



ST JAMES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

St James Weekly **for the week of December 26, 2021**

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COVID precaution: Masks and distancing are currently required for all present for all St James Episcopal Church indoor group activities. Thanks!

Recurring Schedule

Bible Study Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

We are discussing the 13 chapters of 2 Corinthians, which will take us through the end of the year. Use any bible translation(s) you like; no other book/guide needed.

12/26 chapter 13; 1/2 no meeting;

1/9 starts new book discussion (see announcement)

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

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 go.mysjec.com/facebook

12/26: First Sunday of Christmas—Christmas Hymn Sing

1/2: Second Sunday of Christmas

1/9: Baptism of Our Lord

1/16: MLK Observance

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

Join us for a weekly time of conversation after worship in our lower level Fellowship Hall. Due to COVID, we are not having food/drink at this time.

Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM (Zoom)

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

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

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When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #
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When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/friday

NEW! Monthly fellowship gathering 9AM on Sat 1/8

Starting on January 8, 2022, the informal women's & men's fellowship gatherings on the second Saturday of the month will be combined. This is an idea that has been discussed several times in the past 10+ years, and now seems to be the right time to make this change. The combined monthly fellowship gathering will meet at 9AM on Saturday, January 8, and the following second Saturdays of each month. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall at St James (bring your own food/snacks, if you like). A Zoom option will be available for those who can't be present in-person. On January 8 we'll discuss some ideas for how we'd like to proceed together for the next few months. Around mid-year, we'll assess how things have gone and adapt as needed. All are welcome!

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 822 4207 3112#
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/fellowship

Sunday morning book discussion starts 1/9

After we finish 2 Corinthians on 12/26, our Sunday morning 8:30-9:30AM discussion will take a break on 1/2.

On Sunday mornings January 9 through March 13 we'll be discussing the book *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community*. The author is Stephanie Spellers, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation—helping Episcopalians to share the good news and cross boundaries as part of the Jesus Movement. These discussions will help us continue on the conversations we've already been having on Becoming Beloved Community for all. Books are available online, or you may contact Amma Diane for a copy.

NEW! Annual Meeting 1/30/22; nominations open

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on Sunday, January 30, 2022. At this meeting we review and celebrate our progress, discuss goals, review our budget, and hold elections for Wardens, Vestrypersons, Trustees, and Convention delegates and alternates. A nomination form and report has been available since 12/12.

Nominations received so far include:

Senior Warden: Chris Eggert-Rosenthal (for 2nd year)

Junior Warden: Mary Green (for 2nd year)

UPDATED! [Vestry Notes](#)

- ◆ Thank you to everybody who helped decorate our church for the Christmas season, including those who brought nativity scenes to display. It looks beautiful!
- ◆ We are grateful for all the reverse Advent calendar donations received. Peter's Pantry picked up all our non-perishable food and personal care items, which will be distributed to those in need.
- ◆ Thanks to Eleanor Agnew for decorating our entry area bulletin boards for the season.
- ◆ The plaster work and painting on our back Sanctuary wall has been completed. Work is underway in our Chapel. Thanks to Dave Haefke, Pat Hanson, Murray Sim, and Steve Thus!
- ◆ Thank you to everybody who donated cookies, treats, and containers for our Advent deliveries. Thanks also to those who helped prepare and deliver packages on 12/12.
- ◆ The 12/12 deliveries also contained a packet of updates and information from the Vestry, including:
 - ◆ Cover letter with a variety of updates
 - ◆ Stewardship report, 2022 pledge cards, and 2022 capital campaign cards
 - ◆ Nomination report and form in preparation for our Annual Meeting after 10AM Worship on Sunday, January 30, 2022.
 - ◆ Identifying our Gifts, Skills, & Passions form
 - ◆ Updated church Directory
 - ◆ Extras of these materials are available in the church or by contacting Amma Diane

NEW! [MLK events continue 1/8, 1/15, 1/16, & 1/17](#)

Throughout this Fall, we've participated in Manitowoc's MLK Freedom School in honor of The Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr and Mrs Coretta Scott King and their civil and human rights legacy. Events detailed the central focuses of the their lives and how their contributions inspire poor and working people today to build a better world. Our events honoring and learning from MLK's legacy continue in January:

Saturday, January 15, 2022—12:30pm Movie screening (*Selma*) at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday January 16, 2022—1PM March with bridge crossing, From Manitowoc Public Library to First Presbyterian Church, with a speakers talking about Restorative Justice, the Poor People's Campaign, our school district, and more.

Monday, January 17, 2022—6:30PM Meet in the downtown Farmer's Market parking lot for a City Proclamation, Freedom Songs, candlelight vigil on the bridge, and I Have A Dream Speech.

Please contact Matt Sauer (matt@mcmunited.com or 920-860-6880) with any questions.

UPDATED! [Prayers for the Week](#)

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Susie, Peggy, Chip, Steven, Len & Margaret, Ray, Mollie, Walter, Mary, Vicki, Charlie, Grace, Silas, Cathy, Don, Laurie, Chris & Nicole, Sharon & family, Jenny, Jean, Ron B, Candace, Paul's family, Greg & Kim, Janet, Matthew C, Mel Ouradnik & family, Cindy Hronek & family, Kurt, Due Deanna, Geno, Mitch.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Ginny & Karen, Annie & Tom, Mary, Sara, Ethan, Scott.

Serving in the Military: Jordan, Daniel, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Ashlee, Adam, Marshall, Jacob.

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Chivhu Church District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee. 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 pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat, may we help to keep food available to all. For our continued safe in-person worship, other ministries and groups.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, 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 their Bishop, The Rt Rev Godfrey and his wife Albertina.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence & Liese, Deena, Shirley Ouradnik, Sandra, Randy Hronek.

UPDATED! [Milestones](#)

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 12/2 Todd Reckelberg; 12/4 Chris Couris; 12/11 Wyatt Franz; 12/11 Geri Walker; 12/14 Grace Valli; 12/20 Nancy Sim; 12/25 Sharon Meany; 12/27 Patrick Byrd; 12/28 Mary Kaufmann; 1/2 Tammy McVeigh; 1/3 Kevin McVeigh; 1/11 Chris Eggert-Rosenthal; 1/15 Jane Robinson; 1/17 Liz Foster; 1/21 Dianne Wilson; 1/23 John Cook; 1/25 Skip Cole; 1/28 Sharon Laughrin.

Anniversaries: 12/13 Cindy & Randy Hronek; 12/18 Jack & Ruby Gunderson; *no January anniversaries we know of.*

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).