

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



JANUARY 2020



Father Jeff Bessler will be with us again on January 5th as we celebrate Epiphany Sunday with Eucharist at 10 AM. We will be UNgreening the church after the service.

12th NIGHT TREE BURNING

If you want to celebrate Epiphany on January 6th, there is an annual tree burning next door at the First Christian Church. They are hosting a community bonfire at 6:00 pm followed by hot drinks and cookies. If you have a live tree to dispose of, take it there by the flagpole.

SUPPLY PRIESTS SCHEDULE

Jan 5	Rev. Jeff Bessler
Jan 19	Rev. Jeff Bessler

BISHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, January 8th at 6:30 pm. Remember the meetings are changing to Wednesdays.



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HAPPY NEW YAER

DOK MEETING

DOK will be meeting on Wednesday, January 15th at noon for lunch, 12:30 meeting.

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

After being presented with the opportunity to start a new worship service at Raintree Square, many of us agreed to begin this ministry on Sunday, January 12th at 2 PM. St. James will be holding this service on the second Sunday of each month. Deacon Mike Schime gave us a booklet to use and he and Deacon Donna Olsen plan to help get us started.

PLEASE ATTEND

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 8TH

If you want to be a part of this ministry, please join us at 5 PM as we put a plan in place for 2020. We need to schedule someone to lead each month and to encourage a few of our parishioners to attend. Also, would we like to offer special services ie Ash Wednesday. We will meet over a light supper of soup/sandwiches.

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This summer, July 12-19 there will be a workshop at Waycross on congregational development. We are required to send a team from St. James. If you are interested, let senior warden, Rick Clark know.

HEALING WORKSHOP SAVE THE DATE MARCH 21, 2020

This year our Lenten Retreat will feature teachings about "Healing Ministries". As in the past our friends from our Diocesan neighborhood will be invited. This will be an open event and we will want to invite our local community as well so mark your calendars! More information will be provided next month as the details are worked out with our speaker, Rev. David Ottsen.

Carolyn Shupert



FEBRUARY 2, 2020

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Pitch in lunch following the meeting
ALL REPORTS NEED TO BE INTO THE
OFFICE BY JANUARY 26TH or email them
to Pat Carter at elganpat@gmail.com

PROPERTY UPDATE

Junior Warden, John Thompson had the lock on the backhall restroom door replaced with one that can be opened from the outside in an emergency. He also had Henry County Glass install windows in the office and sacristy doors to comply with Safeguarding standards.

OUR SYMPATHIES

Martin and Kathy Booher's daughter, Michelle Keifer died unexpectedly on Thanksgiving. Please keep them and Michelle's four children in your prayers.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

We all make them, we all break them!
What can St. James Episcopal Church resolve to do this year? Bring you ideas to the annual meeting.

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you
when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you
for the year ahead.

~Anonymous

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