee
Pantry and Dinner

November 16 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

November 16 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

November 19 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade
Postcard Ministry

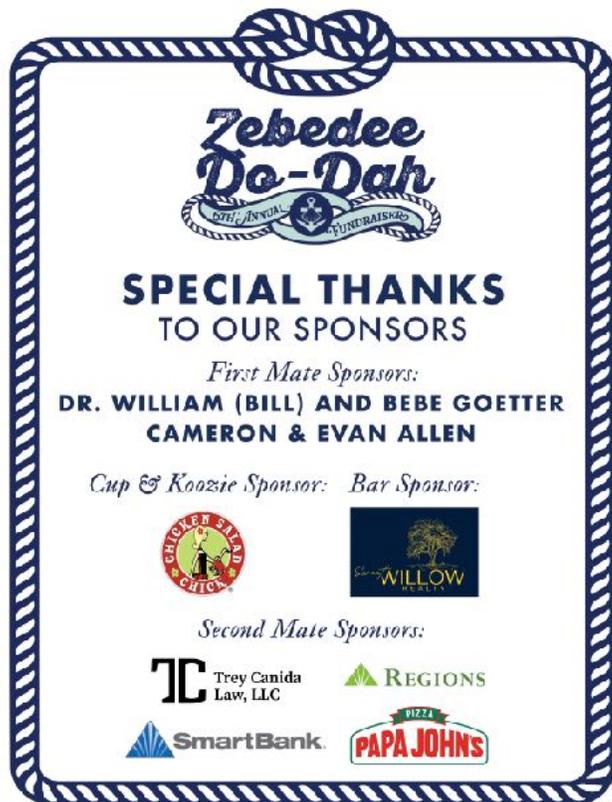
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Friendsgiving

November 30 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

November 30 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

Have questions? Contact Natalie at stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

School News



As November arrives, we turn our thoughts to gratitude and togetherness. Thanksgiving is a special time to reflect on the blessings in our lives, and I am so very grateful for our school community!

Students enjoyed Episcopal Schools Week celebrating each day with special activities that highlighted our shared faith, community, and joy in learning. As we reflected on this year's theme, we gave thanks for the abundant life we share together at St. James (John 10:10). All students enjoyed an onsite field trip from Uncle Joe's Farm to culminate our farm unit. Our second grade students had the opportunity to visit Mayor Sherry Sullivan at Fairhope City Hall. Students learned about how our city government works and enjoyed a tour of City Hall. Halloween was a fun day as students showed off creative costumes and enjoyed a campus wide scavenger hunt and festive class parties.

November is sure to be another busy and exciting month. We will be kicking it off with our annual fundraiser, All Saints Chapel presented by our kindergarten students, a field trip to Eastern Shore Repertory Theater's production of James and the

Giant Peach Jr., a Veterans Day program, a Thanksgiving program presented by our PK4 Students, and the Thanksgiving Holidays. Whew!

As we come together as a school community for our annual Zebedee-do-dah Fundraiser, we would like to thank our Sponsors and parent volunteers for organizing what is sure to be a wonderful event. Your contributions to this event have a lasting impact on our school and the lives of our students, teachers, families, and community. I hope you will come out and join the fun this Friday, November 7th at the Fairhope Yacht Club.

We invite all Veterans to join us on campus for our annual Veterans Day program in front of the flagpole on November 12th at 9:00am. Finally, as we enter the Thanksgiving season, I'd like to close with a note of thanks to everyone in the St. James community for contributing their time, talent, and treasure to our school.

Finally, I'd like to share that Anne McEniry will be leaving her position as Admissions Director at St. James in March. Anne's presence and dedication have shaped the life of our school in so many ways—welcoming new families, guiding admissions and marketing, supporting teachers, and sharing her gifts in the classroom through Godly Play. Her kindness, creativity, and love for this community have touched nearly every part of St. James, and we are deeply thankful for all she has given. She will be tremendously missed, and we wish her the best!

Sincerely,

Shelley Miller,
Director



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

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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 **DECEMBER 3, 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.

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.