



An inviting safe community for all

St James Weekly — August 30, 2020

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Bible Study Sundays at 8:45AM

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
Join by computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy

Worship Sundays at 10AM

Participate LIVE or at any time after on Facebook or YouTube:
go.mysjec.com/facebook or go.mysjec.com/youtube

Mid-Week Worship Wednesdays at 4:00PM

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
Join by computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/wednesday

Morning Prayer Fridays at 6:30AM

To participate from any phone, dial 1-571-317-3122
When prompted for Access Code, enter 780 162 197 #
If prompted for Audio Pin, enter #
Join by computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/friday

Note about all call-in activities

If you need to mute your phone for any reason, use your phone's mute button or press *6 to mute/un-mute.

Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in this different way. Checks can still be mailed to the church, and are regularly counted and deposited. You can also set up payments through your bank (most offer this for free). We know that these are difficult times for some, and we understand if you are unable to support the church financially. Please contact Amma Diane if you need help connecting to assistance or resources.

Our special offering for the month of September go to Painting Pathways Clubhouse, a local non-profit supporting those in our community diagnosed with mental illness—please label gifts accordingly.

Upcoming Sunday 10AM Worship Themes

8/30: A New School Year
9/6: Labor Day—*we all have vocations*
9/13-9/27: Season of Creation
10/4: St Francis of Assisi—*blessing animals*
10/11: Mental Health Awareness
10/18: Homelessness Awareness

Blessings Animals—starts now!

We will have a hybrid Blessing of Animals this year. If you would like to have your pet blessed in person, contact Amma Diane as soon as possible to make arrangements. She'll stop by and bless you and your pet(s) using appropriate precautions. She or you can also take a picture to include in our special October 4 service. We'll also include the Blessing of Animals in the service for those who can't arrange a visit, and we'll be soliciting for photos.

Becoming Beloved Community conversation 9/13 at 11AM

Thank you to everybody who has participated in this worship series designed to help us grow as a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers who share a passion for the dream of God. **Join us for a conversation at 11AM on Sunday 9/13 to share your thoughts on this series** and where you feel God may be leading us in response. The conversation will be facilitated by Pat Hanson. You can skim through the services on Facebook or YouTube if you missed any or want to review.

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When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
Join by computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/beloved

Crafting Opportunity

Shady Lane is looking for "Twiddle Sleeves" for their dementia patients. These are colorful knitted sleeves decorated with buttons, beads, yarn etc. which a patient can twiddle. They create stimulation along with protection. You can find information on Shady Lane's Facebook page. A link to pattern:

dementiaehub.files.wordpress.com/2018/12/twiddle-sleeve-guidelines.pdf

You can also Google twiddle sleeves for other ideas. If anyone would like a printed copy of the linked material, I can mail a copy, just call me at 684-6260. Thank you. Mary Jean Reckelberg

What Would You Like to Do?

As explained in the letter the Vestry mailed the week of 8/16, we've determined that, for the good of all, the earliest we might resume in-person activities is Advent, starting 11/29. While there is a small chance for a vaccine or other improved conditions sooner, the reality is we may need to extend that date in the future. We've adapted and we'll continue to adapt, as the Church has done for 2000+ years.

What else would you like to do in the next 3 months? Would you like to see additional options for general fellowship/conversation, topical learning/discussion, other ministries, or other activities? We don't have to do things the way we've always done them, or the day/time we've always done them. Most of our group activities would need to be done virtually; other volunteer projects could be done within the safety guidelines of the diocese.

If you have any ideas for any sort of activities in which you'd like to participate, please email them to info@mysjec.com or contact Amma Diane or anybody on the Vestry.

Vestry Notes—updated 8/28

- ◆ Our roof replacement and building repairs will begin soon. See our letter mailed the week of 8/16 for more info.
- ◆ Your St James Episcopal Church Vestry continues to have weekly executive session meetings in response to the pandemic, to check in with each other as leadership of the congregation and to respond as quickly as possible to changes due to COVID-19 that could affect St James and our congregation. **The next regular public Vestry meeting will be 6:30PM on Tuesday 9/22.** Information to connect to the meeting and the agenda will be included in St James Weekly prior to the meeting.
- ◆ **Manitowoc County Covid-19 total positive cases was at 502 as of August 27, up from 443 on August 21. Current active cases increased to 236. The lowest number of positives have been in those 76-85 and 85+; the highest have been 25-35 and 56-65.** Wisconsin cases continues to increase significantly. The Manitowoc County Health Department recommends limiting non-essential travel, including within the state. We can all do our part to continue to help limit the spread. Limiting interaction outside your household is still the safest option. When interacting in public settings, maintain physical distance and wear masks. If you have symptoms, get tested.

Margaret Coombs update

Longtime member Margaret Coombs entered palliative care at Laurel Grove as of Thursday, August 20. She and her husband Len have a new address: 1239 S 24th St, Apr 373, Manitowoc, WI 54220. We offer our prayers for Margaret, Len, their daughter and son-in-law Peggy and Bob Turnbull, and the rest of their loved ones.

Are you in need of a washable face mask?

There are people who will be happy to sew a washable face mask for you. Please contact Amma Diane or Mary Green if you would like one.

When Volunteering in Our Community

One way we are "Sharing God's Love through Action" is by volunteering our time to support local non-profit organizations. When volunteering as a representative of St James, face masks must be worn, physical distancing must be maintained, and additional directions from the volunteer organization should be followed. **If you are in one or more high risk categories, we urge you to take extra care for your health when volunteering or in any enclosed environment with people you don't live with.** If you have questions, please contact Amma Diane at 920-860-5152.

Prayers for the Week

Healing, Comfort & Strength: Karen & Bob, Bonnie, Andrew, Emily, Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Tom, Mary, Silas, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Susie, Marty & Nancy, Peggy, Joe Mike, Chip, Jim, Bill, Steven, Billy, Cherity, Len & Margaret, Hugh, Geri, Candace, Ray, Audrey, Joan, Jane, Mollie, Clarence & Liese, Lori, Sharon, Toby and family with prayers for healing for Toby's father Walter, Chris, Jim, Mary Jean, Jim, Tim, Becky, Kevin, Geno, Jim, Terri's son and his family, Jim and his co-workers, Peter, Stephen, Mary, Bronson and family Bart, Jen & Torin.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Scott, Margaret, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Tom, Johnathon, Ginny & Karen, Annie & Tom, Kim, Lishane, Mary, Kevin, Cherity, for all who must discern the right path for a new school year.

Those Serving in the Military: Jordan, Daniel, Ian, Logan, Keaton.

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Lebanon and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Atonement, Fish Creek and Moses The Prophet Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the United Church of South India. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and weather related damage, injury and deaths.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Tammy and Chris, our Wardens, our Vestry & other ministry leaders, staff and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matthew Gunter & his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe & Bishop The Right Reverend Godfrey & his wife Albertina.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Scott.

We Pray for those celebrating milestones:

Anniversaries: 9/23 Jill & Mayra Short. **Birthdays:** 9/1 Miguel Oropeza; 9/3 Sudi Johnson; 9/7 Hugh Foster; 9/7 Mel Ouradnik; 9/13 Cameron Essert; 9/15 Sean Essert; 9/26 Glenn Davidowich; 9/26 Mary Jean Reckelberg.

If you would like prayers to be included please contact Amma Diane Murray at 920-860-5152 or dianemarie.murray@gmail.com