

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF JANUARY 10



Worship Bulletin Jan. 10

Baptism of Our Lord

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.



Online Worship for Sunday, January 10 will be available on Facebook and YouTube at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. An email with links will be sent when the online worship service is posted. You can open or print the

Adult Sunday School



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ZOOM

Frank Irvin will be offering a Zoom Sunday School class on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. Please have a Bible or Bible App ready because we're going to look outside the texts listed in the lesson. Click on the link below to join in the discussion.

[Jacob and His Brothers Study Guide](#)

[Join the Class](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 10

9:30 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am Zoom Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth In-Person

Tuesday, January 12

6:30 pm Congregation Council

Thursday, January 14

6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2nd
7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3rd-5th

Sunday, January 17

9:30 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am Zoom Sunday School

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 10-Jan. Christine Lovelace
- 12-Jan. David Trott
- 14-Jan. Kim Johnson
- 14-Jan. Lex Patterson, Jr.
- 15-Jan. Craig Craver
- 16-Jan. Judy Benz



16-Jan. Fred Lambert

16-Jan. Jennifer Winterhalter

16-Jan. Meredith Wyatt

CHURCH NEWS



MEAL TRAIN

What is a meal train?

There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train.

As a reminder, a meal is being taken to Martha and Jimmy Summers every Monday. Please consider helping in this way! Below is the link for the Meal Train, a place to electronically reserve the date you'd like to take a meal.

[Link to Meal Train](#)

Thank you to the Charles A. Cannon Charitable trust for the \$2,000.00 grant that will go toward the Video Ministry project St. James has started over the last year.

*Thank
you* 



OFFERING ENVELOPES

St. James' Offering Envelopes for 2021 are now available for pickup at the church. You can drive under the portico and either ring the bell or call the church office 704-786-0166 and we will bring your envelopes to you. If you would prefer to have your envelopes mailed to you, contact Jill Irvin. jill@sjnc.net

SOCIAL MINISTRY

BLESSING BOX

January

What is the Blessing Box? It's a box that is

located in Rotary Square that is stocked with food and other necessary items (List Below) available to those in the community. This was an Eagle Scout project for Gabriel Perry of Troop 221.



St James has agreed to stock the Blessing Box during the months of **January** and **September**. You can place items in the box yourself or you can drop them off at the church. Mark Murphy will be the contact person for any questions.

- Canned goods / Crackers / Cereal
- Bags of rice / Ramen / Pasta
- Peanut butter / Jelly
- Granola bars / Raisins
- Fruit snacks / Pudding cups / Fruit cups
- Baby food / Bottled water
- Other non-perishables
- Shampoo / Soap / Deodorant
- Toothbrush and toothpaste



SALVATION ARMY NIGHT SHELTER

January 31 - February 6

St. James will be providing meals for the Salvation Army Shelter of Hope Sunday, January 31 - Saturday, February 6. You will deliver the meal to the Salvation Army Night Shelter at 216 Patterson Ave SE, Concord. You do not have to serve the meal, only drop off. Provide dinner for 18-20 adults (Please include a protein, vegetable, and a starch and dessert) Bring a gallon of milk for breakfast. If you have any questions, contact Mark Murphy. You can sign up below.

Only 2 nights left to fill.....Sign-Up Now

Sign Up

CCM FOOD PANTRY

We are sending out a LOT of food! In November at the Crisis Center drive-through Food Pantry, we

served a record 919 households, representing about 3,422 individuals, in 19 days we were open! That is an average of 48 households a day, and one of those days we had a tropical storm and Country Club Drive was closed below us. The need definitely is increasing in our community, so we sure appreciate all of our supporting partners.



Donations can be dropped by the church during office hours. Pull up under the Portico and call the office. 704-786-0166

Our current big needs are:

- Cereal
- Canned Carrots, Peas, Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables
- Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Baked Beans (Pork & Beans)
- Other canned beans except for pinto, black, kidney, chili
- Any dried beans
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter

As always, we especially seek low sodium items, no-added-sugar items, and whole grain items.



CUDDLE UP COAT DRIVE

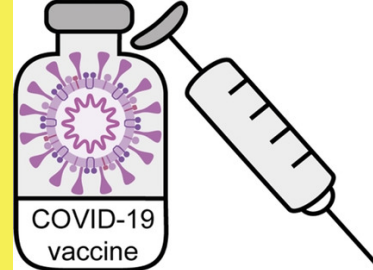
The Cabarrus Partnership for Children kicked off its 14th annual Cuddle Up Coat Drive on October 1st. This winter, more than ever, we need your help to ensure all of our community's children are warm.

In an effort to keep our families, children, and staff safe, we will not be accepting coats, socks, underwear, mittens or hats this year. Instead we are asking for checks (written to St. James Lutheran Church, note Coat Drive in the memo line), so that the Partnership staff can purchase the coats and winter items that local children need.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM
CABARRUS HEALTH
ALLIANCE re: COVID-19**

VACCINATIONS



The Cabarrus Health Alliance will host multiple drive-through clinics for the COVID-19 vaccine, with the next being Sunday, January 10, 2021. The clinics will be at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center, located at 4751 NC-49, Concord, NC 28025. No appointment is necessary.

As the local public health authority, Cabarrus Health Alliance, is required to follow the state's phased approach to administering the vaccine.

Dates Date/Time Population

Jan. 10, 2021 10:00am – 4:00pm Phase 1a Phase 1b-Group 1

Jan. 12, 2021 10:00am – 4:00pm Phase 1a Phase 1b-Group 1

Jan. 14, 2021 10:00am – 4:00pm Phase 1a Phase 1b-Group 1

*Clinic dates will be released as they are scheduled.

See the chart below on who is included in each phase.

Individuals who would like to receive the vaccine are asked to do the following:

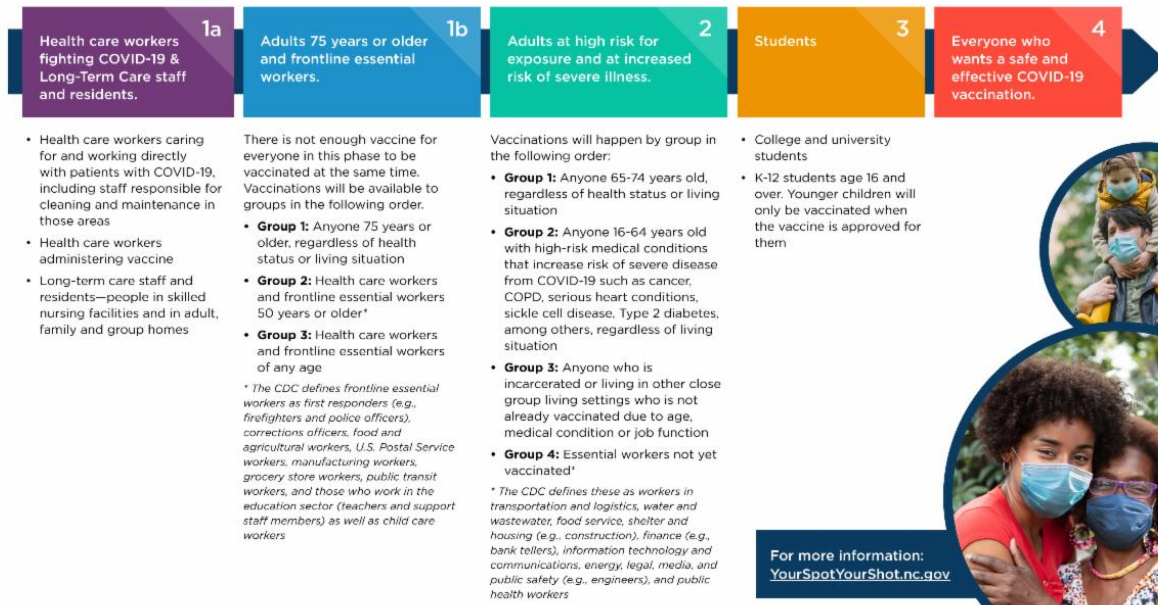
1. Print and bring the completed registration form that can be accessed here: www.cabarrushealth.org/COVIDreg
2. Bring a copy of their insurance card (front and back).
3. Bring proof of ID that qualifies them as being in Phase 1a or Phase 1b – Group 1 (75 years or older)

Please visit www.cabarrushealth.org/COVIDvax for vaccine information. Individuals can direct questions to CHA's health Information telephone line at (704) 920-1213.

Covid-19 Vaccinations: Your best shot at stopping COVID-19.

YOU HAVE A
SPOT. TAKE YOUR
SHOT.

You have a spot, take your shot. A tested, safe and effective vaccine will be available to all who want it, but supplies will be limited at first. To save lives and slow the spread of COVID-19, independent state and federal public health advisory committees recommend first protecting health care workers caring for patients with COVID-19, people who are at the highest risk of being hospitalized or dying, and those at high risk of exposure to COVID-19. Keep practicing the 3 W's—wear a mask, wait six feet apart, wash your hands—until everyone has a chance to get vaccinated.



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VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITY

At this time, CHA is actively recruiting volunteers to assist with future COVID-19 mass vaccination clinics. Volunteer opportunities may range from assisting with administering the vaccine, to traffic control and forms screening.

Once the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) allows local health departments to expand to additional phases of community vaccination, CHA will contact and coordinate volunteer opportunities with those who complete the online volunteer survey.

Individuals who are interested in volunteering, can complete the **volunteer survey**.

For those who are interested in volunteering, CHA commits to:

- Providing appropriate and timely training to those able to serve
- Matching volunteers with appropriate assignments based on skills and comfort level
- Ensuring a safe environment where volunteers feel valued for their contributions

Individuals should know that completing the survey does not commit them to do anything at this time. Health officials will contact volunteers when opportunities to serve arise and to ensure that they are an

appropriate fit.

Those interested can submit questions
To healthinfo@cabarrushealth.org or call (704) 920-1213.

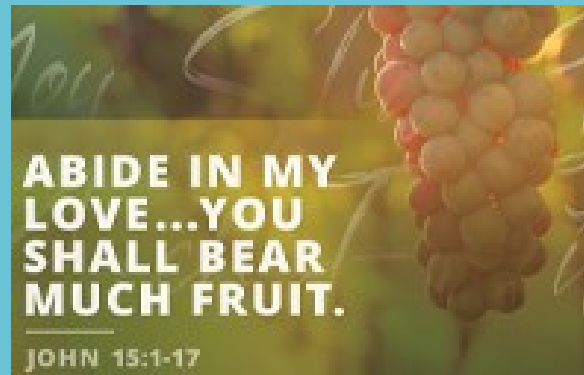
CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

JANUARY 18–25, 2021

**Abide in My Love...You Shall
Bear Much Fruit**

(cf. John 15:1-17)



The theme for the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is “Abide in My Love...You Shall Bear Much Fruit.” It was discerned by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland and finds its origins in the Gospel of John (cf. John 15:1-17).

“Jesus gave his life for all out of his love for all,” said Fr. James Loughran, SA, Director of Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute (GEII). “To abide in his love reminds us that we live in a community celebrating our gift of unity.”

The Monastic Community of Grandchamp discerned the theme for 2021 and prepared working drafts of the background and worship materials. These documents subsequently were finalized during an international group meeting sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the International Committee of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches at Grandchamp in September, 2019. Fr. James Puglisi, SA, director of the Centro Pro Unione, a ministry of the Friars of the Atonement that includes an ecumenical library and research center in Rome, Italy, served on the international team.

Established in the Reformed Church in Grandchamp, Areuse, in the canton of Neuchatel, Switzerland, in the 1930s, the Monastic Community of Grandchamp had close ties to the Community of Taizé and Abbé Paul Couturier, a seminal figure in the history of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Today, the community comprises 50 sisters from different generations, churches, countries and continents, called in vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church, the human family and the whole of creation.

In choosing the 2021 theme, the Community of Grandchamp desired

to share the experience and wisdom of their contemplative life abiding in the love of God and keeping his commandment of “loving one another as He has loved us.” They remind Christians worldwide about the importance of praying for the fruits of closer communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ and greater solidarity with the whole of creation.

“In these days of the Coronavirus threat, our world has become smaller,” said Fr. James Loughran, SA. “We are one in our response. More than ever, we need to appreciate the value of Christian unity.” The traditional period in the northern hemisphere for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25. Those dates were proposed by Servant of God, Fr. Paul Wattson, SA, founder of the Society of the Atonement, who initiated observance of the first “Church Unity Octave” in 1908, to cover the original days of the feasts of the Chair of St. Peter (Jan. 18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25), and therefore have a symbolic significance.

Each year, GEII adapts the texts chosen and prepared by representatives of the Vatican and the World Council of Churches and publishes a full suite of print and digital materials and resources for use in celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in the U.S. These materials and resources will be available through the GEII website by the end of October 20

CHURCH RESOURCES



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.

The need for your giving and support continues, even though we have had to cancel gathering and corporate worship services.

[Give Now](#)

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