

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Where strangers become family

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

DOK installation	5 th	10:00 am
Raintree Square	5 th	2:00 pm
BC Meeting	8 th	6:30 pm
Dio Convention	10 th and 11 th	
DOK meeting	15 th	NOON

NEW FOOD BASKET MINISTRY

Karen Shields has arranged to get 10 names from Lifestream. This will target senior citizens who are socially isolated and in need. There is a sign up sheet at the church. If you wish to help deliver the baskets, Karen can help you sign up as a volunteer with Lifestream.



EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

The Bishop's Committee decided to open the pantry on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to noon for people to come and take enough for 2 days. We had one person on the first Sunday. If you know of someone with a need, use the pantry to help them.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR-

December 2 from 9-3

We still need confirmed vendors.

CHURCH BAKE SALE TABLE

Let's fill this table with all the holiday favorites. It is our main source of income for the day.

LUNCH ROOM

There is a sign up sheet for donations and workers. We will need desserts and drinks besides pot pies and sloppy joes.

ORGAN REPLACEMENT FUND

Our organ is 20 years old. We recently had to have it repaired but feel it will need replaced in the next few years. If you would like to donate, designate "organ fund" on your check. A new one would be around \$4000.

ROOF REPAIR

The roof refurbishing has been completed. The Diocese has given us a loan and the monthly payments will automatically come from our investment account. This will allow our money to continue to grow instead of taking the whole amount out now.

GARAGE IS FINISHED

The high school building trades students have finished our new garage. It will be wired in the next week and then we can move in. Sonny will have keys available.



CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CHOIR

There are 5 of us practicing for the Christmas Cantata. It will be at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 10th. Please come and listen. We will also be singing at the New Castle Prison on December 5th.



GREENING THE CHURCH

We will be greening the church on Sunday, December 3rd after a soup lunch. Please join the fun! It's a busy day with Eucharist, Greening and the Raintree service at 2pm, all following our Bazaar on Saturday.



GARDEN NEWS

Thanks to a grant, we were able to start our community garden. The season is about over and we learned a few things for next year.

1. It's fun and exciting to harvest!
2. Don't plant as many hot peppers
3. Use tomato cages
4. Use wire to keep the critters out
5. SCHEDULE people to water weekly
6. Harvest more often.
7. Have a garden manager
8. Offer a box to local gardeners

**WE ARE
BETTER
TOGETHER**

BETTER TOGETHER ALWAYS

It's so tempting to stay home sometimes, especially with colder weather approaching. The atmosphere in the church is so much more vibrant when we are there together. Typically, Morning prayer services are not as well attended. The Worship team and leader does a great job to make this service as meaningful as a Eucharist service. It is our "normal" way of things and is just as important to the life of the church. You are missed when you aren't with us on Sunday mornings. Hope to see you soon!

IT'S STEWARDSHIP TIME AGAIN!

You will be getting an annual stewardship letter soon asking you to pledge for 2024. Please have your pledge turned in by December 1 so that we can prepare our budget for next year.

Of course, stewardship is so much more than money. It's deep gratitude for all God has done in your life and the outward expression of that gratitude. Money is important of course but so is the ministry we all do as we live into God's call for our lives.



Stewardship in Christianity is the **responsibility that Christians have in managing and using wisely the gifts that God has given**. These gifts include all the resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation. Stewardship is also the way that Christians look at the world and live their discipleship in response to God's generosity. Stewardship involves collaborating with God in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification.

WOMEN'S BUILD- HABITAT

Habitat for Humanity is asking for women to be involved in building a house in New Castle beginning Spring/Summer 2024. I went to the first meeting for info and am gathering a team of 8-10 women that will go together and work on various stages of the build. **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!!!** Who will join me?

Pat Carter

DIOCESAN NEWS

Our Canon to the Ordinary, Rev Kristin White has been elected the Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. She will be leaving us early 2024. Congratulations!

Waycross has a new executive director. Her name is Sara Gunter and she has great experience with camps and youth. Welcome, Sara!

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