



OUR FINANCIAL PROGRESS

We want to keep you up to date on the financial status of the church.

As of 07/31/22

Annual Apportionments	\$	18,101.00
Paid/set aside		- 3,317.00
BALANCE DUE	\$	14,784.00

Starting Balance	\$	(2,243.00)
Income July	+	41,819.00
Expense July	-	25,097.00
Ending balance	\$	14,479.00

Thank you for being such faithful givers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Your Finance Team



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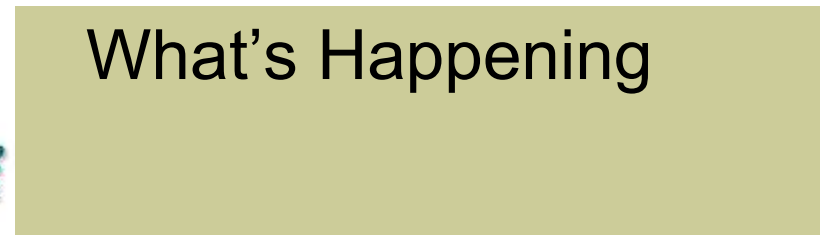
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 1 – Steps of Faith for Our Future Launch

August 8 - Leadership Team Meeting

August 21- Prayer Vigil at Christ Venice UMC



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OUR MISSION



Paul and Barnabas also appointed elders in every church. With prayer and fasting, they turned the elders over to the care of the Lord, in whom they had put their trust. Acts 14:23

I believe this is what is called the “Dog Days of Summer.” It is very hot and sticky outside no matter what time of day you go out. What better time to take a break from the heat and go camping. Also, this weather is great for encouraging you spend times indoors fasting and praying during our Steps of Faith for Our Future experience. Both of these, prayer and fasting, will be vital for our spiritual growth as we prepare for all the changes that are coming.

Each week you will receive a prayer tent with the focus for our prayer time. The first one was in your July 31st Bulletin. If you were not able to be in church, you can go to our webpage www.saintjamesumc.org under the Worship Tab there is a dropdown box “Daily Bible Study.” The prayer card will be on there. You can print it out or just refer to it daily. Here is a picture of what it looks like when you open the page.



Also, remember to choose something to fast one day a week. Spend that time you are fasting in additional prayer time. The Bible is filled with examples of when change is coming, or tragedy is at the door, prayer and fasting draws us closer to God and God reveals himself to us, guiding and directing us. We at Saint James need for God to reveal and direct us as we navigate all these transitions.

Also, we are going camping this summer. We are going to have Holy Smoke conversations around the campfire. You won't want to miss these as they will inform us as to what being “holy” is all about!

Ready to fast, pray and be holy with you all,

Pastor Shirley



Be sure and join us for our annual camping trip through out the month of August! This year we will be hearing **HOLY SMOKES STORIES AROUND THE CAMPFIRE.** What a great time to learn about holiness.



The DLT (Doing Life Together) group that has been meeting Wednesdays at 10:00 am will take the month of August off. Then beginning September 7th that group will resume meeting at 10:30 am with Pastor Shirley facilitating the group. If you aren't part of a group yet and would like to join one this would be a great time to start.



Connect – To be a family of believers who connect to God and each other.

Care – To shine the light of Christ and welcome all we encounter encouraging worship, life groups, and spiritual growth.

Commit – To grow in faith through service to others both locally and globally.

CORE VALUES:

Loving Relationships:

Honest & loving relationships:
With God through a worshipful attitude and prayer.
With others through acceptance and grace to all.

Spiritual Growth

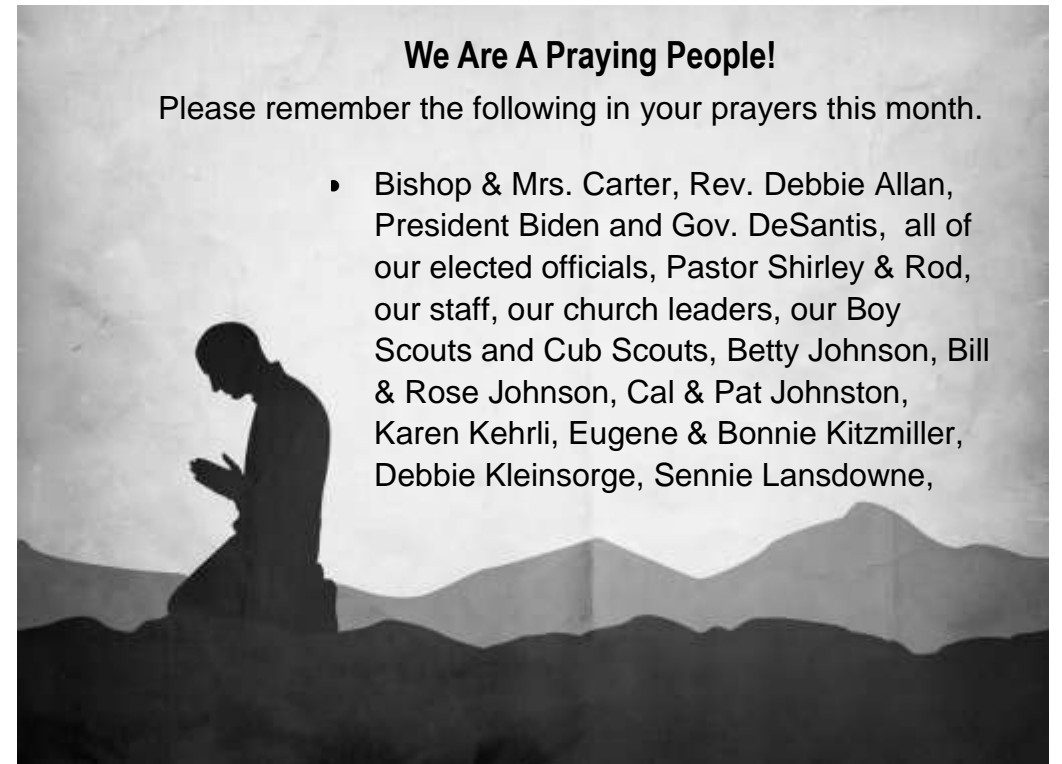
Grow with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit in a biblically centered, nurturing environment.

Compassionate Service

Offering help to others with humility and mutual respect.

Teamwork

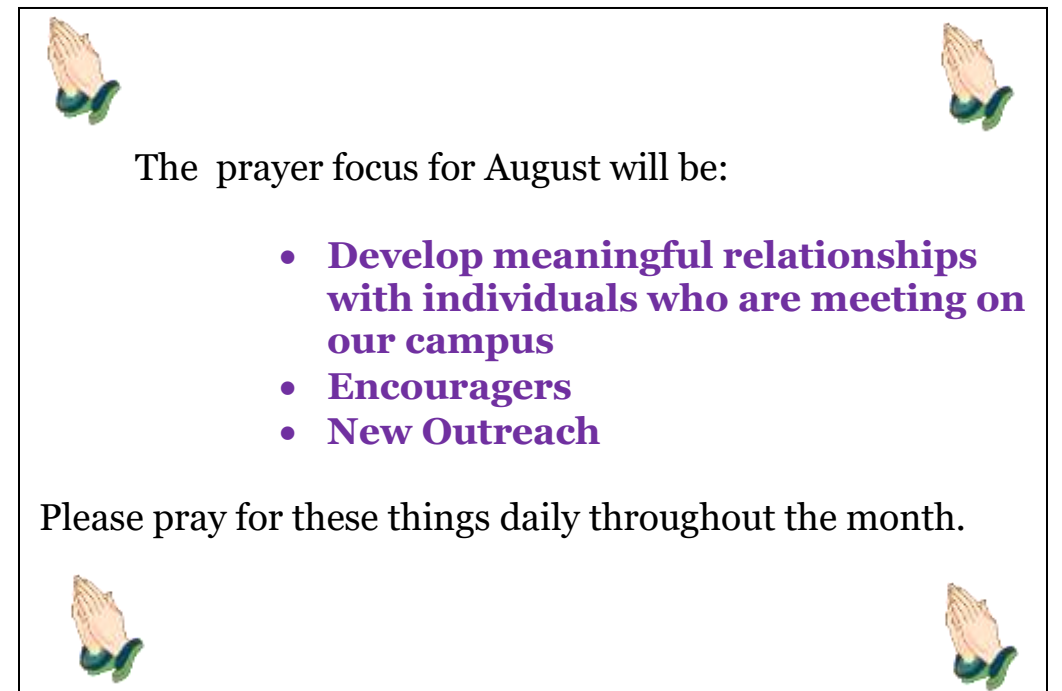
Accomplish ministry in the context of relationships.



We Are A Praying People!

Please remember the following in your prayers this month.

- Bishop & Mrs. Carter, Rev. Debbie Allan, President Biden and Gov. DeSantis, all of our elected officials, Pastor Shirley & Rod, our staff, our church leaders, our Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Betty Johnson, Bill & Rose Johnson, Cal & Pat Johnston, Karen Kehrli, Eugene & Bonnie Kitzmiller, Debbie Kleinsorge, Sennie Lansdowne,



The prayer focus for August will be:

- **Develop meaningful relationships with individuals who are meeting on our campus**
- **Encouragers**
- **New Outreach**

Please pray for these things daily throughout the month.



Please remember to bring items for the Mayor's Feed The Hungry Program and place those items in the grocery cart in the narthex. Also, you may drop them off in the office during office hours Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10 am and 2 pm.

Thank You!



To the loving members of Saint James,
I just want to thank you for your cards and remembrances of my birthday. You are all so kind and generous. You have truly blessed me. It is hard to believe I am this old already. But what a wonderful life I have and how blessed I am to serve with you, New Beginning Community Church!

Thanks again and blessings,

Pastor Shirley

Birthdays in August

August 1 Bill Johnson
August 2 Michelle Traynor
August 18 Bonnie Kitzmiller



Anniversaries in August

August 11 David & Pat Dixon
August 21 Eugene & Bonnie Kitzmiller
August 29 Ron & Cyndi Andrasi



**** If you know someone is having a special year birthday (90+) or special anniversary (25, 30, 35 etc.) year please let the office know.**



2022 Shepherds

Sennie Lansdowne – Head Shepherd
 Rose & Bill Johnson (A – D)
 Judy Snodgrass (E – Ha)
 Cyndi Andrasi (He – J)
 Beatriz Lowery (K – Mc)
 Marcia & Cecil Mulvaney (Mi – N)
 Kathy Barbour (O – Z)
 Bonnie Kitzmiller (Snowbirds)



Kudos this month go to

- ...Robert for trimming some of the shrubs around the property.
- ...The musicians and vocalists who provide beautiful music each week.
- ...The Prayer Warriors for their faithful prayers.
- ...Our counters for their devotion to taking care of the offering each week as a behind the scenes team.

2022 Leadership Team

Trustees Dave Strait, Mike Barbour, Jan Dougherty, Sara Fleming and Jean Flugel

Finance Judy Shannon, Fred Fowler, Bill Johnson and Bill Schroff

SPRT Judy Snodgrass, Cyndi Andrasi, Gene Blamble, Pat Dixon

Lay Leader Dave Strait

Nurture Team Co-Leaders Pat Dixon & Marcia Mulvaney

Outreach Team Co-Leaders Kathy Barbour & Karen Kehrli

Lay Delegate Dave Strait



Did you know...?

- + Because of your hospitality many of the groups that have meet at the church for years are looking forward to using our new facility when it is completed
- + Because of your faithfulness, we are making a difference in the community that surrounds us.
- + God is moving in wonderful ways. We just wanted to make sure you knew!



Kingdom Kids - We welcome all children and grandchildren (K-6th grade) to our "Kingdom Kids" class at 10:00 a.m. during the worship service.



Back To School Word Search



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DESK	TEACHER	SCHOOL	NOTEBOOK
LUNCHBOX	BACKPACK	STUDENT	RECESS
PENCIL	LIBRARY	WRITING	SCIENCE
SCHEDULE	MATH	CRAYONS	STUDY



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PRAYER VIGIL

Sunday, August 21, 2022, we will be joining other churches in our area for a **Prayer Vigil** at Christ Venice United Methodist Church, 1475 Center Road, Venice at 6:00 pm. We will meet at Saint James at 5:15 pm and carpool to Venice. The focus will be for the church to be set free.



DLT Information

You are welcome to join a DLT group at any time. If you have not joined a DLT and would like to below are the days and times the DLT groups meet. At this time, they are meeting via Zoom or in person. Please contact the facilitator for more information on their group.

Men & Women's Group Wednesday at 10:30 am facilitator – Pastor Shirley
revgroom@gmail.com

Women's group Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Pat Dixon
pdixon@ringling.edu

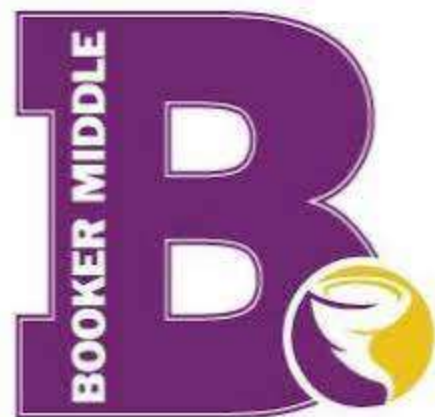
Men & Women's group Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Rod Groom
rod.groom@gmail.com

Men & Women's group Thursday at 4:30 pm facilitator – Rod Groom
rod.groom@gmail.com



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We will worship live and live streaming at 6:30 pm followed by Doing Life Together groups live and/or Zoom at 7:15 pm (If you'd like to join a DLT group and aren't connected yet please contact the office and arrangements will be made to get you connected.)
Join us as we center on Jesus.



A BIG THANK YOU to all those who brought in school supplies and snacks for the students. We provided the classrooms with supplies not only to start out the school year but to help all through the year. The snacks provide nutrition for those who don't receive enough elsewhere. Another awesome job by our church family to help out the students and teachers!



During the month of July we collected shower and laundry items for the **Remnant Café**. As always you did an awesome job of bringing items in and the café staff and clients are very grateful for your generosity.

STEPS OF FAITH FOR OUR FUTURE 31 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Here are some helpful tips regarding prayer and fasting:

Prayer:

First and foremost, remember prayer is a conversation with God. Yes, there is humility and awe when we pray to the creator of the universe, but it is still a conversation. So, as we are called to make our petitions known here are a couple other things to include in your prayer time:

1. Don't forget to confess your sins to God and ask for God's forgiveness and help.
2. Don't forget to praise God for what He has done in your life and in the life of Saint James. There is much to be grateful for here and don't forget to say Thank You!
3. And finally, don't forget to sit in silence listening for God's words to you. Silence and just being in the presence of God is life giving and something that needs to be practiced. Listen for the Father's voice.

Fasting:

Fasting is a lost discipline in a church that is not interested in discomfort of any kind. We always have a list of excuses as to why we can't fast. Fasting is giving up your comforts like food, TV, books, outings, etc. It should be something you sacrifice for the LORD, so you are more keenly aware of his presence. So here are some tips on making your time of fasting a holy time.

1. Decide what day and what thing you will fast before we begin, so it is intentional. Isaiah 58 is a good helpful read on the right and wrong way to fast.
2. When the time of fasting begins, spend that time in prayer, reading your Bible, listening for the voice of God. Do not use busyness as a distraction but give the time and sacrifice to God. In this time, music can be a distraction, so silence is better at least part of the time.
3. Your fasting is between you and God. No need to share with the world.
4. There will be great temptation to just not do this. Resist the Devil and you will find blessings.

Lord, we need and love you. We need your guiding hand in our future as your church. Amen.



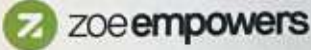
We cannot begin to thank all those who have been working on preparing for the move. Those who took inventory, made phone calls, packed boxes/bins, moved items to the fellowship hall, prayed for the many answers we need. We also want to thank those who have found others who can use things we no longer can. Those who looked for places to move our worship to, the offices and for storing all our belongings we will need in our new facility. There are too many names to list (and I'm sure it would include everyone) so **thank you** to each and everyone who has done anything at all no matter how big or small. It is appreciated more than you know and we thank God for each one of you! We pray for continued assistance and guidance from God as we get closer to the actual move!



Below you will find a picture of some of those who graduated as the ZOE Empowers Promotion Group. These are the youth and children we helped support for three years through our Compassion Sunday offering. Nearly all the members that started remained active the entire time.


They worked on a project of rearing sheep and goats. Currently the group is the main supplier of goat and mutton for two adjacent villages and increasingly selling to restaurants and markets in a town about 32km from the village.

The group also has a second project of a nutritional garden. Local leadership provided a piece of land to the group for their garden. The main aim of this project was initially to provide fresh vegetables to household members as well as being a forum for learning and to bond. Now that the home gardens are established, the group sells surplus at the marketplace to earn money for the group fund.

 **Empowerment beyond charity.**

Promotion Empowerment Group, St. Francis, Zimbabwe, March 2019 – March 2022
Shared Partnership with St. James UMC and First United Methodist Church of Sarasota

GRADUATION!!



Members of the Promotion Group and their mentor at graduation.

The Promotion Group gathered in April 2022 for their graduation ceremony. The local traditional leadership and the group mentor came to grace the party and bid "fare well" to the orphans who were being weaned from the Zoe program. The group shared testimonies, success stories, and how they overcame their challenges. They thanked Zoe Empowers for the unwavering support in transforming their lives. The mentor received a certificate of appreciation in acknowledgement of her support to the group throughout the three years.

Promotion Group

To whom it may concern

Greetings Zoe Empowers, we would like to thank you as Promotion group for working with us in changing our lives. Our lives have been changed for better. Through our projects of farming, livestock keeping and gardening we are now able to pay for our sibling school fees, buy groceries in the house pay for our medical bills and eat different meals per day. We thank Zoe Empowers for giving us knowledge on health and hygiene we now have toilets and better houses. Also we thank Zoe for giving us vocational skills through training us on carpentry, sewing and baking. We are now able to save money like thinking Zoe Empowers for teaching us on how to pray God and talk to others in the community. We thank Zoe Empowers as Promotion Group. Thank you Zoe Empowers for supporting us.

Yours Faithfully

Chairperson

Tinashe Guyai



August 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30 Launch of Steps of Faith For Our Future	2	3	4	5 Office closed	6
7 10:00 Worship Service	8 6:30 Leadership Team 7:00 Prayer Gathering	9	10 10:00 Women's DLT 12:00 Women's DLT 6:30 Worship –live/live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	11 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom	12 Office closed	13
14 10:00 Worship Service	15 7:00 Prayer Gathering	16	17 10:00 Women's DLT 12:00 Women's DLT 6:30 Worship –live/live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	18 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom 5:30 Village Oaks HOA	19 Office closed 12:00 Faithsharing Circle	20
21 10:00 Worship Service 6:00 Prayer Vigil-Christ Venice UMC	22 7:00 Prayer Gathering	23	24 10:00 Women's DLT 12:00 Women's DLT 6:30 Worship –live/live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	25 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom	26 Office closed	27
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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2022

Date	Reader	Prayer Warriors	Audio	Visual	Worship Welcome Team	Children's Sunday School	Communion Servers	Discovery Devotion Leader	Counters	Building Closers	LAWN TEAM
August 7th 10th Sunday of Pentecost Green	Jan Dougherty	Corporate Prayer		No live stream this week	Cecil Mulvaney Katie Michalski	N/A	Rose & Bill Johnson Sennie Lansdown Marcia Mulvaney	8/3 Dave Strait NO COMMUNION		Rose & Bill Johnson	8/6 Dave Strait Rod Groom
August 14th 11th Sunday of Pentecost Green	Marlene Sontchi	Marcia Mulvaney		Pat Dixon	Sennie Lansdowne Jean Flugel	Fred Fowler		8/10 Judy Snodgrass		Cecil & Marcia Mulvaney	8/13
August 21st 12th Sunday of Pentecost Green	Rod Groom	Beatriz Lowery		No live stream this week	The Barbours	Judy Snodgrass		8/17 Pastor Shirley		Rod Groom	8/20 Dave Strait PS
August 28th 13th Sunday of Pentecost Green	Karen Pinchback	Dave Strait		Pat Dixon	The Sontchis	Bernice Highberger		8/24 Rod Groom <hr/> 8/31 Pat Dixon		Jean Flugel Sennie Lansdowne	8/27