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The Monthly Newsletter of St. James Presbyterian Church Jenks, OK

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FROM THE PASTOR

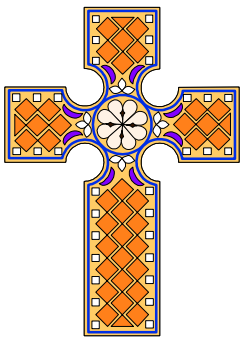
Intermezzo Musings

I am delighted to be here as your interim head of staff. There is talk in the interim pastor community about what to call this time between installed pastorates. The notion of an interim pastorate used to be that the interim came to help a congregation get from one permanent/ stable pastoral relationship to another.

The current term has become “transitional ministry” to describe this time between. For life is always in transition; it may seem like a sixteen year pastorate is pretty stable, even permanent, but in that time was transition, from one year to the next. St. James Church is different from what it was 16 years ago. And in this day and age when change has become the constant, the word transitional seems to fit better what we are attempting to do with this time I am with you.

I encourage you to be an active voice in this transitional time. Participate in the Faithful Listening Process, use the packet to listen to scripture and to God and bring your reflections to the January 22nd event. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. for dessert and discussion “world café” style to see what the Spirit is beginning to say to the church.

This winter, we will develop our own timeline of life at St. James Church. What has shaped the ministry over time, what significant events do people celebrate and remember? This part of the Interim Process is called “Coming to terms with your history” and is essential to moving forward. So I urge you to participate. Dancer Hall will have a butcher paper timeline under which to write your contribution. We will have it up for a month or more so people have a chance to add their contributions for all to see.



I am working hard to get to know folks and jump into the mission and ministry of this congregation. All of the staff members have been more than helpful and I am blessed to have a pastor colleague in Cheryl, who carries with her some of the recent history of the congregation, and is very gracious as we share leadership among you.

A New Year filled with God’s grace, mercy and blessings be yours!

Pastor Ann

Dear Congregation of St. James,

When Teri Launias had to leave because of budget cuts, it was right after my arthritis had forced my final retirement from Tulsa Public Schools. I felt as if God had made me available to help my church. I dearly loved the job of Volunteer Coordinator of Children`s Ministries and sought to serve you well. I have also deeply appreciated the support of my pastors and the support of my congregation. Thank you!

And then I fell during the summer, had Deep Vein Thrombosis, and had to exchange blood thinners for all arthritis medication. I was in bed for six weeks and have just not been up to the job since that time.

Jo Beth Campbell came on to help me in late summer. She is a woman of deep faith, and she is committed to the Christian growth of St. James` children. I know you will welcome her into the position and support her as well as you did me.

Go in faith,

Faye Evans

Start 2012 off with 5th Sunday Activities

Sunday, January 29th is the 5th Sunday and that means two things: Pancakes in the morning and Dinner at the Day Center that evening.

The Evangelism Committee invites you bring a friend to church for pancakes and worship. Pancakes will be served between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Donations will be accepted for future evangelism projects and supplies



Then in the evening the mission committee invites you to help us serve dinner at the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless. Be watching for the clipboard to sign up to bring ingredients for a delicious hearty taco soup dinner, as well as opportunities to help cook and serve. We leave for the Day Center at 5:15 p.m. so we can have dinner on the table by 6:00 p.m.

Faithful Readers Book Club

Why not start the New Year with a new book and some great discussion? The next Faithful Readers meeting is Sunday, January 8th at 5:00 p.m. We will be discussing *Ape House* by Sara Gruen. As always anyone is welcome to join us for great food, fellowship and yes we even discuss the book.



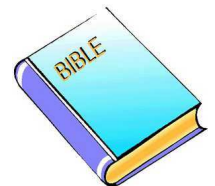
Reading ahead? Our February book is *The Apostle Murders* by Jim Laughter. The murder mystery of a traveling evangelist on a mission, to recreate the martyrdom of the

original apostles of Jesus Christ. Can the FBI stop this serial killer before he kills again? You`ve got to read it to find out!

Join The Ladies Tuesday Morning!

The Women`s Bible study group meets every Tuesday morning at 10: a.m. for an hour, in the church library. This faithful group has been walking through the pages of scripture for several years, and are just about to finish the gospel of Mark.

The study begins again for 2012 on January 3rd, so please join us if you`re available at that time. No prior knowledge is needed, new folks are welcome to come jump in anytime, and childcare is provided.



Lectionary scripture readings for January 2012

1st Sunday after Christmas-January 1, 2012

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Gal. 4:4-7

Psalm 148
Luke 2:22-40

Epiphany of the Lord-January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6
Eph. 3:1-12

Psalm. 72:1-7, 10-14
Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord-January 8

Gen. 1:1-5
Acts 19:1-7

Psalm. 29
Mark 1:4-11

2nd Sunday after Epiphany-January 15

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20)
1 Cor. 6:12-20

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
John 1:43-51

3rd Sunday after Epiphany-January 22

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Cor. 7:29-31

Psalm 62:5-12
Mark 1:14-20

4th Sunday after Epiphany-January 29

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut. 18:15-20
1 Cor. 8:1-13

Psalm 111
Mark 1:21-28

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Marlo Turner
4 Lorri Lujan
5 Toni Parchuri
7 Scott Davenport, Jeffrey Johnson,
Taylor Kok, Colin Davenport,
Tristan Lybarger
8 Kevin Carey
9 Jack Ticer
11 Shannon Cozzoni, Daniel Wilson
14 Charles Longacre, Anna Lackey
15 Ray Vickrey
17 Charles Trompler, Ted Tyler
18 Jeff Gibson, Sarah Matthews
19 Gary Ferrell, Marcia Trew
21 Jan Mays, Gordon Sprouse
22 Jack Wiser, Jovanna Carey
23 Trey Walling III
25 Carson Scrymgeour
26 Dylan Carey
27 Jennifer Walling, Lynsey Thomas,
Reese Mankin
28 Patrick Shaddox
30 Laura Brewster
31 Mariann Bennett, Ginny Talley

