

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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RAINTREE SQUARE SERVICE

Due to new Covid restrictions at Raintree, we will not be hosting this prayer service in September.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the BC will be on Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 PM.

DOK MEETING

The next meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH** at noon for lunch, 1230 for our meeting.

MONTHLY HEALING SERVICES

Beginning Sunday, September 5th, we will be incorporating a monthly healing service into our Eucharist service.

NEWEST COVID GUIDELINES

- *We have returned to masks for everyone.
- *Those on the altar may be without masks.
- * NO SINGING
- * NO COFFEE HOUR
- *Please maintain 6 ft distance if masks off.
- *We continue to have Zoom and FB live.

MORE ZOOM LEARNING

If you don't get a link, you can open the Zoom app and click JOIN A MEETING. In the drop down box you will see our ID 305-125-2961. Click on that and put in the password 5309 (our phone number). This will get you into any service or meeting that we have scheduled. Please remember to mute as you join. When you press the space bar you can temporarily unmute to speak if desired.

Pat Carter

FALL ARRIVES SEPTEMBER 22



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

We have started to form committees to plan and implement food ministries as a result of our New Beginnings process. Deloris Madden, Pat Carter, and Deacon Barry Cramer have agreed to start the process and they are looking for people interested in helping with this. Some brainstorming will be welcomed for ideas to fulfill this mission during Covid times. It is not a good time to restart our monthly dinners. Other ideas for now are building a BLESSINGS BOX to put at the end of our drive. This would be kept supplied with canned and boxed foods, toiletries for people to take as they need. Another possibility is that we start making and freezing casseroles to use for pastoral care and community needs.

SONNY CARTER IS INTERESTED IN BUILDING A BLESSINGS BOX. IF YOU CAN HELP HIM, LET HIM KNOW.

BUILDING USE COMMITTEE

Dee Madden has agreed to promote and schedule building use for outside groups. She may want help with this. The BC decided on a suggested donation of \$50 a day for fund raising uses and free will donations for other groups just needing space.

OUR FIRST *CCD PROJECT

(Center for Congregational Development)

We asked for your input on a survey at church regarding your satisfaction with the quality of our Eucharist and Morning Prayer services. There is room to improve our worship using MP. The project is to add new liturgy, periods of silence to contemplate the readings, singable music, and better preparedness as we improve the satisfaction of all. We will be working on this into mid-October and will ask you to reevaluate prior to our deadline of Nov. 1st.

TREASURER'S APPRENTICE

I am looking for someone that is interested in being my apprentice. This would involve learning every aspect of being the treasurer, including online banking and payroll. As much as I travel, it has occurred to me that someone needs to have a working knowledge of this position in case something happens to me. Please let me know if you are interested.

Pat Carter

SEARCH PROCESS ON HOLD

Because of the changes made by the Diocese at last fall's convention, we no longer have the funding to pay for a half time priest. We have been a supported parish or Mission for decades, which paid for our clergy. Due to this change, we have been told we are not actually in a formal search for a new priest. They have to be able to assure a priest that we can pay him for a 2-3 year contract. They are willing to continue to help pay for our clergy for a while but expect us to become self-sufficient in the future. What has been recommended is a supply priest plus a few extra hours TBD until we are able to afford our own clergy.

MORE OF "OUR FUTURE STORY"

Part of the future story we developed involved possible sale of some of our property to give us funds to become more self-sufficient. A committee must be formed to pursue that possibility.

Another part of the story involved increasing our building use to add to our income. If you know of anyone needing to rent space or just to use our space for a donation, let Dee Madden know.

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