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INVOLVED!



## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Welcome to St. James' Episcopal Church Skaneateles! The Bible recommends to all that "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." 1Peter4:10. Getting involved at St. James' is easy and the best way to connect to a loving, faith-filled community. This guide includes a diverse assortment of vital volunteer and paid opportunities organized by areas of interest. There is something for everyone!

Each opportunity has a brief description, estimated time commitment and a contact person who can answer questions. As St. James' has navigated the pandemic, many of these ministries have become hybrid which means participation could be in-person as well as virtual. All are encouraged to explore any area you find interesting! Feel free to contact Laura Posecznick, Communications Director at [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org) or 315-685-7600 with any questions or just to chat about finding something that fits your time, talent and purpose!

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## WORSHIP



St. James' offers four unique worship services with three on Sunday and one on Wednesday evening. It takes a dedicated team of staff, clergy and volunteers to make these services happen each week. St. James' Church understands that worship is an action.

Liturgy, prayer and worship become more meaningful by your participation. There are numerous ways to be a part of worship services both in-person, virtual or "behind the scenes". Training is available for any position and grace abounds for all since the only one who is perfect is God.

### ACOLYTES

The word "acolyte" means attendant or follower. Acolytes at St. James' perform the significant ministry of preparing the church for worship, participating in the flow of the liturgy, and assisting the clergy at the altar. Serving as an acolyte provides a unique opportunity for youth and adults to learn more about the "who, what, why, when, and how" of the time-honored Episcopal liturgy. Acolytes are an important part of the service, as they assist the clergy in preparing for Communion.

**Time required:** 1 to 2 hours, once a month, at the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. service.

**Special skills needed:** Adults or youth who have completed the 5th grade and who is dependable and attentive. Training manual, training sessions, and mentoring will be provided. Not as hard as it sounds!

**Contact:** Becky Coerper ([Becky@stjameskan.org](mailto:Becky@stjameskan.org))  
Bill Buterbaugh ([wrbuterbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:wrbuterbaugh@gmail.com))

### ALTAR GUILD

St. James' Altar Guild is a dedicated group of women and men who prepare the church for Sunday worship, as well as special services such as weddings and funerals. Serving on Altar Guild gives you the opportunity to learn more about Episcopal liturgy and, perhaps even more important, get to know each other better. Altar Guild is an essential, behind-the-scenes

ministry necessary to make sure each service is ready from filling the candles to setting the communion table. The Altar Guild consists of four teams, each led by a chairperson/team leader.

Each team is responsible for one weekend of services per month and usually meets on Saturday morning to set up for the Sunday 7:30 a.m. service, but alternate times for set up can be arranged. Members also set and clean up after one Sunday service. St. James' needs altar guild members willing to come throughout Sunday to cover all services, and substitutes are available. Committees share responsibility for Christmas and Holy Week to accommodate members' family and work obligations and travel. Each team has "seasoned members" who guide those who are still learning. Altar Guild provides flexible schedules. Join Us!

**Time required:** 45 minutes to 1 hour – one Saturday morning per month (or an alternate time before Sunday morning) and 15 to 30 minutes – one Sunday morning per month.

**Total:** No more than 90 minutes each month. Additional service may be needed, as members are available, to set and clean up after occasional services during the week, such as weddings or funerals.

**Special Skills Needed:** A love of our worship services

**Contact:** Corinne Buterbaugh  
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## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, & READERS OF PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Love to read or speak to an audience? St. James' has tons of opportunities throughout the year for those who enjoy speaking in public. Lay people will serve on Sunday morning, reading the scripture lessons or prayers of the people. Readings will be assigned ahead of time. When full communion is restored, Eucharistic ministers (chalice bearers) are utilized at all in-person worship. These individuals must be trained & licensed. Training will be provided as needed.

Serving as both chalice and reader at a service would help tremendously. The goal is to provide a very flexible schedule. The more people we have make this job a whole lot easier on everyone. Youth are also able to be a part of this ministry

**Time required:** Once or twice a month during one service. Special skills needed: Excellent reader skills, understanding of this ministry's importance, responsibility to serve or find a substitute.

**Special skills needed:** Adults or youth who have completed the 5th grade and who are dependable and attentive. Training manual, training sessions, and mentoring will be provided. Not as hard as it sounds!

**Contact:** Nicole Bova at [nicole@stjameskan.org](mailto:nicole@stjameskan.org) or Laura Posecznick at (315.685.7600)

## USHERS (SUNDAYS 7:30 A.M./9:00 A.M./10:45 A.M.)

Clearly ushers are the face of St. James'! There is nothing more important than greeting everyone who enters the red doors on Sunday mornings, with the warmth and love of God. St. James' ALWAYS needs two people (or a family) to usher at all services on Sunday morning: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 10:45 a.m. Additionally, ushers are required at funerals or special programs. This job includes greeting, distributing bulletins, counting people in attendance, guiding communion flow and a brief clean up. Instruction is always provided.

**Time required:** 1-1.5 hours one Sunday a month (the more we have the more flexible the schedule)

**Contact:** Nicole Bova at [nicole@stjameskan.org](mailto:nicole@stjameskan.org) or Laura Posecznick at (315.685.7600)







## MUSIC

St. James' Church is blessed to have the most glorious music ministry. From traditional organ hymns to inspirational praise music, St. James' offers sounds that come straight from the Holy Spirit.

Talent abounds! If you would like to play an instrument or lend your voice to either the choir or band, please take a look below.

### Choir

The purpose and mission of the St. James' Chancel Choir is to provide quality spirit-filled music for the praise and worship of God, particularly at the 9:00 a.m. service. This ministry strives to be sensitive to the needs and direction of the parish and looks for ways music can support, strengthen, and enrich everyone's spiritual journey.

**Special skills needed:** No special music skills are needed, just a song and a smile in your heart. We sing a wide variety of musical styles and difficulty levels and have a lot of fun preparing music for worship services. This is a great way to serve the parish through music and all high school youth and adult singers are welcome.

**Time required:** 6:45 – 8:15 p.m., Thursday Rehearsal & Sundays 8:30 a.m. (warm up for 9 a.m. Worship)

**Contact:** Kip Coerper, Organist/Choir Master  
315.702.7325 (Kip@stjameskan.org)

### Worship Band

Worship Band leads a variety of music from hymns to popular songs with a focus on contemporary Christian music at the 10:45 service. The band is made up of volunteers from the congregation that meet at 10:00 on Sunday mornings and Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The band could always use individuals who play an instrument whether you wish to do it every Sunday or once in a while. The Worship Band is very flexible and also looks to enhance music selections during the holidays. Anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument should contact Michael Larkin.

**Time required:** 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Rehearsal, Sundays 10:00 a.m. (warm up for 10:45 a.m. Worship)

**Contact:** Michael Larkin, Director of Contemporary Music and Technology  
(michael@stjameskan.org)





## AUDIO VISUAL WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY

Over the past three years, St. James' has invested heavily in its technology. This allows worship, programming, music, prayer, and fellowship to literally reach people wherever they are. Being a consistent resource for God's love and support, St. James' is committed to continue live-streaming worship into the future. The St. James' Audio Visual Technology department, led by Michael Larkin, Director of Contemporary Music and Technology ensures set up, sound quality both in-side the church and virtually, and visual live-streaming including the creation of state-of-the-art videos.

The St. James' Tech Team can use as volunteers to learn part or all of the jobs that make online worship possible.

Advancing slides, sound mixing, and live-stream monitoring are all areas that can utilize volunteers. Although some experience with audio engineering or videography is welcome, we are open to individuals who simply have great active listening skills, are comfortable with tablets and smartphones, and ideally have some experience as a musician (even if you're not a professional).

If you are interested in learning more about Audio Visual Tech Team, please speak with Michael Larkin, Director of Contemporary Music and Technology at [stjameskanmusic@gmail.com](mailto:stjameskanmusic@gmail.com) or call 315-685-7600.







## PASTORAL CARE

More than ever, St. James' strives to stay connected with those in need. St. James' has vibrant and diverse pastoral opportunities for anyone to share God's love with others.

Most volunteer opportunities below require nothing more than kindness and time but know there is training and guidance available for all opportunities.

### Eucharistic Visitors

These loving people take Communion to individuals. Training is offered annually and involves an hour of time. When people complete the training, they are able to take & administer Communion to a parish member who is unable to attend church.

*Time required:* Yearly 1 hour training, 1-hour visit weekly/monthly/on call

**Contact:** Marie Hughes (315.702.3757)

### Healing Prayer

Private and confidential prayer is available during Communion or following services at the Peace Altar. Anyone may request prayer for any concern. If you would like to pray with others, please contact a clergy person or Michael Brown.

**Contact:** Michael Brown (315.256.6863)

### Parish Nurses

Parish Nurse's mission is to promote health, healing, and wholeness for God's people in mind, body, and spirit. St. James' Church has two parish nurses who provide health education and advocacy for parishioners.

**Contact:** Parish Nurses –  
Nancy Corl (315.252.8490)  
Jean Gannon (315.673.9905)

### Pastoral Card Ministry and Altar Flower Ministry

Altar flowers and cards are sent to people who are sick, saddened by loss, lonely, or in need of a friendly contact. Everyone is encouraged to send a card or note or make a flower delivery on Sunday. St. James' relies on people in this ministry to write & mail cards and deliver flowers, etc.

*Time required:* 15 minutes to 1 hour as needed.

**Contact:**

**Cards:** Emma Cowley

(cowley21emma@hotmail.com)

**Flowers:** Margie Amberge (315.567.1115)







## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Shawls are knitted and crocheted to provide comfort to anyone in need. A **knitting pattern and yarn are provided to anyone** with the time and ability to knit. When a prayer shawl is completed, it is blessed at the altar and soon delivered to someone in need. The warmth of these colorful shawls provides the feeling of God's loving embrace.

**Special skills needed:** ability to knit or crochet

**Contact:** Mary Bradly (315.685.1009)

## Prayer Chain

When a need is known and permission given, a prayer request goes to the St. James' email prayer chain, to the Wednesday evening service and names may also be listed in the weekly and monthly newsletters. A request for ongoing prayer with the prayer chain can be made known to Corinne Buterbaugh or clergy on Sundays or phoned into the church office: 315.685.7600.

**Special skills needed:** A desire to pray for people in need who have requested our prayers.

**Contact:** Contact Corinne Buterbaugh (corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com) and/or the Parish Office at 315.685.7600 to be included in the Weekly Newsletter.

## Stephen Ministry

St. James' Stephen Ministers assist Rev. Becky Coerper to reach more people with care than clergy can reach by themselves. Stephen Ministry enhances the outreach by creating a "caring ministry explosion" where many, instead of a few, are offering God's love and care in intentional, systematic ways. Extensively trained people offer confidential, weekly, one-on-one care to those dealing with illness, loss, or other difficulties. If you are interested in hearing more about Stephen Ministry or desire to become a Stephen Minister, let Nancy Graham or Rev. Becky Coerper know and we will answer any questions you may have. An upcoming training class is offered (four weeks of mini-training) for anyone who would like to refresh skills or start the process of becoming a pastoral care giver.

**Time required:** approximately 1 hour weekly.

**Special skills needed:** Willing to reach out to others with compassion and committed to being a listening support.

**Contact:** Nancy Graham (Nancy@stjameskan.org or 315.317.0138)





## COOKING/BAKING

Making and delivering meals to those in need is an incredible gift. It may seem small, however so many struggle with life's challenges that preparing a warm,

nutritious meal is often neglected. If you enjoy cooking or just hanging out, these ministries are for you!

### Martha's

This fun and lively group prepare meals for individuals and families suffering from illness, loss, or just temporarily unable to cook for themselves. The food is prepared, packaged, labeled with a prayer, a list of contents, and stored in the church freezer. You don't even have to be a great cook. There are lots of jobs such as shopping, set up, and clean up. Everyone works together. The Martha's meet on a week day morning for 2 or 3 hours.

*Time required:* The Martha's divide up the responsibilities, shop for the food, make labels, and gather in the parish hall kitchen to stock the freezer. Usually meet once a month, during the day.

**Contact:** Christine Delmonico (315.685.8672, 315.559.2119)



### Reception Ministry

Volunteers provide a reception for bereaved families and friends following funerals and memorial services. People may volunteer to bring a food item for the buffet, help set up before the funeral or help with clean up after the reception. Opportunities are open for any and all volunteers.

*Time required:* 2 hours before or after the reception

**Special skills:** available on short notice

**Contact:** Connie Tuttle (315.263.0786)

### St. James' Meals on Wheels

People prepare a comfort food for someone who would welcome a meal during a time of need. An entrée is prepared for 2 – 4 people, labeled with the ingredients and delivered to a family.

*Time required:* Up to you and is cooked in your home.

**Special skills:** soups, casseroles, and gluten free food are most often requested

**Contact:** Dot Pitman (315.685.6968)





## CreationCARE

CreationCARE (formerly EarthWorks) is the environmental ministry of St. James', founded on the belief that we have a moral responsibility to be stewards of God's Creation. CreationCARE is dedicated to fostering ecological practices that will lessen our impact on the earth. Through prayer, discussion, education, and action, members seek ways to create an earth-friendly environment within their personal lives, their communities, and the world. We are eager for all people interested in improving the environment to participate in our events.

*Time required:* Help with events promoted in the Spirit, Weekly, or sent by email

**Contact:** Kip Coerper ([kipcoerper@gmail.com](mailto:kipcoerper@gmail.com) or 315.702.7325)

## El Salvador

St. James' close relationship with El Salvador includes supporting the yearly Medical Mission, Youth Pilgrimage, and scholarship funds. In addition to our close relationship with El Salvador, this group responds to global emergencies through Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD).

*Time required:* Whatever time is needed to learn of the world's problems and to support Episcopal Relief and Development

**Contact:** Chuck Stewart (315.685.8578 or [Chuck@stjameskan.org](mailto:Chuck@stjameskan.org))



## Racial Justice & Reconciliation Commission

Through interest from many parishioners, St. James' has formed a Racial Justice & Reconciliation Commission to do our part in the community. This group of active volunteers meets regularly and is committed to sharing important information to St. James' Family regarding Racial Justice. This Commission shares resource material on [StJamesSkan.org](http://StJamesSkan.org) and within the weekly newsletter. Be sure to check out the "Did you know?" articles in the weekly helping to share facts and insights. Every 4th Thursday, there is a facilitated Zoom discussion at 7 p.m. to talk about the resource material shared for that month. Beginning in February 2022, the talk will be on the third Wednesday of each of month.

*Time required:* Monthly meetings 1-2 hours plus Monthly, zoom discussion 1-2 hours

**Contact:** Rev. Becky Coerper at [Becky@stjameskan.org](mailto:Becky@stjameskan.org)



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

St. James' has such an active and passionate congregation. There are lots of opportunities to make real differences in the local community. Hard to believe there are those suffering from hunger, abuse, poverty, and addiction so close to home here in Central New York.

Be assured that St. James' has been serving key local agencies for years knowing all participation and resources donated reach those most vulnerable. All are encouraged to join in any of the outreach efforts coordinated by St. James'.

### St. James' Month of Community Service

Each October and May, St. James' puts forth a huge effort to make a difference in the local community. A number of charitable agencies are contacted to find out what specific items are needed. Donations are collected in October and May. Sign up is easy. A complete list of opportunities and items requested for donation is provided online. People sign up for what they can do. Projects are flexible and can be scheduled at your convenience anytime within the month. Each project may seem small but the total group of activities is hugely impressive and makes a massive difference in the lives of those suffering locally.

**Time Commitment Required:** There are 2 months of community service a year, May and October.

**Contact:** Christine Davis 315.751.5412,  
Beth Quattrociocchi 607.727.9827 or  
Carol Stott 315.254.7293

### Cayuga County Habitat for Humanity Monthly Work Day

Auburn Habitat for Humanity has volunteer opportunities every Friday and Saturday. You can make a difference locally!

**Time required:** Any time from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Special skills:** None; training and tools are provided.

**Contact:** Kip Coerper (Kip@stjameskan.org or 315.702.7325)

### InterFaith Works

InterFaith Works of Central New York, through education, service and dialogue, affirms the dignity of each person and every faith community and works to create relationships and understanding among us. St. James' works to support the refugee relocation efforts of InterFaith Works. To learn more about how you can help,

**Contact:** Carol Murphy 315.727.5202



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## Cayuga County Jail Ministry

Ellen Kulik and Cindy Bright are members of an Ecumenical Jail Ministry at the Cayuga County Jail, located on County House Road in Auburn. Teams of 2 visit the men and women at the jail to offer prayer, song, support, devotionals, and study of the Bible. Our goal in visiting the incarcerated men and women is to offer the presence of Christ to them. Besides their GED program, our group meetings are the only programming available at the jail. The goal is to help them turn towards the Lord and move towards recovery.

### Opportunities:

- We need more volunteers willing to visit the men at the jail. Currently we have only one female volunteer visiting the men.
- We are looking for people willing to serve as a pen pal with men and women incarcerated at the jail who are lonely and have very few visitors. You will only share your first name with the inmates. Guidelines will be provided.

**Time Commitment Required:** 30-60 minutes every 1-2 weeks.

**Talents or Interests Helpful:** For Pen Pals: Letter writing (hand written or typed), empathy, desire to reach out to those in need. For visitors: Ability to suspend judgment; and willingness to pray out loud with others and lead discussion about the Bible, faith, and struggles.

**Contact Person/Phone/Email:** Cynthia G. Bright, (cgbright1@gmail.com or 315.416.4041)



## Soup Kitchen at SS Peter and John, Auburn

This soup kitchen feeds as many as 150 of our hungry neighbors every Saturday, 52 weeks a year. St. James sends volunteers on the last Saturday of the month. Some work preparing food (chopping vegetables, making sandwiches) while others serve and clean up. This is a fun, rewarding way to reach out to our community.

**Time required:** 2 hours (although we will contact you each month to see if you can help, you work only when it's convenient for you—no need to change your plans or arrange for a substitute).

**Special skills:** A willingness to help and a smile. Must be 14 years of age or older and wear a hat.

**Contact:** Corinne Buterbaugh (315.685.0859 or corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com)

## Christmas Gift Baskets

Baskets are created from Christmas cards by Lois Laxton, then filled with candy and prepackaged treats, and delivered to our "Friends at Home" as well as local first responders.

**Contact:**

Card baskets – Lois Laxton (315.685.6427)

## Christmas Tree Outreach (in-person and online)

Express the spirit of Christmas by reaching out to the less fortunate. Each year, gift tags are put on Christmas trees at St. James' requesting a particular gift for the children at the Auburn Rescue Mission, Meachem Elementary School, refugee family, or Skaneateles neighbor (through Skaneateles Outreach). Simply take the gift tag or sign-up online, buy, wrap and label the item, and bring it back to St. James on the designated date.

**Contact:**

Meachem School –  
Connie Tuttle (ctuttle1@twcny.rr.com)

Skaneateles Outreach –

**Prison Fellowship Outreach**-which provides gifts for children of inmates

Nancy Graham (Nancy@stjamesskan.org or 315.317.0138)

Carol Stott (carol8320@gmail.com or 315.254.7293)



# auburn rescue mission

## Life Changing

### AUBURN RESCUE MISSION

A year-long discernment process in 2015 led St. James' to identify three areas of vulnerability in which St. James' is called by God to serve. These areas are: affordable housing, mental health and supporting youth locally. Putting these into action, St. James' is partnering with the Auburn Rescue Mission. As Christians, we are asked to be followers of Jesus. That is done not only at Sunday worship, but in everyday life in our community as well. It is good to be continually asking ourselves and this Church how we all can serve Christ in the community around us.

**Time required:** approximately 1 hours.

**Talents or Interests Helpful:** A desire to be open to God's calling as to how we can serve those in need in our community.

With the partnership St. James' has with the Auburn Rescue Mission, there is an opportunity to engage the tenants of the Merriman Circle neighborhood in Auburn. The tenants are in a situation where they have recently come out of homelessness and are living in the Merriman Circle neighborhood in an attempt to learn life skills transitioning to a new life.

St. James' volunteers facilitate activities/crafts for the children/families.

**Time required:** Depends on activity-but could be once or every activity.

**Special skills needed:** Just the desire to help others do the everyday tasks we take for granted.

**Contact:**

Judy Reilly ( 704-562-3137)







## ST. JAMES' THRIFT SHOP

This amazing little shop has been serving the community for over 50 years. It is completely run by volunteers. Donations come from the community, volunteers take in the merchandise, price it, organize it and sell it! The Thrift Shop also provides clothing for those in need at no cost. All funds raised at the shop are put back into the business or given to St. James' ministries to help fund the work of God. Donations are accepted on Monday and Tuesday between the house of 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Shop retail hours are on Wednesdays-Saturdays 10 a.m. -4 p.m. The St. James' Thrift Shop is open on Sundays only through the Dickens Christmas Season. There is a shortage of volunteers due to covid who are willing

to work during the retail times. Each shift is only 3 hours and if you could give of your time, cashiers or assistants to the cashiers are truly needed especially during holiday times. The St. James' Thrift Shop takes both cash and credit cards now! It is all very basic and easy! Training is available and responsible youth are more than welcome to work with an adult. If you love to work with the community and be a part of the bustling downtown Skaneateles life, this is the volunteer opportunity for you.

**Time Commitment:** 3 hours a month

**Contact:** Barbara Burton (719.641.6672)







## SAFETY COMMITTEE

(FORMERLY RE-OPENING TASK FORCE)

St. James' is committed to keeping anyone who enters its doors safe and healthy. The Covid-19 pandemic brought numerous challenges especially as the doors re-opened and in-person gatherings resumed. This Safety committee is made up of parishioners who are experienced professionals in their fields of medicine, bioscience, business, etc. This hard working group keeps current on all local, state and Diocesan protocols to recommend health practices for those who come to St. James'. As part of the "new normal", St. James' will continue to utilize this committee to review safety and health practices for worship and programs at St. James'. The time commitment of this group is typically once a month or as required based on local health concerns. If you wish to participate in this committee, please **contact** Rev. Becky Coerper at [Becky@stjameskan.org](mailto:Becky@stjameskan.org).

## WEDDINGS

St. James' Episcopal Church continues to be the choice of many couples looking to be married. The number grows each year. Weddings large and small happen throughout the year. Due to the large number and diverse logistics required, Rev. Becky Coerper requires assistance to make each wedding both special and organized. Each wedding at St. James' requires a wedding assistant to help interface with the photographers, videographers and families. The assistant is at both the rehearsal and wedding from set up to close up. Also, greeters/ushers are needed to help inform guests of safety protocols, hand out bulletins, answer questions and be the "face" of St. James'. Greeters only need to attend for the beginning of the rehearsal & wedding service. Weddings are throughout the year and volunteers can choose the ones that work for their schedule. If you have an interest in serving as a Wedding Assistant or Greeter, please **contact Parish Office at 315.685.7600. There will be no more weddings scheduled for non-members for the remainder of 2023.**





## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



St. James' Children's Ministry is in the process of transitioning to include different programs. The nursery will remain as a room for families to use if they would like. Potentially the nursery may be used as a second Sunday School room for younger children as the ministry has grown exponentially. During the 2023 Annual Meeting, the year of the child was born. A children's ministry was created who researched and is in planning stages for new curriculum and youth programming that will begin in the summer. By fall 2023, there will be story-times, free play time, Saints in Training Sunday School with some music & movement, and an older youth event schedule full of safe, non-stress activities such as movie nights, book clubs, and game nights.

The success of St. James' Children's Ministry hinges on families and volunteers. All volunteers who help with children must complete the Episcopal Safe Church Online Training.

**If you would like to learn more about Children's Ministry or to volunteer, contact Laura Posecznick, Children's Team Leader at [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org).**







## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Middle & High School Youth

The Children's Commission is working on a schedule of activities for this over scheduled group. Be on the lookout for notices upcoming in June when Lakeside Service begins. St. James' is excited to be able to include Mo Allyn, trained Music Teacher as one volunteer for this age group. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Laura Posecznick.



### Sunday School: Saints in Training (PreK-5th Grade)

Sunday School is held every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. (during Sunday 9am worship) from September through May. It is in a large group format allowing for older children to mentor younger ones. Due to the pandemic, Saints in Training has gone hybrid! The class is both in-person (masked) and virtual on zoom each Sunday allowing for family flexibility and safety. The 2022 curriculum is interactive with videos, crafts, experiments and games all focusing on the Foundations of Faith. All themes, handouts, videos, etc. are emailed to families each week as well as placed on [StJamesSkan.org/Sunday-School](http://StJamesSkan.org/Sunday-School) webpage for parents to download at home. This loving group of children are fun and energetic. Since the age range is large, help with the younger children is required. Parents as well as other volunteers to help the lead teacher are really appreciated.

**Time Required:** 1 hour to 2 hours a month depending on schedule

**Special Skills needed:** Each teacher is required to have a background check as well as attend Safe Church training.

**Contact:** Children's Ministry Team Leader, Laura Posecznick ([laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org))





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### 2022 St. James' Vestry

**Susanne Rynkiewicz** Senior Warden (2022-2024)

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**Margie Amberge** Vestry Member (2022-2025)

**Michael Brown** Vestry Member (2022-2025)

**Barbara Burton** Vestry Member (2021-2024)

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**Judy Holmes** Vestry Member (2023-2026)

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*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts.  
Use them well to serve one another. 1Peter 4:10*



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