



St James Weekly — September 27, 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

Upcoming Sunday themes:
9/13-9/27: Season of Creation
10/4: St Francis of Assisi—*blessing animals*
10/11: Mental Health Awareness
10/18: Homelessness Awareness
10/25: For Our Nation

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

St James Becoming Beloved Community conversation continues 10/18 at 11AM

Eleven people joined in conversation on 9/13 to share their thoughts on our 7-week Becoming Beloved Community series and where God may be leading us in response. Participants want to continue the conversation and invite others to **join at 11AM on Sunday 10/18**. 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. Services are on Facebook or YouTube if you missed any or want to review.

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

Blessings Animals—happening 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.

Unity Walk and Speakers in Park 9/27

On Sunday, September 27 at 2PM come together as we celebrate Unity in our Community with our first Unity Walk! We hope to uplift and celebrate people from all walks of life as we walk together in solidarity! At 2PM, we will gather at the Briess Parking Lot (Farmer's Market Lot) and begin our Unity Walk toward Washington Park. After we arrive and have a breather (about 2:45PM) we are excited to present a variety of local speakers from across many different backgrounds to share their experiences and why we strive for unity. We cannot wait for you to hear all the wisdom they will share. If you're unable to participate in the walk, join us at Washington Park! This event is sponsored by Lakeshore's United Visionaries and PFLAG Manitowoc County.

Scrip upcoming order dates 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.

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 will be 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 will keep 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 would like to include \$500 from 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!

Vestry Notes—updated 9/25

- ◆ Work on the new building for Painting Pathways Clubhouse continues. They anticipate being able to return to their new building as early as mid-November. Drive by 1226 Washington St to take a look at their new building!
- ◆ Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Mike Laughrin, Sharon Laughrin, and Amma Diane will represent St James as delegates and clergy for the annual Diocesan Convention, being held virtually on October 24. Visit diofdl.org/convention for info about how you can watch.
- ◆ Nick Doszkewycz represents St James with the local Ecumenical Ministry Group. One project recently implemented by the group is CARElink (*details on previous page*). They are also investigating some sort of local overnight warming shelter.
- ◆ The roof replacement and other building work will begin soon (*details in the 8/16/20 letter from the Vestry*). Security-Luebke Roofing is performing this work, at a cost of \$111,570, with an additional \$4,200-8,400 contingency. The Trustees of the Diocese have approved our request of \$84,000 from the Diocesan Revolving Loan Fund. This loan allows us to earn interest on our existing money for one year, then pay the Diocese back interest-free at the end of that year. If your financial circumstances allow it, donations to this project would be gratefully received.
- ◆ Peggy Turnbull has resigned from her elected Vestry term to focus on her family needs. Her partial term will be filled by election at the next Annual Meeting. We thank Peggy for her ministry with the Vestry and are grateful for her continuing ministry as our Treasurer.
- ◆ The generosity of our members and friends has turned around the shortfall we have been experiencing. As of August 31, our year-to-date income is \$68,106, on a YTD budget of \$66,627. Year-to-date expenses as of August 31 are \$69,779 on a YTD budget of \$70,371. Our year-to-date deficit is \$1,673, which is lower than the budgeted YTD deficit of \$3,744. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!
- ◆ **Manitowoc County Covid-19 total positive cases was at 1031 as of September 25, up from 835 on September 18. Current active cases increased to 544. Our county and state continue to trend sharply upward. Local and state health departments continue to urge making use of proper precautions and limiting non-essential travel.**

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 meeting date will be scheduled soon.

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 (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.

Prayers for the Week

Healing, Comfort & Strength: Karen & Bob, Bonnie, Andrew, 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, Len & Margaret, Hugh, Geri, Candace, Ray, Joan, Jane, Mollie, Clarence & Liese, Lori, Sharon, Toby's father Walter, Chris, Jim, Mary Jean, Jim, Tim, Becky, Geno, Jim, Jim and his co-workers, Peter, Stephen, Mary, Chris's sister Vicki, Randy & Cindy, Glenn.

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 St. Luke's, Sister Bay and Holy Apostles Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. 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, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Scott

We Pray for those celebrating milestones:

Anniversaries: 10/8 Eleanor Agnew & Ron Hansen. **Birthdays:** 9/26 Glenn Davidowich; 9/26 Mary Jean Reckelberg; 10/1 Julie Jenkyn; 10/1 Nick Doszkewycz; 10/11 Cadance Sleger; 10/17 Scott Henderson; 10/18 Marissa Sleger; 10/25 Liz Schrank.

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

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 goes to Painting Pathways Clubhouse, a local non-profit supporting those in our community diagnosed with mental illness—please label gifts accordingly.