



# The MESSENGER

## ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MARCH 2018



### HOLY WEEK

- 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

March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

Elaine Farley and Cindy Shamy were elected to the Bishop's Committee for a 3 year term . Sonny Carter remains as Sr. Warden and Charles Sloneker as Jr. Warden. The new clerk is yet to be determined.

### CELEBRATING CINDY

Cindy Bullard has been our organist and choir director for over 25 years. She has resigned from her position effective after the March 4<sup>th</sup> service. Please join in thanking her for all her years as our church musician as we celebrate her ministry after the service.



### LENTEN DINNER AND A MOVIE WITH COMPLINE

Join us for dinner and the movie "All Saints" on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. The movie is a true story about a small Episcopal Church that faces closing and how the new priest helps them save it. After discussing the movie, we will close with New Zealand prayer book service of night prayers (compline).

### SPRING FORWARD

Daylight savings time will start on Sunday, March 11. Remember to set your clocks forward an hour so you won't be late for church.



### DOK MEETING

March 21<sup>st</sup> at noon/ 12:30

We had 9 women attend the Lenten retreat last week, including 2 from Grace, Muncie. Under Carolyn Shupert's guidance we took quiet time to write our spiritual stories.

## POTATO BAR SUPPER AND JAZZ

The Tri High Jazz Band (with solos by Isaiah and Olivia Bullard) will be performing at a fund raiser for the THS music department on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. It will be held at The Gathering on US 40, east of 103. Tix are \$5 presale, \$7 at the door



## 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](http://waycrosscc.org)



## Women's Fellowship

### SAVE THE DATE

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.

## LOOKING FOR A NEW ACTIVITY??

Big Brothers Big Sisters presents "Lunch Buddies". They are matching volunteers with K-6 students at Parker Elementary to have lunch together every Thursday. It's just 25 minutes of your time to make a difference in a child's life. If you are interested, contact Ashley Huffman @ [Ashley1.bbbs@gmail.com](mailto:Ashley1.bbbs@gmail.com) or Casey Knight at [Casey.bbbs@gmail.com](mailto: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.





WORDS FROM WHITNEY



CINDY BULLARD

### Music Ministry Changes at St. James

The February 18 resignation of Cynthia Bullard from her longtime position as musician at St. James, New Castle, creates a void that will be difficult to fill. In these days when job tenures in many fields are shorter than they used to be, it is quite a commitment for someone to have stayed in one position for more than 25 years, as Cindy has. Such commitment goes well beyond loyalty to job or career. In her case, her willingness to stay at the keyboard Sunday after Sunday, generally with her family looking on, has surely been an expression of her love and care of the church she grew up in. We appreciate her many years of service.

The timing of Cindy's return to the pews at St. James effective March 4, four weeks before Easter Sunday, does present the challenge of coming up with an alternate plan at a time when most church musicians have long had plans for Holy Week. But St. James has survived challenges before, and will again with God's help. At publication time for the March edition of *The Messenger*, plans are still coming together for music at St. James through April.

For the foreseeable future, the likelihood is that Morning Prayer services, normally the second and fourth Sundays of the month, will have no regular musical accompaniment. An exception will be March 11, when Deacon Barry Cramer will lead the service and preach, and I will lead hymns from the keyboard. Starting in April, hymn options will be suggested to the scheduled Morning Prayer leaders, who will decide whether to have a cappella hymns or a quiet service without music. This presents the opportunity for a variety of service styles.

Holy Eucharist and Holy Week services will have music in various forms. As things stand now, on March 18 and Palm Sunday, Deacon Barry and I will lead the services, probably with a cappella hymns. On Maundy Thursday, March 29, we will sing simple chants from "Wonder, Love and Praise." On Good Friday, March 30, Nick Fennig will be our guest musician. Nick is the organist at First Congregational Church in Indianapolis. He is also the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Murray, longtime former parishioners of St. James. As more details become available, they will be announced at services, on the parish Facebook page or in *The Messenger*. --

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