



St James Weekly — week of January 17, 2020

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Weekly Schedule

Bible Study—Sundays at 8:45AM

1/10-2/14: Discussion of book "Passionate for Justice: Ida B Wells as Prophet for Our Time" by Catherine Meeks & Nibs Stroupe (contact Amma Diane if you'd like a copy). (This weekly book discussion will also be offered at 10AM on Mondays during the same time period.)

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
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By computer or other device: go.mjsjec.com/biblestudy

UPDATED! Worship—Sundays at 10AM

Participate LIVE or view at any time after:
go.mjsjec.com/facebook or go.mjsjec.com/youtube

1/17: Remembering Martin Luther King Jr. *
1/24: Third Sunday after the Epiphany
1/31: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany *
*indicates preaching by the Rev Dcn Jerry Molitor

Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM

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Morning Prayer—Fridays at 6:30AM

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NEW! St James Book Group 1/27 at 7PM

The St James Book Group will continue to meet in 2021. We'll start the year meeting virtually due to the continued pandemic and our desire to keep people as protected as possible. Our virtual gatherings may be joined by either telephone or internet (you may choose to use video or not on the internet connection). Our January meeting will be on Wednesday, January 27 from 7-8PM. We will plan to meet the 4th Wednesday of the month through October, and then the 3rd Wednesday of November (11/17) and December (12/15).

If you would like to borrow a book from the inter-library loan, please contact Anne Schuette (920-242-2819). Anne will continue to be our liaison for the Interlibrary books and will work with the library and Peggy Turnbull to set up this year's reading schedule. Please feel free to participate even if you have not read the book. Invite a friend. If you have technical difficulties Amma Diane Murray (920-860-5152) will try to help you with these.

At our December meeting we selected Secondhand: Travels in the New Global Garage Sale by Adam Minter Downsizing. Decluttering. Discarding. Sooner or later, all of us are faced with things we no longer need or want. But when we drop our old clothes and other items off at a local donation center, where do they go? Sometimes across the country—or even halfway across the world—to people and places who find value in what we leave behind. In Secondhand, journalist Adam Minter takes us on an unexpected adventure into the often-hidden, multibillion-dollar industry of reuse: thrift stores in the American Southwest to vintage shops in Tokyo, flea markets in Southeast Asia to used-goods enterprises in Ghana, and more. Along the way, Minter meets the fascinating people who handle—and profit from—our rising tide of discarded stuff, and asks a pressing question: In a world that craves shiny and new, is there room for it all? Secondhand offers hopeful answers and hard truths. A history of the stuff we've used and a contemplation of why we keep buying more, it also reveals the marketing practices, design failures, and racial prejudices that push used items into landfills instead of new homes. Secondhand shows us that it doesn't have to be this way, and what really needs to change to build a sustainable future free of excess stuff.

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Other books for 2021:

Fredrick Backman Anxious People
Arshay Cooper A Most Beautiful Thing
Danielle Evans The Office of Historical Corrections
Louise Erdrich The Night Watchman
Doris Kearns Goodwin Wait Till Next Year
Matt Haig The Midnight Library
Miles Harvey The King of Confidence: A Tale of Utopian Dreamers, Frontier Schemers, True Believers, False Prophets, and the Murder of an American Monarch
Catherine Ryan Hyde Have you seen Luis Velez?
Sue Monk Kidd The Book of Longings
Katherine Sharp Landdeck Women With Silver Wings: The Inspiring True Story of the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II
Peggy Turnbull The Joy of Their Holiness

Vestry Notes—updated 1/15

- ♦ **NEW!** Our 2020 income was \$101,195, on a YTD budget of \$100,041. 2020 expenses were \$100,127 on a YTD budget of \$107,265. We ended 2020 with a surplus of \$1,068, which is an improvement over our budgeted 2020 deficit of \$7,224. Thank you to all our members and friends for your generosity and faithful stewardship in 2020 and the year ahead!
- ♦ Security-Luebke Roofing has completed the Sanctuary roof replacement. They will install our new gutters and downspouts once received. Once that work has been completed, we'll need to look at having additional interior plaster repair work.
- ♦ **UPDATED!** **Manitowoc Co COVID cases was at 6,611 as of January 15 (up from 6,368 on January 8), with 56 deaths.** New cases in our county are decreasing, but activity remains high. Regional hospitals are experiencing a high load. Local/state health departments continue to urge using proper precautions and limiting non-essential travel and interaction with people outside your household. Vaccinations are starting to be administered.

Congregational book read

Join us in reading ***Passionate for Justice: Ida B. Wells as Prophet for Our Time*** by Catherine Meeks and Nibs Stroupe, starting the week of **January 10 through the week of February 14, 2021**. This is a book read and discussion that should help us as individuals and as a faith community explore how race and gender affect our lives and what we might do to help address the issues facing us, our communities, our country, and the world. Discussions will take place:

1. Sundays at 8:45AM, with Amma Diane facilitating;
2. Mondays at 10AM, with Joan Estes facilitating

The same connection info will be used for both days:

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Another option is to participate in the discussion by one-on-one phone conversations, which Amma Diane will coordinate. Let her know if you'd like this option. The Vestry will also be reading this as a group. Contact Amma Diane if you'd like a book or have any questions.

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. 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 January goes to Painting Pathways Clubhouse—please label gifts accordingly.**

UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing, Comfort & Strength: Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Susie, Marty & Nancy, Peggy, Joe Mike, Chip, Jim, Bill, Steven, Billy, Len & Margaret, Ray, Mollie, Liese, Walter, Chris, Mary, Vicki, Randy & Cindy, Charlie, Grace, family & friends of Edie, Shelley, family of Richard Smith, Silas, John, Judy, Debbie

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Ginny & Karen, Annie & Tom, Lishane, Mary, Kevin, Cheryt

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. Paul Cathedral, Fond du Lac, and Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Masingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Australia. 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, Deena, Edie Hofflund, Richard Smith

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 1/2 Tammy McVeigh; 1/3 Kevin McVeigh; 1/9 Randy Hronek; 1/11 Chris Eggert-Rosenthal; 1/15 Jane Robinson; 1/17 Liz Foster; 1/21 Diane Wilson; 1/25 Skip Cole; 1/28 Sharon Laughrin.

Anniversaries: none

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).

Scrip upcoming order dates 2/14, 3/14, 4/11

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.



The Diocese of Fond du Lac

The Episcopal Church in northeast and northcentral Wisconsin

The Rt. Rev. Matthew A. Gunter, Bishop

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15 January 2021

A Call to Prayer for the Episcopal Dioceses in Wisconsin

On January 6, with appalled disbelief, we witnessed a mob overrun the United States Capitol Building and disrupt our elected leaders as they sought to perform their constitutional duty. This assault on our democracy and the rhetoric that encouraged it are contrary to the principles we claim to value as a nation. More significantly for us as Christians, it was utterly contrary to the way of Jesus Christ.

In these perilous times, with the potential for more violence as we approach the inauguration of the next president and the transition of power, I call on Episcopalians of the three dioceses in Wisconsin to pray. I encourage you to pray daily from Sunday, January 17 through Sunday, January 24, the prayers below, also found in our Book of Common Prayer (820-824).

You are encouraged also to join virtually an overnight prayer vigil held in the Cathedral of each Wisconsin diocese. From 8:00 p.m. Tuesday to 12:00 Noon Wednesday. There will be a livestream the entire time, with prayers offered each hour on the hour from Christ Church Cathedral (Eau Claire, episcopaldioceseofeauclaire.com), St. Paul's Cathedral (Fond du Lac, diofdl.org) and All Saints' Cathedral (Milwaukee, diomil.org).

In these distressing times, it is fitting for Christians to lift our voices together to God. It is also fitting for us to engage in ways small and large as we seek to bear witness to the way of Jesus which is the way of love and to play our part in the healing and restoration of what is broken.

Under the Mercy.

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter
Bishop of Fond du Lac
Bishop Provisional of Eau Claire
Visiting Bishop for Milwaukee

For the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that, being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Congress or a State Legislature

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We beseech thee so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress assembled (or in the Legislature of this State, or Common- wealth), that they may enact such laws as shall please thee, to the glory of thy Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Courts of Justice

Almighty God, who sittest in the throne judging right: We humbly beseech thee to bless the courts of justice and the magistrates in all this land; and give unto them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of thee alone; through him who shall come to be our Judge, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Sound Government

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. *Lord, keep this nation under your care.*

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties. *Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations. *Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served. *Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. *For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.*

For Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Times of Conflict

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Government Transition

(Anglican Fellowship of Prayer)

God of justice, truth, and concord, you have instilled the people of this land with a passion for the common good, yet with diverse understandings of the most expedient means of attaining that good. Grant us, we pray, such a spirit of tenderness toward one another during this period of transition in government, that we may put away needless strife and contention, that all may enjoy the blessings of tranquility, prosperity, and equity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.