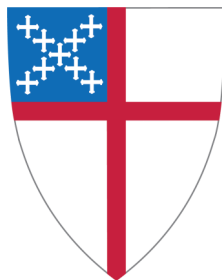




The Epistle

April & May
2019



St. James' Episcopal Church

knowing and serving God by serving others

Collegeville, Pennsylvania
610-489-7564

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you receive this Epistle, we are deep into our observance of Lent as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection and the celebration of Easter. The signs of Spring and new life are everywhere. The leaves on the trees are beginning to bud. We see tulips, lilies and crocuses breaking through the ground. The world is being "re-born" and new life is springing up all around us. Next door we see the growth of the new Outreach House. The foundation has been laid and the framing has commenced, and we see the bones of the new building taking shape and coming to life. Our time of preparation is coming to an end. It is time to burst forth in new life like the flowers that break through the crust of the earth. We have been waiting and preparing for new growth. We have been preparing the grounds of our hearts by the tilling and caring of our soil through our Lenten disciplines. We have removed the impediments to growth from our souls and we have feed ourselves with the nourishment of prayer. We are ready! We are ready to blossom, take root and grow! My passionate prayer is that God will continue to bless us here at St. James.' May the growth that you experience expand your heart to be a servant of Christ and *"to know and serve God by serving others."* God bless each one of you and may this Easter season bring you all the blessings that God has in store for you!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike+

The Rev. Dr. Mike Sowards
Rector
St. James' Episcopal Church

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St. James Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 5 at 9:00 AM

in Platts Hall followed by Eucharist

Regular worship offered on Saturday, May 4 at 5:00 PM & Sunday, May 5 at 8:00 AM

Please plan to attend this important parish event to learn about the status of the parish, the important events that occurred in 2018 and plans for St. James' future. There is no better way to learn about how the parish works.

Each year at the Annual Meeting members of the congregation are elected to St. James' Vestry, the governing body of the parish. Persons eligible to serve on the Vestry have been a member of the parish for a minimum of one year. They are required by St. James' by-laws to worship on a regular basis and pledge to financially support the mission of the parish.

For our 2018 Annual Meeting we will be voting on four nominees. They are:



Sarah Deacle



Patty Earhart



Marilyn Hastings



Ned Travis

VESTRY

Class of 2019

Jackie Dahlen**

Ned Travis*

Dale Pennapacker**

Barbara Bateman**

Class of 2020

Bill Kilgour*

Joanne Tatem**

Drew Beck*

Josh Ilgen*

Class of 2021

Peggy Spinozzi*

Gene Goff*

Jon Yenney*

Steve Jackson*

*Eligible for a 2nd Term

**Cycling Off



2ND ANNUAL SPRING WOMEN'S RETREAT
"Wonderfully Made"

REV. DR. KRIS PETERSON, PRESENTER

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
3768 GERMANTOWN PIKE, COLLEGEVILLE

WHEN - SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019
REGISTRATION (COFFEE & PASTRY) - 9:00 AM
RETREAT - 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
PROGRAM WILL CLOSE WITH EUCHARIST

REGISTRATION AND LUNCH - \$12.00
PARTICIPATION SPACE LIMITED, PLEASE RSVP BY
- April 14, 2019

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. JAMES' CHURCH
MAIL WITH REGISTRATION FORM TO:
BARBARA BATEMAN AT ADDRESS ABOVE

**For information about Rev. Peterson, the
program content and to download REGIS-
TRATION FORM, please see Rev. Peterson's
outline for the day at**

**[www.stjames-episcopal.org/2019-retreat-
info](http://www.stjames-episcopal.org/2019-retreat-info)**

**Registration forms also available in hardcopy
on small table near office door.**

**CONFIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$\$ AVAILABLE -
CONTACT FR. MIKE**

**Sponsored by Member Ministry Commission
VISITORS WELCOME**



Mark your calendars now for the last two
Foyer events of this program year.



- Saturday, April 13th, at 7:30 pm at the
home of Barbara & Bob Bateman
- Saturday, May 18th at 7:30 pm at the
home of Sandy & George Drexler



A Foyer gathering is an informal evening
of food, fellowship and fun at a
parishioner's home. It's a great way to
meet and get to know other members of
the congregation. Bring an appetizer OR
dessert to share and your own beverage.
An item for the Outreach House pantry is
also appreciated. See you there!





“WONDERFULLY MADE”

REV. DR. KRIS PETERSON, PRESENTER

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE WOMEN'S RETREAT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - 9:30AM - 3:00PM

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

PHONE:_____

EMAIL:_____

REGISTRATION AND LUNCH - \$12.00

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. JAMES' CHURCH

RETURN TO - BARBARA BATEMAN OR FAITH MILLEN c/o ST. JAMES CHURCH
3768 GERMANTOWN PIKE COLLEGEVILLE PA 19426

REGISTRATION 9:00 AM

COFFEE AND PASTRY AVAILABLE

PROGRAM ENDS AT 3:00 PM WITH CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

PLEASE BE PROMPT TO MAKE THE MOST OF OUR TIME TOGETHER

Sponsored by Member Ministry Commission/St. James' Vestry



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Attention all Pre-K through 12th
Grade church school students!

Bring a Buddy to Church

Every time you bring a friend to
church school you earn a buddy
coupon. The person with the
most coupons on May 12th will
win a \$50 Target Gift Card!

PENTECOST PLAY

Sunday, June 9th - 10:00am

REHEARSALS

April 28 (11:15 - 12:00pm)

May 19 (11:15 - 12:00pm)

June 2 (11:15 - 2:30pm)

All Pre-K - 12th Grade
youth are invited to
participate. Sign-up on the
bulletin board outside of
the sanctuary.



GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH EVENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH, STARTING AT 2PM

Youth must attend with an adult. This is not a "drop-off" event.

2:00 - 2:30

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Children's Format

2:30 - 3:00

HOLY WEEK LESSON + ACTIVITY
WITH FR. MIKE AND MISS LAUREN

OPEN FROM 3:00 - 5:00

INTERACTIVE PRAYER STATIONS

"HOLY WEEK" CRAFTS

EASTER EGG DYEING

*Please bring your own eggs

4:00 - 4:30

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Traditional Format, Families Welcome



Easter Sunday,
following the
10am service!

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Open to all
youth Birth -
5th Grade



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December 2018 through February 2019 Vestry Highlights for the Epistle

December 18th

- ◆ Stewardship Campaign is going well. 107 pledges totaling \$240K, well above last year at this point.
- ◆ Construction of the new Outreach House has begun!
- ◆ We have 45 new parishioners in 2018.
- ◆ The draft 2019 St. James' budget was distributed for review

January 15th, 2019

- ◆ Construction and payment process for the new Outreach house was reviewed.
- ◆ A dedicated person will be needed this year for the Outreach project Audit.
- ◆ Patty Earhardt has raised over \$2500 on her own for funding Patty Packs.
- ◆ Member Ministry is working on a Women's Retreat for 2019.
- ◆ Parish membership has grown from 419 when Father Mike arrived, to 558 now.
- ◆ ECW is considering a soup sale over two Sundays in May.

February 19th, 2019

- ◆ The Vestry signed an endorsement approving Chris Exley to be ordained as Deacon.
- ◆ Recent good weather has allowed good progress on the new Outreach House.
- ◆ There are three openings on the Vestry coming up this year.
- ◆ Chris Exley's Ordination date is June 8th. A bus will be provided to take parishioners to the event.
- ◆ We have a quote for repair of the weak part of the floor in the Sanctuary.
- ◆ The Vestry approved hiring Shegani to repair the cemetery wall damage.



Let's Explore Unit Four!

Below you will find information about what each class will study during Unit 4. This is the final Unit of study for this year's church school curriculum. Please use the below information to further your at-home learning!

Primary Class: The Church Prays

One of the goals of this Unit is to incorporate the children into the community of God's praying people. This is accomplished mainly by personal example, as children observe their own families, their teachers, and their church community engaged in prayer. The children will experience different types of prayer, including adoration, praise, thanksgiving, penitence, oblation, intercession, and petition. Though these types of prayer will not be named and defined, the children will practice the many ways to approach God in prayer. In addition to practicing personal prayer, the children will discuss prayer in the worship service, including our use of The Book of Common Prayer. You can continue the learning at home by using The Book of Common Prayer during family prayer time. A great resource is the form of "Devotions for Individuals and Families" beginning on page 136 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Elementary Class: The Church in the Prayer Book

In our Episcopal tradition, The Book of Common Prayer is an important liturgical and spiritual resource. With the Bible and the Hymnal, it helps us in our common worship. We are a praying people and the promises we make in the Baptismal Covenant imply a prayerful lifestyle. In this unit, the Elementary students will be introduced to The Book of Common Prayer and will learn to find their way through its pages. They will explore each section, including the Daily Office, Pastoral Offices, Episcopal Services, The Psalter, Prayers and Thanksgivings, Seasons of the Church Year, and the Calendar of Saints. It is our hope that through this detailed tour of The Book of Common Prayer, it will become a treasured resource for their present and future spiritual lives.

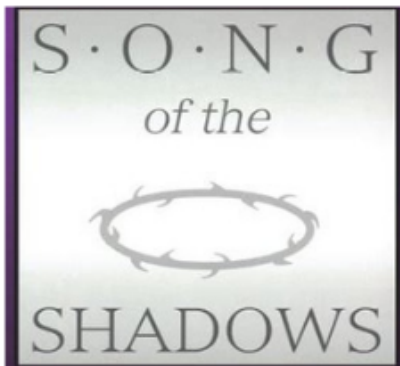
Middle School Class: Basic Series - Spiritual Life

The previous three units focused on the community of the church in the New Testament. The fourth unit turns instead to the spiritual life of the students. Topics include: "Prayer: Talking to God", "Worship: Praising God", "Rule of Life: Living for Christ", "Faith and Belief: Knowing God", "Mission and Service: Finding God", "Ethics and Morals: Living as a Christian", "The Episcopal Way: Scripture, Tradition, and Reason" and "The Episcopal Way: Finding the Middle." Each session will encourage students to take a personal look at their own spiritual lives, while still having a great time with silly games and activities!



LENTEN SERIES

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING AT 7:30PM



April 3rd @ Augustus Lutheran Church

We will gather to hear of Jesus' final moments and explore the theme of the "Shadow of Suffering." The CTM Choir will present the haunting piece, "Even the Heavens Are Weeping."

April 10th @ St. James' Episcopal Church

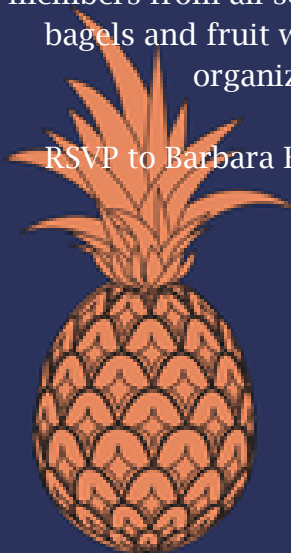
To conclude the 2019 Lenten Series, we will gather at St. James' to hear the Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium Choir present Joseph Martin's Cantata "Song of the Shadows." Come to the shadows with us as we walk this journey together.

A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the outreach efforts of the Ministerium.

**Sunday, March 31st
at 8:45AM in Platts Hall**

New members are invited to gather informally with Fr. Mike, Deacon Lou, members of St. James' Vestry and leaders of parish organizations in Platts Hall between the 8AM & 10AM services on Sunday, March 31st. This semi-annual event provides an opportunity for new members from all services to meet other members of our parish family. A light breakfast of bagels and fruit will be served while leadership representatives highlight parish events, organizations and volunteer opportunities. Children are welcome.

RSVP to Barbara Bateman bebateman@verizon.net or Bill Kilgour whkilgour@gmail.com.



Newcomers
WELCOME BREAKFAST



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Holy Week

APRIL 13 & 14 - PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 5PM/Sunday 8 & 10AM
Procession of the Palms
Reading of the Passion Story
Eucharist

APRIL 18 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7PM
Holy Eucharist
Foot Washing
Stripping of the Altar

9PM through morning
The Garden Watch
"Stay awake and pray"
Sign-up to pray in 1/2 hour shifts

APRIL 19 - GOOD FRIDAY

Church open for vigil at the Cross all day.
12 Noon: Stations of the Cross (Adults)
2 - 5PM: Stations of the Cross (Youth)
followed by activities and crafts
4PM: Stations (No Liturgy) for All
7PM: Good Friday Liturgy (No Stations)

APRIL 20 - EASTER VIGIL

7PM
Lighting of the Paschal Fire
1st Easter Celebration

APRIL 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 8AM and 10AM
Festal Holy Eucharist Rite II
Renewal of Baptismal Covenant



Photo Op!!!

Is your family's photo missing from St. James' Parish Directory???

The Parish Directory is an important tool to help us know each other.

Individual/family photos will be taken on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5

May 4 before (at 4:00 PM) and following regular 5PM worship

May 5 following Eucharist at completion of the Annual Meeting

Please meet Lauren Exley outside the parish office for photo session.

If you don't know Lauren she will be the gal with the camera.

Help your parish family get to know your face as well as your name.

Parish Directories are available at any time just contact the office for your copy.

Church Photo Directory



Bella Rosy Dining Event

May 6th

Support the St. James' Outreach House
and have a great meal!

Bella Rosy Pizzeria at 3801 Germantown
Pike will be donating 15% of their total
sales for the day on Monday May 6 from
10:00am - 9:30pm.

No flyer needed.

Dine-in and take-out are available.

Be sure to tell a friend!



Outreach House
A Ministry of St. James' Episcopal Church

Save The Date!!!

**The 2019 St. James' Chicken BBQ will be
held on Saturday, June 1st.**

**The success of this annual event hinges on
you! We need volunteers to bake, make
potato salad, barbecue the chicken, sell
tickets, serve take-out customers, serve
diners in the parish hall and clean -up!**

**Stay tuned for sign up sheets and
planning meetings.**





Spring ECW meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 7PM in Platts' Hall

For our program, women are asked to bring in a favorite photograph to share with the group, BUT the photograph cannot be of one's family. This should prove to be lots of fun.

Please email or phone Doreen Mayconich (dkmayconich@comcast.net or 610-731-6209) to RSVP. If you've never attended ECW, this is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet members of your church family.

SATURDAY,
MAY 4, 2019
AT 1:30PM



BLUE & WHITE TEA

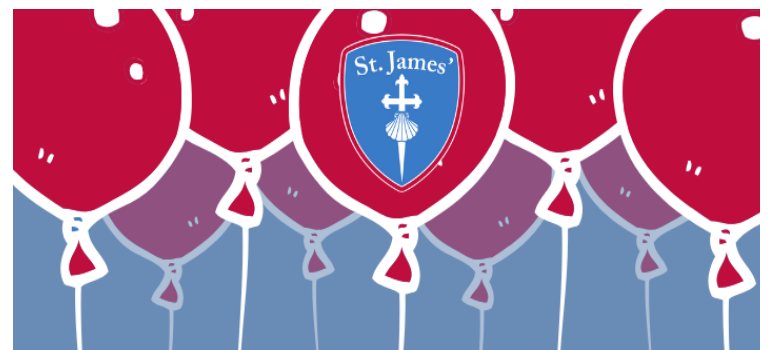
Tickets are \$20 and will be sold at the ECW meeting on April 2nd and after all services on April 13/14, 27/28 and 30/31.

YOUTH OUTING SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

AFTERNOON

Destination to be announced soon!



You're invited to the...

EDUCATION CELEBRATION!

Sunday, May 19th @ 10am

Gifts for all teachers and students

Special coffee hour to follow!

ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE

April

- 7 Mark Saylor
- 14 David Runyan
- 21 Easter Memorials
- 28 Art Tinner (A)
Marjorie Swymelar (P)



May

- 5 Diane Sartori
- 12 Daniel Fischer (A)
Dede Montgomery (P)
- 19 Janet Newman
- 26 Howard Maris

Altar Guild is accepting donations
for Easter Memorials
through Palm Sunday, April 14.

Please leave names of those to be
remembered in the Altar Guild
mailbox available outside the parish
hall.

Checks should be made payable to
"St. James' Church."



Soup Kitchen at St. Mary's

Cookie donations are welcome and
appreciated! Simply place the cookies
in the church kitchen the night
before Saturday delivery and mark
them "For St. Mary's".



April : Oatmeal Raisin
May : Chocolate Chip

Please contact Altheda Anduze
610-342-2010 with any questions

Holiday House 9th Annual Used Book Sale

GFS/PA Sponsors is again this spring holding a used book sale to benefit the maintenance fund for GFS Holiday House. Holiday House in Cape May, New Jersey is the last remaining retreat house of its kind in the United States. Sponsored by the Girl's Friendly Society of Pennsylvania Holiday House receives primary financial support from donations and fund raisers within the Diocese of Pennsylvania with assistance from the Diocese of New Jersey. This year the Book Sale, held at Holiday House 644 Hughes Street, Cape May NJ, will run over two weekends, May 10-12 and May 17-19.

Here at St. James' the book collection in support of this effort will take place Sunday, April 21 through Sunday, April 28. A marked basket will be available on the window shelf/Evansburg Road side of Platts Hall for your donations. Used books (in good condition) for both children and adults are acceptable for resale. Please bear in mind when selecting books to donate that text books, out dated computer manuals and religious reference books do not move well.

However, all categories of fiction, nonfiction (other than the fore mentioned reference material), inspirational works, cookbooks and themed books on sports, gardening, travel, hobbies, etc. are all in demand.

For more information, please contact Barbara Bateman at 610-489-9712 or bebateman@verizon.net. Last year was a banner collection year. When packed up St. James' members had donated over 45 boxes of books.



THE GOOD BOOK CLUB



The Good Book Club is now meeting during the day. We meet five times a year, on the second Mondays of October, December, February, April, and June at 1:00 P.M.

The selection for the final meeting held on June 10th is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

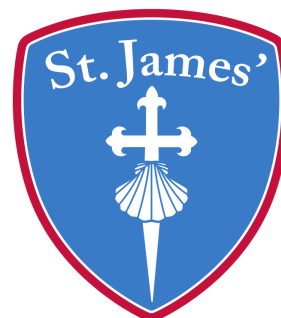
All are welcome!

Next Epistle Submission is May15

Committee leaders please send in your communication forms to the office

office@stjames-episcopal.org

for review and inclusion in the Summer Edition of the Epistle by May 15th.



The St. James' Outreach House -- the new and improved version!

We are anxiously awaiting the completion of our new Outreach House. Every day we look at the land and see the progression from stone parking lot to excavation to the very beginnings of our building! We currently have such limited space at the Glebe House and the larger, open areas will help us to better serve our community.

When the building is complete, and we are ready to move in there will be a lot of joy and celebration.... and a lot of work to do. Please know that we will be asking for "all hands on deck" to transfer the contents from one building to another. Everyone will be welcome to help complete the transition. Pick up trucks and willing participants will help to make the day go smoothly.

We are also searching for some things for our new space. Perhaps you have some of these that you no longer use? Do you know a friend that is downsizing? Maybe your company would like to donate some items?

Bookshelves

Coat racks – self standing or wall mount

XXL shoe racks

Small shopping carts

Large bulletin boards

Garage style storage shelves

Clothing racks

Trash cans –5 kitchen and 5 30 gallon

Plain large desk (without a hutch)

Thank you for reading this and we look forward to the next adventure!!!

Carole Exley and the Volunteer staff





Haven't pledged?
Want to give more?
It's not too late!
DONATE NOW!

Growing TO SERVE

A THREE YEAR GIVING JOURNEY AT ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

www.outreachinfo.org

Why the Capital Campaign?

1 New Construction

A new construction 2500 square foot modernized building to house the growing ministry of the Outreach House. This building will allow us to minister to those in need in our Collegeville/Lower Providence Township community.



2 HVAC Replacement

A long-overdue replacement of the HVAC equipment in the current sanctuary building. The new system will reduce utility cost and provide reliable operation for years to come.



3 Upgraded Electrical

An upgrade to the electrical system in the current sanctuary building. The replacement of outdated electrical circuit breaker panels throughout the building. Adding grounded utility electrical outlets to the outer part of the building to be used by property maintenance workers.

Still Need to Give to the Campaign?

Complete a Commitment Card TODAY!

**Haven't Given to
the Capital
Campaign?**

DONATE NOW!

**We still need
your help!**



COMMITMENT CARD

Understanding that all (I/we) possess is a gift from God, (I/we) rejoice in the privilege to participate in the Growing to Serve campaign.

(MY/OUR) COMMITMENT IS
 \$ _____ Weekly x 156 weeks or
 \$ _____ Monthly x 36 months or
 \$ _____ As follows
 \$ _____ Total

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT
 (Only for persons making commitments other than cash)

 \$ _____ Approximate value of gift
 \$ _____ Total

TOTAL COMMITTED
 \$ _____
 (I/We) will begin (my/our) gifts on _____
 Name _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____
 SIGNATURE(S) _____

NOTE: This is a statement of intent which you may change as circumstances warrant.

Creative GIVING

Even a small gift, given regularly, can add up to a substantial donation over time. Get creative - defer major purchases, hold a garage sale, get the children involved with extra chores around the house, reduce spending, give your tax refund. It's a great way to involve your whole family in the joy of giving something that matters, and has a lasting impact.

Our office is available to discuss gifts of stocks, bonds, and other assets. All gifts are tax deductible.

Typical Commitments You Can Make Over 156-Week Period

WEEKLY	MONTHLY	YEARLY	3-YEAR TOTAL
\$2000	\$8,667	\$104,000	\$312,000
\$1000	\$4,333	\$52,000	\$156,000
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$78,000
\$300	\$1,300	\$15,600	\$46,800
\$100	\$433	\$5,200	\$15,600
\$75	\$325	\$3,900	\$11,700
\$60	\$260	\$3,120	\$9,360
\$50	\$217	\$2,600	\$7,800
\$40	\$173	\$2,080	\$6,240
\$30	\$130	\$1,560	\$4,680
\$25	\$108	\$1,300	\$3,900
\$20	\$87	\$1,040	\$3,120
\$15	\$65	\$780	\$2,340
\$10	\$43	\$520	\$1,560



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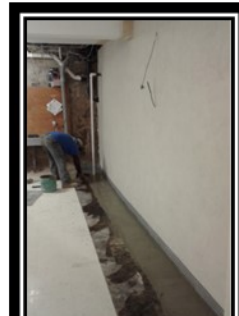


Still need to pledge to the campaign? **DONATE TODAY!**

Already pledged? **ACCELERATE YOUR GIVING!**

Have alternative gifts to donate? **PARTICIPATE IN OUR UPCOMING
CREATIVE GIFTS EVENTS!**

*Capital Campaign Pledge cards are available on the
small table in the church foyer.*



My Church Is...

A Place to Get Involved

Altar Guild: Members work in teams to prepare the worship area before and after services, care for altar linens and fixtures. Women *AND* men are welcome to do this!

Acolytes: Assist during worship service at the altar, lead the worship procession with cross and torches; anyone from grade 6 through adult is eligible.

Buildings & Grounds: B&G meets monthly to discuss and prioritize upkeep needs of the church.

Choir (Advanced, Chancel, Junior): We have a variety of music ensembles to fit any level. The Advanced Choir rehearses weekly and processes at the 10 am service. The Chancel Choir rehearses and performs monthly and provides a fun environment to worship. The Junior Choir welcomes youth in Pre-K – 8th grade.

Christian Education & Youth Groups: From teaching classes to taking classes, the Education program provides opportunities for youth and adults to learn more about their faith. Regularly scheduled youth groups provide a time of fellowship for our younger members.

Coffee Hour: Make coffee and provide light refreshments after the 10 am service. Sign up on the bulletin board by the coffee pot for this important ministry of hospitality.

Communications: The Communications Committee assists with internal and external communications to inform both our parishioners and our community of events, activities and worship at St. James'.

Counters: The Counters work as a pair on a rotating schedule every Sunday immediately following the 10 am service to count, organize and record that week's giving.

ECW: All women of the church are automatically members of Episcopal Church Women. We have general meetings throughout the year (2-4) and are involved in all sorts of things around the church.

Foyer Gatherings: Parishioners meet at host homes for food and fellowship. Sign-up sheets and details are available on the bulletin board outside the church office.

History Center: Our History Center is located in the building at our cemetery. We occasionally have requests for a tour of the house and the cemetery. It is filled with a cornucopia of information.

Outreach House: Our Outreach House serves local families once a month but is always looking for volunteers. The Outreach House has hours on Tuesdays from 12-2 pm and 6-8 pm; Wednesdays from 9-11 am and Saturdays from 9-11 am. Client Hours are typically the third week of the month.

Parish Life: The Parish Life committee has many opportunities to volunteer throughout the year. They lead some of our annual dinners such as the Chicken BBQ (usually early June) and the Ham & Oyster Dinner (usually early November) as well as the Christmas Luncheon after our Nativity Pageant, and special events to help fellowship throughout the church.

Ushers: Assist with seating, welcoming visitors, and collecting offerings during the 10 am service.

Worship Leaders: Read scripture and prayers and/or administer the Chalice during worship.

For more information on any of these important ministries, please call the office at 610-489-7564 or email at office@stjames-episcopal.org