

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2-9

PALM SUNDAY	10 AM
MAUNDY THURSDAY	6 PM
GOOD FRIDAY	6 PM
EASTER	10 AM



Please bring in some Easter candy on Palm Sunday for the Easter egg Hunt.



COMMUNITY CANTATA

Marilyn, Cindy, Peggy, and Pat are singing in this community event at the First United Methodist Church on 14th Street, April 2 at 6 PM. There will be food and fellowship following the program of Southern Gospel music & scripture readings. Please come!

MEETINGS/EVENTS FOR APRIL

PALM SUNDAY	APRIL 2	10:00A
RAINTREE SQUARE	APRIL 2	2:00 P
CANTATA	APRIL 2	6:00P
MAUNDY THURSDAY	APRIL 6	6:00 P
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 7	6:00 P
EASTER	APRIL 9	10:00 A
VESTRY	APRIL 12	6:30 P
DOK	APRIL 19	12:30 P
EDGE MEETING	APRIL 25	7:00 P
WEDDING SHOWER	APRIL 30	11:15 A

"BUBBLES AND BREWS" SHOWER

On April 30, we will be "showering" Sam Hua and his fiancé, Jacque Hodek with love and good wishes at a couples shower following church. Mimosas, coffee, and tea will be served with lunch. They are registered at Target and Amazon.com. (gift cards are always a good option) and will be married in July. Karen Shields



EDGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

All delegates, alternates, wardens, and clergy are invited to attend the next meeting on April 25th on Zoom from 7-8 pm. The second meeting will be in person on October 11 to prepare for convention.

SAFE CHURCH

I want to thank those of you that got your required training done. I have been trying to get this finished since October. Please help get this finished ASAP. There will be some of you that will get an email about background checks. Please follow the link and complete it. If you did one in 2022 you won't get the link.

Pat Carter

THANK YOU

I want to thank Pat Carter for spending so much extra time to help us get our Safe Church classes done at church.

MaryEtta Thurman

GRANTS BEING PROCESSED

Sonny Carter has submitted 2 grants to get funding for our new projects. This includes getting the property ready for our new barn, getting power to it, the equipment needed for the SAWS ministry, and the community garden project. We have also asked the community foundation for 50% of the cost of a new sign.

NEW CHURCH SIGN

The Bishop's Committee has voted to buy a new sign locally from Margison's Graphics and Signs. It will be colorful and double sided with changeable letters. With all the new activity that will be going on with the sale of the land and our new ministries, it is important to have the church easier to find.

OUR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

There was \$159 profit from the pancake supper that will be used to keep the pantry stocked. We have had people from the community donate food also.

OLD SMART PHONE NEEDED

Do you have an older model smart phone, higher than an iPhone 8 model, laying around that you can donate to the church? We need one to use to live stream services to Facebook. Currently, I have to use my own FB account so it's streaming to my page instead of the church's. Pat Carter

NEW WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Beginning Thursday, April 13th at 9 AM, a new group will be utilizing St. James as a meeting place for a support group. This is not associated with Weight Watchers but consists of many members of WW that want a local meeting place to support each other, share ideas and recipes, etc. The meeting is open to all. They will be making a donation monthly to use the space.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE JUNE 7TH

New Castle is celebrating our 200th birthday this year (last year was Henry County 200). The community worship service last year was such a blessing, we have decided to do it again and maybe yearly after this. The committee is using St. James as a meeting place with Pat Carter hosting. Sam Frost is head of the committee and is recruiting as many churches as possible to participate. I didn't volunteer us for anything but if you'd like to be involved, let me know. It was suggested we could sell food if we want.

WESTMINSTER CENTER CLOSING

With the retirement of director Jeff Kundert, the Westminster Center will be closing. We have worked with them for many years to deliver food baskets for the winter holidays. We will need to decide how this will affect our food ministry. If you have any ideas, please talk to Sonny Carter.

VICTORY LANE CAMP

VLC is moving their summer camp to the Rushville area. They are still asking for help but in different ways. The easiest solution is to donate the money we spent of our meal donation to them for supplies. The camp has it's own cook.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Kevin Chapman for picking up the mower for the annual tune up. He donates his time and parts every year and we really appreciate it. It's ready to use so the mowing crew can get started soon.
Sonny Carter

HELP NEEDED!!

There are several projects that need someone to be responsible for them. Please talk to Pat Carter if you can do it. It takes us all to keep things going smoothly.

PARISH REGISTER

The parish register hasn't been kept up to date since Father Whitney left. This holds the history of everyone at St. James- births, deaths, baptisms, transfers, etc.

COPYRIGHTED MUSIC REPORTING

Most music we use is no longer copyrighted but if it is newer, it must be entered into the ONE LICENSE website.

FUNERAL DINNERS

While this is a ministry of DOK, all in the church are involved in planning and holding these dinners and we need someone to take the lead.

GRANT WRITING

If you have experience in this area, please make yourself known.

TECHNOLOGY

Help is always needed with setting up tech for services and for Zoom. If you can learn to help, let me know. We have a church Zoom account so if you schedule a meeting, use that account to send out invitations as needed.

