

# The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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DECEMBER 2022



*Where strangers become family*



CAROL SINGING STARTS 5:30 PM

CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST 6:00 PM

RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW  
(bring snacks to share)

**THERE IS NOT A SERVICE  
ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

There will not be a New Years Eve service as New Years Day is on Sunday.

### CHURCH GREENING

We will be greening the church on Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> after the service. Please join the fun! Lunch will be provided.

### MEETINGS/EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

ALL TUESDAY ADVENT STUDY	4:00 PM
BAZAAR	DEC 3 9:00 AM
GREENING	DEC 4 11:30 AM
RAINTREE SQUARE	DEC 4 2:00 PM
SING A LONG	DEC 7 2:00 PM
VOICE RECITAL	DEC 10 11:00 AM
VESTRY	DEC 14 6:30 PM
DOK (date change)	DEC 14 12:00 PM
FOOD BASKETS	DEC 18 12:00 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE	DEC 25 5:30 PM

### DOK MEETING CHANGE

The December meeting will be a week earlier at noon on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at Pizza King on SR3.



### ADVENT STUDY

**WHILE WE WAIT-**

*living the questions of Advent*

This study will start Tuesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. We have changed the time to 4 PM. I have books available for \$11. If you need a Zoom link to participate, let me know. There will be some reading and reflections each week at home before class.



### **CHRISTMAS SING ALONG AT RAINTREE**

We will be holding a sing along at Raintree Square on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. We will take refreshments so if you can help with that, talk to Pat or Marilyn. Please join us for this fun event.



### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS DECEMBER 3RD**

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

We need lots of bake sale items please. Bring them in by Friday afternoon or before we open at 9. This is how we make our profit, along with the lunchroom. Most vendor rental is applied to advertising.

### **PROPERTY SALE APPROVED**

They plan to close the sale of the woods and parking lot around December 9<sup>th</sup>. Decisions will be made regarding the placement of a new storage barn. The school building trades program may be building it once the plans are in place.

### **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

We are providing food for 10 families again this year. Karen Shields has a list of foods needed to fill the baskets. They will be picked up on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please help with this annual ministry as you are able.

### **SAFE CHURCH**

If you have a key to the church, you are required to complete the SAFE CHURCH training online. You will receive an email with info on praesidiumacademy.com and the classes you need to take. You should complete them in the same month so that your renewal comes at the same time for all. IF YOU WANT TO, you may join our group class after church. I suggest you just take them all due to your ever changing roles in the church.

### **BUILDING USE**

The church is available for private use. Check with Pat Carter for scheduling. We have received donations from all events.

### **TIME FOR STEWARDSHIP DRIVE**

You have received your stewardship letter. Please get those pledge cards back to church by December 18<sup>th</sup> so that the budget for 2023 can be prepared. Even if you can not pledge, please return it so we know your intentions.

Thank you, Finance Committee

## NEW MINISTRY

Our new emergency food pantry was put on Facebook and got wiped out in 2 days. Two families got it restocked right away and a sign has been added to only take enough for 1-2 days until they can get to a bigger pantry. Please help keep it supplied if you can. We will be contacting other pantries to get donations from them to help. If we can't keep up with it, we will have to rethink the concept.



### **EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS NEEDED**

There is a need for help in making Eucharistic visits. We as a congregation need to form a committee to visit and provide communion to parishioners at home and in the hospital. Prayerfully consider this critical ministry. Contact Barry Cramer or Sonny Carter if you are interested in this ministry or if you have any questions.

Thank you, Sonny Carter

### **NEW ADDRESS**

Peggy Jent is moving back to New Castle and to St. James in January. She and Tim Cherry bought Vivian Simpson's house. Peggy grew up at St. James and is Pat Carter's sister. She's lived in Florida 20 years. Welcome home, Peggy and Tim!

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### **WEDDING UPDATE**

Sam Hua and Jacque Hodek will be married July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at Christ Church Cathedral. We will plan a wedding shower in the spring.



### **RETURN TO THE COMMON CUP**

With the Bishop's encouragement, we have returned to using the common cup. At present you still have a choice to use the small cups but as of January 1, we will return to the altar rail and common cup only.

### **CCD GRANT UPDATE- GATHERING**

To help identify us in the neighborhood, we have a new Episcopal flag flying over the church. We have decided to wait on signage until we see what signs are put up by the school system at the end of our drive. The drive will be used to access the school property. In January, we are planning to offer a class to the parish and community called "A PEOPLE CALLED EPISCOPALIAN" as a way to invite and inform people about the Episcopal Church. You may be asked a few questions if you are newer to the parish about why you came and why you stayed.



