

# Chapel Notes

## BISHOP ROBIN DEASE WILL VISIT ST. JAMES FEBRUARY 15

On February 15, we will be blessed by a visit from the Bishop of the Georgia Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church, Bishop Robin Dease! She will share the word at our 11:00 service about the importance of community in the life of the United Methodist Church. Bishop Dease will also lead a combined Sunday School lesson that morning at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Bishop Dease grew up in Brooklyn, New York, one of 13 siblings. She graduated from Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina in 1992. She earned a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Ministry degree in stewardship from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Before her election to the episcopacy, Bishop Dease served as pastor and district superintendent in the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church and has been involved in numerous denominational and conference boards and committees.



Bishop Robin Dease

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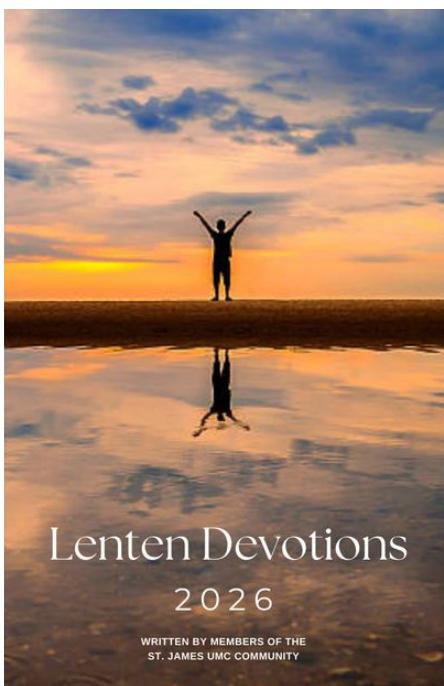


## SCOUT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 | 11 AM

This year, St. James celebrates an amazing 69 years of shared ministry with the Boy Scouts of America. We are really proud of the Scouting programs that our congregation sponsors and supports.

This St. James ministry involves over 700 Scouts, parents, and volunteers. Participating youth include 100 Cub Scouts (now both boys and girls), 50 girls in our new Scouts BSA Troop, and 100 boys in our historic boys Troop, as well as 50 high schoolers in our co-ed Venturing Crew. Come join us Sunday morning at 11 AM for this special Scout Sunday Service.

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## LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The Lenten devotional booklets will be available for pick up beginning February 15. They will be in the Narthex as well as by the church office. Feel free to take them home to enjoy each day during Lent! If you received the daily devotions by email last year, you are on the list to receive them again this year. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact

Kitty Turner at  
[kturner@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:kturner@stjamesatlanta.org)  
or call the church office  
(404) 261-3121.

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## Lenten Schedule

### **Ash Wednesday | February 18**

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Worship

### **Palm Sunday | March 29**

8:45 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m. Worship

### **Maundy Thursday | April 2**

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Worship

### **Good Friday | April 3**

6:30 p.m. Worship

### **Easter Sunday | April 5**

8:45 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship



## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**FEBRUARY 18**

**6:30 PM**



Please join us for our traditional service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM. We will share in a time of reflection and spiritual preparation as well as the imposition of ashes. If you are wanting ashes, but cannot be here for the service, you can stop by the church during office hours on Ash Wednesday to receive ashes.

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**DEVELOPING  
HEARTS  
for SERVICE  
IN 2026**



## February Wednesday Night Suppers

5:45 PM | Fellowship Hall

(Note: Ash Wednesday Dinner starts at 5:30 PM)

\$13/ADULT

\$7/CHILD, COLLEGE STUDENT, and SCOUT!

\$35 MAX FAMILY FEE

Registration is required by noon on Mondays.

### February 4

Service Project:  
Making Valentines for  
BreakThru House  
View menu and register  
by visiting  
[tinyurl.com/48vewm9t](http://tinyurl.com/48vewm9t)

### February 18

Ash Wednesday  
Worship Service  
6:30 PM in the Sanctuary  
View menu and register  
by visiting  
[tinyurl.com/4p2vffvv](http://tinyurl.com/4p2vffvv)

### February 11

Service Project:  
“fodac”  
Oxygen Kit Sorting  
View menu and register  
by visiting  
[tinyurl.com/3emv6hxu](http://tinyurl.com/3emv6hxu)

### February 25

Service Project:  
“fodac”  
Wound Care Kit Sorting  
View menu and register  
by visiting  
[tinyurl.com/53m5n7df](http://tinyurl.com/53m5n7df)

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We will be working with "fodac" at Wednesday Night Supper on February 11 and 25.

Learn more about this organization by visiting [fodac.org](http://fodac.org).

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## St. James Walking Group Wednesday Mornings | 9:00 AM



Join the St. James Walking Group for weekly walks and hikes around our community and surrounding Atlanta area. To receive information about the walks each week, please contact Jim Branan. 404-538-4867 ([james.m.branan@gmail.com](mailto:james.m.branan@gmail.com))

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## MEET CHORAL SCHOLAR ABIGAIL FORESTER



Abigail Forester, Mezzo Soprano is a Senior Vocal Performance student at Georgia State University with a concentration in opera performance. She has performed in operas internationally including the Festival of International Opera Italia. As a member of the Georgia State University Singers ensemble, she has performed at the American Choral Directors Association conference at State, Regional, and National conferences. Performing and singing is her favorite thing to do but her free time is spent reading and spending time with her poodle.

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Parenting in Prayer is a group for parents in the midst of raising their families who want to connect for Fellowship and periodic speakers on relevant parenting and faith-related topics!. This class meets on Sunday mornings at around 9:45 AM in Room 306.

All are welcome to join! For more information, contact Meghan Rachford ([meghan.rachford@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.rachford@gmail.com)) or Katie Wilson ([kamorga@gmail.com](mailto:kamorga@gmail.com)). This semester, the Parenting in Prayer Class will be covering the book "Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life". We will have copies of the book available in class. In February, we plan on reviewing the book on the following dates: February 1, February 8, & February 22, We do plan on meeting for "open fellowship" on the days we do not meet to speak about the book.

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH BUILD

St. James continues to work with Atlanta Habitat for Humanity! Join volunteers from the St. James community and other local congregations in seven weeks of faith, service, and fellowship. Our “2026 Lenten Build” will begin on Saturday, February 7.

Note that this time, we are only scheduled for four build days.  
(Feb 7 - 4 slots, Feb 21 - 8 slots, Feb 28 - 8 slots, Mar 28 - 4 slots)

March 28 is Dedication Day and will only be a 1/2 day.

We invite you to join us by volunteering on one or more of our build days.

Please be sure to sign up at least 4 days in advance.

Sign Up by visiting <https://vhub.at/SJUMC>



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Janet Folsom & Leila Hartley invite you to join **Understanding Your Grief**, a 12-week small group rooted in compassion, reflection, and shared experience. This group is not about “fixing” grief, but about honoring it— together. The program will have its first meeting on February 5, and continue on Thursdays from 2:00—3:30 PM.

Each participant will receive a book and journal to guide our time together. We are asking a \$25 fee to cover the cost of these materials. Please contact Janet Folsom ([janet.folsom@prodigy.net](mailto:janet.folsom@prodigy.net)) or Leila Hartley ([lhartley@comcast.net](mailto:lhartley@comcast.net)) to register by February 1.

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## COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP

**MAY 30 - JUNE 7, 2026**

Want an amazing experience of being the “Hands and Feet of Christ”? Go on the Costa Rica Mission Trip and work at the Methodist Children’s Home. If you are interested in learning more, please talk with Ted Green or Cynthia Lyon **soon** about the trip. Contact Ted Green at [ted.green22@gmail.com](mailto:ted.green22@gmail.com) or Cynthia Lyon at [cynthialyon@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthialyon@yahoo.com). \$100 non-refundable deposit is due upon registration.

**Deadline to register is March 1.**

Visit [tinyurl.com/yzy46st5](http://tinyurl.com/yzy46st5) to register.

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St. James Atlanta



CIRCLE OF  
**SISTERS**  
wisdom, spirit, fellowship

Circle of Sisters, known as COS, is a group of fun-loving St. James women who enjoy sharing their wisdom, spirit, and fellowship with each other.

**Anne McDaniel will be the host of our meeting on February 9 at 4:00 PM.**

**1027 Abingdon Court | Brookhaven, GA 30319**

**We look forward to seeing you ... and we love guests!  
As always, we promise GREAT FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP!**

COS meets the second Monday of the month at 4:00 PM.

For further information, please contact

Barbara Bonapfel at [bsbonapfel@gmail.com](mailto:bsbonapfel@gmail.com).



## BBQ Band of Brothers

**Tuesday, February 10**

**at 6:30 PM**

Come out and join the men of St. James for great food and fellowship.

Contact Jim Costlow with any questions at 404-754-3937.

We will meet at  
Fox Bros Bar-B-Q in Brookhaven  
4058 Peachtree Road NE

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## COME PLAY PICKLEBALL!



We continue with Friendly Open Play Pickleball in the St. James Activities Center on Sundays from 4 - 6 PM. It's been a fun group which includes both new beginners (and some old beginners) and also helpful intermediate players. Balls and paddles are provided if needed.

All are invited to join us and no sign up is needed. Feel free to contact Kent Watkins ([kent.watkins@gmail.com](mailto:kent.watkins@gmail.com)) or Matt Cason ([mcason@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:mcason@stjamesatlanta.org)) or the Church office at (404) 261-3121 for more information.

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## YOGA @ St. James

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM  
Activities Center  
\$13/Class



Join us for a time to care for your mind, body, and soul. Classes will take place in the Activities Center on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM. Please register and prepay if you plan to attend by visiting [tinyurl.com/2uxzws9w](http://tinyurl.com/2uxzws9w). Drop-ins are also welcome. Please contact Rev. Matt Cason at [mcason@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:mcason@stjamesatlanta.org) with any questions you may have.

# Children's Ministry



## Vacation Bible School: Blast Off Through God's Creation

June 15 - June 18

### MISSION ALERT: SPACE STATION SALVATION

*Attention, future space explorers and star cadets! Are you ready to launch into an EPIC interstellar expedition at this year's Vacation Bible School?*

*Strap in for a stellar adventure that blasts off through the galaxy! We'll zoom past swirling galaxies, orbit dazzling planets, and gaze in awe at twinkling constellations—all while discovering the awesome Creator who spoke the entire universe into existence! Each day will feature out-of-this-world interactive storytelling, gravity-defying song and dances, and hands-on cosmic crafts!*

Registration Price: \$75/Child , \$200/3 or more Children (of the same household)

Full week volunteers receive half off registration!

Here are the details:

- Monday, June 15th - Thursday, June 18th, 2026
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Age 4 to Rising 6th Graders
- PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 4 YEARS OLD BY 6/15/2026. NO EXCEPTIONS
- OPTIONAL Lunch Bunch 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
\$60/Child for the entire week | Drop-Ins: \$15/day

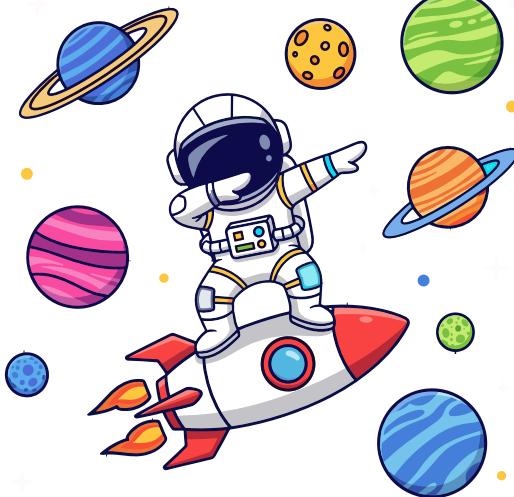
\* Lunch is NOT Provided. Lunch Bunch participants need to pack a nut-free lunch \*



Register by visiting [tinyurl.com/4c44jc89](https://tinyurl.com/4c44jc89)

or scan the QR Code

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## VOLUNTEER FOR VBS! WE NEED YOU!

Please join us as we explore the galaxy with our little ones this summer during our VBS **Blast Off Through God's Creation**. Our star cadets will need you to discover God's creation through story time, crafts, music and much more. Come join our team!

Our Blast Off is scheduled for departure on Monday, June 15 and returning to planet earth on Thursday, June 18. Please sign up now and be part of this wonderful adventure!

Contact Marcela Meeks ([mmeeks@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:mmeeks@stjamesatlanta.org)) with any questions.

Sign Up to Volunteer by visiting [tinyurl.com/yc7jrrf7](http://tinyurl.com/yc7jrrf7)  
or Scan QR Code



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## SKATE PARTY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Families are invited to come to a Valentine's themed skate party!

Come and skate with friends!

We will have a bouncy house for our TOTS age group.

**Children are asked to bring donations of canned goods  
to share with our neighbors in need.**

Pizza and drinks will be served at \$5 per child.

Please remember to bring a pair of socks to wear with your skates.

Visit [tinyurl.com/yc4w7x2k](http://tinyurl.com/yc4w7x2k) to register.



# Young Adult Ministry

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## TRIVIA NIGHT

FUN | FAITH | FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesdays at 8:00 PM**

Hudson Grille, Sandy Springs  
6317 Roswell Rd NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Contact Matt Cason

@ [mcason@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:mcason@stjamesatlanta.org)

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Come and test your knowledge of geography, sports, pop culture, among many other areas on Wednesday Nights!

For more information, please reach out to Rev. Matt Cason ([mcason@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:mcason@stjamesatlanta.org)).

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Join our Young Adult Ministry Activities! Sign Up to receive emails about upcoming events by scanning the QR Code.



# Youth Ministry News

**In February, we are continuing our Sunday school** series on the book of Mark by looking at chapters 5-10 over the entire month of February. We will be discussing how Jesus is a compassionate Savior, how we can overcome sin, and how Jesus is a lover of the least. Join us in the youth room at 9:45am on Sundays!

**On Sunday nights during youth group**, we will be focusing on the practice of “Lectio Divina” which means “spiritual reading” by reading a different scripture each week and asking questions about what words or phrases stand out to us.

**We also have a service opportunity** for those 16 years and older who would like to participate in our Habitat for Humanity build. We are encouraging our youth to sign up for February 21 and/or 28. See the link below to sign up! This is a great way to serve our community, learn new skills, and earn service hours for any clubs or organizations.

<https://vhub.at/SJUMC>



# Youth Ministry

We had an amazing kick off to 2026 with our 90's Skate Party in January! Thanks to all who attended and who brought food! Check out some photos of the fun below!

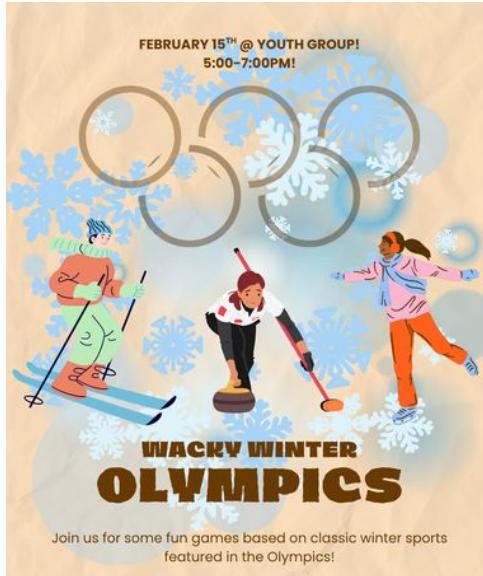


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On February 15, during youth group, we will be celebrating the 2026 Winter Olympics! We will compete in our own version called the Wacky Winter Olympics which will feature funny versions of some classic winter Olympic sports.

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Youth parent meeting on February 22 following the 11 AM service. Bring any questions or comments you have about our youth ministry for this year. We will go over our calendar for the year and other details together. A light lunch will be served during the meeting.

# Celebrations & Concerns

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## Prayer Concerns

Jennie Brooks - Home

Elizabeth Grace - Home

Sandra Owen - Hospice Care

Natalie Pawelski - Home

Betty Sykes - Huntcliff Rehabilitation

## Memorials & Honoraria

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### In Memory of Laura McLemore

May Ting Liu  
Stan Malone

### In Memory of Midge Gardner

May Ting Liu  
Anne Haltiwanger

### In Memory of David & Lamar Folsom

Jackie & Joe Brown

### In Memory of Mary K, Bob & Verdery Cunningham

Jackie & Joe Brown

### In Memory of Howard Lasher

Will Lasher

### In Honor of Monday Morning Women's Prayer Group

May Ting Liu

# Staff Directory

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Susan Landry

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Matt Cason

**Pastor of Visitation:** Rev. Dr. Jim Cantrell

**Director of Music Ministry:**

Dr. Andrew Schmidt

**Director of Children's Arts and Ministries:**

Marcela Meeks

**Director of Youth Ministry:**

Victoria Cason

**Organist:** Dr. Craig Smith

**Building and Grounds Director:**

Steve Hicks

**Finance and Membership Manager:**

Shannan Wassel

**Communications and Office Manager:**

Kitty Turner

**Director of Activities Ministry:** Cody Ellis

**Administrative Assistant:** Lee Padhye

**Preschool Director:** Susan Viers

**Missionaries:** Will & Ella Faircloth



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*"As a Christian community, our mission is to help every person grow in faith that translates belief into action."*

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