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ResourceGuide

for St. James's Episcopal Church



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Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to him in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Ephesians 3:20-1



Dear Friends,

Holy Scripture gives us many different stories about people who were reluctant to do God's will. Noah did not want to build an ark. Moses did not want to go to Egypt. Even Jesus, himself, had second thoughts about God's plan for humanity's salvation in the Garden of Gethsemane. (*Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done. Luke 22:42*)

These stories remind us that even Biblical heroes were reluctant to get involved when they first heard God's call in their lives. Why do you think they were so hesitant? Did they think they were too busy?

Did God's call to them come at an inconvenient time? Did the task appear impossible?

I am sure that we too have similar reasons for not listening to God's call. There are carpools to drive, deadlines at work, and anxiety about our health and finances. Maybe we feel overwhelmed by the poverty and suffering of our fallen world. There are times in my life when I am tempted to think the tasks before me are hopeless.

Yet I believe this reluctance can be the place where God starts going to work in our lives. None of us can truly do it alone. We need the St. James's community, we need each other, and we need to reclaim our reliance on the amazing transformative power of God's love, compassion, and forgiveness. After all, we have been and will continue to be a community of Doers who did not let a fire twenty-five years ago stop us from living out our mission.

Our Parish Resource Guide offers numerous opportunities for you to grow in your relationship with Jesus and to make a difference in our community. Join our fellowship, strengthen your faith as a disciple, and heed the call to serve those in need. God's power can always do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, one person at a time.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'John' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Worship Schedule

Sundays at St. James's

Labor Day – Memorial Day

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II *
and Children's Chapel

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II *
(1st & 3rd Sundays) *or*
Morning Prayer, Rite I *
(2nd & 4th Sundays)

5:00 p.m. Jazz Mass
(1st Sunday)

Memorial Day – Labor Day

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II *

5:30 p.m. Jazz Mass
(every Sunday in summer)

Wednesdays at St. James's

Labor Day – Memorial Day

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Chapel

** Services are streamed live on our website: www.doers.org*

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Worship Ministries

Altar Guild

Altar Guild is the ministry that prepares the church (with specific attention to the altar) and chapel for all worship services, including weddings, funerals, baptisms, and special feast days. The Guild ensures that each occasion is celebrated visually and sacramentally appropriately to reflect the church season. There are six teams who serve every sixth week.

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Flower Guild

This ministry is for those who love to create beautiful flower arrangements. Members prepare the church with flowers for worship services including weddings, funerals, and special feast days, such as Christmas, Advent, Holy Week and Easter. The flowers and greens reflect the occasions and church seasons.

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Acolyte Ministry

The Acolyte Ministry is comprised of youth in 6th – 12th grades. Youth serve as Crucifers (the lead crucifer assists the priest with the elements at the altar), Banner Bearers and Torch Bearers during the worship services.

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Lay Eucharistic Ministry (LEM)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers serve as chalice bearers during Eucharist services. They also serve as a lector and an acolyte to the priest at the 7:45 a.m. worship service. LEMs also provide in-home communion to those parishioners who are unable to attend church.

Contact: Michael Lantz, (804) 938-5223
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Lectors

Lectors read the scripture passages at both the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services, once or twice each four to five months.

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Ushers

Ushers welcome worshippers with bulletins, introduce newcomers, answer questions and guide people during our worship services, take up the offering, and deliver altar flowers to shut-ins and parish members.

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Brink Brinkley, (804) 840-9618 or
asb3rd@aol.com for 11:15 a.m. service

Video Ministry

Volunteers operate the video equipment for each service that we webcast – two on Sundays, September through May, and one on Sundays in the summer – as well as special services and other events during the year. This ministry allows those who cannot attend services because of poor health or other reasons to watch our services.

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Wheels Ministry

Volunteers provide transportation each Sunday morning for Westminster Canterbury residents who attend the 11:15 a.m. worship service. Training for driving the Westminster Canterbury Richmond van is provided.

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St. James's

Music Ministries

Contact: Mark Whitmire, (804) 355-1779, ext. 323
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Cherub Choir (*Kindergarten to Grade 2*)

Rehearses Wednesdays from 4:00 to 4:50 p.m.
Sings monthly at the 9:00 a.m. service

Children's Choir (*Grades 3 to 5*)

Rehearses Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Sings monthly at the 9:00 a.m. service

Youth Choir (*Grades 6 to 12*)

Rehearses Sundays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Sings monthly at the 11:15 a.m. service

West Gallery Choir

Choir for adults who want to sing music in a variety of musical styles and want to gain a foundation in music and choral technique

Rehearses Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Sings at the 9:00 a.m. service

Parish Choir

Choir for more experienced singers who want to sing a wide range of choral repertoire in the Anglican tradition

Rehearses Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sings at the 11:15 a.m. service

Guitar Ensemble

Rehearses Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m.
Plays at the 9:00 a.m. service

Singing Lessons

Six-week singing class beginning in September and January. Meets Third Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.

Virginia Home Sing

At 7:00 p.m., on the fourth Monday of each month (September through May)
Lead by the Guitar Ensemble, choristers and parishioners at the Virginia Home and sing with the residents in singing.

See page 11, Music at St. James's, for special concerts and services.

Children's Ministries

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact: Becky Page, (804) 355-1779, ext. 314
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Godly Play

A team of four storytellers and doorkeepers serve in each of the three Godly Play classes for three-year-olds through 1st graders. Volunteers alternate between telling the story and welcoming the children into the sacred space of the Godly Play classroom. Volunteers are encouraged to be present twice each month during the Sunday school program year.

Growing in Faith Rotation Model

There are a variety of opportunities to share your time and talents while serving in this ministry to our elementary school children. Workshop leaders, shepherds, and materials volunteers engage with the second through fifth graders in this Sunday school program. Shepherds are encouraged to be present in the classroom twice per month during the program year in a ministry of presence. Workshop leaders teach one lesson to several classes over the course of several Sundays. Workshop leaders can lead one lesson or a few throughout the year. Materials volunteers work behind the scenes approximately once each month during the year.

Nursery

Parent volunteers engage with infants, toddlers, preschool children and nursery staff each Sunday during the 9:00 a.m. service during the program year and at the 10:00 a.m. service in the summer. Parents whose children use the nursery are highly encouraged to be a part of this ministry. It's a great way to get to know other families with young children.

Children's Chapel

The Children's Chapel program is offered during the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist service throughout the program year. Adult volunteers welcome the children into the chapel and support the clergy as they lead the children in worship.

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Baptismal Banners

Parishioners create personalized banners for each child baptized at St. James's. No artistic talent required. Banners are created with only simple tracing, cutting, and gluing. Service in this ministry can be performed at home or at church.

Advent Fair for All Ages

Volunteers can serve in this ministry by preparing materials in advance or they can volunteer to assist families during the Advent Fair, which will be held Sunday, December 1, 2019.

Christmas Pageant

Volunteers assist with costuming and chaperoning pageant participants during both the dress rehearsal and the pageant. Volunteers also assist with costumes, props, and lighting. The dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 21, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and the pageant will be Sunday, December 22, at 5:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

Volunteers serve in a variety of roles both leading up to and in the week of Vacation Bible School. Volunteers serve in planning, decorating, and materials procurement prior to VBS. The week of VBS, volunteers serve as shepherds and activities leaders. Youth volunteers are welcome and encouraged to serve at VBS. Vacation Bible School will be June 22-26, 2020.

International and Domestic Missions

St. James's has a rich history of domestic and international mission trips. Each year, we send a number of mission teams out to share God's love through service. A mission trip is an opportunity to immerse oneself in community, prayer, laughter, and hard work. These trips are both challenging and rewarding. Most mission trips do not require special skills – just willing hands and a compassionate heart! Many of the trips are open to youth and adults – check with the trip leader to find out more. The trips and dates listed here are subject to change, so please watch the eChimes for updates throughout the year.

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Haiti

November 2020

This will be our tenth year partnering with The St. Joseph Family, an organization that serves the most disadvantaged populations in Haiti. Our team will visit Port-au-Prince and Jacmel, where we will work with Wings of Hope, a home for children and adults with disabilities. The mission includes both project/construction work as well as interacting with the wonderful residents at Wings.

Honduras

July 2020

The church's longest running mission continues to flourish in this country with one of the poorest economies in Central America. Over the past quarter of a century, our mission teams have built many meaningful relationships with our friends at Our Little Roses Home for Girls in the city of San Pedro Sula, a home for approximately 60 girls aged 2 to 20. We give the girls love and attention throughout the week with games, arts and crafts, sports, field trips, and a farewell festival. This trip is particularly rewarding for parents and their teenage children.



Navajoland

March 2020

We have a relatively new mission trip to St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah, a very remote part of Utah, surrounded by Navajoland and a stunning array of national parks. St. Christopher's Mission was built in 1942 and the grounds include a museum, community farm, and a free well used by many Navajo as their main water source. Our team partners with the Episcopal Church to assist in repairs to the Mission buildings.

Richmond

June 2020

Our city has many needs, and this mission trip allows participants to spend a week making a difference right here in our own community. In recent years, we have partnered with project:HOME, Inc., an excellent nonprofit enabling low-income neighbors in Richmond to stay in their homes. Work will likely include home repair projects and yard work.

World Pediatric Project

June 2020

In recent years, World Pediatric Project patients Anelle, Angelo, Sofia, Fidel, Bless, Isis, Future, and Kyle have brought great joy to our parish. This year, we look forward to being matched with another WPP family. Through this locally-based organization, our church will sponsor a child to travel to Richmond from a developing country for life-saving surgery. St. James's will support them by providing meals, planning fun activities, and more. This is a wonderful mission opportunity for families with young children, and for parishioners who would like to build international relationships but are unable to travel far from home.

Youth Missions for Middle and High Schoolers

Summer 2020

Going on a mission trip is always a highlight of the summer for our teenagers and a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and service to others. We will offer three mission trips specifically for youth summer 2020:

- 3-day Youth Mini-Mission is for students finishing 5th-8th grades
- The week-long Appalachia Youth Mission Trip is for students finishing 9th-12th grades.
- New in 2020, we are offering a Cuba Youth Mission and Pilgrimage.

Youth are welcome to participate in any of the other St. James's mission trips with an accompanying parent. Please join us on January 12, 2020, for our Summer 2020 Preview Event to learn more about these mission opportunities.



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Servant Ministries

Area Congregations Together In Service (ACTS) Advocacy Team *

The ACTS Advocacy Team serves to raise awareness and interest in the work of ACTS. It has created and sustains a template of ideas and activities that can be used by other ACTS partner congregations to educate church members about the important mission of ACTS and to suggest possible funding and awareness building strategies within the congregations. DOER volunteers promote awareness and education by hosting awareness-building events.

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Area Congregations Together In Service (ACTS) is a network of congregations and community partners working together to prevent homelessness. It provides case assessment, referrals, and emergency financial support to individuals and families who are in financial crisis and who are at risk of losing their housing. ACTS and St. James's, through the office of Nancy Warman, have a strong working crisis ministry partnership.

Ministry Care Teams

Volunteers serve on an as-needed basis with the Director of Servant Ministry/Pastoral Social Worker and offer a helping hand to clients who have been referred to the church for emergency financial assistance or need other types of support, such as a friendly visit, transport to doctor's appointment, occasional grocery shopping and non-financial support.

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St. James's Children's Center *

Volunteers serve by sharing talents like art and dance, providing board and committee leadership, mentoring young learners, reading to children, accompanying students on field trips, and assisting administrative staff.

St. James's Children's Center is a special ministry for a diverse group of children, including those at risk because of low income and developmental delays. The Children's Center provides two quality educational programs: Early Childhood, and Summer Enrichment and Intervention. Talented and passionate teachers give young learners the luxury of time to be children, to discover and pursue their own ideas and passions, and to acquire a life-long love of learning.

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Champions for Kids: Ministry & Mentoring in City Schools

Volunteers choose to serve as tutors, mentors, lunch buddies, classroom assistants, or chaperones at ministry partner schools located in the East End, including Bellevue Elementary, Peter Paul Development Center, Anna Julia Cooper School, or any other school system.

Bellevue Elementary School—Join our team of lunch buddies who meet monthly for fun and activities with elementary-age children or sign up to be a tutor or a classroom assistant.

Peter Paul Development Center * has a mission to build a community of learners by engaging and challenging children, families, and seniors. This is accomplished through programs that enhance academic achievement, provide cultural enrichment, and promote self-esteem and lifelong self-sufficiency. Many volunteer opportunities available.

Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School is an independent, faith-based middle school for students of limited resources primarily from Richmond's East End neighborhood. Volunteers can serve as mentors, lunch buddies, or they can drop-in to help with students during study hall time.

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CARITAS Shelter Week *

April 25 - May 2, 2020

CARITAS Shelter Ministry provides a week of overnight shelter, along with meals, shower and laundry services, and an abundance of hospitality and loving care to approximately 35 women guests who join us each night in Michaux House. It takes a village! **DOER** volunteers generously provide meals, activities, gift bags, showers, laundry service, listening ears, and loving hearts!

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Safe Harbor*

This mission is to create an environment where services and support for human trafficking and abuse survivors is readily available, and healthy relationships are modeled and encouraged. Volunteers provide support and encouragement while providing services such as helping with cleaning shelter space, providing lawn care, painting an office space, or providing a meal for the residents of the shelter.

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REAL Advocacy Team*

The REAL team assists individuals who are part of the REAL community agency program and who have been impacted by incarceration or homelessness, or who are battling addiction and are challenged by barriers and obstacles within the community keeping them from a thriving future. Volunteers provide financial and budget counseling, coaching for expectant mothers, Bible study, and friendly support. Volunteers serve as mentors, tutors, coaches, and offer friendly “cheerleading” as individuals work towards stability.

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RE:work Richmond

Real People, Real Jobs, Real Opportunity
RE:work Richmond’s mission is to reduce the level of poverty in the East End of Richmond by helping unemployed and underemployed heads of household obtain the skills and/or necessary support to qualify for, obtain, and sustain well-suited living wage careers. For the participants and their families, our goal is to help them navigate the pathway out of systemic poverty, and the social and economic structures that have kept them from realizing their potential.

Our team of DOER volunteers provide one-on-one coaching and encouragement to individuals from the Church Hill neighborhood who are participants in this East End employment initiative. Coaching and detailed attention will be given to the financial needs of an individual to help determine what type job is needed to provide economic stability. The goal is to provide moral support, professional guidance, and tangible help needed in order for participants to reach optimal employment and sufficient income for family stabilization. Training is provided for volunteers.

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Circles RVA*

Circles RVA is a non-profit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty in the greater Richmond area. Volunteers serving as “Allies” work one-on-one and in groups with “Leaders,” individuals who are living at 150% or less of the federal poverty guideline and desire to work out of poverty. “Allies” offer support and encouragement and enlarge the “Leader’s” community networks, helping them gain access to community resources and to build social and economic networks that help the individual move out of poverty and be able to thrive economically. Volunteer “Allies” work alongside many other volunteers and are

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provided training and understanding of the Circles foundational curriculum and process.

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DAN (Doers Action Network)

A team of volunteers who serve on an on-call basis to provide occasional support and assistance to a member of the church. Services such as minor plumbing work, changing light bulbs, short-term yard work, shoveling snow, limited household chores, hanging pictures, transportation, balancing a checkbook, organizing health care documentation, or providing a friendly visit are provided. This team provides in-reach ministry to those who are members of our St. James's family and especially to those who are financially or physically unable to care for themselves.

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Doers Doing in the Community

These DOERS support community agencies that embrace and strengthen the lives of those in our Richmond metro community who are in need. Team members respond to a particular agency need for "helping hands." Team members have helped at Virginia Supportive Housing, Housing Families First, and the REAL house. Activities can include painting and decorating a resident room, cleaning and organizing an apartment for someone who is physically and mentally unable to do so, or providing a meal and sharing dinner with residents.

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The Giving Tree

DOER volunteers plan and implement the annual Christmas ministry that allows our congregation to provide gifts to children and senior adults who participate in the program of the Peter Paul Development Center and to children in need who are served by our emergency outreach fund or by other selected community agencies. Volunteers decorate the trees, help with the selection of wish lists ornaments, and organize all gifts to be delivered to PPDC. We are especially excited this year to join forces with our annual Taste of St. James's to kickoff this important Christmas ministry!

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Susan Sumrell, (703) 772-7437
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project:HOMES

Working through project:HOMES, a community agency that provides services to elderly citizens, our volunteers work together several times a year to renovate or repair the homes of low-income elderly city residents. Kyle Martin is our professional building contractor who supervises and welcomes even those with no building experience!

Contact: Andy Smith, (804) 310-1026
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McGuire Veterans Ministry

Volunteers host an ice cream social for patients on the polytrauma and spinal cord units of McGuire Veterans Hospital and for their families and staff. Team members gather for a visit each 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., to offer hospitality, listening ears and "ministry of presence."

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Stewards of the Earth

This committee meets as needed to pursue green initiatives, both as a parish and as individual Christians. We are deeply grateful for the beauty of God’s creation, and invite all to join us in our work to preserve it. By reducing the size of our own environmental footprint, with God’s help, we intend to have a positive impact on the future of our church and community. Team members serve as representatives to the Diocesan Creation Care Task Force and encourage theological study and practical applications of environmentalism and care for our Earth. We stay in contact and up to date on issues via email and take turns authoring the “Earthly Matters” column in the Chimes.

Contact: Monica Lewis, (703) 415-6493
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RVA Rapid Transit Advocacy Team

DOER team members serve as advocates for the awareness and promotion of efforts to create an effective rapid public transportation system in metropolitan Richmond. Advocates are contacted through e-mail messages to show up for various meetings, especially for city and county governing boards. The rapid transit system for Greater Richmond connects job-seekers with employers and county residents with downtown attractions, with a positive impact on our region’s economy. In this area, we are also working on race relations through a partnership with Mt. Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries, a predominantly African-American church in Chesterfield County.

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Episcopal Church Women

Every woman of the church belongs to the Episcopal Church Women. ECW members volunteer their time in many outreach projects associated with church. You’re invited to join in!

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Fellowship

Food Force Ministry

Food Force DOER volunteers prepare home-cooked meals and deliver them to community agencies that serve homeless and low-income people. These faithful volunteers create not only nutritious meals but also an abundance of joy as they work together to serve those in need! Each of four teams meets monthly.

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Men’s Cooking Team

Men only! These men love to cook together in the St. James’s kitchen on the third Saturday of each month. As part of the Food Force ministry, they prepare and deliver home-cooked meals to community agencies that provide meals for homeless and low-income children and families. In addition, this team is recognized for its best ever New Orleans cuisine served at Mardi Gras for Missions and Outreach, as well as for special events!

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Wednesday Night Dinner Teams

Come join a dinner team and enjoy the “organized chaos” and fun in the kitchen! Team members enjoy working together, preparing and serving creative and delicious meals to church members and friends who come for 6:00 p.m. dinner and fellowship. Each team plans, prepares, and serves meals on designated Wednesday nights. Team members generally serve three times/program year and are reimbursed for dinner expenses.

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Helping Hands

Volunteers supporting church members is what this team is all about! Team members take turns providing meals to church members who are in need of support due to an illness or death in the family or when celebrating the birth of a child.

Contact: Jayne Pemberton, (804) 564-5549
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Hospitality Committee

This team of volunteers serves on call to provide planning and preparation for special events including Blessing of the Animals, Bishop’s confirmation reception, Easter brunch, Pentecost celebration, and Founders Day reception.

Contact: Andy Bennett, (804) 358-8908
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Memorial Garden Team

Volunteers provide oversight for the care and maintenance of the Memorial Garden, help with physical gardening, and maintain updates of the Memorial Garden remembrance book. Currently, garden work is up to date and a small committee maintains the seasonal plantings.

Contact: Janet Baruch, (804) 357-0255
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Music Hospitality

This team of volunteers loves music and gathering together afterwards for fellowship and good eats! Volunteers serve on-call to provide easy appetizers, sweets and savories for receptions following about six music events throughout the year.

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Palcam6666@gmail.com)

Parish House Volunteers

Parish House Volunteers answer the phone and greet visitors and may help staff with administrative tasks such as stuffing envelopes, folding letters, and other light office work. Volunteers can serve morning or afternoon hours and/or be on call.

Contact: Gina Young, (804) 355-1779, ext. 315
or gyoung@doers.org

Doers Dining

Let us break bread together! Parishioners gather for informal potluck dinners in small groups. This is a great opportunity for newcomers and long-timers to get to know one another better and share food and fellowship.

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or andyharrisonbennett@gmail.com
Brooke Taylor, (804) 360-5569
or sbrocket@comcast.net

Welcome Ambassadors

St. James’s ambassador ministry welcomes visitors and newcomers to our parish. Ambassadors will help greet newcomers and answer questions. They will provide a personal connection for new attendees and members. Ambassadors will participate in/lead other welcome-based activities.

Contact: Laura Strickler, (804) 539-1293
or laurastrickler@gmail.com

Music at St. James's



"O sing unto God with the voice of melody." -Psalm 47:1

2019

- October 6
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
St. Francis Day: Blessing of the Animals
Cherub Choir and Children's Choir
- October 20
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong
Parish Choir
- October 27
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Bluegrass Mass
West Gallery Choir & Guitar Ensemble
- November 3-10
Haiti Choir Mission Trip
- November 17
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.
Sung Eucharist:
Missa Aeterna Christi Munera
(Palestrina)
Parish Choir and Youth Choir
- November 24
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
Three Choirs Concert at St. Paul's Church
Melodious Accord: A Concert of Praise
(Alice Parker)
Combined Choirs of St. Paul's, St. Stephen's and St. James's
- November 28
Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist
Parish Choir and Trumpets
- December 8
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
Advent Lessons and Carols
West Gallery Choir and Youth Choir
- December 16
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Our Christmas Hope: A Service of Remembrance, Healing and Comfort
Music from the Celtic tradition
- December 22
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Pageant
Cherub Choir, Children's Choir, and Youth Choir
- December 24
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve
Holy Eucharist, Cherub Choir and Children's Choir
6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, West Gallery Choir and Youth Choir
10:30 p.m. Choral Prelude: Handel's *Messiah*
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Holy Eucharist, Parish Choir

See page 3, Music Ministries, for information about St. James's choirs, guitar ensemble and singing lessons.

2020

- January 19
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Evensong
Norfolk State University Concert Choir and St. James's Choirs
Dr. Carl Haywood, Guest Conductor and Organist
- February 9
Sunday, 7:00 p.m.
Valentine Hall
Corey's Gospel Hour: Readings and Old-Time Gospel Hymns
Led by local musician Corey Axt
- February 23
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong
The St. Catherine's & St. Christopher's Schools Saint Singers and Youth Choir
- February 26
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday
West Gallery Choir
- February 28
Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Choral Concert
Southern Virginia University Chamber Singers
- March 22
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Dylan Mass
West Gallery Choir and Guitar Ensemble
- March 29
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.
Sung Eucharist:
Mass in G Minor
(Vaughan Williams)
Parish Choir
- April 5
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday
Cherub, Children's, Youth and Parish Choirs
- April 9
Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday
Parish Choir
- April 12
Sunday, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.
Easter Day Festival Holy Eucharist
St. James's Choirs with Trumpets and Timpani
- May 3
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.
Awarding of Crosses and Ribbons
Youth Choir
- May 10
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Cantata and Awarding of Crosses and Ribbons
Children's Choir and Cherub Choir
- May 29
Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Organ Recital
Organist: Daniel Sanchez
from Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
- June 7
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong
St. James's Choir
Music for Gloucester Cathedral
- August 3-9
Choir Residency at Gloucester Cathedral

Very Special Events

Taste of St. James's - New Day & Time!



Sunday, November 24, 2019

The Taste of St. James's debuted in 2011 as the Holiday Gourmet Food Sale. This fall, we are moving to Sunday morning! We will feature long-time favorites including soups, breakfast casseroles, and the Bake Shop. This event funds St. James's Food Force, our outreach ministry to homeless residents in Richmond. Volunteers are needed to prepare soups and baked goods, as well as staff the event. Also, plenty of shoppers are needed to come and buy all the delicious soups and treats for sale!

Contact: Christina Murray, Chair
comurrayrva@gmail.com or
(804) 380-5237

Leigh Hulcher, Bake Shop
leigh.hulcher@gmail.com or
(804) 356-4874

Advent Fair for All Ages

Sunday, December 1, 2019 in Valentine Hall

Held during the Christian Education hour, this year the Advent Fair is an opportunity for parishioners of all ages to create a variety of Advent-themed crafts, pick up new spiritual tools, and enjoy fellowship as we prepare for the season of Advent.

Contact: Becky Page, bpage@doers.org or
(804) 355-1779, ext. 314

The Rev. Hilary Streever,
hstreever@doers.org or
(804) 355-1779, ext. 319

Alternative Gift Market

Sunday, December 8, 2019

First Floor Parlors of the Michaux House

As we prepare for the coming of the Christ child, the gifts we prepare for others can reflect his love. The St. James's Alternative Gifts Market offers gifts that enrich our walk with Jesus. Yours can be a donation to a signature ministry or featured partner; gift certificates towards a St. James's mission trip, pilgrimage or retreat; or stocking stuffers like Children's Center crosses and fair trade goods. Each gift comes with an original St. James's gift card or certificate.

Contact: Becky DeCamps, rahylton2@gmail.com
or (804) 814-0666

Mardi Gras for Missions and Outreach

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Many volunteers and partygoers make this annual Fat Tuesday event a highly successful extravaganza that supports mission trips and local community outreach. Volunteers are needed to serve in many ways, including food preparation and serving, bartending, decorating, invitations, set-up, collecting and organizing auction items, and more!

WomanKind 2020: Fearless Women of Faith

Art Exhibit Opening: March 5th

Gathering: March 20th -21st

WomanKind is a weekend of faith and fellowship, enlightenment and engagement for women. This year we will explore and celebrate how God inspires fearlessness in us. In our keynote sessions with author Lisa Sharon Harper, worship with preacher the Rev. Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams, and workshops with a variety of talented women, we will examine fearlessness in the face of injustice, violence against women, life transitions, the unknown, vulnerability, and even fear itself.

New this year will be an art exhibit featuring pieces inspired by fearless women of faith.

The art exhibit opening will be held Thursday, March 5, in Michaux House basement (handicap accessible). The exhibit will run through WomanKind weekend.

Information & registration: womankindrichmond.com

Contact: Christie Hartwell, (804) 212-4214 or
hartwell7dials@gmail.com

Adah Parashar, (804) 370-9874 or
aparashar@gmail.com

Art Exhibit: Gloria Prevatt, gjcp42@icloud.com
or (804) 301-5128

Laurie Hoen,
laurie@hoenfinearts.com

Learning at St. James's

DOERS *in* STUDY

Christian Study

Sunday Morning

Adult Forum

*One Sunday of the Month, 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.
Valentine Hall*

One Sunday a month we gather for a wide variety of programs on topics of Christian concern in today's world. This is a chance for us to host speakers and exchange questions and ideas. This year our forums will variously focus on our national and local housing crisis, and will also be opportunities to talk about our parish life.

Short Courses

Three Sundays of the month, 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. Valentine Hall

Three Sundays a month a variety of conversations will be held, covering a range of topics including prayer, Christian practices, Biblical themes, saints, eco-theology – et cetera, et cetera! Short courses are three Sundays in length.

Sunday Bible Study

See Bible Studies on page 15.

Intentional Spirituality Group

*First Sunday of the Month
Program Year: 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Summer Months: 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.
Peterkin Parlor*

What does it mean to be spiritual as a Christian? How can we develop spiritual disciplines that bring us closer to Christ daily? Led by Br. Leo Campos and the Rev. Hilary Streever, the Intentional Spirituality Group is a holy space for walking in the Way of Christ together. We share ancient and new spiritual practices, prayerfully read relevant books together, hold each other

accountable to disciplines, and support each other in the Way. The group also meets for retreats. Drop in or come regularly!

Contact: Br. Leo Campos, brleocos@gmail.com
The Rev. Hilary Streever,
(804) 355-1779, ext. 317
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Baptismal Guides

Saturdays and Sundays by registration

Baptismal preparation for parents, godparents, and adult baptismal candidates is held at 10:15 a.m. the Sunday and 10:00 a.m. on the Saturday prior to the scheduled baptisms. Baptismal Guides are trained lay leaders who serve as mentors and guides to adult candidates for baptism and the parents and godparents of infants as they prepare for their child's baptism. Contact us if you would like to join the Baptismal Guides ministry team or if you are interested in baptisms at St. James's.

Contacts: Becky Page, (804) 355-1779, ext. 317
or bpge@doers.org

Baptism Orientation

January 12, 2020 10:15 a.m. in Gibson Hall Atrium

Are you considering baptism for yourself or your child? Are you expecting a child and thinking about baptism? Our clergy, staff, and Baptism Guides warmly invite you to our one-hour baptism orientation designed to answer important questions in preparation for this joyful sacrament. We address both theological and practical questions like: "What does God do at baptism?" "Who should I ask to be a godparent for my child?" and "How do I sign up my child or myself to be baptized at St. James's?" Offered twice a year.

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Wednesday Evenings

Labor Day - Memorial Day

Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Most Wednesday Nights during the Program Year

Fellowship Suppers at 6:00 p.m. and

Christian Journey at 6:45 p.m. in Valentine Hall.

Christian Journey

Seasonally, Wednesdays 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Valentine Hall

This engaging series invites deeper inquiry into issues relevant to the ongoing faith journey of adults. No commitment needed – drop in any time for one or all the classes!

Contact: The Rev. Hilary Streever,
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or hstreever@doers.org

Adult Confirmation

(formerly Pilgrims Path)

2020

Short Courses: Sundays, March 1 to March 29

10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Small Groups: Wednesdays, March 4 to April 1

6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This is the class designed to provide a grounding in three areas of Christian discipleship: worship & prayer, study, and service. Our confirmation class based on the early church's practice of teaching new members during Lent in preparation for Easter. Each Sunday a clergy-led short course on "Christianity 201," open to all parishioners, discusses a basic Christian or Episcopal topic. Participants in the confirmation track also meet Wednesday evenings in small groups facilitated by lay leaders for more information, discussion, Bible study, and prayer. Participants in the class may be baptized, confirmed, reaffirmed or received into the Episcopal Church when the bishop visits in May.

Register: Donna Ellis, (804) 355-1779, ext. 313
The Rev. or dellis@doers.org

Contact: The Rev. Hilary Streever,
(804)355-1779, ext. 319
or hstreever@doers.org

Newcomers Class

September 18 & 22, 2019

January 8 & 12, 2020

April 29 & May 3, 2020

Interested in joining St. James's? Attend two back-to-back sessions – one Wednesday evening followed by one Sunday morning – for fellowship, worship, and basics about life and membership at St. James's.

Register: Donna Ellis, (804) 355-1779, ext. 313
or dellis@doers.org

Contact: The Rev. Dr. John McCard,
(804) 355-1779 ext. 318 or
jmccard@doers.org

Small Groups

Rector's Book Study

(formerly Spiritual Book Club)

Selected Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Michaux House, Valentine Hall

The Rector's Book Club has been meeting for over a decade. This group reads a mixture of novels, histories, works of theology, and books on spirituality. If you love to read and discuss good literature, you're invited to attend with the Rev. Dr. John McCard.

Contact: The Rev. Dr. John McCard,
(804) 355-1779, ext. 318 or
jmccard@doers.org

The Tuesday Readers

Fourth Tuesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Michaux House, Fagan Parlor

Summer's over. Fall beckons with schedule and routines. But will the record setting heat be forgotten? Tuesday Readers 2019-2020 launches in September with an account of Antarctic explorations (*The White Darkness*) and the heroism and sacrifice these quests demand. Please join us!
(* Date change in these months accommodates other parish activities - December/Christmas and February/Mardi Gras).

Contacts: Mary Lou Rumble, (804) 874-6374
or marylouise.rva@gmail.com

Diane Dodd McCue, (804) 690-4316
or ddoddmcue@vcu.edu



Brown Bag Book Group

*First Thursdays 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Gibson Hall, Conference Room B*

The Brown Bag Book Club Group reads and discusses both fiction and non-fiction selections, recommended and selected by members. All interested readers are invited to bring a lunch and join in the lively and thoughtful discussions.

Contact: Linda Owen, (804) 240-5546
or lindaowen23@gmail.com

Education for Ministry (EfM)

*Tuesdays, 6:15 - 8:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 17, 2019
Westminster Canterbury Richmond
1600 Westbrook Ave., Richmond, VA 23227*

Are you seeking to deepen and grow your faith? Education for Ministry (EfM) is designed to help us understand our lives and shape our actions. Through EfM, we learn how we might respond to our baptismal call to represent Christ and his Church; “to bear witness to him ... to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world; and to take [our] place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.” (*Book of Common Prayer*). EfM is a program designed and directed by the University of the South (Sewanee) and is more than 40 years old. Its curriculum of study, worship, theological reflection and small group interaction is one of the most comprehensive theological education experiences available, outside of seminary. One EfM graduate said, “EfM has helped me be more aware of the God-full moments in my daily walk – at work, at home, at play – and to discover how I can minister right where I am, right now, and to explore possible new ministry.” There is a tuition fee; scholarships are available. Visit the Sewanee EfM website at efm.sewanee.edu.

Contacts: Jane Dowrick, (804) 327-1602
or efmvirginia@gmail.com

SelfStarters

*Second Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Gather in Scott’s Addition (2920 W. Broad Street)*

Entrepreneurs, freelancers, sole practitioners, and self-employed workers gather monthly place to share ideas, offer support, provide guidance, hear meaningful presentations, and network with other SelfStarters. This is a group that both

nurtures and challenges our members in a warm and open environment, never forgetting to reflect on our business issues through the prism of our Christian faith.

Contact: Jay Sandusky
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The Rev. Dr. Mark Cooper
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Bible Studies

Sunday Bible Study with Thom Blair

10:15 to 11:00 a.m., Parkinson Room

2019

*September 8 and 22
October 6, 13 and 20
November 3, 10 and 17
December 1, 8 and 15*

2020

*January 12, 19 and 26
February 2
March 1, 8, 15 and 22
April 26
May 3 and 10*

This year our Sunday Bible Study is going to focus, once again, on the some of the famous and familiar stories we tell about Jesus of Nazareth, especially those found in the synoptic gospels. For the first half of the year, we’ll explore the stories Luke and Matthew tell about Jesus’ birth. We’ll be trying to understand a little better what these stories have to tell us about who Jesus was, what our forbears believed about Him, what His message was, and how all this relates to us now. In the second half of the year, we’ll change our focus from the stories about Jesus’s birth to those we tell about his death. But we’ll still be doing the same thing, namely, trying to see more clearly what there is to learn about Him from the stories we tell about his death. All of our sessions will be free-standing: you can come anytime without having to worry about what you’ve missed. There is no previous study or knowledge required. All that’s needed is you, and your interest in learning.

Contact: The Rev. Dr. Thom Blair
thomblairjr@gmail.com

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Tuesday Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Michaux House, Valentine Hall

A weekly hour of fellowship, discussion, and good food. Areas of study for this group have included the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the Book of Acts, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Genesis, and Exodus.

Contact: Patrick Strickler, (804) 539-1306
or jpstrickler@verizon.net
Stephen Spraker, (804) 282-6773 or
sspraker@bbtscottstringfellow.com

Women's Bible Wisdom

Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Michaux House Library

This Bible study meets twice a month to read together through a biblical book or theme one at a time. We explore when and under what conditions the passages were written, and prayerfully ask how God is speaking through them now to us as Christ's followers. This year we continue with the stories of Saul & David in 2 Samuel.

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or marylouise.rva@gmail.com
The Rev. Hilary Streever,
(804) 355-1779, ext. 319
or hstreever@doers.org

Living Faith Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Michaux House, Room 205

This opportunity for spiritual refreshment and enlightenment begins with prayer and a period of silence for meditation, followed by study and discussions that help to make our Christian faith a "living faith" and apply the witness of the Scripture to our everyday lives. At our first meeting of the program year, September 11, we will discuss our format and possible topics for the year.

Contacts: The Rev. Dr. Mark Cooper
markcooper1966@gmail.com
Betse Trice, (804) 282-4726
or betset@hotmail.com

Lectionary Ladies

Wednesdays, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Michaux House, Room 205

This is a lectionary Bible study for women of all ages. Each week, we examine the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday, often using the lectio divina method of praying with scripture. This Bible study provides an opportunity to deepen one's experience of the readings and sermons on Sundays.

Contact: Kitsie Garland, (804) 359-0024
or kitsie.garland@verizon.net

Sisters in the Word

In this weekly Bible study, women from St. James's and other local churches gather for coffee, fellowship, reflection on God's Holy Word, and prayer.

Contact: Kit Bredrup, (804) 282-4629
or kitbredrup@gmail.com

Thursday Men's Bible Study Breakfast

Every other Thursday at 7:30 a.m. Michaux House, Valentine Hall

We are led by Christ's example of service to others, and members take turns in leading the morning worship and explaining the following Sunday's readings, or in the cooking and cleaning up of the breakfast meal.

Contact: Tom Baker, (804) 393-9726
or bakergang@verizon.net

Children's Sunday Christian Study

Contact: Becky Page, (804) 355-1779, ext. 314
or beckypage@doers.org

Godly Play

Three-year-olds through First grade

The Godly Play curriculum is based on storytelling and wondering. Children develop the language of their faith while exploring lessons from the Bible and our faith tradition in the Godly Play classroom. Children creatively respond to their hearing of the story and then participate in a communal feast.



Growing in Faith Rotation Model

Second grade through Fifth grade

The Growing in Faith Workshop Rotation Model offers our elementary children a way to experience scriptural stories and faith lessons through a variety of learning styles. Workshops include art, cooking, games, Legos, music, science, service, storytelling, and video. Each lesson is presented over a period of three to four weeks in varied modalities and emphasizes active learning to help children connect the spiritual lessons to their own lives.

Worship Services

Children are welcome at all services. A clergy-led homily, designed and most meaningful for children pre-K through third grade, is offered in the Children's Chapel during 9:00 a.m. service. All children may observe the celebration of the Eucharist on the chancel rug or at the altar rail and baptized children may receive communion. Children are also invited to sit on the chancel rug during baptisms to view of the sacrament closely. All baptized children are invited to receive communion.

Nursery Care

Childcare is offered for infants, toddlers, and pre-school children on Sunday mornings from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Wednesday evenings 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. during the program year, and 9:30-11:30 a.m. during the summer. Experienced and trained caregivers work alongside parent volunteers to provide a safe environment of play and fellowship for our youngest parishioners.

Children's Special Events

Advent Fair for All Ages

*Sunday, December 1, 2019
10:15 a.m. in Valentine Hall*

Held during the Christian Education hour, this year the Advent Fair is an opportunity for parishioners of all ages to create a variety of Advent-themed crafts, pick up new spiritual tools, and enjoy fellowship as we prepare for the season of Advent.

Christmas Pageant

*Sunday, December 22, 2019
5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary*

The children and youth of St. James's present the sacred story of the birth of Jesus in a service filled with traditional hymns and scripture readings.

Vacation Bible School

*June 22-26, 2020
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon*

Vacation Bible School is offered at St. James's for one week each summer. All children age three through rising third grade are invited to participate in a fun-filled, week-long Bible study with storytelling, arts, crafts, games, and music.

Youth Ministry

Contact: Mary Beth Abplanalp
(804) 355-1779, ext. 334
or mbabplanalp@doers.org

Mission and Values

St. James's Youth Ministry loves and supports our youth through joyful Christian Community so that they may explore a relationship with Christ, find their identity in God's love for them, and serve God as Doers of the Word.

Ministry Values

- Community – We develop and celebrate friendships.
- Love – We love others as Christ loves us.
- Acceptance – We welcome and celebrate all as members of the body of Christ.
- Faithfulness – We are grounded in God's love and seek to grow in faith and service.
- Fun – We embrace a playful environment.

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Sunday Morning Youth Groups

“JYF” or Junior Youth Fellowship

Middle School Youth Group for 6th-8th graders

Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Michaux House, Room 304

Youth in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades meet together with a team of adult youth leaders. Youth group builds a welcoming community that has fun exploring our faith through games, projects, and service to others. All youth are welcome to attend regardless of prior involvement. Adult volunteers are welcome, too!

Youth Confirmation Class

9th graders

Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Michaux House, Room 302

This year-long program empowers 9th graders to grow in relationship with each other and with God. We look carefully at what it means to be an Episcopalian and identify how each of us is called to live out our faith using the unique gifts God gives us. Students are empowered to make their own faith choices and as a church community we support them unconditionally. The confirmation group will have an overnight Confirmation Camp in the fall to spend time getting to know each other building relationships with our confirmation leaders. Older youth who desire to be confirmed, but did not participate in the 9th grade program, are encouraged to contact Mary Beth Abplanalp or a member of our clergy about a customized confirmation process tailored to your individual situation.

“SYF” or Senior Youth Fellowship

High School Youth Group for 10th-12th graders

Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Michaux House, Youth Lounge

Youth in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades and adult youth leaders meet in a relaxed environment with a focus on building relationships and exploring ways to live out our faith through mission and service. Much of what we do is driven by the

interest and energy of the group and we have a ton of fun offerings this year including a Martin Luther King Weekend Lock-In January 19-20, 2020. All youth are welcome to attend regardless of prior involvement or membership. Additional adult volunteers are welcome too!

Youth Retreats for 6th - 12th grades

Retreat weekends to Shrine Mont are a great opportunity for youth to have fun with new and old friends and explore their faith outside the rhythm and routine of daily life. Advance registration is required for all youth retreats.

Senior High (9th-12th) PYM Weekend

November 1-3, 2019

SNOWFEST Winter Retreat (6th-12th)

February 7-9, 2020

6th - 8th Grade PYM Weekend

May 8-10, 2020

Youth Mission Trips

Summer 2020

Going on a mission trip is always a highlight of the summer for our teenagers and a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and service to others. We offer three mission trips specifically for youth each summer: the 3-day “Mini-Mission” is for middle school students finishing 5th-8th grades, and the week-long “Youth Mission” is for high school students finishing 9th-12th grades. And new in 2020, we are offering for the first time, a Cuba Youth Mission and Pilgrimage. Youth are welcome to participate in any of the other St. James’s mission trips with an accompanying parent. Please join us on January 12, 2020 for our Summer 2020 Preview Event to learn more about these mission opportunities.

opportunities to come together as a group within the larger parish community. Come join us!

Contact: Mary Beth Abplanalp
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mbabplanalp@doers.org



Field Trips

Exploring God's Creation: Nature Walks

Saturdays, dates to be determined.

One profound place for Christians to see and appreciate God's hand at work is in creation itself. Join botanist and parishioner Johnny Townsend and nature buff the Rev. Hilary Streever as we visit nearby parks with spirits filled with curiosity and eyes wide with wonder at God's creatures.

Contact: The Rev. Hilary Streever, hstreeverdoers.org
(804) 355-1779, ext. 319

Outreach Committee Agency Site Visits

Join Outreach Committee members on site visits to community agencies with which the church has a ministry partnership to learn more about the agency mission and how it embraces community need. Each agency is a potential recipient for outreach funding. Watch church communications for specific dates and places.

Contact: Katie Morris, (804) 615-2161
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Pilgrimages

Historic Churches in Early Virginia

December 12, 2019

We will visit historic Episcopal and Church of England churches and remains of church sites in historic Jamestown and Williamsburg, in time for the holiday decorations in Williamsburg.

Register: doers.org or

The Rev. Hilary Streever, hstreever@doers.org
or (804) 355-1779, ext. 319

Contact: Mary Richie McGuire, mrmcguire@me.com or
Dale Kalkofen, dalekalkofen@gmail.com

Holy Land Pilgrimage

January 30 - February 9, 2020

Join the Rev. Dr. Mark Cooper on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Walk in Jesus' footsteps and visit sites sacred to the Christian story and faith.

Contact: The Rev. Dr. Mark Cooper, (703) 980-0130
or markcooper1966@gmail.com

Rappahannock River Valley Historic Churches

May 2020

Did you know that it was dangerous to be an Episcopalian during and immediately following the Revolutionary War, due to the Church's ties with the British crown? A generation later therefore saw a boom in missionary activity. Join us on this pilgrimage to three historic parishes in the Rappahannock River Valley, planted 1800-1869 by the Rev. John Peyton McGuire, "The Apostle of the Rappahannock." We'll learn more about the history of the Episcopal Church and its theology through these three parishes and their architecture, and also make a stop at the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge to learn more about the intimate connection between the Church and the land.

Register: doers.org or

The Rev. Hilary Streever, hstreever@doers.org
or 804-355-1779, ext. 319

Contact: Mary Richie McGuire, mrmcguire@me.com or
Dale Kalkofen, dalekalkofen@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to the Washington National Cathedral

June 2020

Meet at St. James's Episcopal Church.

The Washington National Cathedral is not just a house of prayer for all people: it is also the national cathedral for the Episcopal Church. People of all ages are invited to come with us to explore this holy and historic space with the Washington National Cathedral's Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage.

Register: doers.org or

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Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play

August 10-20, 2020

This 11-day pilgrimage to Oberammergau and the Passion Play will be led by Father John McCard. In addition to the Passion Play, we will visit historic and beautiful sites in the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Hungary, Austria and Germany. This pilgrimage is nearly full; a wait list will be started once the pilgrimage is filled.

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Retreats

As a busy urban parish, it is essential that we take a break, as a community, to rest and refresh ourselves and our spirits.

Lectio Divina Workshop & Retreat

September 20 - 21, 2019, Valentine Hall

Friday: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We will journey with contemplative and mystic saints through the stages of Lectio. Friday evening will be a brief introduction to the practice and a more detailed exploration of the four traditional movements of Lectio: Bible study, meditation, prayer, contemplation. Saturday will be spent exploring together more advanced practices and discussing challenges of a regular practice. Come for one part or for both. Led by Br. Leo Campos.

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Shrine Mont Parish Retreat Weekend

October 18-20, 2019

Every fall, our parish goes on retreat to the beautiful diocesan retreat center, Shrine Mont, located in the mountains north of the Shenandoah Valley. Parishioners of all ages are invited to enjoy the beauty, relaxation, and fellowship that Shrine Mont has to offer. The popular Candlelit Compline, Walk/Run 5K, and Happy Hour for All Ages will return! We'll have opportunities for fun and socializing, worship at the Shrine, and optional small groups for activities and learning. Free childcare for children 4 and under, now expanded with additional evening hours.

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St. James's Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 7, 2019

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St. James's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, February 29, 2020

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Youth Retreats for 6th-12th grades

Retreat weekends to Shrine Mont are a great opportunity for youth to have fun with new and old friends and explore their faith outside the rhythm and routine of daily life. Advance registration is required for all youth retreats.

See *Youth Ministry* page 18 for details.

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