

# The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## RAINTREE SQUARE SERVICE

Our next Sunday afternoon service is March 6th at 2:00pm. You are encouraged to attend and help with readings and singing.

## BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the BC is on Wednesday, March 9th at 6:30 PM. Karen Shields and Dan Bullard were elected as members at our annual meeting.. Zoom is an option if you can't attend in person.

## DOK MEETING

The next meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, March 16th** at noon for lunch, 12:30 for our meeting.

## COVID GUIDELINES

Remember that these rules can change from week to week according to what is happening in our community.

**Masks are now optional and we have started having coffee hour again..**

## BACKGROUND CHECKS

If you are an employee of the church or in any supervisory volunteer position, ie Bishop's Committee or teacher. you will be required to apply for a background check through the Diocese of Indianapolis. This is something that has been required for some time but we have been noncompliant. We are in the process of updating everyone's completion of Safeguarding God's Children also. The background check is \$24. If you can't cover the cost, please talk to Marilyn Witt, senior warden.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CLARKS

To our St.James family,  
Rick and I have bought a home in St. Joseph, Michigan. We will be selling our properties here in New Castle in the Spring and plan on being up there by Summer. Our only son and grandkids are there and we feel our place is with them at this time in our lives.We will miss all of you and will always cherish your love, support, and friendship throughout the many years here at St. James.  
Love, Rick and Terri Clark

## NEEDED: INCOMING TREASURER

With the departure of Terri Clark this spring/summer, her position as incoming treasurer needs to be filled. The position handles all money coming in and deposits are made into appropriate accounts. Good record keeping and reports are important factors of the position. If you are interested in this position please let Terri or Pat know. It is VITAL that we have someone volunteer for this. Terri has done it for many years and can teach you what to do.



BEGINS ON MARCH 20th



CHANGE THE CLOCK ON March 13th

## SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Dinner



The men of St. James will be hosting this annual tradition of All U Can Eat pancakes and sausage. The public is invited and they will be serving from 5-7 PM. All men able to help should be at church by 4 PM. See you there!



LENT BEGINS MARCH 2nd at 6 PM with our Ash Wednesday Eucharist service.

St. James and Holy Trinity to Share Worship Opportunities

Holy Trinity Lutheran and St. James are planning two shared worship services during Holy Week, and each will host one of the services. St. James will host the Good Friday service on April 15 at 6:00 p.m., and Holy Trinity will host an Easter Vigil on April 16 at sunset (time to be announced). It is hoped that each service will include clergy and lay leadership from both congregations.

St. James will have its own Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday morning services.

### **“The Way Love: Worship” Study**

The congregation will be engaging in a study of worship during Lent. This will be beneficial to all parishioners, and particularly those who serve in worship leadership (acolytes, lectors, intercessors, Morning Prayer officiants,

worship planners). The booklet we’ll read and study together is “The Way of Love: Worship”. Copies will be available for every household, so that those who wish may read the material in advance, and there will be facilitated discussions during coffee hour on the Sundays in Lent.

The booklet, “The Way of Love: Worship”, comprises seven short readings. The 10-minute reading, “Becoming the People of God” will be used during Morning Prayer on February 27 to introduce the study. The other readings (and the dates we’ll discuss them) are:

**“What Is Worship?” (March 6)**

**“Why Worship?” (March 13)**

**“Why a ‘Book of Common Prayer?’” (March 20)**

**“Living into Our Baptism” (March 27)**

**“Worshipping with Thanksgiving” (April 3)**

**“The Hospitality of Worship” (April 10/Palm Sunday)**

The study is being presented by the team that represented St. James at the College for Congregational Development last July, and will be doing so again this July. The team is comprised of Cindy Bullard, Pat Carter, Barry Cramer, and Marilyn Witt. It is the second of two projects required for the team to organize and report on.

The “Way of Love” is an emphasis of the Episcopal Church, developed under the encouragement of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, as an invitation to “grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world.” The invitation, more specifically, is to develop spiritual practices that have been identified as:

**“Turn—Learn—Pray—Worship—Bless—Go—Rest”.**

## **BUDGET REVIEW**

**For those that weren't at the annual meeting, please be aware that for the second year, we are working on a deficit budget. We must raise more funds this year to make up the \$6000 difference. If you have any ideas for fundraising please talk to any vestry member.**

**Our organist, Sam Hua has offered to donate his time and talent to the church to help with our budget deficit.**

**Cindy Bullard has also volunteered to donate her skills when Sam is not able to play. She has filled in for him the last couple years when needed.**

**Thank you so much to Sam and Cindy for providing this important ministry to St. James.**

## **NEW BEGINNINGS**

I will be working with Rick Morse to finish up our work regarding the future of St. James. As we have said before, we will be focusing on just one of the three goals we set for ourselves. This goal is about increasing building use for ministry and fundraising. It will fit into the work of the other group working on Community Involvement.

Pat Carter

## **NEW RECIPE BOOK**

For 2022, St James cookbook for our baskets will have an international flair. Petra was so kind to share some Kenyan recipes in December.-- so let's all dig into our recipe file for our favorite international recipes. Using leftovers are great but I am willing to take any of our favorite international recipes. Please email to Karen at [kshields@eiwifi.com](mailto:kshields@eiwifi.com)

## **NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY**

St. James will host an information meeting on Saturday, March 19, for Servants at Work ministry (SAWs). They construct wheelchair ramps for households in need at 31 locations in Indiana, as well as in Arizona and Virginia. The meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, will include a slide presentation that illustrates their construction process, along with an actual model of their work. Other area churches are being invited so as to develop support locally for their efforts. Six to 10 volunteers ("no skills necessary") are needed for each installation, and the work is complete in a single day. More information will be forthcoming.



## **ALCOLYTE TRAINING SCHEDULED**

Training for the Ministry of Acolyting is being planned for Saturday, April 2, for both new and continuing Acolytes from 10-12, If interested, please speak to Deacon Barry.