



THE SAINT JAMES VISION

Week of June 18 - July 1, 2017

How will YOU give back this summer?



Summer Giving

Summer is finally here! And many of us are on the move with Vacations and Recreation. **We Hope that your summer is an enjoyable and relaxing time, but that it is also a time of continuing our spiritual practices of worship, prayer, and giving.** These practices bring us closer to God and to each other.

To make it more convenient while we are all on the move this summer, St. James offers online giving. Please visit www.stjconnect.org and click on the Online Giving graphic. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Marianne at 752-6154 or Marianne@stjconnect.org.

Enjoy your summer!

ST. JAMES ADVENTURERS-WOOD DUCK BASEBALL



The next St. James Adventurers' trip will be to a baseball game in Kinston. **On June 27th the Down East Wood Ducks will play Winston-Salem.** The tickets are \$8. However if you have a Food Lion MVP card you can get two tickets for the price of one. Also it is taco night, so tacos are \$1 each. We will gather at the church and leave at 5:45 pm.

Please sign up by June 22nd. Invite a friend. To sign up, you can either call Dana at the church office (752-6154) or sign up on the church website (www.stjconnect.org). If you need more information, please contact Anne

Heritage at heritagea@ecu.edu.

Annual Conference 2017



From June 16th to June 18th, Our clergy staff and a group of St. James members will congregate at the Greenville Convention Center with other United Methodists to participate in the North Carolina Annual Conference for the United Methodist Church. **Please pray that God will be glorified and that our church leadership continues to listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.**

Please note that there will be limited staff present at the church from June 16-18. Please call the church in case of an emergency and we will contact the appropriate Pastor or staff person.

NEWSLETTER PRAYER LIST

Joyce LaMotte, Patti Frank

(These people are prayed for every week by the St. James Prayer Ministry Team and in countless ways by the St. James congregation. If you would like prayers for you or a loved one, please call the church office (752-6154) to be added to this Prayer List. Names will remain on this list for 30 days. If further prayers are desired following that time, please call again.)

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

(Pray this week for some of our homebound members.)

Katherine Brannon, Dorothy Briley, Martha Coffman, Chuckie Edwards, Jack and Lucy Fenton

DEATHS

The Ministers and Congregation extend their sympathy to....

- The family and friends of **Leslie L. Turner Sr.** who passed away on May 26th.
- The family and friends of **Dolly Pack** who passed away on May 29th.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

NEW MEMBERS

The Ministers and Congregation **welcomed Christopher and Tammi Ellis as new members** on June 11th at the 11:00 am service. Christopher and Tammi transferred from Dunlap UMC in Elkhart, IN.

PROJECT AGAPE



Project AGAPE - ministry to Armenia and to some of our most desperate Christian brothers and sisters - is a collaborative effort of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences of The United Methodist Church in a joint effort with the Armenian Apostolic Church. **YOU can be part of the Miracle!** We will be collecting boxes again this summer.

See the instructions on filling a box for Project Agape at <https://nccumc.org/outreach/project-agape/>

Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall stage by June 30th.

JUNE IS MEN'S HEALTH MONTH



On Tuesday, June 27th at Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church located at 107 Louis Street in Greenville, Life Line Screening will offer area residents an opportunity to do something that could possibly impact their lives and/or

prevent serious disability by identifying risk factors for cardiovascular disease and osteoporosis. **CALL TODAY- 1-888-653-6450.**

These affordable screening tests are conducted by experienced professional sonographers using sophisticated Doppler ultrasound technology. A Board Certified physician licensed in your state reviews all of the results before they are sent to individual screening participants within 21 days. Our mission is to make people aware of potentially serious conditions that are difficult to detect in routine check-ups. These tests go beyond regular annual check ups and empower customers and their physicians with data for medical management.

CAMP CONNECT SERVING OPPORTUNITIES



Camp Connect is a weeklong (June 18-June 22) serving opportunity for middle school youth. And it would never happen without our adult volunteers and servants providing supplies and their precious time. **Prayerfully consider how God might be calling YOU to help this year.** Then follow the link below to see the many ways you can serve. Let us work together to show these young people how much they are loved!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fa9a729a6f49-camp1>

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TO WINDSOR, NC



The summer mission trip for High School Youth has been set for July 16th to July 22nd We will be traveling to Windsor, NC and staying in a United Methodist Church in Windsor. The purpose of the trip is to join in the ongoing work of the flood relief project. There are still spots available on the team if you would like to participate - adults and youth. Please contact Jon Murray at revjon66@yahoo.com. The cost for the mission trip is \$25 per person.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 HERO CENTRAL



We are going on some awesome adventures alongside some of our favorite Bible heroes! We are seeking to discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. We'll have epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help us all discover our strength in God! **Be a part of Hero Central - Vacation Bible School 2017!**

It all happens July 9 - 13, 2017.

Sign up today at stjconnect.org/vbs-registration

Parents and friends - we need your help as well. Click on the link above to be a hero and volunteer for this awesome week!

STAFF OPENINGS AT ST. JAMES PRESCHOOL



Our St. James Preschool has openings for Teachers and Assistants starting this fall. Our Mission is to provide opportunities for spiritual, academic and social growth through qualified instruction and prayerful nurturing. If you have these qualities you might be the perfect teacher for the us! For information about the positions, please contact Kendyl Sisk, Preschool Director, at (252) 752-6154 or Preschool@stjconnect.org.

The Joel Team

The Joel Team is a leadership group of church members that acts as an advisory board to the Pastoral staff at St. James UMC. We have been working to identify and clarify the Core Values of the St. James community as part of a strategic envisioning process. **Our core values are the constant, passionate beliefs that empower and guide us in ministry.** We are seeking to answer the question: “Why do we do what we do?” The Joel Team has identified these core values for our community. We welcome your feedback. Please contact Alan Gill at the church, 752-6154 or Alan@stjconnect.org.

Biblical Instruction

We believe the Bible is God’s inspired Word, the authoritative and trustworthy source of truth for a Christian life. We seek to equip the people of the church through inspired biblical teaching that strengthens faith and leads to doing good in the world (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Prayer

We believe God desires to be in relationship and in communication with us. We seek to make prayer and discernment a part of everything we do. God desires all people to pray, and He hears and answers our prayers (James 5:13-16; Matthew 7:7-11).

Worship

We believe authentic worship leads to a stronger commitment to follow Jesus, inspires a greater understanding of love for others and hope for the world, and prepares us to make a difference in our world. We seek to provide opportunities for relevant, engaging worship that encourages people to understand and acknowledge God’s presence and worth in our lives (Romans 12:1-2).

Church Family

We believe all people matter to God, and therefore, matter to the church. We seek to provide opportunities for people to connect in biblical community where they may exercise their gifts, be shepherded, reach the lost, and grow in Christlikeness. We seek to provide an atmosphere which strengthens everyone’s spiritual relationships (Acts 2:42-47).

Missions / Serving

We believe we are called to serve our neighbors (Matthew 25:31-46). We believe that a primary role of leaders in the church is to “prepare God’s people for works of service”. We seek to equip people in ways aligned with their spiritual gifts and to encourage them to identify opportunities for service and sharing the Good News for the transformation of the world (Ephesians 4:11-13).

Excellence

We believe a commitment to excellence honors God and inspires people. As God gave His best to us in Jesus Christ, we seek to honor Him by maintaining a high standard of excellence in all ministries and missions while providing an atmosphere of continued growth, evaluation, and encouragement (Colossians 3:23-24).

Missions and Ministries of St. James

Calendar of Events as of June 12, 2017

<p>Sun June 18 All Day Annual Conference All Day AC Kids 8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am ConneXion Worship Service 9:50 am Living Water Classes 11:00 am Worship Service 11:11 am ConneXion Worship Service 3:00 pm St. James Jammers for Beginners</p>	<p>Fri June 23 6:30 am Break of Dawn Men's Bible Study 7:30 am The Grin Again Gang</p> <p>Sat June 24 5:00 pm Reception for Johnny & Susan Branch</p>	<p>Wed June 28 10:00 am In Stiches Quilters 12:00 pm Letters of Love and Unity 5:00 pm Weekday Communion 6:15 pm Wednesday Women: Finding I Am 6:30 pm ConneXion Worship Team The Book of Jonah</p>
<p>Mon June 19 10:30 am Prayer Shawls 6:30 pm Contemplating Prayers St. James Jammers 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Groome Small Group</p>	<p>Sun June 25 8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am ConneXion Worship Service 9:50 am Living Water Classes 11:00 am Worship Service 11:11 am ConneXion Worship Service 5:00 pm Sunday Book Club 7:00 pm Basketball</p>	<p>Thur June 29 9:30 am Food Pantry 7:30 pm Basketball</p> <p>Fri June 30 6:30 am Break of Dawn Men's Bible Study 7:30 am The Grin Again Gang</p>
<p>Tue June 20 1:30 pm St. James Prayer Team</p>	<p>Mon June 26 10:30 am Prayer Shawls 6:30 pm Contemplating Prayers ConneXion New Music Monday St. James Jammers 7:00 pm Groome Small Group</p>	<p>Sat July 1 All Day No Scheduled Events</p>
<p>Wed June 21 10:00 am In Stitches Quilters 12:00 pm Letters of Love and Unity 5:00 pm Weekday Communion 6:30 pm ConneXion Worship Team The Book of Jonah</p>	<p>Tue June 27 1:30 pm St. James Prayer Team 5:45 pm St. James Adventurers' - Baseball Game 7:30 pm Basketball</p>	
<p>Thur June 22 9:30 am Food Pantry 7:00 pm Spring Fling 2017 Debriefing Meeting</p>		

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS
 (As of 06/11/2017)

2017 Mission & Ministry Budget	\$ 1,714,426.86
Weekly Contributions (06/11/2017)	\$17,813.34
2017 Mission & Ministry Contributions	\$ 712,013.67
	42% of Budget
2017 Disbursements for M & M	\$ 620,842.35
Year to Date Income over Expenses	\$ 91,171.32
<i>(Prepaid pledges of \$84,494.78 included)</i>	
Building Disciples Loan Balance	\$ 2,972,796.44
Amount needed per week for loan payment	4,500.00
Weekly Contributions to Building Disciples 6/4/17	345.00
Difference (8% of weekly total)	-\$4,155.00

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James and Nicole Franklin, *Directors of Traditional Music*
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Marianne Leventry, *Financial Administrator*
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Frances Cain, *Organist*
Don Harvey, *Facilities Manager*
Kendyl Sisk, *Preschool Director*
Judy Ipock, *Afterschool Director*
James Blackwelder, *Tech Coordinator*
Erwin Dunn, *Custodian*
Raymond Perkins, *Assistant Custodian*
Mitch Foskey, *Assistant Custodian*

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See you on Sunday! Worship Services

	8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m. & 11:11 a.m.
June 18	Donnie Bunn "Our Steadfast God" Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	Alan Gill "Under Construction" Philippians 1:3-11
June 25	Rev. Mark Woods "What troubles you, Hagar?" Matthew 10:24-39	Rev. Johnny Branch "Easy to Follow Directions" 1 Corinthians 13



On Saturday, June 24th at 5:00 pm, St. James will host a cook-out and reception to honor Johnny and Susan Branch. As they prepare for retirement, we wish them well and reminisce on the many adventures we have had in ministry together!

There will be hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixin's. The cook-out is free, but we ask that you RSVP and let us know how many to cook for! Please call Dana at the church office (252-752-6154 or Dana@stjconnect.org) or go online at www.stjconnect.org to make a reservation.

It will be a fun and celebratory evening (and it won't just be the hot dogs that will be roasted!) If you would like to be part of a thank you video for Johnny and Susan or if you would like to share a story about your experiences with the Branch family, please contact Alan Gill at the church (252-752-6154 or Alan@stjconnect.org) to arrange a time to record it. Or record it and email it to him. All are invited!