



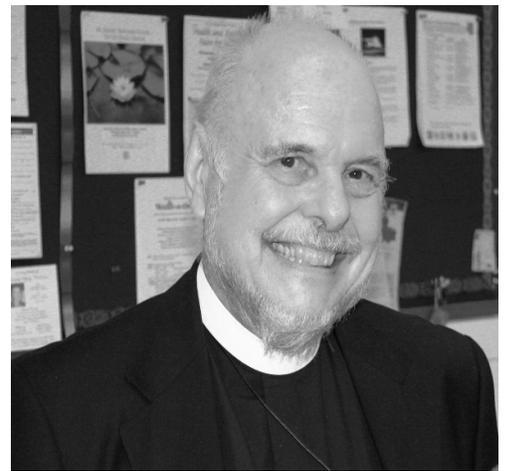
The Window

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont, CA

Interim Co-rectors lead St. James' to call new Rector



Rev. Kathleen Crary, who prefers to be called Kathy, was born in Lawrence, Kansas. When she was eight years old, her father's employer, Hercules Powder Company, relocated the family to Salt Lake City, Utah and Kathy grew up there. She completed a BS degree at Westminster College in 1973 with a double major in secondary education and English and a minor in American History. Kathy attended seminary at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, and she was ordained in the Lutheran Church in 1985 on Martin Luther's birthday (Nov 10). She completed a paralegal certificate from St. Mary's College in Moraga in 2000.



Kathy was received as a priest in this Diocese in December 2001. Kathy has served in several mission congregations in Contra Costa County, including Christ the Lord, Pinole, St. George's in Antioch and most recently, Holy Trinity/La Santissima Trinidad in Richmond.

Kathy and her partner, Carol Graham, are approaching their 20 year anniversary. They live in Hercules and they are trying to gracefully endure their kitchen remodel, which is in its sixth week. Kathy is a voracious reader, a rabid fan of Kansas University Jawhawk men's basketball and she cooks for the fun of it. Her latest culinary foray was into Moroccan cooking and she makes a mean vegetarian marinara.

David E. Abernethy-Deppe (he prefers to be called "David") has been a priest for forty-three years, ordained in the Lutheran Church, Pentecost 1965. He taught courses in Preaching and Church & Society at the seminary level for twenty-four years, and was Director of Clinical Services in the field of Mental Health for another twelve years. Trained by the Alban Institute, David has served some fifteen congregations as Interim, most recently as Assisting Priest at St. Paul's, Oakland. For three years he was the Stewardship Officer for the Episcopal Diocese of California.

David was received as a Priest of the Episcopal Diocese of California on Pentecost, 2007. Currently he teaches "Introduction to Theological Reflection" at the Episcopal School for Deacons and is the Stewardship Coordinator for Province VIII of the Episcopal Church. He is married to the Rev. Jonathan Abernethy-Deppe. He has four children: Deborah, Paul, John and Michael, and three grandchildren. David loves traveling and has led an annual pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey ("In the Footsteps of Paul and John"). He is also known as an excellent cook, specializing in Mexican, Greek (Middle East) and German cuisine.

Compiled by the editor

The Stewardship Corner

Consecration Sunday Participants Celebrate St. James'

Approximately 170 members and friends of St. James' Church gathered together on Consecration Sunday, October 19th, to celebrate St. James's future, to complete their pledges for 2009 and to continue the celebration with a special Brunch catered by Minerva's Restaurant. The Rev. Karin White officiated at the two services. We were blessed with an inspiring sermon presented by Julia McCray-Goldsmith, Ministry Development Officer of the Diocese of California. The Vestry and Stewardship Committee thank everyone who attended. We especially thank all who made a pledge for 2009.

The results of pledges presented at the services are:

Pledging Units: 83

New Pledges: 12

Pledges that increased over 2008: 31

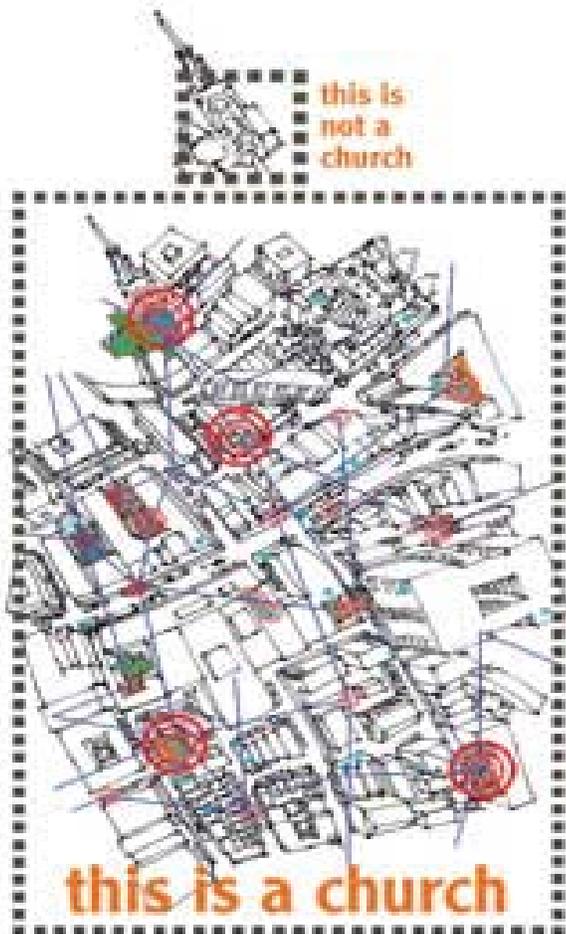
Total Pledged Amount: \$266,683

Pledged to the Operating Budget: \$220,775

Pledged to the Building Budget: \$45,408

Letters and pledge cards have been mailed to those who were unable to attend Consecration Sunday. A final report of pledges will appear in the December Newsletter.

Lynn Locher
Stewardship Chair



Area Ministry

During the past year, the term "Area Ministry" has been heard around the diocese with increasing frequency. It was used in the bishop's address at Special Convention in May and was the theme of our Diocesan Convention in October.

Area Ministry is a mission strategy for reimagining the church and getting us back to our mission roots. That mission does not take place only in our church buildings or in isolated parochial communities, but rather in the neighborhoods and among the people around us. Area Ministry is also a strategy for evangelism to under-represented groups in our church, particularly young adults, and to connect with the multicultural reality of our mission environment. The best way to make those connections is by cooperating with one another. We need to open the doors of our churches and look and engage outside. If we're looking outside of ourselves, we'll see one another as well. Area Ministry is a way for us to proclaim that the Beloved Community already exists, to see aspects of the Beloved Community outside the church, and to turn everyone's attention to one another through God. For more information, talk with either Kathy+ or David+ or ask for the complete article on area ministry.

Submitted by the Rev. Dr. David Abernethy-Deppe

Celebrating St. James' Future



VIEW POINT

by Rev. Dr. David E. Abernethy-Deppe

First of all, thank you so much for the warm welcome given us. Your Interim Co-Rectors. Kathy and I, are delighted to be here and excited to work WITH you.

ViewPoint will be a regular column that I will contribute to “The Window.” For me, the Marin Headlands is one of the most beautiful spots in the Bay Area. I love to go there and take in the views, especially on a clear sunny day, when you can see all the way to . . . yes, Fremont. But, I have also been there on cloudy days when, if you’re lucky, you might only see the top of the Golden Gate bridge sticking out of the fog, and nothing else.

Interim time is much like that. Some days will be bright and clear, and we will be able to see for miles. Other days will seem dreary and cloudy, and we will feel fog-bound, unsure of our direction, goals or purpose.

Interim time will be a time of change. During times of change, it often seems as if there are more cloudy days than clear days. That’s the nature of change. And most of us, myself included, do not like change (especially we Episcopalians).

However, let me invite you up to the “Headlands.” Stand next to Kathy and me, take in the lay of the land, and share your ViewPoint. Interim ministry is not Kathy’s or my ministry to or for St. James’. It our ministry WITH you.

You will be hearing us talk about “Interim Ministry Team.” In fact, you will see that phrase on our church business cards. And you are part of that “team.” It’s not just Kathy and I; it’s all of us together in ministry WITH one another.

That’s my ViewPoint on what God is calling us to be and to do. I invite you to share that ViewPoint . . . and what a view it is!

BRIDGES by Kathy+



I am surprised about how my life crosses over with other people’s lives. Events that would look like coincidence just **might** be a loving and guiding hand that puts me in places with people who will be influential, or who need gifts I have to offer, or simply befriending me, or sometimes brief encounters at an event or a celebration. Suddenly these people and places and events return, through memory or a second encounter or a “link” from a third party.

For example, I was attending clergy conference in September at Bishop’s Ranch. I was talking to a recently-retired priest that I haven’t known well. In the conversation I mentioned an acquaintance from Atlanta, Georgia. Gary, the priest, lit up like a light bulb. “Oh, I know John. I remember when I met him at . . . and the last time I saw him was . . .” Suddenly we had a touch point for relating to one another, We made a greater effort to chat and get to know one another a little bit more. It was heartwarming.

You and I have had these chance encounters already. As we tell our stories in the coming months (an integral part of the search process) we will discover some of these overlapping people, places and moments. They might make us laugh or bring a tear to the eye. May we celebrate the storytelling and the overlap and the connections that have brought you and me to the same place and the same time. We have a rich ministry together, building bridges to one another and spanning time from past to future.

As you read this, we will be electing another President of the United States. Pray for the leaders of nations, towns, governments, and principalities cities in this period of transition

Feed the hungry.

On November 9th at 10 a.m. in classroom EB1, we will have a presentation and discussion of Hunger. Not in the world (too big to handle), not in our Nation (still too big to handle), but right here in our communities. We know people are going to bed hungry in the Tri-Cities. They don’t get the headlines like the nations in crises in other parts of the world. Many of us support organizations that are trying to help internationally, nationally, and locally.

This “class” will try to tackle the local situation by identifying local organizations attempting to help in the struggle against hunger. In addition to identifying these organizations the class will provide information and how we can help—time, talent, and/or dollars. Alice Johnson, Jan Pearson, and George Vlastelica will present.

Submitted by Janet Fiescher

St. James' welcomes the Christmas Season with Las Posadas

A Family Holiday Celebration for All Ages

Sunday, December 7

5 –7 p.m.

On the St. James' Campus



In Mexico, Christmas is an important holiday season with strong traditions. One of the most colorful traditions is the *posada* party, celebrated every evening from December 16 to 24. These celebrations commemorate Mary and Joseph's cold and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter. "*Posada*" in Spanish, simply means lodging or shelter.

Nowadays, the posada has evolved into a religious and social celebration, paying a festive homage to the journey. Each Christmas season, a processional carrying a doll representing the Christ Child and images of Joseph and Mary riding a burro walks through the community streets. The processional stops at a previously selected home and asks for lodging for the night. The people are invited in to read scriptures and sing Christmas carols called *villancicos*. Refreshments are provided by each host. The happy end to each posada has always been the pinata.

St. James' takes the spirit of the traditional 9-day Posada celebration and brings it to our campus, refashioned for our community on one special night. Sunday, December 7, we will feature seasonal treats and drinks, sing-alongs, carols, a pinata and much more.

Our posada journey will proceed around various points on our campus, ending in a grand celebration in the Parish Hall. All ages, from kids to grandparents, will enjoy this spiritual entrance to the Christmas season. Please sign up in the Parish Hall, or call the office at 510-797-1492 to let us know you'll be joining us in what has turned into a favorite St. James' holiday tradition.

The deadline to sign-up is December 2, and capacity is limited to 70 celebrants.

Contributed by *Faith Formation*

Successful Blessings of the Animal service



On October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis, a Blessing of the Animal Service was held in the Labyrinth. The weather cooperated and it was sunny during the service. We had dogs, turtles, a parakeet and pictures of a horse and cats for the blessings. In addition to our parishioners, several neighbors, friends and their pets joined us for the service as well.

Thank you to the Rev. Karin White for conducting the service; to Katherine LaRose on keyboard; to the lovely voices of our choir members: Greg Miller, EJ Hilliard and Johanne LaRocque; to Greg Miller and Janet Fischer as our Lectors; and to Steve White, Ralph Locher and Greg Miller for set-up. . We all had a great time.

Sylvia Ma

Back to School Sunday is a big success

A big thank-you to everyone, especially the younger members of St. James', who made the Back to School Sunday service and Ice Cream Social on September 14 a huge success. It was wonderful having so many young people from 1 to 18 involved in the worship services. We had young ushers and acolytes, as well as Bryneth Fuller from the children's choir, who sang a solo at the 11 a.m. service. Special thanks to Jan Scrutton for her sermon on "How we have God with us always." In all 20 young people were involved in the blessing of the backpacks too. While the September service was a special event, we look forward Second Sundays when services will be geared to all ages and include time for the children.

The Ice Cream Social was well attended by members of all ages from all of our regular services. It was a great opportunity to come together and have a little fun. Thanks especially to our ice cream serving team who were 8 o'clock regulars - Jan Brandt, Lauren and Bob Doherty, Maggie Shalar, Meg Williams, Pegeen Perry and Mike Scrutton — and to Greg Feeney for the root beer. Plenty of people enjoyed the floats. Look for pictures on the new Parish Life Photo board.

As well as celebrating the beginning of the school year we marked the beginning of the year for Godly Play. All children are welcome to Godly Play during the 10 a.m. hour.

Connie Rux
Parish Life

Adult Education for Spring 2009

The Faith Formation Team invites you to imagine and develop a proposal for a 10am Sunday morning faith-related class at St. James' (to present between January and May 2009). You may personally conduct the class, or locate someone who will accept the responsibility. Proposal forms are available on the ledge outside the church office.

Feel free to contact a member of the Team: Marnie Hartmann, EJ Hilliard, John Maloney (chair), Bruce Roberts, and Meg Williams.

Do you have a key?

We are putting together a current list of who has a key (or keys) to St. James' buildings.

If you have a key, please let me know how many and what for (Altar Guild, work party, a particular ministry, etc.). Even if you think it is obvious that you have a key and that I should know that, please let me know anyway. If you have already responded to the email to the list and have contacted me, you don't have to do it again.

Thank you so much.

Janet Fischer, Jr. Warden

JanetLFischer@yahoo.com or 510-796-0158

Book & Media Sale returns on December 14th.

Just in time for the holidays, the St. James' Book & Media Sale returns December 14th. For one day only, the Parish Hall will be stocked full of great gift ideas - books, music, movies, games - all at incredibly low prices! Not only can you pick up great last-minute gifts for friends and family (or yourself, for that matter) but you can support a great St. James' project - all proceeds from this sale will support the Big Church bathroom renovations.

Donations of gently used books, CDs, audio cassettes, DVDs, videos, computer and video games will be gratefully accepted starting Sunday November 9th.

Peggen Perry

The Cupboard is bare

Food from the pantry is quickly being eaten! Thanks to those who have already responded. Some of the regular staples go rather quickly, so if you have extra rice, pasta, peanut butter, those would be appreciated. **Please share!**

Also extra grocery bags are needed so people can carry those items home,

Thanks all!

Johanne LaRocque
Congregational Care & Social Ministries

Let's Do Lunch Sunday, November 16

The Available for Lunch ministry invites you to lunch after the 11am service on Sunday, November 16, at Cabrillo Cafe, directly across from St. James'. Come for food and fellowship in this autumn, pre-holiday-season gathering. Friends, families, individuals... all are welcome. We pay for our own lunch and enjoy each other's company.

As we plan for these luncheons in the future, if you have a favorite restaurant or a favorite kind of food, please let us know.

Transportation assistance is available for those who may need it. Save the date, and sign up today!

Sylvia Ma and Meg Williams
Available for Lunch ministry

Faith Formation

presents

AN ADVENT EVENT
Tuesday December 2, 2008
7 p.m. at St. James'

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

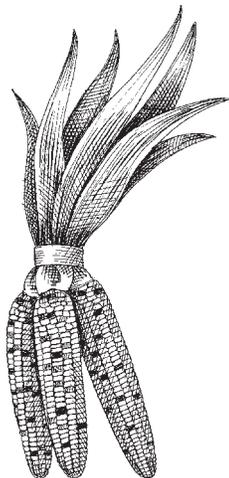
By Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan

We will thoughtfully examine this book subtitled: What the Gospels really teach about Jesus' birth.

Answering the question "What do these stories mean?" in context of the first and the twenty first century, the authors show that the Christmas story is far richer and more challenging than people imagine.

The library has a number of copies of this book (258p) and it is available at Amazon.

Thanksgiving Day Worship



We are going to have a Thanksgiving Day service (Nov 27th) at St. James' at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

Although time is tough and there are many challenges ahead, there is also much to give thanks for this year. Come and join us for a Thanksgiving Day Worship.

Sylvia Ma

Thank you!

The hot water heater in the sacristy has been on its last legs for a while now. We'd like to send a big thank you to the donor (you know who you are!) who paid for a new water heater, and to Charlie Paratore who put in the time and effort to purchase, deliver and install it.

Thank you both so much!

Janet Fischer on behalf of the Vestry

Financial Summary

| | <u>9/30/2007</u> | <u>9/30/2008</u> |
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| Operating Cash | \$19,753 | \$11,112 |
| Building Cash | 5,351 | 16,068 |
| Bathroom Cash | | 5,868 |

Year-to-date Summary

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Pledges budgeted | \$182,000 |
| Pledges paid | 173,025 |
| Unpledged contributions | 6,776 |
| Other operating income | <u>17,002</u> |
| Total operating income | \$196,803 |
| Total operating expenses | <u>\$226,636</u> |
| Income less expenses | \$(29,833) |



February 8, 2009

Annual Parish Meeting

Intentional Interim Ministry



It has been said that the only certainty in life is change. In the biblical book of the Revelation to St. John the Divine, Jesus says, “Behold, I make all things new . . .” Whether we like it or not, life is not a static process. Life is a constant process of movement and flux. It is a creative process characterized by both growth and decline. This process is magnified for us in the life of the whole creation that God created. This process is something to be entered into with dignity and grace, not something to be avoided with fear and resistance.

The same rhythm is true of life in the Church. While we may confess that Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever; we do not believe that the same is true of the Church. We are entering a time of transition in our life as a parish in St. James’ Church. It is a time of change, and with change comes both loss and new

opportunities. One of the preeminent transition specialists, William Bridges, has described three major phases that take place in transitions:

1. Ending – This is the time when people experience endings, losses, and the experience of letting go.
2. Neutral Zone – This is the in-between time when the old is gone but the new isn’t fully happening yet. It is a time of realignments and re-patterning of work or ministry.
3. New Beginning – This is the time when people discover a new identity, new energy, changes begin to work, and a new purpose undergirds the common life.

So, “Beloved Community”, we, your Interim Ministry Team, enthusiastically invite all of us to set forward into this time of transition, confident that by doing the work of transition we will move into a place of change with greater insight, emotional well being, and spiritual energy for the future. We invite all of us to take stock of where we are, let go of what we need to leave behind, and set forth into the wilderness of the neutral zone with confidence that like Jesus’ sojourn in the wilderness – there will be both wild beasts and angels waiting to minister to us. May we claim the hard work of this transition time as an opportunity to build up our “Beloved Community” and prepare ourselves for the change necessary to enter into the future where our ministry in God’s name may be quite different than it has been in the past. May we embrace the truth that life is filled with change and when approached with intention and support, change is a creative and life-giving process.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP, p. 832).

The Rev. Dr. David Abernethy-Deppe

Notes:

1. See: William Bridges, *Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change* (Cambridge, MA: De Capo Press, 2003) p. 5.
2. This article is based on a blog from the web-page of Fr. Jeremy Warnick, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Mesa, Arizona, and was edited by the Rev. Dr. David E. Abernethy-Deppe for use at St. James’ Episcopal Church, Fremont, California.

BeadforLife - Eradicating Poverty One Bead at a Time



“BeadforLife began with a chance encounter between a Ugandan woman who was sitting near her mud home and the founders, Torkin, Ginny, and Devin. They learned that there was no market for her beads and that the woman worked for a dollar a day in a rock quarry. They admired her paper beads and bought a few. Soon friends began to admire the beads and they realized that there might be a market after all. Classes were held to improve the quality of the beads and develop several different styles of necklaces and bracelets. In North America BeadforLife applied for non-profit status and began to develop its unique program of citizen participation in eradicating poverty. Our approach includes the income generation activities of making beads, but also offers programs in health, vocational training, entrepreneurial training, microfinance grants, and affordable housing.”

(Read more at <http://www.beadforlife.org/>.) BeadforLife is a 501(c)(3) organization.



On **December 7** we will all have an opportunity to share in this unique program as the Rosary Makers of

St. James' host a BeadforLife party on Sunday in the Parish Hall during all coffee hours. Bracelets, necklaces and earrings as well as packages of loose beads sell from \$5 - \$30, with most items in the \$10 - \$20 range, and all proceeds go to BeadforLife. This jewelry makes lovely and affordable Christmas presents. The beads are made from paper that is pressed, rolled and coated for lasting beauty. The Rosary Makers are very excited about this event, and hope that you will join us

in helping the women of Uganda lift themselves out of poverty.

Janet Fischer

Renovation Update

As I'm sure you've noticed, the restroom renovations are coming along. After finally getting the city's "okey dokey," the women's room is almost finished and may be complete by the time you read this. The men's room is in the demolition stage, but it should be finished more quickly than the women's room.

We are still accepting donations to cover the cost of the new restrooms. Please mark your check for "restroom renovation." Thank you!

Janet Fischer

Adult Forums Sundays at 10am Education Building Room #1

On Nov 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th, our Interim Ministry Team, Kathy and David, will take turns leading an Adult Forum Bible discussion group at 10am in EB #1. Come to discuss or just listen. David and Kathy have much to share.

Sylvia Ma



ST. JAMES' PRAYER LIST

For those who need continued healing: Stephanie, Steve, Elaine, Merle, Paul, Delfina, Norma, Lori, Jenny, John, David, Linda, Mel, Janet

For those who need comfort and strength: Tianna, Lisa

For those who need guidance and direction: Joan, Robert,

Elizabeth, Michael.

For those in the military: Daniel, John, Ryan, Cammy, Kurt, Jarrod, Matthew, Joseph, Kyffen, Robert, Tim, Clinton, Joshua, Tony, Valerie, Matt, Alex, Vincent, Johnny, Andrew, Angelina, Adrian, Chas, Eric, Davie, Moe, Theresa, Erica, Kenny, Steven, Patrick.

For those enduring the conflicts in the Middle East:

For a safe pregnancy: Tamarah, Marlene, Laura, Jennifer, Allie and Cesar, Deidre and Nick, Tara.

For those who are traveling: Mel and Alice

Nurturing God, your love is free, our compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. You shower upon us gifts abundant. Grant that we may know and trust, these gifts, that we may discover the joy they bring, and inspire us to serve and love out of that joy. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. **Amen**

Birthdays

NOVEMBER

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| 1 | Ami Locher | 20 | Hailey Peterson |
| 2 | Andy Romeril | 21 | Phil Sanders |
| 3 | Davis Larsen | 22 | Andrew Paratore |
| 4 | Diem Truong Sankar | 24 | Scott Hoffman |
| 9 | Kathryn Dickinson | 25 | John Paratore |
| 10 | Yvonne Archer | 26 | Sophie P. Sankar |
| 12 | Nadia Sankar | 27 | Andrea Ramsamy |
| 13 | Bob Czerwinski | 29 | Rick Spalding |
| 16 | Chuck Black | | Raelene Ramsamy |
| 17 | Travis Koonze | | Luke Kirley |
| 18 | Mabel Long | | Judy Peeler |
| | John Maloney | | Don Rose |
| | Elinor Fanning | 30 | Rebeccah Fuller |
| 19 | Gail Blalock | | Nancy Svenson |



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 15 | Lori and Ray Hedvall |
| 24 | Gail and Tom Blalock |
| 27 | Lynn and Ralph Locher |



**SUNDAY SERVICES AT
8:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 AM**

For the most recent St. James' calendar, Go to <http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=G1H2J4O9J4G1G1G1>.



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