

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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JULY 2021



CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

The next step is in progress. The meetings were held and a consensus was reached. The leaders will be meeting with our New Beginnings coach about our future story and recommendations to the congregation soon. After that you will all receive the plan and we will start working to implement it.

NEWEST COVID GUIDELINES

Per Bishop Jennifer's recent changes
Anyone NOT vaccinated is asked to wear a mask except when eating.
Anyone singing, please put your mask on.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the BC will be on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30 PM.

DOK MEETING

The next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, JULY 7TH at noon for lunch and 1230 for the meeting. This is a week earlier than usual.

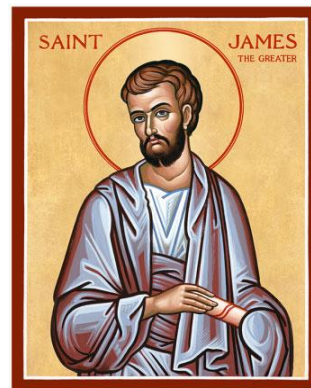
TWO POSITIONS FILLED

Terri Clark has offered to be the Memorial Fund Chair and the Kitchen Coordinator.
Thank you!!

ST. JAMES DAY PICNIC



St. James Day is on Sunday, July 25th. We will celebrate by having a picnic after church. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided so please bring a side dish or dessert.



NOTE SERVICE SCHEDULE CHANGE:::
We have decided to hold our Eucharist service on St. James Day instead of the usual 3rd Sunday. Note that Morning Prayer will be the 2nd and 3rd Sundays.

DON'T FORGET!!

'THE COLLECTION' recipe book

Calling all St. James bakers and cooks and foodies! This year I would like to include a St. James Collection of Recipes in our food baskets that we give away for

Thanksgiving and Christmas Families.

Please send me your favorite recipes that use simple and economical ingredients. We need recipes for the use of holiday leftovers and make ahead recipes too. You can email me at kshields@eiwifi.com or give to me at church. Thanks for helping develop "The Collection" as part of our outreach committee. KAREN SHIELDS

A THANK YOU CARD

Dear St. James Church,

It was so nice to be able to sing with you again! Thank you so much for your hospitality over the years. I look forward to more recitals with you in the future!

Sincerely, Rosie Hua

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to our organist, Dr. Sam Hua on his new job as a physical therapist with the Franciscan Health System in Indianapolis. Sam will begin in July but he plans to continue playing for us.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

VICTORY LANE CAMP

Nine members of St. James served 114 campers this year. They were very appreciative!

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Instead of buying school supplies, we have been asked to supply **TOOTHBRUSHES**. They are due by July 18th. We can set up a table and hand them out personally if we choose to.

RAINTREE SQUARE SERVICES BEGIN

Beginning July 4th and then continues the first Sunday of each month, we will resume our ministry of holding services at Raintree Square. They are at 2:00 pm and held in the large dining room. Volunteers are needed to lead the services. Cindy Bullard is the coordinator so sign up with her.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IN INDY

Thursday, September 2 is the new date for the annual Strawberry Festival sponsored by the Christ Church Cathedral Women. As in years past, I will be exploring the prospect of gathering a team of volunteers from St. James to help with this significant effort. The Cathedral Women fund thousands of dollars of projects through their semi-annual awarding of grants to ministries and agencies across central Indiana. St. James has sent teams of volunteers for several years--none the last year inasmuch as the event was virtual due to Covid. The festival is typically the second Thursday of June, with September 2nd being the rescheduled date for this year.

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HOLY HIKES

SATURDAY, JULY 24TH

4:00 PM

WILBUR WRIGHT TRAIL

St. James will be hosting our own Holy Hike. We will meet at the YMCA access to the Wilbur Wright Trail and walk two miles roundtrip to the Blue River and back. This is flat and paved so easy to walk or use a wheelchair/walker. Bring a friend! There will be a special service during the walk to connect us to God in nature. Snacks will be available. Register @ elganpat@gmail.com or let Pat Carter know that you are coming.



Greetings Everyone:

It is so good to be together in person again to celebrate faith and community. Do you feel as if you are ‘coming out of hibernation’?

This coming week we are celebrating the Fourth of July, reminding us of the Revolutionary War that established our country. Now is a time to give thanks, in humility, for the amazing gifts God has bestowed on us, including freedom and security. We rejoice with all those who share in the great dream of freedom and dignity for all, because we are all made in God’s image. We also honor those who have sacrificed that we might have the chance to live in freedom to worship God and serve humanity with our God-given gifts.

I read this and would like to share it with you. “How Prayer Underpinned the American Revolution,” by Stephen Lynch, Franciscan Friars (I edited it a little)

The First Continental Congress met for the first time in September 1774. John Adams wrote a letter to his wife describing the spiritual backdrop as the colonies were about to launch the Revolutionary War for independence. John Adams wrote:

“When the Congress met, a motion was made to open with prayer. But the motion was opposed by (other delegates) because we were so divided in religious sentiments – some Episcopalians, some Quakers, some Anabaptists, some Presbyterians, and some Congregationalists.

“Mr. Samuel Adams arose and said that he was no bigot, and could hear a prayer from any gentleman of piety and virtue who was at the same time a friend to his country. He moved that Mr. Duche, an Episcopal clergyman, might read prayers to Congress the next morning. The motion was passed.

“Accordingly, next morning the Rev. Duche appeared with his Episcopal vestments and read the 85th. Psalm. I never saw a greater effect produced upon an audience. It seemed as if heaven had ordained that psalm to be read on that morning.

“George Washington was kneeling there, alongside him, Patrick Henry, James Madison, and John Hancock. By their side there stood, bowed in reverence, the Puritan patriots of New England...They prayed fervently for America, for Congress, and (for the colonies.)

“And who can realize the emotions with which they turned imploringly to heaven for divine help. It was enough to melt a heart of stone.”

Good to read: Psalm 85 Psalm 33:12–22
Blessings to all,

Marilyn