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THE EPISTLE

"Be doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1:22



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The Rev Paul D. Sinnott, Interim Pastor
 Pastor: 860.868.4040 Church: 203.264.6446

Ministers: The People of St James

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Saint James church services are available in person and virtually. The virtual services can be accessed on the church website <https://stjamesct.org/listen/>

CHURCH COUNCIL

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| Linda Bedard | <i>Council Vice-President</i> |
| Ben Dressel | <i>Younger Person Representative</i> |
| Karen Furr | <i>Council Member</i> |
| Diane Mladjen | <i>Council Member</i> |
| Judy Katzmark | <i>Council President</i> |
| Karen Lampiasi | <i>Council Member</i> |
| Richard Manville | <i>Treasurer/Council Member</i> |
| Jacque Matthew | <i>Council Member</i> |
| Lynn Morrison | <i>Council Member</i> |
| Jeff Nasaden | <i>Council Secretary/Council Member</i> |

CHURCH COUNCIL

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| Genie Bisch | <i>Parish Secy., Preschool Admin. Asst.</i> | 203.264.6446 |
| | <i>M,T,Th 2-4pm; Fri. 8-10:45am</i> | |
| Leslie Broch | <i>Director, St.James Preschool</i> | 203.264.6448 |
| Diane Peterson | <i>Organist</i> | |
| Tammy Faulkner | <i>Coordinator, Youth&Family Ministries</i> | |
| Gail Fay | <i>Assistant Treasurer</i> | \$\$ |
| Curt Haedke | <i>Financial Secretary</i> | \$\$ |

The due date for the September, 2021 Epistle is August 15th.

Please send submissions via the form on our epistle page (stjamesct.org/epistles)
 Thank you



In Our Prayers



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| Rachael Nessel | Bernie Jones | Eanna Callahan |
| Ethan Nessel | Richard Prisco | Marilyn Balla |
| Gary Peterson | Diane Duffy | Janet Benzell |
| Margaret Greenman | Rose Danieli | Lucy Dee |
| Karl Faulkner | Vicky Manville | Stanley Ulc |
| Pastor Wayne Gollenberg | Jacque Burns | Brian Mons |
| Darice Peruch | Nicole Peterson | Joe Giordano |
| Katie D'Antonio | Mike Harman | Raymond Carnaroli |
| Charlie Costello | Peter Adler | Mary Skinski |
| Ramona Cummings | Gabi Adler | Ned Skinski |
| Pastor Dwayne Moon | Gloria Trede | Beth Alvarado |
| Mildred Minervini | Arlene Ascenzo | Karen Huber |
| | Kay West | Call Committee |
| | Emileo Alvarado | |



Please also keep Scott Newdeck, Wilson Owens, Timothy Elwell, Seth Lash, Stephen Danek, Timothy Peterson, and all those who serve in the military, in your prayers

We also give thanks for All the Saints, especially Norbert, John Moehring, Paul Katzmark, Mickey Campanile and those we name with hearts and voices.

Please join us for Worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for outdoor worship at 111 Peter Road, Southbury, CT. The appropriate safety protocols are in place and will be adhered to. Drive in church continues as an option

Your offering may be mailed to 111 Peter Road (the mail is collected daily) or your donation may be made online. As you are able, please help us keep being the hands of Christ.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

July 4th

Lector: Diane Mladjen
Cantor: Neil Johnson
Chaplain: Karen Lampiasi
Counters: Gail and Jim Mix

July 18th

Lector: Barbara Manville
Cantor: Lynn Morrison
Chaplain: Tammy Faulkner
Counters: Barbara Manville & Mary Ewert

August 1st

Lector: Donna Peterson
Cantor: Kaitlyn Franco
Chaplain: Jim Mix
Counters: Bill Siegle & Jacque Matthew

August 15th

Lector: Jim Mix
Cantor: Karen Lampiasi
Chaplain: Karen Lampiasi
Counters:

August 29th

Lector: Judy Katzmark
Cantor: Ben Dressel
Chaplain: Tammy Faulkner
Counters:

July 11th

Lector: Janice Salvatore
Cantor: Ben Dressel
Prayer Chaplain: Mary Ewert
Counters: Steven Ulc & Gary Kline

July 25th

Lector: Diana Larson
Cantor: Lucia Dressel
Chaplain: Lynn Morrison
Counters: Catherine Ulc & Rich Larson

August 8th

Lector: Gary Kline
Cantor: Liz Skinski
Prayer Chaplain: Jim Mix
Counters:

August 22nd

Lector: Marylee Siegle
Cantor: Neil Johnson
Chaplain: Mary Ewert
Counters:



A WORD from Pastor Paul

From what we read in the Gospels, Jesus has a difficult time taking a break from his work. There always seems to be no shortage of people who need teaching, sinners who need redeeming, sick folks who need healing, disciples who need direction. In that respect, our country is a lot like Jesus. Americans are not very good at taking a vacation from what statistics there are.

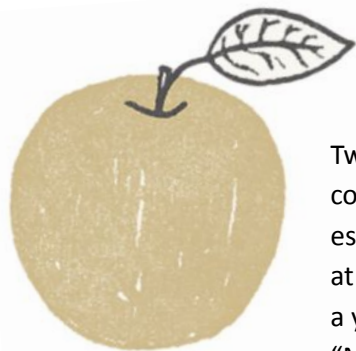
We may have learned a few things during the pandemic; new ways to get our tasks accomplished, our house in order, our kids schooled. But clearly, we yearn for some of the things we missed, hence, for example, we have come back to in-person church, but really like doing that outdoors.

I must admit that I am not very skilled at vacations or relaxing. There is always a chore that needs doing, a contact that needs to be made, a sermon that needs to be crafted. But even Jesus saw the need to sleep in the back of the boat, find a mountain top on which to steal some solace in prayer, delegate to his disciples when he couldn't do it all himself.

This is my way of telling you that Carol and I will be on vacation from July 5-16. I have arranged for Rev. Robert Woodroffe (aka, Woody) to preach and preside on July 11. He is a skilled and experienced preacher and presider. He and his wife Sally are neighbors of ours in New Preston where they live in a house once visited by Gen George Washington. Unsure if he slept there, they seem to think he stopped there for a drink. And so they tell me "George Washington *slurped* here."

Take it from Jesus: time at the back of the boat is not time wasted, it is time fulfilled. Thanks for the opportunity to st this time apart. You will enjoy your time with "Rev Woody."

God's Blessings, Pastor Paul



An Apple a Day

Two new studies suggests immunity to coronavirus may last a year, a lifetime possibly, especially after vaccination. Both studies looked at people who had prior Covid-19 infection about a year ago. The studies looked at the function of “Memory B “ cells and antibody

production in vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Cells that retain memory of the coronavirus persist after infection in the bone marrow and may produce antibodies whenever needed. The cells called memory B cells continue to mature and strengthen after infection and recovery. The memory B cells appear to be strong enough to thwart ill effects from even variants of the Covid-19 virus .

Most antibody levels decline four months after infection but a few memory B cells remain in the bone marrow ready to produce more antibodies when needed. Study participants that were vaccinated after Covid-19 infection had a more robust set of antibodies.

A year after infection antibody neutralizing ability for participants who had not been vaccinated was lower against all forms of coronavirus with the least against the South African variant. This is consistent with past research that infection with coronavirus alone may not be enough to protect from serious future infection given the emergence of variants that can evade the natural body defenses.

Immunity can play out differently in all people. Immune memory can be organized differently for each type of infection. If blood contained antibodies to every disease pathogen one encounters it would become very thick. The memory B cells store information in bone marrow waiting to act and produce antibodies once an individual is infected. Future studies will reveal more about the level of coronavirus immunity in different groups of people to better understand the future need for coronavirus booster vaccinations.

Stewardship in 2021

As summer arrives, we remember observing Pentecost last month. Many were gathered in Jerusalem at that time to celebrate the holiday of “Shavuot”, the Jewish Feast of Weeks. It was a time to celebrate good harvests, (past and future) and to commemorate the giving of the Torah, the law given to Moses on Mount Sinai.

As Christians, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit – a part of the triune God that Jesus promised would be our Advocate after His ascension.

So many gifts.....the Old Testament Law, good harvests, and the gift of the Holy Spirit! Today we can add to that, the gift of vaccines, the ending of many pandemic restrictions and the opportunity to enjoy a “normal” summer!

How shall we respond to this abundance of gifts?

With gratefulness and generosity!

We have been asked to “dig a little deeper” this year to help St James establish a strong financial position for the year. May was an encouraging month, but we want to recover from our cash losses in 2020 (and our projected deficit in 2021) to build a strong foundation for the future. As we approach 2022, and prepare to call a new pastor, it’s important to approach this new chapter in the life of St James with fiscal strength.

God loves a cheerful giver, so let’s make Him *delirious!*

See 1 Timothy 6:17-18

Bill Siegle for the Stewardship committee.....

Southbury Food Bank Collection

The food bank continues to be very busy serving the needs of our neighbors. Please be sure to continue to provide donations of boxed rice so we can keep the shelf well stocked. Many thanks to the following families for signing up to help with getting our rice donations to the Southbury Food Bank (88 Main Street South, in the same complex as the Rathskeller Restaurant). There are a few open months – contact Lauren Lyons if you are able to help. You will drop the rice outside the food bank and their staff will stock the shelf. Mask required please.

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| July – | Oct – |
| Aug – Jenny Beaudean-White | Nov – Jenny Beaudean-White |
| Sept – | Dec – |



Walk or Run for a Great Cause

Zion's Children of Haiti Virtual 1k/5k/10k

Zion's Children of Haiti is a non-profit initiated in Connecticut and one of Saint James' mission partners. Their mission is partnering with Haitians to support education for school aged children in the Hurricane ravaged town of Gonaives. The political situation in Haiti has been very unstable this year so our students desperately need our prayers and support. This major fundraiser is a virtual walk/run held whenever and wherever you'd like the week of August 7-14th. Registration fee is \$25 for 10k, \$20 for 5K, \$10 for 1k. Groups of 5 or less can register as a family for \$60, groups of more than 5 can register as a team for \$100. Raffle tickets for some great prizes are also available. 100% of proceeds will go to support the monthly food program for families in need as well as educational support. Online registration is now available at www.zionschildrenofhaiti.org or www.sportstats.raceentry.com/annual-running-for-haitis-future/race-information. Sign up and run or walk from wherever you are!

Questions, contact Lauren Lyons
203-982-8415, lyonsden1133@yahoo.com.

Summer Education

Bible Study Each Wednesday evening, begins at 7 PM, followed by the prayer circle at 8. Readings are based on the lectionary for the next week.

Lutheran 101, Saturday conversations about what it means to be a Lutheran. Offered in the Fellowship Hall on June 19 and June 23 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. For members new to St James, seekers, and longer-term folks wanting a refresher.

Confirmation Boot Camp: Two weeks for intensive study in preparation of confirmation. Offered in August (Date TBA)

Vacation Bible School: July 26-30 9 AM to 12 PM. A safe, more traditional model than last summer, run by Youth and Family Ministries. Open to all children for free. Registration now open on our website.

Dear St James....

Thank you so much to the St. James community for the Rev. T.A. Gustafson Educational Aid Fund scholarship that I recently received. I am currently studying to be an occupational therapist, and this scholarship will help me pursue my dream. Thank you for your support!

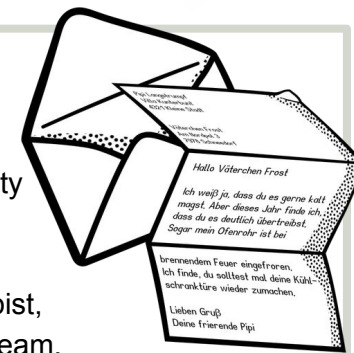
Love, Kaitlyn Furr

Dear Saint James Congregation ,

Thank you so much for awarding me the Rev. T. A. Gustafson Education Aid Scholarship. I'm very appreciative for this to help me further my education at Saint Joseph's University.

Many thanks to you all.

-Ryan Furr



“Call Them All” System

Presently, we have 145 telephone numbers listed to receive Pastor Paul’s wonderful 2-minute weekly devotions, and prayers. Also included are St. James Church important news items, and reminders. If you haven’t submitted your telephone number to receive these calls, please register at the bottom of our homepage, call Lynn Morrison 203-426-7749 or email her atedgelake@aol.com. Please join us!



“Let’s Ring the Bell Again!”

The Bell Tower, which has been in need of repair and restoration, is a wonderful and important compliment to our St. James Church. We miss the ringing of the bell during the worship services. In an effort toward repairing and restoring our bell tower, donations may be made to help us achieve that goal! Offerings may be made to “Bell Tower Repair!” For further information, please check with Lynn Morrison (203-426-7749) or Jacque Matthew (203-233-9581).

Southbury Farmer’s Market

Don’t forget that the Southbury Farmers Market began in June! It will run all summer on Thursday from 3-6pm on the Town Hall Green. Part of caring for God’s creation is being a good steward – we can help this by eating locally produced foods to cut down on use of fuel for transportation. Plus it tastes GREAT!!!



Updating our Prayer List

Last month I sent out a plea to everyone who receives the EPISTLE, asking that you review the names of people in our prayers and notify me of any updates you would like to make. I’ve had the pleasure of hearing from several people with updates and I rejoice that some who have been on our list for a long time are improving and doing well enough to have their names removed from our communal list at this time. Others have asked that their names remain on the list and so we renew our commitment to ongoing prayers for strength and healing.



If your name is on the list in this issue of the Epistle, please let me know if you would like it to remain on the list moving forward.

If you had put a name on this published list, please let me know if you like it to remain or be removed.

If you have notified me of changes and recently added a name which you are not ready to remove, you do not need to do anything at this point.

Please note, if you have any updates for the military service list of the list of saints, please let me know as well.

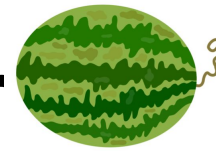
Thank you.

Liz Skinski liz.skinski@earthlink.net

AUGUST 2021 Calendar

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:30am Worship | 2 | 3 | 4 7pm Bible Study 8pm Prayer Call | 5 7:30pm YAFM Meeting | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9:30am Worship | 9 | 10 | 11 7pm Bible Study 8pm Prayer Call | 12 7pm Parish Support Meeting | 13 | 14 11:30am Rice Shelf Restock |
| 15 9:30am Worship DUE Epistle Contributions | 16 | 17 | 18 7pm Bible Study 8pm Prayer Call | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9:30am Worship | 23 | 24 | 25 7pm Bible Study 8pm Prayer Call | 26 7pm Preschool Board Meeting | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9:30am Worship | 30 | 31 | | | | |

JULY 2021 Calendar



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  4 | Holy Communion is offered at all worship services in one kind only. | | | 1 7:30pm YAFM Meeting | 2 | 3 |
| 9:30am Worship 5 | 6 | 7 7pm Bible Study 8pm Prayer Call | 8 7pm Parish Support Meeting | 9 | 10 11:30am Rice Shelf Restock | Pastor Sinnott on Vacation |
| 9:30am Worship Rev. Robert Woodroffe 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 7pm Bible Study 8pm Prayer Call | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:30am Worship | 19 | 20 7pm Council Meeting | 21 7pm Bible Study 8pm Prayer Call | 22 7pm Preschool Board Meeting | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:30am Worship | 26 | 27 | 28 7pm Bible Study 8pm Prayer Call | 29 | 30 12pm VBS Show & Picnic | 31 |
| Vacation Bible School 9am - 12pm | | | | | | |