



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

New Committee for Care of Creation

Whether you're worried about climate change, thinking about ways to conserve, or simply enthusiastic about the beauties of a Kansas summer filled with native flowers, come and join Creation Care at 7 p.m. on Sept. 22 on Zoom. **[Click here for the link.](#)** We're hoping for your voice to help us shape our plans for the coming year.

Our most basic goal is to put the resources of St. James (and the most important resource is our people: you!) to work to reflect God's love by preserving and protecting his world in ways that will increase justice and deepen our relationship with our community. With the diocese, we're breaking that very large goal into four areas: Green Teams (energy and infrastructure), Land Use, Spiritual Practices, and Legislative Presence. We think almost every aspect of our lives together touches at least one of these focuses. We're hoping that—whatever your skills and abilities might be—you'll be able to imagine a place for yourself. Expertise is not required (though it is eagerly embraced!), but imagination and enthusiasm might be.

If this sounds interesting and life-giving, we have three avenues for you: first, bring your ideas and passions to the Zoom meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 22. Second, if you'd like to chat immediately (or if you can't make the meeting), get in touch with us at **elwenger@gmail.com** or **Patandwalk@aol.com**, or leave a message with Pat Butin at 316-686-6578.

Finally, we're planning to launch ourselves into the Fall by planting some native flowers for the local pollinators, and we'd love both your muscles and your plants.

Help out with Creation Care's first project! We're looking for easy-care native plants such as purple coneflowers, liatris/gayfeather, yarrow, spiderwort, black-eyed susans, and false indigo (or help

planting them!) from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sept. 18 and Oct. 2.

First Things First

This weekend is the 2021 Ministry Fair. It will take place Sunday, Sept. 12 in between the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services. Tables will be set up along the driveway east of the church (the Douglas entrance will be blocked off).

OpenStreets ICT will be taking place along Douglas on Sunday, Sept. 19. St. James will be there with fun activities for everyone as they enjoy the community. We need volunteers to help with our children's booth activity. The job is easy, and the best part is interacting with kids and their families. We are looking for four volunteers total willing to work 2.5 hour shifts from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Email Chelsea ASAP if you are interested: formation@stjameswichita.org.

Readings This Week



Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Lessons appointed for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

[Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23](#)

[Psalm 125](#)

[James 2:1-13, 14-17](#)

[Mark 7:24-37](#)

Calendar



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Community Outreach

Our next Sandwich Saturday will be Sept. 11. We welcome all who would like to be part of this ministry. We make 150 sack lunches that include water and would to have three to five masked volunteers to help with distribution of not only the food but other items that are needed by different individuals. We pass out lunches around about 11 a.m. Saturday mornings. If interested, please contact Joan Bledsoe at pansy1918@icloud.com.

Our **Annual Blanket Drive for the Homeless** Shelters managed by **HumanKind** in downtown Wichita begins this Sunday, Sept. 12 and continues for three weeks. Please bring new or serviceable blankets to us and put them in the basket inside the red entry doors. We will deliver them to the homeless shelters in October. Thank you very much!

The next American Red Cross (ARC) blood drive will be Sunday, Sept. 26. Appointments will be available beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m.

There are several ways to sign up for an appointment time:

- Login or create an account on the ARC website and pick your time.
- Call Dottie Evans at 785-341-4532.
- Email Dottie at dottieevans6@gmail.com.

Any questions or concerns about the event can be directed to Dottie.

Prayer

Parish Prayers for the Week of Sept. 5

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

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the people of the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia.

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Peter's, Pittsburg.

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

Pray for those who have died: Jackie Davis, Nan King, Justin Wittman Bayles, son of the Rev. Joseph Bayles; 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; and Kam.

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

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may

assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 18:2-7

My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, *
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge;
you are worthy of praise.

I will call upon the Lord, *

and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

The breakers of death rolled over me, *
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

The cords of hell entangled me, *
and the snares of death were set for me.

I called upon the Lord in my distress *
and cried out to my God for help.

He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; *
my cry of anguish came to his ears.

Psalm 91:9-13

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
There shall no evil happen to you, *

neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

For God shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

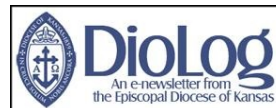
You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent
under your feet.

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