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St James Weekly — September 13, 2020

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Bible Study Sundays at 8:45AM

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

Worship Sundays at 10AM

Participate LIVE or at any time after on Facebook or YouTube:
go.mysjec.com/facebook or go.mysjec.com/youtube

Upcoming Sunday themes:

9/6: Labor Day—we all have vocations

9/13-9/27: Season of Creation

10/4: St Francis of Assisi—*blessing animals*

10/11: Mental Health Awareness

10/18: Homelessness Awareness

Mid-Week Worship Wednesdays at 4:00PM

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

Morning Prayer Fridays at 6:30AM

To participate from any phone, dial 1-571-317-3122
When prompted for Access Code, enter 780 162 197 #
If prompted for Audio Pin, enter #
Join by computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/friday

Becoming Beloved Community conversation 9/13 at 11AM

Thank you to everybody who has participated in this worship series designed to help us grow as a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers who share a passion for the dream of God. **Join us for a conversation at 11AM on Sunday 9/13 to share your thoughts on this series** and where you feel God may be leading us in response. The conversation will be facilitated by Pat Hanson. You can skim through the services on Facebook or YouTube if you missed any or want to review.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 865 7336 7198 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
Join by computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/beloved

Blessings Animals—starts now!

We will have a hybrid Blessing of Animals this year. If you would like to have your pet blessed in person, contact Amma Diane as soon as possible to make arrangements. She'll stop by and bless you and your pet(s) using appropriate precautions. She or you can also take a picture to include in our special October 4 service. We'll also include the Blessing of Animals in the service for those who can't arrange a visit.

St James Book Group 9/23 at 7PM

The St James Book Group is reading "Girl, Woman, Other" by Bernardine Evaristo in September. This novel won the Booker Prize in 2019 and the committee described it as "passionate, razor-sharp, brimming with energy and humor." The author is the first black woman to win the prize and the story revolves around a diverse set of characters. Please join us for a virtual book discussion on Wednesday, September 23 at 7PM. Copies of the book, provided by the Manitowoc Public Library interlibrary loan service, are available. Use the info below to participate. Please call Anne Schuette (920-242-2819) to obtain a copy of the book, if you have any questions, or if you have problems connecting on the evening of the meeting.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-872-240-3311
When prompted for Access Code, enter 767 682 277 #
If prompted for Audio Pin, enter #

Join by computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup

Meals On Wheels & Hope House September updates

St James Episcopal Church is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels the week of September 14 – 18 and volunteer at Hope House during the week of September 20 – 26. Any members or friends can help.

- ◆ Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver meals to six senior living facilities. Volunteers wear masks and do not enter the Senior Center. Meals are delivered at the doorway of each building with limited contact with residents. Shifts on Monday, September 14 and Wednesday, September 16 are already filled.
- ◆ Hope House volunteers are needed to staff the "Evening Host" 5PM—8PM shift, and to provide a meal for the residents on either September 14 or 17. Everyone at Hope House wears masks in the common areas, and residents do not enter the volunteer office. If you care to provide a meal for the residents it can be dropped off at the door without entering the building. We share our Hope House week with Lakeshore United Methodist Church.
- ◆ Hope House is currently hosting 7 adults and 14 children, including six children under the age of 2 years old. They are in need of diapers (sizes 4 and 5)! They can always use 30-gallon garbage bags, disposable gloves, disinfecting wipes, and multi-purpose cleaning spray. Items may be dropped off at the door during normal business hours, and even on the weekends – just press the doorbell and staff or a volunteer with buzz you into the entry way.

Both programs are again permitting volunteers over the age of 65. Please call Anne Schuette (920-242-2819) if you would like to volunteer and represent St James in at either of these locations in September. Thanks!

Vestry Notes—updated 9/11

- ◆ Financial offerings in June and July were slightly lower than expected, but we have made up some of the \$8,000 shortfall from earlier this year. As of July 31, our income was \$56,106, on a budget of \$58,801, meaning we are cumulatively \$2,695 behind. Expenses as of July 31 were \$61,362 on a budget of \$61,291, meaning we spent \$71 more than budgeted. (We are working with a planned deficit budget for 2020.)
- ◆ **Manitowoc County Covid-19 total positive cases was at 664 as of September 10, up from 590 on September 3. Current active cases increased to 312.** The lowest number of positives have been in those 76-85 and 85+; the highest have been 25-35 and 56-65.

Vestry Meeting Tue 9/22 at 6:30PM

The Vestry will hold a regular business meeting using **Zoom video conferencing** on Tuesday, September 22 starting at 6:30PM. Guests from the congregation are welcome to attend. **The Vestry asks that all guests also have their video cameras active throughout the meeting.** Use the following link at any time to register for the meeting (you'll automatically be emailed a personal link to use to connect to the meeting):

go.mysjec.com/vestry

We'll have a somewhat focused Agenda, with topics including:

- ◆ Opening prayer
- ◆ Bible study
- ◆ Ecumenical Ministry Group update
- ◆ Update on building projects
- ◆ Update on Painting Pathways Clubhouse construction and planning for future transition out of building.
- ◆ Diocesan Convention update and planning
- ◆ Updates from Diocesan COVID Task Force
- ◆ Stewardship campaign
- ◆ St James Tree of Life—review plans
- ◆ Approving minutes & receiving financial reports
- ◆ Closing prayer

If you have any questions, please contact Amma Diane.

Your St James Episcopal Church Vestry is also having weekly executive session meetings in response to the pandemic, to check in with each other as leadership of the congregation and to respond as quickly as possible to changes due to COVID-19 that could affect St James and our congregation.

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please talk to anybody on the Vestry: Amma Diane (Rector), Tammy McVeigh (Senior Warden), Chris Eggert-Rosenthal (Junior Warden), Nick Doszkewycz (member), Mary Green (member), Richard Hall (member), Tony Karl (Clerk), Kim Kaufmann (member), Peggy Turnbull (member/ Treasurer).

Endowment Trustees: Eleanor Agnew, Mark Hunner, & Mike Laughrin. **Delegates to the 2020 Diocesan Convention:** Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Michael Laughrin, & Sharon Laughrin. **Alternates:** 1st Mary Green, 2nd Richard Hall.

Prayers for the Week

Healing, Comfort & Strength: Karen & Bob, Bonnie, Andrew, Emily, Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Tom, Mary, Silas, 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, Clarence & Liese, Lori, Sharon, Toby and family with prayers for healing for Toby's father Walter, Chris, Jim, Mary Jean, Jim, Tim, Becky, Geno, Jim, Jim and his co-workers, Peter, Stephen, Mary, Bronson and family Bart, Jen & Torin.

Guidance/Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Scott, Margaret, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Tom, 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 the Diocesan Clergy Continuing Education Conference and St. Francis Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of South America. 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 weather related damage, injury and deaths.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Tammy and Chris, our Wardens, our Vestry & other ministry leaders, staff and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matthew Gunter & 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 & Bishop The Right Reverend Godfrey & his wife Albertina.

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

We Pray for those celebrating milestones:

Anniversaries: 9/23 Jill & Mayra Short. **Birthdays:** 9/1 Miguel Oropeza; 9/3 Sudi Johnson; 9/7 Hugh Foster; 9/7 Mel Ouradnik; 9/13 Cameron Essert; 9/15 Sean Essert; 9/26 Glenn Davidowich; 9/26 Mary Jean Reckelberg.

If you would like prayers to be included please contact Amma Diane Murray at 920-860-5152 or dianemarie.murray@gmail.com

Audrey Bean

Our beloved sister in Christ, Audrey Bean, passed away Friday, September 4 while hospitalized for recurring health issues. A private family service took place on September 7 (Labor Day). Condolences may be sent to the family at Audrey's home address.

One way our congregation shows love and support for each other is by being present for funerals/memorials. While we can't participate in such large gatherings at the present time due to safety precautions, we will find ways to celebrate Audrey's life together in the future.

