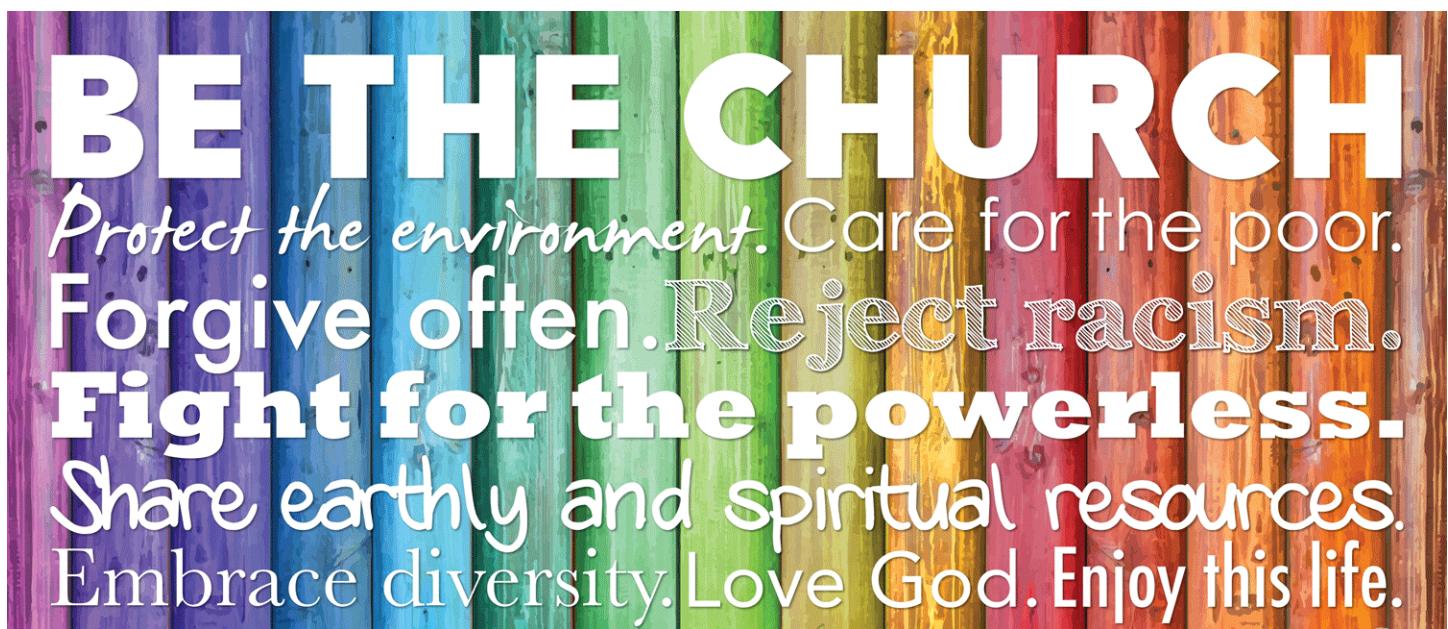


Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!

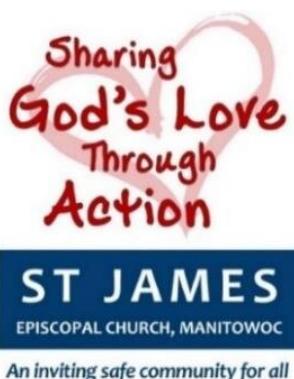
- Masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice.
- Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament.*)

This Worship service will be live streamed on YouTube. If you have privacy concerns for yourself or your child(ren), please let Tony Karl or an usher know so we may accommodate you. Our current and previous videos may be viewed online live or any time after : go.mysjec.com/youtube



10AM Worship with Communion – February 12, 2023

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany



Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 —Bob Feller; 2 —Mary Green; 3 — Chris Eggert-Rosenthal
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Mark Hunner
<i>Acolyte</i>	Richard Hall
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev'd Brian Staude (Pastor Brian)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl
<i>Pianist</i>	Barb Cook
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Eleanor Agnew
<i>Vestry counters/open/close</i>	Tony Karl & Chris Couris

We are an inclusive community of faith that welcomes and celebrates diversity in age, race, nation of origin, citizenship status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social status, political view, background, ability level, marital status, and anything else that makes us unique. Whatever your reason for coming, we are glad you are here!

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If you would like to know more about the life, mission, or ministries of St James Episcopal Church, please talk to any member of our Vestry (church council):

Wardens (council leaders): Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green

Vestrypersons: Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl

Clerk: Tony Karl *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor

All the words you will need are in this bulletin: Text that the people say is prefaced with "People" or "All" and is in a **bold font**. All song lyrics are also in this bulletin.

Wi-Fi access: Look for our networks beginning with **CBCI-77B0** and enter password **build7443guitar**; we encourage you to share pictures and posts on social media.

Worship/Liturgy Sources: Our worship is based on the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP--the red hardcover book in the pew rack), the *Book of Occasional Services*, the *Enriching Our Worship series*—the primary liturgical resources authorized by General Convention of The Episcopal Church—supplemented by occasional other resources. You may find additional prayers in the BCP on pages 832-834 helpful for personal devotion before, during, and after worship (especially prayers 64-69 and 57-61). If you'd like a BCP for your own use at home, the church can provide one for you—please talk to Tony Karl.

Children: Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Activity bags are available in the back of the church. A changing station is available in the restroom in the atrium just outside the sanctuary.

Hearing Loop: Our Hearing Loop system enables people with hearing loss to better hear sounds through our sound system. If you can set your hearing aid to a T or M/T setting, audio from our sound system will be received directly by your device (70% of aids have this feature). If your aid does not have this option, or you do not wear a hearing aid, there are a few portable headsets available in the back of the church.

 **Please share your prayer requests with us:** All are invited to share their prayer requests so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. Please add requests to the Prayers of the People clipboard (you can simply use first names on requests... God knows our needs). If you'd like a prayer lifted up for multiple weeks, please fill out a prayer request slip found at the back of the church.

We worship with our bodies: You'll notice that some of us may sit, stand, and kneel at various points in the service. Some of us may make the sign of the cross or bow now and then. Some may clap, raise their hands, or tap their feet. All of these movements are traditions from various parts of our Christian heritage—none are required, none are frowned upon. All are welcome to express whatever movements they might find meaningful in worship. Some instructions are printed throughout this bulletin—you may also observe what others do. None of these movements are a requirement: if you prefer not to use them, don't worry about it—God doesn't.

Restrooms/Layout/Accessibility: A handicapped-accessible restroom is located in the atrium just outside the sanctuary (next to the elevator.) Another restroom is located on the lower level. The atrium gives access to the lower level and upper level by stairs or elevator. The worship space and chapel are located on the upper level. The office, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

The Rev'd Diane M Murray retired on 12/31 after more than 13 years as our pastor. During our transition and search process, we'll arrange a mix of supply (substitute) clergy and also make use of our option for lay-led worship (more prevalent in The Episcopal Church prior to 1980). Our Celebrant today is The Rev'd Brian Staude. Pastor Brian is ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The Episcopal Church has a "full communion" relationship with the ELCA, which allows us to share clergy.

>Welcome! *The Celebrant welcomes the people.*

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **Earth Has Many A Noble City** [Hymnal #127]

Earth has many a noble city; Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:
out of thee the Lord from heaven came to rule his Israel.

Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told his birth,
to the world its God announcing seen in fleshly form on earth.

Eastern sages at his cradle make oblations rich and rare;
see them give, in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth, myrrh his sepulcher foreshows.

Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped at thy glad epiphany,
unto thee, with God the Father and the Spirit, glory be.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN!**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **AMEN!**

♪ **Gloria, Gloria** *Sung several times; may be sung as a round* [Renew #64]

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: Trad, adapt Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier ©1979 Les Presses de Taizé/GIA Publ. All rights reserved.

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Sirach chapter 15, verses 15 through 20.

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Reader 1 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Unison Reading

Reader 1 Let us read in unison Psalm 119, verses 1 through 8.

All **Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Happy are they who observe God's decrees and seek the Lord with all their hearts! Who never do any wrong, but always walk in holy ways. You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them. Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes! Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments. I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments. I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of First Corinthians chapter 3, verses 1 through 9.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose,

and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader 2 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand as the Celebrant moves to the center aisle.

Gospel

Matthew 5. 21-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated as the Celebrant returns to the front.

Sermon Pastor Brian

All who are able, please stand.

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.
All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN!

Prayers of the People

Reader 3 Sisters and brothers, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world.
People God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.
Reader 3 We pray for the entire Body of Christ, especially for the clergy and people of The Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and St James Episcopal Church.
People Flame of abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.

Reader 3 We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.

People **Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach, and nurture your disciples.**

Reader 3 We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch.

People **Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.**

Reader 3 We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

People **Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.**

Reader 3 We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life, and waters around us.

People **Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.**

Reader 3 We lift up the prayers of our church family, including those on our prayer lists and those we remember now silently or aloud... *The people offer additional prayers at this time.* ...God of radiant light, your love illuminates our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask.

People **Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us.**

Reader 3 Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All **AMEN!**

Reader 3 We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
You may remain standing or kneel for the confession prayer.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN!**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **AMEN!**

Please be seated. Those with birthdays or anniversaries, please come forward at this time. If you would like a prayer for healing, travel, or any other needs, please let the Celebrant know.

Celebrant At this time, I invite anybody who has or will be celebrating a birthday or anniversary to come forward to the rail. I also invite you to come forward if you need prayer for healing, travel, or another need.

The following prayers are said even if nobody present is celebrating.

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

All **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!**

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

All **O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!**

The Celebrant blesses each one individually, then offers this general blessing.

Celebrant To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

All **AMEN!**

Passing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We share God's love with others from a distance with verbal greetings, waving, peace sign, etc.

Please be seated.

Announcements *All giving announcements: please use a mic for our friends online.*

Celebrant Anybody who has an announcement, please move toward the lectern or use one of the handheld microphones.

Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves

Gifts and offerings may be left in the offering plate, mailed/dropped off at church, or sent through your bank. There are online giving options on our web site mySJEC.com/donate. We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

Celebrant Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

People Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.

The bread and wine are carried to the altar as the music begins.

All who are able, please stand.

♪ Before I Take the Body of My Lord

1 Be - fore I take the bod - y of my Lord, be - fore I
 2 The words of hope I of - ten failed to give, the prayers of
 3 The nar - row - ness of vi - sion and of mind, the need for
 4 Of those a - round in whom I meet my Lord, I ask their
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, com - pan - ion at this feast, I emp - ty

share his life in bread and wine, I rec - og - nize the
 kind - ness bur - ied by my pride, the signs of care I
 oth - er folk to serve my will, and ev - ery word and
 par - don and I grant them mine, that ev - ery con - tra -
 now my heart and stretch my hands, and ask to meet you

sor - ry things with - in: these I lay down.
 ar - gued out of sight: these I lay down.
 si - lence meant to hurt: these I lay down.
 dic - tion of Christ's peace might be laid down.
 here in bread and wine which you lay down.

Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of

pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,

all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who

comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!

Setting: PICARDY, French carol; arr Kimberly Bracken Long

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ the Lord will come again.

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

A - - - men, a - - - men.

A - - - men, a - - - men.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. AMEN!

Breaking Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

♪ We Will Take What You Offer

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We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word; we will love one an -

- oth - er and be fed by you Lord. We will take what you of - fer, we will

live by your word; we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you Lord.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At this time, the Celebrant will extend the invitation to communion to all present and give instructions as needed. The bread is all gluten-free. You may drink from the common cup or dip the bread into the bowl on the right. Visitors are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

All who are able, please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN!

Prayer for our Time of Transition

by Linda C Smith-Criddle

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for our time of transition.

All Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism, when confronted by "the new" and to guard us against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN!

Blessing

Celebrant May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

♪ Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

[Hymnal #376]

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
 Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
 Giver of immortal gladness fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays;
 stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
 chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
 well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
 teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Words: Henry Van Dyke, 1907. Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824.

Sending

Celebrant Go forth bearing the Light of Christ to the world! Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Thank you for celebrating with us today! Please join us downstairs after our chat for refreshments, snacks, and conversation.

Our special offering in the month of February is the Rector's Discretionary Fund; please label gifts accordingly.



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An inviting safe community for all

Recurring Schedule

Discover & Grow Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

Sundays at 8:30 are one of our chances to discover & grow together. We are engaging in a series on the Parables of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. Join us any weeks you are able! We'll have a rotation of facilitators.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy
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]

Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on YouTube (*video links are also shared on Facebook*): go.mysjec.com/youtube

Fellowship—Sundays at 11:15AM (in-person)

Please join us downstairs after worship each week for refreshments, snacks, and conversation. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week.

Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Friday
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Amma Diane retired 12/31/2022

The Rev'd Diane Murray retired on December 31 after serving as our Rector since 2009. The Wardens and Vestrypersons are responsible for the continued functioning of St James, especially our Senior Warden, Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal. If you have any pastoral needs (hospitalization, visit, emergency, etc) or other questions about the church, contact Chris (*info above*).

We will have a mix of supply clergy and lay-led worship format that we have available in The Episcopal Church.

For a building problem, contact Chris. If you can't reach her and it's urgent, call Dave Haefke (920-860-4127).

If you have any info for St James Weekly, please get that to Tony Karl (info@mysjec.com) by Tuesday evenings.

Please return 2023 Giving Estimates

Please turn in your 2023 Giving Estimates as soon as possible. Extra estimate cards are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your financial support!

St James Weekly

for the week starting February 12, 2022

For pastoral needs & other church needs

Please contact Senior Warden Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal at 334-546-4282 (*please leave a voicemail if no answer*) or cno1101@yahoo.com. She will help connect you to the right people.

UPDATED! Annual Meeting 2/19; nominations received

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on Sunday, February 19. At this meeting we review and celebrate our progress, discuss our clergy transition, review our budget, and hold elections for Trustees and Convention delegates and alternates. A nomination form and report has been available since December 11. We received one nominee for each position by the February 5 deadline. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting. Nominations received:

Trustee (2) — Mike Laughrin & Sherry Paszkiewicz (we needed a second due to Hugh Foster's passing).

Delegate (2) - Nick Doszkewycz & Marian Doszkewycz

Alternates (2) - Eleanor Agnew & Ron Hansen

Dine & Discuss 2/21—please sign up

We gather in the Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday of each month from 6-8PM for our Dine & Discuss series. This is an opportunity for us to enjoy food and fellowship as well as learning about and discussing various topics of interest. Thanks to all who participated in our January Dine & Discuss with our friends from L.U.V.!

On Tuesday, February 21, we'll gather from 6-8PM for a potluck meal and our topic will be Lent. We'll learn about and share our own stories and memories about this special season of preparation for Easter. Please sign up on the sheet in church. **It is Shrove Tuesday, so pancakes, bacon, sausage, baked goods, and other rich foods are a tradition for the evening before Ash Wednesday.** (If anybody would like to coordinate a more organized meal prep for the evening, please let us know. In March we'll be joined again by L.U.V. Let Tony Karl know if you have topic ideas for March, or any other questions about our Dine & Discuss series.

Ash Wednesday community worship 2/22 at 6:30PM

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. St James Episcopal Church will be joining with our siblings in faith from various churches to mark this special day. First Presbyterian Church (502 N 8th, across the street from us) is this year's hosts for the 17th annual ecumenical Ash Wednesday worship service on February 22 starting at 6:30PM. Worship will include imposition of ashes, the symbolic reminder of our humanity and mortality: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

UPDATED! Vestry Notes

- Thank you to all who attended the monthly Congregational Chat on 2/5. We had a great conversation about homelessness and hunger in our community, including your stories and ideas.
- The search process is officially under way. The Search Committee for our next Rector will be Glenn Davidowich, Marian Doszkewycz, Bob Feller, Mary Green, and Stephen Phillips. Consultant Cathy Cowling from our diocese will be their guide, and is coordinating their first gathering.
- Even if you aren't on the Search Committee, there will be multiple opportunities for input in both survey and chat formats. Likely beginning late Spring.
- Thank you for helping us welcome Pastor Brian Staude as a supply priest with us for the first time on January 22. Pastor Brian is a local ELCA priest and will be back as part of our supply rotation, along with other Episcopal priests from our diocese.
- Thank you all for continuing to be part of this journey and for all the things you do, known and unknown.

Help for the Homeless hygiene drive through 3/12

The annual "Help for the Homeless" hygiene supply drive runs through March 12 and we can join in the effort. Place personal hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, and deodorant in the box at church through March 13 (a full list of needs is posted on the box). The donations will be distributed to local programs and shelters which benefit the homeless and others.

UPDATED! Devotional booklets available

The next quarterly issues of the *Forward Day by Day* daily devotional booklets are available in regular and large print size. If you'd like a copy dropped off/mailed please email info@mysjec.com or leave a voicemail at church.

Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in these different ways. Checks can be left in the offering plate, or mailed to/dropped off at the church. You can also set up payments through your bank or donate online at mysjec.com/donate. Please contact Amma Diane if you need help connecting to assistance or resources. **Our special offering for the month of February goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund—please label accordingly.**

UPDATED! Bishop Matt's series of teachings

Our 2022 Diocesan Convention requested our bishop provide a series of teachings on the issue of abortion, including consideration of Episcopal Church General Convention resolutions addressing the issue as they recognize the theological, moral, legal, personal and societal complexity involved. **His third installment is now available at the link below.** Several printed copies are available on the info center in the back of the sanctuary, along with the previous update. Bishop Matt invites feedback. anoddworkofgrace.blogspot.com



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!

UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Geno, Bonnie T, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven G, Mary G, Vicki, Matthew C, Shelley R, Brian M, Sharon L, Karen K, Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Richard H, James B, Jenny M, Sean D, Connie, Janet P, Leah S, Carol & family, Blake H, Vicar Rodger Patience, Pat K, Mary Ann F, Linda Molitor & Family, Nella, Marty, Liz Foster & Family..

Guidance & Discernment: Tim K, Kurt H, Ronald B, Alison H, Susie M, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Keagan, Mike & Michelle S.

Serving in the Military: Jordan, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Marshall, Jacob, Jack.

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar, Turkey, Syria and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Agnes, Algoma; St. Augustine Mission, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the triologue taking place among them. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. People at the Warming Shelter. 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 violence, 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 pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat; may we help to keep food available to all.

We offer thanks for: Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt 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 Bishop Osiward Mapika, 2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo.

We Pray for the Departed: Bill F, Audrey & Clayton, Pat H, Myrna H, Cindy C, Joe L, Paul M, Deena G, Shirley O, Margaret & Leonard, Jack W, James Landgraf (father of Linda Molitor), Hugh Foster, and all who have died..

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 2/10 Rick Roubal, 2/14 Candace Groth, 2/20 Mark Hunner, 2/21 Marian Flint, 2/27 Richard Hall, 2/28 Kim Kaufmann, 2/28 Levi Short

Anniversaries: 2/14 Tony Karl & Chris Couris

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please send an email (info@mysjec.com) or leave a voicemail (920.684.8256).

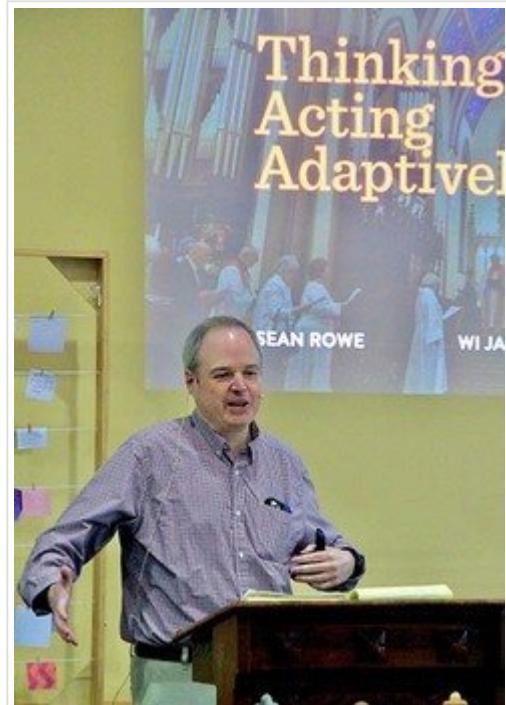
News

News brief on Trialogue meeting January 14

2/2/2023

Members of the Trialogue task forces and steering committee gathered for the first time in person Saturday, January 14, in Stevens Point to hear a presentation on adaptive leadership and change by the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Pennsylvania and bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York, followed by a round-table discussion on their respective work so far and the challenges and opportunities ahead. Hosting the gathering was the Beloved Community, the joint Episcopal/Lutheran ministry of Episcopal Church of the Intercession and Redeemer Lutheran Church pastored by the Rev. Jane Johnson.

Bishop Rowe noted that exploring the reunification of three dioceses is a major adaptive challenge, one that requires stakeholders—the people of the dioceses—to identify the nature of the challenge and its solution. Adaptive problems, he said, are distinct from technical problems, which are challenges we understand clearly and know how to solve, even if the solution is complicated. Heart surgery, he said, is a technical problem; although it is complicated, a heart surgeon has the required expertise. But discerning the role of the institutional church in the 21st century is adaptive: no expert has the answer, so we have to figure it out together.



Because an adaptive problem has no known solution, it requires developing a process that helps people manage and distribute loss, he said. "With adaptive change, you are asking people to change values, behaviors, and beliefs," he said, "much of which was hard won," and therefore run the risk of sparking resistance. Only by engaging the stakeholders can the church move forward.

"We're going to ask you to give something up for a missional wager," Rowe said, offering a suggestion about

EPISCOPAL WISCONSIN TRIALOGUE



“THIS VISION for our children and grandchildren, for future generations. This is bigger than ourselves.”

In envisioning a reunified diocese, Rowe cautioned against confusing technical problems with adaptive challenges. He offered, as cautionary tales, the Episcopal Church’s major church growth and evangelism initiatives such as the Decade of Evangelism program in the 1990s and the 20/20 initiative in the first two decades of the 2000s. “They were taking adaptive problems and throwing technical solutions at it and then doubling down,” he said. Not surprisingly, little came out of either initiative.

“This is critical mission-focused work that you are taking on,” Rowe told the task force members. “That means exercising leadership that challenges but also listens to stakeholders, leadership that can acknowledge and learn from failure. Not everyone will sign on so success may be measured at no more than 90 percent support.

During the round table discussion, Bishop Rowe emphasized the fluid nature of adaptive change. Not every question will have an answer during this exploration. Some matters may require ongoing discernment after the three dioceses commit to reunification, he noted. “The most important step is to continue to clarify the ‘why,’” he said, encouraging the task force members to view their work as an effort to “create a container where mission can flourish.”

Among the suggestions from task force members during the round-table conversation were more regular sharing of information among the task forces and direct communication to church members about the work being done by the task forces.

Several task force members shared their hopes for the Trialogue in interviews during the lunch break. The Rev. Jane Johnson, a member of the Culture and Mission Task Force, said she hoped that members of the three dioceses recognize the need for adaptive change, “instead of just avoiding it or fearing it,” and realize that we are being given the tools to meet adaptive challenge.

The Rev. Chris Corbin, also of the Culture and Mission Task Force, said he hoped for a reunited Wisconsin diocese “that is committed to common mission, committed to resource sharing, and is committed to thinking about how we can actively work for this ministry of reconciliation that has been entrusted to us as Christians.”

Trust was the focus for Sister Barbara Jean Brown of the Prayer and Discernment Task Force. “My hope,” she said “is that we will really come to trust each other, to trust the process and trust where we feel God is leading us, whether that is to be one diocese of Wisconsin or to remain as three separate dioceses. My personal hope is that we join together.”

“My hope is that everyone is heard,” said the Rev. Julie Hendrix of the Parish and Regional Engagement Task Force, and that “the Holy Spirit leads us on the mission that God would have us do.” She said she also hopes that whatever the outcome is with the October vote on reunification “we will realize that we are still on a journey and that the journey doesn’t end in October.”

Reported by David Skidmore, Communications Task Force



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News from Province V - February 2023

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Opening Prayer

We weep for the gun violence

Gracious Lord who loves us so perfectly, help us to better love you and each other. We weep for the gun violence that kills children and so many others, where guns replaced prayers and homes without you bred frustration. May hearts be changed through your Holy Spirit that justice, mercy, money and, yes, even guns might be used rightly under Heaven, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

by Episcopal Diocese of Newark
[Prayers to Stop Gun Violence \(slife.org\)](#)



Calling all young adults! The campus ministries of Province V invite you to a 24 hour retreat at the Potawatomi Inn located in the beautiful Pokagon State Park of Indiana. This retreat will explore the theology of play through worship, discussion, games, and even a toboggan run! If you'd like to participate in the outdoor activities, bring some winter clothes as there are trails as well to explore in the park! Come, get away from the hustle and bustle of school life for 24 hours in a winter wonderland!

[Registration and information](#)

If cost is a barrier, please email Rev. Ben Adams at ben@togethercommunity.org for financial aid. We don't want money to prevent you from attending!

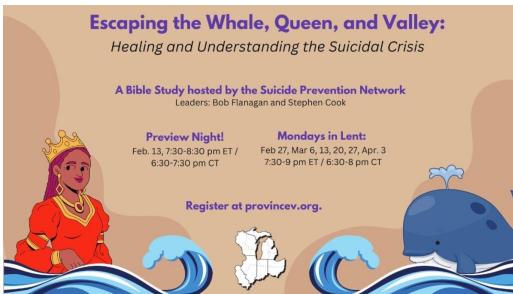
Godly Play Core Training

February 3-5, 2023 in Birmingham, Michigan

The Godly Play Core Training is the recommended training for every adult leading Godly Play sessions (years 1-3 of practice), for administrators, and for clergy. Over the course of three days led by Godly Play practitioners, participants will experience all aspects of the Godly Play method and begin to become fluent in the Godly Play core stories and fundamental practices. Additionally, Godly Play's guiding Theology of Childhood is introduced, so participants become more deeply connected to their work.

Core training follows an action/reflection model of learning with a mixture of trainer-led presentations and participant storytelling presentations. Core training plenary presentations cover: the Spirituality of the Child, Setting up a Godly Play Environment, and Supporting the Circle of Children.

The first session begins February 3rd at 4:30pm. The final session will end February 5th at 5pm.
[Registration](#)
[Hotel block](#)



Bible Study

Escaping the Whale, Queen, and Valley: Healing and Understanding the Suicidal Crisis

A Virtual Lenten Bible Study
Mondays in Lent: Feb 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3
7:30-9 pm ET / 6:30-8 pm CT

[Registration](#)
[Facebook Event](#)

Preview Night!

Monday, February 13, 2023, 7:30 pm ET / 6:30 pm CT

Want to learn more before you sign up to participate?

Attend the Preview Night, meet the instructors, and learn a bit more about this resource.

Simply [click here](#) to join this 30-45 minute event

Description

What if we told you that the usual thinking about suicide in the Bible is wrong? This six-part Bible study will dive deep into several classic Hebrew Scripture events to uncover an innovative approach to suicide ideation and crisis. Using the stories from Jonah, Elijah, Ezekiel, and the Psalms, we will see the lives of these crucial individuals anew when they were in despair and darkness. We will also discover how God returned them to a place of light, love, and hope.

With the support of a dedicated website, you will engage the text in compelling ways. Each session will explore a biblical text. Afterward, we will engage in a lively discussion, allowing you to ask relevant questions and consider new ways to help people amid mental health crises. By the end of our study, you will be armed with biblical texts and tools to reframe your thoughts about suicide and the Bible.

Creators and Leaders

Stephen L. Cook is the Catherine N. McBurney Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature at Virginia Theological Seminary, the largest seminary in the worldwide Anglican Communion. He has been a Bible professor for three decades. He is the author or editor of a dozen books, including an Anchor Yale Bible Commentary on Ezekiel's Apocalypse and Utopian Vision of a New Temple and Land. He is a co-author of a new Fortress Press textbook: *The Prophets: Introducing Israel's Prophetic Writings* (Fortress, 2022). Stephen has served in several capacities as an officer of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), including as a Regional Coordinator for the guild and as the Program Unit Chair of SBL sections. You can learn more at drstephencook.com

Robert D. Flanagan has been a priest in the Diocese of New York for two decades, serving large and small congregations and helping parishes with their priestly transitions. Bob is also Chaplain at General Theological Seminary and Dean's Advisor and Teaching Fellow at Virginia Theological Seminary. He is an author of books on spirituality and mental health and the mystical writings in First and Second Peter. In addition, Bob has also been a volunteer for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, where he has served on local boards, been a legislative advocate at the local, state, and national levels, and has been an advisor on religious programs.

[Register](#) to receive your personal link and reminders

All those who register will receive reminders and materials. Because of the sensitive nature of the conversation, these sessions will not be recorded. Come when you are able to participate in this new resource.

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Lenten Materials

The Episcopal Church Resources

Creation Justice Ministries

Creation Justice Ministries offers a free downloadable Lenten resource with daily entries "designed to help you and your community take time during the Lenten season to learn, reflect, repent, ask God for forgiveness, and take concrete steps to change course in order to better care for creation." Get it [here](#).

Episcopal Relief and Development Lenten Meditations

United Thank Offering

daily text message reminder to practice gratitude: sign up [here](#).
Lenten Book Club: Wednesdays, 12 noon ET: [register](#)

Living Compass - Lent 2023 Devotional

Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind
Each year, tens of thousands of individuals across various denominations use our daily devotionals to help them prepare for the coming of Easter. Faith communities also use the devotionals for Lent programs (including online), classes, small-group discussions, and retreats with the help of our FREE downloadable and printable Facilitator's Guide. Below you will find multiple ways to engage these resources, either as an individual, or as a lay or clergy leader.

[Ordering information](#)

Creation Care Event

Rooted in Soil and Grounded in Faith: Resources for Sustained Creation Care

Weekend Retreat and Workshop

May 5 - 7, 2023

[Nazareth Retreat Center](#), Nazareth, KY 40048

Hosted by: Provinces IV and V Creation Care Networks

This weekend retreat will engage those involved in ministries of creation care in deeper theological study, sharing of resources and ideas, opportunity for fellowship, nature contemplation, and spiritual renewal. The weekend event will include presentations, conversations, nature walks, and prayer on the beautiful grounds of the Sisters of Nazareth convent in Nazareth, Kentucky.

All those interested in creation care (from any province) are invited to participate. Cost: \$50 (included meals, scholarships available)

For more information and registration, go to event registration page at:
<https://www.provincev.org/creation2023event.html>

Deep Green Faith: Job Posting

The Center for Deep Green Faith

New Position Posting: Administrative and Communications Assistant
10 hours / week

The successful candidate should have good organizational skills, with experience in digital operations such as Constant Contact, website management, YouTube, and basic graphic design. Additional skills in publicity and social media preferred. A proven interest in faith-inspired earth care is desirable.

[All the details](#)

ECF's Resources for Vitality and Innovation

Need fresh ideas to enliven your ministries this new year? The Episcopal Church Foundation's (ECF) [resources for vitality and innovation](#) equip leaders to partner and bring about transformation and positive change in our communities. All are available at low- or no-cost, such as the award-winning Vital Practices website, ecfp.org, a treasure-trove of articles and tools on all things church. Equip your new vestry with copies of the [Vestry Resource Guide \(VRG\)](#) and the [Finance Resource Guide \(FRG\)](#). The VRG is an essential tool to help vestries focus on what God is calling them to do in the world with information and recommendations for congregations of all shapes and sizes. The FRG offers in-depth financial management practices and principles promoting year 'round, theologically driven stewardship. Read more [here](#).



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Feeling Stuck? Don't Go It Alone! Executive Coaching can get you some traction!

Solo pastoring can feel like driving without a GPS in the best of times. Add the “weather” of constantly evolving challenges from the economy and health policy, and the road conditions of leadership transition and congregational exhaustion, and the work intensifies. Give yourself the gift of support this winter. Monthly sessions with a coach can put snow tires on your ministry and a road map in your hand. You set the destination— coaching means you don’t have to plan your route alone.

Coaches are here to support you! Coaches are available to ALL leaders – clergy and lay. You can be coached individually, create a group of people, or bring a team together for creating shared goals and plans. Any of them will offer an introductory session so you can together discern if you are a good fit. If you work in a rural area, you might qualify for free coaching. Find out more and explore coaching with a trained leadership coach! <https://www.provincenv.org/lcp.html>

For information on LCP Coach training or to discuss Coaching with one of the LCP Trained Coaches, visit [this website](#) or contact Province V Coordinator Heather Barta at provincocoordinator@gmail.com or (989) 413-3229.



Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church

April 26-29, 2023 - in person gathering

"From Basement to Sanctuary, Recovery and the Church"

Keynote speaker: Stephen R. Haynes, author of ["Why Can't Church be more like an AA Meeting? And other questions Christians ask about Recovery?"](#)

location: Barbara C Harris Conference Center, Greenfield, NH

[Details](#)

[Email](#)



Episcopal Parish Network

Mar 8-11, 2023 - Annual Conference
Jacksonville, FL

The Episcopal Parish Network (EPN) invites you to join us in Jacksonville, Florida, for unparalleled connection, learning, and networking at our 38th Annual Conference—the largest and most anticipated annual conference in the Episcopal Church.

As the Church responds to a shifting cultural landscape, including economic uncertainty, persistent racial inequities, unprecedented health challenges, and disruptive climate change, the need for vital, parish ministry responsive to local communities has never been greater. Join EPN as we bring together over 800 lay and clergy attendees to confront and address important questions including:

How do we engage with, respond to, and nurture our communities as part of our Christian witness? What is a calming presence for those we can foster? When are we called to take uncomfortable positions, and speak out as we live into our baptismal covenant? How do we serve and lead to strengthen local ministry?

We will explore these questions through provocative keynote conversations, engaging role-based pre-conferences, and compelling workshops. Besides deep learning, the conference will offer a great opportunity to network with friends and colleagues.

[Registration and Information](#)
[Printable Flyer](#)

Address Human Trafficking

A note from the Episcopal Public Policy Network:
[Tell Congress to Continue Addressing Human Trafficking](#)

January was National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Human trafficking offends the dignity of every human person. It destroys families, communities, and individual lives. Christians have a solemn obligation to oppose human trafficking in every way we can. Federal lawmakers have rightly made human trafficking a legislative priority. We applaud Congress for passing [S.3946, the Abolish Human Trafficking Reauthorization Act of 2022](#). This bipartisan legislation reauthorizes the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2017. It implements vital provisions to end the criminalization of child

trafficking victims. The bill also reforms current standards for child sex crime victims facing prosecution within the adult criminal justice system. It allows judges to depart from harsh punishments for child victims and helps state, local, and tribal child welfare agencies to identify and respond to vulnerable children at risk of trafficking.

The Episcopal Church has a long history of supporting action against human trafficking. Our opposition to trafficking and modern slavery is rooted in our baptismal promise to "respect the dignity of every human being." Building a beloved community requires us to stand against all forms of exploitation. As St. Paul the Apostle wrote in the New Testament, "for freedom Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1). We are committed to advocating at the federal level for more action to set human trafficking victims free to live the lives of freedom God intends for them.

[Read more and take action](#)

Young Adult Service Corps, 2023-24

Episcopal Church Young Adult Service Corps opens applications for 2023-24

Applications are now being accepted for 2023-24 placements; the deadline to apply online is Feb. 1. Selected applicants will be invited to an in-person discernment retreat at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York, March 22-26; final candidates will attend a two-week cross-cultural orientation session in June.

[Application](#)

Networking Conversations

Province V's work in the world is to "Connect. Network. Support." Networks exist for people to gather around areas of interest and share resources with each other. Sometimes, networks host webinars to share information and sometimes they develop new resources to support leaders in their local contexts.

There are a number of networks meeting regularly and several that are just getting organized. Most network meetings last about 60 minutes. See their webpages or email their contact for more information.

For a full list of Networks and other Affiliated Organizations, visit the [Province V website](#).

Anti-Human Trafficking

*This network is on hiatus.
Look for special events.*

Magdalene House, Chicago - Online Shop now live!

Support this amazing organization by [ordering from their new shop!](#)
Like their [Facebook Page](#)!

Archivists

Date of next meeting: **Mar 13**, 11 am ET / 10 am CT
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89950734030> (password: 5)
Convenor: [Newland Smith](#), Chicago
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/archivist.html>

Creation Care

Date of next meeting: **Feb 13**, 1 pm ET / 12 noon CT
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82932843412> (password: 5)
Contact: [Heather Barta](#) (while the convenor is on sabbatical for the fall)
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/creation.html>

SAVE THE DATE!

Creation Care Event!
Rooted in Soil and Grounded in Faith: Resources for Sustained Creation Care
May 5, 4 pm - May 7 12 noon, 2023

Nazareth, KY (fly into Louisville)
[Registration and more information](#)

The Center for Deep Green Faith

The Center is hosting monthly webinars and tuition courses for Spring 2023. For registration information, go to: <https://deepgreenfaith.org/events>. Offerings for this Spring include:

Spring Webinars

A Theology of Dirt with Dr. Collin Cornell. Feb 16, 7:30PM Eastern/6:30PM Central.
Our Place in Creation: Genesis, Dominion, Tilling and Keeping with the Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel. March 23, 7:30 eastern/6:30 Central.

Spring Course

Deep Green Faith with The Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel. Five Monday nights, February 27 – March 27, 7:30 p.m. eastern.

A Theology of Dirt with Dr. Collin Cornell. Four Thursday nights, May 4 – 25, 7:30 p.m. eastern.
Subscribe to the Center for Deep Green Faith Newsletter at: <https://deepgreenfaith.org/>

Dismantling Racism

Date of next meeting: **Feb 2**, 1 pm ET / 12 noon CT
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88215961535> (password: 5)
Convenor: [Margaret D'Amico](#), Ohio
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/dismantlingracism.html>

February's event

Sister Veronica Dunbar will lead a time of spiritual reflection and renewal.
"Upholding the Sower: Spiritual Practices for the Good Soil and the Rocky Ground"
February will be meditations and prayers for the ups and downs of anti-racism work using Matthew 13:1-9 as our resource.

March's event

March will be sharing what we've learned from other Dioceses about developing a listening process to engage congregations in reparations work, as well as how we've structured our own listening sessions.

A prayer:

Uproot Racism

Good and gracious God, you invite us to recognize and reverence your divine image and likeness in our neighbor. Enable us to see the reality of racism and free us to challenge and uproot it from our society, our world and ourselves.
This we pray.

[Sisters of Mercy of the Americas](#)

Intergenerational / All-Ages Worship

Date of next meeting: **Apr 19**, 3 pm ET / 2 pm CT
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85736273559> (password: 5)
Convenor: [Miranda Hassett](#), Milwaukee
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/worship.html>

Lay-Led Congregations

Date of next meeting: **Feb 18**, 11 am ET / 10 am CT
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83416490879> (password: 5)
convenor: [Jim Mogensen](#), Michigan
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/layledcongregations.html>

Promoting Lay Leader Wellness: Sharing stories, lifting up challenges, and exploring potential support systems for those in lay-leadership roles. Join the lay-led congregational network as we begin the process of developing effective mutual support systems.

Migration Ministries

Date of next meeting: **Mar 21**, 8 pm ET / 7 pm C
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81246380265> (password: 5)

Conveners: [Silvia Huth](#), Michigan and [Jack Lloyd](#), Chicago
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/migration.html>

March's Guest Speaker:

Ana Reza, Diocese of the Rio Grande
[Rio Grande Borderland](#)

Ana Reza will share the work of the Rio Grande Borderland Ministry in the diocese of the Rio Grande. Their work includes bringing awareness of the need to welcome refugees with dignity by calling people our work in El Paso and the Big Bend area. This ministry is always looking to collaborate locally and nationally with congregations, dioceses and organizations to work to bring God's love and dignity to our borders and beyond.

Ana L. Reza is a first generation, Mexican-American. She was born and raised in El Paso, Tx. A community activist in la Frontera working with issues of fair housing, education, saving our history, militarization of our border and immigrant rights. Currently working for the Diocese of the Rio Grande as their Bridge Chaplain. Is the shelter coordinator of a shelter for asylum seekers at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in El Paso, Tx.

EMM Meeting info

Episcopal Migration Ministry hosts an Asylum and Detention Ministry Network that meets virtually on the fourth Wednesday of every month. The Ministry Network's collaborative work and conversation focus on best practice-sharing in areas of direct service, organizing, advocacy actions, Christian formation and worship resources, and community education to protect asylum, promote humane and dignified alternatives to detention, and to support asylum seekers and those harmed by the immigration detention system. Register to attend meetings [here](#).

Ministry in Resort Communities

Date of next meeting: Mar 14, 11 a E / 10 am C
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84428881442> (password: 5)
Convenor: [Dave Pennington](#), Western Michigan
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/resort.html>

We are changing from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings - still by Zoom.
Feel free to invite others who are serving amid the opportunities and challenges in Resort Communities.



Recovery Ministries

2023 Gathering - Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church
April 26-29, 2023
"From Basement to Sanctuary, Recovery and the Church"
Keynote speaker: Stephen R. Haynes, author of "[Why Can't Church be more like an AA Meeting? And other questions Christians ask about Recovery?](#)"

location: Barbara C Harris Conference Center, Greenfield, NH

[Details](#)

[Email](#)

Suicide Prevention

Date of next meeting: **Feb 15**, 12 pm E / 11 am C
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89411193842> (password 5)
Convenor: [Kathy Mank](#), Southern Ohio
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/suicideprevention.html>

Agenda for Dec meeting:

- Bible Study speaker series
- other helpful programs for 2023?

988 - Call, Text or Chat to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. [Main webpage](#)

This number will continue to work: **1-800-273-TALK** – Talk Save Lives.

Youth

Coordinator: [McKenzie Knill](#), Eastern/Western Michigan
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/youth.html>

Young Adult / Campus Ministry

Date of next meeting: **Feb 16**, 12:30 pm E / 11:30 am C
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85299879711> (password 5)
Convenor: Matthew Lukens, Michigan
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/yacm.html>

Affiliated Organizations

There are a number of organizations affiliated with the Episcopal Church and working across Province V. These groups have a "structure" that is more organized than a network. They have resources and information that is useful in your local ministry contexts.

For a full list of Networks and other Affiliated Organizations, visit the [Province V website](#).

Church Periodical Club



February is Celebration Time

Adult grants due by March 1st. See [website](#) for more information.

Purchase some quilt and afghan tickets
at <http://eqrallyup.com/cpc2023>.

Quilt Raffle!

Our site goes live on February 1st with drawing on March 1st.

This year includes the following:

A Hawaiian quilt (double/full size) made with vintage-print fabrics,
A hand designed and knitted ivory Afghan Double/full size,
and a hand-quilted Mennonite quilt (queen size).
All can be seen on our website.

All proceeds support the continuing work of CPC.

Have a CPC ingathering – A CPC Sunday. Need materials?
[Website](#) has products and order form.

Celebrate on February 24, the birthday of our Founder Mary Ann Fargo.
Host a book club, a gathering of pennies for children's grants, and
learn how CPC supports seminarians thru their seminary.

Grants are for all types for written materials from DVDs to Kindle to magazine and books.
Questions????? Maryfrancis64@gmail.com

Partner's Path

We are expanding to support local clergy spouses' groups in more and more dioceses!
Jan 27 [newsletter](#)
To connect with us and learn more, visit [thepartnerspath.com](#) or email us
at info@thepartnerspath.com

Historical Society of the Episcopal Church

FREE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Become a member of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church for free! A Society benefactor, and member of Province V, will cover the dues of a Regular, Retiree or Student level for any new member from Province V. Act quickly! To learn more about the Historical Society, visit [hsec.us](#). To take

advantage of this offer, send an email to Matthew P. Payne, Director of Operations at administration@hsec.us.



United Thank Offering

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Grant

United Thank Offering invites 2023 annual grants

Five webinars will provide info, answer questions

The United Thank Offering (UTO) Board is pleased to announce the availability of its [2023 UTO Annual Grants](#), with a focus on the worldwide incarceration crisis. These grants are awarded for projects in The Episcopal Church and throughout the Anglican Communion, each year with a different focus.

Grant application deadlines:

- 5 p.m. ET Jan. 6, for Anglican Communion partners
- 5 p.m. ET March 10, for dioceses of The Episcopal Church.

More information—including criteria for applicants, sample budgets and timelines, and helpful hints—as well as application and other forms are available online in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Upcoming Events and webinars

- [Episcopal Parish Network](#) Conference, Mar 8-11, 2023
- [Festival of Homiletics](#) - online and in-person options available
- [Deep Green Faith](#) - monthly webinars and courses
- [Lombard Mennonite Peace Center](#) - many opportunities
- [Education for Ministry](#) - a great course for all people
- [Church Next](#) - They offer a wide variety of courses.
- [Bexley-Seabury Seminary Federation](#) - several upcoming webinars, affinity groups, and courses
 - Review [this newsletter](#) for details.
- [Virginia Theological Seminary](#) - several upcoming webinars
 - You can also see all of their [past seminars on their YouTube Channel](#)
 - Review [this newsletter](#) for details.
- [My Work to Do](#) - a purposeful space for white people to come and learn, listen, reflect and build capacity and stamina to have conversations about race and racism.
- [Episcopal Youth Event](#), July 4-8, 2023

Province V Executive Board

Do you have questions about Province V? Would you like to be more involved in planning the events that are offered at the provincial level? The Executive Board of the Province meets monthly on fourth Fridays at 10 am via zoom.

Contact your [diocesan representative](#) to the Executive Board:
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