

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FEBRUARY 2020

SUPPLY PRIESTS SCHEDULE

Feb 2 Rev. Jeff Bessler
Feb 16 Rev. Jeff Bessler
Feb 26 (Ash Wednesday) Jeff Bessler

BISHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, February 12th at 6:30 pm.

DOK MEETING

DOK will be meeting on Wednesday, Feb 19th at noon for lunch, 12:30 meeting.



SHROVE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

SERVING ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES
5-7PM

This annual event is put on by the men of St. James. Anyone able to help should be there by 4 pm to start cooking. Invite your family and friends to join you. Free will offering to be given to Westminster.



Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

February 26th at 5:00 PM
Father Jeff Bessler, officiant

NEW MINISTRY REPORT

We began our new outreach ministry at Raintree Square Senior Living in January. We are holding a Service of the Word on the second Sunday of each month. The group from St. James felt it was well received with 12 residents attending and participating in the service and music. There are 12 interested members of St. James that will be taking turns leading the service. Everyone is welcome to attend.



FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Pitch in luncheon following the meeting

Please plan to attend this important meeting. This is a year of transition and we need everyone's input about what you want and need. We will be choosing 2 new Vestry members. Thanks to Rick both have had a lot of added responsibility. Rick as Senior Warden and Carolyn as Worship Leader have kept our services running smoothly in this time without a priest by planning for supply priests and choosing music. We appreciate you!!

VESTRY LEADERSHIP RESOURCE DAY

On Saturday, February 29th from 10–4, clergy, wardens, vestry members will gather at Waycross for a day to go to workshops and share ideas. If you want to attend, register online at indydio.org I will be going and can drive 3 more people. Pat Carter

HEALING WORKSHOP SAVE THE DATE MARCH 21, 2020

Included in this newsletter is the registration for the Lenten Retreat sponsored by St. James and the Daughters of the King. Invitations to other parishes are being sent out and this is open to anyone with an interest in healing ministries. If you are able to help cater lunch that day, let Carolyn Shupert know.

Deacon Barry has applied for grants to help with costs and there is a \$15 registration fee.

THANK YOU

I want to say "Thank You" to the parish for the generous Christmas gift I received. It is but one of the ways that I recognize the generosity among the membership here. I wish a blessed New Year for us all.

Deacon Barry



LENTEN STUDY AND SOUP SUPPER WEDNESDAYS AT 4PM SOUP SUPPER FOLLOWING AT 530 PM BEGINNING MARCH 4 THRU APRIL 1

"Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World" by Max Lucado

In this five session video bible study we explore God's treatment plan for anxiety found in Phillipians 4:4-8. Anxiety is a part of life. With God as your helper you will experience God's peace and smile more tomorrow. Sign up for a study guide and if you can provide soup one session, let Marilyn Witt know.

HOUSEKEEPING REQUEST

Please handwash any special glassware ie: blue carnival glass dish.

HEATING REMINDERS

There are 3 zones, the narthex, the sanctuary, and the back hall/offices. Each zone has it's own thermostat so please keep the doors shut between them to help with heating consistency. Recent problems with the heat have been resolved.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERS!!

Henry Community Health Hospice is looking for kind and compassionate individuals. Are you willing to sit with someone in their home or in a facility while the caregiver runs an errand or two? No patient care is involved. You can watch TV, read a book or simply visit. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, contact Amy Fannin at HCH Hospice, 593-2389

VICTORY LANE CAMP

Victory Lane Camp is June 17-21 this year. They have sent out information to churches about different ways to help their mission. We are already connected to this program by providing a meal. They also provide a local family mission trip opportunity that partners your family with other families of disabled children.

WAYCROSS NEEDS COUNSELLORS

Waycross is in a time of transition in Camp leadership and they are asking for help in recruiting camp staff for the 2020 season. If you know of anyone 18 or older that may be interested please have them apply at www.waycrossccc.org
Great summer job for a college student!

This conference is at Waycross in July and each parish was asked to send a team. Because we are an assisted parish, the Diocese will be paying a large portion of the cost. Pat Carter, Cindy Bullard, Cindy Shamy, and Deacon Barry Cramer will be attending.



FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH
On Thursday, February 27th is Henry Community Health's annual "Affairs of the Heart" at First Baptist Church. The Women's Fair is from 4-6:30 and the program begins at 6:30pm. Lots of door prizes are given and there are vendors with a lot of information and free gifts.