

Messenger

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

St. James Mission Statement

We are called by God to become a growing community of hope centered in Jesus Christ for the benefit of the wider communities in which we live. We seek to bring the power of that hope to those around us by Spiritual Renewal, Service to Youth and Children, Outreach, Stewardship Education, and Congregational Growth.

<i>Sunday, Dec. 17</i>	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant and Pot-Luck Dessert
<i>Sunday, Dec. 24</i>	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
CHRISTMAS EVE <i>Sunday Evening</i>	7:00 p.m.	Family Eucharist, Rt. II Blessing of the Crèche
	10:00 p.m.	Organ & Choir Prelude with Carol Sing
	10:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rt. II (music)
CHRISTMAS DAY <i>Monday</i>	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rt. II with hymns

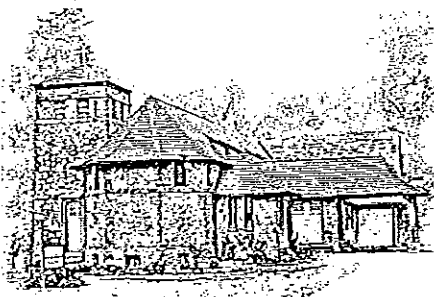
Saturday, Dec. 30 – No contemporary worship service

1st Sunday after Christmas

<i>December 31, 2017</i>	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rt. I
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rt. II
		No Sunday Church School

1st Sunday after Epiphany

<i>January 7, 2016</i>	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rt. I
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rt. II Church School



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Worship Services:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Rite I
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rite II



Christmas is a time for homecoming. Please invite your family members, neighbors, and friends to join us and "come home" to celebrate Christmas at St. James'!

Who's Got Talent?

St. James has talent, that's who! On Saturday, October 14th, St. James held its first talent show. The show started with Abby Burnell singing Katy Perry's "Roar" and after that, the show roared into action. The acts included singing, dancing, and playing musical instruments, including an audience participation "kazoo" number! The audience hooted, hollered, and gave all the performers thunderous applause! The delectable desserts, donated by church members, were also worthy of applause. A fantastic time was had by all. Thanks to those who performed, attended, or helped in any way. The talent show would not have been such a success without you!

We will "green" the church following the 10:15 service

on December 10th. Remember, to bring evergreens we can use to decorate the windowsills for Christmas. They can

Be put under the angel on the wall of the Ed. Building starting December 1. Thanks!!



The Newsletter of St James
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Article Submission Deadline Dates:

Newsletter, see weekly bulletin

For weekly bulletin announcements, articles are due by the morning of the Tuesday before.

Beth Williams, Parish Administrator

Parish Office Hours:

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday thru Thursday



Thanks to all who help make the soup kitchen experience a success... whether you make soup or serve that day, everyone contributes to bringing God's love into the lives of those served at St. Marks every Saturday.

We returned on November 18th with our first delivery of hats, scarves and gloves for the Christmas bags.

Reminder - you're welcome to go any Saturday - willing hands are always welcome. Our visit in December will be on the 2nd and we'll make the final delivery for the Christmas bags.

December's soup is Sausage & Tortellini.

For more information contact Chris Parker 215-741-1279

Pinochle Group

St. James has a pinochle group.

There are about 14 of us, and we gather on the fourth Saturday of the month at 7PM, at the home of someone in the group, unless there is a conflict.

Anyone who would like to join the St. James pinochle group can contact Jon Fairchild at 215-947-8340, or jonathanfairchild62@gmail.com. to be put on the email list, and get notices of next meetings.

Don't worry if you don't know how to play. We can teach you.



A silent auction was held in conjunction with our

talent show. The items donated were varied. Chris Parker again showed her artistic side with her donation of two sets of hand-painted notecards, plus stained glass pieces. Debbie Widenmeyer and Roanna Burnell tempted us with offerings of cookies and a custom birthday cake. Back by popular demand was Nancy Stroh's Phillies Fever dinner. The auction raised around \$1100. Thanks to those who donated, bid, or browsed. Your support was greatly appreciated!

Christmas Gift Bags



St. James will be helping with the Christmas gift bags distributed to the people served at St. Mark's soup kitchen.

They have asked for hats, scarves and gloves this year.

Place items in the box in the narthex. First Delivery was made when we served at the kitchen November 18th, with the final delivery on December 9th.

For more information contact Chris Parker - 215-741-1279

Advent Offering For The Needy Being Received

During the Sundays of Advent, in addition to our regular Sunday food offering, we will also receive

a money offering as part of St. James' outreach offering during the Christmas Season.




Random Acts of Christmas Kindness 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Give a compliment to a friend.	2 Tape change to a vending machine.
3 Make a card for a soldier.	4 Take coffee to your teacher.	5 Pick up litter.	6 Send a paper hug to someone you love.	7 Tell silly jokes to make someone laugh.	8 Give someone a hug coupon.	9 Donate a book to the library or hospital.
10 Leave a happy note for someone to find.	11 Do yard work for a neighbor.	12 Donate toys to your favorite charity.	13 Candy cane bomb a parking lot.	14 Call a faraway friend or relative to say hello.	15 Make a thank you for your librarian.	16 Do a chore for someone in your family.
17 Donate food to your local food pantry.	18 Leave a popcorn surprise in a DVD rental machine.	19 Smile at everyone you see today.	20 Take supplies to the animal shelter.	21 Pay for a stranger's coffee.	22 Give treats to the mail carrier.	23 Feed the birds.
24 Take cookies to the fire station.	25	26	27	28	29	30
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DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Toys for Tots (in Ed Bldg) Toys for Tots 5 pm Eucharist
3 8 am Eucharist 9 Adult Forum 10:15 Eucharist Church School 11:30 Choir rehearsal	4	5 (Possible photo date for Church photo directory)	6 (Possible photo date for Church photo directory)	7 9 am EFM	8	9 6 am Soup Kitchen 5 pm Eucharist
10 8 am Eucharist 9 am Pageant rehearsal 10:15 Eucharist Church School 11:30 Choir rehearsal GREENING OF CHURCH	11 10 am Spiritual Companions	12	13	14 9 am EFM	15	16 Altar Guild Polishing 5 pm Eucharist
17 8 am Eucharist 9 am Pageant rehearsal 10:15 Eucharist 11:30 Choir rehearsal	18	19	20 7:30 pm VESTRY	21 9 am EFM	22	23 5 pm Eucharist
6 PM Pageant	7:30 PM Property & Finance Committee					
24 Christmas Eve 9 am Eucharist	25 CHRISTMAS 9 am Eucharist 	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29	30 NO 5 PM SERVICE
7 pm Eucharist 10 pm Music 10:30 pm Eucharist						
31 8 am Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist						

NOTE: At the time of this printing, we are in the negotiating the production of a new church photo directory. Tentative dates to take photos are Dec. 5 and 6, but look for more info later

Notes:

Epiphany newsletter articles due January 2

It is time for a new church photo directory. We hope you will participate!!!

There is no cost for this.

Church Directory portrait appointments are now available for Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9.

ON LINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS

Go to Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)

Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "click here to schedule your photography session"

Enter church code pa768

Enter your church password james

Click on Enter button

Click on the desired photography date

Click on the Reserved Time button beside the desired photography appointment time

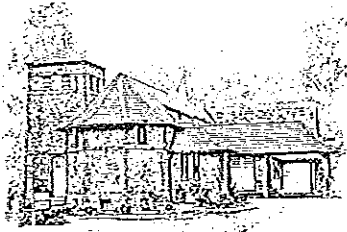
Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk), add your email address if you want a confirmation email

Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the appointment time

If you have more than 6 family members please reserve two consecutive appointment times

Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your photography appointment

If you have any questions or need to change or cancel the time of your appointment, please contact Courtney Fitzpatrick at 215-262-8874 or email courtneyfitzpatrick@comcast.net



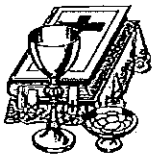
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Altar Guild



The Altar Guild at St. James is a "behind the scenes" group responsible for preparing the

church for all services; this includes weekend Eucharist, weddings, baptism & funerals.

We will gather in the sacristy on Saturday, December 16th @ 9AM to prep for Christmas. I'm pleased to announce that we've added new members in the past year and there's always room for more so I invite you to join us. Interested in learning more? Please call Chris Parker. (215-741-1279)

Book Club-Fall & Winter 2017/2018



Dec. 5 — A Fatal Winter - G.M.Malliet

Jan. No Book Club Meeting

Feb. 6 — Following some discussion at the November meeting it was decided to change the selection for February, 2018.

Actually - there is a choice – both by Harper Lee - To Kill a Mockingbird and/or Go Set a Watchman. Enjoy!

March 6 — Wonder - P.J. Palaccio

Clothing for Men's Shelter:

The Outreach Committee continues to collect gently used men's

Clothing Donation



clothing for the Men's Shelter at Old First Reformed Church in Philadelphia. The collection area is in the parish hall beneath the name tag rack. Remember – THINK WARM – coats, sweatshirts, flannel shirts, pants, sweaters, gloves, hats, socks, even underwear.

Thank you!