



## St James Weekly — September 20, 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) or [go.mysjec.com/youtube](https://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

### 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](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)

### 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](https://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.

### St James Book Group 9/23 at 7PM

The St James Book Group is reading "Girl, Woman, Other" by Bernardine Evaristo in September. This novel won the Booker Prize in 2019 and the committee described it as "passionate, razor-sharp, brimming with energy and humor." The author is the first black woman to win the prize and the story revolves around a diverse set of characters. Please join us for a virtual book discussion on Wednesday, September 23 at 7PM. Copies of the book, provided by the Manitoowoc Public Library interlibrary loan service, are available. 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 1-872-240-3311  
When prompted for Access Code, enter 767 682 277 #  
If prompted for Audio Pin, enter #

Join by computer or other device: [go.mysjec.com/bookgroup](https://go.mysjec.com/bookgroup)

### Meals On Wheels & Hope House September updates

St James Episcopal Church is scheduled to volunteer at Hope House during the week of September 20 – 26. Any members or friends can help.

- ◆ Hope House volunteers are needed to staff the "Evening Host" 5PM—8PM shift, and to provide a meal for the residents on either September 14 or 17. Everyone at Hope House wears masks in the common areas, and residents do not enter the volunteer office. If you care to provide a meal for the residents it can be dropped off at the door without entering the building. We share our Hope House week with Lakeshore United Methodist Church.
- ◆ Hope House is currently hosting 7 adults and 14 children, including six children under the age of 2 years old. They are in need of diapers (sizes 4 and 5)! They can always use 30-gallon garbage bags, disposable gloves, disinfecting wipes, and multi-purpose cleaning spray. Items may be dropped off at the door during normal business hours, and even on the weekends – just press the doorbell and staff or a volunteer with buzz you into the entry way.

Volunteers over the age of 65 are permitted. Please call Anne Schuette (920-242-2819) if you would like to volunteer and represent St James in September. Thanks!

### 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 Manitoowoc County.

## Vestry Notes—updated 9/18

- ◆ 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 835 as of September 18, up from 664 on September 10. Current active cases increased to 406.** The lowest number of positives have been in those 76-85 and 85+; the highest have been 25-35 and 56-65.

## Vestry Meeting Tue 9/22 at 6:30PM

The Vestry will hold a regular business meeting using **Zoom video conferencing** on Tuesday, September 22 starting at 6:30PM. Guests from the congregation are welcome to attend. **The Vestry asks that all guests also have their video cameras active throughout the meeting.** Use the following link at any time to register for the meeting (you'll automatically be emailed a personal link to use to connect to the meeting):

[go.mysjec.com/vestry](https://go.mysjec.com/vestry)

We'll have a somewhat focused Agenda, with topics including:

- ◆ Opening prayer
- ◆ Bible study
- ◆ Ecumenical Ministry Group update
- ◆ Update on building projects
- ◆ Update on Painting Pathways Clubhouse construction and planning for future transition out of building.
- ◆ Diocesan Convention update and planning
- ◆ Updates from Diocesan COVID Task Force
- ◆ Stewardship campaign
- ◆ St James Tree of Life—review plans
- ◆ Approving minutes & receiving financial reports
- ◆ Closing prayer

If you have any questions, please contact Amma Diane.

*Your St James Episcopal Church Vestry is also 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.*

**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 (member/ 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, 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, Len & Margaret, Hugh, Geri, Candace, Ray, Joan, Jane, Mollie, Clarence & Liese, Lori, Sharon, Toby and family with prayers for healing for Toby's father Walter, Chris, Jim, Mary Jean, Jim, Tim, Becky, Geno, Jim, Jim and his co-workers, Peter, Stephen, Mary, Bronson and family Bart, Jen & Torin, Chris's sister Vicki

**Guidance/Discernment:** Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Scott, Margaret, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Tom, 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 Peter's, Sheboygan Falls and St Paul's Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South 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:** 9/23 Jill & Mayra Short. **Birthdays:** 9/1 Miguel Oropeza; 9/3 Sudi Johnson; 9/7 Hugh Foster; 9/7 Mel Ouradnik; 9/13 Cameron Essert; 9/15 Sean Essert; 9/26 Glenn Davidowich; 9/26 Mary Jean Reckelberg.

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

## First-hand accounts from The Beloved Community — shared by Anne Schuette

Dan and I have experienced the Beloved Community first-hand this summer. A new organization in Manitowoc – Lakeshore's United Visionaries (LUV) – has created these opportunities. When we attend LUV events, we are a welcomed part of a diverse group of people of all ages, races, and abilities. We've participated in vigils, bike rides, bar-b-ques and even the first Juneteenth celebration ever in our county. All of these opportunities create a peaceful, kind, and loving atmosphere in Manitowoc. Dan has attended many organizational meetings and reports that this group is full of the energy of young people, who are also concerned about safe gatherings and fair treatment for all. A number of faith leaders, law enforcement officers, and elected officials from Manitowoc and Two Rivers regularly take part in events organized by LUV. The next major event for LUV is a Unity March, scheduled for Sunday, September 27. Please give me a call (920-242-2819) if you would like more first-hand information about LUV, or for details about the Unity March.

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