

# The MESSENGER

## ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



JULY 2017

### BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30 PM.

### DOK MEETING

There will not be a meeting in July



### VICTORY LANE CAMP

THURSDAY, JULY 20

5:00 -6:30 PIZZA & SALAD FOR 125

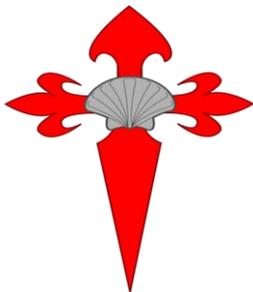
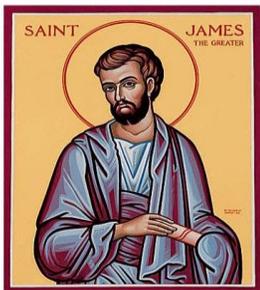
6:30-7:30 ICE CREAM SOCIAL

We need 6 volunteers to set up and serve.

I need one person to bring ice cream at 6:30 since we don't have freezers.

**We will need salad dressings, ice cream toppings, ice tea, lemonade. The cost of pizza, salad and ice cream and anything not donated is covered by our outreach budget.**

### ST. JAMES DAY CELEBRATION



We will be celebrating St. James Day on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> with a picnic in parish picnic, study and service beginning at 4:00 pm. Meat will be provided. The movie, "The Way" about a father's pilgrimage on the Walk of St. James in France and Spain will be shown following dinner if you would like to stay for a movie.

### NEW DOORS TUTORIAL

#### IMPORTANT TO READ!!!

If you use a key to get in the church you need to **KNOW THIS**.

We have new doors that now meet code. They lock behind you and have a crash bar to get out in case of emergency. To avoid locking your keys in the church, there is a key that you use in the crash bar to lock it open so that you and others can come and go. It is located near each door. When you are ready to leave, you must unlock the crash bar from the inside then the door will lock behind you as you go.

**\*\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*\*\***

We will be holding the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual peace walk on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Baker Park Shelter #2 (by the school). More details to come later.



**FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**Sept 30- Oct 1**

**Waycross Conference Center**

**Bishop Jennifer Baskerville- Burrows will be presenting the program.**

**BISHOP JENNIFER'S VISIT TO ST. JAMES**

On Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> our new Bishop, Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows will be visiting us for her first trip to New Castle. Please join us in welcoming her to St. James with a pitch in lunch after the service.

**SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN**

Marilyn Witt has sent information needed to each member that needs to complete this training. It is an online course and needs to be done soon. Thank you.

**BACK HALL RESTROOM**

As a part of remodeling the restroom into a family/unisex bathroom, I have added a changing table. If we have a family visiting that needs a diaper changing station, tell them about it. Build it and they will come!

**DONATION MATCH DAY JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

All donations made to the charity of your choice through the Henry Community Foundation will be matched through a \$100,000 grant. Some choices are Westminster Center, The Guest House, and Habitat for Humanity. Your donation must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Foundation office on July 19 to qualify. Make your check out to Henry Community Foundation and put your charity in the memo line. Also, any sales at the thrift shops at the Guest House site will be matched that day.

**NEW BANNER**

Carolyn Shupert has been working with Margison's Graphics to develop a new banner for St. James. We realized that we didn't have a usable one for the Bishop's installation.

## FROM FATHER WHITNEY

The Feast of St. James the Apostle falls every 25<sup>th</sup> of July, and this year, our parish will honor its namesake saint on that day. St. James Episcopal Church, New Castle, Indiana, will honor him with a festival consisting of a bible study, Holy Eucharist and a pitch-in dinner.

As with several common names in the bible, the name James refers to more than one historical person in the various books. The saint we'll honor on July 25 is the apostle often known as James the *Greater*, to set him apart from James the *Less* (who was another apostle by that name) and from "James the brother of our Lord." James the *Greater* and his brother, John, were sons of Zebedee, a fisherman from *Galilee*. James and John suddenly left their home and their business to answer Christ's call to ministry. Both James and John must have possessed spirited personalities to have been called the "Sons of Thunder."

On Tuesday, July 25 at 4 p.m., we will begin a short study of one or two passages from the Epistle of James. The traditional view has been that this New Testament letter was written by St. James, the Lord's brother. However, according to the *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* edited by F. L. Cross, that view may be challenged by historical and linguistic arguments. In any event, the letter has interesting and provocative things to say about the Christian faith.

The Holy Eucharist will be a relatively simple service. One of its features will be Hymn 457 from our Hymnal 1982. This hymn popularly known as *St. James* begins with the verse "Thou art the Way, to thee alone, from sin and death we flee, and all who would the Father seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee." St. James organist Cynthia Bullard said the hymn hadn't been used by our parish in recent years, and suggested that it's time to revive it.

A festive pitch-in meal will conclude our St. James Festival. Please plan to join us for some or all of this three-part event!

(The movie "The Way" with Martin Sheen will be shown following dinner. It is about a father's journey on the way of St. James in France and Spain as he carries his estranged son's ashes and learns about life on the way. )Pat