



The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2019

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

February 12th at 6:30 PM. This will be the first meeting for new BC members. Thank you to Sonny Carter, Charlie Sloneker, and Marilyn Witt for their 3 years of service to the church.

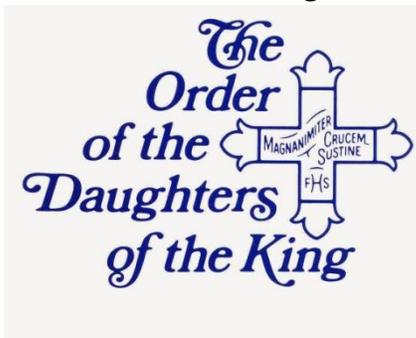
DOK MEETING

The next regular meeting of DOK is Wednesday, February 20th at noon.

VIDEO STUDY will be on FEBRUARY 6 AT 11:00 AM as we finish up the Shiela Walsh study of David.

QUIET DAY SCHEDULED

St. Clare Chapter of DOK will be hosting a Lenten quiet day retreat on Saturday, March 9th from 10-2. Bishop Jennifer will be presenting the program of meditations. We will be serving lunch.



ANNUAL MEETING

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The annual meeting will be held after the service on February 3rd. All annual reports are due to the office by January 27th. It is important for you to attend. We will be approving the 2019 budget and electing delegates/alternates for the convention and to represent St. James in the new deanery format. There will be a parish dinner following the meeting.

SAVE THE DATE

March 5th is Shrove Tuesday so make your plans to be there! Great time to invite friends and family.

Plans have begun for the 5th annual Peace Walk on September 21st. If you would like to help plan, there is a meeting on January 30th. Deacon Barry has details.



WINTER COLLECTION



This year, we collected 54 caps, 7 cap and glove sets; 6 scarf, cap, and glove sets; 45 pair of gloves; 2 headband and glove set; 50 pair of socks; 32 pair of underwear; and 4 coats. These items will be given to those students in need at Eastwood Elementary. Thanks to everyone who donated.

Vivian and Terri.

PLASTIC COLLECTION CONTINUES

We are still collecting plastic lids of all kinds along with medicine bottles for recycling to make benches. Sonny will deliver them to the fire department.

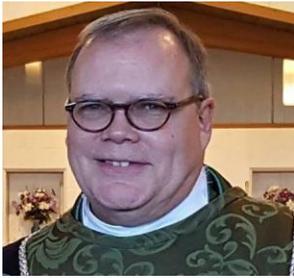
AFFAIRS OF THE HEART

This annual women's event is Thursday, February 28 at First Baptist Church. From 4-6:30 you can visit vendors for free things and there are items for purchase. At 6:30 the program begins and they give a lot of door prizes. They haven't announced the speakers yet but it is all about heart health.

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Heart Month



WORDS FROM FATHER WHITNEY

Looking Back, Looking Forward

This past year for St. James, New Castle, has been a time of modest growth, transition and creative outreach.

In the way of growth in 2018, we were fortunate to be able to welcome John and Diane Thompson as new members. The Thompsons, who live in the Hagerstown area, transferred their memberships to St. James from Florida. St. James also benefited from deeper participation by those who have been with the church for a while, or used to be. For instance, Joyce Lawson, Ruth Lawson and Corey Fincher participated more often in Holy Eucharist, and Ruth took part in a bible study. Peggy Jent and Fran Johnson, who both grew up at St. James but now live in other states, attended several services while in New Castle. Aimee and Kevin Chapman's grandchildren have also visited occasionally, most recently at our well-attended Lessons and Carols. Last year, our youth became more involved in activities including the St. James Brass, candle lighting and our new Children's Bible stories.

Sam Hua joined St. James last summer as staff musician. Sam arrived at St. James after the resignation of Cindy Bullard, who served as musician for more than twenty five years. Sam, who grew up in New Castle, is a doctoral student in physical therapy at IUPUI.

As for outreach, with help from Deacon Barry Cramer, there was a spirited ecumenical service and dinner in January at The Place, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Our second annual St. James Day on July 25 featured a fish fry, a bible study and the unveiling of portraits of St. James by parishioners Stacey Maupin Torres and Marilyn Witt. In September, the Peace Walk featured a compelling speaker on human trafficking. For the first time in many years, St. James published a new pictorial Church Directory. To boost evangelism, we added three Tuesday Advent services and were pleased to host visitors from Richmond and New Castle.

In 2019:

- Three Bishop's Committee members will complete three-year terms. Many thanks for the dedicated service of Senior Warden Sonny Carter, Junior Warden Charles Sloneker and Marilyn Witt, who has been Education Liaison. Elections for new Bishop's Committee members will be at Annual Meeting on February 3.
- Imogene Carpenter will continue for a time to head Altar Guild, which she has faithfully led for more than fifty years. In January she began mentoring Carolyn Shupert and Deloris Madden, Altar Guild members who will serve as apprentice leaders.
- The Bishop's next visit to St. James will be on May 5. One candidate has expressed interest in being confirmed then. Others interested are encouraged to contact me soon.
- In 2019, we will celebrate the 135th anniversary of St. James. It will be a great time to invite newcomers to take part in the church's future and have fun! The date will be announced later.

Blessings to all for a happy and healthy 2019!

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