



The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

APRIL 2018



Mar 25 Palm Sunday	10:00 AM
Mar 29 Maundy Thurs	5:00 PM
Mar 30 Good Friday	5:00 PM
April 1 EASTER	10:00 AM

Reception will follow service



BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 10th at 6:30 PM

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

APRIL 18th at noon

CONFIRMATION MAY 10

Lucas Hummel will be confirmed by Bishop Jennifer on May 10 at Christ Church Cathedral. The service is at 7 PM. Please plan to go to support Lucas.

MUSIC UPDATE

Marilyn Witt offered to play the organ for Sunday services through Easter. On Good Friday, we will have Nick Fennig from Indianapolis play.



In honor of Earth Day, we will be having a "blue jean Sunday" and cleaning up the church yard and along Trojan Lane and/or Bundy Ave on April 22. Deacon Barry will be here to preach during Morning Prayer.

WAYCROSS WOMEN'S WEEK 2

There is still plenty of space open for week 2 of Women's Week. The theme is "Life is good- simple as that" and Rev. Rebecca Nickel will be the chaplain. It is July 15-19. Sign up at waycrosscc.org



Women's Fellowship

ECW SPRING LUNCHEON

Episcopal Church Women will be having the annual spring luncheon at St. Paul's, Columbus on April 28 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Bishop Jennifer will be the guest speaker. **REGISTRATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT CHURCH.**

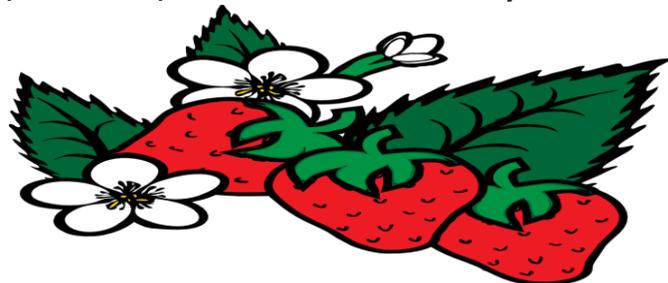
VICTORY LANE CAMP

We will be serving pizza, salad, drinks and providing the ice cream social for dessert at Victory Lane Camp again for the fourth year. It will be on Thursday, July 19th from 5-8 PM. All volunteers are welcome to help. Dinner is 5:30- 6:15 then cleanup. The ice cream social is at 6:45. You can come for the evening or just one shift. Let Pat Carter know if you can help.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Christ Church Cathedral Women's annual Strawberry Festival is Thursday, June 14. I would like to field a team of volunteers again this year; details yet to be decided. It's not too early to block off the date if you'd like to participate. The Cathedral Women have sponsored this event for over 50 years. The proceeds fund their grant-making ministry of funding social service ministries and organizations throughout the area. St. James has sent a team for the past four years. **Deacon Barry Cramer**



LOOKING FOR 8 MORE LUNCH BUDDIES

Big Brothers Big Sisters presents “Lunch Buddies”. They are matching volunteers with K–6 students at Parker Elementary to have lunch together every Thursday. If you are interested, contact Ashley Huffman @ Ashley1.bbbs@gmail.com or Casey Knight at Casey.bbbs@gmail.com to apply.

BOTTLE CAPS FOR PARK BENCHES

A few years ago we helped a girl scout collect plastic to get park benches made out of recycled plastic for the Wilbur Wright trail. The New Castle Parks Board has started a collection until June to replace benches in our parks. There is a box at church for your donations. They accept any **plastic lids**, including coffee can lids, plastic yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese, milk, soda, etc.



FUTURE BOOK STUDY

Cindy Shamy has suggested a book study of **Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church** by Rachel Held Evans. They are \$9.34 on Amazon. She will announce at a later date when she's available to be our leader.



WORDS FROM WHITNEY

During the months of April and May, I would like to invite all parishioners of St. James, New Castle, as well as any visitors, to begin thinking about what your favorite hymns are. The idea is to begin incorporating some of your hymn ideas when possible into church services in coming months -- or even years, if there are enough suggestions.

Although this is my idea for St. James, it's certainly not an original idea. I saw the process used successfully at my home parish, St. Alban's, Indianapolis, probably ten years ago. It was a lot of fun back then and I hope we'll also have fun with it at St. James.

Here's how the process will work: On or about April 15, which will be one of our Sundays with Holy Eucharist, I will make available on a table in the narthex both ballots and a ballot box (although we aren't electing anyone).

The ballots will be single sheets of paper, and anyone who wishes to vote (adult or youth) may list favorite hymns in no particular order. This isn't a secret ballot, so you may discuss your favorite hymn choices with anyone. Please put your name on your ballot, so that we can be sure there's only one per person.

If you need a reminder about hymn titles, check out any of our hymnals in the pew racks at St. James. We use not only *Hymnal 1982*, but also *Wonder, Love and Praise* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, supplementary hymnals approved by The Episcopal Church. You may even know of appropriate hymns that aren't in our hymnals. If you have suggestions on where to find those particular selections, please include that information on your ballot.

When finished, please put the ballot in the ballot box. The box will stay on the narthex table until Pentecost, which will be Sunday, May 20. Ballots will be collected by me. I will make a list of all suggestions and refer to it in coming months. Use of the suggestions in church services will depend on various things, such as the season of the church year or the gospel and other scripture readings appointed for a particular Sunday. Thanks!