

The BELLS of St. JAMES

news, inspiration,
and opportunities
for ministry

As we mark the 24th anniversary of the attacks of Sept 11, 2001, we pray for our nation and all those who lost friends and loved ones on that day. - Mother Mariclair

For the Nation

Lord God Almighty, who hast made all the peoples of the earth for thy glory, to serve thee in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with thy gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. - *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 207

Stewardship Message from a parishioner **Something worth caring for**

This message from Tracye Kamperman has been edited for space. To see the video of Tracye's speech in full, [click here](#) and start at minute 53.

My name is Tracye Kamperman, and I am here to talk to you about stewardship. My husband and I have attended this church for 30 years now. Our children were baptized and married here, and we hope our first grandchild will be baptized here as well. This is truly an incredibly special place for us.



Tracye modeled this prayer shawl Sunday, hand-made

Thursday

September 11, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS



September 14, Sunday **In-gathering** **of Stewardship** **Commitment forms**

Rite I Eucharist spoken

8:00a

+

Breakfast

8:45

+

Acolyte 101 continues
in the library

9:00

+

lectionary Bible study
room 205 + Jane Austen
and Faith room 127

+Sunday school upstairs
for children age 4
to grade 5, and for youth

9:30

+

Rite II Eucharist with choir

10:30

+

by one of our Outreach groups, Knitting for Charity.

According to an online dictionary, *stewardship* is the “responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving.” Now let that sink in and apply this definition to this church and how we can support St. James as something worth caring for and preserving.

Think of our church as a business with different departments to manage. The first department we need to discuss is Upper Management, Staff, and Utilities. Without this department we would have no priest, musicians, communications, livestream, power, water, etc., thus lacking infrastructure for worship.

The next department is the Department of Teaching that includes The Wonderful Days program, Sunday School for our children, and adult Bible study classes and EFM.

Then there is the Music Department, starting with the new Cherub Choir and going on up to adults. This department is not only for our enjoyment and worship enrichment, but for our community.

Next, we have the Outreach Department which includes going out into the community to help other people. Programs like Reach Out Mental Health, Kitting for Charity, Support Our Troops, and support for The Extension. Here is a prayer shawl that will be given to an organization called Tunnel to Towers which helps veterans, first responders, and their families in our community.

Last is the Social Department. This is everyone’s favorite area! It includes breakfast, social activities like family game night, receptions, and coffee hour. This is where we come together and talk with friends and just maybe meet new friends.

With all these different departments, this business needs you to give of your time and money to operate. Some of you are thinking “I attend church, but then I leave. I am not involved in these different departments, so why should I give?”

Think about and understand that all these different departments make an impact on your life and that of others in our community. Giving to the church is vital for supporting the church’s mission. I will leave you with a Scripture verse from 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Please consider how you will give for the upcoming pledge campaign. This church is a very special place where we can learn to walk closer with God and make a difference.

hospitality

11:45

+

Outreach Committee

parlor

12:15

+

Youth Group

12:30-2:00

+

Supper at The Extension
prepared by St. James

6:00p

to be involved,

contact Kay Chester

kqchester@aol.com

September 15, Monday

Reach Out Mental Health

11a

volunteers come after 9:30

+

Evening Prayer for Holy

Cross

6:30

+

Vestry

7p

September 17,

Wednesday

Youth group

5:30-6:15p

+

dinner for all

5:45

[RSVP at Sign Up](#)

[Genius](#)

+

worship

6:30

+

choirs for age 4 - grade 1

and for grades 2 - 12

6:30-7

+

Express Christian
Formation with Mo.

Marclair

7-7:30

+

parish choir

7:30-9

September 21, Sunday

Regular schedule

+

Daughters of the King

room 205

12:15

+

Book Club in the library
bring drinks; sandwiches

provided
12:15
+
Holy Eucharist at
Sterling Estates
3:00pm
all are invited

Livestream HQ - Links & Booklets for Worship at Home

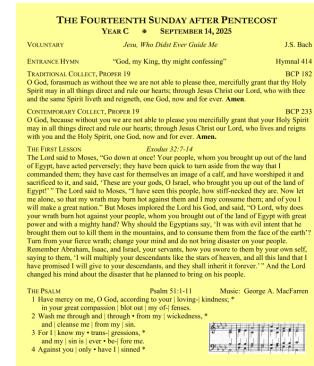


10:30 Service On Line
Click on "live" to see a service
live or archived.

[Link
to livestream
on YouTube](#)

**Worship Booklet
for the Season**
contains prayers, service
music, and responses that we
will use until Advent.

[Download
Worship Booklet](#)



The Service Bulletin,
updated weekly, contains
lessons, hymn numbers, and
announcements: items that
change each Sunday.

[Download the
Service Bulletin](#)



Missing photos in *The Bells*? Missing the blue
shaded "Pulse of the Parish" at the end of your
issue? You can tell your email service to show
blocked or dropped content. Need help? Email
communications@stjamesmarietta.com

Stewardship Forms Gathered this Sunday

When you fill out a stewardship form,
you help the Vestry and the leaders of
our different ministries to estimate
what resources we'll have this year for
the work we plan to do.

You may print the stewardship form at
home with [this link](#).

*Photo: Meg and Kristin wore orchid-
colored outfits Sunday, perhaps to
remind us of the orchid-colored form.*



Children & Youth News

The Youth trip to Mountasia for Go Kart fun is Sunday Sept. 14, 12:30-3:30pm. Eleven kids and five adults have signed up.

Wednesday dinner is an event for all ages, with activities for Youth Group, for young Cherubs age 4 - grade 1, and for Choristers grade 2 - high school. [RSVP for Wednesday September 10 with Sign Up Genius](#)



Photo: Children's Ministry Coordinator Natalie Fowler offers games and activities for our children during the Hospitality Hour after the 10:30 service.

Acolyte 101 for new and returning acolytes will continue Sunday September 14, 9am in the library with Wendy Malsby and Greg Matechak.

Acolytes for Sunday 10:30 service

Molly Gribble (or one of her children) is scheduled to carry the cross; Derick and Jimmy Villareal will carry the torches.

Finding ourselves in Bible stories. Natalie helped children to connect to the parable of the Prodigal Son. Riley was impressed by a distinction that members of the youth group made between "grabbing the spotlight" for one's own glory, and shining from within to be a "light of the world." The performative kind of light casts shadows; not so, the internal light.



Happy birthday to Moses! The Youth Group capped a lesson about humility with cupcakes for a friend who, fittingly, was humble about getting all this attention.

Contact Us

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Keep up with the Diocesan Youth Council at <http://eycdioatl.org/>

Remembering The Rev. Camille Hegg



A celebration of the life of The Rev. Camille Sessions Hegg drew many old friends to St. James on Saturday September 6 at 1:00. Camille was among the first women ordained in the Diocese of Atlanta, and she served as Associate Rector at St. James from 1980 to 1998.

A number of women clergy attended including The Rev Linda Pineo and The Rev Dr Patricia Miller who have served as interim priests at St. James. The Rev Hazel Glover, The Rev Claiborne Jones, and The Rev Nan Baxter assisted the Rector for the service.

Camille's daughter read a lovely remembrance of her mother, and Camille's grandchildren wrote poignant farewells that were printed in the service program.

A number of former parishioners attended the service: Dr Ruth Hepler, Ann and Kent Canipe, Patty Latch, Katie Dater, Liz Barker Welch, Rachel Warden Smith, and Carol Hagan, who

provided a photo of Camille dancing with Rev. Scott May at Elizabeth Kinney's wedding reception in 1983. Below: *the Kinney wedding and reception, photos from Carol Hagan*



Diane Champion shared this photo of Camille, left, and godparents Mary and Bill Nimsgern, right, as Scott May baptized the Drummond family's younger daughter. Their first daughter was named for Camille.

Other parishioners shared some memories for *The Bells*. Mary Nimsgern writes,

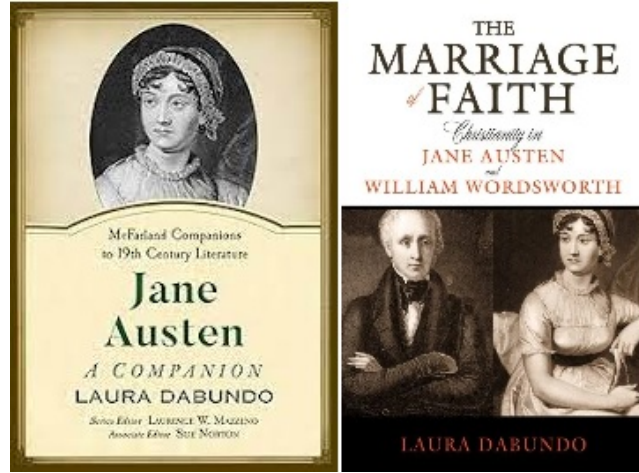
Many years ago when a group of people from St David's in Roswell (where Bill and I were members) went to St Philips Cathedral for a confirmation service, we noticed a very attractive young woman standing near us who was wearing a clerical collar! *A woman who was a priest!?* We were astonished!

Little did we know it was indeed Camille and that we would come to know her well in the years to come.

We've come a long way.

More Jane Austen at Emory

Besides joining talks on Jane Austen's faith Sunday mornings at 9:30, you are invited to hear our own Laura Dabundo speak on "Jane Austen and William Wordsworth" at Emory's Rose Library Saturday September 20. Laura says the admission fee is surprisingly steep. Still, she'd be glad for support from fellow parishioners. For more information, and to purchase a seat, go to <https://jane250.square.site/>



Two of Dr. Dabundo's books on the subject of Jane Austen, available from booksellers now.

At no charge, Laura continues her series **JANE AUSTEN AND FAITH** through Sunday Oct. 5th in room 127.

Meanwhile, lectionary Bible study with Tom Cook continues in room 205.

What's new in the St. James Library?

Nancy Eubanks writes: While the Library Committee has been hard at work each Tuesday, sorting and shelving, some other busy volunteers have also been at work restoring our original library chairs!



Leigh and Tom Cook as well as Cari and Don Edwards, with assistance from Betty Haverly, have repaired the wood frames, replaced the old webbing and foam, and refreshed the upholstery with new fabric which coordinates with the library wing chair. Please join us in thanking our "upholstery crew" for their work in beautifully refurbishing our library chairs!

Sports News

Baseball pro Charlie Condon has been back in the news, lately. He attended St. James with his family for many years and graduated from the Walker School (where Scott Smoot taught him in middle school). At the University of Georgia, he was a walk-on player who attracted national attention. He was second pick in the draft, and played awhile with the Colorado Rockies. After injury, he was sent to the Minor Leagues to recover. His story, according to an AI summary of media reports, is one of "mental fortitude" and spirit.



AI writes: From August 10-23, Condon had a remarkable stretch, slashing .324/.468/.919 with six home runs, including four in a three-game span. Since August 1, Condon has maintained an impressive .297/.415/.624 slash line, hitting eight homers and driving in 22 RBIs in 28 games. He ranks third in the Eastern League during this period in home runs, RBIs, slugging, and OPS (1.039).

Condon has had to deal with injuries earlier in the season. He suffered a broken right wrist during spring training.

The minor league journey is challenging, and Condon acknowledges the mental aspect of dealing with "ruts" and injuries. He is focused on building his mental fortitude and believes playing meaningful games with Hartford, who are in playoff contention, will help with this. Condon is a strong believer in himself and his process, despite external opinions or setbacks.

Thanks to Sue Hannan for the news tip. Thanks also to the AI robot who helped the Communications Director, who thought RBI was a medical procedure.

Prayer Retreat October 18



Special Morning Retreat on Mindfulness in Prayer, Saturday October 18, 9a-noon, offered by our Centering Prayer group. The leader will be Mark Dannenfelser, founding director of The Mindfulness Center of Atlanta.

Mark Dannenfelser "brings together mindfulness, contemplative wisdom, and psychological insight in a way that is accessible, grounded and deeply human.... His work is rooted in a reverence for nature, silence, and the arts."

Participants at the retreat will explore how intention, attention, and consent open us to God's transforming presence.

The retreat is free. A \$10 donation is recommended, cash or check only, please. Send any questions to Billie Shook at billiemusicshook@gmail.com

[Link to the complete flier for more information](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God by **JoAnne & David Kilroy** in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary and thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

Volunteers take flowers from the altar to shut-ins who tell us that they appreciate the flowers and the visit. To volunteer, email communications@stjamesmarietta.com

Left: flowers on the altar September 7.

Baptisms and Confirmation: The next date for baptisms at St. James is All Saints Day, Sunday Nov. 2. The next date for Confirmation is Sunday, Dec. 7th, at 4PM at the Cathedral of St. Phillip. Please contact Mother Mariclair for more information about participation in either sacrament.

Outreach Committee meets in the parlor Sunday, September 14, 12:15.

Special evening prayer Monday Sept 15 at 6:30 for Holy Cross Day.



Volunteers for Reach Out Mental Health

A mother's gratitude for Reach Out . We received this email:

Thanks to the Reach Out Mental Health group for hosting Marietta Enrichment Center on September 18 for lunch and Bingo. My son enjoyed his sandwich, and he was excited to win a stuffed animal. It was so kind of you to invite them.

The next ROMH luncheon is this Monday, Sept. 15. Interested in volunteering? Show up before 11a. For more information, email Suz Traendly pr4126@bellsouth.net

Eyes were lost, but now are found . *Katey Evans writes*, I'm thrilled to get my missing prescription glasses from the lost and found box on the communications table Saturday. Please kindly thank whoever found them, probably from behind a pew cushion. I had given up finding them and I love having them back! Thanks!

REMINDERS

Wednesdays at St. James - You can plan ahead!

You can count on our serving dinners for our Wednesday programs from now until the week before Thanksgiving, with only two exceptions: We'll not serve dinner September 24, when many schools give families a fall break; and on Wednesday, October 8, the Bishop's visit to install our

new rector will supersede all other activities. The night before Thanksgiving, there will be no Wednesday program.

Immigration Workshop Series *Message from our neighbors at First Presbyterian Church*
We would like to invite you to an Immigration Workshop Series held at FPC Marietta, Sept 14th - 2:15pm to 5:45pm. Details can be found [here](#) | [Register on line](#)

Prayer list. To receive the weekly prayer list, email Cari Edwards selvine@hotmail.com Leave prayer requests in the offering plate or at the desk by the parish office. You can phone in prayer requests 770-428-5841 Mondays through Thursdays, 9-12:30.



Parking passes for St. James. Cornerstone Parking doesn't charge us fees at the Polk Street lot during scheduled church events. Outside of scheduled times, we each need a parking tag to hang in our autos.

To receive a parking tag, contact Lucia Bird luciabird@gmail.com or 770.402.0024 with your name, make and model of your vehicle, the license plate number, and the vehicle's **COLOR** (this is a late addition to the notice). If your vehicle has changed since you got your hang tag, you will need a replacement, so give Lucia the information on the old hang tag, too.

Your pledge helps the Vestry plan for the year . [Pledge here.](#)

Contact Us

*Program staff available via email Sunday - Thursday;
office staff, Monday - Thursday, 9am-1pm*

Mother Mariclaire is rector@stjamesmarietta.com

- Emergency phone or text: 678.369.1775
- To make an appointment with the rector, sign up for a 15m check-in, a 30m chat, or a coffee hour at <https://calendly.com/rector-stjamesmarietta>

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Dr. Bryan Black is music@stjamesmarietta.com

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Pulse of the Parish

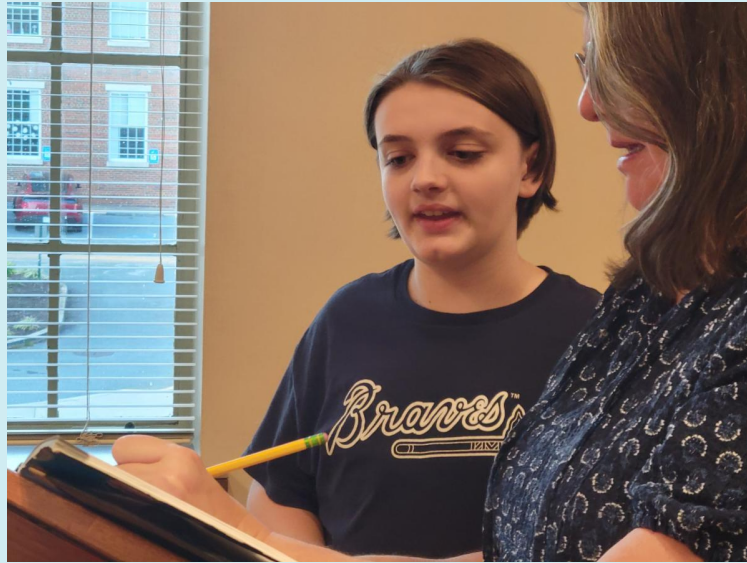
from Scott Smoot, Communications Director

On the lookout for pictures on **Wednesday evenings at St. James**, I had time to eat a second helping of diced potatoes and sausage with sauteed peppers from chef **Russell Gibbs'** bounty before I wandered around to the different activities.

Upstairs, while **Heather Blalock** played, the **Cherubs** closed their eyes to guess what sound they were hearing: drum? bell? sticks? Then the kids got to play. Everyone had to play like the leader, loud or soft, fast or slow, and stop when the leader stopped. It was a fun game.



I heard the Choristers sight-read (!!) all of the hymns from our upcoming Sunday service. I eavesdropped as **Miller Bayliss** took an oral quiz about how to read music. **Amy Black** asked the questions and approved him for the next level in our music education program.



Later Wednesday, I was with the **Parish Choir** rehearsing a rousing anthem for Sunday, an African-American spiritual about the church as a ship with Jesus the Captain. "Just let me be on board when the world catch a-fire!"

Dr. Black stopped rehearsal early for a surprise: Thanks to **Anonymous**, new vestments have been ordered for both the Parish Choir and the teenage singers of the Choristers. **Kim Castle** measured everyone. It wasn't awkward at all. We discovered that some of the teenagers have grown several inches and some of the adults have shrunk, including yours truly. I did not take any pictures.

Know any good news items about goings-on in the parish? *Share them with me at the [communications](#) desk.*



Message from Mother Mariclaire
Abundance as programs begin

The program year is well underway here at St. James, and signs of God's abundance are blossoming all around our church!

One example is Wednesdays at St. James. These midweek parish fellowship, dinner, and worship gatherings have been so successful we have had to shift the start time back to 5:45 to allow for enough time for everyone to get through the line and eat before Evening Prayer and youth choir practices at 6:30.



Our Evening Prayer service has outgrown the choir stalls

Thursday

August 28, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 31, Sunday

Rite I Eucharist spoken

8a

+ Breakfast

8:45

+ lectionary Bible study

room 205 + Sunday school

upstairs for children age 4

to grade 5 & youth

9:30

+ Rite II Eucharist with choir

10:30

+ hospitality

11:45

+ Youth Group

12:30-2:00

September 3, Wednesday

Youth group

5:30-6:15p

+ dinner for all

5:45

[RSVP at SignUpGenius](#)

+ worship

6:30

+ choirs for age 4 - grade 1

and for grades 2 - 12

6:30-7

+

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