

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRUNSWICK COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL ADULT SPELLING BEE – St. James the Fisherman is sponsoring Bill Chase and Monica Jones in the upcoming Brunswick County Literacy Council 33rd Annual Adult Spelling Bee. Please consider showing up and showing your support. For more information on the council, visit <https://bcliteracy.org>.



Odell Williamson Auditorium
150 College Rd NE Bolivia, NC 28422
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Doors open at 5:30

NEWCOMERS – If you are new to St. James the Fisherman, we would like to formally welcome you at our **July 30th** St. James Day celebration. Please complete an information sheet (available in the gathering area) and place it in the administrative assistant's mailbox.

Summer Worship Schedule - Beginning on **Sunday, June 11th**, we will be having only one Sunday Service. Instead of 8 AM and 10 AM, we will hold one service at 9 AM. The Saturday service at 5:30 PM will continue. This change is for the summer only, with the regular schedule resuming on Sunday, September 10th. Note, too, that the Choir will be on hiatus during this time. Many thanks to Lynn Dean, and the Magnificent Seven for sharing their talents with us.

SECOND HELPINGS -Won't you help us feed His sheep? The Second Helpings ministry here at SJTF is in dire need of a few volunteers. The commitment would be for an hour or two once a month on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning to pick up food from Sunset Beach Food Lion or Ocean Isle Lowe's and drop off at BFA; on Tuesdays there is also a drop off at Hope Harbor. You will be making a big difference in the lives of the food insecure here in Brunswick County. To help, please call Susan Weber at 847-209-6803 or email greg.susan.weber@gmail.com.

COFFEE HOUR – Please join us in Bliss Hall following service for coffee hour hosted by Vera Redin and Stephanie Lynott. If you're interested in hosting a coffee hour, please sign the sheet in the gathering area and/or contact the administrative assistant.

The Magnificent Seven meet each Wednesday at 5:30 PM in the Chapel for fellowship and singing. Want to know more? Come out on Wednesday and see what we are all about. You will be glad you did!

ST. JAMES THE FISHERMAN NEEDS YOU!

The Vestry of St. James is seeking applications from members of the congregation to serve in several important positions. We are looking for a few good women and men to spearhead the Fresh Face Forward initiative and to lead the 2023 Stewardship Campaign. This important initiative will help inform the church budget for 2024.

Details of the positions are as follows:

Fresh Face Forward Chair—Would lead the fundraising efforts around the Fresh Face Forward campaign. This would include leading the next St. James Gala, and spearheading efforts to obtain funding for various phases of FFF.

2023 Stewardship Chair—Would lead the efforts around the 2023 Stewardship campaign, which traditionally begins in September and concludes at the time of the Annual Meeting in December. Would work closely with the Rector and Treasurer and committee volunteers to solicit pledges for the on-going operations of St. James in 2024 and beyond.

We also need volunteers to work on both committees in other roles, such as helping to organize the next Gala or outreach around the Stewardship campaign.

If you are interested in participating in these exciting activities or would like to suggest someone for the positions, please provide your information to Fr. Farrell or Kit Goff, Senior Warden. Thank you!

United Thank Offering (UTO)

The UTO is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. The UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings, and make an offering for each blessing. The UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church.

Please bring your UTO donation to the church on Saturday/Sunday, June 3rd or June 4th, and place it in the Offertory Collection Plate. Make checks payable to St. James the Fisherman and note UTO in the memo section. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Ann Campbell at 910-575-1247 or at no1nanie@atmc.net.

CPC SPRING INGATHERING

The Church Periodical Club's (CPC) primary purpose is to spread the written Word throughout the world. It was first organized in 1888 by Mary Ann Fargo, a member of the Church of the Holy Communion in New York City. She and her friends sent Bibles to the west on Wells Fargo stagecoaches. Since then, CPC has continued to provide educational, spiritual, and liturgical Christian resources, such as Christian periodicals, books, audio, video and DVDs, and computer software, to many communities within our nation and around the world. As an ECW program, it is supported solely through voluntary donations which keep this important ministry alive. The primary source of these funds is money raised in churches during the CPC Ingathering. In addition to providing funds for use around the world, part of the money collected locally is used for textbook grants to our diocesan seminarians. Let us continue to support Christ's command: "Go, ye, therefore, and teach all nations..." by giving generously to this wonderful outreach ministry. **Make checks payable to St. James the Fisherman and note CPC in the memo section. We will continue to collect checks for the remainder of May.**

Online Calendar - We have begun the process of long-term planning and space-management by using the Google Calendar available at www.stjamesthefisherman.net/calendar. By planning well in advance, we hope to ensure that all meetings, group events, and charitable collections have adequate time, space, and visibility within the church and the greater community. Also, by publicizing the dates of upcoming events months ahead of time, we will give our members more time to clear their personal schedules for the purposes of volunteering or otherwise participating. This will also help us plan and promote fellowship by holding communal events like parish dinners or luncheons on a regular cadence. If you have a meeting or event that you would like to add, please contact the administrative assistant or a vestry member with the date, time, space needed, and a short description.

VESTRY SPOTLIGHT

Toni DeLuca, Chris Walters and Nancy Dougherty have been organizing the historical archives of St. James the Fisherman. St. James has a wonderful and rich history that began with Reverend Arthur Marshall and the "Barge", Gause Landing, Little St. James to the present-day St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church.

If you have any pictures, recordings or memories you would like to share or join the committee, please contact Toni, Chris or Nancy. You can leave a note in their mailbox and one of them will get back to you.

NEXT VESTRY MEETING - **WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th** IN BLISS HALL 2:00 PM