



# The MESSENGER

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

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November 6, 2009

## We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

Sunday, November 8, 2009

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Chapel\*
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour\*  
Christian Education for all ages\*
- 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 — November 8 - 23 Pentecost:** *First Lesson:* Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; *The Psalm* 127; *Second Lesson:* Hebrews 9:24-28; *The Gospel:* Mark 12:38-44.

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## Blue Ribbon Presentation

The designation of St. James Episcopal Day School as a 2009 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will be celebrated with a Day School Eucharist, presentation and reception next Friday, November 13. Parishioners and friends are invited to join the Day School staff, students and families at this historic event.

St. James is the only private school in Louisiana, and the only Episcopal school in the nation to be honored this year!

St. James had to demonstrate that it is an exemplary school in many areas, including having student test scores in the top 10 percent in the nation for the past five years.



*You are cordially invited to join us for the  
Day School Eucharist  
and  
Blue Ribbon Presentation and Reception*

*Friday, the thirteenth of November  
Eight fifteen until eleven o'clock in the morning  
Bishops Hall*

*St. James Episcopal Day School  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana*




The Associate Vestry cordially invites you to attend the **Fall Hospitality Party** Friday, November 13, 2009 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the home of Susanna and Terry McCarthy 1465 Steele Boulevard Adults only

## Christmas Dinner 2009 Needs Your Help

Jane Woods, coordinator of the Christmas Dinner for Our Homeless Neighbors, shares that this years goal is to present each guest with a gift bag of small, useful items at the dinner on December 13 in Bishops Hall.

For the Christmas gift bags, of recycled material provided courtesy of Whole Foods, we need small sized personal hygiene items such as deodorants, soaps, small waterless hand cleaner, small combs, brushes, toothpaste and tooth brushes, and, possibly a small note pad and pen. Gloves, socks,

*See Christmas Dinner Plans on page three*

## St. James Staff

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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.

### Children's Programs

The **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**, a Montessori-based approach to Christian formation meets on the second floor of the Parish Hall in a 3-6 year old group, and a group for grades 1-3. **Faith Builders**, a more familiar approach to Christian formation, meets with the younger children (pre-K- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) on the first floor of the Parish Hall in two different classrooms; older children (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade) meet on the second floor of the Parish Hall.

### Adult Class

Lubna Culbert will summarize the **Creation series** this Sunday, November 8. The class meets in the CSF Atrium on the third floor of the Ministries Center beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Help Needed to Make Additional Christmas Pageant Costumes

Last year, we ran out of sheep costumes. Angels are always scarce, too!

Please contact Alison Nikitopoulos at [anikitopoulos@stjamesbr.org](mailto:anikitopoulos@stjamesbr.org) if you can donate a stitch or two, in time for the pageant.



## Changes to Schedule for Bishop's Visit on Nov. 15

The Rt. Rev. Charles Jenkins, tenth Bishop of Louisiana, will be making his last visit to St. James as ordinary on Sunday, November 15.

So all may hear from the Bishop, we will **not have a Contemporary Service** next Sunday; the Contemporary Worship Musicians will play at the nine o'clock service. A farewell reception will be held at ten o'clock in the Parlor.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God. Altar flower on Sunday, November 1 were also given to the glory of God and in memory of her brother, *Stephen B. McNair, Jr.*, by Emalie LaNasa.

The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Dixon Smith

The Coffee Hour arrangement is by Ginger Duncan.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

*For the dear departed:* Kathryn Daggett

*Prayers are asked for:* Debbie Terrell, Michael Kennedy, Jean Fielden, Hayes Taylor, Terry Irby, Ruth MacMurdo, Jennifer Hollenbeck, Jim Fritze, Betty Hertzog, Christopher Leavins, Glenn, Karen, Jesse, Patsy King, Kate Leupin, Stanford Rayne Jr., Cindy Leake Wilson, Jack Hightower, Steve, Carlyle, Elizabeth Beauchamp

*Our continuing prayers are offered for:* O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Sue Tweedy, Donoghue, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda, Angie Denny, Gordon Loudon, Carole, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Ava Jet

Blencke, Pennye, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris, Tom Raggio, Estelle Schilling, Vic Roy, Anne Howe, Betty Romero, Lillian Shipes, Donie Schmidt, Tommy Kirkpatrick, Mary Ann Ford, Ken Shuler, Russell Fish, Marion Hart LeBlanc, Clyde Harrelson, Donald Killilea, Kip Gremillion, Mary C. Elliott, Kerry Triche, Kevin Stockton, Patrick O'Reilly, Danie Singleton, Sarah

*For those in the Armed Forces:* Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, Cpl William Martin, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, Captain Charlie Hines, Sgt Clayton Edmonds, Sgt Toni Edmonds

## Birthdays November 6-12

- 6 Nancy Penn, Bill Arey, Stephen Jung, Steele Pollard  
7 Myra Lee, Sue Larisey, Janie Pogue, Otey White, Elizabeth Marschall, Aleksander Popov  
8 Emily Frink, Christopher Jaques, Hank Jenne, James Power  
9 Tom Wade, Nancy Griffin, Warren Kahao, Barrett Hall  
10 Margaret Parker, Lolly Martin, Scott McKnight, Sarah Collins  
11 Jerry Hickel, Ellen Covington, Mary Harvey, Elizabeth Cawns  
12 Drucilla Bull, Susannah Munro

Welcome  
to our church family

... Brian Reed from St. John's Cathedral in Knoxville, TN

## Christmas Dinner Plans

*Continued from page one*

rain ponchos and hats for the cold weather are nice, as well. Anything that folks who spend much of their day and night outside would find useful will be appreciated. All of these items can be purchased at one of our local dollar stores.

Please put your donations, clearly marked "For Christmas Dinner Guests" in the box just inside the lobby door in the Ministries Center. We will be bagging these items in late November, so please begin collecting some small gifts as you are shopping. It is always nice to take the kids along and let them be a part of this ministry through this task!

### The Diocese of Louisiana ECW

### Great No-Bake Sale

to benefit the

### Youth Conference Center

November 8, 2009

You can *easily* participate! Send your check to represent what you *won't* bake, or *won't* buy, payable to "St. James ECW" and on the memo line reference the "No Bake Sale." We will then forward the proceeds from the ECW treasury for the Youth Conference Center fund.

## Angel Tree Ministry

Asking You to Adopt a Child for Gifting



It is that time again ... For over 20 years, St. James parishioners have participated in the Angel Tree Ministry, a project of Prison Fellowship.

We have the opportunity to "adopt" a child of an indigent prisoner, and purchase a toy and an item of clothing. We have asked that those who take a child's name spend around \$40.00, though over the years, prices have risen. We have 25 children to provide for.

Please call Nancy Penn, 926-2122 if you are interested in adopting a child this year.

## Congratulations to ...

... Robin and Chad Toups to whom *Annadele Scott Toups* was born on Monday, October 19. He was welcomed to the family by his big brother, Grant.



## Room at the "Inn"

If your office is looking for a retreat spot to hold next year's goal planning session, or your family is trying to get together for the holidays without wearing out Grandma, or you need some quiet time to yourself between now and the New Year, consider visiting the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center.

Openings are available most any weekday and weekends through the end of the year. Space is also available during the holidays for a family, group or personal retreat.

A ten percent discount is being offered for any new event scheduled before January 7, 2010; just mention this article when reservations are made. (Groups must be of ten or more unless sharing the grounds with another group.)

Put together a group and call 985-748-6634.

## Day School Book Fair

Mark your calendars for the Day School Book Fair, open from November 15-19. This is a perfect time to plan for Christmas giving to family, friends and teachers. Join us Sunday, November 15, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Day School Library.

The Fair will also be open Monday and Tuesday, November 16 and 17, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.; and, Wednesday and Thursday, November 18 and 19, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Associate Vestry is currently accepting nominations for membership for the upcoming term beginning in 2010. If you would like to be nominated or know someone willing to be nominated, please contact the AV Nominating Committee chair, Doug Garland at 954-9416 or by email at [Garprop2@aol.com](mailto:Garprop2@aol.com).

## November is a *Fifth Sunday* Month

The St. James Center for Spiritual Formation **Fifth Sunday** series of evening programs continues on Sunday, November 29.

The November program, "The Holy Longing: How to Achieve a Healthy and Effective Spirituality" will be presented by The Rev. John Pitzer, O.P., Director of the St. Martin de Porres Shrine & Institute in Memphis, Tennessee.

Father Pitzer, a native of Texas, has been a member of the Dominican Order since 1994. He is a graduate of Sterling College in Kansas, and finished his theological training at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

His presentation will be based on the book *The Holy Longing*, by Ronald Rolheiser and will explore four topics:

- Spirituality: prayer and contemplation
- Service: the fruits of our contemplation and passion
- Embracing the incarnation of God
- Spiritual and prophetic leaders

The evening program is free and open to the public and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Parlor. Child care will be available if requested by phone to the church office (387-5141 before Tuesday, November 24.



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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 November 6-12

Friday, November 6, 2009  
6:00 p.m. Wedding

Saturday, November 7, 2009  
8:00 a.m. Garden Guild Work Day

Sunday, November 8, 2009 - ECW No-Bake Sale for Youth Center  
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service\*  
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*  
10:00 a.m. Christian Ed Classes & Coffee Hour\*  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Chapel

Monday, November 9, 2009  
8:20 a.m. Day School Chapel  
11:30 a.m. Yoga Class  
Noon Finance Committee  
5:30 p.m. Vestry  
6:00 p.m. Scout Pack Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2009  
Noon Day School Executive/Finance Comm.

Wednesday, November 11, 2009 - Veterans' Day  
7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group  
9:00 a.m. Linda Nelson Spiritual Direction  
Noon Holy Eucharist & Healing Service  
3:30 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. CSF Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 12, 2009  
11:30 a.m. EFM Graduates Gathering  
Noon EFM  
6:00 p.m. EFM

\* Indicates Child Care Provided for Children Three Months to Four Years of Age

## Lay Ministry - Sunday, November 8, 2009

7:30 a.m. John Bilisoly, Stiles Kennedy  
8:45 a.m. John Cadwallader

**Ushers** 9:00 a.m. Bob Israel, Chad Phillips, Pat Culbertson, Daryl Ellis, Kyle Landrem

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

**Acolytes** 9:00 a.m. Kate Oliver, William Casey, Robby Outland  
11:00 a.m. Merritt Sheely, Mason Sheely, Camille Frink

7:30 a.m. John Ozier  
8:45 a.m. Honey East, Hays Town III  
9:00 a.m. Claudia Black, Ben Larisey  
11:00 a.m. Scott Westbrook, Sancy McCool  
5:00 p.m. TBD

**Eucharistic Ministers**

7:30 a.m. Sharon Hoffeld  
8:45 a.m. Honey East, BB Stirling (P), Mimi Riché

**Lectors** 9:00 a.m. Linda Bowsher, Bob Bowsher  
11:00 a.m. Betsy Toups, Martha Yancey

7:30 a.m. John Ozier  
8:45 a.m. Hays Town III

**Intercessor** 9:00 a.m. Catherine Van Hook  
11:00 a.m. Bill Campbell

8:45 a.m. John Cadwallader  
9:00 a.m. Claudia & Allen Black, Catherine & Jim Van Hook, Monica Murphy

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

7:30 a.m. Dodie Edmonds, Mildred Taylor  
8:45 a.m. Honey & Randy East, Joan Moore  
9:00 a.m. Linda Bowsher, Margaret Culbertson

**Altar Guild** 11:00 a.m. Pauline Barrow, Gay Middleton, Nancy Penn, Laura Collet  
5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley