

Welcome to all newcomers and visitors!

Please sign our guest book and take a gift bag from the table in the church entrance.
Join us in the parish hall for fellowship and some light refreshments after the 10:30 service.

TODAY

Sunday School and Childcare

We begin 2019 learning about Jesus' teachings by examining his parables. Alice Morrison will talk about how to comfort and support others through card-writing. Join us for chapel, bible readings, discussions, and fun activities! Sunday School is 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for children 2.5 years to sixth grade in the undercroft. Childcare is offered 9:00 to 12:00 noon in the undercroft. Contact Andy Mason, Sunday School Co-Director, at SundaySchool@stjamespotomac.org

Engaging Conflict in Healthier Ways: FaithTalk at 9:15 a.m.

Rev. James Isaacs leads this during the Sundays in January. James has a Masters degree in Conflict Transformation and experience consulting, coaching, and leading workshops around issues of change and conflict. He will help us better understand specific conflicts we find ourselves in, and our own responses to them. From this deeper appreciation of conflict, we will gain tools to engage in conflict in ways that have the potential to bring about positive change consistent with our faith. Everyone is invited. Join us in the parish hall meeting room.

The Cold Weather Clothing Drive is On!

We are collecting donations of cold weather clothing for Interfaith Works of Montgomery County today and Sunday, January 20, in the parish hall after services. Donations of new or gently used winter clothing are appreciated. There are sales of these items at this time of year. Please take advantage of the discounts! Men's underwear and socks are especially needed.



Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) Needed at 8:00 Services

More LEMs are needed at this intimate service of about 20-25 people. LEMs serve as readers as well at this service. Please contact Revs. Meredith or James if you are interested in serving once or twice per month.



Join Our Nursing Home Ministry: Bringing the Eucharist to our Neighbors

The nursing home ministry is devoted to visiting residents of two area nursing homes, each once a month. Ministers present a worship service (with ready-made bulletins) that includes Holy Communion, scripture, music, and prayer support to the folks who are unable to attend services at church. Contact the church office if you are interested in trying out this wonderfully fulfilling ministry.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday Morning "Way of Love" Study

The Thursday Morning Bible Study group is studying "The Way of Love," and the practices outlined by our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Join us on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall library to study these practices, and delve more deeply into The Way of Love.

Book Club, Sunday, January 27, 6:45 p.m.

We'll meet in the parish hall library to delve into *Two Steps Forward*, by Graeme Samson and Anne Buist. Two people, taking chances, one mourning the sudden loss of her husband, the other recovering from divorce, cross paths on the centuries-old Camino de Santiago, or the Chemin. Starting in France, on this months-long journey, who do they meet on their separate paths and what is the impact of these new acquaintances? The book for February 24 is *The Music Shop* by Rachel Joyce.

St. James' at Shepherd's Table, Wednesday, January 30

Come for the 4:30 or 6:30 p.m. shifts to serve this community meal to those in need. See the St. James' website "Ministries/Local Outreach" tab for instructions for using Shepherd's Table's online sign-up system. Copies of the instructions are also on the table in the narthex.

The New Tax Law: Lunch & Learn, Tuesday, February 5

The changes in tax law have been described as "complex." And that was from an accountant—how about from the rest of us? St. James' Lunch and Learn will address this subject. For a cup of coffee or a soft drink and some visiting, the undercroft is set up and ready to go at 11:30. Please contact Sarah Padgett to reserve the \$10 lunch, served at noon. The presentation begins at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome! If transportation is an issue, please contact the office; there are drivers willing to help.

Do We Have Your Pledge?

A huge thank you all families and individuals who have sent in their 2019 pledges. If you haven't completed yours, it's not too late! Every pledge counts, large or small. Pledge forms are in the narthex and on our website.

Inclement Weather?

Call the office or check our website.

St. James' follows the MCPS guidelines for weather-related office and meetings closures/delays.