

# The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MARCH 2021



We returned to church Ash Wednesday. You may still join on Zoom or watch on Facebook. We feel it is safe to be at church as we still mask and distance. As the numbers continue to go down and people get vaccinated, we hope you will start feeling safe to return too. You have been missed! There is plenty of room to spread out.

## ZOOM

- 1.If you click directly on the link in the email, you will be sent to the "waiting room" of the meeting.(APP download may be needed if new)
- 2.If you join thru the website, you will be asked for a passcode (5309)
3. If you want to call in on your phone, the number is 1-646-558-8656. You will be asked for the meeting ID 305 125 2961 and the passcode 5309. You can hear the service but not see anything.

## MARCH SCHEDULE

**EUCCHARIST** note SCHEDULE Change  
MARCH 7 and PALM SUNDAY, Mar 28  
Father Jeff Bessler

Deacon Barry Cramer March 7 and 28

## MORNING PRAYER

March 14 Cindy B 21 Aimee C



- 3/28 PALM SUNDAY with EUCCHARIST
- 4/1 MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 4/2 GOOD FRIDAY
- 4/4 EASTER with EUCCHARIST

## BOOK STUDY CONTINUES

We had 13 at our first book study of "Simon Peter, a flawed but faithful servant". 8 were on zoom and 5 at church. It's not too late to join. It will be every Wednesday at 3 PM.



**DON'T MISS CHURCH!**

**RESET CLOCKS ON MARCH 14**

## BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

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

We will be meeting on Zoom. These are open meetings.

At the annual meeting, we said goodbye to Elaine Farley and Cindy Shamy as their 3 year term to the Bishop's Committee has ended. We thank them for their dedication.

The new BC members are Cindy Bullard and Rick Clark and we began this new year by forming new committees and adding to old ones. Your BC is as follows:

MARILYN WITT            senior warden

JOHN THOMPSON        junior warden

SONNY CARTER            clerk

Pat Carter

Cindy Bullard

Rick Clark

Delores Madden

All reports were sent to your email.

## DOK MEETING

We will meet on Zoom March 17<sup>th</sup> 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 and passcode 5309.

## CLEANUP NEEDED ON OLD MATERIALS

As I was searching for an appraisal I needed, I noticed AGAIN how many old materials there are on the shelves in the back hall. Looking for a volunteer or two to clean them out.



The Diocese of Indianapolis has recently joined this national group and encourages parishes to sponsor a hike in their town. Deacon Barry suggested this would be a good activity to celebrate St. James Day in July.

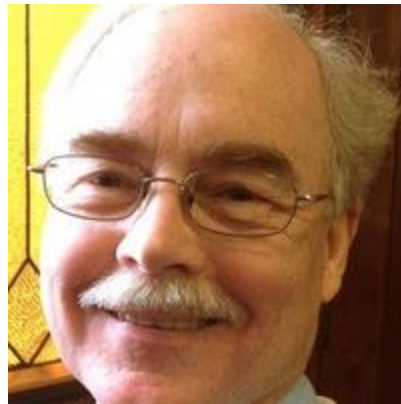
We have reserved July 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> as our day to host a hike. Sonny and Pat Carter and Cindy Shamy will be planning this along with Deacon Barry (since it was HIS idea). There are many places we could hike but think the Wilbur Wright Trail starting at the YMCA would be a nice flat, handicap accessible 2 mile roundtrip walk to the Blue River. The purpose is to reconnect to God in nature and worship him there.



TRINITY, INDIANAPOLIS is hosting a Holy Hike on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM on the Indianapolis Art Museum's Newfield's grounds. All are invited.

## **OUR CONDOLENCES**

Nancy Brown reported her brother Rob's son, Tony Brown died unexpectedly on January 31. He was only 40 yo and left behind a wife, 3 children, parents Robert and Rose, aunts, uncles and cousins. Anthony was a member of St. James through his teen years. Many prayers for healing for the family.



## **CREDIT CARD**

The church has a new credit card through our bank to use for needed supplies and services. It will be paid off each month.

## **BOILER MAINTENANCE**

A thermostat in the narthex and one of the boiler pumps had to be replaced due to a bearing going out.

## **INTERNET SERVICES**

The BC has voted to improve the internet service to help in streaming. We will be continuing with Metronet but increase the speed from 30/10 to 50/50 for \$10 more a month.

## **IMPLICIT BIAS & MICROAGGRESSION**

The DOK is holding a Zoom gathering on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to noon. Email Karen Sullivan ([kdsullivan1960@gmail.com](mailto:kdsullivan1960@gmail.com)) If you would like to attend. It is open to everyone and will help us to understand unconscious bias and give us tools for positive outcomes.

I concluded by diaconal ministry with St. Paul's, Richmond, in February. I had served both St. Paul's and St. James jointly for over seven years—since December 1, 2013, at which time the two parishes were also sharing a priest. My resignation coincided with the call and appointment of The Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Fisher as the new rector of St. Paul's, which had been without a priest for over four years. My last Sunday was February 14. I am pleased to be continuing my ministry at St. James and the New Castle community and look forward to our ongoing work together. Deacon Barry Cramer

## **EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

If you want to donate toward Easter flowers envelopes will be available at the church, or you can include a donation with your pledge if you mail this to the church. Be sure to add the names you want to remember or honor.



