

the st. james



RECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Sunday Schedule

8 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
5:30 PM South Sudanese
Worship

All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2022

Gratitude Sunday

November 13, 2022

Open House at The Rectory

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m

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Dear Saints of James,

I don't know when I first learned about Santiago de Compostela, St. James Cathedral in Spain, or when I heard about the pilgrim walk to the Cathedral called the Camino, Spanish for the "Way", but I know I have been longing for this journey for years. And then the opportunity

arrived in October 2022.

Being the Rector of St. James Episcopal Church, certainly got this particular saint high on my radar. James, son of the fisherman Zebedee, was called by Jesus to follow him, and so he left his nets, and the family fishing business to answer this call. In the course of time, James became one of the 12 Apostles, and a trusted companion of Jesus. Most of the information that I have known about St. James came from the Bible, and focused on him as an Apostle, however, my recent experience in the Galicia area of NW Spain, has given me an enlightened appreciation for St. James the Pilgrim. While there is little historical evidence to support the view that St. James came to the Iberian Peninsula (Portugal & Spain), there is ample anecdotal testimony to that effect. It would appear that St. James sailed through the Strait of Gibraltar channel connecting the Mediterranean Sea with the Atlantic Ocean, lying between southernmost Spain and northwestern Africa, to the town of Padron in NW Spain to commence his ministry, after the death of Jesus. By all accounts, his mission was largely unsuccessful and after a visitation by the Virgin Mary in 40 A.D., he returned to Jerusalem where he was decapitated in the year 44 at Herod Agrippa's own hand and sword.

St. James Episcopal Church**Clergy:**

The Rev. Susan E. Bentley, Rector
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Rector's Message continued. . .

James thus became the first of the apostles to be martyred and his faithful disciples decided to return his body to the place of his earlier ministry in Padron.

Legend goes that St. James' body was transported to Spain in an angel-guided ship after his execution in Jerusalem. Upon landing on the Spanish coast, the ship surprised a wedding party, scaring a rider and his horse into the water. The power of St. James, miraculously lifted horse and rider, now covered in scallop shells, out of the water and deposited them safely on shore. With that, the scallop shell became St. James' official symbol. The body of St. James, and his executed head were finally laid to rest and then this remarkable event, faded from memory until...in the year 813, C.E., a "celestial light" led the hermit Pelayo to the Field of Stars *Compo Stellae*, to discover the tomb of St. James. This visionary event was immediately endorsed by the Diocesan Bishop, and the following year King Alfonso II commenced the building of a basilica church. Pilgrimages to Santiago de Compostela to venerate St. James began in the middle of the 10th century, becoming increasingly popular and reaching something of a climax by the middle of the 15th century. Thousands of simple peasants, priests, and paupers from Europe, Spain, and Portugal, made

the journey using a variety of pilgrim routes, intent on learning the ardent lesson of St. James, described as: “the poor who will later return home, more generous for their experience; the infirm who return cured, the embittered who will quickly find peace; the cruel who will become more sensitive to the needs of others; liars who will become upright, loyal people. He who arrives filled with sadness, returns home, filled with joy.” Such was the transformational experience of a pilgrim coming to the tomb of St. James, that Santiago de Compostela became one of the top pilgrimage sites for Christians alongside Jerusalem, and Rome. In 1999, the Archbishop of Santiago de Compostela stated at a conference in Rome, “On the road to Santiago, pilgrims learn, understand, and live; and upon their return home, they bear witness to what they have seen, heard and lived.” The pilgrims of ancient days carried a staff to defend themselves from wolves or dogs, a rucksack for food to share with others that were in need, a gourd for drinking water from wells, and a wide floppy brimmed hat for sun protection; after arriving in Santiago de Compostela, the church would issue them a scallop shell as evidence that they had indeed made the pilgrimage.

Walking the Way of St. James has changed little over the centuries. In recent years, the route has enjoyed a huge renaissance of interest, with 325,000 pilgrims reported to have walked at least 100 km of the Camino, to Santiago de Compostela in 2019. So, you might wonder, in our modern times, is everyone who walks the Camino a

pilgrim? By definition, a pilgrim is a traveler, one who has come from afar, usually on foot, who is on a journey to a Holy Place. I think it is for each person walking the Camino, to ask themselves, “what turns a walking holiday into a pilgrimage?” For me, walking the Camino was always about a spiritual pilgrimage, an outer and inner journey to connect with the Sacred, of letting go of the safety of the familiar and diving into the unknown, with my faith to guide me. I was not disappointed. I had read that the main job of the pilgrimage “is to enter the landscape and listen;” that was my goal each day, to be fully present in the moment, my only task to put one foot in front of the other, to detach from all the details of my daily life back home, and to listen - to the environment, to the silence, to the voice of God as it came to me, and watch for the way signs that marked the Camino route. I easily slipped into this rhythm, and for me, being alert for the Camino way signs, also invited me to be looking for signs of God.

What I also saw along the Camino de Santiago, was the gentle image of St. James the pilgrim, *Santiago Peregrino*, portrayed along the route with staff, Bible, wide brim hat, and the scallop shell. I spent time trying to imagine what it was like for St. James to come to the Iberian Peninsula, following the Way of Jesus, to share the Gospel of God’s love as the way to live on earth as it is in heaven. I thought about the many thousands of pilgrims, that had followed the routes of the Camino over the centuries, and I wondered about the pilgrims that I encountered on the

Camino and what was their motivation for walking, and what kind of a relationship they were forging between their earthly body and the Holy. I had to wonder about the paradox of the falling numbers of Christians attending Church, in countries around the globe during the past decade, and the soaring number of pilgrims walking the Camino during this time period. There seems little doubt that there is a great thirst for genuine spiritual experiences and a deep desire to refresh and enliven our faith. We may have become so spiritually dehydrated that we are now desperate to drink directly from the Divine Well itself and our thirst will no longer be quenched by drinking from a substitute source. Is a new spiritual age emerging, that is less dependent on an outer authority, like the institutional church, and more attuned to God connecting within us, that speaks to our needs and calls us to follow the Way of Jesus? This is where I can identify with St. James the pilgrim, the traveler who journeyed far from his homeland, to bring springs of living water to those thirsty for new life. Something is once again a stir in the land, and what we are witnessing, very well may be a new spiritual reality directing our lives. A pilgrim stands on two paths simultaneously; when we place ourselves on the pilgrim path, we sow the intention to stretch and expand our soul consciousness, in order that we can raise ourselves out of the mundane, to journey back to God.

I share these thoughts about pilgrims and pilgrimage, because one does not have to travel to Spain and

walk El Camino, to be on a pilgrim path. You can set your intentions for spiritual growth, and a journey that ever more deeply connects you to God, right where you are in your present life. And if you desire it, St. James will be your walking partner on the Way, and point out the way signs specific for your journey.

Buen Camino,
SEB+

St. James Cycle of Prayers

In November, we give thanks for all who assist with our liturgies: acolytes, crucifers, torch bearers, lay readers, Chalicists, ushers, and altar guild members.

We especially ask your prayers for our Rector, the Rev. Susan E. Bentley, as she begins her 23rd year of ministry at St. James, on November 1st.

TREASURERS' CORNER . . .

By Kevin Shepherd

Financials: September 2022
(These are Year-to-Date actual amounts not budgeted amounts)

Operating Income: \$96,663.15
Operating Expenses: \$155,155.83
Net (Loss) Operating Income:
(\$58,492.66)

Stewardship note from the Rector

We at St. James are blessed to have a spiritual community that is guided by the Holy Spirit, seeks to care for one another, cares for those beyond our church walls, does our part to make God's Kingdom real here on earth, and models a way of life that reflects God's love. These Kingdom values are woven into the fabric of St. James and I pray this community will continue to serve God and touch lives for centuries to come. I am very grateful to have been part of this faith community for 22 years, to serve and share life with you all. On **Gratitude Sunday, November 13th**, we all have an opportunity to express our gratitude for the many blessings we share as the community of St. James, through worship, as well as presenting our completed Time & Talent sheets, and committing to support St. James with our financial offerings. A Stewardship letter, offering card and Time & Talent sheet have been mailed to you.

To remain a vibrant community, we must commit not only our time, talent and treasure, but we must invite others to come and experience the community of St. James, so that they might be spiritually enriched, and we as well. The community of St. James is a well-kept secret, but now is the time to invite those who wish spiritual sustenance, those who have been seeking but have not yet found the place to taste and see that God is good, and experience a community that practices the Jesus way of love. As followers of Christ, we are to be pro-active in supporting St. James

and sharing with others that a special community of faith exists in the northwest part of Roanoke city. May you boldly be this kind of disciple. SEB+

OUTREACH NEWS...

Submitted by Maile Armstrong
UTO Coordinator

The benevolence offerings for November goes to the United Thank Offering.

A typical activity at the Thanksgiving table, with family and friends gathered for a big feast, is to go around the table and ask everyone to name one thing for which they are thankful. "Family" "children" "a good job" "PUMPKIN PIE", the list is endless and gratifying.

But what would it be like if we expressed our thanksgiving day in and day out? What if we remembered to thank God for everyday blessings in addition to the Thanksgiving Day list: The stranger who held a door for us, the rescue workers attending a wreck on the highway, the person who stopped to check on their neighbor, the baby-sitter, the aide assisting an elderly relative, the wait-staff serving dinner.

Since 1889 the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church encourages us to make these remembrances of our daily blessings a routine part of our daily life and prayers. It encourages us to look for multiple things to be thankful for. It also asks we contribute to United Thank Offering to help others with our thankfulness the core of our giving.

United Thank Offering (UTO) ingathering in November is that opportunity. Make your thankful list every day and pair it with contributions to UTO using the envelopes in the pew or going on-line to:

<https://unitedthankoffering.com/give/>

For additional information about UTO and the use of your contributions in the world go to:

<https://unitedthankoffering.com/about/>

WELL UPDATE . . .

By Dottie Wrabel

We have collected \$2,125 toward the well. On behalf of the recipients, thank you, thank you, thank you. Gift season is almost upon us, perhaps someone on your list would be generous enough to allow you to donate in their name in lieu of a gift, and it's tax deductible--can't beat that. Such a good project cannot fail!!!!!!

Covid19 and Communion Practice

In September 2022, our Diocesan Bishop, Mark Bourlakas, sent this notice to parish leaders concerning worship services and use of the common Chalice:

While people are still contracting the Covid19 virus, the majority of positive cases are now resulting in shorter low-level illness. Therefore, it is now time to return to our normal Sunday morning patterns of worship, formation, and fellowship.

Each parish may still make some accommodations for safety that fit their local contexts, but in order to offer the fullest expression of parish life, we need to move the decisions for caution to individuals. Individual parishioners can, as they are now doing in all of their daily activities, make their own decisions and risk assessment. Singing, sharing the Peace, passing offering plates, and distributing communion should now all be returning to traditional pre-pandemic patterns following the Book of Common Prayer.

*Coming forward to receive bread from the minister and wine from a common cup is one of our core spiritual practices as Anglicans. If you have not already done so, I now ask that all parishes and clergy return to offering wine from the common cup as fall worship schedules resume. Parishes may continue to offer some individual wine reception options, but should begin to evolve plans for phasing out these half step pandemic precautions. You may also offer intinction, but a separate chalice for this purpose must be provided. **People must not be dipping wafers in the same cup from which others are drinking.***

In September, we reinstated the common Chalice for receiving the consecrated wine, with the option of receiving from the individual cups. The Vestry has discussed the time line for Phase Two of returning to a more normalized communion distribution, so that one may receive either kneeling or standing, with distribution of both the blessed bread and wine along the full

communion rail. There will be the option of receiving the blessed wine by sipping from the Chalice, or intincting (dipping the wafer) in a separate, small Intinction Cup. Receiving only the blessed bread, and not the wine is an option also.

Sunday, December 4th we will resume our pre-pandemic communion distribution practices, with the addition of the Intinction Cup.

If you have questions, concerns or comments, the Vestry and I are glad to receive them. The past 2 & 3/4 years have been unprecedented times for most of us; the epidemiologists report that generally pandemics last about 4 years, so we are not through this yet. We have had to be flexible and creative, while being true to our mission, our calling as disciples, ourselves, and the direction of our Bishop. The grace of God, and the guidance of our patron St. James, has brought us thus far through the pandemic and will direct us on, as a light in the darkness. Fear not, for God goes before us and with us. SEB+

NEWS FROM BOYS HOME OF VIRGINIA . . .

A time-honored tradition at Boys Home is the annual Christmas cottage decorating contest. The tradition started in 1966 and is anticipated by all on the hill. Darling Cottage was the winning cottage for 2021 and is pictured below. As you and your families are sorting through and putting away your Christmas decorations this year, please keep us in mind. If there are any decorations you no longer use, they

would make a wonderful addition to the Boys Home community. The noble mission of Boys Home currently serves over forty young men. We appreciate your assistance in making their homes shine brightly this holiday season!



ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

2023 Episcopal Church Year Calendars

Our 2023 church year calendars are available for purchase. Calendars are \$3 if purchased from Altar Guild members or when purchased in the church office. Calendars are \$5 each if you'd prefer one mailed to you. Please make checks payable to St. James Episcopal Church with church calendar noted in the memo line.

The Spencer Edmunds Lecture Series 2022

The Uniqueness of Christ and His Most Unique Disciple

November 6 & 7, 7:00 pm, at Second Presbyterian Church, 214 Mountain Ave, SW, Roanoke, the Spencer Edmunds Lecture Series will host Bible scholar Ben Witherington, Professor of New Testament at Asbury Theological

Seminary, and faculty member of St. Andrews University, Scotland. He has written a number of books, his most recent one being *Who God Is*. The Sunday evening talk of the Edmunds Lectures will be about "A Singular Jesus in a Pluralistic Culture" and the Monday evening presentation is "Beloved but Unknown." The lectures are free and all are invited to attend.

Program at Phoebe Needles Pre-registration REQUIRED

Please register now for our next Center for Lifelong Learning event, "To the Roof of Africa and Beyond", presented by Ms. Carol Love and Dr. Delia Heck on November 8th.

Ms. Love and Dr. Heck will share photos, stories and insights about their recent journey to Kilimanjaro and the National Parks of Tanzania. Join them as they share not only details of the climb and safaris but also lessons on physical geography, ecosystems, economics, culture, art, animals and life.

Carol is the Ferrum College science department laboratory supervisor during the school year and functions as the lab and field coordinator for Ferrum College's Smith Mountain Lake Water Quality Monitoring Project in the summers. She likes to kayak, hike, and read in her free time, and is an ardent fan of the UConn women's basketball team.

Delia earned her PhD in Geography from the University of Washington. She is the Director of Institutional Effectiveness and a Professor of Environmental Science at Ferrum

College. She teaches courses in Environmental Science, Eco-Justice, GIS, and Sustainability. She is a member of Episcopal Relief and Development's Climate Resilience Community of Practice. She works on issues of environmental justice and racism as a member of The Episcopal Church's Taskforce for Care of Creation and Environmental Racism. Her summers are spent leading Ferrum College's Smith Mountain Lake Water Quality Monitoring Program.

9:30 AM - Coffee Social
10:00 AM - Program Begins
12:00 PM - Program Ends,
Lunch is Served

Cost: \$10.00 for members, \$18.00 for non-members. To become a member: \$45.00 annual single membership fee or \$65.00 per couple

Gratitude Sunday Open House at the Rectory

The Bentley family is hosting an Open House for the Parish on Gratitude Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Rectory. Everyone is welcome, young and old, so come to 312 N. Broad Street, in Salem for an afternoon of respite. Directions: from Rt. 81, take exit 140 and bear right onto Thompson Memorial Drive. Follow that to the first stop light, which is East Main Street, Salem. Turn right and drive through the downtown. At the stop light by the Farmers Market, turn right onto North Broad Street. The Rectory is six houses up on the right, a two-story

yellow house with white columns and an iron fence around the front yard. For more information, call the Rectory, 389-3752.

Roanoke Remembers

Sunday, November 20th, at 3:30 pm, at Patrick Henry High School auditorium, the Roanoke city Gun Violence task force will host an opportunity for citizens of Roanoke to share our collective grief over lives lost and trauma added due to gun violence. Homicide victims will be named, suicide victims will be acknowledged and the broad and varied scope of collateral damage to us all will be recognized. All are invited to attend, in support of healing for our Roanoke valley.

Collecting our Jimmy Jars

The call is out to collect our Jimmy Jars for Deborah Nyanokol's school fees, as she continues her education in form two at Cardiral Otunga girls high school in Bungonna county, Kenya. I hope over the past few months you have been saving your change, bills, checks, stocks, annual with-drawls, whatever assets you have to assist Deborah with her education. Jars can be put in the offering plate or dropped off in the Church office over the next few weeks. Your generous giving will help change the life of Deborah.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The weekday Bible Study, led by Bob Canova, continues to meet on Wednesday nights at 7 pm. in the Conference Room on the lower level of the Parish House. All are invited to participate; For more information contact John Whitcomb, 563-6102 or Bob Canova, (540-819-7255 (mobile), bob.canova@cox.net.

The Community Christmas Store

The Community Christmas Store, that St. James has supported in years past with volunteers and donations, will be operating in person this December 8th, 9th and 10th. Their mission is to provide a dignified Christmas shopping experience, for residents of Roanoke County, the town of Vinton, city of Salem, and Craig County.

Approximately 500 volunteers work together to make the store a success each year. In 2021, the CCS served 728 people - 308 families consisting of 389 children. The goal for 2022 is to serve 600 families with an anticipated budget of at least \$65,000.00. If you would like to volunteer to help, see the information on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

If you would like to contribute tangible items, these items are needed:

- ✚ men's gift items (clock radio, CD players, cologne sets, wallets, cards, handheld or board games; popcorn in tins)
- ✚ gifts appropriate for teens
- ✚ cereal/instant oatmeal

- ✚ dish/laundry detergent/household cleaners
- ✚ toilet paper, paper towels, feminine products, diapers, baby wipes; shampoo, bath soap, deodorant;
- ✚ women's and men's underwear (in store packaging)
- ✚ clean, gently used or new coats
- ✚ new toys and stocking stuffers
- ✚ new or good condition holiday decorating supplies
- ✚ monetary contributions

If you know of someone who might qualify for assistance from the Community Christmas Store, applications in person will be accepted starting in October-see the dates and places to make application, on the bulletin board. To qualify for assistance and make application, one must have a picture ID with current address, proof of income, Social Security care, proof of current residency, clothes sizes for those eligible.

For more information about the 2022 Community Christmas Store, call the hotline at 540-389-2525.

Round Hill School Supply Collection

It is time for our annual back to school collection of classroom supplies for Round Hill Elementary School, our local neighborhood school. You can help support our partnership with the students, teachers and staff by picking up some needed items, and leaving them in the Round Hill box in the Parish Hall. This collection is part of a larger

valley wide project sponsored by Congregations in Action (CIA).

Following is the list of what is needed:

- ✚ New underwear and new or gently used short and long pants, girls and boys sizes 4,5,6
- ✚ Glue sticks (large size .77 oz)
- ✚ 8 or 10 or 16 or 24 crayons
- ✚ pink erasers
- ✚ #2 pencils
- ✚ children's scissors
- ✚ small dry erase markers
- ✚ marbled composition books
- ✚ Ziplock bags (sandwich, quart, & gallon size)
- ✚ baby wipes
- ✚ hand sanitizer

Treat of the Week Donations

Thank you to those who have donated to our weekly coffee hour, "your lucky day" event. Please continue your contributions. Items welcomed include gift cards, food items, specialty baskets, holiday themed items, and small practical gifts. The proceeds from your ticket donation, go to the Building Fund for property repairs and replacements. Karen Martin welcomes your Treat of the Week donations.

Forward Day By Day

Forward Day By Day devotionals for November, December, and January are available for pick up at St. James in the Parish Hall. The devotionals are \$1;

there is a collection jar in the Parish Hall. Feel free to share Forward Day by Day with family, friends and neighbors, or other Saints of James who may not be getting to Church.

Little Free Pantry And Produce Stand

Our Little Free Pantry continues to be well used and appreciated. Please continue to stock our pantry with non-perishable foods in **unopened** containers, personal care items and paper goods. Seasonal fruits and vegetables can be left on the produce stand to provide nutritional, fresh food.

Two ways to help fundraise for St. James:

(1) Kroger. In order for your Kroger grocery purchases to be credited towards St. James fundraising efforts, you will need to register online with Kroger (www.kroger.com/communityrewards). St. James' exclusive community rewards organization number is VM990. If you need assistance with signing up, please contact Avis Aheron (avisaheron@hotmail.com or 540-580-9203). It will take just a few minutes to sign you up, and St. James will receive a check based on the percentage of sales, split among participating organizations.

(2) AmazonSmile. If you do any online shopping through Amazon, St. James

could be receiving a percentage of your purchases. Simply log on at www.smile.amazon.com, designate St. James as your charity of choice and let the shopping begin. If you have any questions about setting this up, please contact: Avis Aheron (540-580-9203).

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS...

November	4	Jessica Price
November	8	Eva Nicole Mattox
November	11	Dottie Wrabel
November	12	Grant Rucker
November	12	Selden Frissell
November	13	Spencer Plunkett
November	13	Evan Plunkett
November	14	Jeannie Lake
November	14	Elizabeth Stevens
November	15	Samson Mamour
November	17	Michael Terry
November	21	Kim LaPrade
November	24	Francis Magdalen
November	24	Amanda Mattox
November	24	Dakota Powell
November	26	Chuck Cohen

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES...

November 26 Chuck and Cathy Cohen

NOTE OF THANKS...

I would like to thank all the ladies of St. James who showered Shelby with so many nice gifts, loving words and spent several hours with us celebrating her upcoming marriage. I really also appreciated the many emails of good

wishes to her and made sure to send them to her. She will be doing individual thank you cards as well but as a mama it warmed my heart to have my church family there.

Many thanks,
Kim Laxton

NOTE OF CONDOLENCE. . .

One of benefits of our having a Companion Parish in the Diocese of Leeds, United Kingdom, is the people-to-people meetings that we have had over the past 30+ years. Audrey Waterhouse is one of those persons who visited St. James and our diocese in her younger years and loved getting news of the Saints of James, through our monthly newsletter. We just received this information:

My name is Tim Waterhouse and I am one of the four children of Audrey Waterhouse. On the 9th September our dear mother died after a short battle with cancer. She had always spoken fondly about her visit to America and always looked forward to receiving your parish correspondence. Mum was 91 when she passed and is outlived by my father Peter who is 93.

*Kindest regards, with sadness,
Tim Waterhouse*

Please hold the Waterhouse family in your prayers during their time of loss and grief. Audrey is now in her eternal life and in that great Cloud of Witnesses, where she surely has connected with

other Saints of James that she met years ago.

Gifts and Gratitude

By Diana Butler Bass

Researchers at USC discovered that one of the best ways to strengthen gratefulness is to be detailed and specific when journaling about gratitude — *the gratitude dividend is in the details*. They had one group of students write down five things for which they were grateful every day for a month. The researchers had another group of students write down five sentences about one thing for which they were grateful every day for a month. After the study, the second group — the group that wrote five sentences about one thing — showed greater emotional benefits from the gratitude practice! With the good gifts of our lives in mind, we'll write on gifts and gratitude and create a communal thankfulness comment thread.

THE PROMPT

Has an unexpected gift ever changed your perspective about a day, a problem, or a person — and opened you to a deeper sense of gratitude?

Write FIVE sentences — short or long — about this one unexpected gift. The gift might be an actual material gift, something you experienced as a gift, or a non-tangible gift. Think widely about the meaning of “gift.”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <u>6:30 PM</u> AA	2 <u>7:00 PM</u> Bible Study	3 <u>10:00 AM</u> Prayer Group <u>3:30 PM</u> Service Dogs <u>6:30 PM</u> AA	4 <u>5:00 PM</u> Service Dogs	5 <u>10:00 AM</u> AA
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends <u>2:30 PM</u> AA <u>5:30 PM</u> South Sudanese Worship	7 <u>5:30 PM</u> Women's NA	8 Election Day <u>6:30 PM</u> AA (downstairs)	9 <u>7:00 PM</u> Bible Study	10 <u>10:00 AM</u> Prayer Group <u>3:30 PM</u> Service Dogs <u>6:30 PM</u> AA	11 Veterans Day <u>5:00 PM</u> Service Dogs	12 <u>10:00 AM</u> AA
13 <u>2:30 PM</u> AA <u>5:30 PM</u> South Sudanese Worship	14 <u>5:30 PM</u> Women's NA	15 <u>6:30 PM</u> AA	16 <u>7:00 PM</u> Bible Study	17 <u>10:00 AM</u> Prayer Group <u>3:30 PM</u> Service Dogs <u>6:30 PM</u> AA	18 <u>5:30 PM</u> Down Syndrome Support Group	19 <u>10:00 AM</u> AA
20 <u>2:30 PM</u> AA <u>5:30 PM</u> South Sudanese Worship	21 <u>5:30 PM</u> Women's NA	22 <u>6:30 PM</u> AA	23 <u>6:30 PM</u> Little Church Social Club <u>7:00 PM</u> Bible Study	24 Thanksgiving Day <u>6:30 PM</u> AA	25 <u>5:00 PM</u> Service Dogs	26 <u>10:00 AM</u> AA
27 <u>2:30 PM</u> AA <u>5:30 PM</u> South Sudanese Worship	28 <u>5:30 PM</u> Women's NA	29 <u>6:30 PM</u> AA	30 <u>7:00 PM</u> Bible Study			

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2022

Nov 6**8 AM** *Lector—Bill Barksdale, Chaliceist – Tim Buchholtz*

10 AM	Crucifer	Madde Shepherd	Ushers	Michael Bentley, Madalyn Linkous
	Acolyte	Jordyn Price	Coffee	Chris & JoAnn Criscione, Linda Bryant
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
		-----	Tellers	Gerald Gordon, Michael Kennedy
	Chaliceist	Lawton Kasey	Altar Guild	Boots Ingram, Odell James, Karen Martin, Debbie Williams
	Lector 1	Donna Frost		
	Lector 2	Betsy Briggs		
	Prayers	Maile Armstrong		

Nov 13**8 AM** *Lector – Phil Wheeler, Chaliceist – Bill Barksdale*

10 AM	Crucifer	Zenon Malick	Ushers	Kevin Shepherd, Madde Shepherd
	Acolyte	Mercedes Malick	Coffee	Doris & Larry Mattox, Joyce Brown
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
		-----	Tellers	Arby Frost, Katie Rucker
	Chaliceist	Katie Rucker	Altar Guild	Danny Fainter, Gail Fields
	Lector 1	Chris Criscione		
	Lector 2	Phil Hobla		
	Prayers	Jessica Price		

Nov 20**8 AM** *Lector and Chaliceist—Tim Buchholtz*

10 AM	Crucifer	Madalyn Linkous	Ushers	Larry Mattox, Ray Kasey
	Acolyte	Grant Rucker	Coffee	Odell James, Dottie Wrabel, Machele Huff
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
		-----	Tellers	Larry Mattox, Jim McGlothlin
	Chaliceist	Art Tatman	Altar Guild	Linda Bryant, Dorothy Herndon, Sharon Miller
	Lector 1	Lynn Wright		
	Lector 2	Michael Bentley		
	Prayers	JoAnn Criscione		

Nov 27**8 AM** *Lector—Bill Barksdale, Chaliceist –Tim Buchholtz*

10 AM	Crucifer	Jordyn Price	Ushers	Jim & Mary McGlothlin
	Acolyte	Peyton Morant Frost	Coffee	Danny Fainter, Gerald Gordon, Gail Fields
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
		-----	Tellers	Maile Armstrong, Donna Frost
	Chaliceist	Kevin Shepherd	Altar Guild	Lawton Kasey, Betsy Briggs, Katie Rucker
	Lector 1	Sabrina Mattox		
	Lector 2	Jackie Leonard		
	Prayers	Carla Spencer		

Dec 4**8 AM** *Lector –Phil Wheeler, Chaliceist—Bill Barksdale*

10 AM	Crucifer	Madde Shepherd	Ushers	Michael Kennedy, Thomas Rucker
	Acolyte	Yuri Malick	Coffee	Kim & Kevin Laxton
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
		-----	Tellers	Gerald Gordon, Michael Kennedy
	Chaliceist	Lawton Kasey	Altar Guild	Boots Ingram, Odell James, Karen Martin, Debbie Williams
	Lector 1	Maile Armstrong		
	Lector 2	Jessica Price		
	Prayers	Phil Hobla		

Note: If you can't meet your scheduled time please find a substitute and let the Office know.

2023 Time & Talent Stewardship Form

Please turn in by Nov. 13th - Box in Parish Hall, Plate, or the Office

Even if you just want to continue what you're doing, please return Survey so we will know.

Keeping in mind that all gifts are from God, I pledge my time and talent to the service of God in the following activities:

Name: _____					
Standing Committees, Task Forces, and Ministry Groups:	Serving, will continue	Will Serve		Serving, will continue	Will Serve
Christian Education					
Liturgy					
Membership					
Outreach					
Hospitality Committee					
Pastoral Care					
Property Committee					
Stewardship Committee					
Finance Committee					
Steering Committee					

Other Ministries:

Adult Education leader					
Bible Study leader					
Sunday School teacher					
Nursery attendant					
Acolyte/Crucifer/Torchbearer					
Altar Guild					
Lay Reader					
Choir/Music					
Usher					
Teller					
Bus driver					
Little Church Social Club volunteer					
Coffee Hour Host/Hostess					
Newsletter assembly & mailing					
Gardening worker					
Property maintenance worker					
Sidewalk Snow removal worker					
Social Media/Website Assistance					

Please note that volunteers are needed for both committee membership and for other ministries.