

Bringing Christ to People, by Bringing People to Christ.



From the
Pastor's
Desk

"Anticipation builds during these days!"

During this month of October, there are many activities and opportunities for building relationships for the Body of Christ, as well as, outreach events well-prepared for inviting guests! Have you checked out the schedule and list of events for the next month, and throughout the fall? This is certainly an exciting time of the year - not JUST because its football season - but particularly because God is giving us many opportunities to reach out and engage community building with others!

Our Pumpkin Patch is a tremendous way to meet and interact with guests and friends during this month. If you haven't done so, consider signing up to serve as a volunteer for times to be in the "patch" during the month. YOUR HELP is needed and valued - not to mention the great new friends you will be able to meet! This outreach maybe one of our best options for reaching the community, that we have during the year!! Please pray about this outreach and how you may be part of its excitement!!

Our Fall Festival scheduled for Oct. 24th will be one of our major single-day events of the month. Make plans now for that day and begin telling your friends about the event!! This will be a great fun day with so much for all ages - definitely a wonderful time for families and kids. We anticipate reaching deep into the community as the publicity continues to build. We have an excellent team leading this event and know it will be most significant for Saint James and the community around us. From the free food, games, hay ride, and time for fellowship; our whole community will find it a "day not to miss!"

World Wide Communion Sunday is this Sunday, when we, along with all the Christians around the world, will share in Holy Communion within that 24 hr period. This time in worship Sunday will be an excellent time for us as well. We are continuing our series, "Discover How God Wired You Up!" The last Sunday of the month will be led by many of our laity and a special Sunday to honor the lay leadership of Saint James!

Also, during these days, many of our friends from other places will be returning to the area so we anticipate reconnecting with dear friends and making NEW friends this year! Have you invited someone to worship lately?? Why not consider doing so during this month of October as we make it a month of "OUTREACH IN OCTOBER"! We do have numerous opportunities with which to invite someone, in addition to worship times!

November will truly be a challenging and joyous month of 'giving thanks' in many ways!! We are truly excited about the series through November that will lead us in our stewardship ministries of Saint James and how we can intentionally enable God's greatest blessings for the ministries we engage for Him!!

So, you can tell, the energy and excitement is high and "**anticipation is great**" considering these days and weeks ahead! The Spirit of God IS working in our midst and leading us forward through growth and changes, while not always easy, still excitingly effective! It is a joy to share in HIS ministry with you and continue to identify how God is working through us AND challenging us to spiritually keep growing all the time! Be sure you get into a small group this fall - Sunday morning, Wednesday evening Discovery Night or one of the other gathering times of the week. YOU will benefit tremendously!

It will be a joy to worship with you during these wonderful days and more particularly a privilege to honor God with our best in ministry for Him, everyday! You are deeply loved and appreciated - let's share it!!

peace, kim <><

senior pastor

saint james umc of sarasota





Before bed on Saturday, October 31st, turn your clocks back ONE HOUR!

What is stewardship?



Stewardship is not just raising funds; It's raising Christians. Stewardship is not a matter of budgets; It's a matter of faith.

OUR CELL PHONE MINISTRY

We just mailed another box (30) of your old cell phones to a "not for profit" company called "911Cell Phone". They program the phones and then pass them on to Law Enforcement or Victim Services agency's who have a legitimate need for 911 phones.



Saint James profits from your donation in two ways:

1. The higher value phones are converted to cash and they send us that money.
2. If there is anyone in our congregation, or if you know of someone who needs a 911 cell phone, the company will program one and send it free of charge. Just call Bob or Joyce Van Zandt at 377-4681 and we will order one.

Please place your used phones in the box that is located on the table in the West Hall. Ask family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers to donate their used cell phones. They go for a good cause!

Bob & Joyce Van Zandt

New Members who joined in August & September:



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Francis Jim

September 13, 1936 –
August 23, 2009

Francis Xavier Jim, 72, was called home on Sunday, August 23, 2009. He was born in Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica, the son of the late Clinton Jim and Cynthia Halloway.

His hobbies from a young age were fishing, diving and water skiing. As an adult he piloted cruise ships and took tourist deep-sea fishing, earning the affectionate nick-names of Noah and Captain Gabidon.

In 1970 he migrated with his wife and family to the United States and made his home here for 39 years - but his heart never left Jamaica. The sea claimed his earthly remains as he had wished.

Francis is survived by wife **Barbara**; three daughters Jacqueline, Caleen and Sandra; six grandchildren Jonathan, Zachary, Brandon, Jordan, Nathaniel and Noah; one brother Clifford; four sisters Sybil, Phillis, Bridgette and Mureen; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

There was a
Celebration of Life
Service on October
3rd at 2pm at Saint
James UMC.



Marilyn Simpson Cunningham

April 4, 1932–
September 5, 2009



Marilyn Simpson Cunningham of The Meadows died Sept. 5, 2009. She was born in Pittsburgh and had resided there prior to retiring to the Meadows in 1985 with her husband of 57 years, **John "Jack" Cunningham**, who was a retired marketing and advertising executive with Westinghouse Electric.

She was the devoted mother of Sheryl (Bruce) Buskirk of the Meadows and John Cunningham of St. Petersburg, FL; cherished sister of William Simpson of Pittsburgh, PA; loving grandmother of Brian and Robert of Sarasota and Katie Buskirk, a student at the University of Richmond. She is also survived by nieces in the Pittsburgh and Long Island, NY areas.

Marilyn was deeply committed to her faith as a member and usher of St. James Methodist Church. She was an active member in the Meadows Community with the Pillows Group, which supplies pillows to patients recovering from heart surgery; the Meadows Country Club Nine Hole Ladies Golf Association; and a multi-gallon contributor to the Meadows Community Blood Drive. Her loving smile will be dearly missed by all.

A memorial service was September 16, 2009, at Saint James Methodist Church. If desired, memorials may be made to the local chapter of the American Cancer Society .



History of Our Ministry with All Faiths Food Bank

Saint James has been in ministry with All Faiths Food Bank for more than thirteen years, and the reason I know this is because when I came from another church and joined St. James in April 1996, I brought this idea with me--*the regular collection of non-perishable foods*--for All Faiths Food Bank. I had coordinated this collection of food at my former church, and when I got to St. James, I felt that we just must begin this collection of foods, since it was such a sensible way to help the poor and hungry in our community.

I went to All Faiths and picked up two barrels to place in the small narthex of the original building. The concept was publicized at worship services, and very soon members of St. James congregation began responding by bringing food items with them to worship each Sunday and dropping them in one of the barrels. I soon found that I would need to tend to these barrels on a regular basis, and I would back up my car to the entry of the old narthex, empty the food from the barrels and bag it in the paper bags I had obtained from the Publix market when I did my shopping, and then deliver the bags full of food to All Faiths Food Bank over on Cattlemen Rd.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Each time they would weigh the bags of food and keep a record of the pounds of food donated by St. James UMC.

After we built our new sanctuary with the huge narthex we have now, we still kept the two barrels there for the congregation to bring food items with them to worship on Sundays. I continued tending to the food barrels and seeing that the food was taken to All Faiths; and finally, with other duties and responsibilities I was involved in, the late Laura Hagan agreed to assume this job. And finally, All Faiths decided that they would send one of their trucks to pick up the food when they were notified the barrels were full.

I am hopeful that this article will remind the congregation that it takes so little effort to pick up an extra food item or two each week to bring to worship with you each Sunday. It's just a matter of habit, and I can tell you that it has been no problem for me to bring an item or two of food to church with me on Sunday, without ever forgetting, for over thirteen years now. And I am appealing to the congregation to think this over and to prayerfully consider getting in the habit of helping to feed the poor and hungry in our community by bringing a food item to worship with you each and every Sunday.



Leesburg Women's Retreat March 5-7, 2010

Thanks to those who have responded to the call to attend the upcoming Women's Retreat. We have a nice group already signed up and still have plenty of room for more. Won't you consider joining us for a wonderful time of sisterhood, and a spiritually enriched weekend in a most beautiful and serene setting? **Also, if you are already planning to go, PLEASE LET ME KNOW so that I**

can coordinate you with the other Saint James' folks who are going. We carpool so not everyone has to drive. P.S.... You do not have to be a member of Saint James in order to join us at these Retreats. Have a friend from another church or out-of town wishing to join you are us? Not a Problem. Let me know. For more details, concerns or just a question, please call Margaret Hackett 952-9132. Please leave a message with a phone number if no answer. Cost is \$155.00 for the LEC and the Warren Willis Camp is \$135.00. Required registration fee to hold you spot is \$45.00.

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROUS GIVING we will be able to offer Fall Scholarship Awards to our members continuing their education. Scholarship Applications will be available in the Church Office through October and must be returned to the Church Office by November 6 at 4 pm. All those who have been members for at least a year and did not apply during the Spring Awards period are eligible for a Fall Award. The Scholarship Committee and especially the Award winners continue to feel



blessed that our Church family shows support for those pursuing their educational goals. It truly is the gift that keeps on giving throughout their

A Great Opportunity to do "Good Works!"



Be a Teacher

What's Needed: Extra hands to provide love and attention to our Sunday school children (ages 3 years-old and up; 10-11 years-old to Pre-teen)

When: Any given Sunday 9:10 - 10:40 AM

Where: Building A, Rooms 206 + 209; Building B, Room 312

Why: Receive blessings hundredfold from the children

How: Contact - **Judy Snodgrass** 941-360-1248 or spend time with one of the Sunday school teachers after the Wednesday Discovery Dinner as we prepare for Sunday's classes.



A tireless 27 year old named Adam has served as an international field rep since 2002 for Operation Christmas Child. As a child of 6 in the Kurdish area of Northern Iraq he was the only survivor of a busload of 30 children hit by a missile from the Saddam Hussein regime. He was in a coma for 3 months, disfigured and lost both legs. Upon awakening he found out his parents and 10 siblings were killed in a poisonous gas attack again from the Saddam Hussein regime. He survived through the help of a Christian group and the International Red Cross and has devoted his life to helping handicapped children. He was thrilled to deliver 50 shoeboxes to his home town of Halabja and watch a wave of gladness spread over the faces of handicapped children. None of us knows as we pack our box who will open it but remember that smile of gladness Adam saw. Grace Circle will again make wrapped shoeboxes available to you beginning in October. A brochure with instructions will be inside each box. Please remember to include a check for \$7.00 made to Samaritan's Purse to help with the deliver cost around the world.



The Saint James United Methodist Women are planning a **Luncheon and Style Show/sale** on Saturday, November 7th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall of the church. This is a fundraiser for our **UMW** mission projects, that include the youth and many needy causes. Tickets will be

\$10 and will be available from Circle Leaders or at the church office. Bring a guest and come see the great fashion show, all fashions will be for sale after the show. There will be door prizes and discounts given by The Boutique on Wheels. Come have a fun day with your UMW friends and guests!



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If You Thought The Previous Christmas Musicals Were Great, Just Wait!

LaTerry Butler, Director of Music Ministries

Webster's dictionary defines the word "Impresario" as "...One

who manages, conducts and produces a performing arts event such as a show, concert, etc."

Well, promotion is also a part of the producer's art...

Hence the veracity of the above title for this brief article.

However, one thing is definite.... This is not just "hype"!

Through the years we here at Saint James UMC have gradually climbed the ladder of sophistication when it comes to our Christmas

Pageant/Musical Productions. This season will be no exception. This season's effort will be ratcheted up another notch... Make that 3 or 4 notches. This will be a full Broadway style musical with a dynamic set, about a dozen actors, singers, dancers, stage crew and a full chorus buoyed by a small orchestra.

The title of the work is "*The Homecoming - A Smoky Mountain Christmas Story.*"



This production will be presented on both Saturday evening, December 19th and Sunday afternoon December 20th 2009!

Rehearsals and auditions begin on Saturday, October 17th at 10 a.m. in the music suite of the church. This will also be the occasion that rehearsal schedules, music scores and actor's scripts will be made available.

You may make an inquiry through the church office at (941) 377-6180 or contact directly by e-mail at: music@saintjamesumc.org.



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.

What's Up With The Youth?

Tuesday nights beginning September 29th we will meet from 7-9pm in the sanctuary during Praise team rehearsal to prepare for Sunday Worship. This includes getting mics, chairs, and music stands set; moving around the platform items as necessary between services; learning the computer, sound, and camera equipment. Come out to join this new tech team small group opportunity.

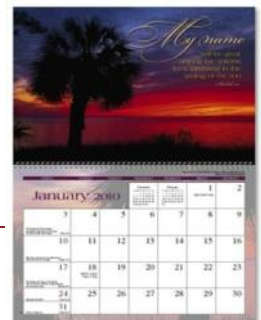


Sponsor a youth today!



Our next big trip is Crosstrainers November 13-15, 2009 at Warren Willis Camp. Crosstrainers is an energy packed weekend that is designed to encourage your walk with Christ and become energized about living your faith everyday, not just on Sunday's. Crosstrainers retreat is full of worship, games, activities, and time to hang out with friends from around the state of Florida. We will compete in the Crosstrainer games, share stories, and retreat from the busy fall semester of school, football, and day to day life.

The youth have two ongoing fundraisers to help with the costs of events like Crosstrainers. See a youth or come by the church office to get yours today. - "God's Creation" calendars for 2010 \$6 each. -Pie Coupons good for one pie from Dutch Heritage cost \$12. The recipient then brings the coupon to Dutch Heritage to receive the pie of their choice.



Get ready for Christmas! The youth will be having a Christmas sale on Sunday November 8th. Come after services for fellowship time. We will be having snacks and beverages as you browse through the many new angel and nativity sets, as well as cards and other accessories. All proceeds will benefit the youth for upcoming events.

ATTITUDES OF GRATITUDE

Submitted by Sarah Colandro

Recently I've been taking a good hard look at my life, and specifically at several elements in it that are causing me a lot of stress. I won't bore you with the details, but let me tell you, worry and indecision can be exhausting!

Remembering some of Pastor Kim's recent sermons, I thought back to the times of my life when I felt most positive, most productive, and most fulfilled. It wasn't always in good & happy times that I felt that way. It was, however, in times when I have been conscious of all the blessings God has given to me, the people and circumstances who have made those blessings possible, and when I have lived my life in an attitude of gratitude.

It is reasonable to say that it's easy for people to be filled with gratitude when things are going great...but, what about the times when life isn't so happy; when things happen outside our control that seem to be contrary to our wants and needs? That's a fair question, because as a congregation we sometimes find ourselves in less than desirable situations. Financially we're struggling, months before the start of our stewardship program. We've recently lost some long time members & young families to death and attrition. There seem to be too few volunteers to tackle all the jobs we have, and too many of us on the prayer list.

Is it possible to have an attitude of gratitude

in spite of our situations? We CAN by remembering the following scriptures:

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV - Give thanks in all circumstances [good, bad or ugly], for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 NIV - Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on [through rough and dangerous] heights.

James 1:2-4 TLB - Dear friends, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy, for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. Let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete. And finally...

Psalm 118:24 NIV - This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This IS the day to celebrate our blessings, to reflect on the positive, and to say thanks. Not yesterday. Not tomorrow. The time is now and the choice is ours to develop an Attitude of Gratitude! As a church family with that attitude, we will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete - ready to be a vital, growing congregation, focused on Christ and ever engaged in life-changing ministry.

This is the **DAY**
the Lord has made;



Let us rejoice
REJOICE
and be glad in it.



Psalm 118:24

Flu and precautions

Number One way to prevent the spread of flu is to “wash your hands!” Regular soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizers when



FLU SHOTS

soap + water are not available, have been shown to ward off those ‘nasty’ intestinal flu symptoms.

Research has documented that frequent hand-washing, along with determined efforts to reduce the spread of airborne germs by coughing and/or sneezing into the crook of your elbow (instead of your hands) can lower the incidents of ‘catching the BUG!’ If you are sick, stay home! And get your flu shots. Shots are for all Saint James members, non-members and guests.

FLU SHOTS

Sunday, November 1st
8:30 am— 11:00 am



FREE FLU SHOT FOR ANYONE WITH MEDICARE.

Under 65 yrs. of age — \$25.00 for the flu shot. Anyone with an HMO such as Humana, Aetna, United Health Care, Universal Health Care, BC/BS, Secure Horizons, or other Medicare replacement insurance must pay \$25.00 for the flu shot.

Receipts will be available to submit to your insurance company for a refund if applicable. \$45 for a Pneumonia shot (repeat every five years) \$45 for a Tetanus shot (repeat every ten years). *Anyone with allergic reactions to vaccinations should check with their physician.*

Fashion Show and Luncheon

Saturday, November 7th
12 noon
Ticket - \$10.00 each
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Saint James UMC

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Come One Come All to the Saint James Fall Fest

When? Saturday, October 24, 2009
Where? Saint James United Methodist Church
Location? 2049 N. Honore Ave.
Time? 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Pumpkins – Storytelling – K-9 Unit Demonstration – Fire Truck – Popcorn – Face Painting – Food – Hay Ride – and Much More !!!

Something for Everyone!
Games for kids!
Check out our Pumpkin Patch!
Free Admission!
Donations accepted!*

*Fall Fest donations go to benefit the Saint James ministry in the Early Learning Academy



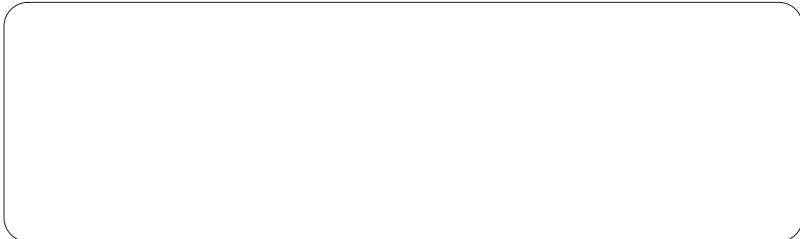
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 9:10 AM - Contemporary Service (HOLY COMMUNION *Every Sunday*)
 11 AM - Traditional Worship Service (HOLY COMMUNION *First Sunday of the Month*)
 9:10 AM + 11:00 AM - Sunday Small Groups



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