

# The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



OCTOBER 2020

ONLINE SERVICES CONTINUE

## JOIN US ON ZOOM

I've recently realized that ZOOM is the more interactive way to go to online church. We can talk to each other before and after the service, muted during it. If you don't have the internet, you may call this number to be included by phone only. Long distance charges could occur if you are on a land line.

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It's been 6 ½ months since we started the shutdown. Many churches are still not able to meet in person because of the 25 person limit. We actually have an advantage by being a small church!! If you want to attend a church service again, there are 3 ways to do it. In person, ZOOM, and Facebook give you options for worship. We've been "in person" for 3 months now with no problems. We wear masks, sit distanced, we can't sing, communion is wafer only, and we have hand sanitizers everywhere. If you aren't ready for that, then I will help you learn to use ZOOM if you contact me. Our facebook service can be viewed each Sunday or anytime at your convenience.



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### OCTOBER SCHEDULE

**EUCCHARIST**                      OCT 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 18<sup>TH</sup>

Father Jeff Bessler

**MORNING PRAYER**

Pat Carter 10/11, Cindy Bullard 10/25

**Deacon Barry Cramer**

OCT 4<sup>TH</sup> and OCT 25<sup>th</sup>

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### ZOOM CLASS OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

I will be at church 1 PM to help you learn how to meet on zoom. It is not hard. So that everyone can be involved in upcoming parish meetings, we want you to have this option available. Please contact me to RSVP at 765-465-0029. Pat Carter

## **CONVENTION NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

This year we will have a one day Zoom meeting for convention. Carolyn Shupert and Pat Carter are the delegates but anyone can join in. There is a preconvention ZOOM on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

## **CARD MINISTRY**

Carolyn Shupert and MaryEtta Thurman will be working with Nancy Brown to revitalize our card ministry. It is a vital pastoral ministry in these days of not being able to spend time together.

## **I NEED HELP PLEASE**

I will be having a training class after church on **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**. You will learn to run the camera and ZOOM during services. The more volunteers I can get, the easier this job will be. Please consider joining the team. I will be gone 2 Sundays, Oct 25 and Nov 1. If I can't get help, there will be no online services those weeks. Pat Carter

## **BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting of the BC will be on Wednesday, at 6:30 PM, October 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting on Zoom.

## **DOK MEETING**

There will be a DOK meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> at noon for social time and the meeting at 12:30. You will get a ZOOM invite by email.

## **CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY**

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, Grace Church, Muncie will be holding a Celebration of new Ministry as they install their new priest, Father Paul Jacobson. If you want to represent St. James at this service, it starts at 9:30 am on the lawn. Bishop Jennifer will be there.

## **COVID CANCELLATIONS**

Because of COVID we will cancel our annual chili supper. We can't use the kitchen and we can't assure distancing around the fire.

Our Bazaar is usually the Saturday before Thanksgiving but we can't use the church for gatherings that large so it is also cancelled. If there are other bazaars renting booth space, we could choose to set up a table there if anyone has been working on items.



## **REMEMBER THE CHURCH LIBRARY**


Marilyn Witt has been adding books to the church library and wants to remind you that you may borrow them for your own use.

**HOLY CONVERSATIONS**  
**MONDAYS, OCTOBER 12, 19, 26**  
**at 6:30 PM**

We will begin our search process by having 3 meetings called “HOLY CONVERSATIONS” with Jennifer Phelps, the transitions officer from the Diocese. We want everyone to be involved so as to discern what we at St. James want and need for our future. We will need to be creative since this will be a zoom call. If you do not have internet, you will need to pair up with someone that does or come to the church for a small group zoom. Remember there is a training offered on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at church or over the phone.


**SPECIAL EXHIBIT INCLUDES STACEY TORRES**

October 17-18 & October 24-25



an art exhibition  
of work interpreting biblical psalms  
through the lens of systemic racism

featuring the work of Indiana BIPOC artists  
and artists affiliated with the congregation



**CLOSING CELEBRATION**  
11 a.m. - Saturday, October 25

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
1402 West Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032  
[www.stchrisccarmel.org](http://www.stchrisccarmel.org)

Your participation is encouraged in *PSALMS REVISITED*, an art exhibition that interprets biblical psalms through the lens of systemic racism.

Sponsored by St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 1402 W. Main Street in Carmel, the exhibition features work by Indiana Black, Indigenous, and/or Persons of Color in combination with work by persons affiliated with the congregation.

Artwork will be installed along a directional path that traverses the congregation's Parish Hall and culminates in a station designated for reflection. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

*PSALMS REVISITED* will be available for viewing from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25. A Closing Celebration, scheduled for 11 a.m. on Sunday, October 25, will offer opportunities for conversation among participating artists, community guests, and congregation members.

Our own Stacey Torres has a painting, “After the Storm” on exhibit in the show. If you get the opportunity, go see it and support the exhibit.

## FROM DEACON BARRY

### ELECTION SEASON REMINDER

Election Season is officially upon us. I encourage all of us consider carefully how we will exercise our democratic stewardship by voting. I'm providing this summary for guidance.—Deacon Barry

Voter Registration deadline (including change of address) is Monday, October 5 (by close of office if in-person, by midnight if online, or with a postmark if by mail).

Absentee voting (with an identified reason, including age) carries a deadline for REQUESTS for ballots of Thursday, October 22. DEADLINE to return absentee ballot of Monday, Nov. 3, at Noon (whether in person or by mail).

Early Voting (in person) begins Tuesday, October 6, and runs through Monday, November 3, at Noon.

Complete information may be found at the Secretary of State's Voter Portal web pages: <https://indianavoters.in.gov/>.

**Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges:  
Guide the people of the United States and this community in the election of officials and representatives; that by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, 822)**

  
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