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# THE EPISTLE

*"Be doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1:22*



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Days Off: Friday & Saturday

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Linda Bedard	<i>Council Vice-President</i>
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Karen Furr	<i>Council Member</i>
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Lynn Morrison	<i>Council Member</i>
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## CHURCH COUNCIL

Genie Bisch	<i>Parish Secy., Preschool Admin. Asst.</i>	203.264.6446
	<i>M,T,Th 2-4pm; Fri. 8-10:45am</i>	
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Curt Haedke	<i>Financial Secretary</i>	\$\$

The due date for the December 2021 Epistle is November 15th.

Please send submissions via the form on our epistle page ([stjamesct.org/epistles](http://stjamesct.org/epistles))

Thank you



## In Our Prayers



Peter Adler	Karen Huber	Bernie Jones
Gabi Adler	Marjory Warren	Rose Danieli
Gloria Trede	& Family	Charlie Costello
Marilyn Balla	Conrad & Meg	Brian Mons
Janet Benzell	Gisella Bachel	Mary Skinski
Stanley Ulc	Rachel Nessel	Isaac
Lynn Calderone	Ethan Nessel	Mike
Doris Schoppman	Diane Defazio	Frank Haddy



**Please also keep** Scott Newdeck, Wilson Owens, Timothy Elwell, Seth Lash, Stephen Danek, Timothy Peterson, and all those who serve in the military, in your prayers

**We also give thanks for All the Saints**, especially Norbert, John Moehring, Paul Katzmark, Mykola Majorczak and Tom Rodbell

Please join us for Worship on Sunday mornings at 9 am for Sunday School and at 10:15 am for worship at 111 Peter Road, Southbury, CT. The appropriate safety protocols are in place and will be adhered to. Drive in church continues as an option

Your offering may be mailed to 111 Peter Road ( the mail is collected daily) or your donation may be made online. As you are able, please help us keep being the hands of Christ.

# SERVING IN WORSHIP



## November 7th

Lector: Mary Ewert  
Cantor: Lucia Dressel  
Chaplain: Janice Salvatore  
Counters:

## November 14th

Lector: Curt Haedke  
Cantor: Ben Dressel  
Prayer Chaplain: Lynn Morrison  
Counters:

## November 21st

Lector: Lauren Lyons  
Cantor: Ben Dressel  
Chaplain: Mary Ewert  
Counters:

## November 28th

Lector: Emilie Ulc  
Cantor: Lynn Morrison  
Chaplain: Karen Lampiasi  
Counters:



## A WORD from Pastor Abby

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

I admit, I feel a little sorry for November. The browning landscapes, past their peak of New England foliage though not yet touched by snow. The anxious energy of election season. In fact, based on the prompt turnover on store shelves, it appears we’re attempting to skip the month entirely, swapping out pumpkins and witches for snowmen and Santa overnight. And yet, there is such goodness to this eleventh month; a spirit of gratitude, of harvest, of gathering, and passing the plate.

Of course, thanksgiving is not just a single day event, nor is it the backdrop of football and turkey. It is a way of being; a practice of presence in the world which so often helps us reach more towards it. It is the not-so-secret ingredient to real joy, which does not depend on strictly favorable circumstances but available in all moments. Gratitude is that which reveals God’s extraordinary in the world’s ordinary.

I must express my deep gratitude to this very special community for an incredibly warm and supportive welcome. From the generous gift baskets, to thoughtfully written letters, local recommendations, and the many phone calls and visits to ensure I’m settling in and getting acclimated to all that is St. James - I am simply overwhelmed with thanksgiving! And Thule, my dog, would love to express his own gratitude for the new tennis balls and treats, should you wish to stop by my office.

It is a spiritual practice of mine to write down 3 moments of gratitude before bed, so I might see them in the morning and start a new day with the graces of yesterday. Here’s today’s list:

I am grateful for sturdy windows to keep out the rain which wails as I write this letter.

I am grateful for full calendars, shared tea, and things to look forward to.

I am grateful for the inescapable sense that the Spirit has led me here to you.

Peace and Gratitude, *Pastor Abby.... And Thule*



# SOUTHURY TURKEY TROT

**Thursday, November 25, 2021**  
**Runners, Walkers, and Strollers Welcome**

**5K Run/Walk: 8:30a.m.**

**At: Revv Fitness Club • 730 Main Street South**

**Registration: \$30 (includes processing fee)**

**Register early! First 1,200 registered will receive a long sleeve race T-shirt**

**Online registration ends November 20th**

*Majority of proceeds benefit the Southbury Food Bank, Fuel Bank and Needy Fund.*

**Kid's Fun Run: at 8:00a.m. Cost: \$10.00**

**Register at**

**[www.southurywomensclub.org](http://www.southurywomensclub.org)**

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## Christian Education!

Christian education began again in September.. Join us at 9am for education for all ages. Keep your eye on the website and emails for more information.

This coincides with our switch to our school year schedule with worship beginning at 10:15am.

## Come Hike with Us!

St James Youth and Family ministries is restarting our monthly hikes. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and a little exercise!!! Our tentative schedule is as follows. Meet at 10am and contact **Lauren Lyons** 203-982-8415 if questionable weather....

Oct 30 – Bent of the River

Nov 20 – Southford Falls

Dec 18 – Platt farm



## “Call Them All” System

Presently, we have 146 telephone numbers listed to receive Pastor’s wonderful 2-minute weekly devotions, and prayers. Also included are St. James Church important news items, and reminders. If you would like to submit your telephone number to receive these calls, please register at the bottom of our homepage, call Lynn Morrison 203-426-7749 or email her at [edgelake@aol.com](mailto:edgelake@aol.com). Please join us!



## “Let’s Ring the Bell Again!”

The Bell Tower, which has been in need of repair and restoration, is a wonderful and important complement to our St. James Church. We miss the ringing of the bell during the worship services. In an effort toward repairing and restoring our bell tower, donations may be made to “Bell Tower Repair!” For further information, please check with **Lynn Morrison** (203-426-7749) or **Jacque Matthew** (203-233-9581).

## Spreading The Word!

Do you like the new church social media posts? Are you interested in helping with the weekly Saturday newsletter or monthly epistle? Do you enjoy writing faith filled blog posts or creating posters? Contact **Abigail Manville** [manville.abigail@gmail.com](mailto:manville.abigail@gmail.com) and get involved with the media and communications for the church!



## Trick or Treat for UNICEF Thanks

And still counting!  
Thank you all for your prayers and donations to UNICEF 2021  
“Trick or Treating”

(Bring boxes and envelopes in by Nov 15th)

Every penny will be matched by a generous family

The total will be reported in the December Epistle



# STEWARDSHIP 2021

Halloween is done, the leaves are falling, our Stewardship month is finished and Pastor Abby has arrived!

We want to thank all who have helped with our Stewardship campaign this Fall, particularly our committee of Lynn Morrison, Jim Mix, Jacque Matthew, Rich Larson and Bill and Marylee Siegle.



You will be receiving a letter with 2 cards — a financial commitment card, and a time and talent card. Please complete and bring them to church Sunday, November 7. We will dedicate those pledges, and then celebrate with a coffee and dessert after service.

We have tried to portray a picture of how we are using our resources at St James this year in worship, education, evangelism, outreach and congregational support. While we have persevered during this long season of Covid, we need to move boldly into 2022. With Pastor Abby to lead us, we can build on what we have. We can strengthen worship and educational efforts, make evangelism more effective and our congregational caring efforts more comprehensive.

This takes both dollars and people power. The pledge cards you will receive provide an opportunity to indicate how you can help both financially and with your time and talent. As always, pledges are non-binding and can be changed when personal circumstances change. In responding, we can show how we

**GIVE THANKS; ALWAYS AND ALL WAYS.**



## The Southbury Needy Fund Tree

The Needy fund tree will be coming soon. The process may look a little different this year but reach out to Lauren Lyons if interested in participating.

## Winter Coat Drive

**BLANKETS AND COATS DO NOT MEAN AN AWFUL LOT UNLESS IT IS COLD AND YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE!** Saint James is planning to hold a coat drive beginning in November through December 5th. Set aside gently used coats, hats, gloves and blankets when you are doing fall cleanout to be donated to outreach programs in Waterbury or Danbury. We will be collecting items in the bin in the gathering area.

## Back to school at the Preschool

The preschool is back in full swing with active and vibrant classes. There are still a few spots available if you know anyone with an interested 3 year-old. Please talk to Lauren or Julie or email the director, Leslie Broch at [lesliebroch@gmail.com](mailto:lesliebroch@gmail.com) if interested of it you know someone who might be.



## Southbury Food Bank Collection

We are thrilled that the adopt-a-shelf at the food bank is back on! Thank you for your donations of (BOXED ONLY) rice! There is a blue bin outside the old church office for donations as well as one in the gathering area. We are looking for helpers to get the rice to the food bank in the coming months. The food bank volunteers will take our donations outside the building and they will do the shelf stocking.

Food Bank Delivery Hours: **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month from 11:30-12:30 pm**  
Call (203)721-0377 to make other arrangements.

Many thanks for signing up to help with getting our rice donations to the Southbury Food Bank (88 Main Street South, in the same complex as the Rathskeller Restaurant)

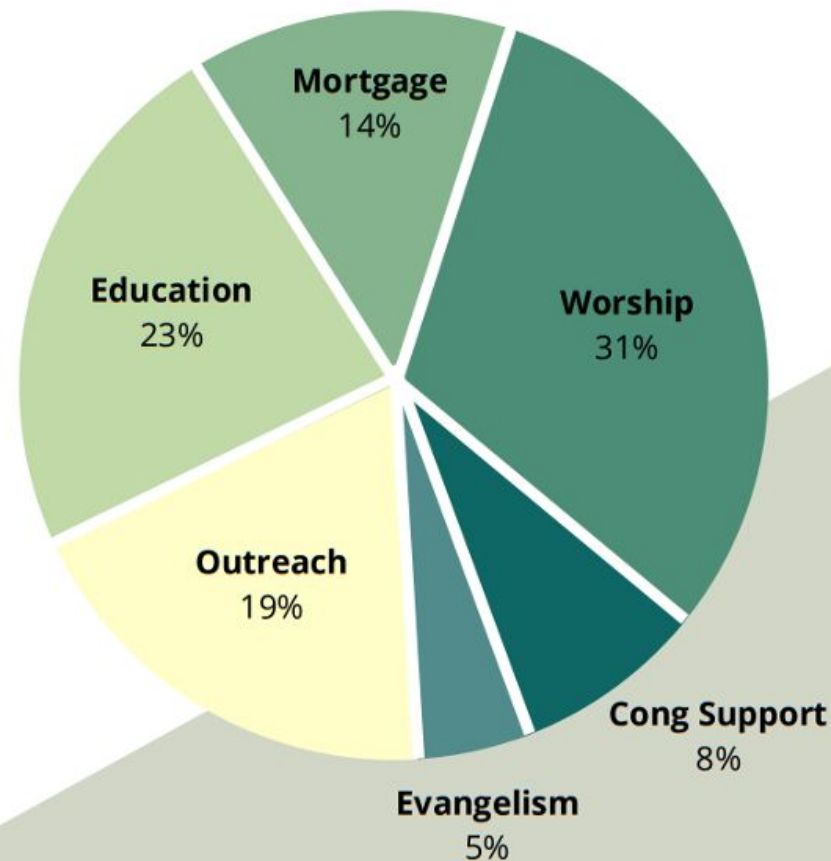
Nov– Jenny Beaudéan-White	Jan– Ingrid
Dec– Morrisons	Feb–

## Mission Endowment Fund

The semi-annual meeting of the Mission Endowment Committee will be held in November. The St James mission endowment fund provides the congregation with money for us to contribute to charitable causes. We are always open to suggestions for how the funds should be disbursed and welcome congregational input. Previous causes have included Camp Calumet, Lutheran Association for Maritime Ministry, Lutheran World Relief, and the Little Britches. If you have any suggestions that you would like brought to the committee meeting please send to committee co-chairs **Karen Furr**, [kurfurr@gmail.com](mailto:kurfurr@gmail.com) or **Linda Bedard**, [linda.bedard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linda.bedard@sbcglobal.net) prior to the November meeting.



## 2021 Budget By Mission



# GIVE THANKS

All ways... and always!

# November 2021 Calendar

Regular calendar updates on website  
<https://stjamesct.org/calendar/>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Holy Communion is offered at all worship services in one kind only.	1	2	3 7pm Bible Study 7pm AA 8pm Prayer Call	4 7:30pm YAFM Meeting	5	6
7 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 4pm Girl Scouts	8 7pm AA	9	10 7pm Bible Study 7pm AA 8pm Prayer Call	11 7pm Parish Support Meeting	12	13 10am Church Cleanup 11:30am Rice Shelf Restock 
14 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 4pm Girl Scouts	15 7pm AA	16 6:30pm Council Meeting	17 7pm Bible Study 7pm AA 8pm Prayer Call	18	19	20 10am YAFM Hike (Southford Falls) 
UNICEF Box Deadline	Epistle Contributions Due					
21 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 11am Congregational meeting 4pm Girl Scouts	22 7pm AA 7pm Interfaith Thanksgiving	23	24 7pm Bible Study 7pm AA 8pm Prayer Call	25 8am Kids Fun Run 8:30am 5k Thanksgiving 	26	27
28 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 4pm Girl Scouts	29 7pm AA	30				