

# The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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NOVEMBER 2022



Where strangers become family

## MEETINGS/EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

RAINTREE SQUARE	NOV 6	2:00 PM
VESTRY	NOV 16	6:30 PM
DOK	NOV 16	12:00 PM
FOOD BASKETS	NOV 20	12:00 PM
SAFE CHURCH	NOV 20	12:00 PM
ADVENT STUDY	NOV 29	2:00 PM

## BUILDING RESERVED

- NOV 6<sup>th</sup> Bullard family dinner 2:30 pm
- DEC 3<sup>RD</sup> Christmas Bazaar
- DEC 4<sup>TH</sup> Green the Church
- DEC 10 Rosie Hua's voice recital
- AA every Monday and Friday eve



## CHRISTMAS SING ALONG AT RAIN TREE

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.



1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF *Advent*  
NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> MORNING PRAYER

## ADVENT STUDY

There will be a study at church for the 4 Tuesdays of Advent, beginning November 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Please join us as we prepare the way for the Christ to come amongst us.

Pat Carter



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS DECEMBER 3RD

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Vendor space is full.

St. James members will be having a bake sale table and luncheon.

SIGN UP TO WORK IN THE KITCHEN

## **PROPERTY SALE APPROVED**

After polling the congregation, the vestry voted to sell the woods and parking lot to the New Castle School System for \$43,750. This was approved by the standing committee of the Diocese. If all goes well, we will close in early December. **THERE IS A WRITTEN AGREEMENT THAT WE WILL HAVE FULL USE OF THE PARKING LOT.**



We had a big turnout for our chili supper. We weren't able to use the normal campfire, due to the wind and dry conditions, so we compromised since this was our last one in the woods due to the sale.

## **THANKSGIVING 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 November 20<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 asked to complete the SAFE CHURCH training online. You will receive an email with the link to Praesidium and the classes you need to take. You should complete them in the same week so that your renewal come at the same time for all. **IF YOU WANT TO**, you may join our group class after church on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone has to do the basic universal training so we will at least get that done.

## **BUILDING USE**

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

## **MISSION STRATEGY GRANTS**

**St. James received \$2000 to use in our project to be more visible in the community and to improve our invitation skills. We will be buying items to help make us more visible and will be interviewing newer members of the church about their experience of invitation and welcoming. This will help us to know where we are successful and what might need some improvement.**

We also want to purchase a new sign but will need to postpone that as we have limited resources at this time.

## OUR SYMPATHIES

Dan and Cindy Bullard and family have lost Dan's mother, Henrietta Willis on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There wasn't a funeral but they will celebrate her life on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm with a family dinner prepared by our St. James cooks.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our organist, Sam Hua recently announced his engagement to Jackie . May God bless their lives together for many years.

AND

Petra Brown has recently begun her nursing career at Reid Hospital in the observation unit.

## TIME FOR STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

You will be receiving stewardship and pledge information in the next week or two. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2023 and return the card by December 4<sup>th</sup>.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!





We welcomed Bishop Jennifer Baskerville Burrows to St. James on October 30<sup>th</sup>. After a powerful sermon and blessed Eucharist, we shared lunch and had good discussion with her. It's always a joyful occasion to spend time with her.

On her Facebook page she says "St. James in New Castle is on fire! There is such a beautiful spirit in this place with new members, babies, and big dreams. I can't help

but be excited for them. I was also delighted to see that some great traditions endure: the card ministry, chicken pot pie, and deep service and care of their neighbors. Love to see it!"



*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know  
that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each  
face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*