



**A weekly email publication for the community
of St. James Church in College Hill**

Message of the Moment

Count On Me

To me, one of the most wonderful things about stewardship season is the response from the community. When individuals and households declare that they will make a gift to St. James Church in the coming year (no matter what size it is), we hear them saying: “Count me in!” By that, you might mean that you are here for the spiritual journey. Or you could want to go on record as someone who believes in the vitality of this community and you want to be a life-giving part of it. You could even mean that you are here, you’re one of us, and that being generous to this church is the same thing as loving God, loving yourself, and loving your neighbor.

When you sign your pledge sheet or your check, you say to all of us: “You can count on me.” That sentiment can be expressed monetarily, and in other ways, too. One of the most meaningful ways you can express your care for fellow parishioners is by taking note of their presence. When you see them, greet them kindly. Yet, perhaps even more important than an expression of love upon meeting, is an expression of love in absence. If you notice that you have not seen someone at church for a while, find out their name if you need to, then drop them a line or give them a phone call to let them know you were thinking of them.

You would be surprised that when people get disgruntled with the church, many times it boils down to the fact that they were away for a while and they did not hear from anyone. Yes, it is important to people to know they have a place in the community and that they are missed when they aren’t there. Even silent people want to be loved. Even active, busy people who seem to know

everyone still want to know that it mattered to somebody when they weren't there.

Please help me. We will fail in loving our neighbors as we love ourselves if we assume other people are doing these things. I guarantee I will miss an opportunity, or accidentally overlook an absence, if I am the only one expected to recognize pastoral need. I wish I were that good, but even if I could do it alone, it wouldn't be good for our sense of community. We have to do things to let others know they can count on us. We need to show our love and share our needs. You can count on the love of this parish day in and day out. Do remember that if you seem to have it all together, or if you appear to be entirely self-sufficient, very few people will recognize that you are in need without being told.

Thanks to everyone who has signed on the dotted line for giving in 2022. Thanks for letting us know that we can count on you. If you would like to let others know that they are not alone, please let me know that you would like to join a pastoral care team. There are many people who need to know they can count on us as their community. Prayers can be said. Notes can be written. Phone calls can be made. Please email me or the church office at office@stjameswichita.org if you want us to know that we can count on you to deliver the love and pastoral care of this parish.

Yours in Christ,
Mother Dawn+

First Things First

Creation Care's next meeting will be at 5:45 p.m. Nov. 23, 2021, by Zoom. The link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82439815003?pwd=NnorOUpYZ3JGUUnpqU3lVM2g3aHluUT09>.

Zack Pistora, a Kansas environmental lobbyist and interim director of the Kansas Rural Center, will speak. He is a graduate of Kansas State University and lives near Tonganoxie, where he operates a vegetable farm. He will talk to us about the environmental concerns most pressing for Kansas and about how we can advocate for them with the Kansas Legislature. There will be time for questions.

Our Thanksgiving service will be at 11 a.m. led by Curate Dillon Green.

The Harrison families are pleased to bring back the St. James **Thanksgiving Feast** this year after a one-year hiatus. They will provide the turkey, dressing, some desserts, tea and water. They ask that anyone who plans to attend bring a favorite Thanksgiving dish to share. The gathering will start about noon on Nov. 25. If you plan to attend, [click here to email the office](#) or [click here to email Randy Harrison](#). RSVPs are necessary so the Harrisons

know how much turkey to cook.

Breakfast Sunday, St. Nicholas Bazaar, and visit from Santa...It's all happening **Sunday, Dec. 12** in the Guild Hall between services. See more info under "Parish News."

Readings This Week



Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Lessons appointed for the Reign of Christ:

[2 Samuel 23:1-7](#)

[Psalm 132: 1-19](#)

[Revelation 1:4b-8](#)

[John 18:33-37](#)

Calendar

**Click here to view our
current calendar of events**

Calendar

Parish News and Updates

Thank you to all who have returned your completed pledge cards to the church. If you still want to submit your pledge, it's not too late. No gift is too small. Extra pledge forms are available at the front desk.

Global Faith in Action is presenting baritone Anthony Brown at 3 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Iasis Christian Center, 1914 E. 11th St. N. He will present an original tribute to Paul Robeson, a leader in the racial justice movement.

Breakfast Sunday, St. Nicholas Bazaar, and visit from Santa...! It's all happening **Sunday, Dec. 12** in the Guild Hall between services. Mark your calendars to come enjoy a hot breakfast buffet, shop the bazaar for baked goods, arts and crafts, then pose for Santa selfies! Proceeds from the bazaar will go to ECW. We need donations of your holiday treats to sell. Please bring them (packaged and priced) to the parking lot kitchen door between noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Anyone who has a craft or unique gifts to sell is invited to rent a table for the customary 20% donation. Setup will be Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11 in the Guild Hall. Please email [**bowman.peg@gmail.com**](mailto:bowman.peg@gmail.com) and let us know how many tables you need.

OPUS (Old People Up to Something) is returning, but new coordinators are needed to help reimagine and reorganize the get-togethers. Diana Williams has volunteered to be a co-chair. Please call Diana at 509-942-4348 or email her at [**rkwddw@cox.net**](mailto:rkwddw@cox.net).

Children and Youth

We are in need of nursery volunteers. Please consider joining this fruitful ministry. [**Please click here to email Chelsea.**](#)

Youth Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 21.

Outreach

THE GIVING TREE IS COMING!

Once again, St. James is adopting families assisted by
Kansas Children's Service League
St. Francis Ministries
Breakthrough/Episcopal Social Services

Making Christmas special for twenty families will be challenging this year, but the need is even greater!

PART I: FOOD BASKETS

BEGINS NOVEMBER 14

Select the food item(s) you'd like to buy;
drop them off at the church THIS MONTH.

A card for each type of food, and the quantity needed will be on a table in the entryway.

(Quantities are smaller for the more expensive items)

Can't make it to church on Sunday? Stop by any day between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. or e-mail mdruding@cox.net for items needed.

Unable to shop but want to participate?

A check made out to St. James Church with "Giving Tree" on the memo line will help us fill the baskets!

We want to fill each basket with new canned goods, pasta, paper essentials, dish detergent, napkins, and candy (individually wrapped), which the youth groups will put into bags before their traditional Christmas party.

PART 2: GIFTS

A name tag for every family member should be on the tree after Thanksgiving: November 27-28

Our **Outreach Committee** will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. **Chelsea Whipple** will speak to us about **Global Faith in Action**, an inter-faith group.

We are saving **pocket change** donations for the **Wichita Children's Home**. This agency performs vital services for children in our community and operates in cost-efficient ways:

- 1,875 children and youth received shelter and care in the past year.
- 543 abused and neglected youth were served through their Teen Emergency and Long Term Residential Care program.
- 685 unhoused and runaway youth were served at CrossRoads.
- 91% of annual expenses are for programs; 5% for management; 4% for fundraising.

November is Adoption Month. There are roughly 1,000 children in Kansas hoping for adoption. If you or someone you know is

considering adoption, please suggest that they look at www.susanskids.org, Wichita newscaster Susan Peters' website that features a portfolio of adoptable children and has a "Get Started" button. What could make Thanksgiving more meaningful than adopting a child?

Wichita Minster News

YAW (Young Adults Wichita) is a ministry of the Wichita Minster led by Deacon Dillon Green. It includes members from St. James, St. John's, Good Shepherd and St. Stephen's. We meet weekly, currently at 6 p.m. Mondays (time/dates subject to change). If you know anyone interested in participating, please connect them with Dillon at 256-762-5110 or [by email](#).

The churches of the Wichita Minster are having an Advent/Christmas Festival of Music from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at St. John's Episcopal Church (402 N. Topeka) with a light reception to follow in the undercroft.

The minster has a new page on our website. [Click here for more minster news.](#)

Prayer

Parish Prayers for the Week of Nov. 21

In the [Anglican Cycle of Prayer](#): Pray for the Anglican Church in the Falkland Islands.

In the [World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer](#): Pray for the people of Cameroon, Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea.

In the [Kansas Cycle of Prayer](#): Pray for campus ministries across the diocese.

Pray for those serving in the military: Will Corkins, J. David Anderson-Lusk and Maureen Tanner.

Pray for those who have died: Lillian Roosevelt, Lee Osmond, Dallas Elliott, Robert Hall, Shannon Faure, Roberta Adams, Marilyn Milligan Groves, Richard "Dick" Williams, Margaret McClure and Rodney Hansen.

Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Hugh, Pam, Buck, Danny, Brad G., David, Darwin, Jim T., Sage, Gary, Ian, Mary (niece of Kate Miller), Helen, Laura, Jean, Marge, Dal, Gary, Pam, Jayne, Betty, Gus, Bob, Joe, Jerry, Larry, Mary, Jean, George, Carly, Tom, Cindy, Cathy, Kam, all people with COVID-19, and all health care workers.

In Thanksgiving for: Palmer Randall Wells, the first child of Shannon Johnston and Troy Wells. He was born on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Our Parish Prayer List: All members of our parish community are asked

to pray for each person on our prayer list. To share your prayers of thanksgiving (births, weddings, new jobs, anniversaries, etc.), to notify us that someone you love is serving in the military, to share that you or someone you love is suffering, or to tell us of a death, please call 316-683-5686 or email office@stjameswichita.org.

**If your prayers have been answered,
we would love to rejoice with you.
Please let us know so your name may be removed
from our list of people most urgently in need. Thank you.**

Let Us Pray

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.
Book of Common Prayer

Collect for Thanksgiving Day

Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Book of Common Prayer

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks that demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments that satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we

thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he conquered death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

Traditional Table Graces and Thanksgiving Prayers

Bless, O Lord, this food to our use,
and us to thy service,
and make us ever mindful
of the needs of others. Amen.

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts
which we are about to receive from thy bounty,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
Let these thy gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

Be present at our table, Lord;
be here and everywhere adored.
Bless these thy gifts and grant that we
may feast in fellowship with thee. Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer from “We Thank Thee” by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For this new morning with its light,
Father, we thank thee.
For rest and shelter of the night,
Father, we thank thee
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank thee. Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer for Harvest Time

Loving God, all that we have
comes from your goodness
and the work of those who love us.
Bless us and the food we share.
Watch over those who care for us.
Open our eyes to the needs of the poor
during this time of harvest and thanksgiving.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
*From Blessings and Prayers through the Year, Elizabeth
McMahon Jeep*

A Word of Thanks

For health and strength and daily food;
for all the joys that make life worth living;
for the opportunity to help those
who need us so very much,

we give you thanks, O God. In Jesus' name. Amen.
From Pilgrim Prayers for Mealtime, Alexander Campbell

Thanksgiving Prayer "That We May be Renewed"

Loving God,
bless our food and drink
our friendship and our laughter
that we may be renewed
in body, mind, and spirit
to work together
for the coming of your kingdom
of justice, love, and peace. Amen.

By Maureen Edwards, Blessed be our Table

The Hand that Made the Hands

For the hands that tilled,
for the hands that harvested,
for the hands that processed,
for the hands that transported,
for the hands that stocked,
for the hands that sold,
for the hands that bought,
for the hands that prepared,
for the hands that will hold,
for the hand that made the hands,
our hearts are forever grateful. Amen.
By Ewan Aitken, Blessed be our Table

A Scottish Grace

Praise to God who giveth meat.
Convenient unto all who eat.
Praise for tea and buttered toast,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
From Saying Grace, Sarah McElwain

Helpful Links

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**Whoever you are and
wherever you find yourself
on your journey of faith,
you are welcome here.**



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