

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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NOVEMBER 2021



ALL SAINTS DAY AND DOK DAY

On November 7th we celebrate All Saint's Day and Daughter's of the King Day. There will be a rededication of the local DOK chapter during the service.

RAINTREE SQUARE SERVICE

Our next Sunday afternoon service is November 7th at 2:00pm. Aimee Chapman will be leading, and you are welcome to attend and help with readings and singing. It is still being held in the dining room on the first floor.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the BC will be on Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30 PM. Zoom is an option if you can't attend in person.

DOK MEETING

The next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, November 17th at noon for lunch, 1230 for our meeting.

BROWN'S OFFICE HOURS

Remember that Brown is in New Castle on Thursdays from 11-3. If you would like to make an appointment, you may email him at mujetebg@gmail.com or call.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Attached is the annual stewardship letter and pledge card. Please return your pledge cards by December 1st.

IF YOU MISS THE LIVE SERVICE, IT IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE TO WATCH
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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DECEMBER 4th

We have room for 14 vendors including 2 tables for St. James. If you have any crafts or attic treasures you would like to donate, this is your chance. We also need bake sale items to fill up the table. We have restricted the vendors so there are no other food sales. The sign-up sheet for the lunch room is at church. I will email the ad flyer for you to print out to help with advertising.





MORNING PRAYER PROJECT UPDATE

Cindy Bullard, Deacon Barry, Pat, and Marilyn went to a weeklong program at Waycross in July for congregational development. We were charged with the task of creating a project and reporting on it by Nov. 1st. Our project was to improve our Morning Prayer service with the addition of new sources of liturgy and to add silence following the readings. This 30 second period of silence is meant to give us time to contemplate and absorb the reading we just heard. New sources of liturgy have been used and we realize that is a problem for those online. We will find ways to give you access to those changes. We had to quit singing during this time due to covid restrictions. We will continue to make changes but we asked that you complete the survey after the service October 31st and make comments about the service if you wanted. Thank you for your insights.



REMEMBER TO
CHANGE YOUR
CLOCKS THIS
SUNDAY, NOV 7

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Thanksgiving basket time is soon upon us! The food list is ready for you to sign up to bring food in for the baskets.

Sonny Carter will be setting up a Blessings box to place at the end of our drive. It will hold nonperishable foods and toiletries.

We are setting up a school supply center in the breezeway and already have it well stocked. It will be on Facebook for people to come get what they need.

CARITAS CASSEROLE CLUB (CCC)

Remember to put your casserole or soup donations in the freezer. There is ONE casserole so far. PAT CARTER

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

If you would like to work a 2 hr. shift ringing the bell at a Red Kettle, contact the Salvation army at 529-1303.



The Monthly Encouragement: Father Brown Mujete

There's Beauty In The Struggle

Romans 5:3-5 [NIV] "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

Nobody loves to struggle, and it is no one's fault to want a good easy life. We all want to eat our favorites in plenty and not struggle with weight issues; we want to take lots of chocolates and still not have sugar problems. We want to get saved and have a smooth ride all the way. The reality on the ground, however, is that life is a struggle.

Like a chick struggling to get out of the eggshell, struggles are necessary for life. It is in struggling that the chick finds the required strength to break loose from the shell. See, for you to stand, you've got to know what falling is. No one makes it in this life without a struggle. Struggles are the gyms in which God develops our muscles of faith.



Our worldview of struggles is a defining moment as far as how far we will go in life is concerned. If we are going to embrace the good times in life, then we can as well glory in our sufferings as Apostle Paul exhorts us. It is in struggles that perseverance is birthed. Perseverance develops character, and character results in hope, and hope never disappoints.

Embrace your difficult situations, your fears, and your hurdles. Look at them as opportunities and not as catastrophes; find strength in them. It is not the easiest thing to do, but only your struggles can get you to that level of growth.

Keep the faith.



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

SAVE THE DATES



GREENING OF THE CHURCH DECEMBER 5

We will be hanging the greens and putting up the tree after church on December 5th. We will be serving soup and sandwiches after we are done. Come join us for this festive day!

CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEARS EVE

There will be our usual Christmas Eve service, time TBD. The Vestry has approved Father Brown's suggestion of having a special New Years eve service this year around 5:30 or 6:00.

More info will come in the December news.

HEALING SERVICES

The next healing service will be on December 5th during the Eucharist



Nothing will separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus

-Romans 8:38-39

St. James Episcopal Church

New Castle, Indiana

Annual Giving for 2022

St. James Family,

Without a doubt, this past year and a half has given us reasons to stop and reflect on life, especially those things that mean the most to us. What gives it purpose? What about it endures no matter what may come our way? Your answers may vary, but I imagine ‘family and friends’ would be at the top of your list.

The year 2021 has been another year that has required of us continual adjustments. But I have noticed that no matter what may happen, through pandemic and storms and other disruptions, the reason St. James means so much to so many of us is that it is home; a place to not only worship our merciful and loving God, but to do so among ‘family and friends’. That is a priceless gift.

We are so blessed to have Father Brown Mujete, our new Supply-Plus priest, and his lovely family with us. We are so excited they have joined our ‘family’ and that Father Brown will be sharing his unique spiritual gifts with us.

Our hope for 2022 is that we will be able to continue to provide digital worship for those who cannot join us in person. We may also need to reach out to folks who have found us electronically and wish to stay connected that way. Opportunities are there for us if we seek them. We are moving forward with ‘new beginnings’ including expanding our outreach to those in our community who are less fortunate than we are. We also look to bring back past programs in a new way. (CONTINUED ON BACK)

ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AS A STEWARD OF GOD’S GIFTS AND IN GRATITUDE FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS, I pledge for the work of my church in parish, diocese, nation, and world in 2022.

WEEKLY _____ MONTHLY_____

I understand that this pledge can be adjusted at any time by contacting the treasurer.

NAME_____

Through surveys to find out what you feel is missing in your worship or what could be improved, we are striving to enhance and improve our Morning Prayer services.

We gratefully acknowledge all of you who have not only fulfilled your pledge commitment for the current year but have even exceeded it. All of you are vital and needed members of this parish family.

We ask you to seek the places where you see yourselves connected to God through your mission and ministry in our parish, and how your contribution can allow you to participate in those places. Look to see where God is calling you into future ministry in St. James parish. May we call to mind these innumerable blessings as we prayerfully consider our commitment in the upcoming year to St. James with our time, talent, and treasure.

Pledge cards will be available at the church. We can prove that God's great love is at work in our world as we seek to show that "Nothing will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus".

In Christ's love we ask:

Marilyn Witt, Senior Warden