



Holy Week at Saint James



St. James offers a variety of worship and fellowship experiences during Holy Week. We invite you to fully experience this meaningful time of the Christian year with us!

Palm/Passion Sunday - Sunday, March 25th

Regular worship times celebrating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem

Morning Communion - Monday-Friday at 7:00 am

Start each day of Holy Week with a contemplative communion time

Prayer Labyrinth - Monday-Friday, open 9:00 am - 8:00 pm (3:00 pm on Friday)

Walk the Labyrinth and experience the Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday service - Thursday, March 29th at 6:30 pm in CLMC

The story continues with the last supper (communion and foot washing)

Good Friday service - Friday, March 30th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

The story continues with the trial, conviction, and crucifixion of Jesus as the light is extinguished in this tenebrae service.

Easter Sunrise service - Sunday, April 1st at 6:30 am in the East Field (by CLMC)

The excitement of the empty tomb and a new day for the faithful!

Easter Fellowship Breakfast - Sunday, April 1st at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

A joyous breakfast sponsored by the United Methodist Men

Easter Sunday Services - Sunday, April 1st at usual worship times

The story climaxes as Jesus conquers the death!

Family Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 1st, at 10:00 am

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a family experience of the traditional hunt

A New Look.....

You may have noticed we changed the format of the "Vision". This NEW and IMPROVED format will help our eReaders to read the newsletter on their devices with less complications. Please let us know what you think of the new format.



College Scholarships at St. James

The completed application, along with a current signed and sealed school transcript, must be returned to the Church Office by Friday, March 23rd, 2018 at 5:00 pm EDT. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. The Selection Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet in April to award the scholarships. The recipients will be notified in May. [Learn More](#)



Prayer Request

Sam Stephenson, Patti Frank, Frances Strawn, Dave Logston, Jerome Renn, Sabrina Whitmire, Robert Ramey



The Ministers and Congregation extend their sympathies to the family and friends of Janice Merritt who passed away on March 21. Janice was a Charter Member of St. James. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Tom and Connie Whitmire on the birth of their granddaughter, Sabrina Whitmire, daughter of Michael and Marie Whitmire on February 26.

Congratulations to Woody and Linda Peele on the birth of their granddaughter, Eva Katherine Winslow.

The Brittle Family wants to say thank you for all the cards and prayers following their moms death. Our St. James family has been a great comfort during this difficult time.

A Labyrinth Is Coming!

What is a Labyrinth?

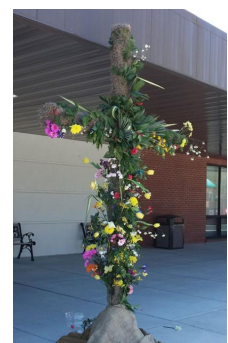
During Holy Week, St. James will be hosting a labyrinth with stations to meditate on the last days of Jesus Christ. It will be housed in the Fellowship Hall and available to walk from Monday, March 26 - Friday, March 30, 2018, The open hours will be 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Monday - Thursday, and 9:00 am - 3:00 pm on Friday. Come during these times and walk the labyrinth as you meditate your journey with Jesus Christ. [More](#)



Flowering of the Cross on Easter Morning

Celebration of New Life

On Easter Sunday, we invite you to be part of the "Flowering of the Easter Cross", an ancient and meaningful tradition. As you prepare for Easter worship, pick fresh flowers from your garden or yard and bring them with you to the church. As you arrive, come to the main entrance in front of The Commons, stand before the large cross and place your flowers upon it. A symbol of death, darkness, pain and hopelessness is transformed into something beautiful, new and alive in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. Together, we can transform the cross and help make this Easter a celebration of new life.



Congregations For Children (C4C)

Lenten Mission Focus for 2018



Congregations For Children (C4C) has been selected as our Mission Focus for the season of Lent.

What is C4C? Congregations for Children is a partnership between St James and Wahl Coates Elementary School which has been in place officially since April of 2017. It all started with a request for pastor discretionary funds for a walker for a child and it has exploded since then. Congregations for Children is now a church wide effort to reflect the love of Christ to our "neighbors" by assisting in meeting the needs of the students and teachers.

With God's help, generous donations, many volunteer hours, and the efforts of several ministry areas of St James, we have blessed many at Wahl Coates and been blessed ourselves. With the help of the United Methodist Women, we were able to provide a bag of school supplies to every student on the first day of school this past fall. Every week, 70+ Food bags are delivered to students in need by the Growing in Grace Ministry. The In Stitches and Prayer Shawl Groups have provided wheelchair lap blankets, and the St. James Prayer Team prays weekly for the students, teachers, and staff at Wahl-Coates.

The C4C program is actively assisting with the purchase of a new stage curtain for the school, beautification projects on the school grounds, providing school uniforms for children in need, and many more needs at Wahl Coates. It is through your generous donations that these projects are possible and our neighborly assistance can continue. Help us continue our work with Wahl Coates by remembering us during the season of Lent. We will be collecting gifts through Sunday, April 8th, to support the work of the Congregations For Children (C4C) ministries. THANK YOU for your prayers, your help, and your generosity.

Easter Egg Hunt

Family Fun

The Children's Ministry Team is sponsoring a family Easter egg hunt and celebration on Easter Morning, April 1st, during the Sunday School hour! Children ages infants through 5th grade are invited to attend. We need your help with candy donations. Bins of empty eggs are located in the lobby, fellowship hall, and outside of the CLMC. Please pick up a bag, fill the eggs with small, individually wrapped candy, and return them to the bins by March 28th. Thank you for your help in making this event possible!!



[HOLIDAY EVENTS - CLICK HERE](#)

Spring Fling 2018

The countdown is on!

Join us "Under the Tent" the week of April 15 - 21st as we work together, fellowship thru meals, and serve our local community during the 26th annual Spring Fling Event. [More](#)



Relay for Life

It is Relay Time!!

Opening Ceremony - starts at 6:30 pm Friday April 27th
Survivor lap - About 6:45 pm Friday April 27th
Luminaria Ceremony/Eternal Survivor Lap - 9:00 pm Friday April 27th
Kids Walk - 8:30 am Saturday April 28th
[Read More](#)



Upcoming Worship Services and Messages at St. James

[Learn More](#)




Project AGAPE

Join the United Methodist Women in preparing shoe boxes for Project AGAPE. This is a joint mission project with our North Carolina Conference and the Western NC Conference. Filled shoe boxes are distributed to the children of Armenia. The United Methodist Church is the only religious affiliation allowed to distribute items in Armenia.

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Senior Breakfast

We will honor our Graduating High School Seniors and their families with a Senior Breakfast on Sunday, June 3 @ 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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Confirmation Remembrance Classes

Wednesdays April 11th - May 16th 6:00 - 7:30 pm

If you are new to St. James and seeking membership or if you simply need a refresher on the Methodist beliefs you learned during your own confirmation, these classes are for you! Email desda@stjconnect.org to receive more information and sign up. Childcare will be available with a reservation.



Our Record of Faithfulness

Week of 03/18/2018
\$28,476

Weekly Goal
\$32,591

Year-to-Date Contributions
\$420,018 *(\$97,876 of prepaid pledges are included)*

Year-to-Date Goal
\$423,677

Year-to-Date Actual Expenses
\$311,545

2018 Operating Budget

Currently Received 25%
\$420,018

2018 Goal
\$1,694,707

Building Disciples Loan

Current Balance: \$2,844,170

Week of 03/18/2018
\$3,002

Weekly Goal
\$4,500