



Office for
Transition
Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Jul 17, 2018)

St. James Santee Episcopal Church, South Carolina, The Episcopal Church in
44 Oak Street, P.O. Box 123, McClellanville, SC 29458, United States

Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge (Part-time) | Receiving Names until 08/15/18 | bellar@episcopalchurchsc.org

Weekly Average Sunday
Attendance (ASA)

58

Number of Weekend
Worship Services

1

Number of Weekday
Worship Services

0

Number of Other per Month
Worship Services

0

Current Annual
Compensation

\$25000

Cash Stipend

Housing / Rectory Detail

Utilities

SECA reimbursement

Compensation Available for
New Position

\$25000

Housing Available for

Pension Plan

**We're in compliance with
CPF requirements.**

Healthcare Options
Clergy only

Dental
Yes

Housing Equity Allowance in
budget

Annual Equity Amount

Vacation Weeks

4

Vacation Weeks Details

Continuing Education Weeks

Other

Continuing Education Weeks
Details

Continuing Education
Funding in budget

Sabbatical Provision
Yes

Travel/Auto Account
Yes

Other Professional Account

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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

We are a small congregation with a historic chapel and parish house. The chapel and parish house needed repairs. We were able to raise over \$100,000.00 in six months. Through the campaign process, new young leaders emerged: Kelly Phillips and Patrick Smith. Hurricane Hugo in 1989 caused wind and water damage, with muddy water reaching a height of eight feet in the Church. Our small congregation rose to the occasion, first removing the debris and mud from the sanctuary so it could be used to store donated mattresses for the community. Thereafter the congregation restored the damage to the building. Although small in number, everyone came together in this time of need to accomplish what at first appeared to be an impossible task.

How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

Our culture is one of inclusiveness and we invite all to worship with us. Hopefully this inclusiveness will result in a richer service and we will be more spiritual as we recognize the humanity of all while adhering to God's word and the Episcopal Church's doctrine.

Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

Energetic sermons, inclusiveness, Christian formation, pastoral care

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

We follow the Episcopal Church's calendar and liturgy in a casual atmosphere. Presently we use Rite II except during Advent and Lent. We have communion at every service.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

Our congregation is very casual in dress and manner. We welcome all faiths. We have an active Altar Guild, refreshment committee (we have refreshments every Sunday after worship service), Sunday School teachers, lectors and servers. We also allow anyone during announcements to share with the congregation any news that is related to the church or the community.

As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

On Wednesday morning we host a community coffee hour. People from all denominations come and visit. This group has become a support system for our community members. We are a small community and we all come together to help anyone in need - emotional, spiritual, or physical.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

We use the minister's discretionary fund to help those in need. Many people contribute to this fund and we use this money to help those that have needs. Please refer to our outreach responses in question 6.

Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

Local: Our church sponsors a special ministry called Smash Glass that is a free arts program for those in our community. We have an Outreach program that has worked with the St. James Santee and Awendaw Senior Citizens Center. We also support the Awendaw Food Pantry. We also provide housing for two weeks during the summer for college students who volunteer for community projects in our rural area. **Globally:** We support The LAMB (Honduras) orphanage and school. We also support Water Mission International.

Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

Smashed Glass Arts (smashglassarts.org), Contact: Melanie Hartnett Approximately four years ago Melanie Hartnett, a member of the Church, announced during a church service she wanted to promote peace in the world, raise environmental awareness and promote unity in our community. She intended to do this by having people participate in various art projects. The Church turned the old education building over to her for her vision, together with encouragement, both financial and through volunteer time. Today it is a nonprofit with over 115 local participants spanning a wide range of age, race and socioeconomic backgrounds. There have been numerous noteworthy projects such as the 1000 peace lily labyrinth, Mother Emanuel Church Nine Shinning and Oasis Garden. Oasis Garden is a greenhouse made of reused soda bottles chosen for exhibit at Piccolo Spoleto in Charleston, SC. Please visit the website, www.smashglassarts.org.

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What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

Our congregation tithes out of love. We can meet our annual budget without major stewardship campaigns. We are a mission church, but we no longer are dependent on the Diocese for financial help. All of our congregation participates when it comes to stewardship through money, time and talent.

What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

When the Diocese of SC "split", it began a very difficult time for Episcopalians in our area. St. James was able to navigate those rough waters with very little impact on our Church family. We quietly carried on until the time came that we had to choose between TEC and the breakaways. Our vicar, Jennie, did a masterful job leading us through the process. Information was disseminated to the congregation that explained and detailed the conflict and varying positions. We established early on we would not debate the issues openly in order to avoid the creation of conflict. We had each Bishop come on separate evenings to speak and answer questions. After deliberation, we held a congregational meeting and cast ballots. Leading up to the vote, Jennie kept asking and repeating, "no matter how the vote goes, will you be here next Sunday?" we all kept answering, resoundingly, "Yes". After voting, two trusted members counted the votes and reported the outcome, but not the vote totals. It was announced that we would remain associated with TEC. and we moved on from there. We only had three members leave the church as a result. We worked very hard to stay united in the face of a divisive issue.

What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

During 2003 the congregation decided we needed additional space for Church activities. There was skepticism about our being able to afford such a large financial undertaking. After some time, we were able to buy a historic home, known as the Morrison House. The expense was significant for our small congregation, but the need was great, and everyone did their part to make the purchase possible. Today the Morrison House provides us offices for the Church, Sunday school space, meeting space for after church refreshments and other activities. Also, it is used for various community activities such as Wednesday morning coffee hour, meetings of AA, and housing for visiting students on charitable work projects.



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Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge (Part-time)	2006-03	2018-05

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
Rev. Richard Thompson	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge (Part-time)	1993-12	2018-03

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
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Church School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School
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Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School	Number of Students for Adults School
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Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School
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Worshipping Community Web site: <https://www.stjamesantee.org/>

Media Links:

Online References:

> <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesantee.church>

Languages Significantly Represented:

English

Provide Worship or Classes in:

English

References

Bishop:

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Parish/Institution

Local Community Leader