



The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OCTOBER 2018

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 9 at 6:30 PM

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE RETREAT
On October 6th from 10 am to 1:30 pm,
the BC will meet for a planning session at
Westwood Park shelter house. This is a
very important event.

DOK MEETING
OCTOBER 17 at noon. Bring lunch. Our
new president is Marilyn Witt.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING Fall Assembly

Maryetta Thurman was installed as a
member of the Daughters of the King at
the recent Fall Assembly by Father
Whitney.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:30 PM

RAIN OR SHINE

Come to our annual chili cookout and invite
friends and family. Bring your own chairs
and dress for the weather. There is a
signup list for food donations at church.
There is a freewill offering to cover the
cost of the chili and hot dogs.



45 people gathered for our 4th annual
peace walk to hear about sex trafficking
and our local facility for rescued girls.
This picture was sent in a signed greeting
card, designed by Marilyn Witt with the 2
representatives from New Castle High
going to the New Castles of the World
conference in Japan.

ALL THINGS BAZAAR!

HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOVEMBER 17

This annual event will be held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving from 8-3. We will have the same format but if you know of anyone that would like space, they can rent a table for \$10. Deloris Madden has offered to be a co chair of this event.

NEW***** BAZAAR RAFFLE

Deloris Madden suggested we try a raffle of Indiana made products at the bazaar this year. If you would like to donate a product to add to the basket, do so ASAP so we can get a flyer together and presell tickets also. Some suggestions are local honey, syrup, candy, wine, beer, crafted items, art work, gift cards to local businesses, etc. Each item will not be expensive but collectively, OUR HOOSIER HOME basket could be worth \$100. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5



NEW MENU ADDITION

We will be adding breakfast sandwiches this year for our early birds. They are \$3 each and will be like an egg mcmuffin on a bun.

BAZAAR WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, October 10 at 11 AM there will be a workshop at church to make 'dirty pour' tiles to sell as coasters for the bazaar. They are fun and easy to make but take a little time due to drying and finishing coat. Talk to Pat Carter if you have questions.

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.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION NOV. 16-17

Aimee Chapman and Cindy Bullard are delegates to convention in Bloomington this year. The Clarks are alternates. Bishop Jennifer invites anyone to attend.

NORTHEAST DEANERY MEETING

Trinity Episcopal Church in Anderson will host a deanery meeting on Thursday, October 11th at 6:00 pm. Delegates and Wardens should plan to attend.

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.

FOOD, FAITH, AND JUSTICE

At the recent women's retreat at Waycross, we were asked what we would take away from our discussions. Many churches had food ministries to help people with food insecurity. I thought we could have a discussion of ways to use our kitchen again to live out our faith and find ways to use food to bring people together and fill a need.



WORDS FROM FATHER WHITNEY



The Abbey of Gethsemani

There was a definite purpose to making the 2 ½-hour, 150-mile drive last month from Indianapolis to the rural landscape outside Bardstown, Kentucky. Once I got there, that purpose was realized, but it certainly wasn't the only benefit of the trip. Ever since 2014, when I made a day-retreat there with a seminary professor, I'd wanted to schedule a longer, more contemplative overnight retreat to the Abbey of Gethsemani. Since 1848, a Trappist monastery has prospered there, in the midst of almost stereotypical rolling hills. The monastic community's best-known attribute is that it was home to the 20th-century theologian and writer Thomas Merton. These days, the Abbey survives by farming its 2,000 acres, selling homemade fudge and pottery in the gift shop, and hosting retreats for people like me.

A chaplain friend and I spent two days and nights staying in monastic cells, hiking the Abbey property and enjoying quite a few hours of silence. Those activities definitely helped me achieve my primary goal for going, which was to release accumulated stress.

The benefit I hadn't expected came in the form of spiritual renewal, by praying with the monks. About two dozen of them pray *seven* times a day, from early morning to late evening -- and those services are public. According to one of the Abbey's brochures, "The monks strive to remain in harmony with all the people of God, and share their active desire for the unity of all Christians." It's still pitch black when the monks rise for Vigils, their first prayer service, at 3:15 a.m. Lauds is set 5:45 each morning, followed by daily Mass. I have to confess that I never rose early enough for those services, but I did attend Terce at 7:30 a.m., Sext at 12:15 p.m., None at 2:15 p.m., Vespers at 5:30 p.m. and Compline at 7:30 p.m.

While chanting the appointed Psalms with the monks, I felt my affection deepening for the Episcopal Church's own traditions of praying the Daily Office, and for our services of Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline, which are all rooted in monastic tradition. As a result, during the three Tuesday evenings in Advent coming up in December, I'm planning to offer a three-part series of services at St. James, New Castle. Stay tuned for details.