



Common Thread

September 22, 2024

Song— “The River Is Here”

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Message

Offering

Scripture Lesson—Micah 6: 6-8

Song — “Praise You With a Dance”

Word and Response

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson — James 2: 14-26

Message — Faith in Action

Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Sending Out

Song — “All the People Said Amen”

Benediction



Today's Greeters: Sandra & Tony Horton
 Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operators: Chris, Holli & Lilli Bradley
 NEXT WEEK: YOUTH SUNDAY COMBINED 10AM WORSHIP
 IN CARSON HALL

Next Week's Greeters: Tom & Stphanie Wilson with St. James Youth
 Next Week's Sound/PP Operator: Keith, Meredith & Thomas Walkowiak



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!

Calendar this week:

Today, 9/22	9:15AM	Common Thread Bluegrass Worship service in Carson Hall
	10AM	Confirmation Mentor meeting in Carson Hall
	10AM	Discipleship Hour throughout campus
	11AM	Traditional worship in the Sanctuary
	12PM	Confirmation Mentor meeting in the Sanctuary
	12:15PM	Family Life Committee meeting in Room 12
	4PM	SJ Youth in Montague Hall
Tues, 9/24	7PM	N.A. in Saints Hall
	9AM	Library Committee in the Library
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting in the Office
Wed, 9/25	6:15PM	GS Troop 733 in Montague Hall
	6:30PM	Capital Squares Beg Class in Carson Hall
	10AM	Mary Brown Circle in Room 12
Thurs, 9/26	7PM	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
	4PM	BBQ Set-Up in Carson Hall & Kitchen
	6:15PM	New Hope Strummers in Music Room
Fri, 9/27	7PM	CT Band Practice in Carson Hall
	11AM-7PM	Annual BBQ Fundraiser throughout church!
Sat, 9/28	9PM	Bread Ministry in the Kitchen
	6:30PM	Capital Squares in Carson Hall
Sun, 9/29	9PM	Bread Ministry in the Kitchen
	10AM	Youth Sunday Combined Worship in Carson Hall; 3Q Special Offering
	4PM	SJ Youth in Montague Hall
	7PM	N.A. in Saints Hall



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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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Church Office & Food Pantry Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
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Children's Ministries email	kidsmin@stjamesraleigh.org
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Bible Study Opportunity: *Knowing Who We Are* by Lacey C. Warner
Join us for a 6 week study of what it means to be a United Methodist and how that has always been grounded in the love of God and the love of our neighbors. Whether you are a cradle Methodist or new to the denomination, let's gather together to learn and remember the roots of the Methodist movement, who we are, who we are called to be, our connectional structure, our mission and ministry, the texts that shape us, and how we are always growing in God's grace. Two classes will be offered: *Mondays at 11am beginning 10/7 - 11/18* or *Tuesdays at 7pm beginning 10/8 - 11/19*. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/KnowingWhoWeAre> or in the lobby by **September 30** to have your book ordered for you (approx. \$14).

College Ministry: Our College Ministry is alive and well at St. James! We like to stay in touch with our college students with cards, calls, packages, and possibly a get-together around Christmas. If you have a young adult in college, please send Linda Odom (grannyodom5@gmail.com) the student's name, name of college/university, student's college address, email address and cell phone number, birthday, the date student join St. James and parents' names, address, and phone numbers. Thank you!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST JAMES?

Are you looking for a Sunday School class? The Kindred Spirits and Landing Spot combined class has just started a new study in Room 12 at 10:15AM! Join us for *Advice Columnists: The Letters of James and Peter*. Just as we turn to advice columnists to figure out how to navigate tricky social situations, family drama, and work relationships, Christians have been turning to the epistles from James and Peter for 2,000 years for practical advice on how to live as a Christian. This study dives into these letters. If you have questions, please reach out to Sandra Horton (sbhorton1957@gmail.com) or Temple Walkowiak (tawalkowiak@gmail.com). We hope you will join us!

Confirmation Mentors Needed! Confirmation is quickly approaching! This year we have a handful of young people ready to embark on a journey to discover what a life of faith looks like for them. If you are interested in being a mentor to one of these brave explorers, we will have a quick informational meeting on **TODAY** after either service to discuss expectations and requirements of mentorship. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to participate in the confirmation journey this year!

Dinner with the Pastor! As Pastor Amanda continues to settle in here at St. James, she has scheduled 6 dates for fellowship and conversation in small groups. Sign up for one of the dates; more information will follow regarding the location of the restaurant once the reservation number is determined. You may register online at <https://tinyurl.com/PastorDinners> or on the physical sign up sheets in the lobby. Dates to choose from: 9/24, 6pm; 10/3, 6pm; 10/6, 12:30pm; 10/9, 6pm; and 10/14, 6pm. Reservation will be made based on RSVPs; meal is Dutch treat.

The Annual BBQ Fundraiser is coming Friday, September 27! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help support our annual BBQ! We still need volunteers to work both inside and in the drive-thru line for the afternoon and dinner service. Sign up to help at <https://tinyurl.com/SJ-BBQVolunteers>.

NEXT SUNDAY: Join us for our 5th Sunday combined worship at 10AM in Carson Hall as we celebrate Youth Sunday! Our St. James Youth will be in charge of the service and will share what they have learned about different spiritual disciples over the past few months. **We will also be collecting our 3rd Quarter Special Offering, which will benefit our own Critical Repairs fund.** Please designate 3Q Special Offering or Critical Repairs on your online offering, offering envelope, or check. Thank you!