

## 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

***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

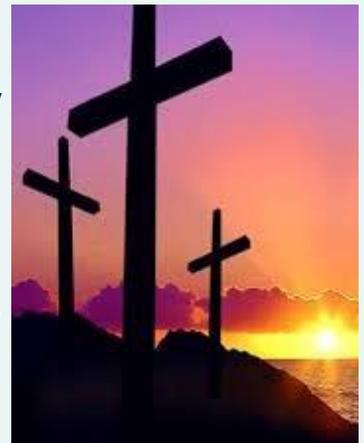
A joyous breakfast sponsored by the United Methodist Men

***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



## 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.



## Prayer Request

Sam Stephenson, Patti Frank, Frances Strawn, Dave Logston, Jerome Renn, Robert Ramey, Carol Wigent



The Ministers and Congregation extend their sympathy to

**Thelma Whitehurst on the death of her brother, James Lewis Hardee on March 10th.  
Please keep this family in your prayers.**

## 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.

This is **THE EVENT** that has Greenville talking and lining up early Every. Single. Year!

You don't want to miss it - Big jobs and small jobs - all are important, and we have a place for **EVERYONE** to help under the tent - dawn to dusk, pick your time - all week long.

Mark your calendars now and plan to be part of the body of Christ in action as we help local organizations.

**Our 2018 recipients are:**  
CareNet Counseling East (CNCE)  
Operation Sunshine, INC.  
Greenville Learning Center  
Wahl Coates Elementary School  
Riley's Army and  
Love a Sea Turtle



Each organization will have designated tent space on Spring Fling day - April 21st - for the community to learn more about the services they provide. They will also be here the week prior helping us prepare for the big day, so be sure to mingle and find out more about them.

You haven't experienced the spirit of St. James until you've experienced what Spring Fling has to offer all week long, so come out and Join us Under the Tent!

Mark your calendars - April 15- 21, 2018!

## Confirmation Remembrance Classes

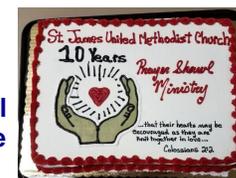
Wednesdays April 11th - May 16th 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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](mailto:desda@stjconnect.org) to receive more information and sign up. Childcare will be available with a reservation. [Register Here](#)



## 10th Anniversary of the Prayer Shawl Ministry

On March 17, 2008 Peggy Fulcher had a vision and began the St. James Prayer Shawl Ministry. It has blessed too many to count; from the recipients and their families, to the members. [Read More](#)

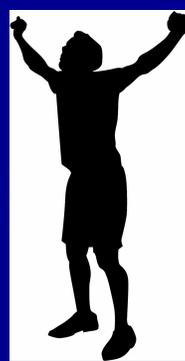


## Youth Update

April 1st is Easter. There will be no confirmation that day. There will also be no youth. This is the first weekend of spring break for Pitt County students.

April 4-7th we will be going on a camping trip to Cliffs of the Neuse. (In youth I mistakenly said 5-7th, and your youth may have told you those dates.) The cost will be \$20, or \$15 each for students coming from the same household. I will be having brochures shortly. The deadline for sign-ups and money due is Thursday, March 15th.

April 8th there will be no youth as we will be coming home from a camping trip.



## Spring Fling Bake Sale

There will not be a bazaar this year at Spring Fling, but that means we have more room for our famous bake sale! We need your help and your creations to make it extra special. That doesn't mean just sweets. Think of the possibilities - all kinds of casseroles both larger and smaller sizes, soups, twice baked potatoes, chicken salad, pimento cheese, etc.

And don't forget sour dough bread. Make things ahead of time and freeze them if needed. We will have a freezer and refrigerator. You may start bringing items to the church on Thursday, April 19th. Please pre-package and label items. We can help with labels if we know ahead of time. If you have any questions, contact [Linda McLane](#) at 355-6538. We will need some volunteer help on Friday, April 20th, from 10 to 6 in the Fellowship Hall.



## 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!!



## 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  
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## 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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### Our Record of Faithfulness

Week of 03/25/2018  
**\$19,874**

Weekly Goal  
**\$32,591**

Year-to-Date Contributions  
**\$439,892** *(\$97,876 of prepaid pledges are included)*

Year-to-Date Goal  
**\$423,677**

Year-to-Date Actual Expenses  
**\$333,362**

### 2018 Operating Budget

Currently Received **26%**  
**\$439,892**

2018 Goal  
**\$1,694,707**

### Building Disciples Loan

Current Balance: **\$2,844,170**

Week of 03/25/2018  
**\$983**

Weekly Goal  
**\$4,500**