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news from St. James's

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Now that summer has officially begun, I would like to take a moment to reflect on this past spring. It has not been since March 8, early in Lent, that the good people of St. James's were able to gather together in our beautiful sanctuary as we prepared for the yearly celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. For the first time in my 25 years of ordained ministry, I was not able to physically celebrate Easter with the congregation that I serve.

These past months have been full of a wide range of emotions and concerns. Not only have we been in the midst of a global health crisis, but also an awakening to the long existing crisis of systemic racism in America. On a local level, we have seen the death of a number of long-time parishioners and have not been able to come together and celebrate their lives. I have postponed four baptisms and a few weddings. This time has been a time of sadness, loss, fear, anxiety, and boredom—just to name a few, but it has also been a time when I have felt both joy and pride in the community that I serve.

Some of us have attended Black Lives Matter rallies, others have made sandwiches and casseroles, food has been gathered and distributed, and toilet paper and paper towels have been hoarded to be distributed to those in need. Most importantly, many phone calls have been made, emails and texts sent, and front-step conversations have happened. The people of St. James's may not be able to gather for Sunday worship, coffee, or meals, but old connections have stayed strong, new ones have been created, and we have shown what it means to be church, not just to do church.

As we move forward, it will probably be some time before we can all gather together again in our much beloved building, but services in some form or another will continue, and most importantly, our prayers and conversations will be unceasing.

As we work toward some sense of normalcy, both in our own lives and the lives of our community, my greatest concerns are your physical and spiritual health. We will not rush to come back together in person, we will take it slowly and steadily and with as much thought and information as possible.

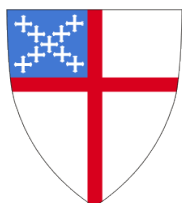
I know that no matter where you are in your life—young parent worried about what kindergarten is going to look like, teenager hoping to be able to be with friends at school again this fall and participating in activities, adult trying to figure out work and life balance in this new normal, at home between jobs, or senior feeling isolated from friends and family trying to stay healthy and safe—the anxiety of this moment is very real.

Please know that I, as well as many members of this congregation, hold you in our prayers and look forward to being with you in person again.

Your Brother in Christ,



To Learn, Live and Teach the Values
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ



July/August 2020

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Highlights in July/August

- **Sunday, July 19** Four week virtual Vacation Bible School begins.
- **July and August** School Supply Collection for Children and Families in Need

We continue to offer online Morning Prayer with Service and Conversation at 9:45am and KFC for children at 9am every Sunday! Just sign up for weekly emails by going to the St. James's website: www.stjameswh.org/resources/newsletter-subscribe. Pray together at home following the MP outline, or join others on Zoom at 9:45am. Services will also be recorded and uploaded to YouTube every other Sunday. Livestream Sunday services will be available soon.

From the Assistant Rector

A Letter to the High School Youth of St. James's

THIS is a difficult time for young people, especially those of you who are in high school. I want to offer the high school students some brief thoughts on how I have experienced the pandemic and how I imagine it might feel for some of you. I will conclude with an invitation to all the high school students. The virus's effect on all our lives has been intense and dramatic. And yet there are times when the challenges it presents are more difficult to detect. For example, we don't know the full effect of being physically separated from other human bodies. It's likely that human bodies interact with each other on a molecular and chemical level that we are largely unaware of - just think of the feeling you get when you are in a crowd at a concert or in a theater watching a play or at a sporting event or even singing a hymn in a church full of people. We feel a sense of freedom, security, and companionship when we are physically together with our friends; and we rely on the full range of our senses and the movement of our bodies to develop and maintain our friendships. Friendships are essential to thriving in high school; I know that without my high school friends, I would have felt alone, afraid and sad.

But I imagine you aren't just missing physical togetherness with your friends. Maybe you also miss the *spaces* that are familiar to you. We are all affected by our spatial environments more than we let on. A classroom, a hallway, a cafeteria, a friend's house, a locker room, a car - these are spaces we grow accustomed to and learn to rely on. In these routine spaces, we cultivate our friendships, independence, imagination, and our moral and intellectual capacities. There is a saying that comes from the Desert Fathers, the first Christian monks: "Go and sit in your cell, and your cell will teach you everything" (*The Desert Fathers: Sayings of the Early Christian Monks*, translated by Benedicta Ward, p. 10). Some monks would stay in their cell - a tiny room - for most of their lives. We are all learning from being forced to "sit in our cells" at home. But unlike the Desert Fathers, we have not chosen this way of life. One of the things our own "cells" might be teaching us during this time is that we need physical contact with our friends and with different spaces in order to live full lives. It might be helpful to recognize that we are lacking this fullness right now.

It is now summertime and the start of the school year is not so far away (we all know how quickly the summer goes by!). If there is another wave of the virus in the fall, we may face a new set of challenges. Cancellation of class, sports, theater and other extra-curricular activities might cause feelings of anxiety and grief. When I was in high school, I was devoted to theater. I did the fall musical and the spring play almost every year. Theater was so important to my confidence, my identity and my emotional, spiritual and physical awareness. Theater was also my community. Most of my friends were in plays and musicals with me. Theater gave me and my friends space to reflect on life's deepest questions: what is love, friendship, truth, beauty, evil, goodness? We reflected together and talked for hours about these questions. If I look back and try to imagine what it would have been like without theater, I feel a deep sadness. Perhaps some of you are feeling something similar?

I have often felt grief during the past several months: the loss of community, worship in church, time with family and friends, and the normal routine of life. The time being alone has caused me to reflect on my life and *how* I want to live it. I have been able to think a lot more about who I am, who God is, what is important to me and what isn't. This is a time when we are forced to think about our lives in a way we aren't used to and aren't very comfortable with. If you're feeling uncomfortable, you're not alone. But the discomfort can lead to something new and exciting. And in that vein, I want to offer an invitation to you...

In September, I will be offering Confirmation Class for those interested in being confirmed. Confirmation is a ceremony that signals full participation in the life of the Church. As a confirmed person, you take on responsibility to share the Gospel with other people: your friends, family, neighbors, and strangers. So our class will start with a simple and exciting question: *what is the Gospel?* Christians claim they have Good News to share with anyone who wants to listen. What is this Good News - what makes it good and why is it "news"? I believe that every human being *needs* this Good News; and we are all looking for some kind of good news right now.

In Confirmation Class, we will talk and think about how *difficult* and *beautiful* it is to be a human being. We will learn what it looks like to become friends with God. And if you're skeptical whether or not God even exists, this is the place to explore that question too.

I have two important notes:

#1) There is no pressure to be confirmed if you join the class. You may find that confirmation is not for you. And you might also find that being a Christian is not for you. That is perfectly ok. The class is for anyone who is *curious* about God, being a human, Jesus, piety, truth, good and evil, life and death. If those topics sound interesting to you, join us.

#2) Confirmation Class is only *one way* to participate in the conversation about life during COVID-19. If you are a high school student and you have already done Confirmation *or* if you don't plan to do it but you still want to join us in reflecting on the difficulties of this time, *you are most welcome*. We will be exploring and considering options for Youth Group to meet. So, this conversation is for *all high school students* in the parish. We will be sending out more details about Confirmation and Youth Group soon.

Peace of Christ,

Tim

From the Organist & Choirmaster

Dear Parishioners,

The past few months have been so challenging. The physiological consequences of Covid-19 have forced a transformation of our daily lives; the psychological and economic toll has been devastating. As a society we have given up much of what we enjoy, trading many necessities and conveniences for a greater level of safety. This tradeoff has had an enormous impact on industries, institutions, professions and communities. Perhaps musicians are some of the most affected by government guidelines precluding the smallest of gatherings. Cancelled performances, concert seasons and the uncertain future have combined to create desperate situations for many professional musicians, and at best, disappointment for everyone else.

Our music program remains similarly in limbo. While it is clear that we will not be able to sing in church through at least the fall, I believe it is important for us to continue gathering together in fellowship, even for our weekly choir dinner. The recently formed music committee has also determined that there are many opportunities for instrumental music making in lieu of choral repertoire. I look forward to these collaborations and the freshness they bring to our Sunday services and upcoming webcasts.

I think we are very fortunate to have finished the organ project when we did. We are also so very lucky to have our beautiful Steinway. These top-notch instruments allow me to continue offering great music on Sunday mornings, even without our wonderful choir.

I wish all of you a happy and healthy summer season. Great times are ahead for our country and St James's. This pivotal time in our history will reveal new opportunities and insights and we will be all the better for it.



Concerts at St. James's

**Coming in October!
CHANTICLEER**

Saturday, October 10 at 7pm
Be part of the experience when the acclaimed "orchestra of voices" makes its debut at Concerts at St. James's! Tickets on sale now:
<http://stjameswh.org/about/concerts-at-st-jamess/2019-2020-season>

Jubilate Deo!

O be joyful in the
Lord all ye lands;
serve the Lord with
gladness and come
before his presence
with a song.

Psalms 100:1

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St. James's Center for Family Ministries



*Nurturing your children's
spiritual life from birth
through high school*

KFC (Kids for Christ) Sundays at 9:00

KFC (Kids for Christ) is meeting on the Zoom platform at 9 in the morning on Sundays during this time of physical separation. A few days before, a KFC Announcement goes out with a link to the Zoom format and more information. If you are not receiving this announcement, please email me and I will get you added to the list. My email: education@stjameswh.org.



Bring a Friend to Church 4

PHEW! That was a crazy way to end a school year wasn't it? I hope that all of you have had some time to take a breath and recover from a thousand Zoom meetings. I know they were a lot. I wanted to take a moment to tell about the exciting summer program we have planned for young families at St. James's. We will offer an at home Vacation Bible School created by Illustrated Ministry. In this four-week program, kids will explore with their families what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world. It is geared toward preschool-age children and kindergarten through fifth graders, but it is incredibly flexible and fun for the entire family, older siblings included.

Each week will have a different theme: Week one: Compassion at the Table, Week Two: Compassion to the Neighbor, Week Three: Compassion for Myself, and Week Four: Compassion Along the Way.

Before we begin the program on Sunday, July 19, I will send each family that signs up the supplies and resources needed for the entire four weeks. One thing I like about this program is it is simple and doesn't require a lot of difficulty to find resources, so it is super family-friendly! Each Sunday as a part of my Kids for Christ Zoom session, I will begin that week's session by introducing the theme, the Bible Lesson (which will be a cartoon video) and the other activities. Your kids aren't awake at 9 am on Sunday morning? No problem. I will also pre-record the video of the Gathering Session and will email you the links to this as well as the yoga sessions and the Cartoon Bible Lesson. These pre-recorded videos will also include some of our fun and energetic high schoolers at St. James's which I am sure will make it more fun for our kids.

In addition to learning about what it means to have compassion, there are also Compassion in Action activities where families get the opportunity to live out their compassion for others. All in all, I think it is a great program for all the young families at St. James's as well as the high schoolers who are interested in helping out.

If you are interested in signing your family up or have questions about the program, or have a high schooler or middle school student who would like to help, please email me at education@stjameswh.org.

Other Resources:

I have been reading books in different locations and posting them on YouTube for the past few weeks. Each session ends with me giving three clues as to where I will be reading from next week. Here are the links to each Read-Aloud. Please feel free to share with grandchildren or neighbors.

Maybe God is Like that Too - <https://youtu.be/l7BPZ1yIVdM>

When God Made You - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzNly_mUuR4&feature=youtu.be

I Am Enough - <https://youtu.be/YqBP85COLyM>

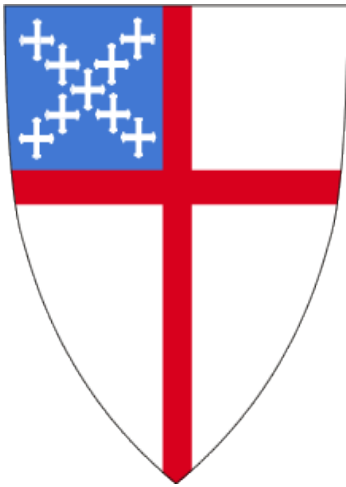
When God Made Light - <https://youtu.be/KfbEOcfHhtk>

Wangari's Trees of Peace - <https://youtu.be/j9RTHFEPHP8>

Stone Soup - <https://youtu.be/GmZFB2a1hwl>

Feeling like your kids are missing out on camp fun this summer? Camp Washington has a lot of great online camp activities including sing-a-longs, crafts and more. Find out more about these resources here: www.campwashington.org

Your Sister in Christ,



Treasurer's Report / January-May 2020

Current Position: For the first five months of 2020 the Church's finances were slightly under budget. Total income for that period was \$1,631 less than the budgeted amount and expenses were \$832 under budget. As a

result, the Church's net financial position at the end of May, 2020 was under budget by \$799.

"In this covenant (Genesis 9:9-11—after the flood), God made a commitment not to destroy the Earth. Because of our love for God and our desire to be the image of God, a reciprocal covenant from us is an important act. Lovingly caring and nurturing health within all of God's creation is an outstanding act of stewardship." (Luke Gasho in "Creation Care: Keepers of the Earth")

Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	\$371,626	373,257	1,631 Under Budget	\$809,304
Expense (-)	\$319,143	319,976	\$832 Under Budget	\$809,300
<i>Net</i>	\$52,483	\$53,281	\$799 Negative Variance to Budget	+4

Income: For the first five months of 2020 Regular Contributions (Current and Prior Year Pledges, Seasonal and Unspecified Offerings) in total were \$2,471 greater than budget. Current Year pledges exceeded the budget amount by \$11,912 whereas Prior Year Pledges, Seasonal and Unspecified Offerings totaled \$9,441 less than budget. Income from outside groups using the Parish Facilities was \$2,242 under budget. Special Contributions were just \$773 under budget.

Expenses: Major contributors to the January - May expense results were the following: Property: Property expenses for the period were \$4,094 under budget due primarily to gas and water expenses that were \$3,311 less than budget and snow removal costs that were \$1,420 less than the amount budgeted for the 2019 – 2020 snow season. Personnel: Personnel expenses were \$4,441 more than budget for the five month period primarily because Life and Health insurance costs exceeded the budget by \$4,309. Of the remaining expense categories, seven were under budget and three were over, the net amount being \$1,179 under budget.

St. James's Graduating Seniors

Congratulations to this year's St. James's High School Graduates! You are a great group of young adults and your St. James's family loves you.

Madeleine Schott



Cate DiGiacomo



Emma Pinckney





Harry Lewis



Alex Vietzke

Mission

22nd Annual School Supply Drive

It's School Supply Time!

Over the course of the summer we are collecting school supplies for 100+ students which will be distributed among three groups - Grace Episcopal, Hartford Catholic Worker, and The Bridge. Deadline for contributing is Sunday, August 16th.



Please see the list below and contribute in one of the following ways:

1. You may drop off donations Thursdays between 10AM and 2PM outside the cloister entrance. Staff will bring them inside the building.
2. You may direct ship through Amazon, Walmart or Target, etc. Please ship to: St. James's Episcopal Church, 19 Walden Street, West Hartford CT 06107
3. If you prefer, you may send a monetary donation and let us do the shopping. Please either send a check to the above address or use the donate button, under Giving, on our website: www.stjameswh.org. Please indicate "School Supplies" on your donation.

Needed Supplies:

3-ring binders
3-ring binder paper
Pens
Pencils
Colored pencils
Crayons
Kid scissors
Spiral-bound notebooks
Inexpensive calendars

Backpacks – even if schools close backpacks can keep supplies organized at home.

Thank you!

Food Pantry Ongoing Needs

The WH Food Pantry is currently in need of many items. For more information on how you can help support the members of our community who have been most affected by the pandemic, visit their website at: https://www.westhartfordct.gov/gov/departments/social_services/food_pantry.asp. You may also continue to drop off food items at the **cloister entrance** to the church.

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Around the Parish

Men's Discussion Group

Second and Fourth Saturdays

ALL men of the parish and guests are invited to a discussion group on **Saturdays, July 11 and 25; August 8 and 22** beginning at 8:00am. Various religious topics are presented for discussion. The group is currently meeting in an online format. If you would like to join the group in a virtual discussion, contact Bob Hoffman at nanbob57@comcast.net.

Vegetable Garden

Help Needed to Deliver the Produce

WE have begun harvesting produce from the garden which goes to the Hartford Catholic Worker in the North End of Hartford, and are looking for help with delivery every other Wednesday. Produce is packed and ready to go by 10 or 10:15am. Please contact Ann Painter if you would like to volunteer with delivery.

If you have surplus vegetables from your garden, we can easily add them to what we have harvested from the St. James garden and deliver them to Hartford Catholic Worker. If you call or email Ann before dinner time on any Tuesday, she'll be glad to pick them up. You may also drop them off at the garden (East side of church) between 8 and 9:30am on any Wednesday. Leave them on the picnic table. Thank you! Ann Painter: 860-521-3910 or abpainter1@comcast.net

Memorial Garden Needs Your Help

ATTENTION all gardeners!! The Memorial Garden Crew needs your help, and we all need to spend time outside during this quarantine! In order to maintain this beautiful garden, we need a team of weeders on a bi-weekly basis beginning in June to come in and weed and also do light pruning. This usually takes no more than an hour or two of your time. If you are willing to help, please sign-up on line at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4EAFAB23ABF58-stjames>. If you are unable to access the link, kindly email Claire Burnett at claireburnett@comcast.net. Volunteers will receive detailed instructions via email. Thank you!!

We Need Your Hands

If you have some time during the week, please stop by the church and help us pull some weeds in the rose garden, the beds in front of the church, and the sidewalks. Bring your kids if you need to get them out of the house for some fresh air and family-fun weeding! It will help to keep our church beautiful and brighten our community!

Moving Forward Update

In this strange time, we are making plans for how to move forward and come back together when it is safe to do so. This update is meant to give you an idea of what is happening now, and what might happen next.



WORK continues to bring the St. James's community together in whatever ways are possible both now, over the summer and in the future. Our driving goal is to provide for the spiritual life of all parishioners. Here is what we know:

For now we continue to have Zoom morning prayer and video church on a 2 week/1 week schedule. In other words, one week there will be a video church available on YouTube, then the following two weeks will be Zoom morning prayer, and then a video again, and so on. This schedule will continue until sometime over the summer when we will have the ability to "live stream" church services, followed by CDC-regulated in-person services when that becomes safe. Once we get live streaming up and running, we will continue this as a regular offering. **This means anyone who cannot physically attend church for any reason will always be able to participate.**



That is a lot of information – here are some **Frequently Asked Questions** to clarify what we are planning:

How can I go to church right now?

Each Sunday there will be either a live Zoom morning prayer or new Video church offering. The videos remain on YouTube so you can watch or re-watch anytime you like. These will happen on a schedule as described above. 2 weeks of Zoom, 1 week of video, repeat. Please look for Bob's weekly emails for details and what is happening when.

Why can't we have video services every week?

There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into producing these services with our current technology. Instead of focusing all our effort on these time-consuming productions we are investing in improving our technology to be able to provide full live streaming.

What is "live streaming"?

Live streaming is not a recorded video, but a real-time video feed broadcast from the church during a live service. In the short-term these services will not include parishioners in attendance, but when that is determined to be safe, there will be in-person services that will also be live streamed for those who cannot attend.

How do I access the live stream broadcast?

When available, access will be as easy as going to our website and clicking on a button on the home page. There will be no need to navigate Zoom or Facebook or any other program. You can use a computer, laptop, tablet, phone, or any other device that can access the internet.

Will I be able to watch these videos at a different time, after the service?

Yes, these broadcasts will be recorded and available on YouTube after a brief delay. Perhaps the day after the service.

When will it be "determined to be safe" to have in-person services?

We do not have a specific date for in-person services. We will continue to monitor the public health situation and take steps slowly and carefully, erring on the side of safety and not rushing to meet any particular date. Please be patient as we make these decisions with great care and attention to detail.

Are specific supplies needed before we can have services in-person?

YES! We need Clorox disposable wipes, or any other equivalent bleach-based wipes. Greatly appreciated donations may be dropped outside the cloister entrance to the building. Thank you!

How will in-person services be different than they were before?

There are several ways we know of, and likely some we have not figured out yet. We will follow all CDC guidelines for religious services. Precautions will include:

- **Communion:** In the near-term there will be no communion. The bishops have advised us not to have communion in its traditional sense and that seems prudent. Instead we will continue to use the service we have been using for the videos. It is an Adapted Version of Eucharistic Prayer B, for a time when gathering with bread and wine is not possible.
- **Symptom checks:** Please consider your health, and the health of your family members before you decide to attend church. If you have a fever, cough, have spent time recently where the virus is circulating, or have any condition that puts you at higher risk of contracting severe Covid-19, please choose not to attend in-person services. Live streaming will be available for anyone who cannot or should not attend services.

- **Music:** There will be no singing at services. Scientific studies have shown that singing increases the range that individuals project particles and has been a major factor in super-spreader events. Vaughn is working hard to plan alternative service music until singing is deemed safe. It is sure to be beautiful!
- **Social distancing:** This will require limited (1 out of every 3 pews) and likely assigned seats. Ushers will direct you to the next available pew so that we can accommodate as many attendees as possible. Seating will start at the front of the church and move backwards. Please accept your seating assignment and any other direction from the ushers without question. They will be specially trained to keep everyone as safe as possible.
- **Face masks:** Face coverings will be required for all attendees. A dedicated group of parishioners has been busy sewing masks to provide to anyone who needs one. Please wear your own face covering if you have one available that works well for you.
- **Passing the Plate:** Offering plates will be placed at the entrance for donations. If you are one of the many parishioners paying your pledges by mail during these times, please continue to do so. If you have not tried this solution, please consider it. Contributions should be mailed to St. James's Episcopal Church, 19 Walden Street, West Hartford CT 06107.
- **Timing:** To allow for proper seating, we will ask you to arrive 15 minutes prior to service time. There will likely be only one service each Sunday.



St. James's Moving Forward Task Force

Journey Home Update

Donations and Volunteers

JOURNEY Home has begun picking up donations again, and they are asking that items be moved into garages so they can pick up there without having to go into your homes.

Go to <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/7915223bedfb421d936b979d60712928> to fill out a form listing the items you would like to donate.

Volunteer groups are being kept small to limit the number of people in the warehouse and the number of folks interacting with each other at pickups and drop offs. If your family wants to volunteer together but there are not enough time slots, contact Alison at volunteer@journeyhomect.org to set up a date and time!

Drop off times are scheduled periodically with a list of needs for that week. Please visit their website: www.journeyhomect.org or email Alison Sjoberg at alison.sjoberg@journeyhomect.org for more information. Drop off location is at 635 New Park Avenue, West Hartford, Building 1.

Registry and Readings

Deaths

Richard Brown

May 31, 2020

Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

JULY

Hunter Swales, 1
Theo Vietzke, 8
Vivienne Long, 15
Willa Horowitz, 18
Emma Pinckney, 20
Aubrey Keough, 21
Jack Harwood, 22
Julia McCue, 23



AUGUST

Allison McDill, 3
Charles Collin, 6
Abigail Collin, 9
Ashley Granquist, 12
Logan Kirsch, 12
Samantha Kramer, 15
Emilie Sullivan, 16
Caitlyn Harwood, 19
Graham Woodward, 20
Natalie Lytle, 21
Stephen Eacobacci, 26
Harper Leichsenring, 27
Lillian Waterman, 31

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Margaret, Walter, Frank, Elly, Tom, Chuck, David, Sue, Will, Ed, Tom, David, Nancy, Chris & Louise.

Those in our extended parish family

Maria, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Patricia, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa, Alvin, Karen, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Barbara & Family, Tavern, Mohan, Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Dave, Charlene, Pierre, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Ann, Kayleigh, Cathleen, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel.

Those Serving in the Military:

Andrew Clark, Andrew Huntsman, Ed Vera, and Justin Hagemann.

Sunday Lectionary

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 5

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45: 11-18
or Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 12

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 19

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23
or Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 26

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
or Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 2

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 16
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 9

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 16

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 23

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8;
Matthew 16:13-20

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 30

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Women Of St. James's



IN the past three months, all aspects of our lives have been disrupted! This upheaval includes our Women of St. James's (WOSJ) community, who last met on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

The key strength of the WOSJ is our Fellowship! We welcome ALL to our Tuesday luncheon meetings, where we offer opportunities to care for others and to explore spiritual, cultural, intellectual, and community topics.

With the extraordinary challenges we now face, the rector and the WOSJ Board have determined we will not meet for the October 2020 through May 2021 program year. The October 2020 Fall Rummage Sale will also be cancelled.

This response was determined by how to minimize the impact of the pandemic on the WOSJ membership. We will continue to coordinate effective and responsible ways to be the WOSJ. Hopefully, in the Spring of 2021 we will engage in a creative event to gather all the WOSJ on a Tuesday! In the meantime, the WOSJ members can reach out to each other through prayers, phone calls, texts, notes and birthday cards.

We will be constantly updating how the WOSJ will continue to engage and support our members. The long history of the WOSJ will continue during these uncertain times as a dynamic expression of Fellowship!

We will journey together as we increase and provide nourishment for the soul and mind through an opportunity of fellowship and knowledge as we grow into God's future!

Stay safe and healthy. God bless all of you.

Fall Rummage Sale Canceled

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to ensure the safety of all, the WOSJ has decided to cancel this year's fall rummage sale.



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