

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



JULY 2020



WE'RE OPENING!!

**Father Jeff Bessler will preside as we celebrate the Eucharist together on
JULY 5TH at 10:00 AM**

Our reopening plan has been approved by the Diocese. Church will look different, but we can be together with these new guidelines. There is a limit of 25 people.

1. Masks will be worn by everyone entering the building.
2. Hand sanitizers are to be used.
3. Seating will be well spaced out in the sanctuary.
4. You will have an assigned service bulletin for Morning Prayer and seasonal booklet for Eucharist that will stay at your seat with a hymnal.
5. No singing is allowed at this time.
6. There is to be no physical contact during the peace.
7. Communion will be HOST only. We will walk up to receive and consume it at our seats.
8. Place your pledges in the plate. It will not be passed at offeratory.
9. There will be no coffee hour. We may visit outside, maintaining social distance.

If you are over 65 or health compromised, it is recommended you stay "safe at home" but this is YOUR decision to make.

IF YOU DID NOT GET MARILYN WITT'S LETTER, CONTACT HER AT 524-1339

Local COVID infection numbers will be monitored. If there is a local outbreak, we will not be able to meet in the church. You will be contacted if anything changes.

ONLINE SERVICES CONTINUE

For those parishioners that do not feel safe coming back to church, we will be continuing to offer the service online. We are working on getting the equipment needed to livestream and record to watch later. You will still be able to Zoom.

TECHNOLOGY GRANT

We received a grant from the Center for Congregations to buy equipment needed to record our services.

ST. JAMES DAY

Due to the Covid-19 we are not planning a St. James Day celebration at this time. If things are going well by late July, we may revisit this and will contact you.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the BC will be on Wednesday, July 8th at 6:30 PM. We will be meeting on Zoom.

DOK MEETING

There will be a DOK meeting on July 15th at noon for social time and the meeting at 12:30. You will get a ZOOM invite by email.

HEALING RETREAT

The healing retreat that was originally planned for Lent has been rescheduled for October 24th. Information will be sent out in September if all goes as planned.

SYMPATHIES

Please keep Martin and Kathy Booher in your prayers as they mourn the death of their grandson, Cole Booher.

THANK YOU

Thanks to John Thompson for painting the church sign at the end of the drive. It looks great!

Thanks to Carolyn Shupert for keeping the flowers looking beautiful and for continuing to send our weekly bulletins.

Thanks to Kevin Chapman for maintaining our new mower with a first oil change. He and Aimee also hauled off a large amount of brush.

Thanks to the cleaning crew, Joyce, Ruth and Cory for the deep cleaning they've done. All the prayer books and hymnals have been disinfected and pulled from the pews.

Thanks to the reopening committee of Pat Carter, Cindy Bullard and Ruth Lawson.

SCHEDULE

There is not a schedule this month as we do not know who will feel safe to return to church.

RECOVERY GROUPS

AA and MARA will be able to resume inside meetings following the same guidelines we have for meeting. They will be using circled chairs instead of the tables to limit the areas of the building used. They will be cleaning all touched surfaces before they leave.

ZOOM

Now that we have learned about the capabilities of using ZOOM, we may be using it for meetings or bible studies. We can use it if church is cancelled for bad weather in the winter. We will use it to get our live services to those not feeling safe to return.

