

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



JUNE 2020

CHURCH ONLINE--- OUR NEW NORMAL

We have been holding Morning Prayer services on Sunday at 10 AM online using Zoom. It is an easy program and if you want to learn to use it, please call Pat Carter at 465-0029.

Of course, there are other options, but we miss seeing you. You can call in if you don't have internet but long distances charges do apply. This is our new normal if you want to attend church without risking exposure.



REOPENING CHURCH

A committee of Pat Carter, Cindy Bullard, Ruth Lawson, and Marilyn Witt has finished a plan to reopen church as requested by Bishop Jennifer. If approved, there are strict guidelines we must meet to resume services in person. These include Temperature checks, masks, distancing, no singing or communion and LOTS of cleaning. We are still advising those over 65 to remain home but it will be your decision. Even when we open, the service will be on Zoom and recorded for others to watch at home. The earliest we can open is June 14 but realistically July is more likely. We must be able to find all the supplies needed. You will all get a copy of the guidelines with the starting date when we are ready. NO ONE should feel they have to come back.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the BC will be on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30 PM. We will be meeting on Zoom.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Carolyn Shupert for continuing to send the bulletin inserts so we have them for our service.

Thank you to Sonny Carter for mowing the yard every week.

Thank you to our sextons, Ruth, Cory and Joyce for the deep cleaning they have been doing.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES For May

The May meeting was held on Zoom due to Corona Virus

The Healing Retreat will need to reschedule.

The Peace Walk is on Monday, September 21

A committee to reopen church will be formed by Pat Carter

Deacon Barry will host an Ascension Day Evening Prayer with Sam Hua playing music.

John Thompson will contact Henry County Glass about a broken window.

The Tech Grant proposal is ready to be submitted by Deacon Barry.

All Waycross activities are cancelled.

Victory Lane Camp is cancelled.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY

There are copies of Forward Day by Day in the breezeway at church with the extra prayer books. Help yourself.

PLEDGES

If you are able to keep up with your pledge payments, please mail them to the church or to Teresa Clark. Thank you to all that have been doing so already. We have been able to keep up with the bills and haven't needed to ask for assistance from the Diocese.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL UPDATE

The annual Strawberry Festival that would have been held on June 11 by Christ Church Cathedral Women has been canceled for this year. They still hope, though, to continue their small grants program by means of contributions in the amount of \$7.00---the price of their legendary "The Works" dessert---or of any amount. Contributions may be made at:<http://www.indystrawberryfestival.org/contribute>

St. James has sent a team of volunteers to this event for several years, so perhaps some of us will be interested in this alternative way of helping out.

TECHNOLOGY GRANT APPROVED

Deacon Barry received word that our grant proposal was granted. This is to buy technology so that the service may be recorded live and posted as a webpage for those unable to attend in person or on Zoom.