

St. James Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter

May 1, 2026

Please join us
In person at 8:00 a.m. online or in-
person at 10:00 a.m.
We hope to see you on Sunday!

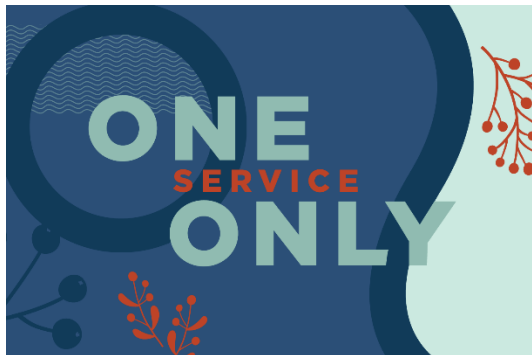


SERVICE ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Our online worship
service is at 10:00 a.m.
The link will be on our
website at:
www.saintjamespr.org



Coffee Hour after the 10:00 a.m. service.



May 10 Bishop's visitation & Confirmation
May 24 Pentecost (one service)
July 26 St. James Day (one service)

Service SCHEDULE

THANK YOU FOR SERVING ON

SUNDAY, MAY 3

PRESIDER: THE REV. RUSS GORDON
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: LUCY SIMOLA
CHALICE BEARER: MARILYN GERBER
LECTOR: CHRIS RUDMAN
SPANISH GOSPELLER: DAVID DOD
ACOLYTE: REBECCA ARROYO
USHERS: JUDI DOD & MARILYN GERBER
TECH: PAUL DRASIL
VESTRY ON DUTY: JUDI DOD
COFFEE HOUR: KATHY & CHUCK BARTON
ALTAR GUILD: TEAM A
COUNTERS: KATHY & CHUCK BARTON

SUNDAY, MAY 10

PRESIDER: THE RT. REV. LUCINDA ASHBY
DEACON: THE REV. JAMES ARNOLD
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: MARK PLANTS
BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN: LAURA LEARNED
LECTOR: LEE ADINOLFI
SPANISH GOSPELLER: MARK PLANTS
ACOLYTES: HERNANDEZ FAMILY
USHERS: GRIGGER & ALICE JONES
TECH: NEWLIN HASTINGS
VESTRY ON DUTY: LAURA LEARNED
COFFEE HOUR: ST. JAMES CONGREGATION
ALTAR GUILD: TEAM B
COUNTERS: LIZ AND NEWLIN HASTINGS



If you see an error above; no need to contact the
office. Please check the service schedule for the
correct information. Thank you!

APRIL SPECIAL GIVING



Buildings and Grounds is our special outreach for April. Some parts of the St. James Church building were built in 1895! The parish hall was built in the 1950s. Both are longstanding buildings that deserve and need constant care. The buildings and grounds committee is in charge of ensuring that everything on the St. James campus is in good and, especially, safe condition. We ask our committee to take care of the smallest jobs—from a loose doorknob to arranging for the trimming of the oak tree that is growing over the roof of the church—and everything in between. Please help support this important ministry by donating in the special envelopes at the back of the church.



The flowers this week are given with all our love for the birthday of Jessica Learned on May 2nd.
Mac and Laura Learned

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

May 9	Wayside Cross
May 10	Bishop's Visit & Confirmation (one service)
May 24	Pentecost (one service)
July 5	Morning Prayer
July 26	St. James Day (one service)

POTLUCK!



We will have a potluck on **May 10** to celebrate the Bishop's Visitation, Confirmation and Mother's Day! Please bring your favorite dish to share!

WAYSIDE CROSS



Have you wanted to take a beautiful Sunday drive into the hills outside Parkfield? Have you wanted to sing or play to praise God in our beautiful environment? We will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Wayside Cross on May 9th! On the top of a hill, not far from Parkfield, stands a large, stone Celtic cross. It marks the place where Bishop Nichols would often stop in his journeys to rest and for prayer.

Please bring your own lunch, including beverages, lawn chairs, blankets, and whatever other “creature comforts” you might need. Restroom facilities will be available.

A caravan will be leaving the San Miguel Mission parking lot promptly at 1:45 p.m.. The mission is located 10 miles north of Paso Robles on Hwy. 101. Take Hwy. 101 north from Paso Robles to the San Miguel exit. About 3 blocks north of the Mission,

follow the sign for Parkfield pointing east. Crossing the river on the new bridge, turn left onto Indian Valley Road and follow the signs to Parkfield. Watch for the “Wayside Cross” signs on the left approximately 14 miles from San Miguel.

Help Needed

We will soon embark on our annual pilgrimage to the Wayside Cross. I am looking for someone who can place the directional signs out for those who haven't been there before. Mac is unable to do it this year as he will be at the Parkfield Bluegrass Festival that weekend. We will need them put out about 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 9th for the folks leaving the mission at 1:30. If you are able to do this please notify me and I can get the signs to you.

Laura Learned
Senior Warden

To the wonderful loving family of St. James.

It's a long time since COVID. As we look back it seems almost impossible that COVID started about 6 years ago. Through this struggle we changed and adapted. It is once again time for a change. A move to how things were done prior to the pandemic. Our practice over the COVID years has been to offer both the “little cups” and the chalice. It is time to move back to offering the chalice. We will discontinue the use of the little cups on May 10th. You may choose to take the bread and the wine from the chalice or you may choose to just take the bread.

I know this may be difficult for some and I totally understand. Please know that Deacon Jim, the worship commission and myself have discussed this as well as with folks at the diocese. This was not a decision made without a lot of thought and prayer. The parish of St. James is a loving and caring community and I pray that we will continue to be that inside and outside of our walls.

Laura Learned
Senior Warden





PIANO CONCERT

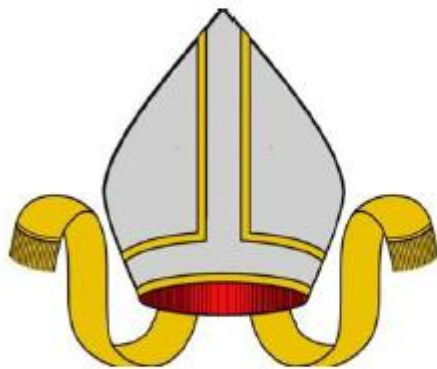
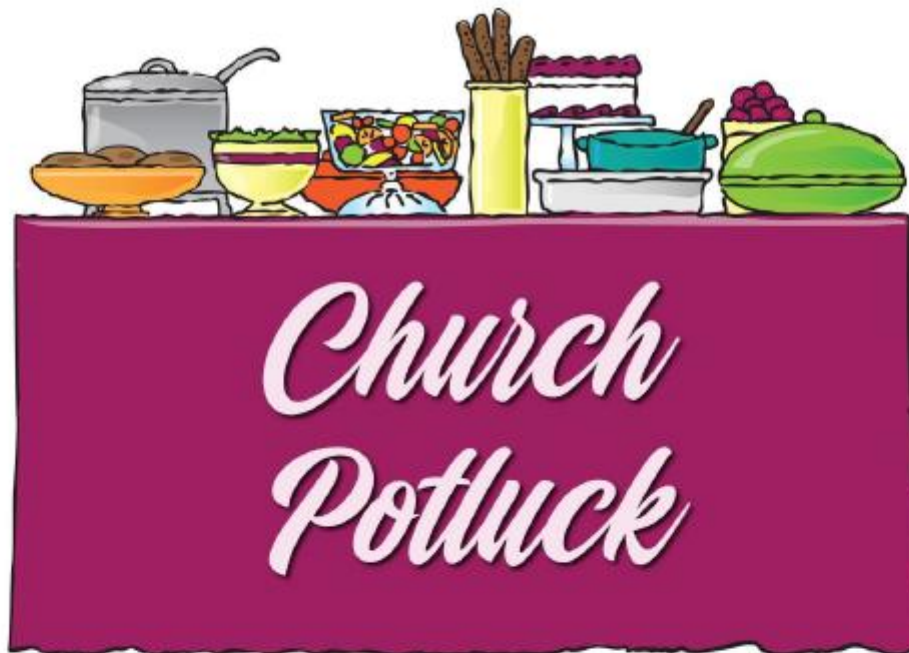
Featuring
JOSH TARICA

Saturday
June 6th
3:00 PM

**St James Episcopal
Church Paso Robles**

**Donations
are
gladly
accepted**





CHURCH POTLUCK AFTER THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE!

ON **MAY 10TH**, WE WILL HAVE ONE SERVICE TOGETHER AT 10:00 A.M.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING

THE BISHOP'S VISIT, CONFIRMATION AND MOTHER'S DAY!

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE WITH OUR

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY.



Pentecost

Sunday, May 24th

We will have one service together at 10:00 a.m.

Wear red!

We will have a pancake breakfast
following the 10:00 a.m. service

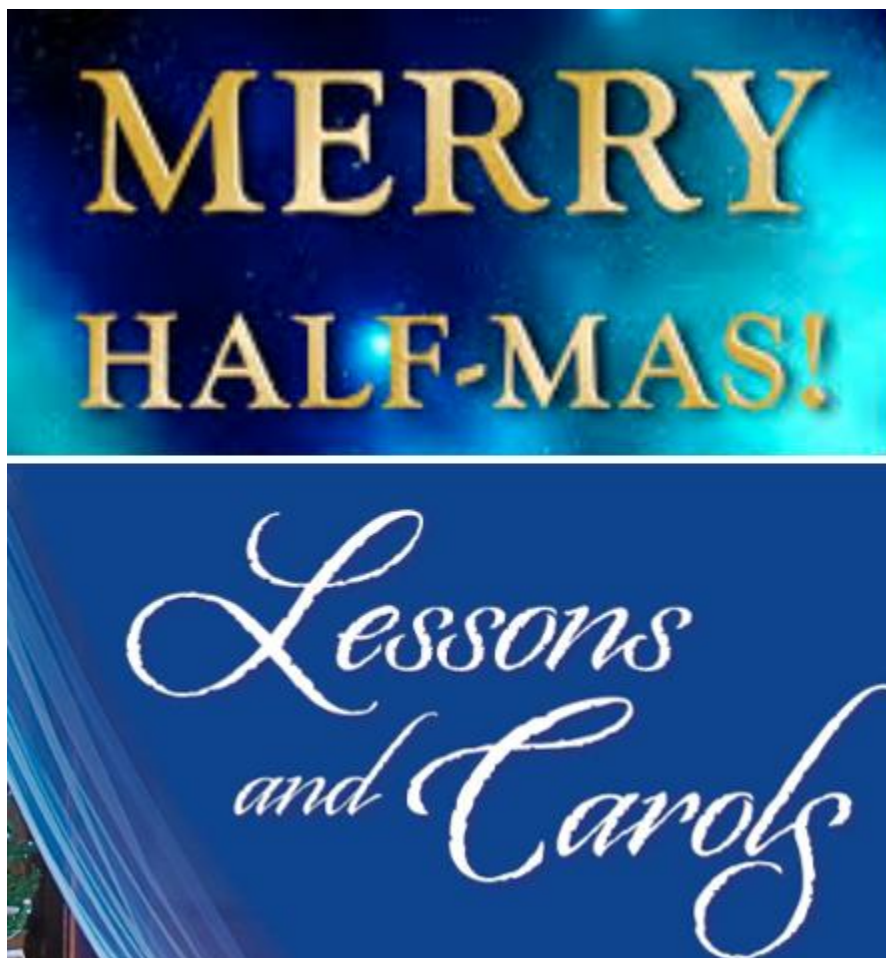
Outreach Needs



Our outreach for Feeding the Hungry continues to grow. We used to serve between 60-80 people per month and we have increased our meals due to a greater need. We are currently serving approximately 200 people per month. We are requesting help in meeting our present needs. We need some help with both casseroles and cookies. If you can help, please contact Marilyn Gerber.

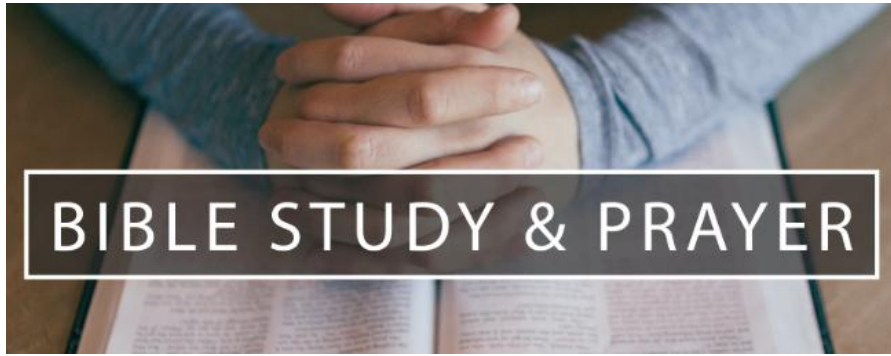
We have pans for the casseroles in the narthex--please see the link below for some casserole ideas (in case you are stumped for what to make).

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/meals-menus/g31929060/easy-casserole-recipes/>



I am pleased to announce that St Stephen's will be hosting the First Annual Jesus' Half-Birthday Lessons & Carols on Thursday, June 25, 2026. The time has yet to be determined as we consider some of the logistics.

Talia Ortega will coordinate the Choirs. Please direct any interested singers to her. I will invite Lectors from the various parishes. And we hope to have a potluck afterward. -- Fr. Ian



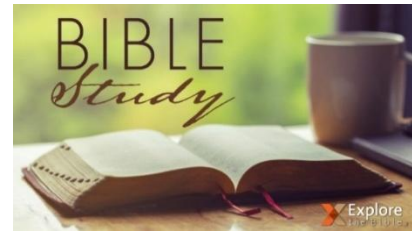
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE



This week our Wednesday Evening Service is at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. If you would like to join us, the link is shown below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97618986631?pwd=QUF6aUduWE9vUFJlQ2lzbnNYaWplUT09>

Meeting ID: 976 1898 6631 Passcode: 820301



All are invited to meet on **Thursday mornings at 11am** for a one-hour bible study via Zoom. The Zoom link is on our webpage. Each week we look at the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday by reading the passage from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, The Message, and The Voice. Each translation offers a slightly different perspective on the lesson. Please join us!

<https://zoom.us/j/97608924151?pwd=SVJscVUzaEU4c25GcEtKZlQvNoVldzo9>

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The Women's Prayer Group meets for breakfast on the **second Wednesday** of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Our Grief Support Group will meet on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Please bring a sack lunch, if you'd like.



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet monthly. We welcome all men from St. James! Please contact Deacon Jim for more information.



TEAM A

Bonnie Railsback
Alice Jones

TEAM B

Carol Hungerford
Kathy Barton
Kathy Currie

TEAM C

Laura Learned
Marilyn Gerber
Sue Thorson

MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!



BIRTHDAYS

April 11 Pam Hermann
April 12 Judi Dod
April 18 Laura Learned

ANNIVERSARIES

April 6, 1974 Lucy and Bob Simola

Vestry

Senior Warden:
Jr. Warden, Worship & Music:
Finance:
Administrative Communication:
Stewardship
Diversity Development
Buildings and Grounds:
Hospitality:

Laura Learned
Mark Plants
Dennis Breckow
|
Kathy Currie
Judi Dod
Jimmy Ciccolo
Becky Hewatt
Connie Higdon Gannon

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
Doris

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER
We give thanks for the life & ministry of:

Joe & Denise Chouinard
Jimmy Ciccolo
Holly Cooper
Valarie Crandal-Lowman
Donna & Kim Cruciani
Scott & Kathy Currie
Sharon & Kevin Daroca
David & Judi Dod
Janet & Paul Drasil

DELEGATES



Delegates:

Laura Learned
Jimmy Ciccolo
Rosaleen Runnals

Alternates:

