

WHAT IS THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF ST. JAMES'?

WE FEED PEOPLE!

Whenever St. James' Episcopal Church, Hackettstown, hosts a fundraising event, we inform you of the purpose for the funds, such as "to benefit a work trip to Appalachia" or "to repair the tower." In some cases, a fundraiser will benefit the "mission and ministry of St. James'."

Our mission is to be an open, inclusive, and caring faith community that embraces diversity and celebrates the joy of Christ.

Our ministry is how we carry out our mission; here are some examples of the various ministries that we carry out in the name of Christ:

The Backpack Program feeds hungry children through the public schools in the academic year and from St. James' in the summer, by providing healthy supplemental foods and snacks and a center for resource information for parents.



Teen and adult volunteers work for one week each summer to repair homes of low-income community members in the Appalachian region through **Episcopal Appalachian Ministries**.

Youth members participate in service projects including the 30 Hour Famine, raising money for hunger in the US and around the world, and work for and support of local food pantries. The **Youth Group** ministers to youth who need a safe place to consider their place in life and role as faithful people of God in community.



Children are taught more than the stories of their faith in the **Godly Play** Sunday Education Program; they are active participants in visiting people who are lonely or without family, gathering supplies for merchant seafarers and homeless people, and sending cheer to young people away from home in the military or at school.



Because of our **Deaf Ministry**, deaf, hard of hearing and late deafened people are included in everything that goes on at St. James'. Sign language interpreters, assisted listening devices and sound system are provided. St. James' hosts and operates the Deaf Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Newark.

The **music programs** (vocal choirs for adults and children and bell choir) spread their ministry to communities around Northern New Jersey through visits to continuing care centers and performances at community events.



Yarn Twisters minister to seafarers through the Seamen's Church Institute, making warm scarves, gloves and hats for the seafarers who call at our ports from all corners of the world.

Education for Ministry is adult education in the Bible and History, using a method called theological reflection to help faith become the real driving force of life.

This is just a sampling of our ministries....for more service to others, ministries of hospitality which create worship and fellowship, or to share your ideas and skills for mission and ministry

COME AND SEE!

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