



**A weekly email publication for the community
of St. James Church in College Hill**

Message of the Moment

Communion is for You

One of the greatest joys of being in a Christian community is communion. When we participate in a baptism by promising “We will!” support this person in their life in Christ, we rejoice in our connectedness. We experience our unity when we see everyone contributing to the financial support of the parish, when we are carried on the river of prayer by the community, and when we worship and sing.

Engaged in our pursuit of God, we support and energize the faith journeys of individuals and of our faith group. Many of us felt starved for communion when we were kept apart by the pandemic. Now that we are beginning to gather in person, ministries related to the worship we have longed for are being revitalized by new faces and by those who return to serve. This is the time to repopulate our undertaking to worship.

We need ushers, altar guild members, vergers, chalice bearers, acolytes, lectors, Eucharistic visitors and more. No single commission is too much to take on. By participating in making worship possible for our whole parish, your life of faith is enriched by learning, friendship, and the formation of a deeper spiritual experience.

Please consider one of the many ways you can take an active part in the communion of the faithful at St. James. You aren’t just invited, you are welcome and encouraged to do this. Whichever ministry seems like it could be right for you, please take the first step by letting us know you’re interested. Contact a verger (mbhalley66@gmail.com or jay.m.price@gmail.com), the

church office (316-683-5686 or office@stjameswichita.org), or speak to a member of our clergy to start the conversation and to come into the fullest kind of Communion.

Communion is joy shared among ourselves in the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Baptism, in worship, in our oneness in the Body of Christ, and in the beloved communion of saints. These joys are meant for you as part of the Christian community. Please sign on today.

**Yours in Christ,
Mother Dawn+**

First Things First

The Vestry met July 15 and wanted to share these announcements.

Requirements from Bishop Bascom

Just a reminder that Bishop Bascom is requiring all parishes in the Kansas Diocese follow these requirements:

- 1.) In line with guidance from the CDC, fully vaccinated people may remove their masks inside.
- 2.) As you are able, allow space for socially distanced seating for those who choose.
- 3.) Communion may be distributed in the form of consecrated bread only; for now, the common cup (drinking and intinction) remains prohibited. We will continue to watch for new developments about the safety of the common cup.
- 4.) Registration, sign-ups or attendance records must continue to be used and records kept for one month.

The bishop said she trusts the clergy and lay leaders of each parish to use these guidelines to make specific decisions for their church in the conduct of worship and other activities, while also being mindful of the canons and guidance from local health officials.

She did ask that special effort be made to care for children, who remain vulnerable to the virus, and to their families, and she encouraged conversations between parish leadership and parents so that everyone feels safe and welcome.

The weekly online diocesan spreadsheet of COVID-19-related statistics, which has been kept county-by-county since November, will continue to be updated by diocesan staff, but parish leaders no longer need to consult it each week. If virus levels were to return to less-safe levels in any county, the canon to the ordinary will make church leaders in that area aware of the fact.

(Source: episcopal-ks.org)



Enjoying food and fellowship at St. James

The Vestry discussed the timing of enjoying food together at St. James. As you may know, we have started coffee and water service in the lounge before the Sunday morning service. Now we feel it's time to welcome back breakfast items into the lounge. Likewise, committees are welcome to eat together at church. Special occasions will be allowed to have food service in the Guild Hall. We also anticipate that we will be able to start up Breakfast Sundays in September, with a few alterations in the serving style.

It is important to know that if the COVID-19 numbers in Sedgwick County continue to worsen, the Vestry can determine that food service must be stopped at any time. We hope this doesn't happen, but we will stay alert to local news about the Delta variant and its spread.

If you are eligible and able, please get vaccinated against COVID-19. The quicker we can beat this virus, the sooner we can enjoy all things together with our church family!

Other news

A Southwest Convocation meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 17, via Zoom.

Link: [https://zoom.us/j/92505615225?
pwd=V1RDZXBXU204cFlzZVFVKytrbFUwQT09](https://zoom.us/j/92505615225?pwd=V1RDZXBXU204cFlzZVFVKytrbFUwQT09)

Meeting ID: 925 0561 5225

Passcode: 000000

Adult Forum will meet in person at 10:45 a.m. on July 18 in the Guild Hall. You will still be able to join by Zoom if you'd like. We are finishing up our discussion about the Sabbath. We will resume Adult Forum on Sept. 19.

A funeral service for Kay Hoffman is planned for 11 a.m. July 31 in the church.

We will have a **newcomer mixer** at 7 p.m. Aug. 4 in the lounge. If you are new to St. James, please consider joining us.

Summer Worship Schedule

Saturdays — 5:30 p.m.

Sundays — 9:30 a.m.

As God heals the world and thanks are lifted in prayer, it is our intention to return to our standard worship schedule after Labor Day.

Readings This Week



Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Lessons appointed for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:

[2 Samuel 7:1-14a](#)

[Ephesians 2:11-22](#)

[Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](#)

[Psalm 89:20-37](#)

Calendar

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current calendar of events**

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Children and Youth

Youth Happening Weekend is July 23 to 25. Happening is a Christian experience by youth for youth. It's a weekend retreat, focusing on Jesus and what he taught. There are games, music, great food, and a chance to

talk with peers about things that really matter. Students “go through” Happening only once. After that, they may come back and serve on Happening staff, recreating the experience for others.

When: 7 p.m. Friday, July 23 to 2 p.m. Sunday July 25, 2021

Those youth who have previously attended a Happening are invited to be on staff. We will have a staff work/prep day beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22.

Where: Good Shepherd, Wichita

Who: Youth in grades 9-12 (including rising 9th graders)

Fee: \$55

Priority deadline: Friday, July 16

Registration form: <https://bit.ly/EDOKSessions>

All staff (youth and adults) need to complete the registration form above if they wish to serve on Happening staff. Josh Avery from Good Shepherd in Wichita will serve as the Happening rector.

The next **Children's Chapel** will be at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 1.

While our **nursery** is not staffed, it is open and available during services.

Youth Rummage Sale



Anne Clark says thank you is not enough to all of those who contributed, helped set up, helped run and helped break down the rummage sale.

We made almost \$5,000. That money will be used to help pay for the youth to go to Washington, D.C. in the future.

Anne gives special thanks to Racine Zackula, Susan Graybill, Sarah Robinson and Kate Miller for their extra work for the sale.

Community Service

Breakthrough/Episcopal Social Services is the only organization providing breakfast to people who are unhoused Monday through Friday. Breakthrough needs volunteers to help from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. You could volunteer one or multiple days. Any support would be greatly appreciated. Under the supervision of the kitchen manager, volunteers help prepare and distribute breakfast bags and help clean up. Those wanting breakfast may come into the dining room for a cup of coffee and then pick up their breakfast bag to take outside to eat. Please call Sarah Robinson at 316-737-5918 or Alleshia

Benward at Breakthrough 316-269-4160. Our very own Marilyn Taylor volunteers for breakfasts and could give you the scoop.

Breakthrough's Second Annual Dancing With the Wichita Stars event has been postponed until Jan. 29. Look for more details later.

To kick off the start of the school year, the St. James Outreach Committee has decided to partner with the Pando Initiative and host a school supplies drive from July 18 to Aug. 8. [Linked here is a copy of the flyer listing specific items that are needed by Wichita, Derby and Haysville students.](#) When you shop for school supplies this year, please pick up extras of the listed items:

- Expo brand markers
- Crayola brand markers
- Crayola brand colored pencils
- 8x5 school box
- Kleenex
- Scientific calculators
- Customizable subject dividers
- Elmer's Glue sticks
- Earbuds
- Backpacks
- Refillable water bottles

Please drop them in the school supplies basket that will be located outside the sanctuary doors in the donation basket corner. The Pando Initiative's mission is to gather resources to support students in achieving their full potential. Ensuring that each child shows up for their first days of school with a new backpack and school supplies is one way we can help them thrive academically. Thank you for your generosity, and for remembering that not all children can access aisles of brand-new school supplies. We are certain everyone at St. James Episcopal Church will be able to assist the Pando Initiative in helping fill the need for these students.

We still are collecting **bottled water** for Breakthrough. Please consider contributing cases of water of any size bottle.

Please remember to help us collect funds for the **Pocket Change Ministry**.

Parish Profile: Dillon Green



Dillon Green has taken a circuitous route to the ministry and to the Episcopal church.

Ever interested in learning, Dillon, the Wichita Minster's new curate, has, at various times, considered chemist, optometrist and nurse anesthetist as potential careers. He was raised in a non-denominational church, "which was basically Pentecostal," he said, and has worshiped as a Baptist and a Catholic.

Dillon came to Kansas in 2016 to serve as a campus minister intern at Kansas State University.

"I planned to be at K-State for a year with no intention of being a priest," he said. "And then that summer, everybody around me was like 'Don't leave, don't leave.' "

Dillon felt torn. He already had enrolled in optometry classes back home in Alabama. But he felt called to stay.

"I ended up in Kansas just to figure out what I wanted to do without the intention of going into the priesthood. I came to discern, and while I was discerning, I was a campus minister. I think that was instrumental because while I was discerning what I wanted to do, I was being a minister. I was really good at that, and I loved it. It fulfilled me."

But it wasn't until he went to Camp Wood in the summer of 2017 that he realized the priesthood might be for him.

"Over the week I had this realization that at the end of my life ... if my life is full of instances like this, events like this, yeah, that's what I want to do," Dillon said.

Conversations with Mother Kelly Demo at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church in Overland Park and Canon Patrick Funston solidified his decision.

"All my friends were like 'Of course that's what you want to do,' " Dillon said.

Dillon started seminary in the fall of 2018, earning his master of divinity recently from Virginia Theological Seminary. Bishop Bascom ordained him a deacon on June 19.

He describes himself as an extrovert "ad nauseam ad infinitum."

"I recharge with people," he said.

His interests include travel, film, reading and eating out.

Dillon will be at St. James on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. He will worship with us on the first and third Sundays of the month and may be reached by email at curate@stjameswichita.org.

What do you do to rest and return to God?

"I love contemplative prayer and meditation. God speaks in many different ways, but one of the most powerful is silence. I find God in contemplative

prayer, just being in the presence of God."

What do you like about St. James?

"The people are just incredibly welcoming," he said. "When I came, there was a sign that said welcome to Kansas, and there were office supplies set out for me. Welcoming is more than just saying 'Hey, welcome.' It's 'we'll help you, we support you and we accept you.' I have felt all of those things from the staff and the parishioners."

Parish and Diocesan News



If you can't make it to in-person services, remember you may watch services our **YouTube channel**. You also are invited to **listen to services** from our parking lot by dialing your radio to 89.5 FM.

A Wichita Minster Family Reunion Picnic is planned for Friday, August 6. The location and arrangements for food are still being decided, but please mark it on your calendar.

Rehearsals for "Considering Matthew Shepard" begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 in the Guild Hall. For more information about this choral production, contact Ken Breeden at ktbreeden@cox.net.

The 2021 Tocher Lecture will feature Eliza Griswold, Pulitzer Prize-winning author at 7 p.m. Sept. 1 at Grace Cathedral in Topeka.

Save the Date: One in the Spirit, One in the Lord: Celebrating 20 Years of Called to Common Mission

All members of the diocese (lay and ordained) are invited the evening of Friday, October 8, and morning of Saturday, October 9. This celebration is jointly organized and hosted by the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Dioceses of Western Kansas, Kansas, West Missouri, and Missouri.

The event will feature expert speakers on the past, present and future of ELCA/TEC dialogue and communion along with opportunities to connect across denominational lines to work on matters of praxis for our shared mission. Mark your calendar. Registration information will come in the next several weeks.

Watch and share the Bethany House & Garden video

Learn about this new diocesan initiative to utilize the land around the diocesan office to benefit the local community and contribute to the care of creation. Watch on

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/wAM4teV6gVc>. Questions about this project can be directed to The Rev. Jennifer Allen, Diocesan Missioner, jallen@episcopal-ks.org, or check out the website: www.bethanyhouseandgarden.com

Prayer

Parish Prayers for the Week of July 18

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of Rwanda.

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the people of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama.

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Matthew's, Newton.

Pray for those serving in the military: Alexis (Lexi) Reed, Will Corkins, and J. David Anderson-Lusk.

Pray for those who have died: Orville "Bud" Lytle; Lou Ann McFerson; Gloria Tilford; Donald Yoder; Marsha Bacon; Nancy Rollins; Christopher "Chris" Erickson, son of Jennifer and Mark Erickson; David T. Childs; and The Rev. Wayne Blakely.

Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Pray for Marge; Dal; Joan; Gary; all people with COVID-19; all health care workers; Pam.; Jayne; Betty; Gus; Bob; Joe; Jean; Jerry; Larry S.; Mary; Jean; George; Jan and family; Carly, granddaughter of Delmar and Mary Klocke; Tom Tadtman, brother of Marilyn Taylor; Cindy, the daughter of Judy Thompson; Cathy; Joe T.; Kam; The Rev. Jeff Roper; Ann, Luree Lusk's mother; and Marge, mother of Todd Miller.

Our Parish Prayer List: All members of our parish community are asked to pray for each person on our prayer list. To share your prayers of thanksgiving (births, weddings, new jobs, anniversaries, etc.), to notify us that someone you love is serving in the military, to share that you or someone you love is suffering, or to tell us of a death, please call 316-683-5686 or email office@stjameswichita.org.

**If your prayers have been answered,
we would love to rejoice with you.**

**Please let us know so your name may be removed
from our list of people most urgently in need. Thank you.**

Let Us Pray

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, **hear our prayers for this parish family.** Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: **Inspire our witness to Christ**, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech thee to **behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant for whom our prayers are offered**. Look upon them with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience in their affliction. In thy good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servant for whom we pray the help of your power, **that their sickness may be turned into health**, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you **drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity**. Be present in your goodness with your servant for whom we pray, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and with their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and **practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain**. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, your compassions never fail and your mercies are new every morning **We give you thanks for giving both relief from pain and hope of health renewed**. Continue in the course of recovery, we pray, the good work you have begun; that those who heal and daily increase in bodily strength may rejoice in your goodness, and order their lives and conduct to always think and do those things that please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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wherever you find yourself
on your journey of faith,
you are welcome here.**



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