



The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JANUARY 2018



EPIPHANY IS JANUARY 6TH

First Christian Church will be holding their annual Epiphany tree burning on Saturday night at 5:30pm. If you have a live tree, they would appreciate you dropping it off in their yard between our 2 churches, at the flagpole. It is an amazing sight to watch them burning into the dark night.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

January 9th at 6:30 pm

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January 17th at noon/ 12:30

ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 4

Our annual meeting will be held after church on Feb. 4th. It will be followed by a pitch in lunch. Please have all reports in the office by January 28th.

MINISTRY PROJECTS

The deadline for hats and gloves for elementary students is December 31st. Keep in mind during winter closeout sales that we will be collecting again next year. Now is a great time for bargains.

PROPERTY UPDATES

Thank you to Charles Sloneker for replacing the ballast on our outside sign. We now have a lighted sign and the crosses on the front of the church are lit. A beautiful sight!

We have ended our relationship with American Heating and Cooling and have hired MRS to repair and maintain our boiler.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to grandparents Kevin and Aimee Chapman and to Cole Chapman on the birth of his 2nd son, Braxton James, born on Nov. 21st.

MARTIN LUTHER KING OBSERVANCE

Please support this multi church event at the Place on January 14th at 6PM. There is a community dinner at 5PM before the event. See more details on page 2

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CHURCH CALENDARS

There are 2 calendars left for sale at \$5.00 each. If you buy one please put your money in the Senior Warden box. Also 2 calendars are missing and not paid for yet so please pay your \$5.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Volunteers are needed to stay after the Epiphany service on January 7th to take down all the Christmas decorations.

FIELDTRIP WITH DEACON BARRY

I am considering visiting the Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati on January 15, Martin Luther King Day. Part of the visit will include a special exhibit of African-American art called the Kinsey Collection that has been at the museum since last fall and will run through March 3. If anyone is interested in joining me for this, please get in touch with me directly at home, [765-966-4458](tel:765-966-4458), or by email, DeaconBarryC@gmail.com. Additional information is available at www.freedomcenter.org.



MARTIN LUTHER KING OBSERVANCE SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH

A Martin Luther King Day observance is being planned for Sunday evening January 14, 2018. Representatives of several New Castle and Henry County faith communities are planning a program for the eve of the federal and state holiday. Martin Luther King worked for civil rights, economic justice, and peacemaking. The program is planned for 6:00 pm and will be hosted at The Place, located at 205 S 21st St, New Castle. A common meal at 5:00 PM will precede the 6:00 o'clock program for those who wish to attend. Further details will be forthcoming. The invited speaker is Rev. Saint Samuel Johnson. He is an ordained minister in the Christian Church Disciples of Christ. He attended Christian Theological Seminary and was ordained in 2004. He is an Elder at Light of the World Christian Church of Indianapolis. Rev. Johnson retired from the Air Force after 21 years, coached basketball for four years at IUPUI and owned Sam's Hickory Smoked BBQ. He served as the chaplain at Robin Run Village for ten years. He and his wife, Beverly have two children, Shelley and Bruce. A Martin Luther King Day event held earlier this year was hosted by St. James Episcopal Church and featured a panel discussion focusing on the continuing legacy of the Nobel Peace Prize winner. April 4, 2018, will mark the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's assassination.



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