

# The MESSENGER

## ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



OCTOBER 2016



Ready or not, all of us have begun transitioning into autumn. Most years, I eagerly anticipate the crisp air, fall colors, and everything else that comes with what has traditionally been my favorite season of the year. So far, 2016 seems to be no exception. This also happens to be a time of transition for St. James, as I have begun serving as your priest in New Castle. I'm very pleased to be with you, and feel blessed. Thanks to everyone who attended our first Service of Holy Eucharist together on September 18. Let me also express gratitude to all who contributed to the great pitch-in meal afterwards. Four friends of mine from Indianapolis and Greenfield attended the service and stayed for the pitch-in, and all of them were delighted by St. James' hospitality.

Because I will be serving St. James on a half-time, twenty-hour-a-week basis, in keeping with the recommendations of the Diocese I will be with you two Sundays per month. Those will be the first and third Sundays of each month. Occasionally, there will be an exception. In fact, the first of those will come up at the end of October, which has five Sundays this year. As a result, St. James will celebrate Eucharist on October 2, 16 and 30. Please join us! On the other Sundays, the parish will offer Morning Prayer. I also encourage you to attend that beautiful service, which dates back to our beginnings as Anglicans.

In addition to my Sundays at St. James, I will be in New Castle each Tuesday afternoon.

It's my plan to spend some afternoons in the office, but I will also be getting out and about. I have already been with two parishioners to visit a longtime member at her residence, and I look forward to additional visits. If you would like to make an appointment with me either at church or elsewhere, feel free to call either the office or me at 317/351-9336 or 317/383-7876.

During my first week at St. James, I felt privileged to take part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Peace Walk organized by First Friends Meeting and St. James. There were about twenty five participants. Congratulations to all who helped make it happen, and to all in attendance. Our featured speaker, Professor Wazir Mohamed of Indiana University East in Richmond, gave a timely, educational talk that dispelled common myths about Muslims and quoted from scripture passages in the Koran encouraging peace. This was a great outreach project and ecumenical collaboration.

In case you haven't already noticed, I'm just beginning to get to know both the parish and the New Castle area. I am slowly developing a list of people and places I'd like to see. If you have suggestions, please let me know.

God's peace and blessings to all as we move through what I hope will be a glorious fall for everyone.

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FRIDAY is held as his Sabbath day, except for emergencies.



FROM DEACON BARRY

I am making plans to continue serving St. James, as well as St. Paul's, Richmond, for the indefinite future. Although the official shared ministry with St. Paul's, Richmond, has expired, Bishop Waynick has said that I should continue working with both parishes until our new bishop is installed. The Community of Deacons regularly meets with our bishop in March and perhaps he or she will be present with us then, even though their installation will be in April. The new bishop may wish to deploy deacons differently than at present, or they may wish to re-assign particular deacons to different parishes than they now serve. In the meantime, I am making plans to work in both parishes through Pentecost Sunday, June 4.

## TEACHING SERIES starts OCTOBER 2

The "Five Marks of Mission" will be the topic of discussion during the upcoming months, through February. These discussions will be opportunities to explore the meaning of mission as understood in the Anglican Community around the globe. They will allow us to look at how St. James has engaged "mission" until now and how we feel God might be leading us in the future.

Fr. Whitney and Deacon Barry are collaborating to present the topics and to guide the parish in reflecting on their implications for St. James. The series will begin on Sunday, October 2 and will continue on November 6, December 4, January 8, and February 5. These sessions will be in lieu of other forum topics during those months. The sessions will take place following the worship service and coffee hour and will be about 45 minutes to an hour in length. Please join us as you are able.

Barry

## The Episcopal Church's Five Marks of Mission

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

## **BISHOP'S COMMITTEE**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30 PM

## **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at noon. Bring a sack lunch.

## **CHILI COOKOUT**

This year our annual chili/hot dog cookout will be on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. We need donations of drinks, desserts, chips. Remember to bring a chair and dress for the weather. We will be holding Compline to close the evening. Bring friends!



## **CONVENTION NEWS**

Keep the Diocesan Convention in your prayers as our next Bishop is elected during the convention October 27–29. You may find the candidate profiles with videos on the [indydio.org](http://indydio.org) website. There are “walkabouts” over 3 days mid October where you can go to meet and listen to each candidate. Canon Bruce Gray was added this week as a 5<sup>th</sup> candidate.

## **MINISTRY UPDATES**

We will be collecting summer clothes and small toys until October for our **Christmas in the Dominican** project.

## **PROPERTY UPDATE**

**Calling all painters!** Father Whitney has chosen a wall color for his office and we would like to get it painted ASAP. When that is done, we will move on to the bathrooms. Please let me know if you can help on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is available before that, feel free to get started. Pat

## **SIGNAGE**

We are getting estimates on a LED sign. Until we make a decision about whether we will get one, we won't move the old sign. We did get permission to put a sign up at the entrance to Bundy Ave.

## **FALL YOUTH RETREAT NOV. 18-20**

“Moving from stress to success” is the theme for this fall's youth retreat at Waycross. Early bird registrations must be in by October 10. Fall conference is open to youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and adult chaperones. This event is not possible without the help of adult chaperones – please consider sharing this experience with our amazing youth!



Vivian and Terri were on the front page of the newspaper as they headed out for the Peace Walk.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR changes??



It's that time of year again. We will be discussing this Sunday other options for this annual fund raiser. Be thinking of ideas about changes we can make or maybe it is time to change to a different fundraiser. If we don't feel that we can continue this event, perhaps we can do something in the spring. It is our only fundraiser of the year to fund camp scholarships and whatever comes up.

### CANDIDATES for BISHOP

Five nominees will now take part in this month's Walk-Abouts prior to the election of the 11th Bishop of Indianapolis. The Rev. Canon Bruce W. Gray, Canon to the Ordinary in the Indianapolis Diocese, is part of the slate that already included The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Director of Networking for the Diocese of Chicago; The Rev. Dr. Grace Burton-Edwards, Rector of St. Thomas Church, Columbus, Georgia; The Rev. Dina van Klaveren, Rector of St.

Andrew's Church, Glenwood, Maryland; and the Rev. Canon Lance Ousley, Priest-in-Charge of St. John's Church, Parish and Preschool, Kirkland, Washington, and Canon for Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Olympia. Nominee profiles, videos and answers to written questions may be viewed on the bishop search page of the diocesan website [www.hoosierbishopxi.org](http://www.hoosierbishopxi.org).

Walk-Abouts are set for Friday, Oct. 14 through Sunday, Oct. 16 in four locations throughout the Diocese of Indianapolis. St. Paul's at 6050 N. Meridian St. in Indianapolis will host the first Walk-About with check-in starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday. St. Andrew's at 520 E. Seminary St. in Greencastle will host the first Walkabout on Saturday, with check-in starting at 9:30 a.m. Check-in will begin at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul's at 301 S. E. First St., Evansville. Walk-Abouts will conclude at St. Paul's at 2651 California St. in Columbus, with check-in beginning at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

These events provide a way to introduce nominees to the people of the Indianapolis Diocese. Deputies and clergy voting in the Oct. 28 election should attend one of the Walk-About sessions. Others are also welcome.

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