

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MEETINGS/EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

SAFE CHURCH	FEB 1	3:00 PM
ANNUAL MEETING	FEB 5	11:15 AM
RAINTREE SQUARE	FEB 5	2:00 PM
SAFE CHURCH	FEB 8	3:00 PM
VESTRY	FEB 8	6:30 PM
DOK	FEB 15	12:00 PM
PANCAKE SUPPER	FEB 21	4:00 PM
LENTEN STUDY	FEB 22	4:00 PM
ASH WEDNESDAY	FEB 22	6:00 PM
MOVIE AT LIBRARY	FEB 23	6:30 PM

SAFE CHURCH

I will be holding more group training sessions on Wednesday, February 1st and 8th at 3 PM at the church. If you have not started this requirement, come meet with me and I will get you started on the 5 required universal trainings and then there are 5 more we can schedule you to do if needed. EVERYONE WITH A KEY TO THE CHURCH MUST DO THIS.

**IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN LAPTOP,
BRING IT AND I WILL GET YOU
SIGNED IN TO DO THIS AT HOME**

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held on February 5th after church, followed by a pitch in lunch. Please have all reports turned in by January 29th. We will be electing 2 new members to the Bishop's Committee and adopting the 2023 budget.



LENTEN STUDY BEGINS MARCH 1ST

Marilyn Witt will be leading our study of Luke on Wednesday's at 1PM. It is a video series by Pastor Adam Hamilton called **LUKE: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws**. You and your friends are welcome! Study guides are \$11 and available at church so let Marilyn know if you are coming. Come early and bring a sack lunch if you'd like.



SHROVE TUESDAY

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The annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is February 21st from 5- 6:30 pm. Sonny Carter needs all men to help with this and to be there by 4 PM to set up and cook. The public is invited. We have had a request for gluten free so they will be available also.



Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 6 PM on Wednesday, February 22nd.

EPISCOPAL 101 CLASS

As a part of our grant request, we purchased books called "A People called Episcopalian" to hand out to visitors. We delayed the discussion due to a very busy January and will reschedule in March.

OUR SYMPATHIES

Our dear friend, Charlie Sloneker died on January 20th with Pam and the boys by his side. His Celebration of Life was on Saturday, January 28th followed by a family dinner. He will be greatly missed. Please keep Pam in your prayers.

THANK YOU FROM BARRY

Dear St. James family,
I really appreciated and enjoyed the grand send off you hosted last Sunday evening. Thank you for the gift and all the well wishes. I will miss being with you. Peace!
Barry+

CANTATA AT METHODIST CHURCH

The First United Methodist Church is inviting singers to join their Easter Cantata, "BIG MIGHTY GOD", which is held Palm Sunday evening. The first practice is on Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30 pm. Peggy Jent was always involved in cantatas in Florida so she and I are joining and looking for more St. James singers.

Pat Carter

STACEY TORRES ART ON EXHIBIT

Stacey was invited to share her art at the new art exhibit at the Central Library, 40 E. St. Clair St, Indianapolis from February 1- March 25th. I feel a field trip would be fun so if you want to go with me, let me know and we'll plan a date for lunch and the exhibit. PAT

PROPERTY SALE COMING SOON!

We are close to finalizing the sale of the woods and parking lot. There have been delays in the fine details but it should be closing this week.



Dr. Matt Shoemaker, superintendent of New Castle Schools brought 2 teachers to church on January 29 to tell us about their plans for their new property. It is very exciting and progressive education. They have an agriculture program and environmental education and clubs that will be expanding to include a greenhouse using Aquaculture. There will be fish tanks to farm fish and they use the water with their waste to water and fertilize the plants. Everything grown there can be used in the school to feed students. They will be providing students to take care of a community garden that Sam Hua has volunteered to get started. Talk to him about helping with that. The building trades program will be building our new barn. It's a cutting-edge program for a high school and we are excited to have been a part of it through the land sale.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH STARTS FEB 1

The Episcopal Church is doing good work on race relations and has asked all congregations to do their part. There are 2 opportunities to be a part of the discussion this month.

SACRED GROUND starts Feb. 8th and is an 11-week course about the history of racial discourse in America. You may register for this ZOOM class on the indydio.org website or diocesan newsletter. If you have questions about it, ask Pat Carter as she has taken the course.

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY is showing "The Hate U Give" followed by a discussion on the theme of racism and identity on February 23rd at 6:30 pm. This is being hosted by the Library and Citizens Celebrating Diversity. I am in this group and we would like to invite you to join the discussion. Pat Carter

Showing soon!!

THE HATE U GIVE

Presented by NC/Henry County Library and
Citizens Celebrating Diversity (CCD)



You are invited to this special showing at the Library Auditorium on Thursday, February 23rd at 6 PM. Please join us for an open discussion about the movie's themes of racism and identity in America.
FREE POPCORN AND WATER!

