



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



Ring Out - Week of Sept. 15, 2024

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of

messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

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Sunday Worship will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 on Sunday morning. An email with the link will be sent on Sunday morning. You can also watch a recorded version later by visiting our [YouTube Page](#).

You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.

[Watch the Live Stream](#)

On the Calendar...

THIS WEEK

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 15

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

Monday, September 16

10:30 am Quilting
6:30 pm Scouts
6:30 pm Bible Study
7:30 pm Esther Circle (brief

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Sept 15 Kristin Rinker
Sept. 22 Kim Haberman

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Sept. 15 Dianne Lambert
Sept 22 Samantha Hillegass

ACOLYTES

Sept. 15

meeting after Bible Study)
My Father's House Ministry

Tuesday, September 17
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Wednesday, September 18
5:30 pm Handbell Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday, September 20
6:00 pm [Kid's Night Out](#)

Saturday, September 21
8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer

Sunday, September 22
9:00 am Adult SS
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am [God's Work. Our Hands.](#)

Sept. 22 Noah Pittard

GREETERS

Sept. 15 Maureen Hollmeyer
Sept. 22 Barbara Albright

VIDEOGRAPHER

Sept. 15 Annette Propst
Sept. 22 Ann Blackwelder

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Chip Blackwelder, Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig, Barbara Albright

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Mike Rinker

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept. 15 Dale Merrell
Sept. 22 Annette & Kenny Propst

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

16 September - Collins Whisnant

17 September - Evelina Matthews

19 September - Trevor Matthews

20 September - Peter Muniz, Camron Trott, Carson Trott

Volunteer!

Please consider volunteering for one for the remaining 2024 dates.



Lector



Communion Assistant



Videographer

Altar Flowers



Please consider placing flowers at the altar this year!
Cost is \$100 to cover the two arrangements.
Click below for open dates.

Sign Up for Altar Flowers

Announcements

Support the Scouts this Sunday

This coming **Sunday, Sept. 15**, our Scouts will be in the portico selling popcorn and discount cards. The popcorn is \$20 per bag, discount cards are \$10 each. Please consider supporting our Scouts. We will sell in the portico prior to worship from **8:30am - 10am**.



Kid's Night Out - Friday!

All kids ages 4+ are invited to join us for a special Kid's Night Out this Friday, **Sept. 20 at 6:00pm**. Enjoy pizza, popcorn, movie, and craft. **Please register ASAP to assist with planning!**

God's Work. Our Hands. - Volunteers Needed!

It's that time of the year! The 11th installment of God's Work Our Hands for St. James will be held on **Sunday, September 22**, right after service. This is a chance for us to give back to the community, with volunteer opportunities for Families First, Amazing Grace Ministries, Quilting, Opportunity House, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and CVAN.



Please plan to donate a couple of hours of your time by [signing up for a volunteer slot.](#)

Contact Chip Popovici for more information.

NC WELCA Cabarrus/Stanly Fall Conference Gathering Program Update!

Join us on **Saturday, Oct. 5** for the 2024 NC WELCA Cabarrus/Stanly Fall Conference Gathering! Program is 8:30am - 12:30pm and ends with lunch. Cost is \$10 (to be collected at the door); registration deadline is Sept. 30.

[See the conference webpage for more information and to register!](#)

Women of Wonder
WOW
NC Women of the ELCA

Bible Study - "WOW - Women of Wonder"

Wonder is a Spiritual Emotion that invites us to be surprised by God's mystery, to let God be big, to enjoy moments when God fills us and this world with beauty, even when the world around us looks anything but beautiful.

Wonder leaves us feeling more connected rather than alone in



Guest Speaker - Lane Stallings

Lane grew up in Concord. She graduated from Concord High School, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she studied Foreign Language and Biblical Studies. After college Lane served our Country in South Vietnam, with the American Red Cross.

this world. As Women of the Word and Women of Wonder, we'll explore the stories of three New Testament Women of the Bible – Phoebe, Anna and Joanna – and discuss how their stories relate to our world today.

Lane taught Bible and German in Cabarrus County schools for 38 years, before retiring in 2013. She currently serves as an advisor for the Concord Bible Teaching Association Board, who raises money to pay the salary of the Bible teacher at Concord High. [Cont.'d...](#)



Crop Hunger Walk - Registration Available

St. James is a registered team for this year's Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday, October 13th**. Consider supporting by joining the St. James team or by making a donation.

[Click here to register or donate!](#)

Adult Sunday School

This week's lesson:

Hezekiah's Prayer- 2 Kings 19:14-20, 29-31

Have you ever heard of a "spare tire" prayer life? A person with such a prayer life uses prayer just as people use spare tires—only in emergencies. The how, when, and why of a Christian's prayers constitute a major indicator of his or her spiritual maturity. A spiritually healthy individual has a regular (daily) practice of prayer that draws heavily on Scripture. Such a prayer life begins by listening to God through his written Word. We will explore all these areas on Sunday!



Join The Bells of St. James!

The Bells of St. James invite you to join in on the fun! Have an interest in playing chimes or handbells? Consider joining - no experience is needed!

Handbells/Chimes practice begins **Wednesday, September 18 from 5:30pm - 6:30pm** in the History Room. You don't have to have any



experience to make beautiful music! For more information contact [Brad Davis](#).



Cottage Meetings

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Get to know your fellow members in a small group setting with Pastor Bill!

Upcoming Cottage Meetings:
Tuesday, Sept. 24 @ 3pm
Thursday, Sept. 26 @ 7pm
Thursday, Oct. 3 @ 7pm
Tuesday, Oct. 29 @ 7pm



Scan for more details & to RSVP!



Interested in hosting a small meeting?
Contact
LeeAnn Miller

SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP
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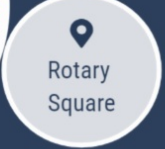
Bethlehem at the Farm

Please save the date & consider volunteering for Bethlehem at the Farm 2024!
This year's event will be **Sunday, September 8, from 4pm - 7pm.**

We are in need of a large number of volunteers to act as townspeople for the village. Volunteers to arrive by 3:30pm; costumes to be provided. [Please click here to sign up!](#)

We are also in need of 6 pop-up/easy-up tents for the event. If you would be able to provide a tent, please email info@sjnc.net. Tents may be dropped at the church ahead of time

Reminders!



Blessing Box

September

Requested Items:

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|--------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| Canned Goods | Toothbrush | Deodorant | Shampoo |
| Crackers | Jelly | Soap | Bottled Water |
| Cereal | Granola Bars | Rice | Baby Food |
| Ramen | Pasta | Raisins | Fruit Snacks |
| | Peanut Butter | | Pudding Cups |

Items may be placed in the Blessing Box across the street at Rotary Square or in the collection bin in the Portico.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT. 20 **Kid's Night**
Movie & Pizza

SEPT. 22 **God's Work. Our Hands.**
Volunteer Day

OCT. 5 **WELCA Cabarrus/Stanol**
Conference
Speaker & Lunch

OCT. 13 **CROP Walk**
Kimball Memorial Lutheran

OCT. 27 **Trunk or Treat**
Candy & Activities

NOV. 24 **Thanksgiving Worship**
Pie Party to Follow

DEC. 1 **Advent Tree Lighting**
Lighting of the Christmas Tree

DEC. 8 **Bethlehem at the Farm**
Details TBA

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Acolyte Recruitment

Please give prayerful consideration to becoming a servant-leader as a St. James Acolyte. Training will be provided and you will be a most welcome addition. And remember: it's not just for children – all may serve! Contact **Pastor Bill** for information.

Prayers & Considerations

IN OUR PRAYERS



Jo Eng
Tom Grady
Tom Ridenhour
Noah Clifton
Angie Buchanan
Linda Jones
(Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell)
Sheril Rominger
(Friend of the Marlow's)
Bruce Coffey
(Friend of Mark Murphy)
Tim Gibson
(Friend of Deb Black)
Annaleah, Michael, and Preston Morrow
(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)



Member Meal Train Opportunity

[Click here to support a meal train for Jay Clemmer.](#)



Online Giving

You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one time contribution and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. In a few short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year.



Ways to Give

Keep in touch!



Follow St. James on [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#)!

Be sure to tag [@stjamesnc](#) when posting so we may share!

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