

**101<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**  
**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**WICHITA, KANSAS**  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

**2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

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**I. MEETING AGENDA**

Call to Order .....	<i>Joan Moore, Sr. Warden</i>
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## OPENING PRAYER (CENTENNIAL), HYMN, NECROLOGY

Gracious God, we lift our praise to you for the gift of St. James Church. Our parish, dedicated to your Word, is given by a century of saints now remembered in love on this holy ground. This life-giving communion, through which we know you, comes from the history you established for all time. We give you grateful thanks for this, and for the hope we have, through Christ, of the eternal communion. Lord, make us loving, generous, and imaginative as we strive to secure our second century. May we be found faithful to the traditions of St. James Church and eager servants of the future saints who will find the knowledge and love of you in this place for years to come. Amen.

### THE OPENING HYMN

## A Cause for Celebration

1 A cause for cel - e - bra - tion, bright voice of ju - bi -  
la - tion: a cen - tu - ry of pray - ing in this space sur -  
round - ed by our saints. Through the length of his - tory the  
strength of God's great Mys - ter - y has plant - ed here its grace.

2 We look to one an - oth - er, to our - selves, our fam - i -  
lies. We gath - er for the Eu - cha - rist, Olde Eng - lish  
teas, Sun - day break - fasts, oy - ster din - ners, leg - a -  
cies. All saints in train - ing, shap - ing fu - ture cen - tur - ies.

3 In - vite life in - to lives, that bloom of gen - er -  
os - i - ty, its fruit in rec - i - pro - ci -  
ty. Our faith has roots in love's great heart. One hun - dred years is  
just the start; One hun - dred years is just the start.

### A Cause for Celebration

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ST. JAMES WICHITA

## II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS

### 2020 VESTRY

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector  
Clay Bastian (2021)  
Delmar Klocke (2021)  
Cheryl Schmeidler (2021)  
Anne Clark (2022)  
Brandon Whipple (2022)  
Paula Skinner (2022)  
Judy Goodpasture (2023)  
Jeanie Hans (2023)  
Sarah Robinson (2023)

### 2020 ENDOWMENT FUNDS BOARD

Hew Goodpasture (2021)  
Paul McCausland (2021)  
Barry Carroll (2022)  
Tom Gossen (2022)  
Deb Bagby (2023)  
Tom Zerger (2023)

### Also serving on the Board:

Woody Swain, Treasurer  
The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

### 2020 CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

#### Delegates:

Adrienne Edwards (2021)  
Jackie Farha (2021)  
Tristan Holmberg (2021)  
Randy Harrison (2022)  
Marilyn Milhon (2022)

#### Alternates:

Jacob Graybill (2021)  
Vicki Petty (2021)  
Rick Wulf (2021)  
Rick Milhon (2022)

### 2020 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Deb Hager, Phil Speary, Jane Spurrier, Susie Stallings, Gary Thudium

### CLERK OF THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Pam McCausland

## THE NECROLOGY

*James "Jim" Basham*  
08/10/2020

*Kathleen Cox*  
10/24/2020

*Kathryn Gleissner*  
10/21/2020

*Katherine "Kay" Hoffman*  
03/22/2020

*Jim Lewis*  
06/17/2020

*Marilyn Milligan*  
11/24/2020

*Jose Peggs*  
09/23/2020

*Caroline Rudnick-Rowley*  
01/09/2021

*Nancy Tapp*  
04/29/2020

*Richard "Dick" Williams*  
11/25/2020

## III. ELECTION INFORMATION AND NOMINEES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Everyone elected to a position at the Annual Meeting takes office immediately upon adjournment of the meeting. We vote by written ballot, except when there is only one nominee for an office. In that case, we may take a vote by show of hands.

### INFORMATION FOR AND EXPECTATIONS OF WARDENS AND VESTRY MEMBERS

Vestry members are well-prepared attendees of all vestry meetings. Each vestry member serves as a liaison to a parish committee and participates fully in the meetings and activities of that ministry in addition to vestry obligations. Regular attendance at worship services and parish events is expected. Vestry members lead the congregation in many ways, including their financial giving to the parish. All vestry members make an annual pledge and strive to tithe. They openly and transparently serve as official communicators between the vestry and the congregation. They are a council of advice for the Rector. Vestry meetings are usually at 6:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month.

### VESTRY ELECTIONS

### WARDEN NOMINEES

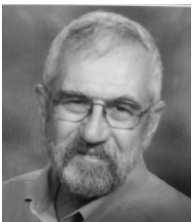


**Senior Warden** (elect one for a one-year term): **Joan Moore** (Third year - maximum is 3 consecutive years.)

I have been a member of St. James since 2003, when my family moved to College Hill. I'm a proud mom to my two children: Gracie (22) who is a senior at Elon University in North Carolina, and Eve (19) who is a freshman at Oberlin College in Ohio. I am trained as an attorney, but have only practiced in Washington, D.C. After 14 years of serving the Wichita community as a volunteer, I decided to follow my passion for fundraising, and work to advance the mission of Wichita Collegiate School, my Alma Mater. As the Director of Development, I oversee the areas of fundraising, marketing, communication and alumni relations for the school. I have held this position for the last nine years. I was a member of Mother Kate Moorehead's Rector's Committee, and I have chaired the Old English Tea. I have been a member of the St. James Choir for the last eight years. I was a member of the Associate Rector Search Committee, and this is my sixth year as a member of the Vestry.

### III. ELECTION INFORMATION AND NOMINEES

#### VESTRY ELECTIONS



**Junior Warden** (elect one for a one-year term): **Danny Blair** (Second year - maximum is 3 consecutive years)

I brought my parents to Wichita in 1957 and started attending St. James Episcopal Church. This was a return to Wichita and St. James for my mother Betty. Her father and Otis Grey served together in WWI and became lifelong friends, so it was only natural that our family settled at St. James. As a youth here I was in the Men and Boys Choir ( I remember Bobbie Bastian so well) and served as an Acolyte. I spent time in EYC and was in the Scout Troop 524 where I attained the Eagle rank. I went on to be the Scoutmaster of Troop 524. Those were great times. Adulthood took me all over the country as a construction superintendent and then to Pratt, Kansas, with the engineering department of KDWP. Then to Sedan to be the Ranger at Quivira Scout Camp. Back to Wichita and St. James, which I feel is my home. We added Levi to the family mix, and he was baptized here as soon as we were able to formally adopt him. I love this church family and hope to remain here now for some time to come.

#### VESTRY MEMBER NOMINEES (elect three for one year):

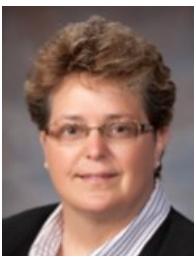


**Delmar Klocke**

Retired executive vice president from Linder and Associates. I grew up in Wichita and joined St. James in 2006. While at St. James, I've served on the Vestry, Endowment Fund Board and After-School program board. I have assisted the Vestry identifying issues and projects that need attention with the building and grounds.

**Cheryl Schmeidler**

Cheryl is a native Wichitan and has been a member of St. James since 2004. She is a 1992 graduate of Wichita State University and holds degrees in both K-12 education as well as in sports business with a minor in business administration and is currently working toward her MBA. Cheryl is working for the Sedgwick County Health Department in the epidemiology department, and she owns Gratitude Management Company that operates Air Capital Appliance as well as Off the Wheaten Path. She treasures volunteering as a leader of 14 10th-grade Senior Girl Scouts who have been with the troop since they started in kindergarten – you may even have purchased Girl Scout cookies from Cheryl's daughter Lauren before or after services at St. James! Cheryl has held many volunteer positions in the Wichita community; the latest was as a member of the Board of EMS for Sedgwick County. At St. James, Cheryl enjoyed helping with Sunday school while her daughter participated and helping with the youth when not singing in the choir. This community inspires passion and opens opportunities for growth. Cheryl is eager participate in that growth.



**Mary Sloan**

Mary is a retired non-profit executive who retired in 2016 and moved to Wichita to be near her son, who is an attorney in the area. She holds an MPA in Non-Profit Management from UMKC's Block School of Business and Public Administration and a BA in Political Science from Furman University. Mary's career included experience as Executive Director for both a mental health advocacy organization and a brain injury support organization in Atlanta. She was an Area Executive Director for the American Diabetes Association in Kansas City, Director of Operations for Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry, and served as Director of Quality Improvement in a community mental health center in Missouri.



She has two Corgis and a cat, lives in Bel Aire, has been a docent for the Wichita Art Museum and Wichita -Sedgwick County History Museum, is a member of the Daughters of the King and has served on the vestries of St. Aidan's in Olathe and St. Stephen's in Wichita. She is a graduate of Education for Ministry, completed Cursillo, and has served as chair of several church committees in the past. Her hobbies include gardening and learning to play piano.

### III. ELECTION INFORMATION AND NOMINEES

#### DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE ELECTIONS

##### INFORMATION FOR AND EXPECTATIONS OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Delegates are members of the Southwest Convocation Board and the Diocesan Convention, and act as representatives of this parish, speaking for this parish and bringing information back to this parish. They shall attend all Southwest Convocation Board meetings and Diocesan Convention and report back to the Vestry within thirty days following adjournment of each.

One of the most serious responsibilities of delegates and alternates is to review the annual diocesan budget at convocation meetings and to vote to approve a budget at the annual convention of the Diocese. This year, the delegates from this parish will be proposing a change to the diocesan canons. This serious responsibility asks all Delegates and Alternates (along with their clergy) to attend all meetings of the delegates in the parish and of the Southwest Convocation. Convocation meetings are typically held on a quarterly basis and usually on Saturdays. Delegates attend Diocesan Convention in October.

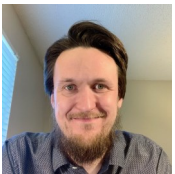
##### Delegate and Alternate Nominees (elect two for one year)



##### **Adrienne Edwards**

I have attended St. James for the past 20 plus years. I sing in the Adult Choir and play with the Bell Choir. I have served as a chalice minister, lay reader and acolyte. I served as the St. James Treasurer for over five years. I have been a delegate and was elected President of the Southwest Convocation and completed a two-year term. I retired in 2010 from the Department of Army as a civilian Chief Information Management Officer and have spent much of my time performing volunteer work for several agencies. I am a member of the Board of Directors and just completed my first term as Treasurer at Breakthrough/ESS.

##### **Tristan Holmberg**



I am the eldest son of Steve and Janet Holmberg. You might know my parents, my uncle Andrew, or my brother Garrison. You might remember my grandparents, John and Margaret Sandlin. The Sandlins have been members of St. James ever since my grandparents moved to Wichita 50 years ago. At St. James, I currently serve as a youth minister. In the recent past I have served as your missionary to the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Luzon in the Philippines and as a campus peer minister at Wichita State. I have served as a delegate to diocesan convention for a couple of years now. As a youth minister, one of my great joys as a delegate has been to see diocesan youth and campus ministries continue to thrive. I am very thankful to be called to serve as a delegate.



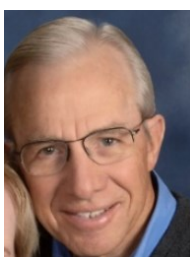
### III. ELECTION INFORMATION AND NOMINEES

#### ENDOWMENT FUNDS BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

##### INFORMATION FOR AND EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS BOARD

Members of the St. James Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Funds Board (EFB) are expected to receive and be familiar with the financial statements and legal documents of the Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Fund (PMEF). This responsibility assumes a basic understanding of financial investment. Members meet monthly, typically on the fourth Thursday of the month. Members of the EFB discuss and propose long-term investment objectives and manage one of the parish's most important assets, the funds in the PMEF. This is a responsibility which requires not only familiarity with the parish and financial investment, but the ability to plan for the future and to pray for and trust in God's guidance for the work set before us. The EFB makes quarterly reports to the vestry, recommends action to the vestry and manages transactions. The EFB will develop and implement programs designed to grow the good which can be done through the PMEF.

##### ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD NOMINEES (elect two for one year)



###### **Hew Goodpasture**

Dr. Hew Goodpasture, a retired infectious disease physician and avid golfer, has attended St. James for 15 years. For the past year, he has served as Chair of the Endowment Committee, where he is particularly interested in growing the Legacy Society. For the past six years, Hew has been an active member of the St. James Outreach Committee. For Outreach, he assists with projects, and when COVID-19 allows, he volunteers for Reality U and as a reading tutor at Gammon Elementary School. Through the years Hew has enjoyed the St. James Adult Class and several book study classes offered at church.



###### **Paul McCausland**

Paul is an attorney. He has been a member of the Wichita law firm of Young, Bogle, McCausland, Wells & Blanchard, P.A. since 1975. He maintains a full-time state and federal civil and criminal trial and appellate practice. Paul is married to Linda McCausland. He has three adult sons, Jeff, A. J. and Trent, and four grandchildren. His hobbies include sailing; reading history, biographies, theology and other non-fiction works; and playing the violin. Paul has been a member of St. James since 1996. Paul has served twice on the Vestry and for three years as chairman of the Stewardship Team. In 2013, he completed the Education for Ministries four-year certificate program for theological education offered at St. James through the Sewanee School of Theology. He has served on the Endowment Board since 2018.

### III. ELECTION INFORMATION AND NOMINEES

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER ELECTIONS

##### INFORMATION FOR AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Five members are elected annually to use their knowledge of the parish and familiarity with its members to create a “slate” of nominees for elections to be held at the next Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee is given a very important responsibility by the members of the parish when elected to serve. This is a serious task that has great influence on the ministry of the parish. The work must be prayerfully and confidentially undertaken.

##### NOMINEES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (elect five for one year)

###### Deb Hager



For most of my life I searched for a church that would accept me as a gay woman. My parents didn't want to accept me, and no church made me welcome. In September 2016, I became gravely ill with complications from my Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. Following a hospitalization, I was seen at my oncologist's office, and a spinal tap indicated that the leukemia cells had migrated to my cerebral spinal fluid —normally fatal. In the interim, my partner of then 34 years decided that we needed to be legally married and asked a longtime friend if she knew of any pastor who would marry an unchurched couple. Mother Dawn agreed to meet with us on a Friday and married us the following Sunday. We started Basic A the following Tuesday, and I finally found my church!

###### Phil Speary



Dr. Phil Speary has been actively involved at St. James since he began attending in 2015. An academic dean at Butler Community College, he is the Artistic Director for the Guild Hall Players. He has served in several capacities at St. James including membership on the Vestry, the Endowment Board, the Nominating Committee, the Strategic Visioning team, and the Music Committee. For the past several years, he has been a member of the team planning and facilitating the Sunday Adult Forum. He also leads the Wednesday evening Adult Bible Study.

###### Jane Spurrier



St. James has been our parish church for more than 30 years when Father Harvard Wilbur was the rector. When there was a notice in the bulletin for Altar Guild members, I felt this was a ministry for me. Caring for the altar, vessels and fine linens is a gift to serve God in His house. This was also a path to meet new members of the church as I continue this ministry today. At the Olde English Tea, you will find me in the kitchen preparing *dainty* sandwiches under the direction of the talented chairwomen. After attending college, I worked in the travel industry — first in Chicago with a major airline and then as a travel consultant with a local travel agency. My hobbies are reading, gardening, walking, and community volunteering.

###### Susie Stallings



I have been a member of the St. James community since 2015. However, I was baptized at St. James as a newborn as my family were members here until I was 8 years old. Before coming back to St. James, I was a member of St. Albans and then St. Stephens. As a lifelong Episcopalian, I have always been involved with service to my church and community in various ways. Since being at St. James, I have co-chaired the Olde English Tea, 2018 and 2019, assisted with Wonderful Wednesdays dinners and Vacation Bible School. Currently I serve as a co-chair to the 100th Anniversary Committee. I'm a member of the finance committee and work as the church's bookkeeper.

###### Gary Thudium



No information provided.



## IV. LEADERSHIP REPORTS

### RECTOR

*From The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt*

We started the year with nostalgic storytelling about a group of special people who had survived the flu epidemic at the beginning of the 20th century and went on, in 1920, to found St. James Church in Wichita, Kansas. We began to celebrate how far we had come and how much our parish has accomplished in 100 years. We held emotional, meaningful remembrances of our first rector, Otis Gray, in January, and our second rector, Sam West, in February. Only weeks later, in March, we began to see that we were not only the heirs of pandemic survivors, we began to understand that we were going to be part of history ourselves. We would survive another pandemic, with God's help.

When our lives were upended by the shutdown, the disruption to the economy, drastic changes to our schedules, and the implementation of new protocols, we worked hard to keep as many things as "normal" as we could. We did everything we could to keep the church going. We provided worship services online and outside. We worked from home. We held committee meetings and met in our small groups in forums as such as Zoom. We had a steep and sudden technology learning curve.

Everything was harder, it took more time and effort, we didn't see the people we loved, our lives were lonely and stressful, and we could not make things be the way we wanted them to be. The year 2020 taught us in deep and emotional ways about the value of being together and truly how sacred the ministry of presence is. God is definitely everywhere and always accessible to those who seek. We did not know that a faith community could be so elusive, nor how much we would long for it. Faith, hope, and love have kept us going.

Thank you for your messages of support, for your faithful giving, and for tuning in online even though "it's not the same." Thank you to our parish staff who has worked creatively, borne frustration, and continued to seek the best answers for the parish of St. James. Even if we haven't been face-to-face in the room with you, we have been together in other ways, we have experienced this year separately AND with you ... and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you.

Looking back on the year that was, it is presumptuous even at this point to say with certainty that we have survived the coronavirus pandemic of 2020, but we are hopeful. Our nation has suffered the death of nearly half a million people to the virus and entrenched political feelings about how we responded to it drove a wedge into many relationships. We are hopeful that the devastation to people's lives may soon be over, and also fervently prayerful that all will be reconciled in 2021.

The Sabbath Year of 2021 seeks to give us a gentle way out of a traumatic experience. We have a significant, world-wide phenomenon from which to recover. The security we have (while so much is yet to be determined), is that St. James Church is still here. We will worship together again, and when we do, our feeling will reflect our pent-up desire for communion in all its aspects. You are part of this parish family. When it is safe, and when you are ready, we will give thanks for persevering and prepare again for our next 100 years. God bless you now and always. Amen.

## IV. LEADERSHIP REPORTS

### DEACON JEFF ROPER

*From The Rev. Jeff Roper*

I continued to be active with assisting in worship services at St. James during the pandemic this past year. I have been working with Tristan Holmberg in his new Youth Group minister role. The two of us have worked at trying to get our Sunday School active for middle school and high school students. That has been difficult during this pandemic. I participate in the EFM Alum group on Monday nights. I also serve on the Social Justice and Racial Reconciliation Task Force in the diocese, and I am co-chair of the Social Justice Subcommittee.

I have continued the Winfield prison ministry of delivering new or unused greeting cards for all occasions to the Winfield Correctional Facility. My once per month preaching and presiding over Morning Prayer services at the Winfield prison was forced to stop due to COVID-19 in March 2020.

### DEACON DEEDEE EVANS

*From The Rev. Deedee Evans*

Until mid-March when COVID-19 took control of our lives, the Grief Support Group that I facilitate met each Tuesday morning at St. James Church. I serve as Chaplain of the St. Mary's Chapter of Daughters of the King at St. James, which met on the first Monday of the month. I no longer serve at the altar. I managed the parish bereavement list, sent letters of invitation to the Grief Support Group and sent a card with a prayer three, six and 12 months after a death. It has been an honor and privilege to serve St. James as a vocational deacon for over 33 years.

Henceforward, The Rev. Deedee Evans' title is Deacon Emerita.

### SENIOR WARDEN

*From Joan Moore*

Our 100th Anniversary year at St. James was NOT what we had planned! We were not able to hold any celebratory parties, no capital campaign and only a few special sermon Sundays. We did get to hear a very interesting lecture from a WSU professor and historian, and we now have our beautiful 100th anniversary book — thanks especially to the very hard work of Anne Clark! But we were planning to have a champagne reception and a family picnic on our grounds and invite rectors and families from our past. We did receive a special anniversary hymn that the St. James choir got to sing for the first three months of 2020, but we never got to learn or sing the special anthem written for the anniversary celebration. We did get to order shirts, aprons and other merchandise with our beautiful logo, and we now have beautiful note cards and prints of the Nave's Te-Deum window. We have been blessed and disappointed at the same time.

I remember many stories that my Grandma Siefkes told me about raising her young family during World War II and the sacrifices that she and her family had to make. They were stories of my grandpa serving as a translator in a U.S. Army POW Camp for several years and how his children cried for him at night. She never got used to the taste of margarine and sorely missed butter and many food staples that she couldn't get to eat. There were stories of rationed toilet paper, and stories of her friends who gave up a college education to build aircraft parts to help our war efforts. Even though those times were long ago, she still got tears in her eyes when she told those stories to her grandchildren and while we are not at war today with countries in Europe and Asia, we are at war with this non-discriminating virus. We are mourning the people, traditions and activities we miss. Our lives have been turned upside down in so many ways, and we are grieving the losses of precious human life, once-steady jobs, special events and occasions. Our momentous 100th Anniversary was one such occasion.

But just like my Grandma and Grandpa who went on to live full and robust lives after WWII, we will move forward, and we will embrace all of this change and turn it into good for the future. Your Vestry is hopeful that we can still celebrate our 100th Anniversary this fall. We are hopeful and prayerful that parishioners will get the vaccine and there will be time to hold a celebratory event! We want to still raise some funds to improve the look and functionality of our beautiful church.

I have started my third and last year as Senior Warden, and I approach this year with hope, optimism and patience that we will get to have our celebration together. After all, we need to be together to celebrate something as important as 100 years! We will worship together again, surrounded by God's comfort, peace and love. Until that time, we will remember that God is with us always, and He will never leave us, nor forsake us. Our St. James home will be waiting for us, ready for the next century to begin.

## IV. LEADERSHIP REPORTS

### JUNIOR WARDEN

*From Danny Blair, Junior Warden*

What a year! The hallways of St. James have been way too quiet. The tide seems to be turning, and if it will continue, God willing, we will all be together again soon.

Our volunteer group that maintains the lawns and gardens has worked hard this year to keep our church looking great. Thank you to all who help with these tasks. For those who don't know, the grounds of St James are maintained by a dedicated and hardworking group that spends many hours and a lot of sweat in this mission keeping our grounds looking great and saving us from having to hire to have this work done. Weeds and grass only take time off during the winter.

We have a new roof on the original building after 100 years and many repairs. The new roof has been overlaid with fresh decking, a self-healing weatherproof layer and DaVinci synthetic slate. The synthetic slate is manufactured right here in Kansas and offers a large reduction in weight, much better storm resistance and a long life. The roof over the newer hallways has also been replaced with an upgraded TPO material that will provide many years of service. All flashings and gutters were replaced with copper to maintain our original construction. This was paid for with insurance proceeds. Thank you, Woody, for your work in making this happen.

A new sound system has been installed in the Nave. New equipment includes body pack/headsets (for FCC compliance), an amplifier (no more crackling), a mixer and a hearing assistance system. You may check out units at the front desk. We also broadcast on FM 100.5 whenever the need arises (such as the parking lot services that Mother Dawn and the Worship Committee provided.) Thank you Randy Harrison for all of your hard work and knowledge. Our HVAC system continues to have issues, but we continue to solve them. The filters in the Nave and Guild Hall have been upgraded to COVID-19 (MERV 13) standards. In 2021, we plan to replace the tower roof, which had been without inspection or maintenance since the access hatch was sealed over who knows when. The hatch has been replaced, the roof inspected, and will be replaced as soon as the weather is right. The parking lot sealing project was postponed due to the roof project and will be completed in the spring. We hope to replace the HVAC control software and associated hardware and install a variable speed drive in the Guild Hall as funding allows. We also hope to install a live stream camera system in the Nave. The YouTube services that Mother Dawn and associates have provided show that members of our Church family who have moved away or cannot be present in church enjoy staying connected. Again as funding allows.

Thank you for allowing me to serve St James in this capacity, and I look forward to continuing to serve in this way.

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR

*From Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs*

Our programs in 2020 at St. James quickly pivoted to all online by the time March came upon us. There were some programs that did not continue and will be back in action once it is safe for us to return. Through the use of Zoom, we have tried to maintain as many programs as possible to keep us connected. This year also provided opportunities to evaluate the best way to meet different needs in our parish and in our community. For example, we added a Prayer Tree for anyone to tie a ribbon and say a prayer for our community. It was a visual reminder that St. James cares for everyone impacted by the pandemic. The Prayer Tree was taken down during the Advent Season (primarily because the weather started to damage the prayer tree and sign).

Thank you to all who gave tirelessly your efforts to teach and facilitate our various ministries related to Formation! We had many hosts and teachers who led us in morning prayers, contemplative prayers, discussion groups, coffee hours, and Sunday schools as well as VBS coordinators, youth leaders, and prayer warriors.

Because of this unprecedented year and the needs of my family, I moved to part-time in October and will remain part-time in 2021 until the school year is over. As director, I coordinate the nursery, Sunday school activities, youth programs, Christian education for all ages, special events and ministries, train parish members for teaching and leading Christian education, and participate in staff meetings. I am also involved in Stewardship and part of the Welcome Team. To read more specifics on our adult, youth, and children's programs please read the reports filed under Christian Formation. I encourage you to participate in any ministries that demonstrate your spiritual gifts and would welcome anyone to contact me for more information. Blessings to 2021 and may compassion abound in us all!

## V. FINANCIAL REPORTS

### TREASURER

*From Woody Swain*

Faithful giving by our members, help from the Endowment Fund, the Ray Fleming Bequest and a PPP loan from the CARES Act (which was recently forgiven) combined with good management of expenses allowed us to end 2020 with a positive balance to carry over into 2021.

In August, Paul Clark retired as our bookkeeper after two years of dedicated service, and, fortunately, Susie Stallings agreed to take on that role. Paul did a great job of getting our books in order and managing our cash flow during his tenure. Susie's accounting experience and familiarity with our church operations make her a great fit for this role. Then, in October, Bert Clark needed to shift from serving as our Treasurer to being a first-time dad, and that's when I took on that responsibility. Bert, your hard work and thoroughness as our Treasurer is very much appreciated!

I am pleased to report to you that our "financial house" is in order. For 2020, our revenues exceeded expenses by \$23,109, and our PPP loan/grant of \$53,851 clearly made the difference — without it we would have ended the year with a \$30,000 deficit. But, over 80% of the funding for our church operations comes from giving by you, our parishioners, and that is ultimately what sustains our ability to worship at and minister from St. James.

Our 2021 budget envisions expenses of \$636,766, and, thanks to the results of the stewardship drive, draws from the Endowment Fund and the Fleming Bequest and a second PPP Loan of \$74,517, it appears that our budget will essentially be balanced. And, we expect to also have this second PPP Loan to be forgiven. So, as we begin the 101st year of worship at St. James, the financial success of our church continues to rely heavily upon our members continuing to be good stewards of all that God has provided to us.

#### St. James Episcopal - Summary of 2020 Actuals and 2021 Budget

<b>REVENUES:</b>	<b><u>2020 Actual</u></b>	<b><u>2021 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
Pledges and Contributions	\$ 504,515	\$ 479,656	
Endowment Funds	\$ 6,467	\$ 39,851	1
Fleming Bequest	\$ 35,000	\$ 37,917	
PPP Loans	\$ 53,851	\$ 74,517	2
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,733	\$ 3,500	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 602,566</b>	<b>\$ 635,441</b>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Diocesan Apportionment	\$ 111,264	\$ 112,344	
Clergy	\$ 114,266	\$ 131,843	3
Christian Education	\$ 39,425	\$ 35,800	
Music	\$ 46,535	\$ 47,978	
Other Ministries	\$ 11,591	\$ 14,922	
Administration	\$ 113,957	\$ 150,401	4
Building & Grounds	\$ 142,419	\$ 143,478	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 579,457</b>	<b>\$ 636,766</b>	
<b>REVENUES minus EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 23,109</b>	<b>\$ (1,325)</b>	<b>5</b>

#### NOTES:

1. 2021 PMEF Draw plus saved amounts from 2020 and 2019 PMEF Draws
2. 1st PPP Loan was forgiven, and we expect 2nd PPP Loan will be, too
3. 16 weeks of Sabbatical Clergy and 7 months of part-time Curate
4. Video technician and additional bookkeeper hours
5. 2021 Budget assumes in-person services July through December

## V. FINANCIAL REPORTS

### ENDOWMENT FUNDS BOARD (EFB)

*From Hew Goodpasture*

#### Summary of 2020 Activities

- St. James Church Legacy Society.** The purpose of the **St. James Church Legacy Society** is to appropriately acknowledge those who have made a commitment to include St. James Church, the “Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Fund of St. James Church, Wichita, KS,” or other Episcopal entity as a beneficiary in the disposition of their estate. Individuals may elect to be listed as “Anonymous.” **We give thanks for the 33 existing enrollees for letting their light so shine that others may see their good works and do likewise!**
- We published the seventh annual report of the “St. James Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Fund (PMEF) & St. James Legacy Society.” The report, published annually, identifies all memorial and thanksgiving gifts given through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the prior calendar year. During 2020 we realized \$ 6,507 in new tributes and memorials. We continue to encourage St. James members and friends to participate in this program by inviting gifts of all sizes (initial minimum \$100) to perpetually recognize and honor the memory of loved ones as well as to celebrate and offer thanksgiving for significant life events.
- We continued to provide regular reporting of events in every edition of *SEASONS*, our parish printed newsletter.
- We met regularly to monitor the Endowment Funds investment accounts and after examination of the September 30<sup>th</sup> accounting, we recommended to the Vestry the 2021 Endowment Fund Distribution based on 4% of the average of the prior 12 calendar quarter balances of the invested funds. The Vestry approved a distribution \$34,221 to be allocated: (1) \$3,422 for outreach; (2) \$2,500 retained by the EFB for general expenses incidental to the management and administration of the endowment and legacy society programs; (3) \$11,603 to be retained in the endowment as a separate account for future capital needs; and, the balance of \$16,696 to be directed by the vestry for 2021 capital expenses.

#### 2021 and Beyond

We will continue to encourage, invite and nurture active participation of members and friends of St. James Church to support the Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Fund and membership in the St. James Church Legacy Society in order to grow our Endowment Funds for the support of our community of faith, hope and charity in perpetuity.

**PLEASE RESPOND WHEN CONTACTED! REMEMBER: Participation in the Dillons Community Rewards program also benefits the endowment fund.**

Summary of 2020 Endowment Fund Finances		
Market Value	At 12-31-19	At 12-31-20
<b>State Street Global Advisors (SSgA) Total</b>	<b>\$ 941,125.72</b>	<b>\$ 998,971.45</b>
“Unrestricted” Funds Balance	\$ 849,264.85	\$ 881,931.90
“Restricted” Funds Balance	\$ 65,348.42	\$ 75,957.31
“Retained Capital Expense Fund”	\$ 26,512.44	\$ 41,082.24
<b>Fidelity Checking Account</b>	<b>\$ 28,349.28</b>	<b>\$ 28,414.24</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 969,474.99</b>	<b>\$ 1,027,385.69</b>
<b>Balance Reconciliation</b>		
Beginning Balance		\$ 969,474.99
Donations Received		\$ 6,507.06
Other Income		\$ 103.83
Interest Income (Fidelity Account)		\$ 18.28
SSgA Management Fees		(\$ 7,701.24)
Investment Income (SSgA Account)		\$ 2,337.09
SSgA Appreciation (Depreciation)		\$ 78,106.05
Funds Disbursed		(\$ 21,460.38)
<b>TOTAL FUND ASSETS at 12-31-20</b>		<b>\$ 1,027,385.69</b>

How Endowment Has Enriched the Ministry of St. James	
<b>1992 thru 2020 a Brief History (best guess, not auditable)</b>	
<b>Initial Bequest</b>	<b>\$ 1,042,966</b>
<b>Additional Bequests, gifts, income from coupon sales, sponsored trips, etc.</b>	<b>\$ 877,114</b>
<b>TOTAL BEQUESTS, GIFTS, ETC.</b>	<b>\$ 1,920,080</b>
<b>Disbursements EXCLUDING Capital Campaign Draw</b>	<b>\$ 1,304,010</b>
<b>NET Capital Campaign Draw</b>	<b>\$ 797,043</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS THRU 12-31-20</b>	<b>\$ 2,101,053</b>
<b>Total Assets at 12-31-19</b>	<b>\$ 1,027,386</b>



## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

2020 Endowment Funds Board		
Hew Goodpasture (2021)	Deb Bagby (2023)	Vestry Representative*
Paul McCausland, Vice-Chair (2021)	Tom Zerger, Secretary (2020)	Bert Clark, Treasurer*
Barry Carroll (2022)	The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector	*Serves with voice, but no vote
Tom Gossen (2022)		

### *Have you remembered St. James Church in your will?*

To discuss ways you can participate as a member of the Legacy Society, contact a member of the Endowment Funds Board.

## VI. MINISTRY REPORTS

### A. CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRIES

#### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In 2020, we offered our classes and discussion groups via Zoom. Our traditional classes of Adult Forum, Basic A, Education for Ministry (EfM), and Graduate EfM were offered online. If you are interested in the ministry of Christian Education for adults, please contact Mother Dawn or Chelsea Whipple for more information.

#### The following classes were offered in 2020:

- Basic A - led by Mother Dawn
- The Gospel of John - led by Chelsea Whipple
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study - led by Dr. Phil Speary
- Morning Prayers - led by Maddy Bishop and others
- Contemplative Prayer Group - led by Laura Stephens and then by Mary Kay Chavez
- Congregational Book Read - led by Mother Dawn and Chelsea Whipple

#### ADULT FORUM

*From Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs*

Adult Forum is currently happening at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Sundays via Zoom and offers a wide variety of learning and sharing opportunities anchored in Christianity, its place in the wider world and what we are called to do. In 2020, we discussed Difficult Conversations and the Sacred Art of Listening and Radical Love. For the program year 2020-2021, we are learning about the history of Christianity in different parts of the world. Anyone is welcome to join at any time. The Zoom link is posted in the weekly eTower.

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

*From Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs*

From January to March of 2020, we met in person for Sunday school and Children's Chapel. We even were able to do an Ash Wednesday service for the last Children's Chapel in person. We now meet on the first Sunday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. We have low attendance, so to meet the needs of our families, we mail activity boxes that children can do with their families. These boxes are sent each holiday season and include various activities to meet the different needs of our kids. We will continue to send the boxes until we can meet in person. Children's Chapel videos are made quarterly for the children to watch on the St. James YouTube channel. Thank you to Deb Bagby, Sandra Bradley, Melissa Breault, Judy Goodpasture, Suzi Miner, Amber Newlin, and April Pameticky for your endless amounts of patience and flexibility in teaching our kids.

#### NURSERY AND CHILD CARE

*From Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs*

We typically serve children birth through age 5 during in-person services and other church-related events. During the pandemic, the nursery will be closed even when in-person services happen until further notice. We are always looking for energetic and interested volunteers to help cover these services and events so we can have two trained adults in the nursery at all times.

We have two staff members and four regular volunteers. Thank you to Betsy Hallstrom, Janet Holmberg, Fiona Halley,



## **VI. MINISTRY REPORTS**

### **A. CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRIES**

Colin Carroll, Dottie Evans, Marie Guldjord, Katie Seminoff, Lauren Schmeidler, April Pameticky, Sandra Bradley, and DeAun Warfield for sharing your love with the kids.

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

*From Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs*

VBS took place July 12 to August 9 online. Our theme was Walking the Way of Love. Kids were given material packets filled with activities for four weeks. They could join our Google classroom where new videos and activities were posted weekly. Then, each week we met via Zoom to do an activity, show off our work, sing our VBS song, and play games. We had an opening celebration and closing celebration in the St. James parking lot. We had 15 kids participate in our VBS. A big thank you to the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas Children ministry leaders who came together to create this VBS from scratch. Thank you to the VBS planning committee of Sandra Bradley, Andrea Burgardt, Kathleen Higgs, and April Pameticky. Our next VBS will take place on June 21-24, 2021.

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

*From Tristan Holmberg, Youth Group Leader*

Every guild and group of our parish has had to adapt or change for the pandemic. This is true of the Youth Group. I reflected at one point that St James was formed in a pandemic. Today we gather for our annual meeting in another pandemic. In this pandemic, thankfully, we have had technology to allow us to continue to meet without even being in the same building. I wonder if our early predecessors could have imagined these technologies. We have largely met through Zoom this year. On a few Wednesdays this past fall we were able to meet in a safe, socially distanced way. On those occasions we gathered in the parking lot around a fire. All wore masks and were ten feet apart. Those occasions were cherished by all. Those were our “fireside chats.” They took place during the time the parish was able to gather for Holy Eucharist. When the parish returned to remote worship, we also returned to an all-remote format. I personally have great gratitude for Anne Clark and Racine Zackula and every youth member of St. James Parish for their assistance of, and involvement in, the Youth Group. It is because of them that the Youth Group has continued to meet, to celebrate holy days, to enjoy fellowship, to commiserate about the unique adaptations necessary for education during a pandemic, to discuss the lives of saints, to pray, to laugh, to be the Church. Many thanks to all.

### **B. PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES**

#### **100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

*From Susie Stallings*

What a year! Not quite what the committee planned for our centennial, but St. James Episcopal Church is officially 100+ years. And all we missed was the party!

However, we did celebrate a grand beginning ... The Te Deum window was gifted at the 2019 Christmas Eve service. We sold T-shirts and hats, and the beautiful red centennial processional banner paraded at a few services. The History Committee provided story boards with pictures and details to honor and showcase our earliest beginnings. The Centennial Prayer was integrated into our Sunday services. Rev. Gray Sunday and Fr. West Sundays coupled with receptions and speakers offered insight as to what was to be. The invitations for our June celebration were ready for the printer, then ... all came to an abrupt halt, and there is no point going into the sordid details of COVID-19 because it was out of our control.

Since COVID remains a nemesis with no end, looking forward is fruitless until we can all feel safe. Nevertheless, St. James Church is 100 years old. We're grateful for this church and the many hundreds of saints that have contributed to its creation and success over the years. Hopefully our Lord will allow 100 more years for our church, but in the meantime we will remain patient until stability returns to our lives. Arrangements can then be made whenever that happens.

## **B. PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES**

### **BREAKFAST SUNDAY AND ST. JAMES KITCHEN**

*From Randy Harrison*

As the head of the kitchen and the St. James Breakfast, I want to report that we started the year out great with breakfast the second Sundays of January, February and March as well as a very successful Oyster Dinner. But since COVID-19 took over our world, the kitchen has been pretty quiet. We have not forgotten about the space that provides an avenue for great food and fun. I've been working with our Jr. Warden on some improvements around the building including kitchen enhancements. I, along with the rest of my family who make our monthly breakfasts possible, am looking forward to the day when we can return to providing our wonderful monthly breakfast. We hope you miss our food and time together as much as we do. Know that as soon as health regulations allow, we look forward to serving up our hearty country-style breakfast once again. Volunteers are always welcome to help out with our monthly breakfast, so if you feel like helping, just let me or any of us in the kitchen know. We won't even ask you to come in at 6 a.m. There are lots of opportunities to help throughout the morning of the breakfast.

In the meantime, Peg Bowman has started an effort to help us replace our heavy white dinner plates with lighter weight Corelle dinner plates. These plates are virtually indestructible and are much lighter and easier to handle. If you run across these in an 11-inch size in **plain white only** at a garage or estate sale or any other place, we would love any donations since the breakfast is self-sustaining and doesn't rely on any money from the church. Thank you all for your continued support and we hope to see you again soon!

### **GRIEF SUPPORT**

*From Deacon Deedee Evans, Facilitator*

Until mid-March when COVID-19 took control of our lives, the Grief Support Group met each Tuesday morning in the Lounge at St. James Church from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. year-round with rare exception. Everyone was welcome; one did not have to be a member of St. James to participate. The group had been available for well over 16 years and found that the time was well-spent as participants supported each other. Participants attended as their schedule and energy allowed and then stopped when the time was right. Different losses had been experienced — spouse, partner, sibling, child, friend, parent, grandchild, pet, home, health. We laughed and we cried. There was no homework, no tension, and no lecture — just a lot of understanding as we learned from each other. Who attended was not secret, but what was said in the group stayed in the room for total confidentiality. During COVID-19 restrictions, members have remained in contact with each other through phone calls, texting, and emails.

### **OLDE ENGLISH TEA**

*From Randy Harrison*

We were very excited and starting to gear up for the Olde English Tea that should have happened last May during our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebratory year, but COVID-19 had other plans. Sadly, we were forced to cancel the 2020 event. Some might say, what's the big deal with cancelling the Tea? The sad part of not having the Tea is the fact that a dozen organizations in and around the Wichita area rely on funds that events such as the St. James OET provide them. The Tea proudly gives away 100% of the funds that are raised, and it made all of us very sad to know that we would not only NOT be able to hold this wonderful event that has endured for over 80 years, but moreover, the organizations that benefit from the proceeds would have to make up the lost funds in other ways or decrease services. We all hope that things will get back to normal soon so that the Tea can make a triumphant return. As we have posted on the church kitchen wall, "Keep Calm and Carry On."

## B. PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

### OUTREACH COMMITTEE

*From Judy Goodpasture, Chairperson*

Thanks to our St. James parish's abiding commitment to community outreach and service, the Outreach Ministry has been able to continue most of our projects in spite of the pandemic. Since March, our monthly meetings have been conducted by Zoom, and I am grateful that our group has remained committed to our work.

#### 2020 Projects

- **Pocket Change Ministry:** During 2020 we gave **\$1,750** to three agencies serving children and families in our community. Specifically, we gave **\$750** to **Breakthrough/ESS**, **\$500** to the **Kansas Children's Service League**, and **\$500** to **St. Francis Ministries**. Since 2014 this project has given **\$13,750** to community charities. Chair: **Gary Thudium**
- **Christmas Food Baskets and Gift Cards:** Thirty large food baskets accompanied by \$75 to \$100 gift cards were delivered to families served by **St. Francis Ministries, Kansas Children's Service League, Breakthrough/ESS, and St. James Church**. St. James's generosity made Christmas happier for 104 people this year! Special thanks to the many, many parishioners who contributed food and money, to **Jeanne and Mike Kroeker** for filling baskets, and to all of the parishioners who delivered baskets. Thanks to **Matthew Kroeker** for assisting with the distribution from the Guild Hall, to **Jose** for help with storage, and to **Susie Stallings** for handling donations and payments. And thanks to Chair **Mary Druding**.
- **Undies Sundays:** Our project that in April and May provided more than 1,000 new diapers and underwear items for the **Wichita Children's Home** was very successful. Chair: **Judy Goodpasture**
- **Suitcase Drive:** Because of the pandemic, we were not able to conduct this project for **St. Francis Ministries**. However, we hope to offer it again in May 2021. Chair: **Sarah Robinson**
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive:** St. James had scheduled three American Red Cross (ARC) blood drives during 2020. We held one in February and sent 13 units of blood to the Red Cross. However, the other two drives had to be canceled because of the pandemic. We hope to resume our drives in the fall of 2021. Meanwhile, we urge people to give blood at the Red Cross, 1900 E. Douglas. For more information, please contact Dottie Evans, ARC Blood Drive Coordinator, at 785-341-4532 or [dotticevans6@gmail.com](mailto:dotticevans6@gmail.com). Chair **Dottie Evans** and Assistant-Chair **Sarah Robinson**
- **7th Annual Blanket Drive:** Our parish contributed 72 blankets to the homeless shelters sponsored by **HumanKind** (formerly Inter-Faith Ministries). Chairs: **Judy and Hew Goodpasture**
- **Water Bottles for Breakthrough/ESS:** During the summer months, several carloads of water bottles were delivered to Breakthrough/ESS for their clients. Chair: **Mary Druding**
- **Paperbacks for Prisoners:** Several times during the year dozens of paperbacks donated by the parish were delivered to the **Sedgwick County Jail**. Chairs: **Beth and Sam Criss**
- **Bags of Blessings:** In the Guild Hall in February, **St. James** hosted the citywide assembly of bags of toiletries for distribution by **Partners for Wichita**. Chair: **Tim Flynn**
- **Alternative Gift Market:** Since our Sunday School was unable to meet in person, it could not sponsor booths this year. Instead, we urged people to attend the Alternative Gift Market at First Presbyterian Church and to donate funds online. Gift catalogs are available at the church's reception desk, and donations can be made year-round. Chair: **Suzi Miner**.
- **Read-to-Succeed Volunteers:** Unfortunately, this reading tutorial program was canceled by the schools because of COVID-19. We hope to resume the volunteer tutorial program next fall.
- **Reality U Volunteers:** This program within the Wichita schools was canceled because of the pandemic, so our volunteers could not participate. However, **The Pando Initiative**, which sponsors this program, took Reality U to rural schools successfully.
- **Cards for Parishioners:** Throughout the year, we continued to send cards to ill or grieving parishioners.
- **Greeting Cards for Inmates at the Winfield Correction Facility.** Dozens of new cards for all occasions were delivered to the Winfield facility by Chair: **Deacon Jeff Roper**.

## B. PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

- **Saturday Sack Lunches for the Homeless.** As part of our church's cooperation with the Diocesan Minister program, 200 sandwich sack lunches were prepared by St. James volunteers. They were delivered to St. John's Episcopal Church for distribution on December 12. On the second Saturday of each month beginning in February, St. James will join with other Episcopal churches to prepare and deliver these sandwiches. **Chair: Joan Bledsoe**

Our Outreach Committee recommended that the Vestry send this year's endowment community gift of more than \$3,000 to **Breakthrough/ESS**. The Endowment Committee and the Vestry approved this recommendation.

I am grateful to our most generous congregation and to the members of the Outreach Committee for their dedication, enthusiasm, and compassion. Thank you **Deacon Peg Flynn, Tim Flynn, Marcia Wilder, Diana Morton, Mary Druding, Dottie Evans, Hew Goodpasture, Mary Klocke, Suzi Miner, Sarah Robinson, Linda Smith, Marilyn Taylor, Gary Thudium, Joy Johnson-Thudium, Joan Bledsoe, and Susan Graybill**. Until we can return to in-person meetings, our group will meet via Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Please consider visiting one of our meetings. Just let Judy Goodpasture know that you would like to visit, and she will send you a Zoom invitation.

### OYSTER DINNER

*From Matthew J. Carroll*

The annual Oyster Dinner was a success. We were concerned with how the dinner would turn out due to the lack of financial security in our account during the planning stages. We had to make some sacrifices and purchase less in order to maintain our budget neutrality. I want to thank the members of the Oyster Dinner committee who worked hard to overcome challenges and put on a great dinner. The dinner allowed us to donate approximately \$5,000 to two organizations that are very important to St. James Church. The Wichita Children's Home and Episcopal Social Services were recipients of our donations. We are very sad to report that the Vestry has decided that the dinner for 2021 has been canceled. It will be very difficult to move into Lent without this church tradition.

### PRISON MINISTRY

*From Jeff Roper*

Our parish continues to donate greeting cards for all occasions to the Winfield Correctional Facility. Those cards allow the 550 male inmates at that facility to send cards to their loved ones while they are incarcerated.

Due to COVID-19, I cannot conduct once per month Morning Prayer services in the Winfield prison chapel, so the greeting cards ministry has been our primary parish prison ministry.

I also serve on the Spiritual Life Center's Board of Directors at the Winfield Correctional Facility raising funds to build a \$1.2 million Spiritual Life center on the campus of the Winfield Prison.

I simply want to thank all St. James volunteers who have contributed greeting cards to our Winfield prison ministry during the past year. Your generosity has meant so much to the inmates and their families.

### WELCOME TEAM

*From Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs*

The Welcome Team is a committee dedicated to welcoming our new members, visitors, and even seasoned members. The team hosts the "Get Acquainted" mixers for newcomers and members to get to know one another on a quarterly basis. We also help contact those who visited the church and are interested in becoming a member, stuff the welcome bags and greet people at Breakfast Sunday and at church services. Before the pandemic hit, we held two mixers to welcome new people.

Our goal in 2020 was to create a greeter role specifically to be there before services and after to help people navigate where things are and to help them feel welcome at St. James. We are currently not meeting due to the pandemic but will pick up right where we left off when we start gathering again in-person. While the pandemic keeps us online, we are planning online get-to-know-you events for newcomers in 2021. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Chelsea Whipple. The Welcome Team consists of Helen Bousfield, Father Joseph Bayles, Deb Bagby, Kate Miller, Diane Morton, Chelsea Whipple, and Mother Dawn Frankfurt.

## **C. WORSHIP MINISTRIES**

### **ACOLYTES, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, AND VERGERS**

*From Mary Halley and Peggy Johnson*

The people holding these positions are the backbone of the Liturgy. New volunteers will be warmly welcomed.

#### **Acolytes**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to decrease the numbers involved in the services and instead, where appropriate, utilized Vergers. We plan to do a complete retraining of existing volunteers, and heartily welcome anyone who would be interested in joining this ministry when we are able to worship together again. Anyone who is interested in becoming an acolyte can contact Mary Halley (mbhalley66@gmail.com).

#### **Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers**

Thank you to all who assist in worship at St. James. While the ministry of Eucharistic ministers has had to be put on hold during the pandemic, our dedicated cadre of readers continue to volunteer and assist worship whenever possible including weekly recorded services, festival and special service events such as Christmas Eve and the traditional Lessons and Carols. Additionally, several of our team have graciously read the service of Evening Prayer during the season of Advent and Christmas as a means of providing an additional opportunity for the congregation to worship in the safety of their homes. All are welcome to participate as either a reader or Eucharistic minister at St. James. Training is available to all who wish to participate.

#### **Vergers**

Tim Flynn retired from this ministry this year, and we are very grateful for all the time and effort he gave to this church and the ministry he performed.

We have been doubly blessed to have Peggy Johnson take over scheduling of Lectors, Vergers, Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers. We now have three vergers — Mary Halley, David Johnson and Jay Price, who is working to complete his studies. This year has been full of changes for us. We assisted with the in-person worship in the church with all the changes that entailed. When we were able to be together again, we transitioned to parking lot services. I must say it felt like such a blessing to worship in community again! We finished up 2020 assisting with the Christmas Eve modified service and distribution of Holy Communion.

### **ALTAR GUILD**

*From Crystal Barber*

Adrienne Edwards bought alms basins for the church which were in great need. So a big thank you to her. This past year has been a challenge for many, and the Altar Guild has kept up doing its job to support the many different types of services and will continue to support however it can. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person as soon as we can meet in person. Until then, we will soldier on.

### **EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

*From Georgie Drake*

The last time Eucharistic visitors took communion out was January 2020 because of COVID-19.

Eucharistic visitors include Marcia Wilder, Richard Bowmen, Terry Anderson, Tristan Holmberg, Madison Bishop and Peggy Johnson.

### **MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST**

*From Marlene Hallstrom, M.M., Director of Music*

As I reread my report for the year 2019, I was vividly reminded of how different life at St. James was in 2020! The year began in a normal way with weekly worship, music rehearsals and choir fellowship, and just as preparations were underway for Holy Week and Easter, everything came to a screeching halt. On March 15, the third Sunday of Lent, the Choir sang in worship for the last time, and we scrambled to figure out what to do next.

Nothing is quite like the experience of being together for rehearsals and worship, but we attempted to make music in safe and meaningful ways for our congregation.

I will be forever thankful for the many musicians who were willing to step up to provide music:

- Small groups from the choir and handbell choir
- Vocal and handbell soloists



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- Instrumentalists
- A virtual choir recorded by members of St. James
- Guest musicians

Recordings were made in homes, the choir, the Nave, the music room, the Guild Hall. Many of us learned new technology that we hadn't imagined.

These dedicated musicians have helped with music throughout 2020 and during the pandemic:

St. James Choir and Soloists: Sopranos: Celia Blair, Angee Carroll, Kennedy Compton, Talia Halley, Jennifer King, Lauren Schmeidler, Joan Moore, Cheryl Schmeidler, Shirley Seminoff. Altos: Erin Compton, Adrienne Edwards, Mary Halley, Kate Miller, Jackie Snyder. Tenors: Andrew Aitken, Rob Compton, William Compton, Tim Garrels, Randy Harrison, Todd Miller. Basses: Richard Bowman, Ken Breeden, Rick Milhon, Warren Goldshine.

St. James Handbell Choir: Anne Clark, Bert Clark, Mary Druding, Adrienne Edwards, Robin Henry, Peggy Johnson, Connie Timmons, Marci Milus.

St. James Choristers: Amelia Blackman, Faye Burgardt, Amanda Larson, Leia Pameticky, Aidan Petty, Jack Petty, Claire Tanner, Alexis Walters-Fletcher, Jason Walters-Fletcher.

Instrumentalists: Jeanne Kroeker, oboe; Rick Milhon, clarinet, saxophone and flute; Pam Young, flute; Blythe Black, violin and viola; Daniel Dye, Coral Hartl, Caroline Laycock, Olivia Laycock, cello; Matthew Kroeker, organ and piano; Jayden Brookins, Matthew Kroeker, saxophone; Joan Bledsoe, recorder; Shari-Lynn King, Marjorie Williams, piano.

While we have found creative ways to worship "together" during this time, I am very much looking forward to the time when the St. James congregation will be able to join together at church in person to worship, belt out the hymns and liturgy, and share the peace, the Eucharist and our smiles. Until then, may God bless you and keep you safe and healthy.

## VII. AFFILIATED PROGRAM REPORTS

### THE GUILD HALL PLAYERS

*From Phil Speary, Program Director*

Guild Hall Players serves as a unique outreach ministry to the Wichita area by St. James. Producing plays and musicals since 2006, GHP continues to present four or five productions each theatre season in the Guild Hall or the church's Nave. Until the temporary COVID-19 shutdown, the theatre group attracted over 1,000 audience members each year who otherwise might have no exposure to our parish. A "community theatre" hosted by the parish and artistically directed by Dr. Phil Speary, GHP is self-supporting through its modestly priced ticket sales that cover the expenses of productions. Directors, actors, technicians and house staff all volunteer their services. More than 50 artists and crafts-persons from the whole Wichita arts community each season contribute to the GHP productions. In 2020, the Guild Hall Players presented productions of the drama "The Humans" and the musical "Next to Normal." The Theatre received 13 Mary Jane Teall Theatre Awards for the 2019-2020 season.



## VIII. PARISH MINISTRIES AND CONTACTS

### ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE – Sr. Warden:

*Joan Moore - 683-1757*

Archives

Library – *Necia Rillema*

Building Use and Management – *Parish Office - 683-5686*

Delegates - Diocesan Convention & Convocation – Vestry

Liaison: *Cheryl Schmeidler*

Nominating Ministry – *Sr. Warden*

Office Volunteers – *Deb Gruver*

Parish Staff – *Sr. Warden, Rector*

Policies and Personnel – *Rector, Parish Office*

Recordkeeping – *Parish Office and Clerk of the Vestry*

Vestry – *Sr. Warden and Parish Office*

Guild Hall Players – *Phil Speary*

### 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Chairperson – *Susie Stallings*

Capital Campaign – *Joan Moore*

Vestry Liaison – *Joan Moore*

### BUILDING & GROUNDS – Jr. Warden: *Danny Blair*

- 652-5218, Vestry Liaison: *Delmar Klocke*

Facilities and grounds maintenance, repair and improvement

Budgeting, planning, prioritizing

Re-establishment of working groups

Landscaping

Churchyard summer mowing

Columbarium and Memorial Garden – *Parish Office*

Furnishings and Memorials Ministry – Vestry Liaison: *Paula Skinner*

Safety and Security – *Jr. Warden, Parish Office*

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION – *Chelsea Whipple - 683-5686,*

Vestry Liaison: *Anne Clark*

Adult Christian Education – *Chelsea Whipple*

Adult Forum – *Phil Speary, Chelsea Whipple*

Basic A / Confirmation – *Mother Dawn*

Children's Sunday School – *Chelsea Whipple*

Education for Ministry – *Paul Rillema, Deb Bagby*

Graduate EfM – *Jeff Roper*

Middle School Sunday School – *Jeff Roper*

Senior High Sunday School – *Jeff Roper*

Nursery – *Chelsea Whipple*

Vacation Bible School – *Chelsea Whipple*

Bible Study (Wednesday) – *Phil Speary - 685-2652*

Youth Group – *Anne Clark, Tristan Holmberg*

### CLERGY - *Mother Dawn - 683-5686*

Priests, deacons, employed and associated

Minster, Clericus and Diocesan responsibilities – *Mother Dawn*

Pastoral counseling and care ministries – *Mother Dawn*

Prison ministry – *Jeff Roper*

### COMMUNICATIONS – *Deb Gruver - 683-5686,* Vestry

Liaison: *Judy Goodpasture*

Internal and external communications

Website and social media

E-mail, newsletter, direct mail

Service bulletin and announcements

Banners

Town Hall meetings

### FINANCE MINISTRY – *Treasurer, Woody Swain - 687-0215*

Bookkeeper – *Susie Stallings - 683-5686*

Endowment Funds Board – *Hew Goodpasture - 210-3490*

Finance Ministry

Financial Reports – *Woody Swain*

Annual Budget – *Woody Swain*

Stewardship Ministries - *Joan Moore.* Volunteers needed.

Annual Giving

Year-Round Stewardship

### MEMBERSHIP & PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES – Vestry

Liaison: *TBD*

All Souls Guild – *Deb Hager*

Breakfast “Club” – *Judy Thompson - 634-1586*

Breakfast Sunday – *Randy Harrison - 214-8470*

Daughters of the King

Episcopal Church Women, Olde English Tea – *ECW*

Membership & Parish Life – *Chelsea Whipple*

OPUS – *Mary Druding - 684-1895*

Oyster Dinner – *Matt Carroll - 259-7587*

### OUTREACH MINISTRIES – Vestry Liaison: *Sarah Robinson*

Blood Drive – *Dottie Evans*

Christmas Giving Trees – *Mary Druding - 684-1895*

Breakthrough/ESS – 316-269-4160

St. Francis Ministries – 316-831-0330

General Outreach Ministry – *Judy Goodpasture*

### WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRIES – *Marlene Hallstrom, 683-*

5686, Vestry Liaison: *Jeanie Hans*

Choristers (Youth Choir) – *Marlene Hallstrom*

Handbell Choir – *Marlene Hallstrom*

Instrumentalists/Musicians – *Marlene Hallstrom*

St. James Choir (Adult Choir) – *Marlene Hallstrom*

Acolytes – *Mary Halley - 258-7385*

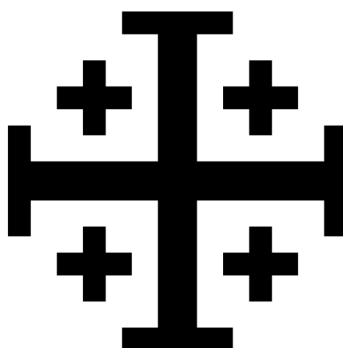
Altar Guild – *Crystal Barber - 650-2717*

Lectors and Chalice Ministers – *Mary Halley*

Ushers – Volunteer needed.

Vergers – *Mary Halley*

Wedding Ministry – *Parish Office*



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Mary Halley, David Johnson, Jay Price, Vergers  
Marlene Hallstrom, MM, Organist and Director of Music  
Chelsea Whipple, Program Director  
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