

A Message from the Rector

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Q. What is the mission of the Church?

A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other. (BCP)

Our job as a church is to be in a positive, healthy relationship with one another and with God. This is the incredibly simple truth that is anything but simple to follow. At St. James we do work on these things. In church we hear sermons about our relationship to God. We pray together, model asking forgiveness, and follow Jesus' command to break bread and share the cup. What we sometimes don't do as well in groups of the church is practice intentional relationships. We can too easily focus on the work that needs to be done, and miss taking care of one another, discussing our mission, and helping members to grow. Our temptation is to define success as marking items off of an agenda or counting heads instead of focusing on how to be a more loving community.

This year the vestry has been spending considerable time discussing what it means to be in relationship with one another, to love one another. Jim Gettel helped us consider how we can do more to develop relationships and instill throughout the church some basic ideas of small group ministry. He taught us that thriving, healthy groups all have three basic elements in common: They actively care about and for one another, they focus on something that gives them a sense of purpose, and they enable their members to learn and grow.

The great news is that these elements which can make such a difference to

small groups and committees of the church also are exactly what attracts people to churches in the first place. Do you remember that old hymn, "They Will Know We are Christians by our Love"? It is in these loving groups and relationships that people will want to discover and be a part of St. James. We can grow our church by strengthening the bonds within the church, and then inviting others to also be a part.

Therefore, the vestry has chosen to focus this year on this very element of church life. We are trying to help all the groups made up of members of our church to focus on these three elements in order to strengthen the ties within and help us be an example of a loving healthy community.

But what if you are not in a small group? What if you are not part of a committee of the church? Do you even know what committees and groups we have here in the church?

Have no fear. On May 21st, after some research, our vestry will be sharing with the congregation both in church and at coffee hour information about all the different parts that make up our whole. We will not be actively recruiting at that time (though I won't pretend that won't come later). But we will be giving people an opportunity to see all the elements of our church, to learn more about who we are, to ask questions about the work we are doing, and to help us identify what groups may be missing that could better help us serve God and one another.

We hope that you will join us, to share the good things you are a part of and learn what others are doing. And then, that you will help us as we work to strengthen these parts of our



ABOVE: Annie Cardinale, Luke, Kyle, and Tim Catchpole, Will Yeats, and Gillian Catchpole in Shain Park on Palm Sunday. Rachel Cryberg and Abigail Righter help Pastor Chris prepare the "Alleluias" for their jubilant release on Easter Sunday. More Palm Sunday photos inside—p. 3

church. May we work to more deeply care for one another, do the good work we have been given to do, and to grow more fully into who we were created to be. May we bring people into loving relationship with God and one another.

Faithfully, Josh



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8 and 10 a.m.

Wednesdays 7 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

PASTORAL CARE

For pastoral emergencies, please contact Fr. Josh Hoover at 810.620.5402

SUNDAYS

8 a.m. Eucharist (Church)
9 a.m. Rite 13/CnC
(most Sundays)
10 a.m. Eucharist (Church)
10:10 a.m. Church School
Preschool—Grade 6

TUESDAYS

7 p.m. Toastmasters
7:30 p.m. AA

WEDNESDAYS

7 a.m. Eucharist (Chapel)
7:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee
Noon Bible Study

THURSDAYS

12 p.m. AA

SATURDAYS

9 a.m. Knitting (Lounge)

Two-Minute Theology

The Bishop's Visitation

On May 7, our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, will be making his official visitation to St. James. We tend to think of this as the time for confirmations which can only be done by a bishop, but there are additional reasons for his visit (for more about confirmation, see below).

In the Episcopal Church, the bishop is the chief pastor of the diocese and its final ecclesiastical authority. What this means is that there is no one above a bishop in our church. We have no Pope, no Archbishops. Among other things, our bishop makes decisions about what is and is not permissible for our worship, provides pastoral care to the clergy and diocesan lay leaders, gives guidance and leadership, and is responsible for keeping the congregations of the diocese within the canons or laws of the Episcopal Church.

There are checks on the bishop's authority. He works with the Standing Committee of the diocese, a group of elected clergy and lay people, who act as something akin to our vestry, and he is answerable to the College of Bishops, which includes all bishops of the Episcopal Church. But there is no one over him, and he is the leader of the base unit of the church.

In fact, our very name, Episcopal, means bishop-led. The diocese is the base unit of the church, and parishes are members of it. The priest in a church always serves as the bishop's representative. In fact, in the early church there were only bishops and deacons. Priests came along later, when the church grew, as those who shared some of the bishops' privileges and responsibilities but always under the Bishop's guidance. Some things haven't changed much.

May 7 will be a chance for our bishop to share with us the work of the diocese and some of his vision for the future of the church in SE Michigan. It will also be a chance for us to share the good work happening at St. James and address questions to him. We encourage you to attend Adult Forum where he will speak, and to spend a few minutes with him at coffee hour after the service.

On Confirmation

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Believe it or not, the most important thing you should know about Confirmation is that it is not necessary. Baptism is all we need to be full members of both the family of God and of God's church. Confirmation, however, can be an incredibly important moment in our spiritual journey. At Confirmation, we claim for our own the vows that were made on our behalf when we were baptized. The Prayer Book calls this a "mature public affirmation of our faith and commitment to the responsibilities of our Baptism."

In other words, at Confirmation we are confirming our intention to live by the words that parents and godparents said for us when we were babies or children. This is why many bishops today would tell you that there is no need to confirm someone who is baptized as an adult, since they were able to speak the baptismal vows for themselves. But confirmation goes even deeper than this.

Just as water is the symbol used in Baptism, so the laying on of hands by a bishop is used in Confirmation. This laying on of hands reminds us that we are choosing to live as disciples in the church, and, specifically in the Episcopal Church. It points to both our role as being obedient to a bishop and as members of something more than just our congregation.

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Music Notes

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I am so grateful to our choir members for their hard work during Holy Week and on Easter. Smaller groups of us sang for Tenebrae on Wednesday and on Maundy Thursday; the full choir sang for Easter Vigil on Saturday night, and gloriously with festive brass in two services on Easter morning. They did very well on everything, but two pieces in particular remained rolling about in my head through the following days: the Swahili and English anthem “Njoooni majini,” and the junior choir’s anthem “Risen Lord.” Thanks also to Molly Bruner for her beautiful rendition of the aria “Zerfließe, mein Herze” from Bach’s St. John Passion, and to Chuck Furchak, Rick Jackson and Chris Peters, for singing the plainsong setting of the Passion narrative from St. John on Good Friday. Our St. James Ringers may have had Holy Week and Easter Day off, but they were ringing on the second Sunday of Easter, April 23.

We have two special events coming up in May. On Sunday, May 7, at 4 p.m., our senior choir will sing choral evensong for the Easter season, featuring music by Herbert Howells (The Gloucester service), and “Et resurrexit” from the Nelson Mass by Franz Joseph Haydn. On Sunday, May 14, also at 4 p.m., Kypros Markou and I will perform some of George Frederick Handel’s best violin sonatas, hence the cutesy name for the program “A Sunday Afternoon with George.”

On Sunday, June 4, at 3 p.m., Les Ecuries du Roy, a fine Baroque chamber music ensemble from metro Detroit, will present a program of eighteenth-century music on instruments from that period, or reproductions of the same. That will be a treat to hear.

Every blessing,
Glenn Burdette

Palm Sunday in Shain Park

On Palm Sunday, we gathered before services in Shain Park for the blessing of the Palms and procession into the church.



ABOVE, LEFT: Murray Christianson distributes palm fronds; David Stout is ready to help lead the congregation in singing as they process to the church.

BELOW, LEFT: Erin Cusumano and her boys, Nathaniel and Gavin, wait, ready with their palms, for the service to begin.

ABOVE: Fr. Josh opens the Palm Sunday liturgy with the blessing of the palms.

Financial Update

These are our financials updated through the end of March. Please feel free to talk to vestry, Peggy John, or Fr. Josh if you have any questions.

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
March Income	\$ 58,084	\$ 53,660	\$ 4,424
YTD Income	\$ 230,694	\$ 228,378	\$ 2,316
YTD Expenses	\$ 195,647	\$ 196,725	\$- 1,078
YTD Over/Under	\$ 35,046	\$ 31,652	\$ 3,394

Transfer Amount from Parish Fund to date: \$0

Budgeted Transfer for Year: \$ 183,700

5% of Parish Fund (goal number for transfers): \$140,000

Vestry Update

At their meeting in April, the vestry took the following actions:

- Chose groups and committees of the church to research in preparation to share with the congregation the good things that our church is doing on May 21st
- Discussed the services of Holy Week and ideas for next year
- Approved purchase of new phones for the office from a property fund
- Discussed past vestry goals, progress made, and what to pursue this year



In the St. James Gallery

Be sure to stop by the gallery (lower level) to view paintings by parishioner Pauline Veil, many based on photographs taken in England and Ireland.

From the Associate for Formation and Outreach

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Thank You! From the Bottom of Their Feet!

On Sunday, April 30 – the fifth Sunday of the month – young and old came together to ‘spread the hope’! Working with the non-profit Sole Hope, we cut dozens of pairs of jeans and turned them into the beginnings of shoes to send to Uganda. These pieces will then be assembled by Ugandans who are in desperate need of a sustainable income to help provide for their families. Sole Hope pays a fair wage for these shoes and places them on the feet of needy children after foot washing / jigger removal clinics.

Our work is not done! Sole Hope is in need of these other items – Sharpies, Large Safety Pins, Surgical Gloves, Cotton Balls, Medical Tape, Antibiotic Cream, Gauze, Band Aids, Stickers for the children for the medical relief clinics. And if you want to donate money, please know that it takes \$10 for each pair of shoes we cut to make the final product. #shoesthatchangelives

G.A.P. – God’s Awesome People

Sunday, May 21 from 1pm to 3pm

Our youth (grades 6th and up) meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays for a time of fellowship, fun, prayer, and food, from 1pm to 3pm. Join us for some activities and discussions!

We will not be meeting on May 7, due to the Bishop’s visit and Confirmation.

On May 21, join us as we participate in the Birmingham Parade. We’ll march with the rest of St. James in the parade and give out some goodies as we go along. Then it’s ice cream sundaes for us back at the church!

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 19 to Friday, June 23, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. David’s, Southfield

The theme is: Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God! Join us on these awesome adventures alongside some of our favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. There will be epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help young and old discover their strength in God! Each night we’ll gather at St. David’s, first for a simple dinner, followed by activities, music, crafts, and recreation! It’ll be a great way to start our summer adventures. We’ll need lots of help so be on the lookout for the sign-up sheets!

DO try this at home!

Several folks have asked for the recipe that Pastor Chris uses to make her Chicken Shawarma. She’s happy to share it with you!

Pastor Chris’s Chicken Shawarma

- 1 tbsp ground coriander
- 1 tbsp ground cumin
- 1 tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tbsp Montreal grill seasoning
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1.5 lbs boneless chicken thighs

Combine all ingredients, EXCEPT the chicken in a zippered plastic bag. Massage the bag well to blend ingredients. Add the chicken thighs and massage the bag to coat the chicken. Heat grill to high. Remove chicken from bag and place on the grill and cook on each side for 6-7 minutes, until cooked through. May also be baked at 350°F for 30 minutes, or until cooked through. Remove chicken to a cutting board and allow to rest before slicing. Serve with pita bread and tzatziki.

Adult Forum in May

May 7 – The bishop will join us this week and discuss the mission priorities of our diocese and may share some ideas of how St. James fits in. He will also be ready to answer your questions about things happening in Southeast Michigan or around the Episcopal Church.

May 14 – God Moments: How have you experienced God in the world around you? Where have you felt that you were in God’s presence? How do you think God is active in the world around us today? We will discuss these and more.

May 21 – No Adult Forum this week. We encourage you to join those having coffee in Centennial Hall and learn more about the groups and committees of St. James.

May 28 – Memorial Day weekend; no Adult Forum.

College / High School Graduate Recognition

SUNDAY, MAY 14 – Deadline to submit graduate information and photos

Recognition June 11 at the 10 a.m. service

Graduating from high school or college this spring? We will recognize graduates during the 10 a.m. worship service on June 11, so mark your calendar now! A reception will follow the service in Centennial Hall. We’d like some information and a photo of you for the June *Spirit*, so pick up a form in Centennial Hall, and send information and photo to Elaine at churchoffice@stjamesbirmingham.org.

Getting to Know Our Confirmands and Mentors



Shane Guenther and David Lydy

Meet Shane Guenther. Shane was born on July 19, 2001, and baptized on November 4, 2001 – which happened to be Father Fred Elwood's first Sunday at St. James. Shane attended Gateway Montessori from age 1 through Kindergarten, Pembroke Elementary for 1st and 2nd grade, then Birmingham Covington for grades 3-8. He is now a sophomore at Birmingham Seaholm HS.

Shane is a self-described sports fanatic. He loves college football. His favorite team is Michigan State. (Shane knows a winner when he sees one.) He played baseball from age 5 to 15. He is currently on the Seaholm Varsity football, basketball, and track team. Shane is big into lifting. He can dead-lift 390 lbs. five times and can bench press 190 lbs. five times.

Shane has two wonderful parents, Angela and Bruce Guenther, and two older brothers, David and Stephen. His brothers both think Shane is spoiled. Shane's response to that? "I should be...I'm the youngest!!"

Shane has attended St. James Sunday School since Kindergarten. He is an acolyte, and is really good at it. Shane's favorite part of St. James is the people.

Shane will be taking his ACT and SAT next year. He plans to apply to Georgetown, Dartmouth, and the University of Pennsylvania....just to name a few. He wants to study Engineering or Finance. Shane also hopes to play varsity football in college.

Shane is a kind and articulate guy... and he's going places. – David Lydy

"I Believe..."

After studying the Apostles', Nicene, and Masai creeds, St. James confirmands crafted the following creedal statement in their own words:

I believe in one GOD.

A God who created this world that we inhabit and exhumes awesomeness.

A God who is neither male nor female, because why would that matter?

A God who is forgiving and provides us with unconditional love.

A God who is a leader, a guider, a comforter.

A God who is omnipresent, benevolent, and omnipotent.

A God who watches over us and answers prayers BUT not necessarily how we want!

I believe in JESUS.

I believe that Jesus is the Messiah, Redeemer, the Son of GOD.

I believe that Jesus was a good person, both human and divine.

An empathetic, shepherd carpenter who also healed people.

The DUDE loved people, immensely!

He showed the way for us all.

I believe that Jesus sacrificed himself...though it was not his choice.

He connects God to us.

And perhaps most of all, I believe that Jesus had a great sense of humor.

I believe in the HOLY SPIRIT.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is the giver of life, Sustainer, and form of God's loving power.

Whether seen in the form of a goose, or in the wind, or in the water; the

Holy Spirit enters us to help us do good things.

The Holy Spirit, found in all thin places, helps connect us to God, and lives is us now.

I believe in HEAVEN.

I believe that heaven is a safe haven.

I see heaven in the sky, with the clouds, but with lots and lots of puppies!

I believe that heaven is different for everybody.

I believe in the CHURCH

I believe in the church as a body of people, not a physical place.

I believe that church happens when two or more are gathered.

I believe that the church was powerful through time.

Church is the feeling of home!

I believe that true SIN is ~~hate hurt 10 commandments bad things things that we do or don't do~~ straying from God's idea of us doing something or anything that is not loving. Period.

I believe that FORGIVENESS should always happen. From us and from God.

It is unlimited.

I also believe that if you ask for forgiveness you should try to stop doing it.

I believe that CREATION is ever-changing.

I believe that we are made in God's image and God said, IT IS GOOD!

And now creation is OUR responsibility

I believe that Jesus was crucified by Pontius Pilate. And that was a really crappy way to die.

Jesus made this sacrifice to save us from ourselves.

I believe in the RESURRECTION of the spirit.

I believe in hope and rebirth

St. James Preschool

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This month, each class will have a butterfly habitat to watch grow into butterflies.

We have been enjoying the outdoor classroom now that we have been having nice weather. Take a look at the tulips that we planted last fall.

We will have a Cinco de Mayo celebration lunch on May 5th! We will have the children make their own tacos. During the celebration we have sombreros, ponchos, a piñata, as well as lots of music to dance to.

The children will make muffins and learn some new songs for May 9th's celebration of Mother's Day!

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the chicks on May 10th! Come see the incubator – it's outside of the preschool office.

The preschoolers will be dressing up in favorite American Heroes costumes to march in the Birmingham Hometown Parade on Sunday, May 21st. We hope you come join in the celebration and participate with us. (See article on p. 7)

Our annual Preschool Picnic will be on Friday, May 26th, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Beverly Park. Everyone is invited to attend! There will be a scavenger hunt, games, and craft projects. Please plan on bringing your own picnic lunch. It could be a good opportunity to come and talk with these young families and get to know them. You might have some good parenting advice to share.

Preschoolers Celebrate Earth Day With "Upcycled" Artwork

RIGHT: You may have seen these projects, which were displayed in the Lounge over the weekend of April 22-23. To learn about Earth Day, students at St. James Preschool created art projects using recycled materials from Arts & Scraps. Here is a sampling of their ingenuity! See if you can spot a banjo, a train, a recycling truck, a robot, and a jigsaw puzzle!



LEFT: St. James Preschool students got to meet and hold chicks even before the incubator arrived. Now that it's here, they'll get to watch the process unfold as new chicks hatch from their eggs!

ABOVE: St. James Preschool students visited Bowers Farm on April 24.



ST. JAMES PRESCHOOL IS NOW ENROLLING STUDENTS FOR FALL 2017

St. James Preschool is a child-centered, enrichment-oriented program. We offer a low student-to-teacher ratio and a loving and supportive environment where children learn and grow at their own pace. Children of all faiths and cultures are welcome!

We believe that early childhood should be a time of fun, security, exploration, and discovery. Our program strives to encourage children's natural tendencies of creativity and receptivity in learning, ultimately helping children grow and develop socially, physically, and emotionally. We provide the highest quality education in an exceptionally nurturing environment. Stimulating activities are designed and geared towards providing a well-balanced educational program in which your child may more easily make the transition from home to school. Throughout all our programs, our goal is to provide an atmosphere of warmth and positive reinforcement, allowing your child to explore learning in a comfortable and familiar setting.

We have programs for children as young as 18 months old, with age-appropriate curricula for various age groups. Curbside drop-off and pick-up and extended day options are available as well. Children do not have to be potty trained for enrollment.

Applications are available near the preschool office at the Chester Street entrance. For more information, please contact Shar Wickens: preschool@stjamesbirmingham.org.



Who Are Your Heroes?

St. James Church and Preschool to March in Birmingham's Hometown Parade Sunday, May 21 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The annual Birmingham Hometown Parade takes place downtown on May 21. This year's theme is "Hats Off to Our Heroes!" St. James Preschoolers will be marching in the parade, dressed in costumes reflecting their favorite heroes.

Everyone at St. James is invited to participate – and there are several ways you can do that. More details will be announced as we get closer to the parade.

G.A.P. will be participating by marching in the parade, and you can, too!

We will be making placards to carry with our heroes on them, using input from the church and community via the chalkboard near the Chester Street entrance. So be thinking about it! Local heroes, national heroes, your picks from Lent Madness, a mentor you've had – or nurses, first responders, mothers – this is our chance to lift up (literally) our heroes.

May is National Foster Care Month

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIFIC PIECE OF THE FOSTER CARE PUZZLE WHERE YOU FIT IN?

Hear Heather Grasl, director of The New Foster Care, outline a new model for ways that congregations can better offer wrap around support for our foster and adoptive parents at the upcoming Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care. For more information or to help form a new ministry team to implement this new model, contact Rev. Kate Thoresen at katethoresen@fpcbirmingham.org or 248-835-8151. Thursday, May 18, 6:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple Rd., Birmingham, Calvin Hall .

DID YOU KNOW:

There are over 400,000 children and youth in foster care nation-wide. Why care? Here are the tragic statistics on what happens to our young people without community-wide safety nets:

- 1 in 5 or more will become homeless after age 18.
- 7 of 10 women will be pregnant by their 21st birthday.
- Just half will be employed at 24
- Fewer than 3% will earn a college degree by 25.
- 1 in 4 will be incarcerated within two years of leaving foster care.

Source: The Jim Casey Foundation, 2012

Intercessions

IMMEDIATE PRAYER LIST: Carol Nicholas, Cameron, Neil Everett, Paul Kobb, Ella, David K., Nancy, Pat Semivan, Cinda Cochran, Penny, Natalie, Cheryl, George Stannis, Shirley, John Scott, John Womack.

SUSTAINING PRAYER LIST: Eula Fyke, Logan Moralez, James Olsen and family, Joe and Carolyn Hardig, Cathy Nelson, Jill, Steve, Henry Moye, Joan Adams, Phil Werner, Michelle Wells, Richard Wells, Jeannine, Ted, Trevor Sullivan, Judy Hoeffler, Engel Metaj, Vince Cardinale, Bertha Pastor, Dot and Dave, Dad, Lucy, Truman, Merle Goatley, Elsie Righter, the Jensen family, Dick and Pat Smith, the LaRocca-Hammond family, James, Benjamin Ziogas, James, Elsie Overy.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Bret Anstett, Andrew and Michelle Crowe, Kirk Jackson, Brian Hertenstein, Geoffrey Hertenstein, Katie Koetting, Theodore Moran, Jeff Schultz, Hugo Stange, Isabel Ziogas.

IN MEMORIAM: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Robert Wilde and Barbara Vedder.

Archivist Needed — Over many years, Nancy Platz did a wonderful job of keeping up our archives. She clipped newspaper articles, printed out obituaries, compiled pictures, and made sure that we have a record of the good work being done at St. James. We are currently looking for her successor. Ideally, this would be someone who could not only compile new items for the archives, but could also begin the process of digitalizing the good work Nancy did in the past. If this sounds like you, please contact Elaine, in the office, or talk to Fr. Josh.

Throwing Down the (Warm, Welcoming) Gauntlet

The "Nancys" have a challenge for the "Marys"



L to R: Nan Cowan, Nancy Ward, Nancy Frye, Nancy Nordlie, Nancy Binkley, Nancy Schutte
The Nancys of St. James (pictured here looking equal parts formidable and hospitable on Palm Sunday, April 9) hereby challenge the Marys of St. James to sponsor a Coffee Hour! Will the Marys accept the challenge? Stay tuned...

St. James Vestry

2015–2018

David Lydy
Susan McDonald
Pam Righter
Nate Schmidt

2016–2019

Marty Bones
Lauri Christianson
John Everett
Daniel Righter

2017–2020

Ralph Castelli
Katie Haenggri
Pam Landgraf
Emily Johnson

Mark your Calendar

Bishop Gibbs' Visitation—Sunday, May 7

One service only, 10:00 a.m.

Adult Forum with the Bishop 9:00 a.m.

Bishop Gibbs will confirm eleven St. James congregants at this service.

Choral Evensong – Sunday, May 7

4:00 p.m. in the Church

All Saints Guild Tea

Wednesday, May 10, 4:00 p.m. in Centennial

Hall. Please come, bring your spouse, your friends from St. James and elsewhere and enjoy the fun. Ladies, feel free to wear your hats. A sign-up sheet is in Centennial Lounge.

90 and Beyond Luncheon

Thursday, May 11, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
at the Community House.

Contact Carrie Proctor if you are interested.

Birmingham Hometown Parade:

Sunday, May 21

This year's theme is "Hats Off to Our Heroes." Who are your heroes? Look for bulletin inserts and questions on the wall in Centennial Hall. We'll use your answers to prepare our group to march in the parade. Want to join us? Please let Shar Wickens know.

Memorial Day: May 29 – CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Easter Donations

Donations to support Easter Music (received after Easter bulletins were printed) were given to the glory of God by:

Anonymous, *in thanksgiving for wonderful family and friends;*

Mary Kale;

Susan Reid, *in memory of Frank Reid;*

Mary Walker;

Steven and Michele Wogaman, *in thanksgiving for life;*

Will and Lois Yeats, *in memory of Joseph and Betty Yeats.*

Our Mission

INVITE you to the table

ILLUMINATE our spiritual journey

SHARE Christ's love with the world