



## St James Weekly — November 8, 2020

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### Learn & Discuss: Labyrinths - 11/8 at 11AM

Earlier in the year we introduced the idea of creating some form of labyrinth at St James. Different than a maze, labyrinths have been used by Christians for centuries as a spiritual tool. Join us at 11AM on Sunday, November 8 for an opportunity to learn more about labyrinths and then discuss and share ideas we might use to implement a labyrinth at St James.

Signing up in advance is not required, but if you let Amma Diane know that you are interested, she will provide you with materials in advance (especially helpful if you'll be phoning in). Call or email her to let her know.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 862 9032 7376 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer or other device: [go.mysjec.com/labyrinth](https://go.mysjec.com/labyrinth)

### Race conversation continues 11/15 at 11AM

We've gathered on 9/13 and 10/18 to share our thoughts following the 7-week Becoming Beloved Community series and where God may be leading us in response. Participants want to continue the conversation about race and invite others to join at 11AM on Sunday 11/15. This series is designed to help us grow as a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers who share a passion for the dream of God.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 865 7336 7198 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer or other device: [go.mysjec.com/beloved](https://go.mysjec.com/beloved)

### **NEW!** Thanksgiving with St James 11/26 at 10:30AM

Our St James Thanksgiving traditions will continue in a new way this year. Join via phone or computer starting at 10:30AM on 11/26. We'll have a brief (~15 min) prayer service followed by social time. Eleanor Agnew will help us with some fun, as well. We'll wrap up around noon, though could continue longer if people are interested.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 858 0078 2472 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer/other device: [go.mysjec.com/thanksgiving](https://go.mysjec.com/thanksgiving)

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## Weekly Schedule

### Bible Study—Sundays at 8:45AM

11/8: Video/discussion—We'll meet the nuns of Blue Stone Farm and see how they live in the rhythm of life on a small farm and how we might incorporate some of their thinking into our own lives

11/15—12/20: Bible Study on Galatians (1 chapter each week).

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]  
By computer or other device: [go.mysjec.com/biblestudy](https://go.mysjec.com/biblestudy)

### Worship—Sundays at 10AM—upcoming themes

Participate LIVE or view at any time after:  
[go.mysjec.com/facebook](https://go.mysjec.com/facebook) or [go.mysjec.com/youtube](https://go.mysjec.com/youtube)

11/8: Veterans & Military  
11/15: Celebrating Our Gifts  
11/22: Christ the King  
11/29—12/20: Advent Season

### Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM

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]  
By computer or other device: [go.mysjec.com/wednesday](https://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 #  
By computer or other device: [go.mysjec.com/friday](https://go.mysjec.com/friday)

### Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in this different way. Checks can be mailed to or dropped off at the church. You can also set up payments through your bank (most offer this for free) or donate online at [mysjec.com/donate](https://mysjec.com/donate) . 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 November goes to Painting Pathways Clubhouse, supporting those in our community with a diagnosed mental illness—please label gifts accordingly.**

## Women's & Men's monthly meetings 11/14

These groups typically gather monthly on the second Saturday for an hour of fellowship. Groups are meeting virtually, for the time being.

### **WOMEN: Saturday 11/14 at 9AM**

Ladies, grab your coffee or tea and pull up to your computer/phone. This month we will continue talking about reflections or books that we have read and take a look at some of the saints of the Church... or perhaps real life saints that you might know. If you need more information on saints go to Wikipedia and there is a complete listing of saints in The Episcopal Church and calendar. We had an excellent discussion last month. Please join us! For more information, talk to Chris Eggert-Rosenthal.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 832 9966 8014 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer or other device: [go.mysjec.com/women](http://go.mysjec.com/women)

### **MEN: no meeting in November**

The men are not planning to meet this month. If you'd like to meet this or any month, talk to Nick Doszkewycz.

## St James Book Group 11/18 at 7PM

The Book Group meeting date for this month is Wednesday, November 18 at 7PM—to accommodate Thanksgiving, even though none of us are planning to go anywhere! Our November book is "The Tenth of December" by George Saunders. It's a collection of 10 short stories that are inter-related in some way. To quote from the book jacket summary: these stories "fulfill Chekhov's dictum that 'art should prepare us for tenderness.'" Thanks to the Manitowoc Public Library inter-library loan program we have 10 copies of this book. Use the info below to participate. Please call Anne Schuette (920-242-2819) to obtain a copy of the book, if you have any questions, or if you have problems connecting on the evening of the meeting.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-757-3121  
When prompted for Access Code, enter 413 793 205 #  
If prompted for Audio Pin, enter #  
By computer or other device: [go.mysjec.com/bookgroup](http://go.mysjec.com/bookgroup)

## Scrip upcoming order dates 11/8, 12/6

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. 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.

## **UPDATED!** Prayers for the Week

**Healing, Comfort & Strength:** Karen & Bob, Bonnie, Andrew, Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Tom, Mary, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Susie, Marty & Nancy, Peggy, Joe Mike, Chip, Jim, Bill, Steven, Billy, Len & Margaret, Hugh, Geri, Candace, Ray, Joan, Jane, Mollie, Liese, Lori, Sharon, Toby's father Walter, Chris, Jim, Tim, Becky, Jim and his co-workers, Peter, Stephen, Mary, Chris's sister Vicki, Randy & Cindy, Mike

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

**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, and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Blessed Sacrament, Green Bay and St. Paul's Mission District in Masvingo, Zimbabwe. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Church in Province of the West Indies. 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 related damage, injury and deaths.

### **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, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence, Allen, Sue

## Milestones

We also pray for those celebrating milestones:

**Anniversaries:** 11/11 Karen & Bob Owaski.

**Birthdays:** 11/1 Steve Thuss; 11/2 Kyra Jo Laws; 11/2 Marian Doszkewycz; 11/3 Ron Hansen; 11/12 Bob Feller; 11/15 Margaret Coombs; 11/17 Marie Hawkins; 11/21 Vaughn Franz; 11/22 Chuck Wernecke; 11/23 Mike Laughrin.

*If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email ([dianemarie.murray@gmail.com](mailto:dianemarie.murray@gmail.com)).*

### Adopt-A-Family ministry needs your help!

For the 3rd year, St James is again participating in this outreach to our community. We were awed by your generosity the past 2 years, and this year the need is even greater! We are adopting 2 small families this year. A single mom and 2 preschoolers (5 and 2), and a couple with 2 children (5 and 2).

The Salvation Army asks that a minimum of \$50 be spent on each individual. This is no small amount, so we encourage you to team up and go together to select gifts for your person. We will also have other small gifts (gift cards are especially appreciated—you can use Script!!) that can be given which the Army uses for individuals.

Since we are not meeting together physically, we need another way to distribute names. Curbside delivery is our option! On November 8 (no Packer game conflict!), we will be in the St James' parking lot from 11:30AM—12:30PM. We will be socially distanced and wearing masks. You can ask Karleen Cole to help you with the family members, and Anne Schuette will assist with the individual gifts.

All gifts are due back to the church parking lot on November 29 (again no Packer game conflict) from 11:30AM-12:30PM. Remember that gifts must be UNWRAPPED. This allows the parents to see what the children are receiving and gives them the chance to wrap them. (By the way, donating gift wrap is a wonderful way to participate.) Amma Diane will bless the gifts before we take them to the Salvation Army that week.

If you cannot (or do not want to) come to the church to pick up a name and/or return the gifts and you want to participate, but do not want to be out shopping, please, please let Karleen or Anne do it for you. We are happy to stop by your home, no contact please, to drop off names or pick up gifts. If you have questions, please call Karleen at 920-629-0435 or email her at [colearleen@gmail.com](mailto:colearleen@gmail.com)

### Food pantry donations needed!

Last year we had great participation in our Reverse Advent Calendar, collecting items to be donated to support local food pantry Peter's Pantry. Poverty and hunger have increased over the course of this year, so donations are appreciated! On Sundays November 8 and 29 from 11:30-12:30PM, Amma Diane will be at the church along with collection bins for your donations of non-perishable food items and personal care items. (These are the same days/times as the adopt-a-family pick-up and drop-off.) You can also make a financial contribution (make your check out to St James and put "food pantry" in memo.)

### Hope House volunteer week 11/8-11/15

The next week that St James volunteers are needed is November 11-15. Volunteers are needed for 5-8PM shifts each day, and the Monday and Thursday meals (Hope House has hired staff to cover the overnight shifts). For more information, talk to Amma Diane or Anne Schuette.

### KAN Cool for School update

This year, KAN Cool for School, like so many other events, had to pivot to still serve the families while maintaining safety. We did a drive-through event at Roncalli & Two Rivers High School. The recipient families got letters inviting them to the event. They were given gift certificates for school supplies at Office Max and a backpack, along with a gift certificate for shoes at Walmart from the Soles for Souls group. After the event, we heard from many of the recipients that they truly appreciated the anonymity provided by this event. At this time, we are planning to do the drive-through event again next year. We spent a great deal of money to purchase the gift cards. If anyone would like to contribute to KAN for next year, any and all contributions would be greatly appreciated. We are also looking for ideas for fundraising. Any ideas, questions or other thoughts, please contact Mary Burckle.

### Supporting our community through CARElink

Manitowoc area faith communities have come together to create CARElink, a program that provides participating churches a referral system for people that are seeking financial assistance. This was birthed out of needs identified by the Manitowoc Ecumenical Ministry Group, in which Nick Doszkewycz represents St James. CARElink is a collaboration of congregations seeking a structured means of distributing monies for social service purposes.

The local Salvation Army provides professional staff to interview clients referred by participating congregations, utilizing the human services information networks to determine each client's legitimate need. CARElink funds are used to address these needs on a case-by-case basis. Clients may also be assisted through already-established Salvation Army channels or in collaboration with other community agencies. Financial assistance will be disbursed under current Salvation Army guidelines.

Referral is not a guarantee of assistance. The Salvation Army case manager keeps careful records of each contact, and client history information. This program is especially helpful with many area clergy being part-time, serving multiple locations, or living outside Manitowoc.

**Several local faith groups are already participants. St James is planning to covenant with the CARElink program starting in 2021. The Vestry will include \$500 in our 2021 operating budget and are hoping we can raise at least another \$500 toward CARElink through donations. If you would like to help support this program, please make your check payable to St James and indicate "CARElink" in the memo. Thanks!**

### **NEW!** St James Weekly and email list timing

*St James Weekly* is included in two emails per week, and mailed once per week. When sharing information about projects, programs, and events please send the info as early as possible so we are able to promote over a longer period of time, when appropriate. (To help limit the burden on everybody's inboxes, we intentionally send only two emails per week to our email list, unless there is a death or other urgent matter. )



## Vestry Notes—*updated 11/6*

- ◆ **NEW!** As of October 30, our year-to-date income is \$83,585, on a YTD budget of \$83,519. Year-to-date expenses as of October 30 are \$83,102 on a YTD budget of \$89,442. We currently have a year-to-date surplus of \$483, which is an improvement over our budgeted YTD deficit of \$5,923. Thank you to all our members and friends for your generosity and faithful stewardship!
- ◆ **UPDATED!** Our Bishop and our diocesan Parliamentarian will be issuing guidance soon that will help us plan our nomination process, annual meeting, and related things in this time of pandemic. We hope to be able to share an update within a few weeks.
- ◆ **UPDATED!** **Manitowoc County Covid-19 total positive cases was at 3,384 as of November 6 (up from 2,951 on October 30), with 21 deaths. Current active cases increased to 1,861. Our county and northeast Wisconsin remain among the highest spread in our nation. Local and state health departments continue to urge making use of proper precautions and limiting non-essential travel.**
- ◆ **UPDATED!** Our roof replacement and related building work by Security-Luebke was scheduled to begin the week of November 2, but was delayed slightly. The roof will be replaced in sections, and the company is experienced in projects like ours with all the weather Wisconsin offers.
- ◆ Painting Pathways Clubhouse is expecting to begin moving into their new building November 16.

*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 business meeting date will be determined soon.*

## Bishop Matt updates

Bishop Matt Gunter is expected to be elected Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Eau Claire (the northwestern section of Wisconsin). Their diocese would cover 1/3 of his compensation and he would spend a proportional amount of time with them. He will remain our Diocesan Bishop. Bishop Matt will also temporarily be the Visiting Bishop for the Diocese of Milwaukee (the southern section of Wisconsin). This will impact a variety of things in the temporary and longer term, and those details will be worked out soon.

Bishop Matt's visitation to St James has been scheduled for December 13. At this point we are expecting a sermon from him during our online 10AM Worship on that day. We may also arrange a special conversation time using Zoom.

## Greetings from Jerry Molitor

Hi! My name is Jerry Molitor. I am honored to be among you, and to worship with you.

I come to St James as a Nashotah House Theological Seminary student. I currently have a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies from Cardinal Stritch University, and am nearing completion of the Anglican Studies program at Nashotah House. As I continue to discern a call to priesthood, the time has come in my formation to be immersed into the life of a parish that has a personality and style that is different from that of my home parish, which is Grace Episcopal Church in Sheboygan.

I am a recovering Roman Catholic. I have over 20 years of experience as a catechist and retreat facilitator for high school students.

I have also served in various parish leadership and liturgical roles in the Roman Catholic Church, as well as the Episcopal Church.

In cooperation with Bishop Matt Gunter, Amma Diane, and the St James Vestry, I have been invited to serve as an intern at St James.

In response to the challenges of the pandemic, the

creativity of St James shines through in the effort to provide online worship, to serve those in need, and to seek ways to ensure the well-being of all of the St James family members. I am eager to learn more about how St James continues to find ways to respond to Christ's command to love one another!

I recently retired, having been an Information Technology professional in the banking industry for over 40 years. The internet had not been invented when my career began.

My wife, Linda, and I were born and raised in Sheboygan, have lived in various cities in southeastern Wisconsin, and currently reside in Belgium. We have two children, Jennifer Whitford (Nicholas) and Paul Molitor (Brandi). Jennifer and Nick have two children, Eowyn and Lochlan. Paul and Brandi have two children, Stewart and Brajae. We have learned that being grandparents is everything that it is cracked up to be, and that all of the stories about being grandparents are true!

I look forward to the day in which we can all gather together in one place so I can personally meet you! I can't wait to hear your stories!

In the Peace of Christ,  
Jerry Molitor

