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Vestry Meeting
Thursday, September 1st
10:30 am

Opening our Senses to a New Spirit, Paths for Spirituality and a Deeper Relationship with God

At the 2022 Annual Meeting, I spoke about the importance of renewing our relationship with God through new methods of spirituality. Anglican spirituality is rooted in the theology that God became flesh and came to live among us. It is God with us.

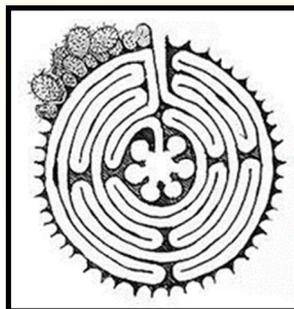
From that understanding, many other methods of spirituality can help us in our faith journey. We can see that expressed when we gather monthly for Taizé services. Taizé spirituality was born after World War II in response to a global crisis. It is an ecumenical monastic movement that attracted people from all around the world under devotions to peace and justice through prayer and meditation. In August, we will gather at our next-door Episcopal Church, St. Augustine to explore this spirituality through the sacred experience of chanting.

We are also beginning, in the parish, a conversation about the next steps on the "Spirituality of Aging". In September we brought Deacon Susan Walker to present the program that is in use by the Episcopal Church in the East Coast. Her presentation can be found on our Facebook page. The program also known as The Path Ahead: Spirituality & Purpose in Later LifeSM is a curriculum on the spirituality of aging that combines guided discussion with contemplative practices to reframe aging for persons of faith. Over six sessions, participants

- grapple with ageism,
- identify changing spiritual needs,
- equip themselves with new prayer practices, and engage in discernment about God's continuing call.

And finally, for the coming months, we will engage in the conversation about the Spirituality of the Labyrinth, the spirituality of hiking with God and more.

Fr. Sam Dessórdi Leite+
Rector



TREASURER'S UPDATE

Our year-to-date Operating Deficit grew about \$2,500 in July to just over \$8,000: \$30,000 less than the budget projected based on your pledge cards. We had to transfer about \$5,000 from Operating Reserves to cover July payrolls and bills. So far this year we've drawn down our reserves by about \$3,800. We're in much better financial shape than I expected—all thanks to you! Now our challenge for the rest of the year is to spread God's Love and grow, isn't it!

Gerry Carlston
Treasurer
(pgcarlston@cox.net)

You can contribute by mail or online to St. James at:

St. James
975 E Warner Rd or https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2407353

January 1 through July 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget
YTD Operating Income	\$ 138,635	\$ 119,388
YTD Operating Expense	\$ 146,898	\$ 156,224
YTD Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ -8,263	\$ -38,220
Transferred from Operating Reserve this month	\$ -5,100	
Net Change to Operating Reserve	\$ -3,797	



July used to be somewhat of a slow month. It is summer in Arizona, which means hot. A time when people typically go on vacation to escape the excruciating temperatures. Celebrating the feasts of Mary Magdalene and our patron saint, St. James the Greater has brought new interest in this month. We also had this incredible response for backpacks filled with school supplies for the children of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). What you did for this organization is unbelievable. We Rock! Thank you! I'm beginning to think that the month of July is not really a slow month after all.

We are now into August. August, when the heat just does not end. This is the month when we say goodbye to Diana as our church administrator and celebrate her into retirement after 23 years. This is a season that has changed for us, but we are happy that she will still be worshipping with as a "normal" person. Please be considerate with us as we walk into this new chapter.

Peace,
Bob Klassen

YOUR VESTRY:

Bob Klassen (Senior Warden)	Denise Boyd
Steve Vanden Heuvel (Junior Warden)	Larry Kenyon
Gerry Carlston (Treasurer)	Tara Papaccio
Ann Marie Bellamy-Bartholomew	Carol Paulk
Joan Besonen	

THANK YOU

We owe not only a very **Special Thank You**, but we also owe a **Debt of Gratitude** to **Diana Bowie** as she retires. I know that few people know all the things she has done for us over the years, often when things were down and out, on a shoestring and with little recognition. To recap Diana's time here at St. James, I would like to give you a brief outline of what she has done over the years, for many pastors and for so many of us parishioners.

Diana's first day at St. James was June 21, 1999. She was employed as the Office Manager and the staff was larger than what we have now. She was responsible for maintaining the membership database, keeping track of members, and producing reports for the vestry. This also included producing the Parish Directory and providing membership information for the Parochial Report. Diana was also responsible for the design and production of all parish publications, including weekly bulletins, youth ministry newsletters, and special event flyers; for the design and creation of the monthly newsletter, gathering all the articles from various people, and creating and publishing the document. She designed and published documents for the first preschool, including brochures, manuals, etc. in addition she created special documents including wedding packets, baptism brochures, ministry brochures, and visitor packets. If that wasn't enough she was responsible for the maintenance and procurement of all office equipment as well as interfacing and coordinating services with church vendors. Lastly, she was responsible for assisting the different Rectors by arranging his appointments and calendar, handling his communications, coordinating meetings among designated groups, and coordinating communication during pastoral crises and emergencies, including funerals and hospital visitations.

When the church split in 2005, the staff was greatly reduced, and Diana took on more responsibilities as the Parish Administrator. This included developing goals and objectives for the Christian education program in coordination with the Rectors; coordinating the Sunday School Program by creating or acquiring and adapting curriculum materials, recruiting, training, and supporting teachers, acquiring and organizing necessary supplies, planning special events and pageants, and maintaining the Christian Education budget, creating weekly lesson plans for both the young children's class and the junior high class, and creating teaching schedules for each class. These duties were eventually taken over by Eileen, but she still helped out occasionally. Diana also took over all the financial record keeping. This included maintaining all financial files and records and establishing a responsible cash flow system; supervising the counting of all offerings and revenue; recording and maintaining accurate up-to-date records of membership contributions; managing accounts payable and payroll; maintaining Preschool financial records, including accounts receivables. working with the Treasurer to liaison with the bank & other financial institutions and establishing & maintaining the accounting of the restricted funds. Other activities included overseeing the collection of funds during parish events. Miscellaneous things she did – maintaining the flower chart, creating reader schedules and altar guild calendars, making coffee hour volunteer sheets, coordinating with the junior warden that all maintenance and repairs were taken care of. Over the years she has helped with other activities like the Ladies Tea, Vacation Bible School, Christmas Pageants, etc. - basically whatever needed to be done.

Diana has been here for all of us and to help the parish through births, deaths, weddings, funerals, baptisms, confirmations, illnesses, divorces, happy times, and sad times for the last 23 years. We have taken for granted that she would always be here in the office to give us advice, sympathy, comfort, suggestions, Kleenex, and coffee, but....the time has come for her to leave St. James to make time and to do things for herself. We will be so sad and will miss her tremendously. She is the history of this Parish. We all wish you much happiness in the future as you retire, and we all Thank You for all you've done for us for the last 23 years. You're the Best.



Tuesday, August 9th
6:00 pm

Passage to India
909 E. Elliot Road, Tempe, 85284
SE corner of Elliot & Rural

If you haven't come before please join us for a fun evening of food and fellowship. And bring a friend! For the safety and health of everyone it is asked that you be fully vaccinated to attend.



Join Us for Lunch!!

Thursday, August 18th
11:30 am

Biscuit's, 4623 E. Elliot Road, Phoenix (SW corner 48th & Elliot)



An Evening of Music presents St James Jams

Starring the Gifted Musicians of St James & Friends

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Strike up the Band!! It is time to get ready for our big parish-wide event & Fundraiser!! So dust off your toe-tapping shoes and get ready to Jam with some of your favorite performers from years past. With just 3 months to go, put on your roller skates and Let's Go as it takes everyone of us to make this event the success it has been in the past. This will be our 7th Evening of Music fundraiser for the benefit of our treasury and after our 3 year absence we are all ready to PARTY!! The previous 6 events were successful due to the generous donations of time, talent, food, wine and items for our Silent Auction by the wonderful members of St James.

The first item on our to do list is for everyone to start looking for items for our Silent Auction. What treasures do you have that you no longer wish to keep? Why not share them with others who would love and cherish them. We will assemble the items in interesting ways. Remember these treasures will benefit our treasury at St James. Here are some suggestions of what you can contribute

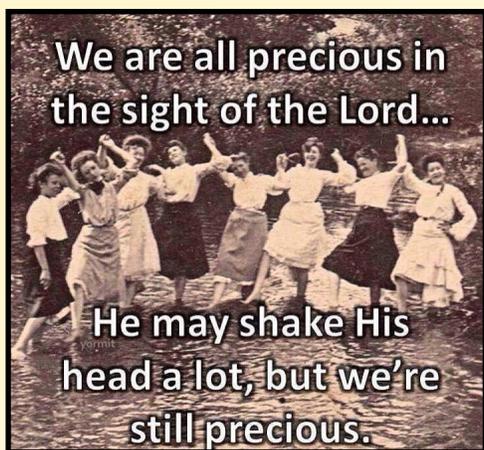
- ✓ Jewelry -costume, vintage, unique, unusual, collectible, hand crafted
- ✓ Tickets to a play, sporting event, concert, etc.
- ✓ Gift Cards - Movie theater, Amazon, restaurants, spas & more. Your grocery & big box stores have racks of them.
- ✓ Movie Night - DVDs
- ✓ Music - CDs, records, tapes
- ✓ Wine & Cheese or baskets, plus other spirits
- ✓ Sports memorabilia
- ✓ Musical Instruments
- ✓ Games, electronic or otherwise, gently used are okay, raid your children's closets
- ✓ Kits, unopened
- ✓ Books, gently read or new
- ✓ Designer purses & other like items
- ✓ Handmade items - quilts, afghans, embroidered or appliqued pieces
- ✓ Crafts of all types you have lovingly produced, we have some real talent in this parish.
- ✓ Art of all types - drawings, porcelain, your own perhaps
- ✓ Small appliances, tools, dishware, small pieces of furniture
- ✓ Collectibles & collections of all types
- ✓ Empty baskets of all sizes & types, new & gently used
- ✓ Your own created baskets - cooking, coffee & tea, etc, etc, etch Let your imaginations roam.

We will take your lovely items and create baskets, pairings & displays of all kinds. We will add food and other items of interest. Your lovely items can be brought to the church office during the week or on Sunday. Thank you so much for your loving generosity, without which our events would not be successful and as fun as they have been. If you have questions or ideas please contact me: Jill Leatherman, Home: (480) 284-4595, Mobile: (928) 200-7046, Email - nikman4444@gmail.com.



JIM & CARRIE MCCULLOUGH would like to thank everyone for all the calls, cards and food! They have really enjoyed the meals! **Meals are still needed 2 days a week.** Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated as this will be a long term need. You can sign up to help by clicking on their name on the website www.Mealtrain.com/stjamestempe. We'll be delivering 2 meals each week, not necessarily

on the day shown as "available". Just sign up for the Monday or Thursday of the week you've chosen, and call Carrie at (480) 980-2232 (or Jim at (480) 980-4093) to coordinate the specific day the food will arrive, and other details, such as if it will be from a delivery service or a restaurant, and what restaurant or service it will be from. They've made arrangements for transportation for many medical appointments, etc. but there may be other cases when we can schedule other transportation help -- rides to other appointments, errands, etc. We'll use the website calendar to organize ourselves, then call Carrie to coordinate with her. For more information about using Meal Train, Kathleen Dunn can be contacted at kadunnaz@yahoo.com or (480) 710-7808, or call Diana at the church office.



Let me begin by stating a big thank you for all the love and support you all have given me all these years. I feel lucky and grateful for having such an amazing group of people around me and your unwavering support gave me the courage to move ahead to retirement. I will be forever *grateful* for your support, kindness, and love. Thank you for everything and God Bless.

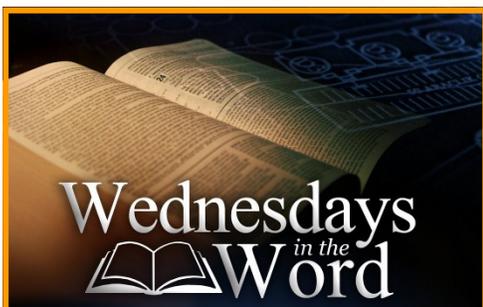
Diana

When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine. . . in His own time and in His own way. . .



EfM Matters A New Year Begins

A new 36-week seminar series will begin in early September in the St. James Library on Monday evenings, 6:30 to 9 pm. For information on how to join us, please contact Mary Jane Porter, Mentor, mjp4@cornell.edu or (480) 625-4369.

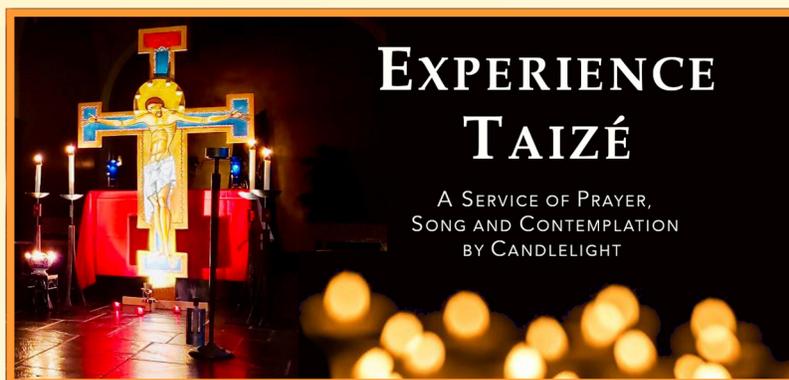


Wednesday's at St. James (resumes in late August):

- 4:00 pm – Prayer and Meditation (at the Church)
- 4:45 pm – Fellowship (at the Church)
- 5:00 pm – Study of the Bible (at the Church Library)

Lector/Reader Schedule (9:30 am)

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Prayers of the People	Offering Plates & Ushers	Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Acolyte
August 7	Erica	Bob	Joan Besonen	Denise	Patricia M.	Denise, Bob	Denise
August 14	Joan Bondra	Jill	Bob	Paul	Juneva T.	Denise	Paul
August 21	Gail Hartman	Lauri	Erica	Denise	AnnMarie B.	Careen	Elliot
August 28	Lauri	Marcia W.	Joan Besonen	Jill	AnnMarie B.	Careen	Careen



EXPERIENCE TAIZÉ

A SERVICE OF PRAYER,
SONG AND CONTEMPLATION
BY CANDLELIGHT

Taizé Chant Experience

**Saturday, August 27th
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**St. Augustine's
1735 S. College Avenue
Tempe, AZ 85281**



MUSIC CORNER at St James

August is very much an 'in-between' month. A number of people are still traveling and staying away from Phoenix to get away from the heat. In the meantime, schools have started or are starting here, so it feels like the fall is upon us.

We all miss Gerry very much and his presence in our music and continue to pray that he will be back with us very soon. As far as our church music, this Sunday, August 7th, will be all about Light and the Light of Christ, as we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration (which is August 6th) Most of our songs will be about Light which in the Christian life is associated with holiness, goodness, knowledge, wisdom, grace, hope and God's revelation (all good things!)

The addition of our evening Taizé services, is also bringing a new Light and way of worship to St James. They are quietly uplifting and very meditative. I invite everyone to try out a service if you haven't been to one. Our next meeting for Taizé will be on August 27th. We will join with St Augustine's in Tempe to have a little Taizé workshop which will be in the daytime with lunch in the middle of the day. We will sing and learn more Taizé music and have a wonderful day of fellowship. We hope many of you can come.

~ Lali Breen