

GRATITUDE REPORT.



St. James's Episcopal Church
Richmond, Virginia 23220

Glory to God
whose power working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to him
from generation to generation
in the Church,
and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever.
Amen

Ephesians 3:20, 21



Dear Friends,

At St. James's we are a community of "Doers of God's Word" who are never content to be "conformed to this world" but seek through our worship and other ministries to transform the lives of all those we encounter.

This brochure captures a snapshot of the commitment that each member of our church has made to never be content with the world as we find it, but to continually seek through our ministries to find what is truly "good, acceptable, and perfect" and to transform the lives of those who are suffering and wounded by the vicissitudes of human life.

To all our Doers, we remain grateful for what you have done to transform the lives of so many people in our local and international communities. Empowered by the power of God's love and transforming Spirit there is nothing that we cannot accomplish in the years to come.

With every good blessing, I am,

Fr. John McCard

1,502

Christmas service
attendance

1,359

Holy Week and
Easter attendance

682

Church School
enrollments



699

Individuals received
pastoral care

208

Eucharists
celebrated



Thirty-Four

Confirmations

8

Weddings



27

Funerals

37

Baptisms

25 years ago

Lightning struck the church in a catastrophic fire. For three years Temple Beth Ahabah provided a place for worship as a \$3.5-million improved sanctuary was constructed with a \$1-million dollar Fisk organ.





A Joyful Exchange of Doing

How do you measure the impact of St. James's mission and outreach efforts? Arguably, one person at a time. St. James's parishioner Sharon Wayne would offer herself as Exhibit A.

Today Sharon is a highly visible member of our parish, having been a vital member – and frequently a participant in – a wide variety of ministries in our church. CARITAS, Honduras mission trip, Project Homes, Virginia Supportive Housing, Hilliard House, ACTS board member, Hospitality committee, Mardi Gras, WomanKind; this is just a partial list of the things Sharon has worked on and remains a part of since she came to St. James's. But how she got here, and why she remains such a joyful member of our community of faith, says much about who we are and what we hold important.

In the mid-'90s Sharon found herself very much on the outside looking in. A variety of circumstances, and not a few unfortunate choices, resulted in Sharon living the life of a homeless person in her own home. She was stuck with a dilapidated house in Church Hill that – like St. James's itself – had survived a fire but was frankly more air than structure. There were walls missing, holes in the roof, no air conditioning or heating beyond a working fireplace. But unlike St. James's, there was no insurance to help make the place habitable again. And worse, no one seemed willing to help. "I literally called everywhere to get help, but no matter who it was, I couldn't seem to qualify for any assistance," recalls Sharon. "I was too old, or not old enough, or not credit-worthy, or the house wasn't in the right part of town, or it had too much damage. I was about to give up hope." And then St. James's came into her life, in a very tangible, and ultimately profound, way.

After exhausting most of the other resources on offer in the city, Sharon eventually got connected with Sue Eaves — a former associate rector at St. James’s. At the time, St. James’s was doing quite a bit of foreign mission work, but not much in the way of local direct outreach work ourselves. Sue and others put together a team of St. James’s volunteers who on three successive weekends worked on getting Sharon’s house enclosed, insulated, and with enough drywall hung that it satisfied City code. Sharon took it from there.

At that point, too, despite being a part of one faith community or another for most of her life, Sharon had become disillusioned with organized church. But something about the “Doers” spirit of St. James’s just clicked with her. “I saw immediately that St. James’s is a place where people ‘walk the walk.’ It’s an empowering place, where my values are validated in a community of other doers. It’s a place that not only allows but encourages me to do the things my heart wants to do.”

Sharon started attending St. James’s on a regular basis, and now is among its most involved parishioners. Yes, St. James’s helped out at a vulnerable time in Sharon’s life. But it’s we who have been blessed by the experience, every bit as much as Sharon.

Doing and giving are a part of our faith.

More than **1,000**
ministry roles filled throughout
all Servant Ministries

800 meatloaves
prepared by Men’s Cooking
Team for distribution

150
St. Jamesers of all
ages created sacred
music in six choirs



200
services and events each years
are enhanced by sacred music

98
children served in early
childhood, after school and
summer intervention by the
Children’s Center



3,600
meals served by
Food Force Ministry
to local agencies



\$22,194.15
given by Crisis Ministry to
assist 50 households with 64
emergency requests

A ton
of food scraps composted by
Stewards of the Earth.

320 hours
a singer in the Parish Choir
spends in rehearsals and
services each year

Did you know:
St. James’s is among the top
50 Episcopal churches in the
nation with a membership of
2,894.

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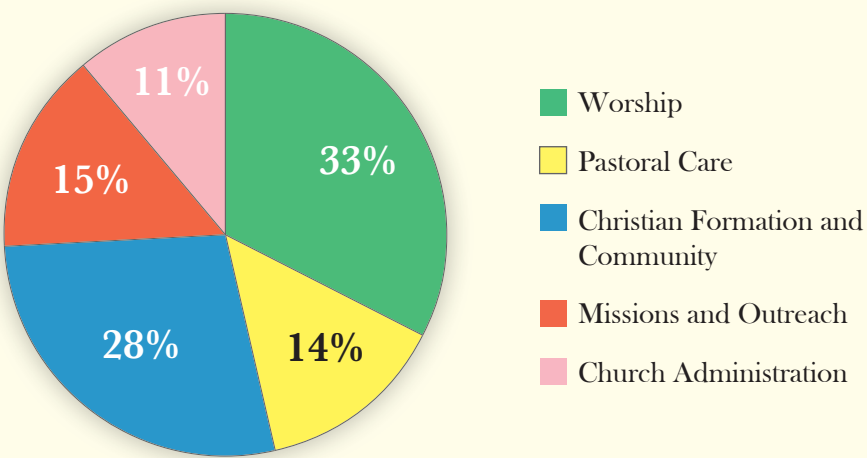
2019 Annual Giving Campaign

635 households pledged a total of \$2,118,507

\$3,336 was the average pledge

\$480,029 income from other sources

How We Spend Our Money



Worship	33%	\$ 846,926
Pastoral Care	14%	\$ 358,934
Christian Formation and Community	28%	\$ 718,179
Missions and Outreach	15%	\$ 389,471
Church Administration	11%	\$ 285,026
	100%	\$2,598,536

Thanks to your ongoing commitment, our children witness their faith in all phases of their Christian formation.



St. James's Vestry

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