

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MAY 2020



CHURCH ONLINE--- OUR NEW NORMAL UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

On Sunday, April 26th, eleven members of St. James met for Morning Prayer thru the online program called ZOOM. It is connecting people all over the world during this time of disconnection. It was so good to see everyone's smiling faces and we hope more of you decide to join us. I (Pat Carter) would be happy to help you get the program on your computer or smart phone. It is called Zoom cloud meeting and you can download the app or you will be prompted to do it when you click email link.

Of course, there are many other options for you to be able to continue worshipping. There are online services by any church you might decide to check out. I have joined Peggy Jent in Florida at her church, some of us have joined Christopher Beasley at St. Peter's, Lebanon, Marilyn has worshipped with a friend of hers from Washington, Deloris has been at her son's church in Dallas, the National Cathedral and Christ Christ Cathedral have been online through their websites. There are still prayer books available in the breezeway at church.

The Bishop says that there is no way to know how long this will last. It could be all summer. That is why we have decided that St. James would resume our services online so that we don't lose touch with each other. Please join our worship services and coffee hour.

NEW JOHN DEERE ZERO TURN MOWER



The new mower is being put to good use! Sonny says it took an hour off his mowing time. The St. James mowing club is in full swing. Our old tractor mower was bought by Kevin Chapman. Thanks Kevin, for all the years of upkeep on that mower and for helping us find this one. We used funds left to us by Erma Rich to buy the new one.

SPECIAL B.C. MEETING

There will be a special meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 PM. This will be to discuss applying for a grant called "connect through tech". The deadline is May 15th so the final draft of the application would be ready for the regular BC meeting. You will get an invitation via email to join each meeting.



BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the BC will be on Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 PM. At this time, we will be meeting on Zoom unless something changes in the rules.

OUR SYMPATHIES

Sonny Carter's sister, Pat Peyton died on April 28th unexpectedly. The calling is on Sunday but because of COVID please stay home and safe. Please keep the family close in prayer.

Updates on June 2 Primary Election

From Deacon Barry Cramer

Primary Election Day this year is Tuesday, June 2. All voters will be permitted to vote by mail without providing any reason, while early in-person voting will be limited to ONE WEEK—Tuesday, May 26, until NOON on Monday, June 1. In-person Election Day voting hours remain unchanged.

Accompanying the change of Election Day, the voter registration deadline has been extended to Monday, May 4.

The absentee-voting application is available from the County Clerk or on-line through this webpage <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2402.htm>. To receive the ballot by mail, the Application needs to be submitted no later than May 21.

The date change was made by Gov. Eric Holcomb and Secretary of State Connie Lawson; the vote-by-mail arrangement and foreshortened early voting were decided by the bi-partisan Indiana Election Commission. Any mail-in ballots already cast will remain valid, and any absentee-voting applications already submitted will be honored.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES For April

The April meeting was held on Zoom due to Corona Virus

The Healing Retreat has been rescheduled for August 22.

The Peace Walk is on Monday, September 21

Voted to sell mower to the Chapman's

Reported that Vicar's Discretionary Fund was used to help 2 members of St. James.

AA and MARA meetings have been closed due to corona virus

Cindy Shamy will assume Safeguarding responsibilities.

Cleaning crew and musician will continue to be paid during this church closure.

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.



