



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

Message of the Moment

The Use of God's Gifts

Do you remember when you were a child the eternity that seemed to exist between one Christmas and the next, one birthday and the next, and one summer and the next? I can't pinpoint when it happened, but pretty soon the years started flying by at a more and more rapid clip. Then something happened ... and now, for two years, since 2020 began, the years have gone by at that old childhood pace. Each one seems endless.

I mention this because I have lost count how many times people have said, "Are we STILL in the Sabbath Year?"

Yes, it's true, it is still 2021, and this is a Sabbath Year at St. James Church. Having such a year set aside started out being an opportunity for us to recover from a difficult year. We embraced fewer burdens, gave heed to the work of letting grudges go, released ourselves (and others) from extra obligations, took more time to pray, and trusted God to get us through a year in which we neither sowed nor reaped.

In fact, God has gotten us through the year – SO FAR! We still have a couple of months to go.

At least two events will make more tranquil re-appearances after a year of hiatus. The 100th Anniversary blowout of 2020 instead will take place in worship with a reception to follow. Our first century began as this community was recovering from a pandemic. Our second century will be much the same, with our focus on thanking God for seeing us through, and preparing with much to look forward to, for our second century of the Communion of Saints in this place.

The Thanksgiving dinner, which had been held at noon on the holiday, will come again, resurrected into a group of people who take gathering more cautiously than they once did. If you deem it safe, join the Harrison family in our traditional, delicious potluck feast. Please call the church office to RSVP if you plan to attend.

Like the sleepy, not-yet-famished bear who is prompted by nature for the ebb and flow of life, other perennial incidents will take another year in hibernation for good measure. For the sake of our young people, the Halloween party we have enjoyed on the Wednesday evening before Halloween will not be held in 2021. Other annual affairs taking a longer break from the hustle and bustle are the service of Advent Lessons and Carols and, most likely, the Children's Christmas Pageant.

Having fewer obligations and places to go for the second year in a row provides all of us with time for reflection about the way we really want to live our lives, and more opportunity to dwell with God and to sync our heartbeat and breath with that of the life force of the divine. This takes quiet time. As the Sabbath Year slowly closes, may this quiet prayer from the BCP (p. 827) be your companion and your guide:

For the Right Use of God's Gifts

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Yours in Christ,
Mother Dawn+**

First Things First

We will celebrate the Feast of St. James of Jerusalem on Oct. 23 and Oct. 24. We will return to singing — while masked — at 10:45 a.m. services beginning Oct. 24. **New directories** will be available for pickup Oct. 23 and 24.

Bishop Cathleen Chittenden Bascom will help us celebrate coming into our parish's second century at one special service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. Those eligible will be confirmed during the service, which will be followed by a champagne reception in the Guild Hall.

Jr. Warden Danny Blair is starting a men's group for fellowship. The group also will work on chores around the church.

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qsrranger@yahoo.com or by text at 316-652-5218.

Readings This Week



Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost:

[Job 38:1-7; 34-41](#)

[Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b](#)

[Hebrews 5:1-10](#)

[Mark 10:35-45](#)

Calendar

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current calendar of events

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Children and Youth

Children's Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. the first Sunday of the month. It includes Children's Chapel. **Youth Sunday School** meets at 9:45 a.m. the first and third Sundays of the month.

Middle school and high school youth meet on Wednesday evenings — high school at 6 p.m. and middle school at 7 p.m.

Community Outreach

Pocket Change Ministry has mailed a check for \$600 to Episcopal Migration Ministries to help with the Afghan refugee resettlement.

We exceeded our goal for the **blanket drive for HumanKind Ministries**. Our goal was 50 blankets, and we collected 77 to deliver to shelters for people who are unhoused.

Parish News and Updates

The next **Creation Care** committee meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20 on Zoom. The link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83906637688?pwd=ZkhIVHFrTHNOR0FCamswRnpqSkdUdz09>. The committee welcomes everyone's thoughts and ideas for action on Creation Care issues.

Sacred Ground Circles discussion groups have started meeting at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. For more information and to register, visit <https://stjameswichita.org/learn/adult-formation/>.

As part of our 100th anniversary, the youth group is building a **brick labyrinth in the Celtic Garden**. Parishioners are invited to purchase a brick for \$25 as a memorial or in honor of someone. Contact [Anne Clark](#) for more information.

St. James Episcopal Church: the First 100 Years (our history book) can be purchased anytime in the bookkeeper office. Books will be available in the lobby on Sundays between services. Books are \$25 each.

Wichita Minster News

Minster Curate Dillon Green's Morning Prayer has moved to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays on Zoom. The link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85465386325?pwd=L2J4eHZMZ0lkWFJYVTc4b0h4OTI0Zz09>

The next **Sandwich Saturday** is Nov. 13. Sign up to make 20 to 25 sack lunches and either take them to St. John's or meet Joan Bledsoe at 10:30 a.m. at St. James. Volunteers also are needed to help distribute. Contact [Joan Bledsoe](#) for more information.

Parish Profile

Helen Bousfield has been attending St. James since 1991, when she and her husband, George, moved to Wichita for their jobs.

Helen was Methodist, but she describes George as "genetically Episcopalian. He's a third generation PK."

On their second date, George asked Helen if she wanted to take EfM.

"I had never heard of EfM," Helen said.

She's since taken the classes.

Helen grew up in West Virginia. A chemical engineer, Helen earned undergraduate degrees in chemistry and math from what was then West Virginia State College, a historically Black college that was integrated in 1955. She received her PhD in chemical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. Helen spent her career at Texaco — and companies it morphed into over the years.

Helen has served on the vestry and as a volunteer for the St. James Oyster Dinner and Olde English Tea. She was an usher for several years and is a member of the welcome committee. Helen participates in the Wednesday evening Bible study and attends Adult Forum.

She and George have a son, George, who is earning a master's degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Kansas, and a daughter, Sarah, who is working on a master's degree in history at the University of Central Florida.

In her spare time, Helen like to read "all kinds of books. I enjoy travel, although that's been a little more restricted lately. We enjoy theatre. Some of our trips have involved going to theatre festivals in other places."

She also enjoys art and has been taking printmaking classes at Mark Arts.



What do you do to rest and return to God?

"Reading and quiet prayer. Some of the things we've read in Phil's (Wednesday evening Bible) class have been really good for that.

The prayer is usually in the evening as I'm settling down at the end of the day."

What do you like about St. James?

"I like St. James because although there are people with many different opinions, we seem to all get along, and everybody's welcome. We're not identical. We're not in lockstep. We have a lot of different opinions but seem to enjoy being around each other."

Prayer

Parish Prayers for the Week of Oct. 17

In the [Anglican Cycle of Prayer](#): Pray for the Church of the Ceylon.

In the [World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer](#): Pray for the people of Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal.

In the [Kansas Cycle of Prayer](#): Pray for St. David's, Topeka.

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

Pray for those who have died: Colin Carroll, Jackie Davis, Anne Allen (former St. James organist), Jan Siefkes (mother of Joan Moore and grandmother of Grace and Eve Moore), Nan King, and Justin Wittman Bayles, son of the Rev. Joseph Bayles.

Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Ian, Mary (niece of Kate Miller), Helen, Laura, Jean, Marge, Dal, Gary, Pam, Jayne, Betty, Gus, Bob, Joe, Jerry, Larry, Mary, Jean, George, Carly, Tom, Cindy, Cathy, Kam, Donna McCain and family, all people with COVID-19, and all health care workers.

In thanksgiving for: The birth of **Grace Kathryn Tannehill**, born Sept. 20, 2021, the second child of Gina and John Tannehill and the grandchild of Peg and Richard Bowman; and the birth of **Ethan William Gorney**, born Aug. 19, 2021, the second of Amanda and Matthew Gorney, the grandchild of Denise and Chuck Gorney and the sixth great-grandchild of Deedee Evans.

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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