



# St James Weekly — week of January 24, 2020

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## Weekly Schedule

### Bible Study—Sundays at 8:45AM

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). (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 #  
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When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer or other device: go.mjsjec.com/biblestudy

### **UPDATED!** Worship—Sundays at 10AM

Participate LIVE or view at any time after:  
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1/24: Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
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 6:30AM

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### St James Book Group 1/27 at 7PM

The St James Book Group will continue to meet in 2021. We'll start the year meeting virtually due to the continued pandemic and our desire to keep people as protected as possible. Our virtual gatherings may be joined by either telephone or internet (you may choose to use video or not on the internet connection). Our January meeting will be on Wednesday, January 27 from 7-8PM. We will plan to meet the 4th Wednesday of the month through October, and then the 3rd Wednesday of November (11/17) and December (12/15).

If you would like to borrow a book from the inter-library loan, please contact Anne Schuette (920-242-2819). Anne will continue to be our liaison for the Interlibrary books and will work with the library and Peggy Turnbull to set up this year's reading schedule. Please feel free to participate even if you have not read the book. Invite a friend. If you have technical difficulties Amma Diane Murray (920-860-5152) will try to help you with these.

At our December meeting we selected Secondhand: Travels in the New Global Garage Sale by Adam Minter Downsizing. Decluttering. Discarding. Sooner or later, all of us are faced with things we no longer need or want. But when we drop our old clothes and other items off at a local donation center, where do they go? Sometimes across the country—or even halfway across the world—to people and places who find value in what we leave behind. In Secondhand, journalist Adam Minter takes us on an unexpected adventure into the often-hidden, multibillion-dollar industry of reuse: thrift stores in the American Southwest to vintage shops in Tokyo, flea markets in Southeast Asia to used-goods enterprises in Ghana, and more. Along the way, Minter meets the fascinating people who handle—and profit from—our rising tide of discarded stuff, and asks a pressing question: In a world that craves shiny and new, is there room for it all? Secondhand offers hopeful answers and hard truths. A history of the stuff we've used and a contemplation of why we keep buying more, it also reveals the marketing practices, design failures, and racial prejudices that push used items into landfills instead of new homes. Secondhand shows us that it doesn't have to be this way, and what really needs to change to build a sustainable future free of excess stuff.

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Other books for 2021:

Fredrick Backman Anxious People  
Arshay Cooper A Most Beautiful Thing  
Danielle Evans The Office of Historical Corrections  
Louise Erdrich The Night Watchman  
Doris Kearns Goodwin Wait Till Next Year  
Matt Haig The Midnight Library  
Miles Harvey The King of Confidence: A Tale of Utopian Dreamers, Frontier Schemers, True Believers, False Prophets, and the Murder of an American Monarch  
Catherine Ryan Hyde Have you seen Luis Velez?  
Sue Monk Kidd The Book of Longings  
Katherine Sharp Landdeck Women With Silver Wings: The Inspiring True Story of the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II  
Peggy Turnbull The Joy of Their Holiness

## Vestry Notes—updated 1/22

- ♦ **UPDATED!** Security-Luebke Roofing has begun installation of our new gutters and downspouts. If weather cooperates, they could be done by the time this is published—otherwise, very soon.
- ♦ **NEW!** Repairs to our office walls (from investigation of the flooding in mid-2020) is scheduled for the first week of February by Puro Clean.
- ♦ **NEW!** We are in the midst of transitions with our internet and phone service to reduce annual costs. That transition should be complete within a few weeks.
- ♦ **NEW!** We are refreshing our congregational calling ministry. Liz Foster has agreed to coordinate this.
- ♦ **NEW!** Our next congregational delivery will be in late January/early February. This will contain Annual Reports, updated directories and photo pages, and more.
- ♦ Our 2020 income was \$101,195, on a YTD budget of \$100,041. 2020 expenses were \$100,127 on a YTD budget of \$107,265. We ended 2020 with a surplus of \$1,068, which is an improvement over our budgeted 2020 deficit of \$7,224. Thank you to all our members and friends for your generosity and faithful stewardship in 2020 and the year ahead!
- ♦ **UPDATED!** Manitowoc Co COVID cases was at 6,752 as of January 21 (up from 6,611 on January 15), with 59 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. Vaccinations are starting to be administered.

### Congregational book read

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. This is 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, with Amma Diane facilitating;
2. Mondays at 10AM, with Joan Estes facilitating

The same connection info will be used for both days:

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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. The Vestry will also be reading this as a group. Contact Amma Diane if you'd like a book or have any questions.

## **UPDATING!** 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, John, Lizzie

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

**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 the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity and St Michael's Mission and Holy Family Mission, Masingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of Bangladesh. 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. 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

### Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

**Birthdays:** 1/25 Skip Cole; 1/28 Sharon Laughrin; 2/10 Rick Roubal; 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).*