



12,000 MEALS FOR MLK DAY OF SERVICE

ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN JOINS ST. JAMES SCHOOL IN PREPARING BOXES

On January 16, 2017, St. James School hosted its 7th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Philadelphia's Arch Street Presbyterian Church (ASPC) supported St. James with a bevy of committed volunteers. The theme for this year's day was A Day to Act, Not a Day Off, which included prayer, reflection, and action.

Together the school and its supporters prepared 12,000 meals in one afternoon for local families. The Outreach Program, headquartered in Union, IA, provided the supplies and tools to prepare the meals. The Outreach Program is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation that organizes food packaging events around the country. Local food pantries receiving St. James' donations included St. Luke's, Germantown; St. Gabriel's, Philadelphia; and St. Simon the Cyrenian, Philadelphia.

The morning began with approximately 120 students, staff, volunteers, parents, and community members gathering for a moving prayer service in the Church of St. James the Less. The student-led prayer service included the student choir, readers of scripture, reflections from Dr. King, and the St. James School Drummers, as well as "thank you" and "please" prayers from the entire community.

ASPC volunteers arrived early in the morning for this day of service to set up the tables, bulk food items, bags, boxes, and sealing equipment in the school's community room/dining room. Throughout this spirited, joyful day volunteers helped the food packaging process proceed smoothly and efficiently. The completed food packages will be distributed to people in need in Kensington and Germantown. After the service project, the entire school community enjoyed freshly prepared, healthy lunch together. ASPC volunteers stepped up to help family members and staff clean up and prepare the community room for the next day's lunch service.

Arch Street Presbyterian Church was one of the first congregations to volunteer at St. James School and we are so pleased to have their continued support. St. James is grateful for the hardworking volunteers who used their time and talents to truly honor Dr. King's legacy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Call 215.226.1276 to RSVP

COMPLINE SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

9:00pm—9:30pm—all are invited!

SUNDAY MASS

Weekly at 5:00pm—all are invited!

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MARCH 1—31 2017

SAVE THE DATE:

2017 SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017

6:00PM

The Union League Of Philadelphia

To volunteer at the Scholarship Benefit or for more information about this event, please call 215.226.1276, ext. 114

THANK YOU

St. Timothy's Church

Provided plenty of boxes of most needed supplies, like paper towels, tissues, wipes, sanitizer, helping us make it through this challenging cold and flu season.

St. George's (Ardmore)

The Diary of a Young Girl, Bud, Not Buddy, The Phantom Tollbooth, the right book at the right time in a child's hand can be life-changing, offering lessons in character, and leading to a lifelong love of reading. St.

James gives a warm thank you to St. George's Church for encouraging its congregation to aid our library by purchasing library books directly from the St. James School library wish list on Amazon. Each volume is appreciated and treasured. Visit www.StJamesPhila.org for additional information about donations and a link to our library book wish list.





What are your memories of summer vacation? Maybe it's driving down to the shore, trekking along a wooded trail, visiting your favorite fishing spot, or catching fireflies in the backyard. At St. James School, we've been providing a high quality summer camp experience since 2009, helping create happy memories that will last a lifetime through 1) STEAM Academy, where students delve into hands-on learning; 2) Sports and field trips that offer an opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, prepare for school in the fall; and 3) A week-long engaging and challenging overnight camp that opens new doors of experience for our youth.



Three churches, St. Asaph's, Bala Cynwyd, St. Alban's, Roxborough, and St. Christopher's, Gladwyne, have already stepped up to help send a St. James' student to camp. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to support 64 students at \$750 per child for four weeks of summer. Call 215-226-1276 for more details on how to get involved.

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ITEMS MOST URGENTLY NEEDED

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| TOILET PAPER (SINGLE PLY) | BALES OF STRAW | DIVIDERS | BENADRYL |
| FOREVER STAMPS (ESPECIALLY STAMPS FEATURING AFRICAN AMERICAN NOTABLES) | CHICKEN FEED | GRANOLA BARS | SIZE M NON-LATEX GLOVES |
| TISSUES | CASES OF COPY PAPER | CHEEZ-ITS | HATS/SCARVES/ GLOVES/ SOCKS AND OTHER WARM CLOTHING |
| TYLENOL | HAND SOAP | GOLDFISH CRACKERS | |
| IBUPROFEN | WOODEN #2 PENCILS | PAPER TOWELS | |
| GARDENING GLOVES | BINDER TABS | FEBREEZE | |
| | | HAND SANITIZER | |



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Located in the Allegheny West neighborhood, St. James School is a tuition-free Philadelphia middle school in the Episcopal tradition, committed to educating traditionally underresourced students in a nurturing environment. The school is a community that provides a challenging academic program and encourages the development of the moral, spiritual, intellectual, physical and creative gifts in its students.

The Church Remembers: ANNA JULIA HARWOOD COOPER (1858–1964)



Born a slave in Raleigh, North Carolina, Anna Julia Harwood Cooper was educated at Saint Augustine's Normal School and Collegiate Institute, which had been founded by the local Episcopal diocese for the purpose of training African Americans to educate former slaves. A dedicated scholar, Cooper fought at Saint Augustine's to take higher level courses traditionally reserved for male students. Cooper went on to become an educator, speaker, and author. Her book, *A Voice from the South: By A Woman from the South*, was published in 1892 and is one of the early works on black feminism. Upon receiving her Ph.D. in history from the University of Paris-Sorbonne in 1924, Cooper became the fourth African-American woman to earn a doctoral degree. Cooper devoted her life to advancing education for African Americans and to promoting civil rights.



"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

SCHEDULE A ST. JAMES SCHOOL VISIT!

Ready to learn more about us and how you can share our mission with others? Invite us to your church's coffee hour or adult forum. We will speak about our history, mission, and how the parish can partner with us to break the cycle of poverty through education. Contact Mary Chris Lindsay at mclindsay@stjamesphila.org or 215.226.1276 to set up a future visit.

CHURCH INSIDER