

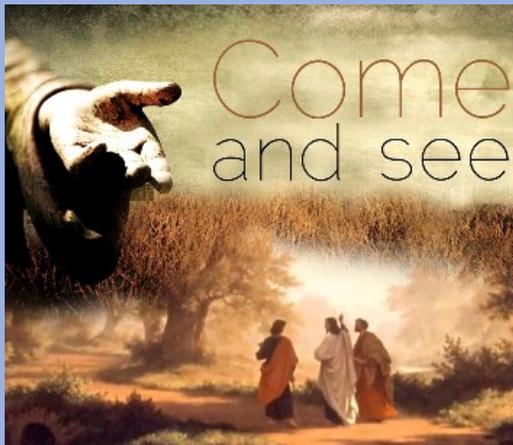
St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF JANUARY 17



Worship Bulletin Jan. 17

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

Online Worship for Sunday, January 17 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 bulletin and follow along with the service.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ZOOM

There will be no Zoom Sunday School this week but will resume next Sunday, January 24 at 10:00 am.



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 17

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

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Thursday, January 21

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

Sunday, January 24

9:30 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am Zoom Sunday School
2:00 pm Confirmation Cluster
5:00 pm Youth In-Person

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 17-Jan. Eugene Brown, Jr.
- 17-Jan. Mike Graham
- 17-Jan. Becky Phillips
- 19-Jan. Carrie Craver
- 19-Jan. Gail Johnson



21-Jan. Michael Phillips

22-Jan. Samantha Cooley

22-Jan. Don Faggart, Sr.

22-Jan. Jeff Jones

22-Jan. Jason Pittard

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](#)



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

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS

If you brought a Christmas tree ornament for our outdoor tree, you can pick up your ornament at the church office. Just pull under the portico and call the office. Thank you to everyone who shared in decorating the tree. It was a beautiful addition to our outdoor worship services.



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.

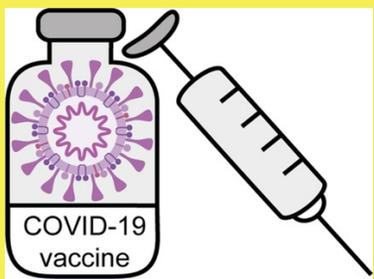
CUDDLE UP COAT DRIVE

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



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.

Online appointment scheduling is now available. You can book online weekdays, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Cabarrus Health Alliance's COVID-19 staff are actively vaccinating individuals who fall within the Phase 1a and 1b Group 1.

[Click here to make a COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment.](#)

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.

1a Health care workers fighting COVID-19 & Long-Term Care staff and residents.

- Health care workers caring for and working directly with patients with COVID-19, including staff responsible for cleaning and maintenance in those areas
- Health care workers administering vaccine
- Long-term care staff and residents—people in skilled nursing facilities and in adult, family and group homes

1b Adults 75 years or older and frontline essential workers.

There is not enough vaccine for everyone in this phase to be vaccinated at the same time. Vaccinations will be available to groups in the following order.

- Group 1:** Anyone 75 years or older, regardless of health status or living situation
- Group 2:** Health care workers and frontline essential workers 50 years or older*
- Group 3:** Health care workers and frontline essential workers of any age

** The CDC defines frontline essential workers as first responders (e.g., firefighters and police officers), corrections officers, food and agricultural workers, U.S. Postal Service workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, and those who work in the education sector (teachers and support staff members) as well as child care workers*

2 Adults at high risk for exposure and at increased risk of severe illness.

Vaccinations will happen by group in the following order:

- Group 1:** Anyone 65-74 years old, regardless of health status or living situation
- Group 2:** Anyone 16-64 years old with high-risk medical conditions that increase risk of severe disease from COVID-19 such as cancer, COPD, serious heart conditions, sickle cell disease, Type 2 diabetes, among others, regardless of living situation
- Group 3:** Anyone who is incarcerated or living in other close group living settings who is not already vaccinated due to age, medical condition or job function
- Group 4:** Essential workers not yet vaccinated*

** The CDC defines these as workers in transportation and logistics, water and wastewater, food service, shelter and housing (e.g., construction), finance (e.g., bank tellers), information technology and communications, energy, legal, media, and public safety (e.g., engineers), and public health workers*

3 Students

- College and university students
- K-12 students age 16 and over. Younger children will only be vaccinated when the vaccine is approved for them

4 Everyone who wants a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination.

For more information: YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov

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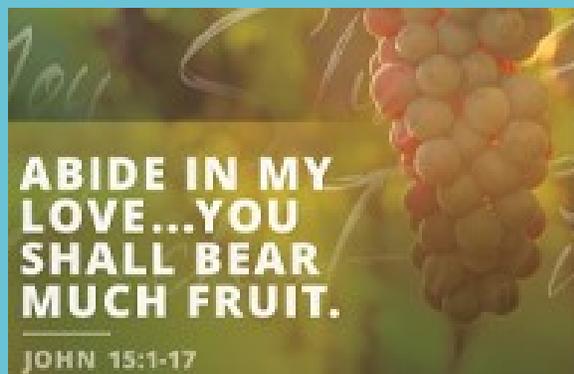
CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

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

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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.

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