# St. James Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter

## November 20, 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.

### Altar Flowers



The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in celebration for Betsy & Dennis' Wedding Anniversary.

## Service Schedule

### Thank you for Serving on

### Sunday, November 22

Presider: The Rev. Peter Ackerman
Deacon: The Rev. James Arnold
Eucharistic Minister: Becky Hewatt
Lector: Peggy Beemer
Spanish Gospeller: Becky Hewatt
Ushers: Mac & Laura Learned
Tech: Roberto Quintero
Vestry on Duty: Becky Hewatt
Coffee Hour: Brenda Stelika & Jackie Torkeo
Acolyte: Hernandez Family
Altar Guild: Team C
Counters: Mac & Laura Learned

### Sunday, November 29

Presider: The Rev. Peter Ackerman
Deacon: The Rev. James Arnold
Eucharistic Minister: Lucy Simola
Lector: Carol Hungerford
Spanish Gospeller: Peggy Beemer
Ushers: Marilyn Gerber & Grigger Jones
Tech: Newlin Hastings
Vestry on Duty: Laura Learned
Coffee Hour: Liz & Newlin Hastings
Altar Guild: Team A
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!

## November Special Giving




Holiday Giving is the featured special outreach for November. There are specially marked envelopes for your donation at the church entrance.
We are collecting donations to be used to make Thanksgiving and Christmas a bit brighter for some local families and also for our own parishioners in need. Please make your check payable to St. James' and designate Holiday Giving on the memo line.

## Buy Some Walnuts!




Patty Breckow has kindly cracked and shelled her homegrown walnuts and has packaged them into 1 pound bags. She is going to sell them at coffee hour on Sunday Nov 22. They are $10.00 per bag. All the money raised will be given to our "Feed the Hungry" program.




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| November 23-27 | Office closed for Thanksgiving |
| December 6 | First Communion |
| January 6 | Fr. Peter's Installation |

# 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. Store bought is fine, as long as they feed 10 people. 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.foodnetwork.com/recipes/photos/comforting-casserole-recipes




The office will be closed from November 23 – November 27. For Thanksgiving week.

## Be Eucharistic Minister Or A Eucharistic Visitor







All it takes is 3 hours of training by our friends Deacon's Jim and Susan Arnold. **The next training will be offered on Saturday, November 21, 2026 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Luke's.** The Diocese issues a 3 year "license" and then you can help at the altar or take communion to the homebound when needed. If you would like to train as a Eucharistic Minister, please speak to Fr. Peter or Laura Learned.



## Blue Christmas Service December 5, 11AM at St. James

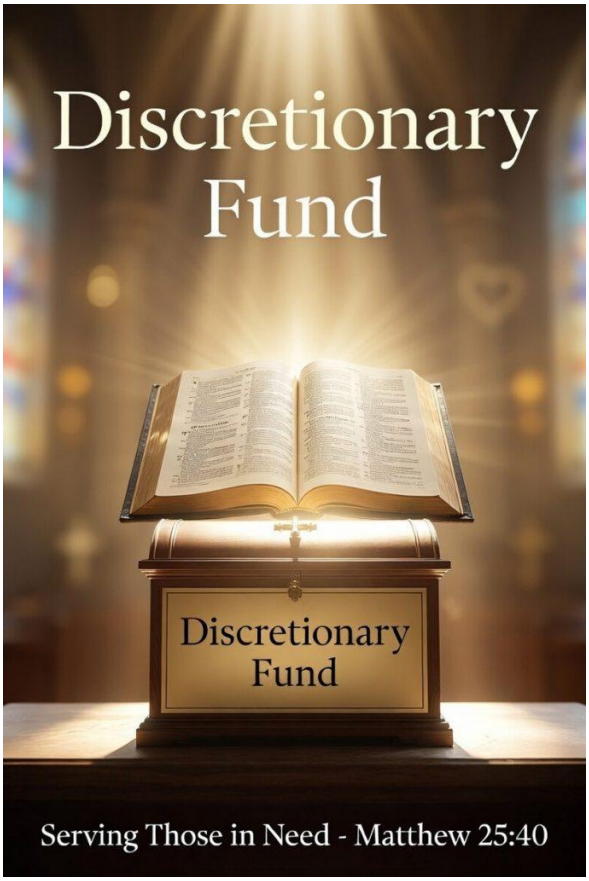
There are always people who during the holidays, are not as able to slip into the joy of the season, for several reasons. The demise of a significant loved one (recent or long ago), a change in circumstances, etc. can often leave one feeling "blue."

This brief service is for those (in or beyond the parish) who wish to through prayer, and lighting of individual candles, with a little bit of a cappella singing, can acknowledge where they are emotionally.

The beautiful result is that participants are often able to engage with the season around them, having acknowledged what makes them "blue."

All are welcome. Please see our rector if you have any questions.

## An Episcopal Practice Returns



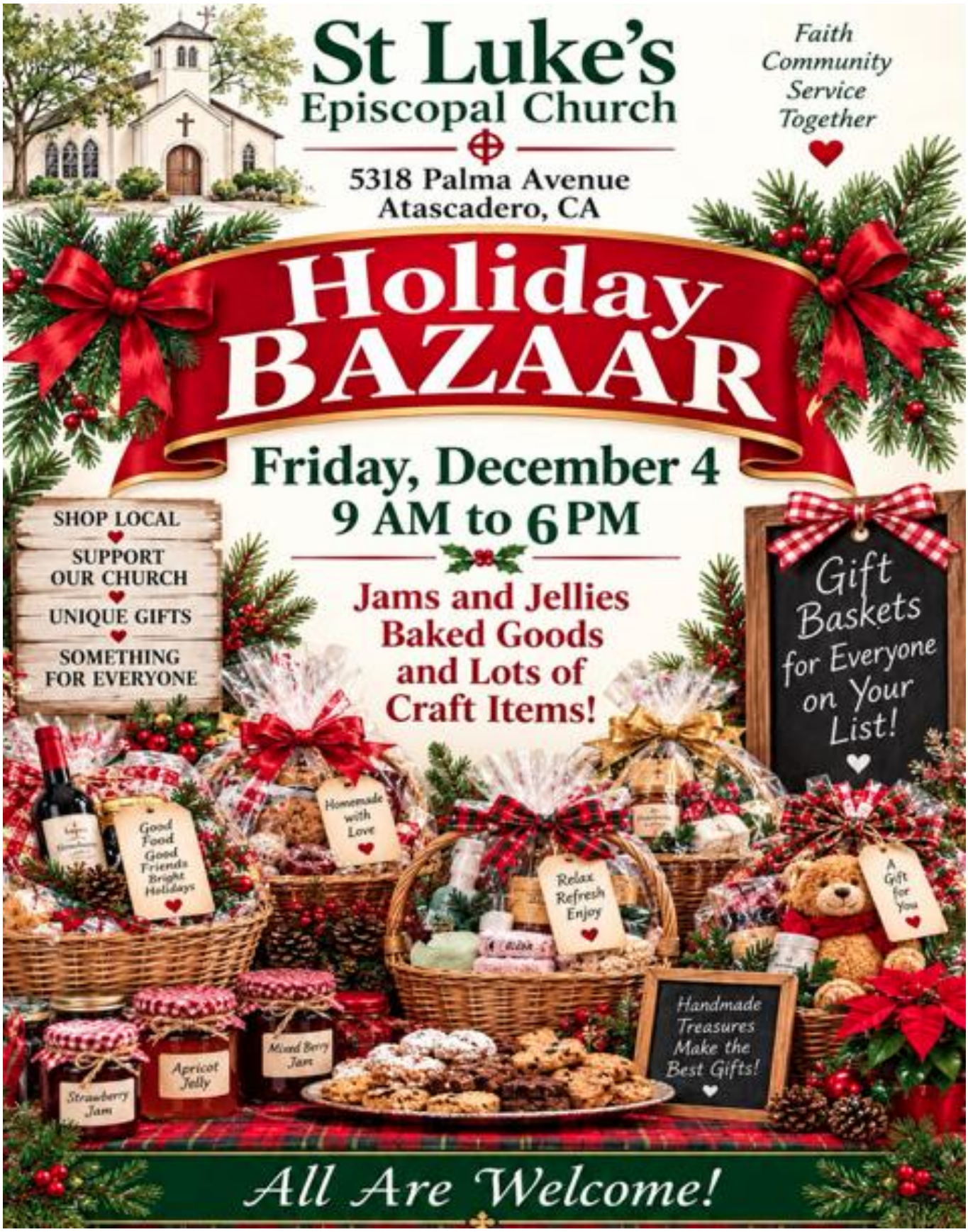

As many parishioners know, each parish has a Rector's Discretionary Fund (RDF). These monies are overseen by whomever is rector at the time, to carry out "pious and charitable" work.

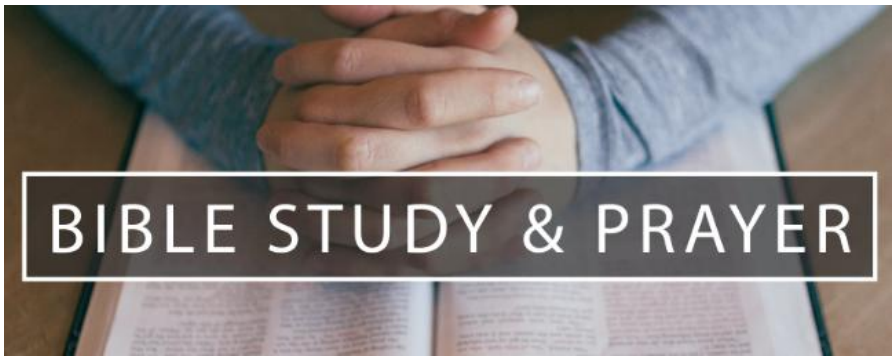
There is a directive from the wider church, which all parishes are to follow, that keep a steady stream monthly income going to the RDF, through one designated Sunday's "open plate" (non-pledge) offering. We appropriately are reinstating this practice here at St. James.

At their November meeting the Vestry determined that the Last Sunday of each month, the open plate (loose change or bills tossed into the plate, or giving that is not directed towards anything specific including as a pledge payment) will go to the RDF.

If you wish to give to the RDF at any time, you can donate to the parish with "RDF" in the memo line, or you can wait for the last Sunday and toss something extra in the plate (checks with Open Plate written in the memo on that last Sunday will go to RDF).

Once we RDF is transferred over to Reverend Ackerman's oversight, he will let people know about it and ways in which he can help parishioners in need. This small practice is just one of the mighty ways where God steps in and magnifies the practice of faithful giving.


St Luke's
Episcopal Church
Faith
Community
Service
Together
5318 Palma Avenue
Atascadero, CA
Holiday
BAZAAR
Friday, December 4
9 AM to 6 PM
SHOP LOCAL
SUPPORT
OUR CHURCH
UNIQUE GIFTS
SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE
Jams and Jellies
Baked Goods
and Lots of
Craft Items!
Gift
Baskets
for Everyone
on Your
List!
Good
Food
Good
Friends
Bright
Holidays
Homemade
with
Love
Relax
Refresh
Enjoy
A
Gift
for
You
Handmade
Treasures
Make the
Best Gifts!
Strawberry
Jam
Apricot
Jelly
Mixed Berry
Jam
All Are Welcome!




**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




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







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

# Vestry

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| Senior Warden: | Laura Learned |
| Jr. Warden, Worship & Music: | Mark Plants |
| Finance: | Dennis Breckow |
| Administrative Communication: | |
| Stewardship | Kathy Currie |
| Diversity Development | Judi Dod |
| Buildings and Grounds: | Jimmy Ciccolo |
| Hospitality: | Becky Hewatt |
| | Connie Higdon Gannon |




**Delegates:**

Laura Learned
Jimmy Ciccolo
Rosaleen Runnals

**Alternates:**

**MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!**




**BIRTHDAYS**

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| November 2 | Kathy Currie |
| November 6 | Elana Peters |
| November 7 | Susie Adams |
| November 13 | Robert Edelman |
| November 14 | Darlene Westbrock |
| November 23 | Denise Chouinard |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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| November 22, 1967 | Dennis and Betsy Breckow |

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Doris Ann

## PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

We give thanks for the life & ministry of:

Susie Adams
Lee & Tony Adinolfi
Doug & Margie Allred
Deacons Jim & Susan Arnold
Bolivar, Lizette,
Rafael, Rebecca & Regina Arroyo
Chuck & Kathy Barton
Peggy Beemer & Pedro DeSasia
Marc & Betty Behymer
Dale & Patty Breckow
Dennis & Betsy Breckow