



An inviting safe community for all

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Our building may be closed, but we are still active!

All activities are from home. Per our bishop's guidelines, NO in-person worship services, meetings, gatherings, or other activity are permitted at St James Episcopal Church until further notice. Even if you have a key, please do not enter the building without talking to Amma Diane first. Thank you.

Bible Study Sundays at 8:45AM

We are continuing to study our way through the Gospel of John using NT Wright's book as our guide. If you need a copy of the book, please contact Amma Diane. We start at 8:45AM and end by 9:45AM (allowing a break before 10AM Worship).

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]

Worship Sundays at 10AM

Bulletins are mailed to those receiving St James Weekly by mail. Let Amma Diane know if you'd like to receive these.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 342 570 232 #
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Everybody is invited to read/pray/sing at the appropriate times during Sunday Worship. We're keeping all phones muted throughout Worship so everybody can hear.

Fellowship Sundays at 11AM

We invite you to join us for Fellowship after Sunday Worship each week. We'll start at 11:00AM and end at 11:30AM. Feel free to drop in for some or all of this special time with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 554 946 801 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Morning Prayer Fridays at 6:30AM

Join us for weekly Morning Prayer services 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 #

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.

Vestry Updates

- ◆ Bishop Matt had previously temporarily prohibited most churches in our diocese from celebrating Eucharist/Communion. He is now allowing all congregations to offer Worship that includes Communion at the discretion of the clergy person in conjunction with the leadership of the congregation. Services must have at least one other person in addition to the clergy person, but no more than 5 and the fewer households the better. The same small group of people should assist with each service rather than a rotation of people. Members of the congregation may join remotely in spirit and/or by viewing/listening if the service is live streamed or recorded (not required to celebrate the service). At St James participants assisting with the service will be joining in spiritual Communion. This is in accordance with our belief that sacraments (including Communion) are "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace". Our online/phone-in Worship will include Communion starting on May 17, with Amma Diane being the only one who will partake of the bread and wine. The same small team that has been helping with our services up to this point will be present to help, but joining in spiritual communion along with the rest of the congregation.
- ◆ Final work is being done on lower level replacement carpet.
- ◆ Our agreement is in place to temporarily host Painting Pathways Clubhouse on our lower level during their construction project. Expected dates to begin moving in is May 18, and may last until November 30.

Your St James Episcopal Church Vestry is having 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 meeting date is to be determined.

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please talk to anybody on the Vestry: Amma Diane (Rector), Tammy McVeigh (Senior Warden), Chris Eggert-Rosenthal (Junior Warden), Nick Doszkewycz (member), Mary Green (member), Richard Hall (member), Tony Karl (Clerk), Kim Kaufmann (member), Peggy Turnbull (member/ Treasurer).

Endowment Trustees: Eleanor Agnew, Mark Hunner, & Mike Laughrin. **Delegates to the 2020 Diocesan Convention:** Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Michael Laughrin, & Sharon Laughrin. **Alternates:** 1st Mary Green, 2nd Richard Hall, & 3rd Sherry Paszkiewicz.

CARES Act charitable giving benefits

The CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act, signed into law on March 27, includes several provisions that benefit charitable giving. Beginning in 2020, individuals can deduct up to \$300 in charitable contributions from their gross income even if they do not itemize deductions. For 2020, the cap on itemized deductions for cash contributions is lifted, from 60% up to 100% of their income, a significant tax savings for anyone able to contribute larger amounts. Gifts of appreciated securities, and gifts to a donor advised fund or supporting organization, do not qualify for these benefits. These benefits are intended to encourage people to continue to support non-profit organizations, including churches, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks for your support!

Several people have asked ways they can continue to financially support St James when we are not gathering in person. You can still mail checks to St James Episcopal Church, 434 N 8th St, Manitowoc, WI 54220. Contributions are being regularly counted and deposited. You can also set up one-time or recurring payments through your bank (most offer this for free). Look for "bill pay" or similar options online or call your bank. 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.

Scrip may still be ordered—Order dates

Scrip can still be purchased while we are apart by calling Tammy McVeigh to place your order and mailing a check to St James. Your scrip will be delivered to you when it comes.

May 10 June 14 July 12 August 9 September 13
October 11 November 8 December 6

Scrip is a way for you to purchase store gift cards for your own use or to give as gifts. The card user gets full value for the amount and St James receives a percent (varies with retailer). The money St James receives goes into our Outreach Fund. Contact Amma Diane or Tammy if you need an order form.

A special prayer in time of pandemic

As we join with others around the world in steps to slow the spread of this pandemic may we all join in "A Prayer for Facing Uncertainty" from the New Zealand Prayer Book:
"God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us as we await in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. AMEN."

Building Needs

Per our Bishop's direction, please do not enter the building unless you've talked to Amma Diane. During the coronavirus shutdown If you are aware of anything inside or outside our building that needs attention or maintenance, please call Amma Diane Mon-Fri 6AM-3PM at 920-894-5245 or other times 920-860-5152. If there is an emergency, please call 911.

Prayers for the Week

For Healing, Comfort & Strength: Karen & Bob, Bonnie, Andrew, Emily, Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Tom, Mary, Silas, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Scott, Susie, Marty & Nancy, Peggy, Joe Mike, Chip, Jim, Bill, Steven, Billy, Cherity, Len & Margaret, Hugh, Geri, Candace, Ray, Mike & Laura, Robin, Madeline, Audrey, Joan, Jane, Mollie, Clarence & Liese, Lori, Sharon, Chris, Kris, the Rasmussen family, Toby and family with prayers for healing for Toby's father Walter, for recovery for Peggy

For Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Scott, Margaret, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Tom, Johnathon, Ginny & Karen, Annie & Tom, Kim

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

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of the Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St Thomas, Menasha and Chivhu Church District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Anglican Church in Kenya. 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 Teddy serving as a missionary in rural Russia. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Tammy and Chris, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matthew Gunter and 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 and their Bishop The Right Reverend Godfrey and his wife Albertina.

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

We Pray for those celebrating milestones in April:

Anniversaries: 6—Margaret & Leonard Coombs, 9—Mary Jean & Todd Reckelberg, 20—Marian & Nick Doszkewycz.

Birthdays: 4—Mayra Short, 5—Audrey Bean, 7—Noah & Owen Short, 15—Shirley Ouradnik, 20—Doris Hansen, 26—Nicholas Reckelberg.

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

Forward Day by Day

If you regularly pick up a Forward Day by Day devotional book at the church, please contact Amma Diane and she'll arrange delivery to your home. Forward is also available online.

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.