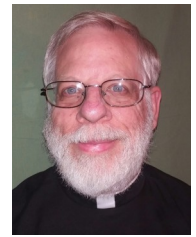


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March 2025

Rev. Wayne Sherrer – Priest-in-Charge



The Volkert Family Seeing Eye Dog Project

Our family is pleased to welcome Basil, our 13th Seeing Eye puppy, a four-month-old German Shepherd, and the newest member of our family.

I was recently asked about our family's involvement in raising puppies. Our journey began at St. James' Episcopal Church.

Puppy #14

My daughter, Tanya, returned from Sunday school, years ago, and expressed her desire to raise a Seeing Eye puppy. During class, another family presented their new Seeing Eye puppy, inspiring Tanya to assist others while also having a puppy. This marked the beginning of our journey in 2008. Tanya is currently raising Gus, a 14-week-old puppy.

Puppy #12

Webb Update: We are delighted to announce that Webb will proceed with his formal training in March. We take immense pride in his accomplishments thus far and kindly request your prayers for his continued success.

The Seeing Eye organization is continually seeking additional puppy raisers. If you are interested in contributing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pauline Volkert

Editor's note: Pauline is a long-time member of St. James.' She is our Church Sextant, overseeing the grounds and maintenance.



Basil



Webb



Dutch Mill Spring Bulb Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent fundraiser. We were able to make a profit of \$291.50 to help the mission and ministry of St. James'. We will be ordering gift cards later this Spring and plan to do a Fall bulb sale as well. We are always looking for new ways to fundraise, please let us know if you have any ideas! Thanks again for your support!

Anne & Barbara

Lent

The season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday (March 5th) with services at noon and 7pm. Lent is a season of preparation leading up to Easter. It is the forty days plus the six Sundays before Easter. It is a time for rebirth and renewal as we reflect on our Baptism and its meaning for our life as we prepare for Easter.

Sunday School

We have been having a great Sunday School year so far. We have an enthusiastic group of children who have been enjoying the lessons and crafts. Our sessions have included lessons on the Jonah and the Whale story, the Our Father prayer, Baptism, and the Mustard Seed parable.

We are planning for more fun lessons and activities in the coming months, including helping pack food bags for Easter and putting together flowers to hand out after church on Mother's Day.

Sunday School meets at 9am in the Parish Hall for a lesson and a craft. We then join everyone in church around the time of the Peace for the rest of the service. All children are welcome to attend. Parents / grandparents can stay with their children or drop them off if they are comfortable.

Here is the schedule of classes for the rest of this school year:

March 2

March 16

April 6

April 13

May 11

May 25

Please contact Alicia LaForge for more information: ali109@yahoo.com or 908-619-7766



MARCH 9TH!



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United Thank Offering (UTO)

The United Thank Offering began in 1883 when the women of the church took up a thank offering to support innovative mission and ministry in The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion that the church budget could not cover. Today, UTO includes members of all ages and genders, and welcomes people regardless of church affiliation. UTO's focus is still on promoting gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around the globe.

Through grants, UTO supports global innovative ministries addressing compelling need and which could serve as models for others. Each year, 100% of what is donated to UTO is given away the following year as way of helping people connect gratitude, generosity, and care for others. Since 1883, UTO has given away \$143,235,479.98 through 5,428 grants. This included recently awarded projects: Horse Camp for Lakota Children in South Dakota, Clean Water Project in Kenya, and a project in Florida that connected interns and a senior center through environmental projects. At St. James' you can find UTO Boxes on the piano in the front of the church and in the rear of the church on the back table. Kathy Lacouture has graciously volunteered to collect the boxes when they are full and arrange to have the change in the boxes counted. There are also UTO envelopes if you would like to make a cash or check donation.

Thanks for supporting the Diocesan outreach!

April 2025

Journal Articles Due

Sunday, March 30th

Upcoming Events

March 2	Annual Meeting
“	Sunday School
March 5	Ash Wednesday 12 PM and 7 PM Services in Sanctuary
March 9	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 16	Sunday School
March 17	Happy St. Patrick’s Day
March 20	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00
March 23	Easter Food Bags Out
March 27	Vestry Meeting 6:30
March 30	April Journal Articles Due



March Birthdays

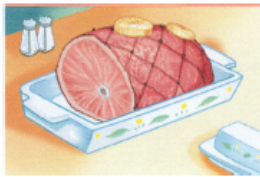
03/05	Lily Vitalos
03/05	David Lacouture
03/05	Pat Taylor
03/08	Phyllis Bartkus
03/10	John McKinney
03/25	Charlotte Brooks
03/27	Anne Dutton
03/27	Helen LaForge



Coffee Hour



Sign Up Sheet To
Host Coffee Hour is in Snyder Hall!



St James’ Episcopal Church Easter Food In-Gathering List 2025

St. James’ Church will be collecting non-perishable items for food-insecure families in our area so that they can enjoy an Easter meal.

Please purchase items from this list and return them to the porch of Mitcham House during the week of April 6th, or to church by April 13th.

There will be a plastic tub on the porch for your food bags. Ring the doorbell to let Rosie know.

Call Paul Bartkus at 201-213-3595 if you need help.

Thank you for your help, and **Happy Easter**



Canned Yams	15 oz. Can
Instant Mashed Potatoes	13.3 oz. Box
Kraft Mac & Cheese	7.25 oz. Box
Cheerios Cereal	8.9 oz. Box
Spaghetti	1 lb. Box
Mott’s Applesauce	23 oz. Plastic Jar
Hunt’s Traditional Pasta Sauce	24 oz. Can
Chicken Stock	32 oz. Box
Mayonnaise	15 oz. Plastic Jar
Golden White Kernel Corn	15 oz. Can
Green Beans	14.25 oz. Can
Chicken Noodle Soup	10.5 oz. Can
Canned Tuna Fish	5 oz. Can
Canned Chicken Meat	5 oz. Can
Pancake Mix	32 oz. Box
Pancake Syrup	24 Fl. oz.

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