

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MARCH 2016



Holy Week & Easter

PALM SUNDAY	MARCH 20TH	5:30 pm****
Maundy Thursday	March 24th	5:00 pm
Good Friday	March 25th	5:00 pm
Easter Vigil (at St. Paul's)	March 26th	9:00 pm
EASTER SUNDAY	MARCH 27th	10:00 AM++++

Reception following service

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HOLY WEEK NOTES

For **Maundy Thursday**, we will be doing "hand washing" instead of foot washing. After the service you may want to stay to watch a movie- either "Jesus Christ Superstar" or "The Passion of the Christ" and order pizza.

"GROWING THE CHURCH" SESSION

Canon Bruce Gray will be at St. James on Saturday, March 5th from 10- noon. He will be presenting his workshop on "Evangelism and Growing the Church". All churches in the deanery are invited.

DEACON'S FORUM

Deacon Barry has planned our next forum. Disability Awareness will be the topic for the forum on March 13th at 10:00 AM. We have a guest speaker from Richmond so please try to attend.

EASTER CHOIR

Easter Choir practice will be before church every Sunday until Easter. We will be practicing songs we have done before.

NEW "MOVIE NIGHT" STARTED

On the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM, beginning March 1st, we are all invited to St. James (bring a friend!) to watch a movie on our new big screen TV. Popcorn will be provided.

"The Ultimate Gift" is playing this month.



BISHOPS COMMITTEE MEETING

Our next Bishop's committee meeting is on Sunday, MARCH 6TH after church.

THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO VACATION SCHEDULES OF MEMBERS

The new Senior Warden is Sonny Carter and new Junior Warden is Charlie Sloneker. Teresa Clark is continuing as the clerk of the vestry.

DOK MEETING

Our meeting is Wednesday, March 16th at noon for lunch, meeting at 1230.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Our study of John continues through Lent on Tuesday mornings at 10:30. Join us!

MEETING AT ST. PAUL'S

We met last week to discuss whether the "shared ministry" worked and where we go from here. We agreed that it was more a "shared priest" rather than ministry. Each parish was asked to discuss if we want to continue this arrangement with our next priest, combining 2 half time positions or would we rather try to find a different priest for each ½ time position. When we make that decision, Canon Deborah Kissinger can start the process to replace Mother Susan upon her retirement on August 31st.



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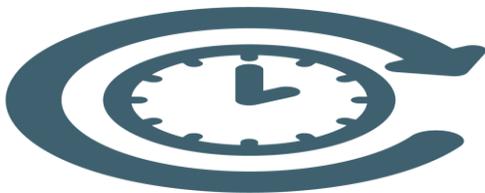
12	Maryetta Thurman
18	Martin Booher
20	Kevin Chapman
27	Rick Clark
27	Joyce Lawson
31	Sonny Carter
31	Parker Sweet

PEACE WALK COMMITTEE MEETING

April 6th at 6:30pm to start planning the next Peace Walk in September.

EFHN Day of Change

The committee overseeing the Episcopal Fund for Human Need (EFHN) is asking us to throw our loose "change" into a milk pail at each of our churches during worship services on **March 13**. This is the day we "change" to Daylight Savings Time and are also reminded to "change" the batteries in the smoke detectors in our homes. The Episcopal Fund for Human Needs is the source of grant-funding for human services agencies in the diocese, including Open Arms Ministries in Richmond and Westminster Community Center in New Castle. The "Day of Change" collection doesn't replace the annual Ingathering at Pentecost--it's just a fun way of doing a little more. Please remember to "change" your clocks ("spring forward") so you won't miss the opportunity for "change" at church (as well as the worship service).



SPRING FORWARD!! MARCH 13TH

VESTRY COLLEGE TAKEAWAY

Sonny and Pat went to Vestry College at Waycross. During Canon Gray and Kathy Copas's sessions, we discussed hospitality and peoples need to have good conversation. There was talk of creating inviting spaces for people to congregate and interact. You may have noticed a little experiment in rearranging our space. There is now a comfortable sitting area in the TV room. There will be a welcome station in front with items for visitors. We have new flyers about the church to give out. This can all be returned to normal if people don't like it this way.

DOES ANYONE HAVE AN EXTRA PIECE OF FURNITURE THEY WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE CHURCH? A SOFA TABLE OR A DRY SINK OR TALL DRESSER, ETC WOULD WORK TO USE ALONG THE WALL FOR WELCOMING VISITORS



Since we don't have Sunday School currently, another suggestion was to have a Sunday school lesson prepared and ready to pull out if visitors with children come. If someone would like to see to that, let me know. It could even be a video or a lesson on Youtube.

SMALL TASK FORCE

(A couple of years ago we presented an idea from the Diocesan "Pathways to Vitality" project. The idea was to take better care of each other, to develop pastoral care to those in our own parish that needed some help. We did not follow through with that plan until Vivian Simpson "had a dream".)

God calls us to be servants and that is exactly what happened to Vivian in a dream one night in January.

She felt that the Lord was making known to her a need to help our parishioners at St. James. Even the name was given to her, "Small Tasks". She didn't particularly like the name however, in sharing the dream at a bible study one morning, Pat said how about the name "Small Task Force"? As a result...a new outreach project was formed. Some of the things suggested so far are:

- running errands for shut-ins (prescriptions, groceries, post office)**
- visitations**
- small tokens to show we care needs such as mending a seam, sewing on a button, etc.**
- transportation to church on Sunday**
- phone calls to say hi and to know we're thinking of them**

If you too feel called to this ministry and would like to participate, let Vivian or Terri know.

PROPERTY UPDATES

NEW INTERNET SERVICE

The Bishop's Committee discussed two quotes for new internet companies. While both companies would be faster than what we have, the problem remained with getting Wifi throughout the building will it's thick block walls for access for the new TV. We chose Metronet and will be also working with ASI to expand the Wifi throughout. There will be access to a Guest network so that the office computer will remain secure and other people can use the guest port.

BOILER UPDATE

Our boiler sprung a leak! The tank was under warranty but we had to pay for the labor costs. The final bill was \$1979.

NEW LIGHTS COMING

The Bishop's Committee has agreed to replace all the light bulbs inside the church with LED bulbs and new dimmer switches. The electrician will be doing the work this month. The cost of this is \$1749.

COME ONE, COME ALL!

WHO, ME?

VOLUNTEERS

From CHURCHES
CIVIC CLUBS
BUSINESSES
SORORITIES
INDIVIDUALS

PAINTERS

ELECTRICIANS

CARPENTERS

STUDENTS(must be 18yr)

COME TO HEAR HOW RAINTREE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CAN USE YOU TO BE A PART OF BUILDING TWO NEW HOMES THIS SUMMER IN NEW CASTLE FOR QUALIFIED FAMILIES.

WHERE??? New Castle Henry County Public Library
Meeting Rooms A & B, lower level

WHEN??? Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 6:30–8:00PM (or call 765–388–2160)

WHAT TO BRING??? Your compassion and your willingness to help!

Join Us, Partners in Building Hope!!!

Raintree Habitat for Humanity

A Christian Ministry Seeking to Eliminate Poverty Housing Worldwide