

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FEBRUARY 2021



Beginning February 7th, we will resume in person worship at the church. We will continue to follow guidelines to protect each other from Covid. Masks are required and adequate spacing will be maintained. Communion is bread only. **BUT WE WILL BE TOGETHER!**

Henry County has been RED since November and lowered to orange just this week. We are still not allowed to gather for coffee hour but if anyone wants to stay in the sanctuary to visit from a distance after church, we will do that. **FOR THOSE THAT STILL AT HOME** You will still have a ZOOM meeting to join or you may watch on Facebook live anytime during or after the service.

ANNUAL MEETING DATE CHANGED

With the plan to return to live worship on February 7th, we will hold the annual meeting that day, after the service. Rick Clark and Cindy Bullard are candidates for the Bishop's Committee. You will still get a Zoom invitation so you may attend if worshipping from home.

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST FEB. 7 and 21

Father Jeff Bessler

Deacon Barry Cramer FEB. 7 and 21

MORNING PRAYER

FEB. 14 Aimee 28 Pat Carter

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the BC will be on Wednesday, at 6:30 PM, February 10th. We will be meeting on Zoom. These are open meetings. I will send a link to everyone.

DOK MEETING

We will meet on Zoom Feb. 17th at noon for lunch bunch and 1230 for the meeting. The call in phone number is 1-604-558-8656. The meeting ID when they ask is 3051252961



February 17th is Ash Wednesday. It is hard to plan ahead as you well know. There will NOT be a pancake supper the day before.

WHO WAS ABSALOM JONES???

The Episcopal Church's annual Feast of Absalom Jones commemorates a man who was born into slavery in 1746 in Delaware and worked for eight years to buy his wife's freedom so that their children would be free. His master refused to allow him to purchase his own freedom, but in 1784 granted him a manumission. A gifted lay preacher, Jones led the founding of the Free African Society, a mutual aid benevolent organization in Philadelphia that became the first black Episcopal church in the United States. He was also a lay leader at a white-led church in Philadelphia until the church's leaders forced segregation during worship. He was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1804.

Absalom Jones Liturgy

Sat. Feb. 13, 11 a.m.

May be accessed through Christ Church Cathedral website (cccindy.org) or their FB page



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR VACCINE?

I had a couple people express concerns over allergies and side effects. I asked the nurse when we got ours about that. She said they have given it to people that say they are allergic to "everything" with no problems. They keep you onsite for 30 minutes instead of 15. The ingredients of the vaccine are mRNA, lipids (fats), potassium, sodium chloride, and sucrose. Side effects are certainly possible as with any drug. They range from mild soreness in arm to feeling like you have the flu but only last a day. If you need any help getting one scheduled, I'd be glad to do it. Pat Carter

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE

stjamesnewcastle.com

Cindy Bullard (assisted by her daughter, Emma) has been working on the new St. James website since August. It is full of info and pictures and the history of St. James in New Castle. It went live on January 21. **CHECK IT OUT!!!**

We are also now on Instagram at [stjamesnc2020](https://www.instagram.com/stjamesnc2020). We still have some learning to do about making it relevant and keeping it updated.

Don't forget about Facebook! We have an active page and you will be seeing more posting as Cindy will be scheduling posts. When we get back in church, there will be live services found there. You can set up an account and limit your "friends" to just family or church.

THESE ARE ALL WAYS OF COMMUNICATING WITH EACH OTHER AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN ST. JAMES. THEY ARE PUBLIC AND INTERACTIVE.



A Letter from the Senior Warden

Presidential inaugurations always seemed to me to be a time of great hope and new beginnings. I was particularly moved on Wednesday by seeing 3 former presidents along with the newly inaugurated president, pay their respects at one of the most sacred places in our country, Arlington National Cemetery. As we remembered on that same day the deaths of over 400,000 in the United States from Covid 19, it was pointed out that that is the same number buried in Arlington National Cemetery. It takes a while for that to sink in. An incredible reminder of what 400,000 lost lives looks like. Let us pray for our country, our community, our church, our families and our new leadership as we transition to a new year, new leadership, and a new vaccine to conquer this terrible virus.

Thank You!

Thank all of you who have made a commitment to our church with your 2021 pledges.

Thank all of you who continuously offer time and talent to our worship service.

Thank you to all who have rose to the challenge of a worldwide COVID 19 pandemic to re-imagine how we “do” church after we were required to close our doors to the church for safety.

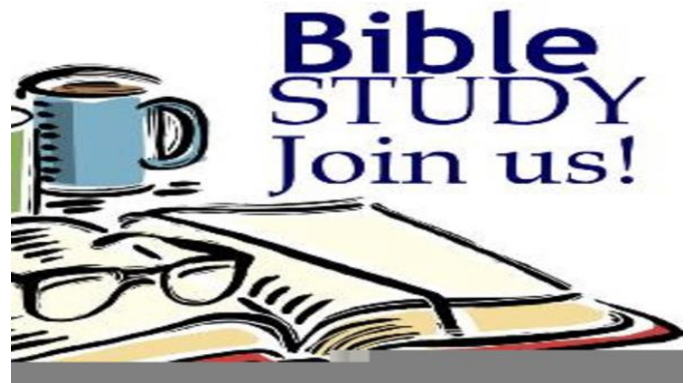
Thank all of you who create a warm, friendly, and loving environment for St. James Church.

Thank all of you for lifting our church and its members in prayer.

Thank all of you for allowing me the honor to serve as your Senior Warden.

Finally, thank God for this wonderful family He has created in St. James Church.

Peace, Marilyn



HEALING RETREAT UPDATE

There will NOT be a retreat on March 13th. The decision has been made to cancel this. Refunds will go out soon.

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 13, 2021

The Diocesan council of Daughters of the King have scheduled a Lenten workshop on March 13th from 10 am to noon, via Zoom. It is being offered for the whole Diocese. The workshop is called **IMPLICIT BIAS AND MICROAGGRESSION**, led by Melinda Messineo of Ball State. Rsvp by Sunday, February 28.

Lenten Study - SIMON PETER, FLAWED BUT FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

He was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher yet struggled with doubt and fear.

I invite you to attend our six-week Lenten journey, and take an in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of SIMON PETER. It will begin on February 24, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. We hope to have the study in the church, but may need to have it by ZOOM. If we can have it in the church, we will also have it by ZOOM if necessary or desired.

The DVD features Adam Hamilton on location in Israel and Italy and are about 16 minutes each. There will be a book for you to read to go along with the DVD and discussion at each session. The book is \$15.00. I will have them at the church. Please let me know if you will be joining in case I need to order more books.

I hope you will join us. Marilyn