Around the Community

CFFA (**CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ALL**) Today we continue our series *The Way of Love*. We meet between worship services in the library! Come join us! Andrea+

GODLY PLAY meets in the Nursery at 8:30 am. All welcome!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

CENTERING PRAYER on Wednesday from 3:15 to 3:45 pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

CANDLELIGHT TAIZÉ WORSHIP is a meditative, peaceful series of simple sung versicles, prayers, and a short reading. With life's fast pace, this experience will instill peace in any noisy heart, **Wednesday, January 22nd** at 4:15 pm.

MEN'S GROUP: Thursday, January 23rd at 11:30 am at Biscuit's, 4623 E. Elliot Road, Phoenix (SW corner of 48th & Elliot).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Our study continues **Thursday's** at 6:30 pm at the Huls' residence in Scottsdale. All men are invited!

Coming Soon. . .

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCH will be held after the 10:30 service on **Sunday**, **January 26th**. We'll elect new members to the Bishop's Committee and celebrate all the great ministries in God's service here at St. James. There will be a couple of positions open and the need to elect a Junior Warden. Please prayerfully consider running for one of the openings. This is your chance to help guide where we are going as a new parish. **Please sign up for the potluck lunch!** The sign-up sheet is on the credenza in the back of the church.

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND!! We celebrate the first Sunday of each month as First Fruits Sunday. Thanks to all who already bring in non-perishable food items. Let's put our faith into action, and care for & feed our hungry neighbors.

ST JAMES BOOKIES: January's book is "The Whisper Man" by Alex North. Join us **Sunday, February 2nd,** after the 10:30 service at la Madeleine French Bakery & Café, 3605 W. Chandler Blvd.

BISHOP'S VISIT: Bishop Jennifer Reddall will be visiting us **Sunday**, **February 9th**. The Bishop will both celebrate the Eucharist and preach that day. We look forward to welcoming her to our parish!

OUR 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!!

They are on the table in front of the kitchen. Please put your name on your envelope *especially if giving cash.* 2019 Contribution Statements will be sent out in early January.

What's Happening at St. James?

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

YOUTH GROUP MEETING:

TODAY!! (5th-12th grade) 9:30 am to 12 pm

This... and That...

COFFEE LOVERS: We can do more to support the SARRC community School at St James. If you love coffee, you can buy Beneficial Beans at various retail locations including several Summer Winds Nurseries and at Sky harbor airport. They have several blends and ground as well as beans. Cost is \$10 per bag. You can also buy their coffee online at http://www.shopbeneficialbeans.org/.

OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER, "This Week at St. James," is sent out every Monday. Be sure to check your email! You can also read it on your smartphones. If you have not been receiving it, please check with Diana & make sure we have your correct e-mail address.

ST JAMES NEWSLETTER: Would you like to advertise your ministry in the church's newsletter? We're always interested in new articles. Please send your article and any pictures to Diana at diana@stjamestempe.org. The submission deadline for February's newsletter is Monday, January 27th.

THE COMMON CUP: During worship our chalice bearers offer the common cup where all are welcome to either intinct (dip) the Communion wafer or sip from the chalice. A small chalice of consecrated wine is also available on the center podium next to the front of the altar for intinction only. Holy Communion is received fully in either or both of the elements for anyone who wishes to take just the wafer or just the wine.

NEED A NOTARY? If you require a notary service, please see Diana in the office. Her hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday - Thursday and she will be happy to assist you.

GOODSEARCH AND GOODSHOP: You can help earn *FREE* money for St. James simply by using GoodSearch and GoodShop and designating St. James! Use GoodSearch.org whenever you search the internet – they will donate a penny to us every time you do. See the flyer in the narthex for how to use GoodShop.com and for a list of companies you can buy from. You must go to the GoodShop site and log in before you go to the store's site *each time you shop.* St. James then gets a percentage of every sale.



Meditation Verse

"I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Isaiah 49:6

Ministry Opportunities



COFFEE HOUR AT ST. JAMES is a great way to get to know *church* family members. But in addition to coffee, it's always nice to have something to munch on. Volunteers are needed to provide treats after each service on Sunday. A sign-up sheet in located at the end of the table by the kitchen. Please sign up today!

ST. JAMES MONTHLY OUTREACH to our hungry neighbors: Please sign up for our next service evening at the *Halle Center for Women* (3424 E. Van Buren Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008), **5 pm to 6:30 pm, Friday, February 14th.** There are 5 spots available.

REFUGEE MINISTRIES: Our goal at St. James will be to focus on the **children** at the border. Donations **of kids clothing, shoes, games/toys** will be greatly appreciated. Volunteers at the border report there are needs for the younger kids at this time. We will also continue to accept donations of DIAPERS, and PERSONAL & FEMININE HYGIENE items. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. For questions please contact Dixie Lane, Don Oswald, Ann Marie Bartholomew or Carol Paulk. For other ways of donating to the Border Ministry go to: fronteras.azdiocese.org.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM MINISTRY TRAINING: Join us for training to be part of the St. James' Pastoral Care Team on Sunday, February 23rd after the 10:30 am service. Please plan on a session of 90 minutes (although we could be done earlier). If you feel called to serve as a member of the Pastoral Care Team (Lay Eucharistic Visitors), please let Pastor Andrea+ or Deacon Robin know. Thank you in advance for helping with this important ministry. Questions: Please contact Deacon Robin (480) 242-7178 or robin.b.hollis@gmail.com.

HYGIENE BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS: The youth group has put together hygiene bags to give out to the homeless. They can be found in the chest in the sanctuary or in the basket in the narthex. Please take a bag or two to give out on your daily travels.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this community, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.