



# The MESSENGER

INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE OUR LIFE AND MINISTRIES AT ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

VOLUME 93, NUMBER 15

225-387-5141 • FAX 225-387-1443 • WWW.STJAMESBR.ORG

April 17, 2009

## We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
  - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Chapel\*
  - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*
  - 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour\*
  - 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*
  - 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel
- \*Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year B  
 Revised Common Lectionary  
 Daily Office: Year ONE

**The Lectionary — The Second Sunday of Easter:** *First Lesson:* Acts 4:32-35; *The Psalm* 133; *Second Lesson:* 1 John 1:1—2:2; *The Gospel:* John 20:19-31.

IN THIS ISSUE	
<i>St. James Highlights</i>	1
<i>Community</i>	2
<i>Prayer List</i>	2
<i>Birthdays</i>	5
<i>Announcements</i>	5
<i>This Week's Calendar</i>	6

## Celebrating Creation in Eastertide

*The Rev. Phina Borgeson, ENS correspondent for science and environment*

From the gathering and reanimation of the bones in Ezekiel 37, often read at the Easter Vigil, to the Spirit's descent on those gathered to celebrate the first Christian Pentecost, Easter season is about new life in community. In John's Gospel we hear about the meeting in the upper room where the risen Christ breathed the Spirit on the regrouped band of disciples. In the lessons from Acts the story of a new kind of community in Christ unfolds throughout the Great Fifty Days.

New Creation is an image historically associated with Easter, but one whose broader meaning we sometimes lose track of in our emphasis on individual renewal through baptism. For the Hebrew prophets, healing of individuals, renewal of human communities, and restoration of natural environments were seen as all of a piece. They understood that the thriving of humanity is interdependent with the thriving of the rest of creation.

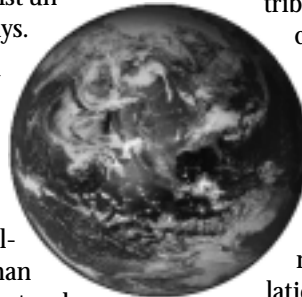
In scripture community comes first, and community flourishes when it is diverse. We know this, too, through the sciences of ecology, genetics and evolutionary biology which help us see that all life is interconnected. The science of cosmology impresses on us that our life is bound up with the

evolution of the elements and the movement of stardust through the universe.

As Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori said in her address to the HOPE (Healing Our Planet Earth) conference in April 2008:

People of faith ... have a critical responsibility to recover, or rediscover, the underlying Hebraic and tribal traditions that point to the value of community over independent and disconnected individuals. All of the Pauline language about the body of Christ applies equally to the body of God's creation. We are all part of one larger body, none of us lives for ourselves alone, and indeed our very meaning is dependent on our relationships with God and each other. Our focus on Trinitarian theology says that social relationships, community relationships, are innate to God's very identity.

Just as the emerging Christian community described in Acts 4:32-35 was conscious of the interdependence of their lives and the sharing of resources, so we must in our time develop a global consciousness of all earth's riches and beauty as held in common.



## A huge THANK YOU to Gumbo volunteers!

Emily Kay, 2009 Gumbo Chair, thanks all the parishioners who helped make Gumbo 2009 such a success. Special thanks to her committee chairs: Jennie Price, Take Out (a huge job); Sandy Sadler and Katherine Creech, Day School Liaisons; Hickey Poirrier, instrumental with Set-Up & Take Down; Monica Peele, Decorations/Set-Up; Carole Wright, Treasurer; Mary Boutwell, Volunteer Hospitality; Nora Say, Phone Orders; Otey White & Associates, Publicity; and, Gail St. Pierre & her wonderful Cafeteria staff who "just did it" with grace!

*The St. James Associate Vestry*  
 invites you to the annual  
**CRAWFISH BOIL**

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday, May 1

Bishops Hall

*Please bring a dessert to share*

## St. James Staff

The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins -

Bishop of Louisiana

The Very Rev. J. Mark Holland-

XXIII Rector of St. James

The Rev. John Sloan Miller -

Associate Rector

The Rev. Laurie M. Brock -

Associate Rector

The Rev. Ralph F. Howe, Jr. -

Priest Assistant

Deacon Pat Lyle -

Spiritual Director in Residence

Deacon Mark Hudson

The Rev. Charles A. Wood -

Chaplain, St. James Place

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Witcher -

Bishop-in-Residence

XIX Rector of St. James

The Rt. Rev. James M. Coleman -

Bishop-in-Residence

XX Rector of St. James

David H. Culbert Organist-Choirmaster

Alison Nikitopoulos Children's Ministries

Helen Campbell Director of Lay Ministry

Sylvia Rabalais Admin. Secretary

Debbie Stillner Comptroller

Cheryl Speights Olinde Bookkeeper

Tyler Ellison Maintenance

Gail St. Pierre Dietician

Email addresses available on the church web site:

[www.stjamesbr.org](http://www.stjamesbr.org)

## St. James Vestry

Claudia Black ..... Senior Warden

John S. Campbell III ..... Junior Warden

Manette Sammons ..... Clerk

Kevin Curry ..... Treasurer

Jane Christensen Phil Martin

Pat Culbertson Jay Noland

Daryl Ellis Chrissie Clark Olsson

Lynnette B. Frazer Emile Rolfs

Bob Frazier Tom Wade

Charles Frey IV Scott Westbrook

Emily Wray Lamont Otey White

Sue Larisey



*The Diocese of Louisiana is one church, faithful  
to Jesus Christ, united in mission,  
reaching out to seekers.*

*We live in joyous witness to the power of grace  
and divine compassion in our lives.*

## Christian Education Notes

**Nursery Care** for children three months to four years old is available 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Parish Hall. Pagers are also available for your comfort and convenience.

### Upcoming Events

**No Sunday morning program on April 19.** Children's Sunday morning classes will resume on April 26, after an Easter break

**Save the Date for this year's Vacation Church School** — The Ark of St. James: *Making a Difference Two by Two* will take place July 27-31, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Before you schedule your summer vacation, be sure to mark your calendar for the Ark of St. James!

This year's Vacation Church School activities will build upon the Heifer International initiative introduced during the Lenten season. The children will explore the vastness of God's kingdom by gaining an understanding of other cultures, geography, and animals. Through interactive music, stories,

crafts, and games, the children will learn that they can make a difference by getting involved in our church community, local community, and the world.

Children ages 4 years old through entering fifth graders are encouraged to attend. We would like each child to bring a friend so they can *make a difference two by two*.

## Nursery Pagers — Has One Made Its Way to Your House?

During Sunday services our nursery staff is able to remain in contact with parents via pagers. Unfortunately, our number of pagers has dwindled, as many have apparently found new homes amongst vehicles, purses, toy boxes, diaper bags, etc. If you have one of the nursery pagers would you please return it the next time you drop off your child so that others might benefit from its usage. Thank you.



The lilies in the church are given to the glory of God.

The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Linda Lee.

The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Barbara Bearden.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

*For the dear departed:* Lawrence Terry, stepfather of Phillip Bowen; Katherine Dennis, mother of Barbara Outland

*Prayers are asked for:* Louibelle Grantham, Kim Hatton, Jeanne & David James, Warren Green, Hunt Odom, Marion Hart LeBlanc, Russ Wray, Emery Smith, Iris Gueringer, Carlton Gilkes, Margaret, Charles Robertson, Hunter, Jonathan South, Russell Fish, John Bergeron, Jack Dagget, Leigh Anne, Debbie Terrell, Beth, Fran Huber Katchmer, Margie Stanford, Lance Conkerton

*Our continuing prayers are offered for:* O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarini, Marguerite Matassarini, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Brooke Hardin, Sue Tweedy, Laura and Trent Griggs, Donoghue, Perry Gaither, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie,

Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda Lee, Luci Cobb, Glen Stockton, Angie Denny, Kevin Stockton, Marina Pinell, Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Mary Betts, Kenlie Jackson, John & Fritz Dehlbert, Blair, Carole, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Berta Mayer, Jim Bogan, Laura Haywood, Sammie Jackson, Ava Jet Blencke, Penny, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris, Carolyn Glusman, Tom Raggio, Camille Raggio, Rachel Williams, Estelle Schilling, Vic Roy, Anne Howe, Betty Romero, Lillian Shipes, Carolyn Bishop

*For those in the Armed Forces:* Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, Cpl William Martin, Capt. Kyle Randall, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, Captain K. Joshua Calmes, Captain Charlie Hines

## Birthdays April 17-23

- 17 Sarah Jane Slusher, Mae Murrell, Elise McCanless, Katherine Landrem, Parker Vidrine  
18 Dan Cadwallader, Brent McCoy, Mark Holland  
19 Joe Benton, Drayton Agnew, Ann Davison  
20 Neal Elliott, Hunter Perry, Jonathan Springer, Eloise Tharp  
21 Rosemary Campbell, Ed Henderson, Arthur Abercrombie, Stewart Tharp, Denton Graham, Blake Fair  
22 Nancy Hester, Gladys Brown, Gloria Carter, Groves Powers  
23 Kathryn McDonald, Fannie Compton, Celeste Dué, Benjamin White, Rucker Leake

## ECW Chapter Meeting

St. Monica/St. Agnes Chapter will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21 at the home of Pat Womack.

## Volunteers and Donors helped create Altar of Repose

The reserved sacrament from the Maundy Thursday service was processed to the Chapel of the Twelve Apostles where a vigil "in the garden" was held until the 7:30 a.m. Good Friday service. Plants and greenery for the garden surrounding the Altar of Repose were given to the Glory of God and:

In loving memory of *Mildred Nobles Sumner* by Ann and Wendell Holmes;

In loving memory of their parents *Hillary and Jean Poirrier* and *Joseph and Pauline Wallis* by Hillary and Nancy Jo Poirrier;

In loving memory of *Hezzie and Marguerite Harrelson* by Clyde Lee Harrelson; and,

In thanksgiving for the life and ministry of *Prior John* by Patsy R. Lyle.

Additionally, special thanks are given to the crew of workers preparing the garden-like atmosphere: Amelia Johnson, Rodger Green, Hickey Poirrier and their fearless chief, Nancy Jo Poirrier. They prepared the materials for the wonderment worked by Robert Heroman, chief designer.

## Upcoming Adult Christian Education Classes

Two fascinating series have been planned for adult Christian education beginning after an Easter break. You won't want to miss the opportunity to hear about these subjects and the fascinating speakers sharing their knowledge.

St. James during the 19th and Early 20th Centuries

*April 19* - Zachary Taylor: Mexican war, Baton Rouge & St. James with Bob Bowsher

*April 26* - Thomas Williams and St. James during the Civil War led by Bernard Berry

*May 3* - The Tiffany Windows in St. James Church, led by Lubna Culbert

*May 10* - Leonidas Polk, the Fighting Bishop led by Bishop Robert Witcher

Conclusion of Anglicanism and the Eastern Orthodox Traditions

*May 17* - Venice: Christian Humanism in Art, Music, and Education, led by Bill Campbell

All are welcome to join these classes at any point, or pick-and-choose. Classes run from approximately 10:10 to 10:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

# eyc

st james baton rouge

**Sunday, April 19:** Senior EYCs will meet at CC's on Jefferson at 5:00 p.m.; all others meet at St. James at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 26:** Join us at the 5:00 p.m. Eucharist for the iConfirm service.

The BAD GIRLS BOOK CLUB's next gathering will be Thursday, April 23 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Levert, 946 East Hart's Mill Lane.

We'll be reading *Wicked: The life and times of a wicked witch* by Gregory Macguire.



R.s.v.p. for a food count, please, to Mother Laurie at 387-5141 or [lbrock@stjamesbr.org](mailto:lbrock@stjamesbr.org).

19th Annual

# Sing to the Lord

Sponsored by  
Interfaith Federation  
of  
Greater Baton Rouge

April 19, 2009 — 4 pm

St John's United Methodist Church  
9375 Highland Road  
Baton Rouge LA  
Phone: 766-4594

(Preceded by a Federation  
Delegates Meeting at 3 pm)

*a new  
Song*



# The MESSENGER

INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE OUR LIFE AND MINISTRIES

Periodicals  
Postage  
**PAID**  
at  
Baton Rouge LA

*The Messenger* (USPS 590-800) is published weekly except Christmas week and bi-weekly during the months of June, July and August by St. James Episcopal Church, 205 N. 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801-1404. Periodicals Postage Paid at Baton Rouge LA.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Messenger, 205 N. 4th Street, Baton Rouge LA 70801-1404.

**Deadline for copy:** Friday, 9 a.m. for the next week's edition. Copy may be delivered to the church office by postal mail, hand, phone, fax or by email to [srabalais@stjamesbr.org](mailto:srabalais@stjamesbr.org).

*We proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and invite you to join with us in ministry together in his name.*

## Ministries and Worship

Friday, April 17, 2009 - Friday in Easter Week  
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, April 18, 2009 - Saturday in Easter Week  
6:00 p.m. Wedding

Sunday, April 19, 2009 - 2 Easter  
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Chapel\*  
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*  
10:00 a.m. Adult Christian Ed and Coffee/Lemonade Hour  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\* w/baptism  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
5:00 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. EYC at church; Sr. EYCers at CC's

Monday, April 20, 2009  
8:15 a.m. Day School Chapel  
Noon Finance Committee  
3:00 p.m. Fourth & Fifth Grade Volleyball  
5:30 p.m. Vestry

Tuesday, April 21, 2009  
Noon Day School Finance/Executive Comm.  
Noon Holy Eucharist  
5:30 p.m. Associate Vestry

Wednesday, April 22, 2009  
7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group  
3:15 p.m. Daisy Troop Meeting  
6:00 p.m. iConfirm  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 23, 2009  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Healing Service  
Noon EFM  
6:00 p.m. EFM

\* Indicates Child Care Provided

## Lay Ministry - Sunday, April 19, 2009

7:30 a.m. Mary Jarnagin, Joyce Rucker, John Bilisoly  
8:45 a.m. John Cadwallader

**Ushers**  
9:00 a.m. Bob Bowsher, Tom Wade, Randy Lamont, Bill Hines, Chris McCannless  
11:00 a.m. Charles Kahao, Mike McDonald, Vernon Middleton, Jesse Coates

**Acolytes**  
9:00 a.m. Andrew Stewart, John Wesley Stewart, Marshall Stewart  
11:00 a.m. Lily Catherine Anderson, Anna Claire Westbrook, Maggie Westbrook

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
7:30 a.m. Mickey Christensen  
8:45 a.m. Claudia Black, Mimi Riché  
9:00 a.m. Ben Larisey  
11:00 a.m. Elizabeth Cawns  
5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley

**Vergers**  
9:00 a.m. Joan McCaskill  
11:00 a.m. David Warrington

**Lectors**  
7:30 a.m. Sharon Hoffeld  
8:45 a.m. Kent Caldwell, Claudia Black (P), Mimi Riché  
9:00 a.m. Maria Bowen, Cade Stapleton  
11:00 a.m. Bill Campbell, Martha Yancey

**Intercessor**  
7:30 a.m. Mickey Christensen  
8:45 a.m. Pat Colquette  
9:00 a.m. Ashley Casey  
11:00 a.m. Jared Bradley

**Welcome Committee**  
8:45 a.m. John Cadwallader  
9:00 a.m. Margaret & Pat Culbertson, Manette Sammons, Susie & Buzzy Heroman  
11:00 a.m. Memrie & Mike McDonald

**Altar Guild**  
7:30 a.m. Jane Christensen, Sharon Hoffeld  
8:45 a.m. Charlotte Paterson  
9:00 a.m. Maretta Creveling, Rieta Reiser  
11:00 a.m. Ashley Frey, Ruth Martinusen, Frances Garland, Carol Moloney  
5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley