



The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OCTOBER 2018

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

November 13th at 6:30 PM

DOK MEETING

November 21st at noon. Bring lunch. We will continue our study so bring your books.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM NOV. 18TH

The next forum will be a study on the Book of Ruth with Father Whitney and Pam Sloneker. Try to read this short book in the Bible prior to that date if you plan to attend.

STEWARDSHIP LETTERS

Attached is your stewardship letter with attached pledge card for 2019. Please return by November 18TH so that the finance committee can work on the budget.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION NOV. 16-17

HANGING OF THE GREENS



We will be decorating the church on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2nd, after the service. Lunch will be provided.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

On November 19th we will distribute food baskets to 10 families through Westminster Center. The donation list will be at church November 4 and all food needs to be brought in by Sunday, November 18th.

FALL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Youth 6–12th grades will gather at Waycross on November 30– December 2. The theme is FAITH AND SCIENCE.

CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS 10/29

This year you can sign up for camp early, beginning October 29. After paying a \$75 deposit, you may make payments until paid in full. Adventure camp starts June 16.

WOMEN'S WEEK is also available for the payment plan. Those sessions are June 16–20 for women only and June 25–29 for women with kids at Ready, Set, Camp or younger day campers.

Bake Sale and Bazaar



Nov. 17

UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)

It's time again for our annual giving to UTO. Every penny of your thank offering goes to support grants for ministries at home and overseas. The ingathering dates this year will be Nov. 4 and Nov. 11. If you use a Blue Box, bring it on one of those dates. If you prefer to make a monetary gift on one of those two dates, you can write a check to St. James and put UTO on the message line, or you can make a cash donation by putting it in an envelope and writing UTO on the outside.

Pam Sloneker, chr.

VOTING RESPONSIBLY



Deacon Barry has provided a brochure of 10 Christian principles

to base your voting decisions on. They are available at church if you need guidance before going to the polls on November 6th.

TIME CHANGE ***FALL BACK

This Sunday, November 4th is time to change that clock again. If you forget to change your clock, you will be VERY early for church. Sleep in an extra hour!



ALL THINGS BAZAAR!



NOVEMBER 17

8 AM TO 3 PM

CAFÉ OPENS AT 8 AM

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SET UP DAY

We will set up the bazaar on TUESDAY, November 13 beginning at 10 AM. Please come to help out with setup and pricing.

NEW** BAZAAR RAFFLE ****NEW**
Our raffle basket includes local honey, Indiana popcorn, original art from Marilyn Witt, gift certificate for caramels from Abbott's Candy, sorghum, Dillman Farms jam, Good's candy, local Maple syrup, Wilson Wine from Modoc. The total value is approx. \$200 at this time. You have one more week to donate items. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be sold at the Bazaar.

ADVERTISING

Attached is a flyer for the bazaar. Please help with advertising by printing it out and putting it up at a business or on your car.



WORDS FROM FATHER WHITNEY

With Thanksgiving coming up toward the end of the month, it seems natural to be taking stock of things for which I'm grateful. In light of the recent acts of violence at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue, where a gunman killed eleven Jews, I've been considering worship-related activities that I've sometimes taken for granted, but now count among God's most precious blessings.

On Sunday, Oct. 29th, as I drove across I-70 to supply at St. Paul's, Richmond, officials in Pittsburgh were releasing names of the eight men and three women who had been shot to death the previous day by a man who shouted anti-Semitic remarks in their synagogue. As I listened to a radio broadcast of their names and ages, I was badly shaken. When I got to St. Paul's, Richmond, I found I wasn't the only one. A Eucharistic minister proposed, and I consented, that she would respectfully say in memory of the victims the Kaddish, a Jewish prayer recited by mourners at services after a close relative's death. Since then I find I've been more intentional about noticing certain freedoms in connection with our worship practices:

- First, in this country we have freedom of religion, thanks to the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which provides, in part, that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. . ."
- Secondly, through its history St. James Episcopal Church, New Castle, Indiana, has been blessed to be able to worship in a safe environment. The vast majority of congregations in this nation have, too.
- Thirdly, on Nov. 6th, many who haven't voted early will be casting ballots in Mid-Term elections. My guess is that some Episcopalians will vote Republican, others Democratic, others independent, and we'll all still worship together.
- Finally, we Jesus followers remain blessed by the sacrifice of his life on a cross, given for the forgiveness of our sins.

For all these things, may we be truly grateful this Thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ,

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