Our doors will be open again on July 5th.

GOOD MORNING ALL!
As you have seen our first in-person service will be July 5th at 10:00am. Everything is ready for your return. Please remember, that even though guidelines were followed in preparation of this opening, your safety and wellness cannot be guaranteed. If you choose to remain at home the Zoom services may be accessed both through the computer and your phone.

ZOOM SERVICES ~
Those of you who will feel more comfortable remaining home we will continue our on-line services via Zoom at 11:00 on Sunday and 5:30 Wednesday evening. Invitations to those are included in the body of this email. They also may be found, along with the bulletin for each, on our website http://stjameszanesville.diosohio.org/  Our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/St-James-Episcopal-Church-111577285549049/) will contain the invitations in the events section. You will need to email me at stjameszanesville@gmail.com should you wish a bulletin if you’re using Facebook.

MUSIC ~
Our guest cantor this week is Molly Beetem. Molly Beetem and Tyson Kumorowski will be sharing their talents during July. Dawnell Graham has opted to remain at home due to her asthma.
FROM DAVID SHUBACH ~For our patriotic Sunday we welcome back cantor Molly Beetem singing a very special version of the Star-Spangled Banner, and An American Hymn. Click on the link for a preview:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_HJGef1YkHw
ELEVATOR UPDATE AS OF MONDAY JUNE 29, 2020 FROM BARBARA SAUNDERS ~

Marc Brown called today with an update on the elevator situation. He has been in contact with the “head lady” (as he said) at Inclinator. She told him that the suppliers for Inclinator are not back to work and that Inclinator cannot get parts for their jobs. Inclinator themselves are not fully up and running because of the suppliers.

Marc is frustrated because he has major construction jobs waiting for their elevators to be installed as well. Marc waited two weeks for “head lady” to get back to him about his need for parts!

FRIENDSHIP DINNER ~

The June 27 Friendship Dinner served 44 take out dinners. We served chicken, broccoli, rice casserole, a roll, applesauce, a cookie, and a bottle of water. The meal cost was $4.09 per box. Several of our guests stated that they were very happy that we are continuing to offer the dinner every month. Thank you to St. James for continuing to support this outreach to Zanesville. Thank you to those who prepared, boxed, and passed out this dinner.

We will continue with take-out meals until more restrictions are lifted regarding crowd size.

CHRIS COLLINS ~ Chris has indicated that she has both child size and adult size masks if you need of one.

PLEDGES/DONATIONS ~
The alms plate will be stationary once in person services begin. You are however still welcome to send any donations for the church to my address, 445 Moore Ave.

A COPY OF THE REOPENING LETTER SENT BY BARBARA SAUNDERS
St. James in the Covid pandemic, 2020

Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. James,

This letter comes to you at this time to explain the changes we all will see and experience at our worship services. Given the challenges this virus causes, the Diocese has mandated procedures that are necessary to keep the contact of the illness at bay. Here is a list of what will change:

There will be only one service every Sunday at 10 a.m. The first service will be July 5th. Zoom services will continue at 11 a.m. More information on other services will follow once that has been established. The possibility of live streaming of the service is being investigated. Morning Prayers will continue.

The doors will be open at entering and again at the end of the service. This is to prevent multiple touching by all. Doors will be closed during the service.

There will be only one usher (possibly two if needed). Ushers will be wearing masks & gloves.
Masks are encouraged. Disposable masks will be available. A sanitizing station will be available as well.

Seating: Families may sit together but the congregation needs to be aware and seat themselves according to social distancing guidelines (6’ apart). Members of the same household may sit together. If you are unsure, please talk to the usher.

Because of a touch-free environment, all books & hymnals have been removed from the pews.

Bulletins will continue to be e-mailed. Please consider bringing your own printed copy or using a media device to follow the service. Your own Book of Common Prayer is fine too. A few printed copies of the bulletin will be available.

No choir will be present though a cantor will sing. Response readings will continue.

Only one reader to limit the number of persons using any of the microphones.

Communion is a common gathering place which is not recommended by the Diocese. Since we will not be having communion, Morning Prayer will be the worship. Many other churches are avoiding communion during this time too.

For the Peace it is recommended that we look at others and nod, wave, or slight bow. We can say “peace be with you,” but our smiles will be hidden by masks.

Exiting from the service will occur from the back of the church. This is in keeping the 6 feet distance from others sitting on the aisle. The usher will release the back row first before advancing back each row. This is the opposite of going up to communion.

There will be no coffee hour. If you would like to “gather” socially, please consider joining us for one of our zoom services.

This pandemic will not be with us forever and we must remain strong in our efforts to stay healthy. We love the spirituality of our elaborate service at St. James and our love of friends too. Being together in this type of “reduced” worship is still beneficial for our mental and spiritual health. God knows our intention in our hearts to worship Him even in these circumstances. If absence makes the heart grow stronger, think how joyous it will be to return fully to celebrating communion in communion with all.

Pray for the whole world and for those greatly affected by this illness. Pray for the researchers to find a vaccine. Pray for your health and for the love of your family.

Barbara Saunders
Jr. Warden
Birthdays

1 Fritz Douthitt
5 Vickie MacLaine
8 Carolyn Thompson
9 Lee Martin
11 Kevin Smith
13 Carly Fitz (Carpenter)
14 Ryan Tompkins
17 Pat Longshore
19 Karl Benson
24 Ryan Linn
26 Alexander Rice (Benson)
29 Mark Eagleson
29 Tyler Bixler

Anniversaries

6 Tom and Diane Ischy
12 Mark and Lori Eagleson