



*"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning, Fellowship, and Service."*

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## Week of April 12, 2026

*The Second Sunday of Easter*

### Introduction to Worship

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

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## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, April 12

9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
9:00 am Choir  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship

### Monday, April 13

10:30am Quilting

### Tuesday, April 14

Noon Lively Leisures  
6:00 pm Congregation Council

### Thursday, April 16

6:30 pm Choir Practice

### Saturday, April 18

8:30am Leah's Hope Trailer

### Sunday, April 19

9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
9:00 am Choir  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship

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## Sunday Ministries

### LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

April 12 Barbara Albright  
April 19 [Volunteer](#)

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

April 12 Kim Haberman  
April 19 Samantha Hillegass

### ACOLYTE

April 12 [Volunteer](#)  
April 19 [Volunteer](#)

### GREETER

April 12. Samantha Hillegass  
April 19 Barbara Albright

### VIDEOGRAPHER

April 12 [Volunteer](#)  
April 19 [Volunteer](#)

### APRIL USHERS

Robert Davis, Samantha Hillegass,  
Dale Merrell

### APRIL BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Robert Davis

### ALTAR FLOWERS

April 12  
April 19 [Volunteer](#)

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

# Happy Birthday!

April 13 - David Hardister, Amanda Irvin, Ciprian Popovici  
 April 14 - Joan Mahoney, Catherine Mary Nivens, Michelle Urso  
 April 15 - Hayden Weisel  
 April 16 - Winstyn Downs  
 April 17 - Laura Patterson, Kirsten Ziegler  
 April 18 - Missy Hartman

## Announcements

### Tom Ridenhour Funeral

The funeral service for Tom Ridenhour will take place on April 18 at 1:00pm, with visitation beginning at 12:00pm. The full obituary is available at [wilkinsonfuneralhome.com](http://wilkinsonfuneralhome.com).



### Notice of Council Member Change

Travis Nesbit has resigned from Church Council. According to the Church Constitution, the Church Council shall elect a replacement to fill the empty spot. The Church Council elected Eric Olsen to serve as the replacement. Eric will serve the remainder of Travis' term, which ends in December 2026.

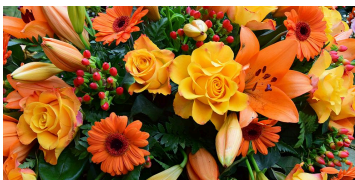


### Save the date - Vacation Bible School 2026

Children and Volunteers!

Please save the dates for this year's Vacation Bible School July 26 - 28, 2026.

All volunteers will be required to have a current Safe Gatherings background check. Please contact [holly@sjnc.net](mailto:holly@sjnc.net) to receive instructions on how to complete this process.



### Altar Flower Sign-Ups

Consider signing up to provide altar flowers for an upcoming Sunday. It's a simple and meaningful way to honor a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or mark an important date.

After worship, any remaining flowers are shared with members of our congregation who are homebound.

[Click here to see available dates and to sign up.](#) Please be sure to fill in the details of how you want the bulletin to read.



## Lively Leisures - April 14

Join us on **Tuesday, April 14 at noon** for lunch and a program presented by St. James member Chris Miller.



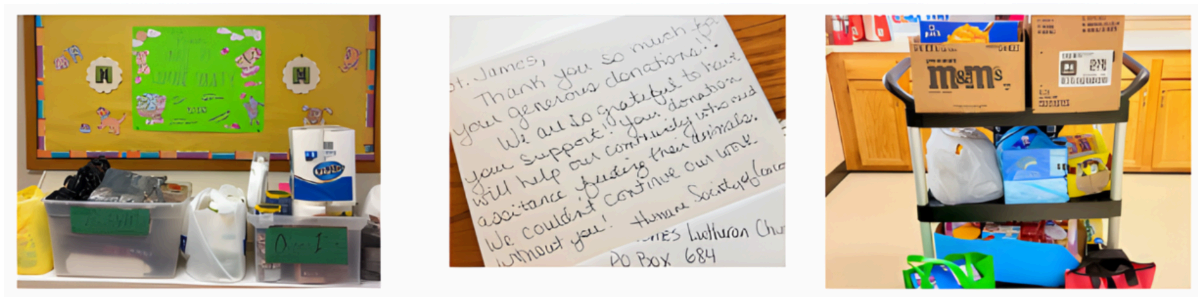
### This week's lesson...

Resurrection: The Future Hope - 1 Cor. 15:13-20, 51-58

Death is indeed a mystery. It is not a friend; it is an enemy. The Good News is that Christ's Cross and empty tomb defeat death for all time. Death's defeat is what Easter Sunday celebrates! Loss still hurts; of that, there is no question. But the power of death is vanquished by the Resurrection. Because Jesus is risen, death is not the period at the end of life's "sentence"; it is only a comma! As Christians, we believe the "comma" of death is just a pause leading to something far greater than anything this world can ever provide! God be Praised!

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## In case you missed it...



### March Drive Success!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Humane Society and Sunshine Backpack item drives.

The Humane Society received a large number of needed items, which were greatly appreciated (see their thank-you note).

Our Sunshine Backpacks collection was one of the largest we've had. These items will go to St. John's for preparation and then be distributed to students in our community to ensure they have meals over the weekend.

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## Memorials & Honorariums for March

MARCH 2026

### Memorials & Honorariums

*The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.*

*In Memory of:*

<b>Bill Fisher</b> <u>Given by:</u> Judy Wilhelm	<b>George Patterson</b> <u>Given by:</u> Fuller & Jean Beasley Al Brown Lex & Laura Patterson Toby & Betty Jean Prewitt Mary Shropshire The Jim Marlow Family	<b>Don Matkins</b> <u>Given by:</u> Al Brown
<b>Bill &amp; Gloria Fisher</b> <u>Given by:</u> Nancy Faggart	<b>Jill Strahl</b> <u>Given by:</u> Fuller & Jean Beasley Lex & Laura Patterson	<b>Eric Wright</b> <u>Given by:</u> Terry & Sandy Brummeyer

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## Reminders



### Amazing Grace Blessing Box

Amazing Grace's Life Skills Lab program continues to keep the Blessing Box stocked every Tuesday and Thursday in partnership with the 1CAN Organization. You can join in this ongoing effort by donating non-perishable food or hygiene items. The red Blessing Box collection bin will remain on the Portico Counter and serve as a year-round ministry opportunity.

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## In Our Prayers

**Cecil Berry** (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

**Family of Michael Black**

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

**Patsy Black**

**Caroline Bost**

**Patrick Bryn**

(Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)

**Angie Buchanan**

**Mike & Debbie Cagle**

**Maureen Hollmeyer**

**Hunter Huss**

**Dale Johnson** (Friend of Dale Merrell)

**Mary Frances Johnson**

(Cousin of Francie Davis)

**Karen Johnston**

(Friend of Judy Benz)

**Mary Anne Lanahan**

(Aunt of Francie Davis)

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

**Noah Clifton**

**Karey Conrad**

(Friend of Dee Pieschel)

**Jennifer Cook**

(Friend of Fonda Shumate)

**Catherine Durst**

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

**Nadine Filipak**

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

**Phyllis Freeman**

(Mother of Fonda Shumate)

**Ed Frost** (Friends of the Marlow's)

**Jeff Gilbert**

**Tom Grady**

**Ryan Hardister**

(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)

**Ruth Lawler** (Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

**John Ledford** (Brother of Deb Black)

**Buddy McEachern**

**Family of Don Matkins**

(Brother-in-law of Margaret Garrison)

**Barbara Merrell**

**Deb & Roger Myers**

(Friends of Deb Black)

**Dave Olsen** (Friend of Patsy Black)

**Mason Overby**

**Stan Parnell**

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

**Becky Phillips**

**Al Pieschel**

**Lori Pittard**

**Tom Ridenhour**

**Lori Ruff** (Mother of Christine Ruff)

**Ruby Tyer** (Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)



## Meal Train Opportunity

The Meal Train for St. James member Jay Clemmer is ongoing. Volunteers are invited to [sign up for dates](#) that work best for them.

## Secure Online Giving

Supporting your church is just a few clicks away! With [online giving](#), you can make a one-time gift, set up automatic recurring donations on the date you choose, and view your complete giving history.

Automated recurring gifts are a convenient way to provide our church with much-needed consistent support throughout the year. Thank you for your faithful generosity.



## Ways to Give

# Volunteer!

## Assisting in Worship

[Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities](#) are now open! We're looking for Ushers, Greeters, Communion Assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, and Videographers to help on Sundays.

Altar Flower dates are also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Not sure where to start? Email us at [info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net) for more information, training, or to connect with a volunteer team leader.




## St. James Staff

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