THE WINDOW

St. James' Episcopal Church | Fremont, CA

November 2021

Moved to Gratitude

There were many days when grabbing a bite to eat didn't mean much more to me than a function of survival, when sitting at a table with others was about what was being served rather than who was being served. For years, I didn't think twice about discarding what was left, or about cooking in excess, or about spending more money on a good meal than I donated to others in a month. It was a sleeping-state that I imagine many of us have been in, that many of us have awakened from, either due to growing up or experiencing loss or having our eyes open to what was around us.

Now, every time I see my granddaughter laugh, I think of how grateful I am to have her not only healthy, but happy. Every time my son-in-law bites down on my one of my homemade chocolate chip cookies, I am aware of the blessing of having the means to bake even just one batch. And every time I see the vacant stare of one who has so little, living on the street, mind blurred by lack of nutrients or an overuse of toxins, I remember that I am connected to him as well as my daughter, my nephew, my everything.

Our task is to walk like Jesus. More often it is a stumbling around, tripping and falling and sometimes having the grace to stand up, even if only for a minute. But try we must, and in our trying, we see more, see deeper, see beyond the window dressing of health or illness, of gift bags or shopping carts, of the finest silk or never-been-washed sweatshirts. We are all the same beyond these things.

With God's blessing, we will be able to sit at tables with our loved ones, and if not at tables, we will be with them remotely. At table we see past the food set before us and draw our attention to those gathered around us, in-person and virtually, and we acknowledge those who are absent, family, friend, stranger. It is never about the food, but always about the gathering, about the human family. We bow our heads in gratitude for all of God's bounty, for both spiritual and physical nourishment, for the things that feed us and the giving that feeds others. We give thanks for the blurring of lines between us and them.

It is what we're all about in the end. Gratitude. Giving Thanks. The Great Thanksgiving. Holy Communion on Sunday, Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, everyday meals on every day; it's about remembering, taking in God's grace, breaking the bread and our hearts open, and sharing the everyday nourishment of life with others: bread, wine, community, love, ourselves.

Blessed Thanksgiving, ~Lori+

The Ways We Are Church Together

WORSHIP

Worship At Church!
We have returned to TWO Sunday services at 8am and 10:30am! Coffee and light snacks following each service. PROOF OF COVID VACCINATION REQUIRED.

Sunday Morning Service Live Stream!
If you cannot attend church in person, you can join our 10:30am service live-streamed on Sundays at saintj.com. The service can be joined at any time on Sunday from 10:25am, or watched during the week on our YouTube channel.

Wednesday 10:00am Service
Celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with prayers and sermon discussion in real time on Zoom. Join us! Email Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com. Link can also be found under "Upcoming Events" on the right side of our website.

Morning Prayer 8-8:30am. Monday-Friday
Join Rev. Bill for Morning Prayer via Zoom. Contact bhale@saintj.com for the link.

Monday 11:00am Bible Study
Join with others to catch up and wrestle with some of the sacred texts of the Bible. We meet every Monday on zoom. Everyone is welcome. Email lori@saintj.com or find the zoom link on the home page of our website.

Wednesday 1:00pm Connecting with Others Bible Study
Join a rich conversation about our sacred stories with other parishioners. Email Rev. Lori at lori@saintj.com if you'd like to join us.

Lectio Divina on Sunday Mornings
Sundays at 9:30 AM, Brian Cochran leads a sacred time of ***Lectio Divina*** in the Little Church. *Lectio Divina* is a way of engaging in scripture that draws us into deep contemplation and into deeper union with God. Established as a monastic practice by St. Benedict in the 6th century, this mode of reading the Word continues to enrich the lives of Christians throughout the world. This is a wonderful practice to add to your Sunday. Let Brian know if you have questions, or stop in any Sunday for this experience.

FELLOWSHIP

Thursday 12:00pm Home Alone Group Continues on Zoom
For those who are living alone, meet us on Zoom Thursdays during lunchtime to say hello. Email Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com for information.

Thursday Night 7:00pm Social Hour on hiatus until January.

Grief Support Group Mondays @ 2pm on Zoom.
Rev. Bill Hale, former grief support person for Odyssey Hospice in Michigan, facilitates the group. Please contact Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com for more information. This group is open to all, not just for St. James' folks.

Audio Sermons and Online Resources
Zoom links for all of our offerings can be found on our website, saintj.com. Look for the calendar of events on the right side of our home page. If something is not listed, email the leader and they will make sure you have what you need. Sunday's service and sermons are also online. Go to our website for online worship resources, or subscribe to our weekly sermon podcast on iTunes. You may also subscribe on Spotify and/or TuneIn. Like us on Facebook and Instagram!

A Note From Rev. Bill

In the church tradition in which I grew up, we always referred to our clergy as our "minister." Rev. Schreier, when he was not dressed in his Geneva robe for preaching, was still clearly identifiable by his dark suit, black socks and shoes, and a black tie against his white shirt—that was how ministers always dressed. Not surprisingly, my understanding of the word *ministry* was something these ordained people did. One advantage of referring to our Episcopalian clergy as *priests* is that it allows terms like *ministry* and *minister* to include all people in the Church. (We specifically qualify those called to "the ordained ministry" as such.) When the Catechism asks, "Who are the ministers of the Church?" the response is, "The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons." (BCP, 855) Whatever <u>your</u> ministries include, while they might differ from the particular ministries expected of me as a priest, they are equally important to carrying on the work of the Church in the world.

So, what then does *ministry* mean? The nearest synonym I can think of is *service*. To minister is to serve, whether it be to serve God directly, or to serve God by service to other people, or perhaps to perform some specified action which furthers the Kingdom of God, such as interpreting the lessons of Scripture to educate or inspire others who were seeking a deeper relationship with God. Nurses, teachers, and counselors obviously minister to many people daily, but whenever we "seek and serve Christ in others," we engage in a form of ministry as well.

Behind all the words or terms we use is the message we Christians have from Jesus himself. The gospel used recently includes Jesus' teaching:

> Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. (Mark 10: 43-45)

We use these terms so frequently that we don't always think about the full meaning that lies behind them. But if we start to realize that everything we do can have God involved in it, or that every use of the gifts which God has given us can be an opportunity for service and ministry, it adds a spiritual dimension to the most mundane tasks. Every interaction we have with another person (whom Scripture calls our "neighbor") provides the opportunity to demonstrate our love for God by how we treat that person. So, in every encounter with another, God is present, in addition to their presence; every encounter with another person challenges us to regard it as a moment of service to God—a moment of "ministry."

From the moment of our baptism, our call to life in Christ is a call to service and ministry at all times and in all places. To live in Christ is to be challenged by constant service to God in all our dealings with others. Our call to be ministers of Christ requires a total immersion in the experience of God present at all times and through all persons.

~Bill+

St. James' Social Justice Task Force

Contact the SJTF at: socialjustice@saintj.com

A YEAR OF PRAYERS TO END RACISM:
THE DIOCESAN COMMISSION TO END RACISM

NOVEMBER--For compassion and civility towards persons of other religions, particularly when race or ethnicity is a factor (image of God, hospitality to stranger). "God of compassion and justice, help us in this age of great division and polarization to learn the art of civil discourse and compassionate listening with those who worship you through other religions; particularly our Jewish, Muslim, and Hindi brothers and sisters. Guide us to recognize your image even in the faces of those who do not remind us of ourselves, looking past our differences to find our common interests and goals, that we may work together to bring healing to a broken world." **Amen.**

Reflection on the Fall Equinox on Sept 22, 2021

I have always recognized the fall equinox in my personal worship as a day of passage, a passage of light into darkness as the farmer harvests his summer crops and begins to prepare the land for the winter fallow. It is one of two days each year when the world is blessed with equal daylight and night. The equinox is a special day when we stand balanced on a fulcrum, in our cycle of change. And we wait, still, for just that one day. So how does the balance and stillness of today speak to Social Justice you might ask. Most of us feel our lives are always out of balance. And for most of us, the last two years have given us clear examples of how our society is out of balance; the equity of the Garden that God gave us at Creation has been skewed to favor the rich, the privileged, the "haves". We stand as a people divided by race, religion, wealth, gender. And each division takes us further from each other and our calling as God's beloved children.

As we move into the shadows of the fall, what lessons could we take to help us light the path and keep our balance? How can we restore the balance of our world? I would encourage you to meditate and pray first on how you are blessed and how you are called to share your blessings with the world (or just your small part of the world).

A few years ago, there was a movement on Facebook called Thankful November. Every day that month, my friends and I posted something we were thankful for. The beginning of the month was easy: children, a home, a partner, a job. But as the month progressed, each of us had to dig deeper since the goal was to not repeat a blessing. By official Thanksgiving, we had to think long and hard to find something or someone in our lives that blessed us. It was the sister who was caregiver to an aging parent, a quiet evening paying bills when money was tight, a sleepy cat, a conversation that brought understanding. I kept up this tradition for a few years after that first one. I think I will revive it this year. And this time, I will look at my blessings through the lens of my privilege. If you want to try this, you don't have to post on Facebook, you can just write it in your journal or speak it in your daily prayers. There is even a gratitude app to remind you to acknowledge your state of grace.

The coming fall and winter could encourage us to isolation and stagnation as we burrow into our blankets and light our fires against the dark but as Christians, it is also a time of waiting. But our waiting does not need to be passive. We do not have to sit still as our Christ approaches. We can live our faith now and take action to restore the balance around us. As we are reminded in James "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead". So what will your deeds be as the days lengthen and the light recedes.

First is easy for most of us. We can donate time and money to worthy causes that promote Justice and Equity for all. But secondly, we can also learn how our privilege impacts the lives of others; how can we use the blessing of our birth to change the world for others. How can we help return our world to a holy place where all of us can feel God's love equally? How will we tip the balance towards good? How will we return our world to the perfect Garden? ~Mary Frances Leopold

Vestry Voices: Growing Faith in a Changing World

by Jim McConnell

There has been a lot written about the effects of the pandemic on all of us. Isolation, shortages, fear, social distancing have become part of our daily lives. We are fortunate to have loving friends and community who surround us with God's love and care. I have found renewal in that love, faith in the gathering of friends and neighbors.

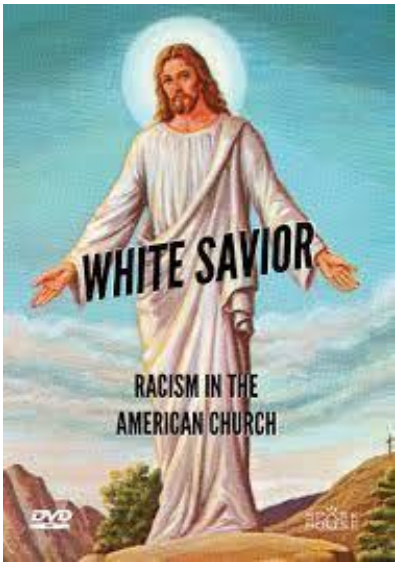
I recently received a poem by Sherrie Lovler, it concludes as follows:

"When this is over
will my cells jump for joy?
Will I come out okay?
Or will there be dark holes
that linger,
the scent of rubbing alcohol
bring it all back?
I wonder if my heart
will explode when the veil lifts.
Or will there be
A soft emergence
One foot put softly
in front of the other,
not too far, not too fast,
like toes dipping into a cold stream,
and pace my arrival gently into the new world – whenever that may be."

We have been slowly emerging, true, it is often two steps forward the one step back, but we move forward with God's help. Our world has changed, it will not go back to "normal," but God's love for us has not changed; it is as it always has been, steadfast, strong, ever present.

Our community has become stronger through faith in each other and faith in the one who loves us. We have been blessed with keen minds and helping hands. Faith will guide us "gently into the new world."

Faith Formation Event



As Christians, we are called to be image-bearers of God who are able to see the Image of God in others. We are called to create communities of equality and equity, and we are called to be a prophetic voice against all forms of oppression and degradation.

If this is the case, how can we do so without taking a close examination of our past sins and the sins of the church? It is no secret that racism has and continues to permeate the American Church. And, we cannot heal until we acknowledge this reality.

To that end, the St. James' Social Justice Task Force invites you to an adult faith formation class on race and its existence in Christianity. During this seven-week course, we will utilize the film White Savior: Racism in the American Church to examine the history of race in the American Church and the ways the bible has been used to perpetuate systems of racism and to erase or diminish various ethnicities and genders.

When? Seven Tuesdays: **November 2, 16, 23, 30, December 7, 14, 21.**
Where? On Zoom. Link will be provided prior to the first meeting.
Commitment? We encourage attendance at all seven sessions but understand that things come up. There is reading to be done between sessions.
How? Sign-up **HERE**. Zoom meeting link **HERE**.

This course will serve as our pre-Advent and Advent faith formation class, and is sponsored by the St. James' Social Justice Task Force. I look forward to seeing you in the zoom room.

~Lori+

Upcoming Events

Confirmations, Receptions and Reaffirmations

It is traditional for folks interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, or those interested in reaffirming their spiritual commitment to Christ, to do so when the Bishop makes her/his visitation. These Rites are a public proclamation of one's faith, specifically through the lens of the Episcopal Church. If you have not been confirmed in a different denomination, then you would be confirmed. If you were previously confirmed in a different denomination, then you would be received. A reaffirmation of faith is for those who have previously been confirmed or received, but want to make a public commitment to follow Christ.

Bishop Marc Andrus will be visiting St. James' on **November 21st**, during the Feast of Christ the King. If you are interested in these Rites, please speak with Rev. Lori as soon as possible.

Every Perfect Gift - Your Annual Pledge to St. James'

"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above…" James 1:17, NRSV

By now you have received our annual stewardship mailing. We thank you for supporting the ministries of St. James' through your generosity. Please prayerfully consider your 2022 pledge amount and return your pledge card either by mail or drop it in the offering plate at church.

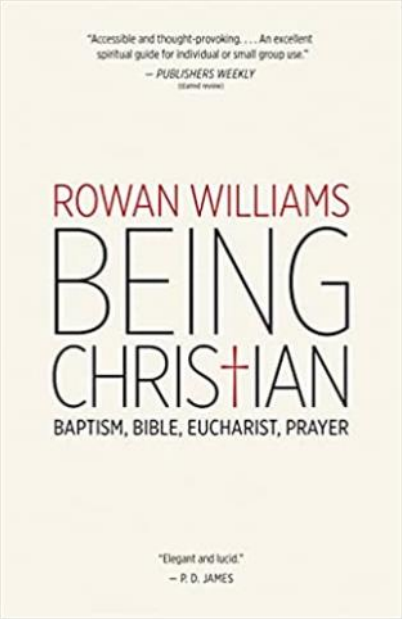
On **November 28**, we will bless all of our pledges and give thanks to God for the innumerable blessings we realize each year.

McCutcheon Concert—SAVE THE DATE!

John McCutcheon will be at St. James', **in person**, for our concert on **Monday, January 17, 2022, 7:30pm.**

Being Christian by Rowan Williams

A Review by John Wagas



If the four *last* things of the Christian life are death, judgement, heaven, and hell—then the four *first* things are baptism, bible, eucharist, and prayer.

In 96 pages, former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams guides the reader through these four elements at the heart of the faith. Written by a seasoned clergyman and eloquent theologian, Williams does not assume the reader to be as learned or well-versed in the intricacies of faith as himself, nor does he write in a condescending tone. He gently reaches out to his audience, seekers and believers alike, and introduces us to the core tenets and actions of Christianity in the form of a dynamic catechism.

In walking us through what Christians *do and say*, Williams then reveals what Christians *believe*—for he reminds us that the faith calls us to embrace our mind, body, and heart. At the heart of Williams' work is the essence of *being*, of the fact that *being* Christian is an active and holistic endeavor that calls us not to merely ponder God's word, but to embody it.

If you can read the bulletin, you can read this book. And if Williams was good enough to have been Archbishop of Canterbury, he's good enough to have written this book. Approachable, insightful, gentle, and intelligent, it's Williams at his best—as well as Williams bringing the best out of us, as pilgrims on the way to Jesus Christ.

Find this book on Amazon (for $10), or through your favorite bookseller. *Being Christian* is the first in a series of three books, with *Being Disciples* and *Being Human* succeeding it.

Children & Youth Ministries

Sunday School and Family Activities

Check current events at: https://saintj.com/wp/ministries/childrens-programs/ or email Jan Scrutton, Children & Youth Minister, at: jan@saintj.com.

Jan meets for a short time with the **Sunday School during our 10:30am service**. The children leave their families in church after the Gospel is proclaimed and meet for a story and conversation outside on the grass. We rejoin our families in church in time for the Eucharist. Any high schoolers interested in helping out occasionally at Sunday School should contact Jan: jan@saintj.com for more details and information on the short online training course. Our back catalogue of Sunday School book readings can be found HERE.

St. James' Youth Group for 6th – 12th graders meets the second Sunday of the month from 6-8pm. Contact jan@saintj.com for the date and Zoom link for the next Episcopal Youth Fremont gathering. Episcopal Youth Fremont (EYF) welcomes all young people interested in gathering for fun, fellowship, and faith-based conversations in addition to preparation for confirmation for those who are ready to make that decision. All young people 6th - 12th grade are welcome to join us. **See the article on page 6.**

Ladies' Flatlanders 2021
Pajaro Dunes

Eleven of us spent a lovely four days at the shore of Monterey Bay for our annual Ladies Flatlanders weekend in September – what a delight to gather together again! We rent the same townhouse each year overlooking the water and just steps from the beach. After missing last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it truly felt like coming home as we arrived on Thursday evening.

Our weekend is all about wonderful fellowship and great food. Though we only saw a few hours of sunshine this year, we still enjoyed walks on the beach and dipping our toes in the water. When the sun did break through the clouds we were all outside to soak in the warmth. Inside, we spent time playing games, assembling a jigsaw puzzle, and sharing our stories. Our meals are fabulous, prepared by different ladies each time, and enjoyed by all. We have chicken and pasta Thursday evening, salmon with vegetables on Friday, and our Saturday dinner is tri-tip with potatoes and salad. Breakfasts are just as varied and delicious. All this is supplemented by the goodies each of us bring to share.

Our group this year consisted of women ranging from some who have been participating many, many years like Jan and Marilyn (40 years or so) through our first-time member Patty. We were delighted to have Jackie back with us, as she flew in to join us for the weekend. Mary had with her a list of everyone who has attended in the past, and we read off each name. It was fun to hear so many names from the past, and a brief memory was shared about each. Some of the names were known by only a few. We felt a great connection with all who came before us, and know we are in the middle of many to come in the future.

Sunday morning we share a worship service, this year led by Marilyn, and bless our bonds of sisterhood, nature and God. We plan to gather again next September 15-18, 2022 and as always invite new members to join us.

~Laura Winter

A Faith That Affirms

A Reflection by John Wagas

Behind each *no* is a *yes*, and vice versa. If one declares *no* to something, there is always an underlying *yes* that is being asserted at the same time. Such a reality, however obvious when presented like this, may pass our awareness at the heat of the moment. Maybe all we hear is a strict *yes* or *no* which is not further pondered upon to reveal the totality of its implications.

For those who have either left the Church or never grew up in it, they may see the Church as that that preaches a litany of *no-s* rather than *yes-s*—far too often condemning rather than affirming. This is not to say that the Church must never say *no* to anything; rather, the Church must lead with a passionate *yes* before saying a stern *no*.

What difference does this make? Well, it makes all the difference in the world. By leading with *yes*, we—as the Church, the mystical body of Christ—truly proclaim Gospel, "good news." We, as Episcopalians, are in the perfect position to be radically affirming; we say *yes* to human reason and experience before we say *no* to ignorance and closed-mindedness, we say *yes* to diversity of beliefs and expression before we say *no* to gatekeeping and rigidity, we say *yes* to the inclusion of people of all genders in all roles in the Church before we say *no* to oppression and exclusion, we say *yes* to the boundless mercy of God's love before we say *no* to sin and vice, we say *yes* to the love of God before we say *no* to hatred and evil.

We, as the Church, must continue to say no to everything in this world that is rightfully to be decried and condemned—all that goes against the will of God and the sacredness of all creation. But we must lead with *yes* before we pose the corresponding *no-s*; in doing so, we progress in unveiling the beauty and truth of the Gospel to a world that so desperately needs to hear its *yes* to hope, love, life, and God.

Ask Anything! Saturday Morning Gatherings

Do you have questions about religion, the Episcopal Church, or how or why we do things? From "What does the Episcopal Church think about the virgin birth?" to "Why does the priest wear that poncho thing and what is it called anyway?", no question is off limits. Engage in what is sure to be a lively conversation about who we are.

Join Reverend Bill on Zoom, **Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:00, beginning September 11 through November 20**. Email Bill directly to get the Zoom link, or find it on the "Upcoming Events" calendar on our website.

Prize Winning Chili

by Jim Cunningham

prep time - 30 min cooking time - approximately 2 hours

Ingredients:

5 slices bacon – cut into ½" pieces
2 to 2 1/2 lb. Chuck roast – dice into 3/4"to 1" cubes then salt (about 1 t.) and pepper
(Chuck will become tender with long slow cooking the best.)
1 large onion – sliced
2 to 3 cloves garlic – crushed and sliced
1 bell pepper – seeded and diced.
1 – 28 oz. can diced San Marzano tomatoes
1 - 4 oz. can diced green chilis.
2 T. Chili powder (or 1 T. Chili pdr. and 1 T. Ancho chili pdr.)
1 t. Paprika
1 t. Cumin
1 – 15 oz. can organic low sodium beef stock
1 – 15 oz. can black beans
2 – 15 oz. can red kidney beans
1 or 2 fresh jalapeno chilis capped, seeded and sliced into rings.
(The heat level of jalapenos varies greatly. Taste test the Chili as you add them or omit altogether)
3 T. - tomato paste
2 T. - Worcestershire sauce
Splash of red wine vinegar in the bowl before serving (the Chili will be sweet)

Directions:

1. Fry the bacon pieces in a large skillet. Take up into the large pot.
2. Brown the beef in the bacon grease in small batches. Get a good sear on the meat to develop the flavor. Take up into the large pot.
3. Remove some of the fat then sauté the onions until they start to brown and then add the garlic and diced bell pepper. Saute 2 minutes.
4. Empty the skillet of onions, garlic and peppers into the pot.
5. Add the bacon and beef to the pot. Add the can of diced tomatoes and green chilis.
6. Add the beef stock and seasonings of chili powder, paprika and cumin.
7. Heat to a boil. Reduce heat then simmer for one hour.
8. Add tomato paste, worcestershire sauce, black and red beans, and fresh jalapeno rings.
9. Simmer for 30 minutes. Check meat for tenderness. Cook a little more if needed.
10. Add splash of red wine vinegar. Stir in and serve

Vestry Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Jim McConnell, Jr. Warden & Janet Fischer

Meeting Called To Order at 7pm by Sr. Warden Sylvia Ma.
Apologies: The Rev. Lori Walton and Bev Mosier
Guests: Laura Winter.

Samir Kalitta led Opening Prayer

Approved or Accepted:

- September 16 Vestry Meeting Minutes
- September Financial Reports
- September Staff and Ministry Reports
- Recorded an Email Vote to approve Narrative Budget Printing of $300.
- Approved a revision of the Alcohol and Substance Use Policy as developed by the Diocese.
- Voted for additional funding for Little Church repair up $1000.

A park development update was presented by Meg Amouroux.

The vestry discussed a request by the non-profit organization AngelAid for use of our parking lot for food distribution on Nov 12 or 13. Mary Frances Leopold is working with them.

Laura Winter had been asked to investigate the City of Fremont Safe Parking Initiative; she led the discussion and answered many questions. After much discussion, the vestry voted unanimously to not participate due to the many infrastructure requirements by the City, the time commitment to participate, and safety/security issues.

The next Vestry Meeting is November 18, the Bishop's Visitation is on November 21.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 9:10pm, with Compline led by Samir Kalitta.

Pledge Fulfillment at the End of the Year

Here it is, almost the end of the year. Where are the $$ coming from to fulfill my St. James' Pledge? Luckily, some can just take it from their salary. Expenses this year have been, shall we say, unusual, to state the obvious. But there are ways….

One way is to transfer stock holdings (saves paying capital gains), especially if the stocks have done very well this year. Another is to transfer your (increased) IRA Minimum Required Distribution (MRD) if you are in that situation.

Additionally, if you want to make a special donation for a particular purpose, go to www.saintj.com— ABOUT US— Giving. That destination gives much information about giving to St. James'.

~ Bruce Roberts, Treasurer

Financial Summary for September, 2021

Fund Balances	9/30/2020		9/30/2021
Operating Fund	$120,785.88		$49,175.27
Building Fund	$31,965.44		$66,308.64
Pledges Budgeted	$257,297.99		$266,467.50
Pledges Paid	$274,757.87		$255,585.32
Unpledged Contributions	$12,531.53		$13,666.13
Other Op Income	$60,742.87		$1,543.55
Total Operating Income	**$348,032.47**		**$271,566.00**
Total Operating Expenses	$284,910.87		$273,615.32
Income less Expenses	**$63,121.60**		**($2,049.32)**

Always @ St. James'

Proof of Vaccination Required For Those Attending Indoor Services and Gatherings

A reminder that proof of vaccination is required for all eligible participants. This does not apply to children under 12 and those with a documented medical exemption. You can show your proof and grab a wristband to wear to church on subsequent Sundays. Therefore, no need to show your proof again!

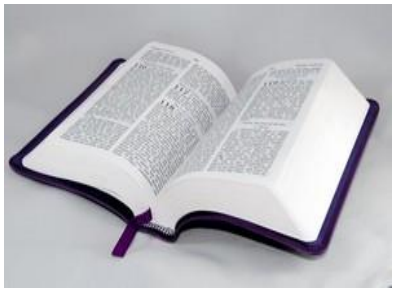
Bible Studies

Monday 11:00am Bible Study

Join with others to catch up and wrestle with some of the sacred texts of the Bible. We meet every Monday on zoom. Everyone is welcome. Email lori@saintj.com or find the zoom link on the home page of our website.

Wednesday afternoon @ 1:00pm

Bible Study at 1:00pm, also via Zoom. Lori will send out a link to a short video and discussion questions. Email Lori to be added to this list as well.



The next issue of ***The Window*** is in **December**. We welcome your **comments, essays, poems, photos, book reviews, newsworthy items, and any group activity information**.

Email your submission to newsletter@saintj.com by: **November 15th**

Calendar

Access the church calendar for November here.

Blessing Bags for Distribution

Let us remember those who have no shelter. Our Blessing Bags are available for you to give away. Each bag contains toiletries, water, food, socks, and a mask. We're using reusable cloth bags that can also serve as a backpack.

Please note we are not taking donations other than monetary donations. *This allows us to purchase what we need and to be consistent with what we are offering.*

Blessing Bags are available for you to pick up during office hours, Wednesdays & Thursdays between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the office hallway.

Chair Exercise Class on Zoom

Please join Sylvia Ma for a weekly Zoom class on chair exercises on Breathing/Qi Gong and Tai Chi/ Hsing I movements. No experience is necessary. Sessions held **Tuesday mornings** from **10:00 to 11:00 AM**. Please spread the word. All are welcome. If you are interested, email Sylvia at srwarden@saintj.com and she will send you the link. The link will also be found on the calendar at St James' website https://saintj.com.

News For November

St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God we pray:

For Those in the Military:

Jarrod, Megan, Erica, Theresa, Mark, Tim, Louis, Caitlin, Emily, Robin, Adam, Dave, Shawn, Ethan, Paul, Matthew, Johnny, Johnathan, Darren

For Essential Workers:

Evelyn, Jeff, Brian, Josephine, Mary, Polly, Alice, Bozena, Angela, Darcia, Mary, Tammy, Mana, Natalie, Dr. Johnathan, Megan, Gerald

For Those Expecting Children:

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Rony Family, Paiz Family, Jason

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For Those Who Need Healing:

Ron, Julie, Gail, Craig, Linda, Diane, Barry, Jim, Paul, Ralph, David, Mary, Bob, Margaret, Katie, Judy, Megan, Finn, Caroline

For Those Who Have Passed Away:

Edward, Karen, Violet, Michelle

And for all of us impacted by the current pandemic.

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	Toni Verdin
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	Don Rose
	Rick Spalding
11/30	Rebeccah Fuller
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11/03	Marco & Raelene Ramsamy
11/24	Tom & Gail Blalock
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