

ST JAMES HAPPENINGS: What's Happening at St. James...

-Weekend of December 12th, 2021- Third Sunday of Advent



Happy Birthday to Joe Hudson December 10th

Mid-week Advent Services

Our mid-week advent service will start at 6pm for a dinner together followed by a 45-minute service at 7pm.

Our last advent service is Wednesday, December 15th

Greenfield Community Choir

Greenfield Community Choir in concert, right here at St James on December 12th, at 4:00 pm. Joe Faith has had the privilege of directing the Community Choir in preparation for this concert and must say that they are very good. The musical selections cover exciting genres from jazz, to Christmas favorites, to worshipful. This group's core knows why we sing at Christmas. Come join us as we celebrate the Christmas season through song!

Rewards Cards

Having problems with Christmas gifts for that certain hard-to-buy person? How about a gift card from your Rewards Program? As the coordinator, Cindy Gregory is able to get gift cards from thousands of vendors nationwide. We have many local chain merchants on hand in addition to some lower denomination gift cards that can be great stocking stuffers or used to let someone know you're thinking of them. Gift cards can also be used as a donation toward our Christmas families.

See Cindy for details by Dec 19 to ensure delivery before Christmas.

Military Family and Friends Bulletin Board

Do You Have a Family Member or Friend Serving in the Military? If you do – please tell us!

We are refreshing our Military Tribute bulletin board that is located to the right of the main doors to the sanctuary and we want to have everyone listed! We will also stay in touch with your service members(s) and provide prayers and support. We need the following for each service member: Picture (if possible), Name, Rank, Address, Your Name(s), Relationship to you (nephew, niece, husband, wife, cousin, friend, etc.). Send the information to office@stjamesnalc.org or drop it off at the office!

Adopt a Family for Christmas

Thank you to everyone who chose a tag from the Christmas tree, or gave a monetary gift, to help support one of our Christmas families. Your generosity and cheerful giving will be a blessing to their three children on Christmas morning. **Please remember to have all wrapped gifts to the church by Sunday, Dec. 12th.**

Offering envelopes have now been placed on the tree for the Darrell Turner family. Please take an envelope from the tree, fill it with your monetary offering, and place it in the offering plate. These gifts, as well as all Advent offerings, will be given to the family to help with unexpected expenses.

Calendar for this week:

Sunday, December 12th

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 4:00 p.m. Greenfield Community Choir Performance

Monday, December 13th

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, December 14th

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 15th

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Advent Meal
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Service

Sunday, December 19th

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

No Adult Sunday School until January 9th, 2022

Women's Bible Study will not be meeting on December 20th, 27th and January 3rd.

Daylighters will not be meeting the month of December, we will resume January 19th.

Please complete the Connection Card found in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

The chancel flowers for today are dedicated to the Glory of God and presented by Liz Clark in memory of her husband Terry G. Clark. Have a wonderful Christmas in heaven sweetheart.

Membership Update

We are in the process of membership updates. If you have not updated your information online, please submit your changes to the office.

If you have any questions during this process, please contact the office.

Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve Service Friday, December 24th at 4:30 p.m.

Join us as we welcome the Christ child through song, Holy Communion, and candle light.

Adoption of New Constitution

At our congregational meeting in January. We will be voting on adopting an updated version of our constitution. All members will receive a newly revised constitution in December to prepare you for voting in our Congregational meeting in January. Details will be forthcoming.

Southern Comfort Christ Care Group

This small group is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Shelbyville area.

Contact Joyce Kissel at 317-512-9561 to join.

Reminder...

Please continue your generous support for this ministry by clicking the "giving" tab on the St. James website at <http://www.stjamesnalc.org/> or send your contribution to the church at 1741 S. State Street, Greenfield, IN 46140.

Chancel Flowers

Altar flowers are not included in the church's budget but are funded by special contributions or sponsorship through the flower fund. Special Contributions for the fund can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the Church Office and sponsors can sign up on the flower chart outside office.

Worship Leaders & Congregational Care Schedule

December 19th - Mary Jo Mikulski
December 24th - Pastor Doug Gast
December 26th - Joe Rudy
January 2nd - Pastor Martins Irbe
January 9th - Pastor Doug Gast

Pastor Doug will be with us 3 days a week albeit one will be remote and is available the rest of the week except for one week each month.

Pastor Doug is off December 27th- 31st

Pastor Doug can be reached at 317-727-0612 (mobile), pastorstjamesnalc@gmail.com or by calling or emailing the church office.

Pastor Martins Irbe and Joyce Kissell have agreed to provide Pastoral Care needs the week Pastor Doug is off.

Pastor Martins can be reached by calling or emailing the church office or by calling him at 317-379-7526 and Joyce Kissell can be reached at 317- 512-9561.

Worship Assignments

| This Week, December 12th | 9:30 a.m. Pastor Doug Gast |
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| Assisting Minister | Joan Shaw |
| Lector | John Shaw |
| Ushers | John Browder Diana Clements-Scott |
| Greeters | Liz Clark Terry Clark |
| Altar Guild | Diana Clements-Scott |
| Communion Assistant | Terri Gast |
| Acolyte | Darrel Turner |
| Sound Technician | Dan Ivers |
| Video Technician | Geoff LaFlower |
| Bread Baker | Karen Bell |
| Children's Sermon | Pastor Doug |
| Counters (Monday) Wk2 | Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory |
| Next Week, December 19th | 9:30 a.m. Mary Jo Mikulski |
| Assisting Minister | Debbie Mowrey |
| Lector | Maggie Bode |
| Ushers | Tats Matsuoka Donna Matsuoka |
| Greeters | John Shaw Joan Shaw |
| Altar Guild | Diana Clements-Scott |
| Communion Assistant | June Gries |
| Acolyte | John Turner |
| Sound Technician | Christian Gries |
| Video Technician | Ronald Kissell |
| Bread Baker | June Gries |
| Children's Sermon | John Browder |
| Counters (Monday) Wk3 | Christian Gries Phil Miller |