

# The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MAY 2023



Where strangers become family

## MAY SCHEDULE

BC Meeting	May 10	6:30pm
DOK meeting	May 17	noon lunch 1230 mtg
Voice Recital	May 20	10:30 am

## SERVICES

May 7 Eucharist  
May 7 Raintree Square  
May 14 Morning Prayer  
May 21 Eucharist  
May 28 Morning Prayer-PENTECOST

## SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 4

Elijah Bullard graduates Tri High

Suzie Shields open house 12-3

JUNE 7 Community Worship

ministering   
TO *Seniors*

## RAINTREE SQUARE MINISTRY

This ministry is feeding the souls of residents at Raintree Square senior living. We've been doing this for 3 years now (except during Covid) and invite you to join the team. Aimee Chapman went in April by herself and received so much gratitude from the residents. We try to sing a few songs each time but only have 2 pianists and they can't always be there. Please let Cindy Bullard know if you want to be scheduled to serve.



Elijah Bullard will graduate from Tri High School on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM

Suzie Shields is graduating from Eastbrook High School.

**Her open house party is on June 4 from 12-3. You are all invited. Her address is 593 N 1000 E, Marion, IN 46952**

## EXCITING GRANT NEWS!!!

The Henry County Community Foundation has granted St. James \$5857.00 to purchase tools and a trailer for our SAWS and garden ministry and the matching portion of our CBCP grant if we receive that.



We are still waiting to here about the Church Building and Collaborative Partnership grant.



**ONE BODY, ONE HOPE**

Wednesday, June 7

Gathering music 5:30pm

Service 6:30pm

At the Arts Park under the pavillion  
in downtown New Castle to celebrate the  
200<sup>th</sup> birthday of New Castle.

The planning committee is led by Sam Frost and has been meeting at St. James. Included in the program will be an encore of 2 songs from the Easter Cantata and Sonny Carter will be reading a lesson.

### **AFTER PARTY HELP NEEDED!**

For the community church service, churches are being asked to provide a cake to serve. Will someone be in charge of this? We can meet and greet people and hand out flyers or handouts about the Episcopal Church.



### **MONTHLY REVIVALS SCHEDULED**

There is also a group of churches that recently met at St. James to plan their new ministry. On the second Saturday of each month, there is a revival meeting at the old Church Street Gym that the community is invited to. They held one last month and had good attendance. All churches are invited to attend.



Peggy Jent has volunteered to organize a church yard sale. Originally she discussed spring but we will postpone until July. As you spring clean and purge, save your rummage for the sale. If you can price it before you bring it, that would be helpful. Ask your friends and family if they want to donate anything too.

### **NEW ADDRESSES**

**Brown and Petra Mujete**  
1339 Woodland Trail  
Richmond, IN 47374

**Paul and Leah Stinson**  
8523 East Old State Road 38  
New Castle, IN 47362

**John Hill**  
2820 S Memorial Dr  
Apt 218  
New Castle, IN 47362

**Betty Klein**  
14214 State Road One  
Brookville, IN 47012

**There will be an updated phone list coming soon.**

## TAKING COMMUNION TO PEOPLE

There is a need for more Liscensed Eucharistic Visitors(LEV) to take communion to the sick and shutins. There will be a training in June so you need to get signed up soon. Sonny Carter can answer your questions about this very important ministry.



## THANK YOU!!

A big thank you to Nancy Brown for finding us a used iPhone to use for our Facebook streaming. Her nephew, Bart Brown donated it to us.

## FOOD MINISTRY CHANGES

Due to the closing of Westminster Center, we will “stock the pantry” instead of filling baskets for 10 families this June. Bring things like canned meats, pasta and sauce, hamburger helper, peanut butter, crackers, breakfast items, etc.



## VOICE RECITAL May 20<sup>th</sup>

Rosie Hua’s voice students will be singing at their Spring Recital on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at St. James. We are invited to attend.



We celebrated love with Sam Hua and Jacque Hodek at their wedding shower after church. Their parents were with us and we had a lovely time. Thank you, Karen Shields, for planning this happy day.

## PLEASE WELCOME TO ST. JAMES

We welcome the Stinson family to St. James. Paul and Leah Stinson and daughter, Allison have been attending for a couple of months.

Betty Klein has returned to St. James recently. She joined our family a few years ago when Trinity,Connersville closed. She has been attending on Zoom.

## ZOOM LINKS

The ZOOM link is always the same for anything scheduled here. If you don’t get a link and know there is a service or meeting to join, you can find an old email and click on the link to get you in. You can also open zoom, “join a meeting” and use the drop down box to pick St. James. The passcode is 5309 if asked for.

## **UPDATE: OUR WORK OF THE LAST 3 YRS**

**We've done different self studies and projects the last 2 or 3 years. We did New Beginnings to decide that we wanted to continue our mission as a church to feed people, spiritually and physically. This work produced a future story for 5 years from now stating that we were able to continue worshipping together by opening our building to others in the community to provide income and to reach people beyond our doors. We decided selling land would help us financially to support our church.**

**The Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnership committee did work to determine how to share our resources and to build partnerships in the community.**

As a result of this work, we developed an emergency food pantry and increased our food basket ministry to 3 times a year.

We have invited people in to use our space for birthday parties and baby showers and planning meetings and have received donations.

We continue to support AA twice a week and have recently added a weight loss support group called SWAT that meets weekly. They all contribute financially.

The College for congregational development gave us a \$2000 grant to use to improve our ways of invitation.

We have a partnership with the SAWS ministry and several of our members have been active in building 12 ramps in Henry County last summer. They will continue to grow and build.

The New Castle School Corporation has bought the back half of our property. We are building partnerships with their agricultural program to start a community garden as a part of their education thru the AG club. Their building trades department is building us a new barn.

We have applied for 2 grants to help pay for all the extra expenses of the new barn, SAWS, and the garden. We are also purchasing a new church sign to make the church more visible to the increase in visitors to the church as the building is better utilized by the community.

