

St. James Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter

July 31, 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!

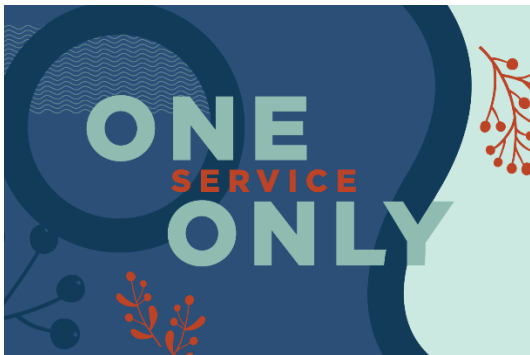


SERVICE ON FACEBOOK LIVE

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.



August 23 First Communion (one service)

Service SCHEDULE

THANK YOU FOR SERVING ON

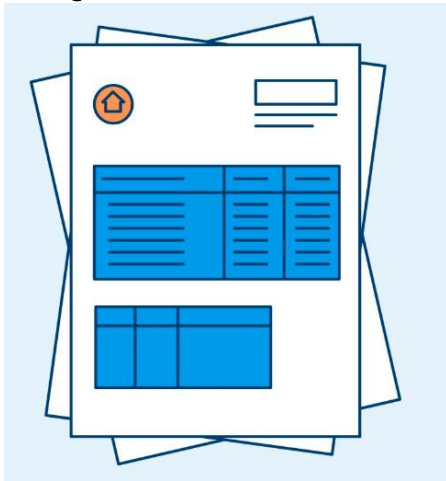
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

PRESIDER: THE REV. RICHARD ROLLEFSON
DEACON: THE REV. JAMES ARNOLD
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: LAURA LEARNED
LECTOR: GRIGGER JONES
SPANISH GOSPELLER: PEGGY BEEMER
USHERS: ALICE & GRIGGER JONES
TECH: MAC LEARNED
VESTRY ON DUTY: LAURA LEARNED
COFFEE HOUR: LIZ & NEWLIN HASTINGS
ALTAR GUILD: TEAM B
COUNTERS: LIZ & 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!

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS



Your quarterly statements have been emailed to you. If you did not get one or if there is something that is incorrect, please call the office as soon as possible. Please note that the statements cover the period from January 1 – June 20, 2026.



YOUR PRAYERS MEAN SO MUCH!

Thank you for your prayers and kind words of support. My niece, Daniela, is home and recovering. I let her know that there were many people praying for her and we both took comfort in feeling God's love with her. --Sylvia

ALTAR FLOWERS



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The altar flowers are given by Dale & Patty Breckow to the glory of God and for the beloved Mollys who have graced our life.

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

August 9
August 23
September 26

First Communion Fundraiser
First Communion (one service)
Fiesta Fun-Raiser

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/>



To the very generous people of St. James,

What exciting news we celebrated Sunday, as the Rev. Peter Ackerman accepted our call to become our Priest! I am delighted that we will welcome Peter and his family in October. What a blessing to be a part of this new chapter that God is writing in our St. James community!

Our Special Giving Focus for August is **The St. James Appeal**. Since it's new, I wanted to tell you about it. With this appeal, we invite you to make an **extra gift** for the ministries of St. James.

Your pledges, offerings and volunteerism sustain our church, from worship to outreach to lights and air conditioning! And since we didn't undertake the big *Oktoberfest* benefit this year, some of us are making an extra gift to **The St. James Appeal** instead. Please join us with an extra gift, as you are able.

We placed special envelopes in the church. If you prefer to use the QR code, there is a drop-down menu to click **The St. James Appeal**.

As always, thank you for your faithfulness.

In Christ,

Laura Learned, Sr. Warden

WE'VE CALLED OUR NEW RECTOR!!!



It is a great honor and with love and expectation that the vestry of St. James has made a call and that call has been accepted. The Rev. Peter Ackerman has agreed to be our new rector at St. James. Peter, Marie his wife and son Harry will be joining us on Sunday, October 18th. Let this time be a time of preparation and prayer for both of the affected parishes. As Peter says goodbye to one and comes to be with us at St. James.

Please see the bio on the following page for a little more information.

Laura Learned
Senior Warden

The Rev. Peter K. Ackerman

The Rev. Peter K. Ackerman was almost literally born in the Episcopal Church. His mother did, however, manage to make it to the hospital, where Peter was born on Easter Sunday. He was raised in the Episcopal Church and grew up in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles.

Show business was also part of Peter's life from the beginning. His mother, Elinor Donahue, is an actress perhaps best remembered for *Father Knows Best* and *The Andy Griffith Show*, and his father, Harry Ackerman, was a television executive producer whose long career included such classic programs as *Bewitched* and *The Flying Nun*. Peter eventually worked in the entertainment business himself before sensing God calling him further along the path that would ultimately lead to ordained ministry.

In 2024, Peter published *Mom, Dad, Me, and Classic TV*, his account of growing up in and around the television industry. He occasionally cautions people searching for him online that there are several other Peter Ackermans out there—including another writer and a television producer—and he cannot be held responsible for anything they have said or done!

Peter has been married for 39 years to Marie, a native of Stockton, California. Marie is a sommelier, and at the end of the recent pandemic Peter and Marie moved to the Diocese of Washington so she could more fully exercise her professional skills. They have two adult children. Their son, Harry, lives with them, while their daughter, Amy, lives in Chicago with her husband, Jordan. Peter and Marie recently entered a joyful new chapter of family life with the birth of their first grandchild, a boy named Sacha.

Peter comes to St. James after serving as Rector of Christ Church in Chaptico, Maryland, in the Diocese of Washington. His years there have deepened his commitment to collaborative ministry and his belief that the work of the Church belongs to the whole people of God. His approach to leadership begins with listening: learning the story of a congregation, recognizing the gifts already present within it, and helping people discern where God may be calling them next. He enjoys asking not simply *what* a church does, but *why*—and how its traditions, ministries, and resources can best serve the Gospel and the community around it.

Peter is an avid reader of mysteries, always happy to discover a new author or series. That same sense of curiosity is part of his spiritual life as well. One of the things he loves most about ministry is looking for what God is already doing—in the lives of people, in a congregation, and in the surrounding community—and wondering together where God might be leading next.

Peter is also working on his Spanish, although his current Duolingo score of 19 suggests that St. James should not yet ask him to preach the Sunday sermon *en español*.

When Peter recently visited Paso Robles and St. James, something felt wonderfully familiar. He felt at home. After years away from their California roots, Peter and Marie have longed to return to the state where they both have such deep connections and to make this next chapter of life and ministry here.

Peter comes to St. James grateful for the journey that has brought him here, carrying with him deep gratitude for the congregation he now leaves behind, whose faith, generosity, and companionship have shaped him in lasting ways. He holds them in his prayers even as he looks ahead with hope, excited to become part of the Paso Robles community and eager to discover alongside the people of St. James what God has in store for them together.

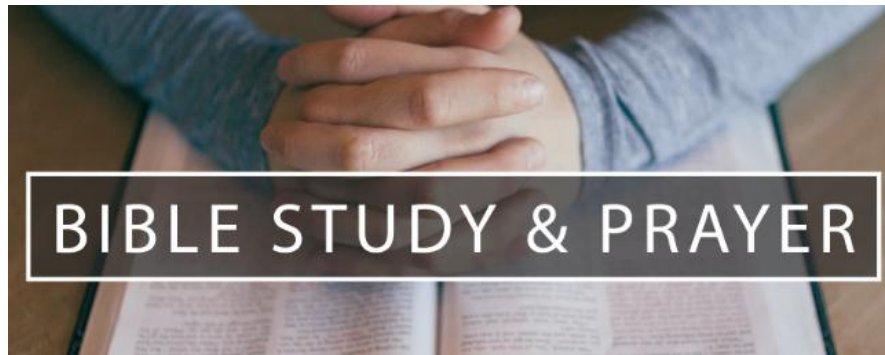
St. James Youth Religious Ed Fundraising



Youth Religious Education Program Fundraiser Eat in or To-Go

We will be hosting a Tacos fundraiser on August 9.
The plate includes 3 tacos, rice & beans for \$10. The sale
will be from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX



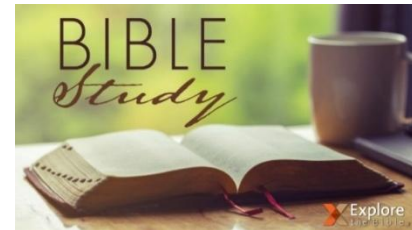
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE



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=QUF6aUduWE9vUFJlQ2lzbmNYaWplUT09>

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.



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



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

MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!



BIRTHDAYS

August 11

Bob Simola

August 12

Marilyn Gerber

ANNIVERSARIES

August 7, 1982

Al & Sheila Vossler

August 10, 1963

Lee & Tony Adinolfi

August 24, 1968

Tom & Darlene Westbrook

August 25, 1973

Mac & Laura Learned

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Doris

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

We give thanks for the life & ministry of:

Susie Adams

Lee & Tony Adinolfi

Doug & Margie Allred

Deacons Jim & Susan Arnold

Bolívar, Lizette,

Rafael, Rebecca & Regina Arroyo

Chuck & Kathy Barton

Peggy Beemer & Pedro DeSasia

Marc & Betty Behymer

Dale & Patty Breckow

Dennis & Betsy Breckow

DELEGATES



Delegates:

Laura Learned
Jimmy Ciccolo
Rosaleen Runnals

Alternates: