

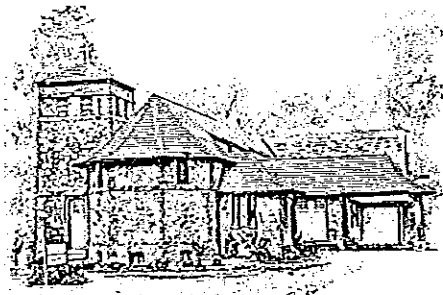
# Messenger

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### 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.



### St. James Episcopal Church

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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

### JOIN US FOR EASTER at ST JAMES!

During the Youth Group's Children's Sermon last week, they 'interviewed' Jesus and asked him what he thought of how people celebrate Easter. He replied that while he likes bunnies just as much as anyone, he thinks we overdo the bunnies and Easter eggs aspect and need to pay more attention to the events of the original Easter Day. Easter is more than a quick peek into a church on Sunday morning. It is the story of betrayal and forgiveness, despair and hope, death and life. As we prepare for our annual observance of the Feast of Easter, perhaps we can be reminded of the incredible gift that lies behind the celebration – this gift of life over death. As Christians, we believe that when Jesus spoke the words from the cross, "It is finished," it was not only a statement of fact but of promise. Nothing more needs to be done to make it possible for me to be forgiven by God, or to be offered eternal life.

For Christians, attendance at the Holy Week liturgies is a way of connecting our own lives with the events of the Passion and death of Jesus. Easter is a far more powerful spiritual event if we have liturgically experienced the tragedy of Good Friday. Children have a far greater understanding of Easter beyond bunnies and colored eggs if they are included in the drama of all of Holy Week. I encourage each of you to participate in our liturgical walk with Christ through Holy Week, and look forward to celebrating the Resurrection with you this Easter.  
 – Rev. Barbara Kelley

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & VESTRY ELECTIONS

In accordance with our By-Laws, our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, May 6 at 11:45 a.m.

A light lunch will be provided and child-care will be available. The Vestry members whose terms are expiring are: Mary Banecker, Roanna Burnell, Donna Clee, and Deborah Widenmeyer. Deborah Widenmeyer is not eligible to run again, but the others are eligible to run for a second term if they so choose. We are now looking for possible nominees. Nominees for Vestry must be baptized and confirmed lay persons at least 21 years of age who have worshipped regularly at St. James for at least one year and be contributors of record.

Nominations must be made in writing, (signed by the person making the nomination) by Sunday, April 29 and submitted to Mary Banecker, secretary of the Vestry (or Sal Barreca, Rector's Warden, or Rev. Kelley).



Youth Group Event:  
April 28th: Annual Game Day  
3-5, Details to follow.

## Online Giving

Simplify pledge payments to St. James: Use online banking

If you already use online banking to pay bills, then you know how convenient it is to set up payments, especially those that are recurring (monthly, quarterly, etc.). Did you know that online banking can also be used to make pledge payments to St. James? Once set up, your bank will send a check directly to the church – no need to write out checks or use pledge envelopes. Setting up automatic payments to St. James took less than 10 minutes, and each week I know that my contribution will be received.  
Submitted by: Alex Weissman



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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

## “ Spiritual Companions”

usually meets the 2nd Monday of the month in the narthex.

Save these spring dates and consider joining us. We'll meet March 12th and April 9th from 10AM till 1PM. Typically our time together is spent reading the daily gospel lesson, reflecting on it and sharing our insights. We encourage everyone to bring a lunch so we can continue in fellowship. It's an opportunity to share how the Gospel lessons impact our lives. ?? Chris Parker 215-741-1279 or Mary Banecker 215-757-7558.




Another successful Pancake Breakfast was held on Feb. 11th and \$924 was raised to help the ERA food pantry meet the needs of those in our community who are struggling. The Outreach committee wishes to thank all who helped make the breakfast a success – the workers, the organizers, those who set up and cleaned-up especially those who came to enjoy breakfast. The ERA Veggie program - an endeavor to bring fresh produce to the food pantry and the pancake breakfast are big undertakings by you, the congregation. Your commitment to these programs is amazing and generous. Great things happen when we work together.

A heart felt thank-you to all on behalf of the ERA and all they serve. Your hard work and generosity helps many who are struggling. Thank you all again -- We can't say it enough!!

Thanks to all who took part in our Soup-er Bowl fundraiser. Thirteen delicious and very different soups were enjoyed by all. Carol Hitchen took home the Golden Spoon Award, beating out Robert Burnell's Marvelous Mushroom soup by one vote, with Sal Barreca oh so close behind. We were able to raise \$530 for St. James.



A special thank you to Carol and Gary Corbi who helped with set-up and clean-up AND who brought both soup and dessert! Next fundraiser? April 12. Watch this space for details!



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3x your impact! From March 12-31, Amazon is tripling the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/23-6403631 and Amazon donates to St James Church.



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.

Spring dates to save for our visits – April 21st and May 19th.

Look for the poster in the narthex and sign where you can help. Reminder - you're welcome to go any Saturday – willing hands are always welcome.

?? Chris Parker 215-741-1279

A Little Free Library is a “take a book, return a book” free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common



Little Free Library book exchanges have a unique, personal touch. There is an understanding that real people are sharing their favorite books with their community; Little Libraries have been called “mini-town squares.”

Check out the blue bookcase outside the library, this is St. James Little Library in the Narthex. Feel free to take and keep what interests you and /or add to the Library with a book that you have enjoyed.

## ERA Fresh Veggies

Thank for your continued generosity in support of our fresh veggies ministry. We are delivering 300 pounds of fresh vegetables to the ERA Food Pantry every other week due to the hard work of Dave Marrington and Dan Ahern. The folks at the ERA Food Pantry are very appreciative. One of our parishioners, who volunteers at the Food Pantry, told us that the consumers are surprised and delighted to be able to get fresh vegetables when they come in to pick up some much needed groceries. So please continue to be generous with your pledges. And give more if you can. The new address is: ERA Food Pantry; 1700 Woodbourne Rd, Levittown, PA (formerly Dwight Eisenhower School). Contact Mary Banecker if you have any question about this ministry. 215-757-7558

# EfM

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

EfM has been an active program in Bucks County for more than 20 years at St James Episcopal Church in Langhorne. It is for those who are looking to grow their faith and have wanted more than a Bible study class. Through study, prayer, and reflection, EfM groups move toward a new understanding of God in their lives. We enjoy a lot of conversation and laughter during our time together.

The Education for Ministry (EfM) program is a four-year study and group reflection process for the formation of Christian ministry through the development of knowledge, attitude, skill and identity as Christians. Published texts and essays provide the primary knowledge content in the study of the Christian tradition.

The first year studies the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). The second year offers a study of the New Testament. Year three provides a study of Christian (church) history. Theology, ethics, and interfaith encounter constitute study in the fourth year.

The next session of EfM at St James will begin in September 2018. It will be co-mentored by Mary Banecker (of St. James) and Beryl Moore (of St. Andrews) and classes will run from September through May on Thursday evenings.

There will be an Open House on Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 9:00am to 11:30am in the Parish Library of St James to provide information, an opportunity to see how the classes are conducted and to meet the co-mentors/current class.

There is a fee for the class. You may contact Mary Banecker, 215-757-7558 or Beryl Moore, 215-736-3608 for more information.

## Who Is Graduating?

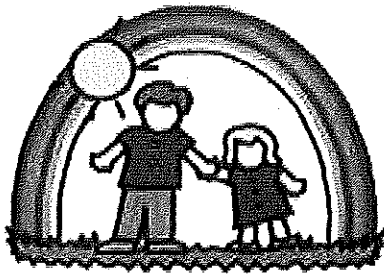
Please advise the Parish Office, in writing, by phone, or by e-mail, of those graduating from High School, College, Technical training school, or Military training, and their future plans.

**CLASS OF  
2018**

## Easter Flower Memorials Being Received

Envelopes for Easter Flower Memorials to beautify our church for Easter Worship are included in this Messenger. Your request must be received by Sunday, March 18th for names to be in the Easter Leaflet. Place your envelope in the offering basket or mail to the church.





## Greetings from St. James Preschool!

The school year is flying by with so many activities. We spent January enjoying our interactive St. James Village, learning about community helpers, had a puppet show about dental health, and had a Superhero/Princess Day. In February we celebrated Valentine's Day with cards, flowers and treats! We also learned about our Presidents, had Olympic week, and are now celebrating Dr. Seuss with fun activities including a visit from the Langhorne librarian. In March we are looking forward to our annual family night with Pizza and Bingo. We are collecting donations of food for Operation Helping Hand. Easter celebrations include a visit from the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt. Our chick hatching project, bike week, and a class trip to Churchville Nature Center will be in April. We will wrap up our school year in May with a Mother's Day tea, butterfly project, St. James Spirit day at Core Creek Park, a ride on a Neshaminy School bus and our closing programs.

Happy Easter wishes to everyone from St. James Preschool!

## Ever wonder...

if that old vase is worth anything? Want to know if your 60's poster has any value? Got other items that you wonder about? Then come to the appraisal event being held at St. James Church, 330 S. Bellevue Avenue, Langhorne, PA, on Thursday, April 12. We will host appraisers from the PA Antiques Appraisers Association, featuring Dan Worden, Ashley, King, and Bill D'Anjolllel who each have over 30 years' experience. ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE AN APPROXIMATE VERBAL APPRAISAL OF THEIR ITEMS, NOT A CERTIFICATE STATING VALUE. Appraisals will be done on a first come, first serve basis.

Questions? Call or e-mail Diane Berger. Info in directory, or contact the Church office at 215-757-3766. Hope you will join us!

**Thursday, April 12, 2018**

**5:00-8:00 pm**

**St. James Education Building**

**\$5 to watch as the appraisers discuss the items**

**\$15 for appraisal of one item**

**\$25 for appraisal of two items**

**\* No jewelry (other than watches) or Oriental objects, please.**

### First Tuesday book club will be reading:

April 3rd – Look Me in the Eye - John Elder Robison

May 1st – Just Mercy – Bryan Stevenson

June 5th – Killers of the Flower Moon – David Grann

Sept. 4th – Lilac Girls – Martha Hall Kelley

We meet in the library at 7:30PM. Hope to see you!

The Altar Guild at St. James is a "behind the scenes" group responsible for the preparation of the church for all services, including weekend Eucharist, weddings, baptism & funerals.



Set-Up involves about 30 minutes a week on a Friday or Saturday (whichever is convenient)

Clean-up following all services usually takes less than 15 minutes.

Seasonal Preparations involve two Saturday mornings a year polishing brass, arranging flowers and generally sprucing up the sanctuary for Christmas and Holy Week.

We will gather in the sacristy on Saturday, March 24th @ 9AM to prep for Holy Week and Easter. Please join us!

I'm pleased to announce that we've had several new members recently and we'd gladly welcome more. It is my hope to see the guild flourish not only as a group of parishioners who see to the details for Eucharist and worship, but as a group of Christian friends ministering in God's house.

Interested in learning more? Talk to Carol Hitchen, Eileen Brodie, Mary Banecker, Donna Clee, Alyssa Toth, Chris Parker or our longest serving member -- Babe Sidman.

For more information contact Chris Parker 215-741-1279





## HOLY WEEK

*Hosanna  
in the  
Highest!*



### **PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**

**Saturday, March 24** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 25** 8:00 a.m.

All Services include distribution of Palms

Contemporary Worship with distribution of Palms

**Palm Liturgy, Passion Gospel,  
and Holy Eucharist, Rt. I**

10:15 a.m.

Palm Liturgy begins in the Education Building;  
Procession to the Church, Passion Gospel, and  
Holy Eucharist, Rt. II

**CHURCH SCHOOL**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**    **MARCH 29**    7:30 p.m.

**Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, Foot Washing,  
Stripping and Washing of the Altar**

**GOOD FRIDAY**            **MARCH 30**    11:45 a.m.

Community Way of the Cross begins at Middletown  
Friends Meeting

1:30 p.m.

Community Devotions at Langhorne Methodist Church

7:30 p.m.

**The Liturgy of the Passion at St. James**

**SATURDAY**                **MARCH 31**    7:30 p.m.

Saturday: **THE GREAT VIGIL**

**First Eucharist of Easter, Lighting the Paschal fire**

*(This service begins in the Education Building and concludes in the Church.)*

**EASTER SUNDAY**        **APRIL 1**        8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rt. I (with hymns)

10:15 a.m.


Holy Eucharist, Rt. II Festival Celebration  
(with music)

(No Church School or Adult Forum)




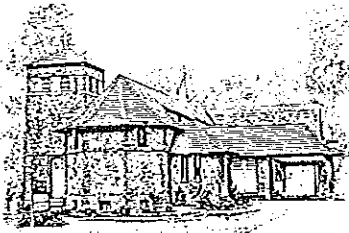
**THE LORD IS RISEN, INDEED!**

# MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>18</b> 8 am Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10:15 Eucharist Church School 11:45 Choir rehearsal (3pm Preschool event)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> (morning: organ tuning) 7 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm VESTRY	<b>22</b> 9 am Eucharist 9:30 EFM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9 am Altar Guild (4-7 pm Cub Scout event in great hall) 5 pm Eucharist
<b>25 PALM SUNDAY</b> 8 am Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 11:45 Choir rehearsal	<b>26</b> Annual Reports Due in office	<b>27</b> (11 a.m. Chrism Mass at Cathedral)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm Liturgy of Lord's Supper - Stripping & Washing of the Altar & Foot Washing	<b>30</b> Good Friday 11:45 am -Community Cross Walk begins @ Friends Mtg., 1:30 pm @ Methodist Ch. 7:30 pm The Liturgy of the Passion here	<b>31</b> HOLY SATURDAY 7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter
<b>APRIL 2018</b>						
<b>1</b> <b>EASTER</b> 8 am Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 	<b>2</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>3</b> 7:30 pm Book Club	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9 am EFM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> (9:30 am Yoga) 5 pm Eucharist
<b>8</b> 8 am Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10:15 Eucharist Church School 4 pm Deanery Mtg @ Redeemer, Andlusia	<b>9</b> 10-1 Spiritual Companions	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9 am EFM Open House 5-8 pm Antiques Appraisal Fundraiser	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> (9:30 am Yoga) 5 pm Eucharist
<b>15</b> 8 am Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10:15 Eucharist Church School	<b>16</b> Annual Report assembly	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30 pm VESTRY	<b>19</b> 9 am EFM 12:30 Deanery Clergy meet here	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6 am SOUP KITCHEN (9:30 am Yoga) 5 pm Eucharist
<b>22</b> 8 am Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10:15 Eucharist Church School	<b>23</b> 7:30 pm Property & Finance Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 am EFM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> (9:30 am Yoga) 5 pm Eucharist

# MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 8 am Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10:15 Eucharist Church School	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 7:30 pm Book Club	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9 am EFM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5 pm Eucharist
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<b>13</b> Mother's Day 8 am Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10:15 Eucharist Church School	<b>14</b> 10-1 Spiritual Companions 7:30 pm Finance & Property	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:30 pm Vestry	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6 am Soup Kitchen 5 pm Eucharist → on vacation →
<b>20</b> PENTECOST 8 am Eucharist (No Adult Forum) 10:15 Eucharist Church School Rev. Kelley →	<b>21</b> → on vacation →	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Preschool grad. Events	<b>24</b> Preschool grad. Events	<b>25</b> Preschool grad. Events	<b>26</b> 5 pm Eucharist → → →
<b>27</b> 8 am Eucharist (No Adult Forum) 10:15 Eucharist Last Church School <i>Ice Cream Sunday!</i> Rev. Kelley →	<b>28</b> Memorial Day Office Closed  → on vacation →	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> (Rev. Kelley returns to office)	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> JUNE Please welcome our Guest preacher at 8 & 10:15 services: The Rev. Canon Betsy Ivey	<b>Note: ANNUAL MEETING</b>  <b>MAY 6 at 11:45 a.m.</b>					<b>Notes:</b> Rev. Nancy Stroh will conduct services when Rev. Kelley is on vacation.



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## **“Yoga for Luke”**

On July 3, 2017, the parents of Luke Tynan received the phone call that all parents fear! The voice at the other end said “your son has suffered a serious injury”

Luke had a water accident that broke his 5<sup>th</sup> cervical spine leaving him paralyzed from the chest down. He is currently home after being hospitalized for four months.

Since a young age, Luke has been an active and recognized member of the Langhorne community. He achieved the prestigious award of Eagle Scout and received the American Legion Award for Courage, Honor, Leadership and Patriotism. Luke is a 20 year old graduate of Neshaminy HS.

**When: Saturday mornings in April, 2018**

**(7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>)**

**Where: Saint James Episcopal Education Building**  
**@ 330 S. Bellevue Avenue, Langhorne 19047**

Yoga classes (all levels are welcome) will begin at 9:30 am – no fee for the classes, however a donation (cash or check made payable to “Luke Tynan Medical Fund”) would be greatly appreciated.

All proceeds will go directly to the Tynan family to help with uninsured medical and rehabilitation related expenses as they support Luke’s long journey to recovery!

Electronic donations can also be made: <https://paypal.me/lukestrong2017>  
You can follow Luke’s journey on [CaringBridge.org/Luke Tynan](http://CaringBridge.org/LukeTynan)  
Any questions, please call or text Loretta @ 267-784-7949