

Bringing Christ to People, by Bringing People to Christ.



"CELEBRATE THE GIFT!"

During this month of November, we are experiencing the 'Celebrate the Gift!', Stewardship series which will excitingly move our church family to a new place of support and engagement of the Saint James Ministries! As we realize how God has gifted us with so much - we are so very blessed and should have hearts full of gratitude. When I have a grateful heart to God for all He has done in my life, I can't help but **want to give** me best in return, because of all He has done for me!! Wouldn't you feel the same way to God? There is NO GREATER JOY than the joy that comes is giving and serving others in the name of Jesus Christ.... because there is NO GREATER LOVE than the love that comes from God in Jesus, His son given for us!

Jesus taught us about creating a heart of compassion that will choose to give of oneself to serve or help others. This comes from a heart that desires to "bear the burden" of another as Galatians 6:2 reminds us. This heart of compassion from which we give our service, time and money as our best to God, comes NOT from guilt or obligation, but from the love of God in us driven to sacrifice for another, as Christ has done for us! We can't wait to support and give to a vision of God's that is creating life-change in lives of those seeking to know God! Want to know joy and happiness? Experience **this** with God!!

It has become so clear to me and I wish I could help everyone I know to experience the same joy God has taught me, when you truly TRUST God with your best - your offering, that 'first 10%' - God will NEVER let you down in handling the other 90% and it will cover all the needs. You can know that joy as well.... You must trust God (pretty safe One to trust don't you think?) to help you handle all you have, after **first** giving to Him what He requests! It's God's economy and simply.... IT WORKS!! And He shares the joy and benefits with you!

Knowing God's generosity to us empowers us to share our gifts with others for HIS sake, generously!! These Sundays in November will be tremendous and full of joy and excitement - a time to share truths and stories about God's work through us. God has already begun to work in us as I witnessed 50 persons sign up to participate with the *Prayer Connection Team* on Sunday Nov. 1 Our goal was 50 and we will cover our whole church family with prayer - members praying for other members of the church family!

Mark November 22 on your calendar NOW! This will be our **Celebration Sunday** and Thanksgiving Sunday, when we present our Faith Commitment Cards in all services. It will certainly be important for each of us to be present that day since it will be THE time to present our best for God in supporting the ministries through Saint James!

It is a joy to serve Jesus Christ with you and share the joy of Christian community with all those we can engage together! I am grateful to be in ministry with each of you!

Peace, kim <><



Allan G. Bates

October 17, 1923 -
October 8, 2009

Allan G. Bates, 85, of Sarasota died October 8, 2009. The memorial service was held October 18th at Saint James United Methodist Church. Arrangements were made by Jennings Funeral Home & Crematory.



Survivors include sons Ken of Pinellas Park, Ron of Concord, NC, Chuck of Moultonborough, NH, and Phil of Newmarket, Ontario; daughters Beth Ahmed of Forrest Hills, N.Y., and Meridith Smith of Fort Plain, NY; and ten grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Allan M. Bates.

Allan was a very active member of Saint James for almost 20 years. He served as Finance Team's Treasurer for several years. He was also very active in the United Methodist Men and the Faithkeepers II small group.

Thank you to all,

No words can truly express the level of love and comfort that I experienced during recent weeks because of our wonderful Saint James church family and friends.

Thank you so much for all the different ways you shared your loving thoughts, prayers, cards, gifts and food during my knee surgery and recovery.

We are so blessed to be so loved.

Thanks again!

Nancy Winding and Jim too!!!!



Janet R. Wilson

December 22, 2009 -
October 11, 2009

Janet R. Wilson, 69, of Sarasota, formerly of Indiana, PA, died October 11, 2009.

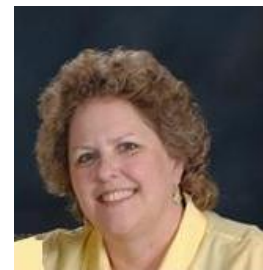
A memorial service was held at Saint James United Methodist Church. Packer Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, James "Jim" of Sarasota, married 50 years; a son, James of Warner Robins, GA; a daughter, Shari Potocki of Sarasota; a brother, Alan Stephens of Rochester, NY; a sister, Lucille Blasin of Clarksburg, PA; and four grandchildren.

Donations may be made to TideWell Hospice.

"Teacher of the Year"

Diana Howard



Tatum Ridge
Elementary!!

Congratulations!

Office Volunteers Needed!!

Do you like to fold?

We need bulletin, bulk mail and ChurchBeat folders!

Do you like to type?

We need volunteers to type in recipes.

Do you want to help at the receptionist desk?

Call the church office!
941-377-6180



ELA Announces New Leadership

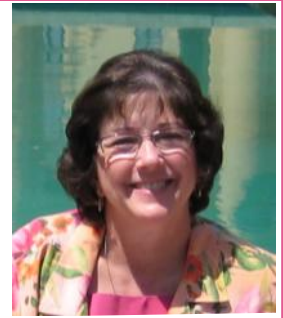
We are delighted to announce that Valerie Colbert will be starting full time November 19, 2009 as our Director. She comes to us with 15 years of early childhood education experience. She was the director at Concordia Lutheran Early Child Care Center for five years until it closed its doors in May, 2009. In the four years prior to that she was the assistant director at a privately owned preschool. She has six years of classroom experience teaching pre-kindergarten. Valerie holds an associate degree from State College of Florida in early childhood education with an emphasis in management. She also maintains a national Child Development Associate Credential and a State of Florida Directors Credential.

Valerie's philosophy of early childhood education is one where each child is considered a unique child of God. Her philosophy combines



a loving educational staff that bonds with each child individually with a

curriculum that enables spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual and physical growth. She feels an ideal program should foster development of the whole child through active learning and play. The program should also support families through strong partnerships with the staff and administration. All of these things blended together in a Christian environment where the children and families are shown and learn about the unconditional love of Jesus, and work together to build strong, confident children and families.



Valerie has been married to Gary for 30 years, and they have lived in Sarasota for the last 13 years. They have three grown children: Julia, married to husband, John, and residing in San Jose, California, where she is a CPA; Caitlin, a Professor of English and graduate student at the University of Nantes, France; and Daniel, a junior at the University of Illinois of Champagne/Urbana.



**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

**Wrapped
shoeboxes are
now available**

**to fill. Pick yours up and
return by Sunday,
November 22nd.**

Thank you! *Grace Circle*

Resurrection
House has
begun to
accept used
bicycles

(including ones
requiring repair) to refurbish.
They will then gift them to the
homeless to provide needed
transportation to work. To
donate, please contact **Bea
Swanson** at 941-365-7839.



Fall Fest 2009!!!

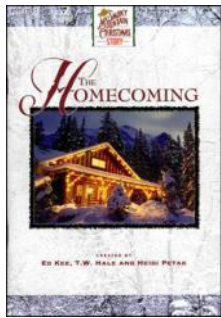
One thought comes to mind when I think of Community and that is the way Saint James came together to provide a very successful Fall Fest on Saturday, October 24th. From grilling hot dogs, to face painting - storytelling on a hayride to games, this church came together as a community and extended a warm welcome to those who came to visit.

I thank each and every one of you who took the time to work behind the scenes getting prepared for the event. To those who sat in our warm Florida sunshine welcoming our neighbors and friends and most importantly, getting everything back to some form of normal after everyone was gone. This church is amazing and our community is AMAZING.

Thank you!

Maggie Sumney





**“The Homecoming”
A Smoky Mountain
Christmas Story**

Saturday, December 19th

7:00 pm

Sunday, December 20th

4:00 pm

*Both performances will take place
in the Sanctuary*

**Come Early For Complimentary Holiday Treats
served before the production and during
intermission.**

A 75 minute, fun, humorous and dramatic “bluegrass/
country” spin on the wonderful Christmas story.

**Among our talented singers/actors will be guests
from the Sarasota / Bradenton area professional
stage and cabaret circuits.**

So... If country fiddlin' and line dancin' is your
definition of family fun, DON'T MISS THIS!!!

Free Admission

Free Will Offering at Intermission

*Presented by Saint James United Methodist Church Music,
Drama and Dance Ministries*

LaTerry & Tammy Elaine Butler, Producers & Directors



**‘Tis the Season for Flippin’
United Methodist Men’s Annual
Pancake Breakfast**

Saturday

November 21st

**Please join us for Breakfast
Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,
Bacon, Sausage, Coffee and
Orange Juice**

COST: \$5.00

**Children under 8 Free
8:00 am to 11:00 am**

2049 N. Honore Ave

Sarasota FL 34235

(941) 377-6180

www.saintjamesumc.org

Email us at: faith@saintjamesumc.org

All donations go toward our missions.

Bringing Christ to People By Bringing People to Christ

**NOTE: To all male adults and youth of Saint James
Join us for fellowship and a complimentary breakfast from
7:30 am to 7:55 am on November 21st before we start
serving our delicious breakfast to the public.**

God Wants you Well

I have been given a mission by God to carry the message of wellness to his His people.

I believe that He DOES want us well. What I would like to do is share one idea a month that will contribute to good health.

Ever since the beginning of time God has told his people that if they would follow his laws and commandments, we would be free from sickness and disease (Ex. 15:26 and Deut. 7:15. Believe me, our food and beverage choices advertised in the media are not the guidelines God gave us in the Bible!

The first topic I have chosen is water. Have you ever tried washing too many clothes in too small of a container or worse in water that was already dirty?



Consider this:

- The thirst mechanism is so weak that it is often mistaken for hunger by 37% of us.
- Even mild dehydration will slow the metabolism by as much as 3%.
- Lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.
- Preliminary research indicates that 8-10 glasses of water can significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80 % of its sufferers.
- A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger a fizzy short term memory.
- Drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases
The risk of colon cancer by 45%
The risk of breast cancer by 79%
The risk of bladder cancer by 50%
- Are you drinking enough pure water every day?

I welcome your questions and comments

Isn't God good?

To His glory,

Rebecca Burke

November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Garrett Shaffer II Jessica Ramsey	2 Aija Ball Barbara Hedel	3 Don Bagnall	4 Electa Wonders Bob & JoAnne	5 Diana Howard	6 Suzanne Schumacher Bruce & Sharon	7 Barbara Williams Stepahnie Gray Joan Melnick
8 Alice McElroy Dave Dirmeyer	9	10 Lisa Becker	11 Christy Geeig Sydney Russell Edwin Payne Flo Van Norstrand	12 Bob Oberlin Danielle Gray	13 Chip Newberger Annette White	14 C J Hahn
15	16 Judy Zoetewey	17 Herb McCarty Gail Sachs	18 Jerry Fagan	19 Margie Angely Dave Johnston Jim Crouse	20 Danny Villanueva	21
22 Grace Marlow Diane Boatwright	23	24 Debbie Grubbs Wes Kern	25 Allan Leaper	26	27 Connie Lacy Mary Esther Hershberger	28
29 Richard Healy Pat Sharp	30 Sennie Lansdowne			<p>Consider making a donation to the Scholarship Fund on your birthday. Thank you!</p>		

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>7:45am Informal Traditional Service 8:30am Flu Shots 9:10am Contemporary Service 9:10am Sunday Small Groups 9:10am Traditional Service 11:00am Adult Sunday Small Group 5:00pm Connect 101 5:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 10:00am Intercessory Prayer 4:00pm Faithkeepers II 6:00pm Dance Ministry Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 14 7:00pm Grace Circle 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm Kennington Park (Mixed) AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 9:30am Precept Class 4:00pm Professional Resource Network 7:00pm Boy Scout Leaders Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 14 7:00pm Life Anchor Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 9:15am Moms In Touch 9:30am Mom's Club of Sarasota 11:00am Precept Class 11:30am AL-ANON - Joy of Recovery 5:45pm Discovery Night Family Meal 6:30pm Discover Night Small Groups 7:30pm Gambler's Anonymous 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 7:00am Faithkeepers I 11:30am AL-ANON - Step in the Right Direction 11:30am Women's Emmaus Reunion Group 5:30pm Hand-Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Cadette Girl Scout Troop 41 6:30pm Precept Class 7:00pm Worship Design Team 7:00pm Meadows Chorus Rehearsal 7:30pm Al-Anon Prayer/Meditation</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 6:00pm Parrish/Thomas Wedding Rehearsal & Dinner 7:00pm AA (Women's) 7:30pm Kennington Park (Mixed) AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am Life Anchor Rehearsal 10:00am UMW Luncheon 6:00pm Parrish/Thomas Wedding</p>
<p>8</p> <p>7:45am Informal Traditional Service 9:00am Youth Christmas Sale 9:10am Contemporary Service 9:10am Sunday Small Groups 11:00am Traditional Service 11:00am Adult Sunday Small Group 5:00pm Connect 101 5:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 8:00am AARP - Safe Driving Course 10:00am Intercessory Prayer 4:00pm Faithkeepers II 6:00pm Scholarship Team Meeting 6:00pm Dance Ministry Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 14 Committee Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 14 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 14 Leaders Meeting 7:00pm Trustees 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm Kennington Park (Mixed) AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 8:00am AARP - Safe Driving Course 9:30am Precept Class 1:30pm Messiah Circle 4:00pm Professional Resource Network 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 14 7:00pm Life Anchor Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 9:15am Moms In Touch 11:00am Precept Class 11:30am AL-ANON - Joy of Recovery 5:45pm Discovery Night Family Meal 7:00pm Church Conference 7:30pm Gambler's Anonymous 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 7:00am Faithkeepers I 11:30am Women's Emmaus Reunion Group 5:30pm Hand-Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Cadette Girl Scout Troop 41 6:30pm Precept Class 7:00pm Staff Parish Relations Team 7:00pm Meadows Chorus Rehearsal 7:30pm Al-Anon Prayer/Meditation</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 7:00pm AA (Women's) 7:30pm Kennington Park (Mixed) AA 4:30pm Youth Leave for Cross trainers</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 2:00pm Al-Anon Gratitude Dinner</p>
<p>15</p> <p>7:45am Informal Traditional Service 9:10am Sunday Small Groups 9:10am Contemporary Service 11:00am Traditional Service 11:00am Adult Sunday Small Group 5:00pm Connect 101 5:00pm Youth - Jimmy Needham Concert 2:30pm Youth return from Cross trainers</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 10:00am Intercessory Prayer 4:00pm Faithkeepers II 6:00pm Dance Ministry Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 14 7:00pm Suncoast Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00pm Finance Team 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm Kennington Park (Mixed) AA</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 9:30am Precept Class 4:00pm Professional Resource Network 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 14 7:00pm Faithsharing Circle 7:00pm Life Anchor Rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 9:15am Moms In Touch 11:00am Precept Class 11:30am AL-ANON - Joy of Recovery 5:45pm Discovery Night Family Meal 6:30pm Discover Night Small Groups 7:30pm Gambler's Anonymous 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00am Faithkeepers I 7:00am Early Learning Academy 11:30am Women's Emmaus Reunion Group 12:00pm Friendship Circle 5:30pm Hand-Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Cadette Girl Scout Troop 41 6:30pm Precept Class 7:00pm Meadows Chorus Rehearsal 7:30pm Al-Anon Prayer/Meditation</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 4:00pm Pending - Set up for Padalia Anniversary Party 7:00pm AA (Women's) 7:30pm Kennington Park (Mixed) AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00am UMM Pancake Breakfast</p>
<p>22</p> <p>7:45am Informal Traditional Service 9:10am Sunday Small Groups 9:10am Contemporary Service 11:00am Traditional Service 11:00am Adult Sunday Small Group 5:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 10:00am Intercessory Prayer 4:00pm Faithkeepers II 6:00pm Dance Ministry Rehearsal 7:00pm Church Council Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 14 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm Kennington Park (Mixed) AA</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 9:30am Precept Class 4:00pm Professional Resource Network 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 14 7:00pm Life Anchor Rehearsal</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 9:15am Moms In Touch 11:00am Precept Class 11:30am AL-ANON - Joy of Recovery 7:30pm Gambler's Anonymous</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed 7:00am Faithkeepers I 11:30am AL-ANON - Step in the Right Direction 7:30pm Al-Anon Prayer/Meditation</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00pm AA (Women's) 7:30pm Kennington Park (Mixed) AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 2:00pm Cook "Gifts From God" Dinner</p>
<p>29</p> <p>7:45am Informal Traditional Service 9:10am Contemporary Service 9:10am Sunday Small Groups 11:00am Adult Sunday Small Group 11:00am Traditional Service 2:00pm "Gifts From God" - Outreach Dinner 5:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00am Early Learning Academy 10:00am Intercessory Prayer 4:00pm Faithkeepers II 6:00pm Dance Ministry Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 14 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm Kennington Park (Mixed) AA</p>					

**COUPLES' RETREAT AT LEESBURG
MARCH 12-14 & 19-21, 2010**



I eagerly encourage all couples to attend the Couples' Retreat even if you and/or spouse also are attending or have attended the respective Men's and Women's Retreats. If you cannot attend both, then choose the couple's Retreat. I assure you it will be a time of togetherness and a spiritually engaging experience for you both as you spend time with each other in a truly Holy place.

If you have not been to a Leesburg Retreat and enjoyed the beauty and serenity of the grounds, the lake that surrounds it and the Spirit of God

surrounding you—you need to go. *Also, if you are already planning to go PLEASE LET ME KNOW so that I can coordinate you with the other Saint James folds who are going. We carpool so not everyone has to drive unless you prefer to drive yourselves in which case I would still appreciate knowing who is going. P.S... You do not have to be a member of Saint James in order to join us at these Retreats. Have friends from another church or out of town wishing to join you or us? Not a Problem. Let me know.* For more details or just a question, please call me, Margaret Hackett at 952-9132. Please leave a message, if I am not available.

Lost and Found



Lost

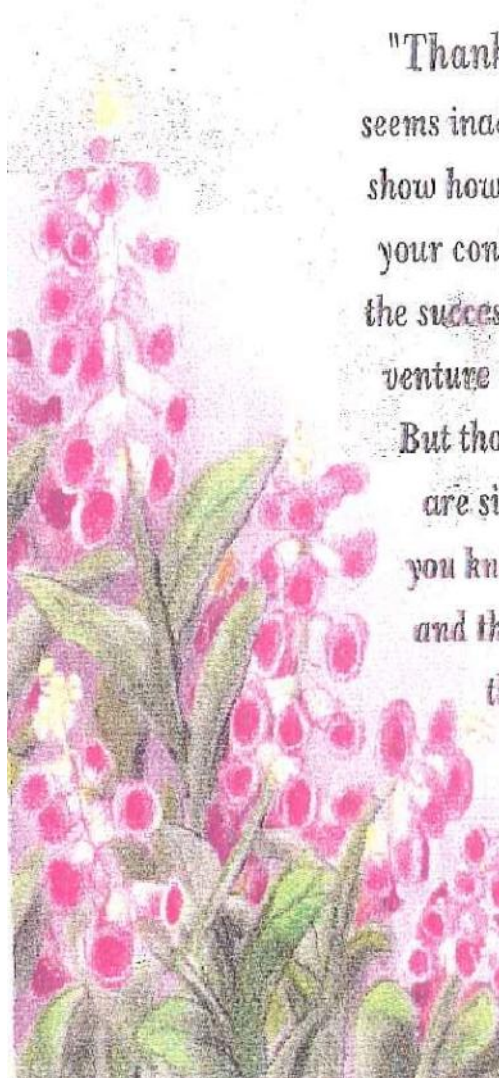
Reading glasses –
Sunday, September 13th

Found

Holy Bible – Red and gold—King James Version—photo inside cover
Pair of glasses – Bifocals, found in Fellowship Hall week of October 2nd

Please call the receptionist in the church office or stop in if you find any items or to pick up your 'lost' items.

St. Joseph's Primary School



"Thank you"

seems inadequate to show how very much your contribution to the success of our latest venture meant to us.... But though the words are simple, we hope you know the gratitude and the special warmth they represent.

This card was sent from St. Joseph's school in St. Kitts!!!

Answer to Prayers

We ask for strength and God gives us difficulties which make us strong.
We pray for wisdom and God sends us problems, the solution of which develops wisdom.
We plead for prosperity and God gives us brain and brawn to work.
We plead for courage and God gives us dangers to overcome.
We ask for favors—God gives us opportunities.
This is the answer.

—Author Unknown



The United Methodist Men...

wish to thank the Saint James family for

their generosity, time and effort that made Saturday, September 26 such a big success. We grossed over \$2,700 - WOW!!!!

We were able to support the Missions with about \$ 386.00 after all expenses.

Thanks to all, no matter what you did - it

made a difference. This was a great outreach event. I want to say thanks to the people who said we could not do it - that inspired us. I especially want to thank LaTerry Butler for his dinner music and coordination of the bands, Margaret Hackett's coordinating the Auction and thank you, Trina for coordinating Credit Cards and all of advertising help you gave.

Omer Quesnel, for the UMM



New Procedure for Check Requests!

Please complete the form below for any payment or repayment you are requesting. (Make copies to have on hand.)

Please note—All Requests submitted must be signed, have the proper account number (account numbers are available from the business office) you wish to use for the payment, and the receipt from the store where purchased.



Requests must be submitted within 2 weeks of purchase.

CHECK REQUEST

Date _____

CHECK PAYABLE TO:

MAIL TO:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State _____ Zip _____

Account Number

Team/Group

Use

Amount

\$ _____

Requested By: _____ Approval: _____ Total Amount \$ _____

Team/Group Chair

All Requests submitted must be signed, have the proper account number you wish to use for the payment, and the receipt from the store where purchased. Requests must be submitted within 2 weeks of purchase.



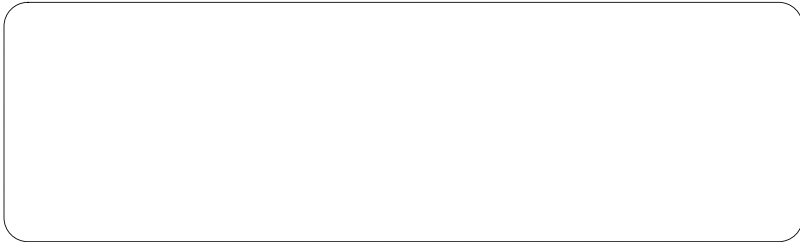
Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9 AM - 4 PM
 Phone: (941) 377-6180
 Fax: (941) 378-8911
 Emergency Number: (941) 866-8141
 E-Mail: faith@saintjamesumc.org
 Senior Pastor: Rev. Kim M Joyner
 Assistant Pastor: Brian Russell

Saint James United Methodist Church
 2049 North Honore Avenue
 Sarasota, FL 34235

Non-Profit Org.
 U.S. Postage
 P A I D
 Manasota · Florida
 Permit No. 131

Return Service Requested

Ministers: The People of Saint James
Director of Music Ministries: LaTerry Butler
Director of Student Ministries: Brian Erickson
Ministry Manager: Trina Bauer
Business Administrator: Jo Jefferson
Interim Director of Saint James
Early Learning Academy: Susan Klein
Leader of Laity: Judy Snodgrass
Church Council Chair: David Zoetewey
ChurchBeat Editors: Traci Thompson
 tracithmpsn@yahoo.com
 Trina Bauer
 trina@saintjamesumc.org



Postmaster, Please Deliver by November 7, 2009

7:45 AM - Informal Worship Service (HOLY COMMUNION First Sunday of the Month)
 9:10 AM - Contemporary Service (HOLY COMMUNION Every Sunday)
 11 AM - Traditional Worship Service (HOLY COMMUNION First Sunday of the Month)
 9:10 AM + 11:00 AM - Sunday Small Groups



Go to www.saintjamesumc.org and click on the link for *Virtual BookStore*. Save 20% and Earn 5% cash back for the church!!! Books, Bibles, music CDs, and more. Check it out today!

Saint James UMC
ONLINE STORE
 ...on our church website!



Happy Thanksgiving



The Beginning of Advent



November is the month of Thanksgiving, but it often also includes the beginning of a new church year. This year, November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is about Jesus, the Word, "coming." It's about anticipating and preparing for Christ's arrival.

God comes to us in many and various ways. He speaks to us through the prophets and saints.

He comes and speaks to us when we are listening. He comes in the beauty and mysteries of nature. Most of all, God comes in the person of Christ, speaking to his listeners face to face.

Pastor Edmund Steimle put it this way:
"The Christian story is a story of God coming into the middle of life, of our lives, opening the dialogue with us."

That's what Advent is really all about: God visiting the earth in person to speak with anyone and everyone who is ready to do so.