



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

Message of the Moment

Loving Our New Neighbors

As we hope you know, hundreds of refugees who fled Afghanistan are now living in Wichita.

Mary and Derek Newman have stepped up to coordinate St. James' efforts to both welcome our new neighbors and help with what they might need for their new lives here. We could not be more grateful for their offer. Mary recently sent Mother Dawn a beautiful email that included this sentence: "We love everything St. James stands for and want to put that faith and those words into action." *

When we called Mary to ask her if she would be willing to lead St. James' outreach for refugees, she immediately — with no hesitation even though she was on vacation at the time! — responded that she and Derek would be happy to do so.

What this means is that Mary and Derek will be the point persons for anyone at St. James who is interested in contributing in any way.

Let's not only give of our resources (housewares, furniture, clothing and the like as needed) but also endeavor to **get to know** some of the hundreds of new people now living in our community. While we can't relate to the horror of fleeing a country due to the Taliban, I'm sure all of us could imagine being in a new country where we might not speak the language, missing the culture we left behind — not to mention loved ones who may not have been able to resettle in the same place.

Mary and Derek are fully on board with this mission, and we look

forward to seeing where it leads.

If you are interested in joining them, please contact Mary at 316-655-3146 or mary.newman1776@gmail.com.

With blessings,
Deb G.

First Things First

The Rev. Dillon Green, the Wichita Minster Curate, will celebrate his first Eucharist at St. James this weekend. Bishop Cathleen Bascom ordained Dillon last weekend. The Rev. Jeff Roper is preaching this weekend.

Phil Speary's Adult Forum Year-in-Review starts at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16.

Our annual meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. That's a week earlier than usual. Our one worship service that day will be at 9:30 a.m. We will have our regular 5:30 p.m. Saturday service that weekend. You **must be present in person at the annual meeting to vote for the slate**, which is listed [here](#) on our website. Also, a clarification about the Endowment Funds Board: You will vote for four people, not six.

Readings This Week



Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Lessons appointed for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany:

[Isaiah 62:1-5](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#)

[John 2:1-11](#)

[Psalm 36:5-10](#)

Calendar

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current calendar of events

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Parish News and Updates

Daughters of the King will meet in between services on Sunday, Jan. 16, in the Chapel of the Innocents.

Join the **Creation Care Committee** at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, on Zoom. The group plans to have Richard Bowman speak about solar energy, and will also share information from the Nature Conservancy and Sierra Club about Kansas House bill 2320 and other environmental legislation. The Zoom link is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89910730751?pwd=OGVyenl6RVNjWDE3bFBHZy9uWEg1UT09>.

The Vestry meets at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, on Zoom. Contact Joan Moore at joansmoore1984@gmail.com for more information.

Guild Hall Players auditions for "His Passover," written by our own Phil Speary, are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, and Sunday, Jan. 23 in the Guild Hall. Newcomers are welcome.

If you are having difficulties watching our live-streamed service while it's live, [here's a video with easy-to-follow instructions](#)

The Book Club of St. James and St. Stephens meets at noon

Thursdays by Zoom. New members are welcome. The club is reading "The Ghost Writer" by Robert Harris. The Zoom link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84276590594?pwd=RnFDRmVKeVhUZzZlZOGd5MlVFR29ZUT09>
The passcode is 20469.

Gardening work is planned on the following dates: March 5, March 26, April 9, April 30, May 21, June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, July 30, Aug. 13, Sept. 24, Oct. 8 and Nov. 19. Volunteers generally meet at 9 a.m. in the spring and 8:30 a.m. in the summer.

It's not too late to pledge for 2022 Pledge forms are available at church.

Children and Youth

Youth Sunday School is planned for 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. Our high school youth group meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, and our middle school youth group meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

We are in need of **nursery volunteers**. Please consider joining this fruitful ministry. [Please click here to email Chelsea.](#)

Wichita Minster News

The Rev. Dillon Green is offering **Morning Prayer by Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Zoom link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85465386325?pwd=L2J4eHZMZ0lkWFJvYTc4b0h4OTI0Zz09>.

YAW (Young Adults Wichita) is a ministry of the Wichita Minster led by Dillon. It includes members from St. James, St. John's, Good Shepherd, and St. Stephen's. We meet weekly, currently Mondays at 6 p.m. (time/dates subject to change). If you know anyone interested in participating, please connect them with Dillon at 256-762-5110 or at dillongreen7@gmail.com. If you aren't a young adult (18-35) and want to be involved, we are always looking for people to provide meals for the group each week. Instructions are to prepare for six to 10 people. If you're interested in helping out that way, please contact Dillon.

See more information about the [Wichita Minster on our website.](#)

Prayer

Parish Prayers for the Week of Jan. 16

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer: The people of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen

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

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

Pray for those who have died: Ann Elizabeth Bishop, Ann Lusk (mother of Luree Lusk), Gretchen Waite, Tom Tadtman (brother of Marilyn Taylor), George Armantrout, Hugh Auchterlonie, Elia Daily, Jenny Davis, Jimmie Grey, Lorayne King, Matt Mitchell and David Rumley.

Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Dan C. (son-in-law of the late Joan McRae and the brother-in-law of the late Marsha McRae Bacon), Katy (daughter of Jerry Malone), Luree, Barry, Nancy, Matt, Angee, Dylan, Glenna, Greg W., Pat, Marilyn, Sue, Pam, Danny, Jim T., Sage, Gary, Helen, Jean, Marge, Dal, Jayne, Betty, Gus, Bob, Joe, Judy, Joy, Joan, Rick, (friend of Deb G's) all people with COVID-19, and all health care workers.

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

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the holy One. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.
Amen.

And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Helpful Links

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



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