



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

Message of the Moment

Seeking Christ in the New Year

As this message arrives, I hope it finds you healthy, vaccinated, and boosted. COVID-19 has infected people in our immediate community and in our congregation. If you have contracted a virus (of any kind) this winter, please know that we are praying for your return to health.

All services will be held this weekend with the following requirements: masking, social distancing, and no singing. You are encouraged as strongly as we can encourage you to be healthy and vaccinated when you come to church. While you are at church, you will be required to wear a mask, asked to observe respectful distancing, and refrain from singing in corporate worship.

If you are healthy and willing to pitch in so that worship services remain possible during this surge, this might very well be the time for you to step into the breach. Individuals filling volunteer positions may have to stay away on very short notice. We can't plan for substitutes if we don't know when or where they are needed, but you can be prepared to step up in the moment to lend a hand when needed. There is no training required to help, and we give thanks for your willingness to serve in a pinch.

We celebrate The Feast of The Epiphany this weekend. The remembrance of the Three Kings puts us in the mind of stepping out of our comfort zones to seek God. May that spirit of adventure in the name of love be in your heart, mind, body, and soul as 2022 begins.

In Christ's love,

First Things First

Be sure to scroll down to "Parish News" to read a heartwarming letter from our videographer.

The Rev. Dillon Green's ordination is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Grace Episcopal Cathedral in Topeka. All are welcome. Masks must be worn. The ordination will be live-streamed on the Diocese's YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/c/episcopaldioceseofkansas>.

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

Mother Dawn has reserved a table for St. James for **ARISE's (African Americans Renewing Interest in Spirituals Ensemble) Fourth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Heroes and Sheroes Scholarship Awards Breakfast** at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 17. Tickets are \$50 on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested, please call or email the office at 316-683-5686 or office@st.jameswichita.org.

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. The slate is:

Senior Warden

Paula Skinner

Vestry (choose six)

Richard Bowman, Pat Butin, Suzanne Laycock, Diana Morton, Drew Rucker and Mary Sloan

Endowment Funds Board (choose six)

Clay Bastian, George Bousfield, Erin Compton, Kelly Harper, Suzi Miner and Keith Stevens

Delegates to Convention (choose six)

Randy Harrison, Marilyn Milhon, Rick Milhon, Joan Moore, Necia Rillema, Paul Rillema and Cheryl Schmeidler

Nominating committee (choose five)

Rob Compton, Deb Hager, Paula Leeker, Susan Picotte and Susan Stallings

Readings This Week



O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through 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 Feast of the Epiphany:

[Isaiah 60:1-6](#)

[Ephesians 3:1-12](#)

[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

[Psalm 72:1-7,10-14](#)

Calendar

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current calendar of events

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Parish News and Updates

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.

Sacred Ground Circles ramp back up Jan. 13. The in-person group with Mother Dawn meets at 11 a.m. The Zoom group with Chelsea Whipple, director of programs, meets at 7 p.m.

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

Auditions for the Guild Hall Players' production of "His Passover" by Phil Speary will be 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sat. Jan. 22 and Sun. Jan. 23 The action of the play is a contemporary portrayal of the event known as the "Last Supper." All 16 roles are available, and the majority of the roles may be cast regardless of gender, ethnicity, or age. The people who are gathered around the Jesus character should clearly represent a full range of humanity. The Jesus character is obviously central, but all members of the ensemble will be engaged throughout the play. While persons with stage experience are very welcome, individuals with little or no acting experience are also most welcome to audition. Readings will be from the script. The production runs April 7 to 10. Rehearsals will be primarily March through early April. For more information, please call 316-685-2652.

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.

Letter from Derek Landwehr

Videographer Derek Landwehr left us a heartwarming, handwritten letter recently. We thought we'd share it:

To: St. James Episcopal Church

It occurred to me about a month ago that my one-year anniversary working here is coming up soon. I just wanted to thank everyone here as your parish has welcome me with open arms. Being a former Catholic, I knew about 99% of the words the first week here, and everything seemed familiar with the exception of a few things.

The first being the generosity here. About two weeks in, I fell sick with COVID-19 and had many people reach out to check on me. And even

though the paperwork hadn't been finalized, St. James paid me anyway.

The second exception was the openness and friendliness of the parish. St. James seems like a tight-knit family. It took me aback as everyone seemed to know my name and welcomed me with open arms.

I am forever grateful for the third exception I saw, and that was I saw people acting on their faith, not just talking about it. The people of St. James live out their faith, especially in terms of community outreach and service.

I'd finally like to give special thanks to Mothe Dawn, Randy Harrison, Danny Blair, all the Debs I've met, Racine Zackula and finally Jay Price. If it weren't for Dr. Price introducing me, I wouldn't be here.

In short: thank you.

p.s. Thank you for everything you do as a parish and a family.

Children and Youth

Youth groups start meeting again on Wednesday, Jan. 12. The high school youth group meets at 6 p.m. The middle school youth group meets at 7 p.m.

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 6 to 10 people. If you're interested in helping out that way, contact Dillon.

The Minster participates together in all kinds of ministries already!

- ShowerUp ICT at St. John's is on hiatus till the Spring, though there may be opportunities to volunteer once a month, so look out for those! If you have any questions, contact Mike McFerren at 316-516-6183 or Dillon at 256-762-5110.
- Sandwich Saturdays is a food ministry that provides Sandwiches and other foods to the unhoused population and

anyone else in need in downtown Wichita! Different churches and groups choose Saturdays to make Sandwich lunch bags and pass them out at St. John's Saturday mornings at 11:00. If you have any questions, contact Joan Bledsoe at 316-932-5568 or at pansy1918@icloud.com.

- Breakthrough ESS is a member of the Wichita Minister, and we are always looking for ways to support them in any way we can. They are looking to make sure their pantry and kitchen are stocked for the winter, so they are in need of some supplies: vitamins in bulk, any large can of fruits or vegetables, large juice containers, cases of bottled water, Spaghetti O's/canned spaghetti, peanut butter/cheese crackers, instant oatmeal, canned chili, beef stew (easy tab top), small individual can openers, hot chocolate packages, Vienna sausages, applesauce packs, breakfast bars, canned chicken (easy tab top), Canned tuna (easy tab top), canned ham (easy tab top), Ensure packets, and baby formula. Any questions can be directed to Rachel Newell at Rachel.newell@breakthroughwichita.org.

Prayer

Parish Prayers for the Week of Jan. 9

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Norther Izon - The church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer: The people of Iran, Iraq and Syria.

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Epiphany, Independence.

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, Brad Woods, Hugh Auchterlonie, Sally Bell, George Harris, Samuel Massimini, Marjorie (Joan) McRae, Aldee (Al) Miller and Sonny Watson.

Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Katy, 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, 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.*

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