

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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 FEBRUARY 2024



Where strangers become family

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST	4 th	10:00 am
BC Meeting(note change)	7 th	6:30 pm
Morning Prayer	10 th	10:00 am
PANCAKE SUPPER	13 th	5-7
Ash Wednesday	14 th	6:30 pm
Eucharist	17 th	10:00 am
DOK	21 st	noon
Morning Prayer	25 th	10:00am



FEBRUARY 14TH at 6:30 PM

Lent



NEW BISHOP'S COMMITTEE

Cindy Bullard has agreed to stay on the BC for another year and will be our new Senior Warden. John Thompson will be the new Junior Warden. Leah Stinson and Clemens Wiltsche are joining MaryEtta Thurman, Dan Bullard, and Karen Shields as our new members. The first meeting has been moved up to Feb. 7 due to Ash Wednesday.

The members of St. James are very grateful for the past 4 years of service by Marilyn Witt as Senior Warden and Sonny Carter as Junior Warden. Job well done!

CALLING ALL MEN OF ST. JAMES
 If you can help setup and cook for the annual men's pancake supper, be at the church at 4 PM and let Sonny Carter know you are coming.



SHROVE TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 13TH

FOOD SERVED FROM 5-7PM

ALL U CAN EAT PANCAKES/SAUSAGES

BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!

ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

In addition to choosing new members to the BC, we reviewed and approved the new budget. We will be using funds from our investment account to supplement our income. We will reevaluate every 3 months to determine a continued need. Our delegates to convention are the Bullards and alternates are Peggy Jent and Pat Carter.

FUND RAISING IDEAS NEEDED

To supplement our income, we need fund raisers. Currently we hold our annual Christmas Bazaar and our AA and SWAT meetings donate regularly to building use.

SUGGESTIONS: Any ideas welcome

Rent out office space during the week.
Building use for meetings, gatherings
Rummage Sale
Spring Bazaar
Dinners

RAINTREE SQUARE MINISTRY ENDING

A small group of us started providing a worship service once a month to the residents of Raintree Square about 4 years ago. We have decided to end our time with them effective now.

SACRED GROUND SERIES STARTS

If you are interested in learning about the history and problem of racism in this country, there is a very good course through the Diocese, starting February 7th for 11 weeks. You can signup at indydio.org

PEACE FESTIVAL SEPT. 21ST

First Friends Meeting has gone ahead to start planning for a big scale Peace Festival on Saturday, Sept. 21. This is to celebrate the International Day of Peace. We had to cancel last year so they've had a year to work on the event and they are asking us to still be a part of it. It's different than in the past. We have reserved the 1400 Plaza. There will be vendors, food trucks, speakers and music. Please join in the planning with me to help make the event a success.

Pat Carter

CANTATA PRACTICE STARTS JANUARY 30

The Easter Cantata practice starts Tuesday at 6:30pm at United Methodist Church. All singers are welcome to join the community choir.

GARDEN SEASON IS COMING!!

Start thinking about what help you can give to the garden this year. We left the plants to nourish the soil so there will be clean up needed. Sam has purchased 3 more boxes. During growing season we will need a watering schedule. The kids loved harvesting all the beautiful vegies.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!

Carriebeth Pottinger and Lonnie Henderson were married at St. James on January 20th, followed by a reception at the church. It was a joyous day! They plan to be travelling a lot and won't be back to NC until May.

CONGRATULATIONS, ALLISON!

Allison Stinson has received a full ride scholarship offer from Defiance College in Ohio to play baseball. She is a catcher and plays almost year round while carrying a 4.0 GPA in school. What an accomplishment!! Congratulations, Allison!

WALKING THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

(AKA The Way of St. James)

A pilgrimage is a journey, often into an unknown or foreign place, where a person goes in search of new or expanded meaning about their self, others, nature, or a higher good through the experience. It can lead to a personal transformation, after which the pilgrim returns to their daily life.

Sonny and Pat Carter and Peggy Jent will be joining a local group of 12 friends walking the last 72 miles of the Camino de Santiago in Spain. Some will walk it as a spiritual pilgrimage while others are looking for adventure. We will leave for Spain on May 24th and walk for a week, staying in local hotels. The cathedral of Santiago de Compostela is where the relics of Saint James are buried and people walk from all over Europe to visit. There is a movie called "The Way" with Martin Sheen about the walk.

LENTEN STUDY

A TIMELESS GIFT by a priest. Patricia McGregor, is an invitation to come and see what God has done through blessing his people using their gifts, time, talents, and treasure to the glory of God. We will contemplate the love of God and be renewed in our spiritual journey. There is a book and daily study guide available at church. Those interested will decide on date and time starting mid February.