



# The MESSENGER

INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE OUR LIFE AND MINISTRIES AT ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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May 8, 2009

## We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Chapel\*
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Education for all ages & Coffee Hour\*
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

in the Chapel

\*Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year B

Revised Common Lectionary

Daily Office: Year ONE

*The Lectionary — The Fifth Sunday of Easter: First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40; The Psalm 22:24-30; Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21; The Gospel: John 15:1-8.*

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## iConfirm Service Honors Nine

As preparation for confirmation, nine St. James youth participated in the second annual iConfirm Service at last Sunday's 5:00 p.m. Eucharist.

Mother Laurie Brock coordinated this thoughtful program to honor young people who have engaged in a faithful exploration of Christian faith in the Confirm-not-Conform Class.

Each candidate recited a portion of scripture from memory and shared its importance to them.

God's love was obvious in the messages of Peter Broderick, Weldon Furr, Madeleine Poirrier, Eliza-

beth Prutz, Katherine Prutz, Juneann Walker, Caroline McKowen, Margaret McKowen, and Caroline Whitley.

The boys and girls also wrote a creed reflecting their understanding of the Nicene Creed and as affirmation of their faith.

We will welcome their voices, their thoughts, and their leadership with the laying on of hands by the Rt. Rev. Robert Witcher at the 9:00 a.m. service on May 10.

## SJEDS Senior Reunion

Twenty-four former St. James students and their families gathered for a reunion on Sunday, April 24. Now high school seniors, the attendees visited with former teachers, toured the school

and marveled at the changes at the Day School since their time here — especially how small everything had become! A good time was had by all.



## Lunch and Learn on May 17

The St. James Seniors Saints invite church members and their families to a visual presentation of Father Holland's recent trip to the Holy Land on Sunday, May 17, following the 11 o'clock service.

A lunch of "Loaves and Fishes" (fried catfish and sides) will be served the adults for \$8.00 a person. Children of the church and Day School (12 and younger) are also encouraged to come and to be introduced to the home of our religious heritage. Children's menu includes hot dogs and sides for \$3.00. Reservations are not necessary. Payments

will be made on the honor system in a basket at the beginning of the serving line.

As with that day when Jesus blessed a small amount of fishes and loaves, food left over from this event will be distributed to the needy in our community. Please plan to come to enjoy food, fellowship and hearing about Father Holland's trip and learning about the Holy Land.



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Email addresses available on the church web site:

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## St. James Vestry

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*The Diocese of Louisiana is one church, faithful to Jesus Christ, united in mission, reaching out to seekers. We live in joyous witness to the power of grace and divine compassion in our lives.*

## Christian Education Notes

**Nursery Care** for children three months to four years old is available 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Parish Hall. Pagers are also available for your comfort and convenience.

**Teach and ye shall learn and be rewarded....** All teachers of both Children and Adult Christian Formation classes will be recognized at the **9:00 a.m. service on May 17**. Many, many people have made this year's program a success. Please make every effort to attend.

**Kite-making at the fifth Sunday Pentecost Feast...** Children and adults alike are invited to come and make a kite at the Fifth Sunday feast after the 10:30 combined service on May 31. All materials will be provided.



*Youngsters bringing flowers into church on Easter Sunday. Photo provided by Alison Nikitopoulos*

## Adult Classes this Spring

The schedule of adult classes to the end of the spring term includes the conclusion of presentation begun earlier this year by Bill Campbell.

**May 10:** Bill Campbell on Venice: Christianity, Music, and the Liberal Arts Tradition

**May 17:** Bill Campbell on John Tavener and Arvo Part: Contemporary Music in the Orthodox Tradition

All are welcome to join these classes. Classes run from approximately 10:10 to 10:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The classes usually meet on the third floor of the Ministries Center in the Center for Spiritual Formation atrium.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the confirmation of Sharon Lynn and Madeleine Eugenia by the Poirrier Family

The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Bunny Hines. The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Sharon Poirrier.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

*Prayers are asked for:* Louibelle Grantham, Kim Hatton, Jeanne & David James, Warren Green, Hunt Odom, Marion Hart LeBlanc, Charles Robertson, Hunter, Jonathan South, Russell Fish, John Bergeron, Jack Dagget, Debbie Terrell, Beth, Fran Huber Katchmer, Lance Conkerton, Judy Jack McCray, Yvonne Bradley, JoEllen Prutz, Rudy Aucoin, Dee Aucoin, Richard Blachford, Shirley Levy, Gerald Simmons, Vince Knight

*Our continuing prayers are offered for:* O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarini, Marguerite Matassarini, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Brooke Hardin, Sue Tweedy, Laura and Trent Griggs, Donoghue, Perry Gaither, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda Lee, Luci Cobb, Glen Stockton, Angie Denny,

Kevin Stockton, Marina Pinell, Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Mary Betts, Kenlie Jackson, John & Fritz Dehlbert, Blair, Carole, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Jim Bogan, Laura Haywood, Sammie Jackson, Ava Jet Blencke, Pennye, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris, Carolyn Glusman, Tom Raggio, Camille Raggio, Estelle Schilling, Vic Roy, Anne Howe, Betty Romero, Lillian Shipes, Carolyn Bishop, Marguerite Godwin

*For those in the Armed Forces:* Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, Cpl William Martin, Capt. Kyle Randall, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, Captain K. Joshua Calmes, Captain Charlie Hines

## Birthdays May 8-14

- 8 Emily Wray Lamont, Charley Austin, Melissa Sadler
- 9 Eleanor Shirley, Micaiah Carter
- 10 Sydney Turner, Myles Rieger, Judith Williams, Grant Toups
- 11 Janet Rowan
- 12 Mike Kennedy, Jacques Bagur, Peggy Callihan, Anne Zappe, Catherine Herrington, Jay Graham, Tiffany Jones, Sarabrent McCoy, Trip Singer
- 13 Carol Bird, Joyce Rucker, Millard Callicott, Wesley Tucker
- 14 Eva Bell, Maretta Creveling, Katherine Martin, Kramer Irby, Megan Redhead, Jack Gautreaux

## Spring Sale Planned

St. James will hold a spring sale on **Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6**. We will be cleaning out rooms and attics at St. James to sell items we no longer use or need. All proceeds will go to the Day School Scholarship Fund.

**Guilds and committees that have storage space at St. James** are asked to please clean out storage areas (including the attic cages and closets) of items you no longer use or need. We hope all cleaning and sorting will be complete by May 17. Items to be sold may be placed in the True Vine Atrium Craft area or in designated boxes around the campus. Once you have cleaned out your areas in the attic or other storage rooms, please notify Mtr. Laurie. All areas not cleaned by May 17 will be cleaned by the St. James staff. If you cannot move items you want to sell to these areas, let Mtr. Laurie know and she will get one of the sextons to move the things. Please throw away what you don't need that isn't sellable.

**St. James Parishioners** are asked to keep the sale in mind as you spring clean your home. St. James will be accepting items for the spring sale, but only furniture (in good or easily repairable condition), books, CDs, DVDs, and small appliances that work. No clothes, please. All items to be donated may be brought to Bishops Hall beginning Sunday, May 31 through Thursday, June 4.

**Volunteers are needed** on Monday through Thursday, June 1-4, for moving items to Bishops Hall, arranging and pricing items, and serving as cashiers the day of the sale. If you are willing to help, please email Mtr. Laurie at [lbrock@stjamesbr.org](mailto:lbrock@stjamesbr.org).

## Garden Guild Needs Liriope

The soil around the new elm trees on Convention Street has been prepared for weed-free liriope. The Garden Guild is asking any parishioner who has an abundance of this ground cover to dig some and the Garden Guild will do the planting. Call Celeste Spann at 925-5827.

## Bad Girls Book Club Plans Summer Dates



Plan your dates and catch up on your beach reading. Join with the Bad Girls this summer for our Bad Girls Summer Reading. Our meeting dates and books are as follows:

- **May 21** at Monica Murphy's Home – discussing *The Sweet Potato Queen's Book of Love* by Jill Conner Browne
- **June 18** - location TBA – discussing *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
- **July 23** - location TBA – discussing *The Eyre Affair* by Jasper Fforde

## Stephen Ministry — “There for”

In Stephen Ministry, a care receiver is someone who needs a Christian friend, a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministers helps to meet the needs of those who are alone, hospitalized or recently discharged, facing serious illness, experiencing a major adjustment to job, career or residence, facing care decisions about family members, experiencing absence of family members — those who need someone trustworthy with regular visits during times of crisis to not “do for” but be “there for.”

Stephen Ministry meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in Stephen Ministry, or would like to learn more about the ministry as a care receiver, please contact Deacon Mark Hudson at 270-3421 for meeting information. The sites alternate between St. James, St. Luke's and Trinity Churches.

## April Vestry Highlights

*By Manette Sammons, Vestry Clerk*

The treasurer's report revealed revenues are ahead of last year, and parking income is ahead of budget due to Mardi Gras parking. Expenses are below budget.

The chair of the Investment Committee, Lee Griffin, provided an update of this busy committee in these unusual economic times. A very conservative policy with the purpose of preserving capital has been given to the senior warden.

Deacon Mark Hudson reported 15 participants, including four from St. James have begun Stephen Ministry training.

Father John Miller and Amelia Johnson continue to work on the character portion of the three-year plan for the accreditation process and plans are progressing for the church and school June garage sale, proceeds of which will be given to the school's scholarship fund.

Mother Laurie shared that Cardboard City was a great success with 30 youth participating, and the Bad Girls Book Club continues with good participation.

Summer building projects includes the sacristy back stairs being replaced, redoing bathrooms and the first and second story flooring of Weirlein Hall. Floors in Bishops Hall will be refinished. The reroofing project has moved to proposal of a contractor by the Roofing Committee consisting of Bob Frazier, John Ozier, Chuck Oliver, Paul Davidson, Debbie Stiltner and Mark Holland.

A transition of St. James communications will begin this summer with *The Messenger* being mailed every other week. An email will be used to communicate between those mailings. We will probably move to a printed monthly newsletter and a weekly email newsletter.

### *Brother, Can You Spare a Drop?*

St. James Associate Vestry  
Blood Drive

Sunday, June 7,  
2009

8:00 a.m. - 12:30  
p.m. at the church!





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*We proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and invite you to join with us in ministry together in his name.*

## Ministries and Worship

Friday, May 8, 2009

8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist  
Noon *We Care* Bags Project  
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 9, 2009

9:00 a.m. Day School Recitals  
6:00 p.m. Wedding

Sunday, May 10, 2009 - 5 Easter - Mother's Day

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Chapel\*  
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\* w/Confirmation  
10:00 a.m. Christian Ed and Coffee/Lemonade Hour  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\* w/Confirmation  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal

Monday, May 11, 2009

8:15 a.m. Day School Chapel  
11:30 a.m. Yoga Class  
Noon Finance Committee  
5:30 p.m. Vestry

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Noon Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group  
9:00 a.m. Linda Nelson - Spiritual Direction  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 14, 2009

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Healing Service  
Noon EFM  
Noon EFM Graduates Meeting  
6:00 p.m. EFM

\* Indicates Child Care Provided

## Lay Ministry - Sunday, May 10, 2009

7:30 a.m. Mary Jarnagin, Joyce Rucker, John Bilisoly

8:45 a.m. Liz Treppendahl

**Ushers** 9:00 a.m. Hillary Poirrier, Trey Roberts, Alan Miller, Brian Murphy, Cooper Harrell

11:00 a.m. Chip Middleton, Rickey Ainsworth, John Compton, Neal Elliott Jr., Jason Creech

**Acolytes** 9:00 a.m. Lily Catherine Anderson, Catherine Curry, Grant Curry

11:00 a.m. Bailey Wax, Ethan Wax, Peyton Peele

7:30 a.m. Tony Carter

8:45 a.m. Ed Henderson, Hays Town III

**Eucharistic** 9:00 a.m. Lazette Phillips

**Ministers** 11:00 a.m. Joy Werth, Charles Matherne

5:00 p.m. Lynnette Frazer

7:30 a.m. Jane Christensen

**Lectors** 8:45 a.m. Hays Town III, Ed Henderson (P), Susie Furr

9:00 a.m. Bill Hines, Ed Henderson

11:00 a.m. Deborah Matherne, Sarah Sheely

7:30 a.m. Tony Carter

**Intercessor** 8:45 a.m. Tricia Henderson

9:00 a.m. Tricia Henderson

11:00 a.m. Nancy Penn

**Welcome** 8:45 a.m. Liz Treppendahl

**Committee** 9:00 a.m. Claudia & Allen Black, Catherine & Jim Van Hook

11:00 a.m. Fannie & John Compton, Lloyd Peever

7:30 a.m. Cathy McHugh, Liz Carter

**Altar** 8:45 a.m. Honey & Randy East

**Guild** 9:00 a.m. Zoe Harrell, Nancy Jo Poirrier

11:00 a.m. Susan Rolfs, Jane Henslee, Ann Holmes

5:00 p.m. TBD