



An inviting safe community for all

St James Weekly — week of December 27, 2020

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Weekly Schedule

UPDATED! Bible Study—Sundays at 8:45AM

12/27: We'll spend time looking at the traditions of the Christmas Season.

1/3: Our Christmas Season discussion we continue as we begin to look at Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging in our own lives and through the lens of the Bible.

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

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
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

UPDATED! Worship—Sundays at 10AM

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

12/27: First Sunday after Christmas
1/3: Epiphany Sunday
1/10: The Baptism of Our Lord
1/17: Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.

Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM

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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

UPDATED! Morning Prayer—Fridays at 6:30AM

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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

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.

UPDATED! Photos needed for directory by 1/1/2021

Our next special delivery to all households around mid-January will include our 2020 Annual Reports as well as an updated St James directory. We'd also like photos of everybody to include on photo pages we'll include with this directory—we haven't done this in several years. Photos can be of individuals, couples, or households and can be any style as long as faces are clearly visible. Please send your photos to Amma Diane by email (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com) or text message (920.860.5152). You can also call her if you have a photo that she can scan for you. If you have updated contact info (address, phones, email) please share that with Amma Diane. Please share your photos and other updates with Amma Diane by January 1.

UPDATED! Annual Report info needed by 1/1/2021

If you have info to include in our 2020 Annual Report (to be distributed in January 2021), please email it to info@mysjec.com by January 1. (If you cannot email a report, you can mail it to the church by January 1—please make sure to indicate it is for the Annual Report.)

Scrip upcoming order dates 1/10, 2/14, 3/14

Scrip can still be purchased while we are apart by calling Tammy McVeigh to place your order and mailing a check to St James. Your scrip will be delivered to you when it comes. Scrip is a way for you to purchase store gift cards for your own use or to give as gifts. The card user gets full value for the amount and St James receives a percent (varies with retailer). The money St James receives goes into our Outreach Fund. Contact Amma Diane or Tammy if you need an order form.

NEW! Congregational book read starts 1/10

Join us in reading *Passionate for Justice: Ida B. Wells as Prophet for Our Time* by Catherine Meeks and Nibs Stroupe, starting **the week of January 10 through the week of February 14, 2021**. a book read and discussion that should help us as individuals and as a faith community explore how race and gender affect our lives and what we might do to help address the issues facing us, our communities, our country, and the world. Discussions will take place: 1. Sundays at 8:45AM during bible study, with Amma Diane facilitating; 2. Mondays at 10AM, with Joan Estes facilitating; 3. The Vestry will be reading this as a group, with Amma Diane facilitating; 4. Another option is to participate in the discussion by one-on-one phone conversations, which Amma Diane will coordinate. Let her know if you'd like this option. Contact Amma Diane if you'd like a copy of the book or have any questions. Zoom and phone connection info will be shared prior to the sessions starting.

Vestry Notes—updated 12/25

- ◆ **UPDATED!** Security-Luebke Roofing is making good progress replacing our Sanctuary roof. Here's a picture of the new shingles on one side of the building.



- ◆ **UPDATED!** Manitowoc Co COVID cases was at 5,908 as of December 25 (up from 5,717 on December 18), with 50 deaths. New cases in our county are decreasing, but activity remains high. Regional hospitals are experiencing a high load. Local/state health departments continue to urge using proper precautions and limiting non-essential travel and interaction with people outside your household.

Have you checked out our Sunday and Holy Day Worship service videos lately?

- ◆ Since November 15 our Sunday and Holy Day Worship services have taken place at our “high altar” (*the built-in marble altar up the steps in the Chancel area*). Watching our Worship services now gives a special close-up view that we don't often get from 40+ feet away in the Sanctuary.
- ◆ The Rev Deacon Jerry Molitor has been with us since late September, gaining practical experience with Amma Diane, our Vestry, and our congregation and participating in much of our schedule as he prepares for ordination as a priest. Jerry has been assisting with our Sunday and Holy Day Worship services, which included preaching for our 11/8 service. You'll see Jerry preaching again on 12/20, 12/27, 1/18, and other dates in 2021.
- ◆ Some of you shared in mid-Fall that you've had some difficulty with hearing audio. There has been some improvement with audio since the beginning of Advent, but we've been looking to make it better. We're pleased to announce that we have purchased new equipment to supplement our existing sound system, including the ability to broadcast/record audio directly from our sound system into the camera. (This will also benefit us after we're back in the building.) You'll hear the new audio starting with our Christmas Eve Worship service. Our gratitude to Pat Hanson for his time researching and installing all of this for us!
- ◆ We continue to include on-screen all the words and song lyrics you need to follow and participate in our Sunday and Holy Day Worship services. This gives a similar user-friendly (and guest-friendly) experience to the comprehensive bulletins we use in person. Our gratitude to Tony Karl for his time editing these Worship services.

UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing, Comfort & Strength: Karen & Bob, Bonnie, Andrew, Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Tom, Mary, 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, Liese, Lori, Sharon, Toby's father Walter, Chris, Mary, Peter, Stephen, Mary, Chris's sister Vicki, Randy & Cindy, Mike, Grace, Charlie, family & friends of Edie, Liz, Shelley, Barbara, Christopher

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Margaret, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, 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 all people baptized, confirmed and received this past year. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury and deaths.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Tammy and Chris, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matthew Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their Bishop The Right Reverend Godfrey and his wife Albertina.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence, Allen, Deena, Edie

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Anniversaries: 12/13 Cindy & Randy Hronek; 12/18 Jack & Ruby Gunderson.

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; 1/9 Randy Hronek; 1/11 Chris Eggert-Rosenthal; 1/15 Jane Robinson; 1/17 Liz Foster; 1/21 Diane Wilson-Wernecke; 1/25 Skip Cole; 1/28 Sharon Laughrin.

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).