

St James Weekly — week of January 31, 2020

St James Episcopal Church

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any pastoral care or other needs.

Weekly Schedule

Congregational book read—Sundays & Mondays

Join us in discussing *Passionate for Justice: Ida B. Wells as Prophet for Our Time* by Catherine Meeks and Nibs Stroupe, Sundays at 8:45AM and Mondays at 10AM, **through February 14/15**. You can participate in discussion even if you haven't been reading the book. This discussion that should help us as individuals and as a faith community explore how race and gender affect our lives and what we might do to help address the issues facing us, our communities, our country, and the world. The same connection info will be used for both days:

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 compute or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy

Worship—Sundays at 10AM

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

1/31: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany *
2/7: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
2/14: Last Sunday after the Epiphany *
*indicates preaching by the Rev Dcn Jerry Molitor

Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM

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Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM NEW 7AM TIME STARTING FEB 5

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If you experience trouble with your internet connection for our weekday services or bible study, try turning off your camera and just using audio to see if that helps.

Note from Amma Diane

In just a couple of weeks we will be leaving the season of Epiphany as we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday (Feb 17). Last year we thought we were shutting our physical church doors for just a short time as we began to deal with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Little did we



know that a year later, we would still be in this place of not meeting in person.

Many things have changed in this past year and we have learned to live into that phrase I often hear in Christian circles, "The building is not the church, we the people are the church". As Christians (followers of Jesus, the Christ) I think many of us have come to more fully realize that indeed the people are the

church and there are multiple ways to "be church" beyond what we ever could have imagined a year ago.

I have faith that we will re-gather together in person, although I cannot now say exactly when that will be. I personally have been strengthened by how I see the folks of the St James community not only caring for one another, but continuing to show the love of Christ to the world. We remember and believe what the Gospel of Matthew 28.20 told us about the Christ, the light who came into the world: "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

As we enter into Lent this year, may we remember the light of Christ is with us even in the dark times and we can—even in these times—share this light with those we encounter, wherever they may be and however we may encounter them.

Madeleine L'Engle wrote "We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it."

I wear a pin on my coat lapel that simply says "Be A Kind Human". It was a gift from a friend. As we continue our journey, may we all strive to be kind humans. May we show Christ to the world and as we do may we come to know Christ more fully ourselves.

Blessings,

Amma Diane+

Vestry Notes—updated 1/29

- ◆ UPDATED! Our next congregational delivery will be in early February. This will contain Annual Reports, updated directories and photo pages, Ash Wednesday ashes, Lenten devotionals, and more.
- We are refreshing our congregational calling ministry. Liz Foster has agreed to coordinate this.

NEW! Women's & Men's monthly meetings 2/13

These groups typically gather monthly on the second Saturday for an hour of fellowship. Groups are meeting virtually, for the time being.

WOMEN: Saturday 2/13 at 9AM

All women are welcome--grab your coffee or tea and pull up to your computer/phone. Sally Hunter will be presenting on 2/13. If you have questions, please talk to Chris Eggert-Rosenthal or Sally Hunner.

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MEN: no meeting this month

The men are not planning to meet this month If you'd like to meet this or any month, talk to Nick Doszkewycz.

NEW! Scott Henderson

Our beloved brother in Christ, Scott Henderson, passed away Wednesday, January 27. We mourn the loss of Scott's presence with us, while we celebrate the resurrection he shares in with Jesus Christ. Please keep Scott's loved ones in your prayers during this difficult time, including Shirley and Mel Ouradnik and Tammy and Kevin McVeigh. A private family service will take place.



Prayers for the Week

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

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

Serving in the Military: Jordan, Daniel, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Ashlee

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 Ascension, Merrill and St. Jude's Mission District, Masingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Brazil. 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. For the ordination of Paul Coey and Amy Heimerl to the transitional diaconate on Feb 6.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Tammy and Chris, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff and every person in this congregation. Transitional Deacon Jerry Molitor and his wife Linda. Bishop Matthew Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their Bishop, The Right Reverend Godfrey and his wife Albertina. The people working to repair our St. James church building.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence, Allen, Deena, Edie Hofflund, Richard Smith, John Barnett, Sue Burman, Scott Henderson

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 2/10 Rick Roubal; 2/14 Annalisa Valli; 2/20 Mark Hunner; 2/21 Marian Flint; 2/27 Richard Hall; 2/27 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 contact Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com).

Forward Day by Day devotionals available

Quarterly issues of the Forward Day by Day devotional booklets are available in regular and large print. Please contact Amma Diane if you'd like a copy dropped off/mailed.