

Announcements:

Come watch the Carolina Mudcats battle the Down East Wood Ducks!

When: Friday, May 26 at 7:00 pm

Where: Five County Stadium, Zebulon

Cost: \$12 per ticket, plus \$5 per car for parking

Please register for tickets at <http://tinyurl.com/May26Mudcats> or by contacting Keith Walkowiak (ktwalkowiak@gmail.com).

Deadline is Sunday, May 14. We need 7+ more tickets to get the group rate, so sign up now!

***Coffee & Conversation:** The widows of St. James are invited to have lunch together on Wednesday, May 17. We'll meet at 11:30AM at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 4821 Capital Blvd., Raleigh 27616. Please contact Peggy Biggers (biggers11@aol.com or 919-872-1800) if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there for good food, fellowship and fun!

***Produce Packing on Saturday:** We'll meet again on Saturday, May 20 to pack produce bags and boxes for our community. In addition, we'll be packing our final 50 Backpack Buddies bags from the school year. Please sign up to join us at 8:30AM (set-up help needed) at <https://tinyurl.com/Produce-Packing> or just show up Saturday morning, ready to work!

Summer Send-Off for our Backpack Buddies Bags: To make the last 50 Backpack Buddies bags we send to Wildwood Forest Elementary super-special, we want to include positive, happy cards and hand-drawn artwork from St. James children, youth and adults featuring one of the following phrases: "HAVE A GREAT SUMMER," "HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER," or "HAVE A SUNNY SUMMER." We need at least 50, but would love to have more so we can add a couple to each bag. You may sign your artwork with your first name or "Your friend at St. James United Methodist Church." Completed cards or artwork can be placed in the large white basket on the volunteer desk in the church office; submissions will be accepted until the Produce Packing on Saturday, May 20. If you have any questions, please contact Helen McGee (Helen.McGee@LMCompanies.com or 919-880-7881.)

Youth Parents' Meeting & Lunch Club will be next Sunday, May 21. We'll meet in Carson Hall at 12:15pm to order something fun for lunch and discuss our upcoming fundraiser and summer activities.

Graduate Information Needed: St. James will celebrate our graduates — from high school, technical school, community college, college, or grad school — on Sunday, June 4. Graduates will be invited to wear their caps and gowns to worship, and we will list names and information in the bulletins. So that we can prepare, if you would like your graduate to be recognized, please email Martha Brown the following information by May 28: name, school graduating from, degree received, next plans, whether college/grad school or career goals, parents/grandparents (relation to St. James, if graduate is not current member).

Volunteers are needed "fur" our Pets Unleashed VBS! St. James will celebrate the return of VBS with a TWO-DAY event!
Friday, June 23rd 5:15pm-8:30pm & Saturday, June 24th 10am-3pm
Join us as a volunteer and watch kids experience the joy & love of Jesus! Sign up on the clipboard in the church lobby or on the "Join Us" bulletin board in the main hallway, or email Lori Bradley (lbradley12@gmail.com) or Sara Lynn Miller (saralynn@stjamesraleigh.org). We need crew leaders and assistants, and help with registration, drama/Bible time, music, games, crafts, decorating, safety and first aid.



