

The MESSENGER

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2016



As of September 16, The Rev. Whitney B. Smith will begin serving a two-year appointment as Missioner at St. James Episcopal Church, New Castle. The two-year appointment is for a half-time position, meaning twenty hours per week, including two Sundays per month. His first Sunday at St. James will be September 18.

Fr. Whitney is a new priest in the Diocese of Indianapolis and in the Episcopal Church. Bishop Cate Waynick ordained him as a Deacon on January 24, 2015 at Christ Church Cathedral, and as a Priest on January 30, 2016 at St. Alban's Church.

Since his ordination to the Priesthood, Fr. Whitney has been serving as the extended Supply Priest every other week at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Martinsville, Indiana, where he had also served a Curacy during his Transitional Diaconate last year. Over the summer, Fr. Whitney had a temporary, part-time position as Priest Associate for Pastoral Care with Trinity Church, Indianapolis. He has also been supplying for St. Paul's, Gas City. Previously, he was Seminarian at St. Michael's in Noblesville, from the fall of 2013 through Easter of 2014.

Fr. Whitney graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Bexley-Seabury Episcopal Seminary in Bexley, Ohio, in May of 2015. He began his theological studies at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. During his time at CTS, he worked full time as a pharmacy technician with CVS Pharmacy.

He grew up on the east side of Cincinnati, where his brother, Greg, and nieces, Kaelin and Kara, still live. Greg has owned his own construction company for many years. Kaelin is a sophomore at the University of Kentucky, where she is studying nursing. Kara is a junior in high school.

A graduate of Indiana University in Bloomington, Fr. Whitney received a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and spent a year studying low brass instruments and sacred music in the Jacobs School of Music. He likes to sing, and plays the baritone horn and trombone.

Fr. Whitney has been an Episcopalian for more than thirty years, having joined the Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tennessee, where he first attended Calvary Church downtown and was later confirmed at Grace-St. Luke's Church.

He has been worshipping in the Diocese of Indianapolis since shortly after moving back to Indiana in 2000. For virtually all that time, St. Alban's was his home parish, where he served on the Vestry, led two stewardship campaigns, and began the discernment process for Holy Orders.

Fr. Whitney's first career was in journalism. He was a reporter and editor for newspapers in Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee. He was The Indianapolis Star's performing arts reporter through 2008. He had a similar job with The Commercial Appeal in Memphis, Tennessee. Before that, he was government, education and entertainment reporter with The Repository in Canton, Ohio.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be Tuesday,
September 13th at 6:30 PM

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

REMINDER: Dues are due! Pay them
online. Our September meeting will be on
Wednesday, September 21st and we will
meet at Stack's at noon for lunch.

ERMA RICH'S GIFT TO ST. JAMES

These are the suggestions we have
received for ways to use this gift.

1. A \$5000 donation to Westminster.
2. Put \$5000 in foundation acct
3. Replace parking lot
4. Build labyrinth
5. Pew cushions
6. Double sided message board

SAVE THE DATE!

International Day of Peace is on
Wednesday, September 21st. Wear your
purple ST. JAMES Tshirts and be prepared
for walking at your own pace and distance
at Baker Park.

5:30 gathering music by David Carter
6:00 Dr. Wazir Mohamed, asst. professor
of Sociology at IU East-
"What does the Koran say about peace?"
6:30 Walkers sent out in Peace
Refreshments available after walk- Hot
Dogs, chips, cookies, water

EWM FALL RETREAT

September 30- October 2 at Waycross
"A festival of Prayer Practices"
\$210 with scholarships available from
Guild or Diocese.

There are registration flyers at church.

LADIES DAY OUT!!!

*Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre
presents "Menopause the Musical"
this fall. I've seen it and it's
hilarious with great music from
the 60, 70, and 80's. There are
Wednesday matinees with lunch
at 11:30 and the curtain rises at
1:00pm. Ticket prices are \$51
which includes a buffet and the
show. Please let me know if you
would like to go. Friends are
welcome! Pat Carter*

UPDATES

Don Brown is still having a rough time.
He's suffered most recently from severe
shingles pain. Pray for his comfort.

LARRY TUCKER STILL MISSING

As most of you know, our friend, Larry
Tucker walked away from his residence at
Addison Place over 2 weeks ago. Despite
many people searching for him, he has not
been found. Keep he and Imogene
Carpenter and the Bullards in your prayers.



CONVENTION NEWS

The required preconvention deanery meeting for delegates, alternates, and wardens will be at Grace Church, Muncie on Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30 pm. Our delegates are Carolyn Shupert and Cindy Bullard, alternates are Rick and Terri Clark. Convention is October 27–29 at the City Centre Sheraton in Indianapolis. This is a very important one as we will be electing our next Bishop. The profiles are available on the indydio.org website and there are dates for meeting the candidates prior to convention.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Cradles Daycare has closed its doors. St. James helped them during their last financial crisis with money and donations of snacks, diapers, etc.

Hit those summer clearance sales to fill up the basket for our **Christmas in the Dominican** project. We will be collecting summer clothes and small toys until October.

THANK YOU FROM

Victory Lane Camp

It was wonderful to have you and your crew come out and serve dinner at camp this summer! The pizza was delicious and the salad was refreshing, especially after that hot day. Thank you for your generosity in time and resources to love on our camp families! Val Moore

Bob and Behi Wilson, St. Paul's

Dear Friends of St. James,

Thank you, thank you for the great party/get together to celebrate the ministry of Mother Susan. As usual, it was great meeting the St. James family and taking communion with you. Thanks, Bob and Behi Wilson

From Bullard girls

St. James, Thank you for supporting us throughout our lives. From asking how our week was to helping send us to Waycross for years. We couldn't ask for a better church family than all of you! Lots of love, Anna and Emma

Mother Susan Bennett

To all my dear ones at St. Paul's and St. James,

Our joint service at St. James last Sunday (7/31) filled me with joy: joy at the fellowship, joy at the celebration of our work together these last three years, joy at your smiles and good wishes, and, joy in the so-generous gifts you gave me. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart - for the great food, the celebration, the gifts, and the last three years. I will take you with me in my heart, so you will all have a piece of yourselves in the South. My prayers will always be with you.

God's blessings stay with you all,
Mother Susan+

PROPERTY UPDATE

We are working on a few changes in the building. All the lights will be replaced by with LED bulbs.

We are converting the men's room in the back to a locked records room. All records of the church will be put there so we need **organizers** to pull everything from the sacristy, hallway and office and place in shelves and file cabinets in the new room. This will leave the hallway clear and open up the sacristy to be used only for worship preparation.

The ladies room is being converted to a handicap accessible unisex bathroom. We also need volunteers to paint both rooms and Father Whitney's office. Talk to Charlie Sloneker if you can help with this big reorganization project.

SIGNAGE

We will be moving our main sign closer to the driveway and providing electricity to it. We will remove the rusty Episcopal Church sign and place a new one at the highway, directing traffic to the church.