



An inviting safe community for all

## St James Weekly — June 28, 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](https://go.mysjec.com/biblestudy)

### Worship Sundays at 10AM

Participate LIVE or at any time after on Facebook or Youtube:  
[go.mysjec.com/facebook](https://go.mysjec.com/facebook)  
[go.mysjec.com/youtube](https://go.mysjec.com/youtube)  
*We've discontinued our Sunday 10AM Worship phone-in option because Facebook, YouTube, and mailed bulletins are meeting needs. If this becomes a need that several people request again, we can resume. Please let Amma Diane know.*

### 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](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 #  
Join by computer or other device: [go.mysjec.com/friday](https://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 June supports our Rector's Discretionary Fund to help those in need—please label gifts accordingly.**

### Vestry Updates—updated 6/26

- ◆ Based on current trends, the suspension of in-person activities for St James remains in place. Amma Diane and the Vestry continue to monitor this week-by-week.
- ◆ As we prepare to return to in-person activities (hopefully in the near future), we'll need to stock up on supplies: disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, paper towel, reusable cloth masks, disposable masks, gloves, etc. If you would like to help by donating any of these supplies, please contact Amma Diane.
- ◆ PuroClean Restoration is continuing to investigate causes of the recent rain leaks in our lower level rector's office. The problem may be larger than originally thought. Estimate for preliminary work is \$842, but could vary depending on the extent.
- ◆ Manitowoc County Covid-19 positives was at 87 as of June 26, up from 36 at the end of May. Active cases have increased to 51 (some go off and some new get added). Parts of Wisconsin are starting to see significant spikes since opening up has begun, including several nearby counties. 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.

*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 Vestry meeting will be in August (date TBD).*

### Scrip upcoming 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.

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.

## Community Volunteering Updates

One of the ways members and friends of St James Episcopal Church “Share God’s Love through Action” is by volunteering their time to support local non-profit organizations. We continue to volunteer, either personally or on behalf of St James, during this time of physical distancing and continued rising positive Covid-19 test results.

If you are volunteering through St James, please remember we are still following the guidelines as set out by the CDC, the State of Wisconsin, the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and the St James Vestry. In an effort to keep our members healthy and to minimize the risk of unknowingly spreading Covid-19 to others, we are erring on the side of more restrictive/more cautious than less. When volunteering as a representative of St James, face masks must be worn, physical distancing must be maintained, and volunteers should not be in any of the high risk groups such as: age 65 or older, having a pre-existing medical condition, or living with someone who might be in a high risk category.

If you have questions, please contact Amma Diane at 920-860-5152. Here are some specific opportunities:

**Meals On Wheels:** Our next Meals On Wheels delivery week will be August 3 through 7. Terry Alston and Anne Schuette have been able to assist with meal delivery on behalf of St James.

**Hope House:** Hope House sustained significant water damage, due to a broken pipe, during the second week of June, necessitating relocation of the residents to an area motel. Our St James/Lakeshore United Methodist Church volunteer week (June 14 – 20) was cancelled, but there are still opportunities to help out. Four daytime shifts on Saturdays and Sundays are staffed by volunteers. For more information, please contact Kristin Gresl [kgresl@hopehousemc.org](mailto:kgresl@hopehousemc.org) or talk to Anne Schuette 920-242-2819. Kristin is also able to train new volunteers by appointment.

**Individual Volunteering:** Judy Lavicka has been able to return to her twice weekly food prep volunteering at the Senior Center. Judy does this on her own, not as part of a St James program, and she finds it very rewarding. We know she shares about St James as she does this volunteering. If you decide you want to volunteer in some way, it is suggested you contact the agency you are interested and find out their current guidelines. Please remember to keep your health, and the health of those you may come in contact with, in mind as you make decisions about being out in the community during this time.

**KAN Cool for School 8/15:** KAN Cool for School will look different this year. We will be doing a drive through event where the families will be given gift certificates to purchase school supplies and Soles for Souls will provide gift certificates to purchase shoes. The event will be held at two locations—Two Rivers High School & Roncalli High School—on August 15 from 9AM-12PM. Recipient families will receive a letter inviting them to come. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Burckle (920-905-9690). If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to KAN Cool for School and mail it to Mary Burckle (2440 Mirro Dr Apt 18, Manitowoc, WI). We appreciate all of the support the members of St James have always shown to KAN.

## 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, Toby and family with prayers for healing for Toby’s father Walter, Chris, Jim, Karleen.

**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, 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 Holy Nativity, Jacksonport and Mashava Church District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the united Church of North 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 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.

**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:**

**Anniversaries:** 6/29 Sharon & Mike Laughrin; 7/2 Liz & Jim Gordon; 7/9 Mary & Jim Green; 7/13 Tammy & Kevin McVeigh.  
**Birthdays:** 6/28—Peggy Turnbull; 6/29—David Grams; 7/1 Kurt Hall; 7/1 Sherry Paszkiewicz; 7/1 Bob Turnbull; 7/11 Davina Rabe; 7/11 Tony Karl; 7/12 Amy Healey; 7/13 Len Coombs; 7/14 Judy Lavicka; 7/18 Mary Green; 7/22 Dave Haefke; 7/24 Murray Sim; 7/25 Gary Alsteen; 7/25 Liz Gordon; 7/30 Alison Hunner.

*If you would like prayers to be included please contact Amma Diane Murray at 920-860-5152 or [dianemarie.murray@gmail.com](mailto:dianemarie.murray@gmail.com)*

## 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.”*