

St. James Lutheran Church

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The Journal



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January Events

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Fred on Monday, January 3rd at 9:30 am

Crafts & Games - Monday, January 10th at 1:00 pm

All men and women are invited to come and enjoy crafts or games monthly on the second Monday of each month.

Lifestyle - Wednesday, January 12th at 12:00 pm

The congregation and friends are invited to this monthly meeting. The first meeting will feature Brent Hoover, a USC Aiken Instructor of Economics, as the guest speaker. He will deliver a presentation on the Economic Forecast for 2022. Lunch will be provided.

Annual Congregational Meeting is January 23rd after worship with a covered dish meal. All information for the Annual Report is due by January 12th. Please email reports to Stjamesnewsinfo@gmail.com.

WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, January 24th for lunch at 1:00 pm followed by the meeting in the fellowship hall. All ladies and men are welcome!

A message from Pastor Fred...

A whole New Year is upon us and a whole lot of exciting new things are happening at St. James!

Crafts & Games is launching on January 10 to bring St. James together in hobbies and fun. I'm looking forward to this relaxing way to indulge in the gift of being together in Christian community. I have seen so much joy here and I am so glad that we get to continue being together in our service in the world as well as our leisure.

Lifestyle is going to kick off its new beginning, January 12, as it brings in a professor from USC Aiken to talk about our world's economic forecast! Our financial systems have come across as a rollercoaster to me, so I am looking forward to having lunch with you and then joining you in that wild ride.

Coffee and Conversation will continue on its course. While no longer new, I would love to invite you! We are having a wonderful time being together and sharing stories in God's glorious creation. If you want to grab a cup of coffee or tea with just me, let me know. I would love to get to sit with you and hear your story!

I saw St. James shining Christ's light last year and we continue as God is with us!

Is there anything else you would like to see or do with St. James? Last month we supported our teachers at Leavelle McCampbell Middle School by bringing them coffee and donuts. Would you want to do that for our elementary or high school teachers? Or our hospital staff, police officers, and firefighters?

Would you like more social events? Perhaps something like a book club? Please email me (pastorfredklinker@gmail.com) and let me know what you're wanting and we will see if we can get a group of people together for whatever it is you would enjoy.

This New Year I am focusing on new things, and in that I remember my baptism, that I have been given new life in Christ. The old nonsense we have filled our lives with doesn't remain. Jesus washes away our sin. We are freed to live today and every day as beloved children of God, people that are set free to go out in service of our neighbor all in the name of Jesus. You are in my prayers as you enter into this New Year.

May the Peace of Christ be with you today and always!

Pastor Fred





Lifestyle



Pastor Fred conveyed in his November 28 sermon that a concept to be called Lifestyle was being developed for a monthly meeting to include a brief devotion, a light meal, and featured speakers who will offer information, entertainment, and introspection.

The planning, developing, and nurturing will become a reality with a Wednesday, January 12, 2022 meeting. The meeting will begin at 12 noon and will feature Brent Hoover, a USC Aiken Instructor of Economics, as the guest speaker. He will deliver a presentation on the Economic Forecast for 2022.

This is the first of monthly meetings designed to make everyone's week more informative and enjoyable. The entire congregation and friends are invited and your presence is urged to make this concept a staple at St. James.

Lunch will be served. Sign up sheets will be strategically placed in the fellowship hall and church so we can have an adequate but not overabundance of food.

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Children/Youth Christmas Play!

Special thanks to all of the children and youth for all of their hard work in making this program a success.



Youth Christmas Caroling...



Our St. James Youth, joined by some youth parents, youth leaders, and Pastor Fred and Mycah, went Christmas caroling to the residents at Trinity on Laurens and to some of our church members. The caroling brought joy to all who participated. After caroling the youth had a Christmas party at the home of Lane & Kathy Rogers. The youth enjoyed party foods and Christmas games.



Youth Upcoming Activities

Confirmation

January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 3:00 pm in the Ed Johnson, Sr. classroom

SC LCY Winter Retreats are back!

9th & 10th Grade: January 21-23 at Camp Kinard

11th & 12th Grade: February 18-20 at Coastal Retreat Center

Middle School: March 18-20 at Camp Kinard

Please contact Mrs. Kathy for registration information.



Our Service Choir gathered at the Busbee home for some Christmas fun and fellowship. Lots of food, laughs and music.....Singing and acting out "The 12 Days of Christmas" is always a fun treat!



In support of the Treats for Teachers at Leavelle McCampbell Middle School, members of our WELCA/LMM delivered doughnuts and coffee to Leavelle McCampbell to thank the teachers and staff for the wonderful job they do every day.



thank you



Dear St. James Church Family,

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift. I am so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family. I really appreciated it and thank you again.

Love,

Tonia Busbee

Dear St. James Church Family,

Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gift. I am truly blessed to have a church family that loves and supports me all year long.

Love,

Kathy Rogers



Dear St. James Church Family,

Thank you so so much for all of the love this Christmas!

Thank you for the warm embrace and thank you for the Christmas present!

Thank you for showing us how St. James celebrates the birth of our Savior. It has been an absolute joy! I cannot wait for the caroling to begin next year!

Christ's Peace,

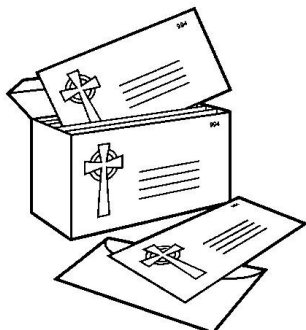
Pastor Fred



2022 Church Council Members

Caroline Andrews, Daphne Carroll, Patti Cutshall, Jim Cobb, Robbie Franklin, Garrett Maroney, Georganne Weeks, Mike Willis, Ronald Wood.

Thank you to Mike Cutshall and Steve Murphy for their service on church council.



New Offering Envelopes have been placed in your St. James mailbox. Do not use old envelopes after January 1 as some numbers have changed. Please use the Initial Offering envelope to help offset the cost of the envelopes.

January Volunteer List

ALTAR FLOWERS

January 2: Judy Lees in memory of Bob, Irv, & Ellie Lees

January 9: Ronald & Helen Wood in memory of Allison Katherine Wood- \$ Backpack

January 16: Kenneth Johnson & Melissa Allgood in memory of Kevin Johnson- \$ Backpack

January 23: Charles & Carolyn McGee in memory of Curtis & Gertrude McGee- \$ St. James

LAY READERS & LAY ASSISTANTS

January 2: Jim Cobb (& Assistant)

January 9: Georganne Weeks (& Assistant)

January 16: Caroline Andrews

January 23: Lanny Valentine

January 30: Gloria Sloan

WORSHIP TEAM--Acolyte (A) & Crucifer (C)

January 2: Dominic Price (A) Kaylee Sharpe (C)

January 9: Kristen Franklin (A) Zoe Ford (C)

January 16: Nathan Vandegrift (A) Brayden Weed (C)

January 23: Trey Johnson (A) Spencer Johnson (C)

January 30: Justin Joiner (A) Brayden Joiner ©

Altar Guild (January): Gloria Sloan

Ushers (January): Mike Cutshall & Steve Murphy



Offering Option

You can now give online on our website! You can give a onetime offering or set up a recurring offering. In the description box, please note where your offering should be directed (for example, Current and Benevolence, Backpack, etc.)

www.stjamesgraniteville.com/giving/

Financial Update November 2021

General Fund:	<u>November 2021</u>	<u>Jan-November 2021</u>
Offering	\$ 17,368.00	\$ 158,858.61
Expenses	\$ <u>13,922.10</u>	\$ <u>175,873.86</u>
Net Total	\$ 3,445.90	\$(17,015.25)



Church Council Minutes and Financial Reports are available in their entirety in the church office.

Share your good news and church events with your church family!
Email the information to: StJamesNewsInfo@gmail.com



JANUARY



Happy Birthday



Nelson Johnson	9
Tanya Odom	12
Angela Vandegrift	13
Else Cegelis	15
Bob Petrulovich	20
Makayla Storey	20
Jaxen Coleman	21
Shelley Jones	22
Judson Valentine	27
Katie Rogers	30



Help us keep our church records up to date... If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or missing from our list, please contact Kathy Rogers so our membership records can be corrected. Thank you!

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Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Neal Eubanks (Georganne Weeks' brother) , Nanci Carter, (Bob Petrulovich's daughter), Charles McGee, Bobby Reece, Ben Ashby (Karmen Spletzer's brother), Gene Moyer, Libby Scott, Ronnie Gordon, David Speight, Bobbie Bauserman, John Thompson, Pat Weeks. At **Anchor**: Mary Ellen Johnson. At **Trinity**: Ruth Orr, Carolyn Hendrix. **May the Lord bless them with His healing presence and keep them in true faith. Amen.** Please review the prayer list and contact the church office with updates.

St. James has a new website! www.stjamesgraniteville.com



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