



An inviting safe community for all

St James Weekly — August 16, 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 5:30PM

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 August supports the Rector's discretionary fund, supporting those in need in our community—please label gifts accordingly.

KAN Cool for School

Thanks to everybody who donated or helped in any way with this year's KAN Cool for School on August 15.

St James Book Group 8/26 at 7PM

The St James Book Group will discuss "Untamed" by Will Harlan on Wednesday, August 26 at 7PM. The subtitle for this book tells what it's about: "the wildest woman in America and the fight for Cumberland Island." Thanks to the Manitowoc Public Library we have copies available for anyone who wants to read this book and talk about it. 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 1-224-501-3415
When prompted for Access Code, enter 922 381 637 #
If prompted for Audio Pin, enter #

Join by computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup

Diocesan Eucharistic Festival 8/29 at 11AM

The Diocese of Fond du Lac's annual Eucharistic Festival will be held virtually on Saturday, August 29 at 11AM (and viewable at any time after that). The service will include both the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist and the Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Following the service all are invited to join the virtual Bishop's Picnic. For more info visit: www.diofdl.org/ef.html

Scrip upcoming order dates 9/13, 10/11, 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.

Forward Day by Day is still available

Copies of Forward Day by Day devotion books are available—you would like a copy in either large or standard print, please contact Amma Diane! Each new issue brings new authors, new perspectives, and the same Good News of God's love.

Vestry Notes—updated 8/14

- ◆ Watch for a mailed letter from the Vestry in the next week with news and updates about several topics.
- ◆ We recently home-delivered reusable bags and other items featuring our St James logo in celebration of the Feast of James. If you would like more of any of these items for yourself or to give away, please contact Amma Diane or Chris Eggert-Rosenthal.
- ◆ **Manitowoc County Covid-19 total positive cases was at 388 as of August 14, up from 332 on August 7. Current active cases increased to 210.** 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.
- ◆ Our Diocesan Faithful Innovations program will be finding new ways to move forward after a break due to the pandemic. Our Vestry team will begin a second phase in the near future, and share more info at that time.

Becoming Beloved Community series through 8/23

The Beloved Community is the body within which all people can grow to love God and love the image of God that we find in our neighbors, in ourselves, and in creation. It provides a positive, theologically, and biblically based ideal that orients the work of racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. It is the end toward which the Jesus Movement points. The Episcopal Church's Becoming Beloved Community vision frames a path for Episcopalians to address racial injustice and grow as a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers who share a passion for the dream of God. Because this is the work of spiritual formation, and not simply completing a training or implementing a set of programs, individuals and congregations are encouraged to embrace the journey ahead as a long-term commitment. **St James Episcopal Church will begin our Becoming Beloved Community journey with a seven-week Worship series at 10AM on Sundays July 12 through August 23.** As the summer progresses, we'll have other opportunities to engage more deeply together.

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.

When Volunteering in Our Community

One way we "Share 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

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, 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, Toby and family with prayers for healing for Toby's father Walter, Chris, Jim, Karleen, Mary Jean, Jim, Tim, Becky, Kevin, Geno, Jim, Terri's son and his family, Jim and his co-workers, Peter, Stephen, Mary.

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

For 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 St. Francis, Eagle River, St. Faith Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church. 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. Pray for an end to racism and social injustice in our country and around the world.

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. The publishing of Peggy Turnbull's book of poetry "The Joy of Their Holiness".

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

We Pray for those celebrating milestones:

Anniversaries: 8/24 Sally & Mark Hunner. **Birthdays:** 8/12 Karleen Cole; 8/25 Mary Burckle; 8/27 Cherity Laws

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