



December 6, 2022
Good Afternoon

FROM FR. ROB ~

I am happy to share that the Taylor-McHenry foundation is giving yet another grant to St. James. This grant will help cover most of the expenses for our new handicapped door opener that was recently installed. My thanks to our Junior Warden for her diligence in taking care of this project. This is a significant benefit for our parish.

The Rector of St. James serves on this board. Special thanks to Beth Burton who wrote the application for this grant. Beth has made it her special gift to our parish to give her time to write all of our grant applications.

I had a recent conversation with our diocesan Missioner. Fr. Michael Ralph is the Diocesan Missioner to our Southeastern Ohio Parishes. His work and help to our parish is one of the benefits our parish receives from our Diocesan Family.

Fr. Ralph shared with me that he applied for a grant from The Episcopal Church Foundation to provide the parishes he serves with a person who helps parishes vision and plan for their future. St. James was included in the beneficiaries of this grant. Thanks to this grant this person's services comes to St. James comes to us free of charge.

As we continue to work with God for the growth of our parish outreach ministries and our parish this free gift should be very helpful.

Our WHIZ commercial continues to air. I'm aware of many people who are seeing it are very impressed by St. James. Twice now my barber has mentioned he thinks it's very good. Yes, even though I'm kinda bald I have a barber who keeps my beard looking sharp.

We began our Saturday 4pm Eucharist. I was very surprised at the turnout. I was grateful to have the help of our wonderful Deacon, The Reverend Susan Riis. Susan drives all the way from her home in Buckeye Lake to serve our parish. She serves us every Wednesday and Sunday. So her Saturday presence was a special extra gift. Please know that this Eucharist will be a stable presence in our parish.

As Advent moves toward Christmas remember you are in my prayers everyday. I feel very Blessed to have a parish that is a true family.

I close by offering thanks to God for you. St. James is indeed a place of great Holiness.

Don't forget to remember me in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Rob+

VESTRY CANDIDATES ~

Carol Thompson has requested that her name be removed from the list of candidates. Additional nominations made be made during the Annual Meeting, January 15th, with the nominee's permission.

Sr. Warden nominee – Eric Blake; Jr. Warden nominee – Vickie MacLaine, vestry seat nominees – Susan Benson, and Barbara Murrell.

LIVE STREAMING EQUIPMENT ~

Well – we had another snag. The installer was sick!
We're waiting for the reschedule

PLEDGE LETTERS ~

Thank you to those who have returned your pledge letters so quickly! It helps greatly when the Finance4 Committee works on the budget for 2023. You can still send those pledge in – there are copies in the back of the church. If you wish to have a box of offertory envelopes, please indicate on the letter – even if you do not pledge. I'll have the boxes ready as soon as possible.

THIS SUNDAY, The Third Sunday of Advent, December 11

Our chalice and lector for both services is Beth Burton. Ushers are Susan Benson and Vickie MacLaine.

UPDATING INFORMATION~

After the first of the year an update on addresses, phone numbers, birthdays and our prayer list will need to occur. Your assistance with these things will be greatly appreciated.

LOADS OF LOVE FOR OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AT PEARL HOUSE ~

With the blessing of our Vestry and by the Grace of God, our new outreach program to Pearl House is up and running! Pearl House is a new 34 – unit apartment complex located at the corner of Third and South Streets in downtown Zanesville --- just a few blocks from the doors of St. James. Pearl House offers long-term housing for people in recovery from addiction (and, in some cases, housing for their children and/or partners). Muskingum Behavioral Health (MBH) provides programming for the tenants and their family members. In early Fall, we contacted MBH and asked what needs the tenants at Pearl House may have. One need MBH identified was assistance with laundry. Although Pearl House has a small self-service laundry facility, it is not a free service; when doing their laundry, tenants must supply their own cleaning products and quarters to operate the machines. (The washers cost \$2.00 per load and the dryers cost \$1.50 per load.) Our Vestry agreed to explore how St. James could assist our new downtown neighbors with this need. In November 2022, several of our Vestry members gathered at Pearl House and distributed laundry detergent, stain remover, dryer sheets and, most importantly, rolls of quarters to 19 tenants. To say that our neighbors were appreciative is a understatement --- we received an outpouring of love and gratitude from the tenants. Our current plan is to return to Pearl House on the third Wednesday of each month from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (The next date is Wednesday, December 21, 2022.)

To make this a sustainable ministry, we need the support of our entire parish. First and

foremost, we need your prayers. We also need your help in collecting the needed supplies and, in particular, your help in collecting QUARTERS for use in the Pearl House laundry facility. Soon, we will make plastic containers available for you to take home so that you can conveniently save your spare change and periodically donate it to support this ministry. You are also warmly invited to join us at Pearl House on the third Wednesday of each month (3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) to meet and enjoy fellowship with our neighbors at Pearl House. For more information about how you can support Loads of Love or other ministries at Pearl House, please contact Tom Tompkins at tjtompkins@live.com or (740)297-0575.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH ~

The decorating of the church will occur immediately following the 10:00 service on December 18th. If you're available, help is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ~

Services for Christmas Eve will be 4:00pm with Santa and 11:00pm with incense.

Christmas Day service will be at 11:00 via ZOOM. The link for the Zoom service will be sent the week prior.

FUTURE EVENTS ~

David Schubach would like you to know ~ ***I will be happy to host the St. James holiday party on Epiphany, Friday, Jan. 6th, 5:30pm.*** More details will be included in the newsletter the closer we get to January.

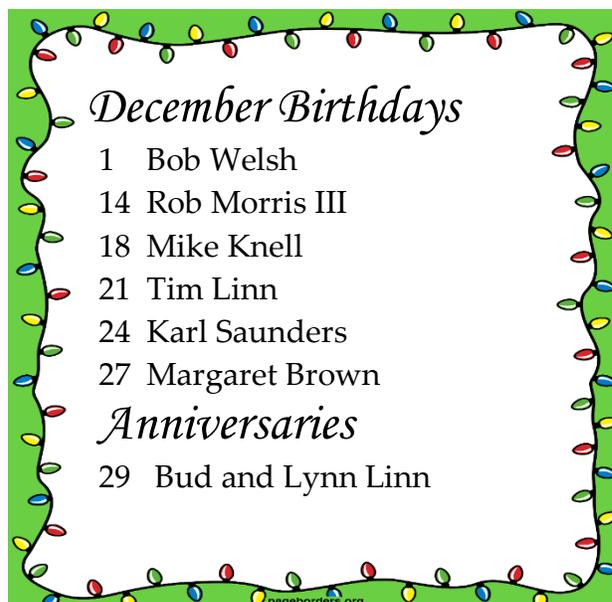
FRIENDSHIP DINNER~

A Big Thank You to Louise Smith who sponsored the November Friendship Dinner. Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare, to serve, and to clean up after the November 26th Dinner. We served 47 meals at a cost of \$7.66 per meal. Thank you to those who donated pie for the dessert. We hope that the number of guests increase in the months to come. Vickie MacLaine has placed flyers at various locations in Zanesville letting people know when our dinner is held.

Our December Friendship Dinner will be on December 17. The reason for the change is due to the fact that Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve are on Saturday's this year.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Undercroft. Please consider helping to serve this meal.

Winter Wear was offered to our guests at the November Friendship Dinner. Our guests were pleased to receive these gifts. Thank you to those who donated men's and women's gloves and women's socks. We will offer the winter wear at the December Dinner also.



PRAYER LIST

Our Military

Zachary Spiker	Audrey Spiker
Ben Spiker	Jacob Spiker

We pray also for:

Jane and Sharon Donoho	Jim Hoskinson
Deborah Robinson Sekou	Cindy Yost
Mary Lou Eagleson	Judy Sowell
John Graham	Joann Huntwork
Fr. Rob Willmann	Melissa Gabriel
Shirley Stephens	Gary Michael
Greg Meadows	Katie Shannon
Barbara Schriefer	Jim Cope
Dave Michael	Dr. Kathleen Riley
Jim Horton	Sarah Merikkam
Greta Hauser	Bev Urschel
George Preston	Eileen Adams
Andrea Salahub	Susan Nichols
Rudy Arnold	Bob Oppenheimer
Theresa Bray	Lisa Ferguson
Stephanie Schwieterman	Cris Morrison
Ruth Anderson	Sharon Bauer
Cathy Rice	Dan and Brenda Ransom
Beth Fineran	Brooke Anderson
Becky Yinger	Kane Warden
Teri Chacon	Janet Slack
Larry and Charline Jeffers	Sam Plummer
Mark Steen	Dennis Grimes
Richard Sands	Donna Rush
Steve Averill	EJ Spiker
Azalea Miranda	Stephanie Sherman
Karen Siegfriedt	Susan Spiker
Randy McCandless	Charlee Daniels
David Desquin	Marcus Gaiters
Anthony Gillespie	Tim and Sherry Dickerson
John Blair	Donna Hutchins
El-Doree Jordan	Tom Ischy
Glenn Kirkbride	Julia Carpenter
Janice Campfield	Katie