

# The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MARCH 2017



## LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 5:00 PM

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LENTEN BOOK STUDY OF  
"MY CHURCH ISN'T DYING"

We will discuss the book (1/2 each session) followed by evening prayer. Soup will be provided following that service each session on Tuesday,

MARCH 7 AT 4PM  
MARCH 21 AT 4PM



### BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

### DOK MEETING

Meet on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at our new time of 4:00 PM.



SPRING LUNCHEON FOR WOMEN  
APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> at St. Paul's, Columbus

REGISTRATION	10:30 AM
EUCCHARIST	11 AM
LUNCHEON	NOON
PROGRAM	1 PM

Bishop Cate Waynick will be our program and this will be her last visit before her retirement in April.  
**SEE ATTACHED REGISTRATION**

### BEEF AND BOARDS DINNER THEATRE



Joseph and the  
Technicolor Dreamcoat  
Wednesday, March 22 at 11:30

Cost with fees will be \$60.00 for buffet lunch and the show. We will leave from the church at 10:30 am. If you want to go please tell Pat Carter by March 5<sup>th</sup> so I can order tickets.

## WORDS FROM FATHER WHITNEY

For seventeen years, I have lived in a predominantly Roman Catholic neighborhood of Indianapolis. Maybe that's one reason I sometimes hear folks at this time of year discussing what they're giving up for Lent. This year, it was a couple at the table next to mine in a neighborhood restaurant. They helped inspire me to start thinking about the topic.

During preparations for Lent at St. James, I've been noticing not so much what's being taken away as what will be added in the way of Lenten disciplines, which often include prayer, study, and giving of alms. At the Holy Eucharist service on March 5, which is the first Sunday of Lent this year, in the place normally reserved for the Sermon, our parish will be adding "Temptation of Jesus," a short Lenten Drama that I adapted from Matthew 4:1-11, the appointed Gospel lesson. The character variously known as the devil, Satan or the Tempter tries three times to get Jesus to bow down and worship him. Jesus refuses every time. Even when the Tempter resorts to Scripture, Jesus counters with another Scripture to foil the evil one. I adapted "Temptation of Jesus" in 2013 for a bible study at St. Michael's Church in Noblesville. In that case, the main characters were played by a theatrically inclined father and his twin sons. At St. James, members of one parish family have also been asked to play the principal roles – in this case, Sonny Carter and his son, David Carter. I will reprise the roles I played in Noblesville – first as the Narrator of the scene, and then as the interviewer who questions the main characters. Maybe you'll have questions for them, too.

St. James is also adding a Lenten book study this year. On two Tuesday afternoons, March 7 and 21 at 4 o'clock, several of us will discuss "My Church Is Not Dying: Episcopalians in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" by Baylor University professor Greg Garrett. Dr. Garrett faces the reality that, like many mainstream denominations, the Episcopal Church has weathered a downturn in membership. He looks briefly at some of the reasons why, but also reassures us with his strong belief that the Episcopal Church isn't going away away – especially if we do what we as Christians are called to do -- especially in the way of evangelism and mission. He defines evangelism as "the sharing of the good news of salvation through God in Jesus Christ in the world around us," and mission as "doing Gospel work through deeds." I believe Dr. Garrett can help teach us how to celebrate and spread the word about some of the things we love best about our church tradition. We plan to cover the first half of the book March 7 and the second half March 21.

As Presiding Bishop Michael Curry wrote in the opening essay for the 2017 Lenten Meditation booklet published by Episcopal Relief and Development, "Whatever devotion you practice this season of Lent, either giving up something that ties you to this world or taking on a spiritual task or discipline, let it be something that helps you participate in the movement of God's love in this world, following in the footsteps of Jesus and loving one another.

A Blessed Lent to all of you,

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## Set Aside one Day in Lent for "You"

St Clare Chapter is planning to host a **Day of Quiet** on the last Saturday of this month, March 25<sup>th</sup>. It is the Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It will begin at 10:30 with coffee and conversation. At 11:00 we will have meditation time on the gospel reading: Luke 1:26-38, followed by silence. A second meditation at 11:30 will focus on Canticle 15 and/or the Motto of the Order. Silence will be kept throughout these meditation times. Lunch will be served at noon, and yes we will talk during this time. After lunch there will be a Eucharist planned by our priest, Fr. Whitney Smith. Please let us know if you are interested so we can prepare enough food for the lunch.

For His Sake,  
St. Clare Chapter



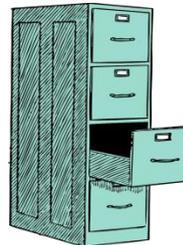
### LOCAL ARTIST MARILYN WITT

One of Marilyn Witt's paintings has been accepted into the Indiana Artist's 85th Annual Juried Exhibition at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. The opening and Awards Reception will be on Sun. Apr. 9th at 3:00 at the IMA. The painting is "Nature's Christmas Tree" Pastel on sanded paper 12 x 9. We may be forming a fieldtrip in April to go see it on display. Congratulations!

### LOCAL ARTIST STACEY TORRES

Stacey Torres will be having her own show at the local art museum in May. It is called **COLOR Storm: If not now, when?** Details will come later

### THE RECORDS ROOM IS READY!!



Finally, after months of waiting, the records room is ready to move into. We need people to help move file cabinets and shelves into that space and go through old records and books. If you love to organize things this job is for you! Let Pat Carter know

## **OUR SYMPATHIES**

Mary Luke died on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at Stonebrooke Rehab Center following an extended illness. Her services were conducted by Father Whitney Smith at Main and Frame Blue River Chapel. She is survived by sister, Linda Holcomb.

Donna South, mother of Kent South died on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Services were held on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at Cadiz Christian Church. Please keep Kent, Christopher Beasley, and Jacob South Beasley in your prayers.

## **THANK YOU**

To my St. James' family,  
I certainly did appreciate your Christmas gift and would like to say thank you. I used it to help buy an inversion table that helps to decompress my spine and avoid most of the back pain I've had over the past few years.

Thank you, Deacon Barry

