

**Sunday Worship**

- 8, 9:30 & 11 A.M. Services
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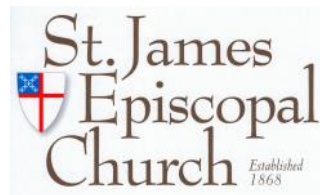
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**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH—BOZEMAN, MT**

*In relationship with Gethsemane Episcopal Church—Manhattan, MT*

**FROM THE RECTOR ...**

*“He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”  
Luke 9:2*

As we enter a new year, I am confident that it will bring new and exciting things to St. James. We have great expectations for “Tiny Houses” and many are excited about an upcoming effort to bolster our pastoral care ministries by inspiring and equipping lay ministers to meet needs of those recovering from surgery or prolonged illness, the homebound, caregivers and families.

I am personally hopeful that we can re-establish a vibrant healing ministry here at St. James. Some time ago, we had a chapter of The Order of St. Luke the Physician here in Bozeman. The chapter was sponsored by St. James. I hope to see this again; perhaps beginning in Easter season.

What is The Order of St. Luke, and what do they stand for?

OSL empowers God's people throughout the world with Jesus' healing ministry, by: 1) training in the healing ministry of Jesus; 2) learning to pray for others; 3) providing opportunities to experience the healing power of Jesus; 4) empowering you to confidently pray for anyone, anywhere, anytime in the name of Jesus.

The ministry's vision is this: individuals, communities and nations made whole, free of sickness, through Jesus Christ.

Members of OSL value: 1) personal surrender to Jesus; 2) prayer-based ministry, relying on Jesus; 3) Christ-like compassion; 4) action-based service to others; 5) heartfelt worship of God; 6) partnership with the Holy Spirit; 7) biblical principles; 8) joyful obedience to God; 9) the idea that we can all grow as ministers of healing; 10) flourishing in community where everyone belongs; 11) boldness in demonstrating the healing power of Jesus Christ; 12) mutual respect, kindness and courtesy.

I would love to see Christ's healing ministry become a driving force at St. James. I ask you to join me in prayer, asking God's guidance in the matter. Later during Lent, I intend to offer an adult class on Christian healing for those who are interested. Until then...let's pray!

*Faithfully,  
Fr. Clark*

## JANUARY ADULT POTLUCK

The January adult potluck will be hosted by Ruth Cooper on Friday, Jan. 13, at 6:30 P.M. Her address is 4278 Cover St., Unit B, (off Ferguson Avenue) Bozeman. For directions, call Ruth at (406) 544-3806.

**Please bring a dish to share and a beverage of your choice.**

New members of the Parish are encouraged to come

– definitely a great way to meet other church family members.

These kinds of events are also

A great way for “old” members to meet those who are new and to visit with those they do know.

Interested in hosting a potluck? **Hosts are needed for 2017! Please volunteer for dates in 2017 – many are open!**

Please call Deacon Roxanne at (406) 580-4748 or (406) 586-9093, Ext. 3, to volunteer. This is a great way to host a party the easy way – you provide the place; others bring the food – such a deal!

NOTE: Future hosts are John and Jenny Lavey in February, Ping and Marcia Oliver in May...lots more details to follow. Please volunteer for open dates in 2017!

*Blessings,  
Deacon Roxanne*



## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Are you skilled in using Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel? Deacon Connie is looking for assistance to help volunteer at the Detention Center. Please call her at (406) 579-5408 or email her at [campbell.connie54@gmail.com](mailto:campbell.connie54@gmail.com)

## DELEGATES SOUGHT FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION

If you would like to represent St. James at the 2017 Diocesan Convention that will be held in Helena on Oct. 6-8, please let Fr. Clark know by Jan. 15, 2017, so that your name can be put on the ballot.

Convention delegates are elected at the St. James Annual Meeting which is held on the last Sunday in January (Jan. 29, 2017). Convention delegates are responsible for paying for the convention registration fee (typically \$80.00 - \$100.00 per delegate) and for paying for their travel expenses, hotel room and any meals that are not covered by the convention registration fee.

## GETHSEMANE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANHATTAN

Every Sunday, we have Holy Eucharist with music at 5:30 P.M. If you don't make it to St. James on Sunday morning, always remember that you can visit our sister church in Manhattan: Gethsemane Episcopal Church, 305 N. Fifth St. (Pets and children are welcome!)

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult Confirmation and Inquirer's Class begins on Wednesday, Jan. 11, with Father Greg. We will be using a text book *Your Faith, Your Life*. We would like as many advance registrations as possible, so we can have texts on hand. All are welcome – even if you just want a refresher! If you would like to participate, please contact Father Greg at [frdgsmith@gmail.com](mailto:frdgsmith@gmail.com) or (406) 596-2013.

## FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise hosting by St. James kicked off 2017 in a grand manner: we hosted the first week of January! What a great way to start off the year, by helping families that are working hard to end their homelessness.



It often seems that there are so many important issues in the world that need to be solved, and we feel helpless to do so. That is why I love being involved with Family Promise: it offers many ways in which we can help those right here in our community. If you would like to know how you can help Family Promise, other than helping out with hosting weeks, check out the brochures at the back of the Nave or in the foyer to the business offices. Helping can range from simply picking up some diapers to acting as a mentor to a family.

St. James will host the families in the Rectory again the week of Feb. 26. Our Parish is responsible for providing meals, evening and overnight hosts on Sunday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday of that week. If you can volunteer, please let me know.

Interested in learning more about how Family Promise helps? The next volunteer training will be conducted on from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. on Jan. 11 at E-Free church. E-Free is located at 1701 S. 19th Ave. Snacks will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please let me know, and I make sure a seat is reserved for you! The training is very interesting, and there is no requirement to volunteer if you attend the training. Any questions, please give me a call or e-mail!

Nancy Winget, (406) 579-9867, [nwinget27@gmail.com](mailto:nwinget27@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**St. James is all about hospitality.** We want everyone to feel welcome to St. James, so please make sure your guests sign the guest book in the foyer – invite them to the monthly potlucks (see Page 2 for more information) and encourage them to order a name tag. The church office will add their contact information to the *Weekly News*. Call Sarah, our Office Manager, at (406) 586-9093.

**Coffee Hours:** Our coffee hours after the 8:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. Sunday services are a wonderful time of gathering to visit with your friend that sits by you in church. We have had lots, and we have had few at the gatherings, but do plan your day to join your fellow parishioners for coffee and conversation.

**Canterbury House:** Isn't it wonderful to be a part of this gift to the homeless women in the Valley? We had a very successful open house on Nov. 30 and lots of press and accolades for what St. James is doing to help solve the homeless problem in Bozeman. What is it they say – small but mighty! Maybe it will start the ball rolling for others to find ways to help the homeless.

If you are interested in joining the Membership Committee, contact any of us. Membership Committee Members: Carla Christ, Cassie Cameron, Ed Griswold, Linda Hoseth, Deacon Roxanne Klingensmith, Margo McGinness, Caryle Merrill, Bridget Roskam, Lori Rotherham, Eileen Thompson-Sale, Nancy Winget, and Co-chairs Markie Nathan [khn@aggienetwork.com](mailto:khn@aggienetwork.com) (406) 551-0267 and Daryl Todd [daryltodd@onemain.com](mailto:daryltodd@onemain.com) (406) 579-7618.

## **POLITICS AND THE PULPIT**

*Opinion by Mark Wingfield, Aug. 11, 2016*

Here's the problem with saying we must never talk about politics at church: We immediately cede to politicians the right to define what is political and what is theological. And then the church loses its voice on theology because important biblical concepts have been wrongly labeled "politics" and therefore off limits.

Care for the planet was a Biblical issue before it was a political issue. Gender equality was a biblical issue before it was a political issue. The sanctity of life (all life, by the way) was a biblical issue before it was a political issue. Care for the poor was a biblical issue before it was a political issue. How to treat immigrants was a biblical issue before it was a political issue. Predatory lending was a biblical issue before it was a political issue. Love of neighbor was a biblical issue before it was a political issue. Being good stewards of financial resources was a biblical issue before it was a political issue. Telling the truth was a biblical issue before it was a political issue.

There's plenty of room to debate the best ways to live out these biblical teachings, and that may spill over into political platforms. Fine. But to deny that these are, in fact, biblical issues at root gives politics too much sway over the church. Politicians and political movements should not get to define what is "political" and what is "theological."

The Pew Research Center recently released a national survey saying 64 percent of American churchgoers have heard religious leaders preach about "political" issues. Examples cited are religious liberty, homosexuality, abortion, immigration, the environment and economic inequality. Lately, my Facebook feed has been full of well-meaning people begging their friends to leave politics out of social media (as if that's really going to happen). And then I read a recent column by a denominational employee about how you never should mention politics in a Sunday school class or small-group Bible study. While on its face, this is true and sounds righteous, the danger lies in how you define "politics."

For example, while it is not appropriate to incite a Sunday school class debate over the political pros and cons of Obamacare, Bible study teachers must help their classes understand the biblical mandate to care for neighbor as self. Jesus had a lot to say about that. We can't lose our voice on biblical teaching just because it intersects politics.

For too long, mainstream Christianity has stood silently by while one branch of Christianity has successfully defined to the public what the "Christian" position on political issues should be. The Christian community in America actually is far more diverse than might be evident to an outside observer. A parallel, by the way, is the public perception of what Christianity teaches about the end times. Because of the activism and media savvy of pre-millennial dispensationalists (the "Left Behind" view), it's easy to assume all Christians hold this view. In reality, the theology of a rapture and chaos on the earth never has been the majority Christian view. But I digress.

In this most contentious of all political climates we now find ourselves in, pastors and teachers in the church must not be scared away from teaching important theological concepts for fear they will be labeled as "political." There is a way to talk about issues without endorsing candidates. To remove from conversation every issue someone sees as political — even though the root issue is a core teaching of the Bible — is to neuter the witness of the church.

Wouldn't it be great if we could let our theology inform our politics rather than our politics dictate our theology? That's something the left and the right ought to be able to agree on, even if we can't agree on theology.

# A Time of Taizé Prayer



Numerous Christian Churches of Bozeman would like to invite you to  
an ecumenical night of prayer.

**2nd Sunday of each month at 7:00-7:50pm**

**Resurrection University Church  
1725 S. 11th Ave.**

**All Are Welcome!**

Sponsored by Resurrection Catholic Campus Ministry, in conjunction with several other  
Christian Churches in Bozeman.

[www.facebook.com/Taizeprayergallatinvalley](http://www.facebook.com/Taizeprayergallatinvalley)

For the Taizé Community [www.taize.fr/en](http://www.taize.fr/en)



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We are the Body of Christ. Christian Formation is the heart of our shared life in Christ. No matter our age, we are growing in faith; programming is offered for all ages. You may find out more about it here.

Your presence and participation brings life to our community and draws us closer to God. You are not only welcome but necessary. To find out more about serving or participating in the many offerings for faith formation in our community contact: Emily Thrasher, Christian Formation Associate, emilythrasher.stjames@gmail.com (406) 586-9093, Ext. 5. Office Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

### Sunday Morning/Afternoon:

9:15 – 12:15 Nursery • Todd Center • Ages newborn to 6

**No Nursery on New Year's Day.** Nursery resumes on Jan. 8 but all ages are invited to participate in the Epiphany Pageant!

9:30 – 10:45 Godly Play • Todd Center • Ages 3 through 2nd Grade

**No Godly Play on New Year's Day.** All ages are invited to participate in the Epiphany Pageant on Jan. 8! Godly Play resumes Jan. 15.

9:30 – 10:45 Godly Play • Upstairs at St. James • 3rd Grade through 5th Grade

**No Godly Play on New Year's Day.** All ages are invited to participate in the Epiphany Pageant on Jan. 8! Godly Play resumes Jan. 15.

11:00 – 12:30 (Jan. 15 & Jan. 29) EpiscoPALS Youth Group – **NEW! Now for ages 6th through 12th grade!** • Downstairs in the Todd Center

**No Youth Group activities on New Year's Day**

Jan. 8 – Please, come help with the Epiphany Pageant at 9:15 A.M. before the service! Some of the parents are new to this St. James tradition and could use some help and direction. Stay and support them all and reminisce about when you participated “back in the day.”

**Jan. 15 – Kick off Youth Group Day!**

12:30 – 1:00 Confirmation Class Jan. 15 & Jan. 29 • Downstairs in the Todd Center

- minimum age 16 in 2017

### Wednesday Night:

6:30 – 7:45 Adult Christian Formation • Parish Hall

**Nursery** – Our attendants care and play with your little ones every Sunday. Maddie and Heaven look forward to seeing your up to age 6 children in the Nursery during the 9:30 A.M. service. Our capacity is currently set at eight children, a 1:4 ratio, so that we can give your children the attention and care they deserve in our relatively small space. All children must be retrieved by 12:15 P.M.

**Godly Play** – Children are led by adult members of St. James as they impart our Christian beliefs and Episcopalian traditions to your children through this Montessori-based curriculum. You can be assured that interactive and hands-on learning will help instill the love of Christ and the Bible in your child. Everyone gets to partake in the “Feast” and enjoy some creative time as well. Sign up with a member volunteer holding a clipboard when you arrive at St. James, and we will escort them together to their meeting rooms. Interested in helping? A bit of training and history of Godly Play, a standard background check and online Safeguarding God’s Children from the diocese will allow you to do so. Please direct any question to Emily Thrasher or Jamie Sherman. See what Godly Play is all about here: **Godly Play!** Come see how you can share your wisdom and talents with the children of St. James!

**EpiscoPALS(?) Youth Group** – For January: We will meet on Jan. 8, Jan. 15 and Jan. 29 this month. Meet with other St. James kids and Youth Mentor, Jackson, for study, discussion, games, crafts and fun – and definitely vote on a name for the group! A meal will be provided. To volunteer to provide a meal, please contact Emily. Father Greg will lead Confirmation Class studies using the book *My Faith My Life a Teen's Guide to the Episcopal Church* by Jenifer Gamber for the last half hour of our meetings. Call Emily at (406) 586-9093, Ext. 5, with any questions.

## MAC DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE MONDAY, JAN. 23, 2017



You are invited to Helena for MAC Day at the Legislature. Join together with members and friends of the Montana Association of Christians (MAC) from Bozeman and across Montana. Take part in Christian advocacy for all God's people – including the orphan (or child in need), the widow (or single mom), the poor, the prisoner and the stranger (or immigrant). This exhilarating day will be filled with learning, prayer, networking and fellowship as we meet with our elected legislators, hear faith leaders speak at the Statehouse Rotunda and attend House and Senate sessions as MAC.

### Overview:

- 7:15 A.M.**     **Board the Bozeman MAC bus at Dokken-Nelson parking lot** (113 South Willson Ave). Please park in area church parking lots and the Emerson lot. We'll depart at 7:30 A.M. On the bus you'll receive updated handouts, maps, and advocacy training.
- 10 A.M.**       **Arrive Pilgrim UCC** (400 South Oakes St., Helena). Rally at 10:15 A.M. – with advocacy debrief by MAC lobbyist, Abigail St. Lawrence, and prayer. Board buses at 10:45 A.M. to drive the Montana State Capital.
- 11 A.M.**       **Arrive at the MT State Capital.** Advocate. Educate. Engage. We especially encourage you to meet with your Bozeman area House and Senate elected representatives as pre-arranged. We recommend that you email your representatives ahead of time. (To do so, go to our MAC website at <http://www.macmt.org/advocacy-toolbox.html>).
- Noon**           **Lunch with Legislators.** Free lunch sponsored by MAC in the Capitol Rotunda. Sit down to lunch with your house and senate legislators and share your story with them. During lunch, religious leaders of MAC churches – we anticipate up to six bishops and other Christian religious leaders will give brief speeches on MAC issues.
- 1 P.M.**          **Attend the House and Senate in Session.** When you attend the House and Senate in Session, legislators who know you are there will welcome you, and all will see that MAC has support from citizens who vote and engage – and perhaps even bring their children and grandchildren (6+) to see what citizen advocacy looks like.
- 2:30 P.M.**      **Bozeman.** Board the bus where you were dropped off. The bus to Bozeman will depart by 2:45 P.M. You should be home well before 5 P.M.

You are invited to...

# “The Heart of Wholeness”

...a healing & teaching weekend

**Keynote Speaker:**

Rev. Josh Acton (OSL President)



*“He heals the broken-hearted  
and binds up their wounds”*

Psalm 147:3

**TOPIC:**  
*More than  
Conquerors: the  
Spirit-Filled Life*

*and a workshop choice:*

*“Christian Listening”*

*“Soaking Prayer”*

*“Centering Prayer”*

*“Guided Meditation”*

*“Order of St. Luke Info”*

**Friday, February 3 -- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
**Saturday, February 4 -- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Church of the Good Shepherd  
805 SE Ellsworth Rd., Vancouver, WA 98664

Early registration recommended -- \$30.00

At the door -- \$40.00

*includes full lunch*

Contact 360-258-0134 or 360-892-7770

For more info and registration form: [www.oslregion6.org](http://www.oslregion6.org)



# REGION 6 HEART OF WHOLENESS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

**REGION 6 HEART OF WHOLENESS** With keynoter: **REV. JOSH ACTON** (OSL National President)  
Friday, Feb. 3, 7 to 9 P.M. & Saturday, Feb. 4, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.  
**Registration table opens at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday**

**TOPIC: “MORE THAN CONQUERORS: THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE!”**  
and **one** workshop choice:

- #1) What is Christian Listening? Led by Dr. David and Carol Ball
- #2) Soaking Prayer with Taize Music: An Experiential Self-directed Workshop
- #3) How to Form an OSL Chapter or Become a Member led by Rev. Acton
- #4) A Window Into Centering Prayer led by Clemie Perslin
- #5) A Guided Meditation led by Fred Michaels

This event is hosted by the Order of St. Luke at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 805 SE Ellsworth Rd.,  
Vancouver, WA 98664 (360) 892-7770 [www.goodshepherdvancouver.org](http://www.goodshepherdvancouver.org)

**One form per person is required. More forms are available on the Region 6 website: [www.oslregion6.org](http://www.oslregion6.org)**  
(Raffle items and books & cards will be available for sale)  
Questions? Email Convener Saran Warne at [oslregion6@gmail.com](mailto:oslregion6@gmail.com)

**Registration is \$30 per person and includes lunch. Advance registration is requested. The fee at the door is \$40.** Make checks payable to OSL REGION 6. Mail checks to the church address **on or before Jan. 30.**  
Credit card payments and registration can also be done **online** at [www.oslregion6.org](http://www.oslregion6.org)

Special rates have been blocked for this weekend at the Best Western near the church. (11506 NE 3rd St.)  
Keyword is “Heart of Wholeness” Phone(360) 254-4000

**\*\*A love offering will be collected to honor Rev. Josh Acton’s ministries,  
checks payable to OSL REGION 6. Thank you!\*\***

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**RETURN THIS PORTION OF THE FORM TO THE CHURCH ADDRESS**  
**(805 SE Ellsworth Rd. Vancouver, WA 98664)**  
**Attention: OSL registrar**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ WORKSHOP CHOICE # \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Check for \$30 per person is enclosed, made out to OSL REGION 6.

**\*\* Fee includes morning coffee, snacks & lunch (served in Parish Hall).\*\***

## TREASURER'S JOURNAL FOR JANUARY

Overall, November operating income exceeded expenses by \$9.5K.

Here are explanations of the significant November variances.

### Revenues:

Pledge Donations were \$4.8K above the budget estimate.

Prepaid Pledge Donations for 2017 amounted to \$6.0K.

### Expenses:

Building and Grounds was \$0.9K under the budget estimate.

Payroll was \$1.4K over the forecast with the Office Manager now being a full-time position.

### Designated/Restricted Funds:

The total of all funds increased by \$0.6K to \$200.1K.

Rector Discretionary Funds decreased by \$0.1K to \$0.5K.

The latest financial reports are always located on the St. James website. After you login, you can visit

<http://stjamesbozeman.org/members/vestry/financials> to download the reports.

Please send any questions to [sjbkkpr@gmail.com](mailto:sjbkkpr@gmail.com) or leave a message for Julie Suiter at (406) 586-9093, Ext 7. You can also reach Wendy Wilson at (406) 579-4382 or me at (406) 551-3921.

*Keith Nathan, Co-treasurer*



## ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST—JANUARY 2017

*If you would like to add or remove a name from the Prayer List, please contact the St. James church office at (406) 586-9093, Ext. 1, or [sj5westolive@gmail.com](mailto:sj5westolive@gmail.com)*

**Prayers For the Church:** For the Anglican Communion worldwide; for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop.

**Prayers for the Diocese:** For Franklin, our Bishop; For Carol, our Assisting Bishop; Christ Church, Kalispell; Donnell O’Flynn, Rector.

**Prayers for Healing:** Sean Grabbe, Christina Harrell, Emily and Jon, Kelly Larson, Alan Dapore, B.J. Wright, Lester Wooden, Ken Nelson, Daryl Nelson, Jay Treadwell, Patrick Eckman, Henry Auvil, Aaron and Lynn Holsinger, Abigail, Jack Olson, Jenny Tucker, Mary Ken Chandler, Angus Macdonald, Thomas, Everett June, Kathleen Collins, Rachel, Susan, Laura James, Debra, Tara, Rachel, Carol Smalley, Theresa, Evelyn Halpin, Tom Olson, Karen, John Dowell, Janette Moore, Karen Smalley, Darrel Nelson, Elik.

**Prayers For the Homebound:** Joan Bray, Patty Carkeek, Arlene Fiscus, Penny McClelland, The Rev. Denise Rogers, Bev Wallace.

**Continuing Prayers Requested For:** Cynthia, Pamela Duescher, Sarah, Janet R., Christina, Seth F., Leslie P., Margo, Annie M., Roxanne, We pray for all families living in violent homes, that our community can help survivors of domestic violence find support, respect and peace.

**Prayers for Those Involved in the Defense of Freedom:** Christian Lavinder; Andrew Gifford, U.S. Navy; James Fuemmeler, U.S. Navy; Skylar Gifford, U.S. Navy; and for those awaiting their safe return.

**Prayers of Remembrance for January:** Joyce Barton, Harry Reif, Patty Frank, Joe Frazier, Johanna Hill, Martha Palffy, John Baringer, Larry Wallace, Florence Marshall-Kern, Al Fiscus, Clara Wagner, Jean Cione, Carol W. Kern, Jesse Aber Jr., Annabel Prescott, Josphine Susan Sharrock, Helen Frazier, Ella Briggs, Patty Goodrich, Fr. Dale Sarles

