

ST. JAMES Good News

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ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Taos, New Mexico



ST. JAMES MISSION

*Sharing ourselves
and our faith with
others ... St. James
is a Christian
community which
welcomes all with
respect for the
inherent dignity
and value of every
person. We strive
to enable spiritual
growth through
worship, educa-
tion, outreach and
stewardship for
the purpose of
restoring all people
to unity with God
and each other.*

Grant Aids Our Food Pantry

We received a \$2,500 energy-savings grant intended to reduce our PNM bill. The grant awards \$1,000 each for two new refrigerators in the kitchen and Food Pantry, and \$500 for a new freezer in the Food Pantry.

This grant will allow us to upgrade to Energy-Star appliances, and donate the existing equipment to other food banks in our area.

The grant helps support our mission of serving hungry families in Taos County. It also enables us to improve support for the heavy use of the kitchen during the housing of the Habitat for Humanity teams and the many community groups now meeting in our parish hall.

The current kitchen refrigerator is of inadequate size for the demands we place on it. Food Pantry uses refrigeration and freezer capacities to take advantage of refrigerated and frozen food available intermittently from Food Depot, and produce received weekly from the same source. All three appliances are hand-me-downs, and while most welcome when donated, are neither energy efficient nor adequate for our current needs.

An important condition of the grant is that we will share with others—both our members and Food Pantry customers—the advantages of energy conservation.

By the end of August 2008, Food Pantry had handed out more than 6,000 bags of staples to feed about 20,000 people, averaging some 200 bags to families each week—that is certainly a large audience with whom to share this good news.

Annual Stewardship Campaign Set in October

from JESS HEALD

Sunday, Oct. 5, will be Stewardship Sunday at St. James. The theme for this year's campaign is a line from one of my favorite hymns: "Throw your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all."

To me, that's a great graphic of our lives. We've all collected so many "trophies" of life through God's graces, and Christian stewardship is in returning to our Lord some of the abundant resources he has given us, our "trophies."

A stewardship letter will be distributed to all attending the Oct. 5 service, and mailed to others the next day. Parishioners are asked to return their pledge sheets by the end of October, in time for the 2009 budget planning, which begins in November.

Citizenship Classes at St. James

from MARY ANN BOUGHTON

The Literacy Center of UNM initiated an eight-week class at St. James in September to prepare students for the new, and more difficult, U.S. citizenship exam.

Seven students—from Mexico, China, France, and Italy—are participating in this first session ever offered in Taos, which covers civics topics along with English speaking and writing skills. The teacher is a volunteer,

Karen Matherlee.

The free class is designed for immigrants who have had green cards for at least five years or have been married to U.S. citizens for at least three years. The classes meet Monday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30, and pre-registration is required.

■ More information: 575-758-5904.

Learn Healthful Cooking

Parishioner Jane Scott is going to teach a special class on healthy cooking, beginning Friday, Oct. 10, for five Fridays.

Classes, which begin at 10 a.m., will take place in the kitchen, "spilling over" into the parish hall as needed.

The class is free, and is open to Food Pantry recipients as well as others interested in healthful food preparation for their families.

■ For more information: Jane, 758-2317.

St. Francis Feast Day to Honor Animal Friends

from FATHER ROCKY SCHUSTER

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi is Oct. 4. Last year we marked the day with our first Pets and People blessing service. It was a grand afternoon in the parking lot with more than 50

animals joining us from homes, cages, pastures, barns, and aquariums. (We had a wide variety of people as well!)

We are going to celebrate the feast of St. Francis on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 5 p.m. We will again be in the parking lot (weather permitting, moving into the nave for inclement weather).

Even if you haven't joined us for the regular Pets and People blessing over the past few months, you will want to round up any animals you can find and join us.

Bazaar Planning ... Ahead

On Oct. 2, our handy and talented elves will continue making handcrafted items for sale at the Holiday

Bazaar, scheduled for mid-November. The Bazaar has been one of our most successful fundraisers for outreach activities.

There's room for everyone, but please sign up (there's a form in the parish hall) so we can anticipate supplies—and lunch—that we'll need to provide.

We'll gather in the parish hall at 9:30 a.m.

On a related issue, we're already collecting items for the spring rummage sale. Bring your donations in bags or boxes, to the Food Pantry area on Sunday and Monday mornings.

■ For information on either the bazaar or rummage sale: Joella Knapp, 751-3059, or Jonnie Sargent, 737-5420.

St. James Outdoors Goes Hiking in October

We're mostly taking to the many beautiful trails that surround us this month. The hikes range from moderate to advanced, and offer some unparalleled views—and a few challenges.

As always, for our mountain bike ride, helmets are required.

And as always, friends are invited to join us.

Friday, Oct. 3—Mountain bike to Costilla; meet at 8 a.m. at KTAO lot.

Friday, Oct. 10—Advanced hike on La Cueva to Potato Patch; meet at 7:30 a.m. at St. James to carpool.

Friday, Oct. 17—Moderate hike to Lost Lake via Middle Fork Trail; meet at 7:30 a.m. at KTAO lot.

Saturday, Oct. 25—Advanced hike, Manzanita to Yerba Trail; meet at 7:30 a.m. at Manzanita Trailhead.

Friday, Oct. 31—Moderate hike along South Boundary; meet at 8 a.m. at Water Tank, Rt. 585.

■ Questions: Bruce Marier, 751-7458.

OCTOBER

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, 751-3059.

St. James Calendar of Events

* = Items
described
in articles.

Bold = New
or monthly
activities.

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The calendar
carries listings
of all known
parish-related
events; if
your event is
missing,
contact the
church office.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

Brown Bag Theology The group meets every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Santiago Room to discuss a book selected by the group. See the Sunday bulletin for the current book. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunches. For information: Norm Ferguson, 751-0049.

05

- Worship & Holy Eucharist: 8 AM (Rite I), 9:15 AM (Rite II)
- Sunday School: 9 AM
- **Bell Choir Practice:** 10:45 AM

12

Sunday schedule unchanged, plus

- **Food Ingathering:** 9:15 AM service
- **Green Com.:** 11 AM
- **Pets and People:** 5 PM (see p. 2)

19

Worship, Sunday School, and Bell Choir as scheduled, plus

- **Vestry Meeting:** 10:45 AM

26

Worship, Sunday School, and Bell Choir as scheduled

06

- Book of Common Prayer Class: 10 AM
- Food Pantry Preparation: 11:30 AM
- TYMS: 4 PM
- * **Taos Com. Chorus rehearsal:** 6:30 PM

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Monday schedule unchanged

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Monday schedule unchanged

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Monday schedule unchanged

07

- TYMS: 4 PM

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Tuesday schedule unchanged

21

Tuesday schedule unchanged

28

Tuesday schedule unchanged, plus
• **Women's Agape Luncheon:** 12:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

01

*** Brown Bag**

Theology: 12:30 PM

- Taos Youth Music School: 4 PM
- Healing Service: 6 PM
- Women's Study Group: 6:30 PM

08

Wednesday schedule unchanged

15

Wednesday schedule unchanged

22

Wednesday schedule unchanged

29

Wednesday schedule unchanged

THURSDAY

02

• Pastoral Care

Com.: 9:15 AM

- * Holiday Bazaar Workshop:** 9:30 AM (see p. 3)
- Food Pantry Distribution: 3:30 PM
- TYMS: 4 PM

09

- Bldg. Com.: 9:30 AM
- Food Pantry Distribution: 3:30 PM
- TYMS: 4 PM

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- Food Pantry Distribution: 3:30 PM
- TYMS: 4 PM

23

- Thursday schedule unchanged, plus*
- Bldg. Com: 9:30 AM

30

- * Novel Theology:** 1 PM (see p. 8)
- Food Pantry Distribution: 3:30 PM
- TYMS: 4 PM

FRIDAY

03

*** Mt Biking to**

Costilla: 8 AM (see p. 3)

- Centering Prayer: 8 AM
 - Choir Practice: 7 PM
- Church office closed; rector's day off*

10

Friday schedule unchanged, plus

- * Hike La Cueva to Potato Patch:** 7:30 AM (see p. 3)
- * Healthy Cooking Class:** 10 AM (see p. 8)

17

Friday schedule unchanged, plus

- * Hike to Lost Lake:** 7:30 AM (see p. 3)

24

Friday schedule unchanged

31

- Friday schedule unchanged, plus*
- * Hike South Boundary:** 8 AM (see p. 3)
 - **Synoptic Gospels Study:** 9:30 AM

SATURDAY

04

No evening church closed. Rector's

11

*** Sexual Ethics** 8 AM (see p. 3)
Church closed. Rector's

18

Church closed. Rector's

25

*** Hike Zanita Yerba** 7:30 AM
Church closed. Rector's

Novel Theology Will Sip Some Tea in October

The October Novel Theology discussion will focus on *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortensen and David Oliver Relin.

Relin and Mortensen recount how mountain-climber Mortensen's experience in a tiny village in Nepal led him to build a school there and then more schools for other villages similarly in need. His is a story of grit and determination to do something of value for people that the world has forgotten. It is truly inspirational to see what one man can accomplish.

The group will meet Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. at the home of Gloria Bjerck, 57 Alta Vista Road, in the Vista Grande subdivision.

■ For directions: Gloria, 776-8503.

Thanks for Our Patio

from JACK NOTTINGHAM

In September, Tom Knapp and I, with a crew of volunteers, laid out the flagstones for the patio at the back of the parish hall. This patio will be a beautiful space for parish activities.

We have plans for landscaping the area so that it is as lovely as the front entry garden that Janelle Palma designed and implemented earlier.

Before the flagstones could be laid in place, the ground had to be leveled and smoothed in preparation. Please

let me extend thanks to Mike Compton, who offered a tractor and worker to move dirt and fill in preparation for the patio, and to Ralph Sweet, who offered free use of tools from his rental company.

Sexual Ethics Class

On Oct. 11, Bob Stice (a psychologist with the Diocese of the Rio Grande) will teach a sexual ethics class. The class, scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., is a requirement for all teachers of children and youth at St. James (Sunday School, TYMS classes, and youth programs), as well as any who are interested in becoming teachers.

Vestry members, church administrative employees, and others are encouraged to attend.

■ Information: church office, 758-2790.

TCC at St. James

In September the Taos Community Chorus began rehearsals for its 2008 winter concert series.

The rehearsals are Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in our parish hall. Guest conductor is Erick Brunner.

No auditions are required to be a member of this excellent chorus—just a love of singing and a commitment to the work together. Members pay \$65 to cover seasonal membership, music, and rehearsal space rent.

■ More information: 758-6966 or 751-5811.

Milestones

Birthdays

- 3 Wynona Baucum,
Lucinda Foster, Judith
Mosley
- 6 Matthew Voss
- 8 Rosemary Cain, Marcelle
Parker
- 9 Marilyn Farrow
- 10 Newell Boughton
- 12 Hope Parmelee
- 14 Amy Burkett, Theresa
Chacon
- 16 Lacey North
- 19 Ralph Sweet
- 21 Seth Voss, Jim Burns
- 24 Father Rocky Schuster
- 26 Jim Glenn

Anniversaries

- 2 Wes Patterson & Stacy
Quinn
- 4 Ron & Carol Larimore
- 12 Bill & Caryle Zorumski
- 31 Gretchen & James
Rockenfield

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear, call the office, 758-2790, and have us add you to the celebration list. Thanks!

St. James Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Father Rocky's days off: Friday and Saturday.)

Pastoral Care Emergency Numbers

For emergencies after office hours: the Rev. Rocky Schuster, 776-8581. In extreme emergency, call the Rev. Cristina Sumners, 758-9035, or the Rev. Walter Allen, 758-1043.

ST. JAMES VESTRY

Rector's Warden: Dick Frankel

People's Warden: Mike Dobbs

Mary Ann Boughton,
Outreach

Marilyn Farrow

Jess Heald,
Stewardship

Heather Liebman,
Membership

Colin Nicholls, *Leadership and Volunteers*

Angela Pacheco,
Outreach

Stacy Quinn, *Education*

DIOCESE/DEANERY

DELEGATES:

Marcia Oliver
Barbara Stillwell
Caryle Zorumski

ALTERNATE: Tom Knapp

COMMITTEES

Agape Groups: Heather Liebman

Altar Guild: Anne Marie Petrokubi

Building: Jack Nottingham

Columbarium: John Cain

Finance: Wes Patterson

Food Pantry: Marilyn Farrow, Jane Compton

Memorial Fund: Dee Fleming

Pastoral Care: Mary Burns

Sunday School: Monica Corral

Women of St. James: Joella Knapp

Treasurer: Wes Patterson

The Rev. Rocky Schuster, Rector
Penny Voss, Minister of Music
Marcia Shultis, Office Manager
Cynthia Bay, Secretary/Bookkeeper

Saying Goodbye to the Frankels

from WINN KALMON

It is very hard to see Dick and Patti return to North Carolina. And it will be even harder to fill the hole they leave behind, as individual contributors to so many activities at St. James and as one of the most popular and stalwart couples in our community.

For years Patti has worked in the Food Pantry, and she helped make the rummage sales and Holiday Bazaar successful. Her chocolate baskets are famous. Patti always describes herself as a “worker bee,” and her uncelebrated, generous efforts are numerous.

Dick has taken the lead in many ways, from guiding hikers and back-country skiers up and down trails to serving as a vestry member. His sunburned face beams out one of the friendliest smiles one could ever hope to see. Dick’s recent stroke slowed him down, but we know he won’t rest until he can be back on the trails.

We wish Dick and Patti the very best in their new-old home amid family and old friends. And we remind them that they will always be part of our family.

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