

Sermon Notes:



August 25, 2024



- Song— “Song of Hope”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer
- Children’s Message –Celebrations and Blessings
- Offering
- Song — “Jesus Messiah”
- Word and Response:
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture Lesson — Ephesians 6: 10-20
- Message — Get Ready
- Affirmation of Faith
- Passing of the Peace
- Prayers of the People
- The Lord’s Prayer
- Sending Out:
- Song — “Lifesong” (abridged)
- Benediction
- Out to Discipleship and Into the World to Serve



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We send an email newsletter with upcoming events, meeting reminders, birthdays & anniversaries each week. If you would like to be added to our email list, please email Martha Brown (office@stjamesraleigh.org).



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Welcome to St. James United Methodist Church!

We are so glad that you have come to worship God today! If you are visiting today, please take a moment to fill out a visitor card (found on the worship table), and return it to the offering basket or one of the greeters.

We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. A greeter will be glad to direct you. Children are always welcome to stay and participate in worship!

Today's Greeters: Ed & Kay Smallwood

Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operators: Chris, Holli & Lilli Bradley

Next Week's Greeters: Chris, Lori, Holli & Lilli Bradley

Next Week's Sound/PP Operator: Keith, Meredith & Thomas Walkowiak

Calendar this week:

Today, 8/25	Promotion Sunday/Blessing of Backpacks/3rd gr. Bibles
8:30AM	CT Band Warmup
9:15AM	Common Thread contemporary worship in Carson Hall
10AM	Discipleship Hour throughout campus
11AM	Traditional worship in the Sanctuary
4PM	SJ Youth in Carson Hall—Creating w/ Pastor Amanda
Tues, 8/27	9AM Library Committee in the Library
	10:30AM Staff Meeting in the Office
Wed, 8/28	7PM Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
Thurs, 8/29	6:15PM New Hope Strummers in Music Room
	7PM CT Band Practice in Carson Hall
Fri, 8/30	9PM Bread Ministry in the Kitchen
Sat, 8/31	9PM Bread Ministry in the Kitchen
Sun, 9/1	8:30AM CT Band Warmup
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST JAMES?

The office & Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day. We'll be back to our regular schedule (Mon-Thurs, 9am-2pm) on Tuesday!

Let's Go Square Dancing! Get ready to kick up your heels and do-si-do at our "Take Me Dancing, Square Dancing!" Party Night event on **Tuesday, September 3, 6:30-8PM in Carson Hall**. Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a fun-filled evening of square dancing sponsored by the Capital Squares! No experience and no partner are necessary. Our friendly instructor will guide you through the steps. Party Night Admission is free for St. James UMC members! Simply sign-in at the door and identify yourself as a St. James member. If you have fun and want to learn more, the Capital Squares are offering a 6-week beginners class in Carson Hall starting Tuesday, September 10. Cost is discounted to only \$24 for St. James members!

The Annual BBQ Fundraiser is coming Friday, September 27!

Please think how you can support this fundraiser: whether by donating \$25 towards the purchase of our pork shoulders (please signify this on your offering envelope or check), cooking, assembling the plates, baking brownies, manning the drive-thru, taking orders &/or delivering them to local businesses, or publicizing the BBQ to all your friends, neighbors, and co-workers! Sign up to help at www.tinyurl.com/SJ-BBQVolunteers!

ASP Fall Trip for Adults: Roger Miedema is leading a team from St. James to work with ASP in Jonesville, VA in October. The team will travel up Thursday, October 3 and return on Sunday, October 6. We currently have 8 people committed, but the more, the merrier! If you'd like to join the trip, register at <https://apps.skycog.com/reg/APPSERV/Join>, group code #15761. Cost of the trip is \$100 per participant. Please contact [Martha](#) to verify that you have an updated background check on file or with any questions.