

# The MESSENGER

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## FROM MARILYN WITT, Senior Warden and your Bishop's Committee

For the Bishop's Committee, the last few weeks have been spent in discernment over our search for a new priest. As you know, our financial situation does not support hiring a priest for a regular position so the Diocese has suggested using a "supply plus" position to fill our need for pastoral care and a priest in the office during the week, in addition to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays for Eucharist. Father Jeff Bessler has been a constant presence and blessing in our lives these past 20 months but the BC has agreed with the Diocese that we are ready to commit to a different situation. The decision was made at the September meeting that beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we welcome Father Brown Mujete as he begins a new ministry with us at St. James, along with his family. They will visit and worship with us this Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> as we also celebrate the ministry of Father Jeff.

Please join us in person or on Zoom as we transition into a new life at St. James.



Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> will be Father Jeff Bessler's last day with us as our supply priest. He began his ministry with St. James on Christmas eve of 2019 and has been our regular supply priest through the last 20 months. He has been a constant in these uncertain times of Covid, even providing services on Zoom when we were closed for live worship. We greatly appreciate all you have done during your time with us. You will be missed!

Please come this Sunday to wish him well and let him know how much he has been appreciated.

# welcome



My name is Fr. Brown Mulimi Mujete (Please just call me Brown), originally from Kenya but a resident of Richmond, IN, for the last three years. I'm a 2021 M.Div. graduate of Earlham School of Religion and worship at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond. I'm also an enrolled MA Student at ESR studying Peace and social transformation. I'm an ordained priest in the Anglican Church in Kenya and, by the grace of God, licensed by Bishop Jennifer to serve in the diocese of Indianapolis. For the last three years, I have been supplying at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond, IN, until recently when they called Barbara Ann+ the full-time rector. I have also supplied for Holy Trinity episcopal church in Hamilton, OH, supply Trinity Church in

Lawrenceburg, IN.

I'm married to Petra, and we are blessed with three beautiful kids (5, 3 & 1). We all travel together for ministry and would be happy to be part of St. James. We look forward to visiting with you **on Sunday, September 19, 2021**, and after that, beginning to worship with you every first, third, and fifth Sunday of the month. I'm also hoping to be available in the office every Thursday from 11.30 – 3.30 pm for any pastoral care needs.

I'm a pretty simple guy; you don't have to be super 'formal' with me. I'm happy to meet over coffee or tea and just talk and get to know as many of you as I can, if not all. Please feel free to get in touch with me via email at [mujetebg@gmail.com](mailto:mujetebg@gmail.com) or text on 765 967 1174, and we can begin to explore and share the gifts of ministry God has bestowed on each of us.

Blessings to you all in the name of God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

In Christ,

Brown.