

## 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!

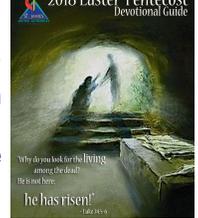
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## Easter-Pentecost Devotional Guides

Now Available

We are offering a new Devotional Guide this year for the season of Easter through Pentecost. 53 new daily devotions written by your fellow St. James members to guide us in a closer walk with Jesus through Eastertide. The

devotional guides are now available at the church. Pick yours up this Sunday or sign up online to receive the daily devotions in your email inbox. The readings begin on Holy Wednesday, March 28, and run through Pentecost Sunday, May 20.



## SPRC Announcement



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee sadly announces that Don Harvey, our Facilities Manager, has accepted a new position with the Town of Winterville and will be leaving the St. James Staff at the end of April. Don has served the St. James community as Facilities Manager since October of 2012 and played an important role in overseeing the construction of the new children's wing in his first year. Although Don will be leaving the St. James Staff, he and Sandra will continue to be active members sharing their gifts and talents as they always do. We have been blessed by Don's tenure on staff and wish him the best in his new venture.



## Prayer Request

Sam Stephenson, Patti Frank, Robert Ramey, Carol Wigent



## 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](#)



## 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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## UMW Girls for Days Workshops

The United Methodist Women are pleased to announce that the first 30 bags made for Days for Girls will be distributed in Haiti by Lora Joyner in April! Many thanks to all the volunteers who are making this ministry possible. There are sewing and non sewing opportunities. There is fabric that needs to be washed, dried and ironed ( no fabric softener) and returned in the UMW closet. For sewers there are bags ready to be sew and the supplies to make shields also located in the UMW Closet. Thank you sewers. [Read More](#)

## Youth Update



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.

May 4-5th we will be participating in the city-wide event Out of the Box. This is an event started by First Christian Church in Greenville, in which we raise funds and awareness for our local homeless shelter, and climaxes to May 4th when we will spend the night in cardboard boxes. We will be raising money for the Community Crossroads Center throughout this semester by gathering "sponsors" to donate \$25 each. Each student wanting to go to the event should have 3 sponsors. At the end we pool the money to donate to the community crossroads center. I have attached the donation sheet that you can print off to help keep track of their donations.

On May 4th (Friday) after school, we as a youth group will get together here at St. James and build shelters out of cardboard boxes in the field and spend the night sleeping in them. We will have several activities to do that evening, all of which will be outside. We will have soup for dinner, have marshmallows by the fire-pit, and a few other activities. The students will be allowed to bring 3 items to help simulate the conditions homeless people face everyday.

May 13th there will be no youth.

Lastly, I will be sending out sign-ups for Camp Connect (middle school mission trip) shortly. The week of Camp Connect is June 17-21.



## 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.

# Upcoming Worship Services and Messages at St. James

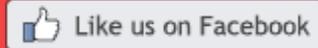
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## Project AGAPE

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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