



St James Weekly — week of August 15, 2021

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COVID precaution update as of 8/7: Due to Manitowoc County having high transmission rates again, the Health Department is encouraging all to wear masks in indoor group settings (including those who are vaccinated), in line with CDC guidelines. Beginning 8/9, we request all wear masks for indoor church activities. The Vestry will monitor area rates and hope this is very temporary.

Weekly Schedule

Study/Discussion—Sundays 8:30-9:30AM (Zoom)

Join us on Sundays for the video discussion series produced by The Episcopal Church: "A Year in the Life". It documents how Episcopal churches, schools, and ministries navigated a very contentious and difficult year. The series covers topics like food insecurity, education, worship through restrictions, clergy calls, and more.

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 Facebook or YouTube:
go.mysjec.com/facebook or go.mysjec.com/youtube

8/15: Becoming Beloved Community series wk 6

8/22: Becoming Beloved Community series wk 7

8/29: A New School Year Begins

9/5: Labor Day Weekend—the vocation of everybody

9/12: Season of Creation wk 1

Amma Diane & Father Jerry typically alternate preaching

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

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When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #
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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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By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/friday

A Prayer for Entering the World Again

If you're uncertain how to move forward
if you're unsure of how to be and who to see
if you're weary of the long days of isolation
if you're tired and worn out
if you're eager for hugs and handshakes
if you're excited to explore and travel —
this prayer is for you.

May you be gentle with yourself
tread lightly if needed
trust the small movements taken in hope
and lean into the One who walks with you.

May you be gentle with others
take time to listen
breathe deeply
take a posture of compassion
and lean into the One who walks with you.

May you be gentle with the world
celebrate the consistency in the changing of seasons
listen for the sounds of spring's renewal
splash in a river's water
and lean into the One who walks with you.

As you move forward,
may the God of infinite love
and boundless grace
bless you and keep you
now and forever.

~ Posted to the Episcopal Café web site by Kimberly Knowle-Zeller. Kimberly is an ordained ELCA pastor, mother of two, and spouse of an ELCA pastor. She lives with her family in Cole Camp, MO.

UPDATED! Scrip upcoming order dates 9/12 & 10/10

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 we receives goes into our Outreach Fund. Contact Eleanor Agnew or Amma Diane if you need an order form or have any questions.

Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in this different way. Checks can be mailed to or 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 August goes to the rector's discretionary fund—please label accordingly.**

UPDATED! Vestry Notes

- ♦ Murray Sim is continuing to work on plaster repairs on the walls in the back of the Sanctuary. Thanks to Murray and those who have lent a hand!
- ♦ Due to Manitowoc County having high transmission rates again, the Health Department is encouraging all to wear masks in indoor group settings (including those who are vaccinated), in line with CDC guidelines. The Vestry is requesting all wear masks for indoor church activities. We will monitor area rates and hope this is very temporary. We continue to review guidelines and recommendations from our diocese, the CDC, and other experts on a regular basis to determine the safer ways to gather together. Our St James guidelines will be updated as needed in response to changing conditions. Please continue to pray for this pandemic and all those impacted.
- ♦ Treasurer Peggy Turnbull has expressed her desire to retire from this ministry in the near future, but will continue until we find a replacement that she can help train. Attention to detail, organization, and confidentiality are helpful in this volunteer position. The Treasurer records contributions, tracks income/expenses, prepares checks, and generates reports, along with other tasks. If you'd like more information or might be interested in this position, please talk to Amma Diane or Peggy Turnbull.

Remembering Deena Giriappa 8/28

Deena Giriappa passed away unexpectedly from complications of her chronic medical issues on Sunday, November 15, 2020. Due to pandemic restrictions, a private family funeral was held on November 21, 2020.

Now that we are able to gather more freely in person, all are invited to the Celebration of Life of Deena Carman Giriappa and interment of her ashes in the Chapel Columbarium of St James Episcopal Church on **Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 2:15 PM.** We will continue the Celebration of Life at Harrigan Parkside Gathering Center (620 N Water Street) from 3:00-5:00 PM.

Please talk to Deena's mother, Eleanor Agnew, if you have 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, Joe Mike, Chip, Bill, Steven, Len & Margaret, Ray, Mollie, Liese, Walter, Mary, Vicki, Randy & Cindy, Charlie, Shelley, Silas, Mary, Cathy, Don, Mike, Laurie, Amanda, Chris & Nicole, Sharon and family, Jenny, Jean, MaryJo, Judy Couris, Ruby, Pat Karl, Sally, Autum, Amanda.

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

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

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. John's, Shawano and for St Paul's Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa. For the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Milwaukee, and Northern Michigan. 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 our continued safe return to in-person church, 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. Father 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 Rt Rev Godfrey and his wife Albertina.

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

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 8/12 Karleen Cole; 8/25 Mary Burckle; 8/27 Cherity Laws.

Anniversaries: 8/24 Mark & Sally Hunner.

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).