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**FROM THE PASTOR**

I thought it would be over by now! But the threat of Covid has revived; masks are back. At Saint James we will follow the recommendations of our county health officials, and resume masking and social distancing when indoors. But we will also proceed to resume a more active Fall schedule.

*may you be prepared to endure everything with **patience** (Col. 1:11)*

*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and **patience** (Col. 3:12)*

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, generosity, faithfulness gentleness and self control. (Gal. 5:22-3)*

Let us rejoice in what we can do, and not dwell on our limitations. September is start up month:

**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday September 11, 8:30 am at Springford Diner.

**Worship returns to 10:15**, Sunday, September 12, 10:15 a.m. This service will include a baptism, and dedication of our peace poll.

**Yard Sale**, Saturday, September 18 - see related article in this newsletter.

**Family Choir** - Sunday, September 19 - practice before church at 9:30 a.m.

**Adult Sunday School** resumes Sunday, September 26, 9:00 a.m. If you are interested, contact Jay Smith, as resource material will be needed,

**Women's Fellowship** will meet Tuesday, September 28, at 7:00 pm for a planning meeting for the year.

**Bible Study via Zoom** resumes Wednesday, September 29. Contact Laura Walters for access.

I once gave my grandson advice (which he did not heed): I said, if you have a plan, you can change it; if you don't have a plan, nothing will happen. So we have a plan, but remain adaptable.

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## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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### SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS FOR SEPTEMBER

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This September we will continue our journey through the book of James. We will get better acquainted with the saint for whom our church is named. We will also be going through some transitions in when we worship. We will worship in the pavilion as long as weather allows. When we return to the sanctuary we recommend that everyone wears a mask.

September 5; 9:30  
Psalm 146; James 2:1-10  
Poor in things; rich in faith

September 12; 10:15 am Holy Communion  
Proverbs 1:20-33; James 3:1-12  
Bridle the tongue  
Dedication of Peace Pole; Baptism of Violet Terbush

September 19; 10:15  
Psalm 1; James 3:13-18; 4:1-10  
Wisdom from Above  
Family Choir will practice at 9:30 am

September 26, 10:15  
Psalm 124; James 5:13-20  
Does Prayer Work?  
Adult class begins at 9:00 am

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### COMMUNITY YARD SALE

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St James will be sponsoring a community yard sale on Saturday September 18th. We will be offering spaces for a nominal fee and also selling baked goods and light refreshments. We may combine the event with the Women's Fellowship rummage sale. This is still to be determined. We are hoping to further our engaging with our neighbors and the surrounding communities. This can be a great way let them know WHERE we are and WHO we are!



I am looking for volunteers to plan and help carry out this event  
Please contact me if you are able to help.

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### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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Women's Fellowship will meet for the first time in over 18 months on Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.. We will talk about regrouping and how we can move forward to benefit the church and its missions.



We will have tables at the Yard sale on September 18<sup>th</sup> for anyone to donate sale items. There will be no clothes or computers or mattresses or TVs. Since the yard sale will be held out under the pavilion we will store all donations in the one closet under the pavilion. You can bring donations to church on Sundays or Friday night the 17<sup>th</sup> between 4 and 6pm. If you need other arrangements please give me a call . I personally have missed seeing everyone. Cynthia Valerio 610-792-2946 (home ) 484-374-5962 (cell)

### ST. JAMES WORSHIP IN THE PAVILION EXTENDED

In consideration of the trend in COVID cases, it's been decided that St James will continue to worship outside in the pavilion as long as weather permits, instead of moving inside in two weeks as originally planned. The time for worship will change to 10:15, beginning on September 12<sup>th</sup>. And when we do eventually move inside, we will recommendation that everyone wear a mask.

### TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the small group meetings. We have assembled your responses and are ready to complete our church profile. We expect to get an okay from consistory and send it on to conference in September. Then it will be available for review by prospective ministerial candidates.

### September

#### Birthdays

- 1....Peter Cibulsky
- 2....Kenneth Raspen, Sr.
- 10....Millie Alderfer
- 14....Ellie Wellman
- 15....Arthur Gelwicks
- 16....Nona Alderfer
- 19....Joyce Clarke
- 20....Tony Nuccitelli
- 23....Jennifer Clarke
- 23....Betty Lou Wilson
- 26....Donna Serina

#### Anniversary

- 7....Scott & Sue Swinehart



Congratulations and best wishes from your church family!

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

The St. James Property Committee will meet at 7pm on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> at the church. Everyone interested in helping out is welcome to attend.



### ST. JAMES ACTIVITY SIGN UP

As autumn approaches, we're looking forward to the resumption of more church activates. On the bulletin boards in the Narthex and pavilion is a sign-up sheet with a list of activities for which we'd like to know who is interested in participating. Among them are:



- Fellowship Potluck Dinner Committee (participant)**
- Nursery Staff (on call)**
- Bible Study (week day participant)**
- Sunday School (adult participant)**
- Children's Sunday School (adult leader)**
- Sunday Worship Technology (assistant)**
- Choir/Musical Instruments (participant)**
- Hospitality Committee (participant)**
- Missions Committee (participant)**

At your convenience, please check all in which you have interest, or pass your selections on to any member of Consistory.

Let's all step up to make things happen!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

For our friends Betty Wines, Heather Yates, Melissa Moore, Ellie Donofrio, Frank Miller, Joyce Swinehart, Sang Hi Crater, Joan Rosen, Mary Barnaik *and others who are in long term care or unable to leave their homes. We pray for comfort, peace, healing, and companionship for each of them.*



For our friends Tabby, Peggy M, Sue, Jessica, Helen M, Irene S, Jay P, Carl, Jean S, Van S, JC, Michelle, Ken, Betsy R, Barry G, Sue J, Mildred, Charlotte F, Bobbie T, Bob M, Bonnie, Paul M, Chet M, Dottie *and all cancer survivors, we pray for treatment where it is possible and release from suffering where it is needed.*

For our friends Taylor, Jim, Beverly A, Bill Sr., George Myers, Linda, Jeff W, Pat *and others with ongoing health concerns and challenging life of God's presence through the support of our congregation.*

*Prayers for all veterans that are still suffering from PTSD and all other side effects from their service in the military.*

*Lord we give you our praise and thanksgiving for all the blessing you give us each day. We are thankful for hearing our prayers for healing of many; our list of people never seems to end of people that need prayers for many different things. Hear our prayers as with lift them up to you every day having faith that your will be done. We ask comfort for those that have lost loved ones and friends and ask that you give them your peace and comfort. We prayer for our country and our world that we can find peace, love and understanding. We pray for wholeness of mind, body and spirit upon us all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Please note that we will remove names on the prayer list after one month, except for homebound and hospitalized members. Let us know if you would like to add or renew a request by office phone or email.

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## PRAYING FOR ST. JAMES MEMBERS

Initiated by St. James Prayer Team, each Sunday two church families are being included in the Sunday worship prayer time. You are invited to include these members and their families in your prayers throughout that week.

### August

- 5 *Beth and Patrick Miller*  
*Frank Miller*
- 12 *Carl and Mae Mogel*  
*John Mogel*
- 19 *Thomas Mogel*  
*Melissa Moore*
- 26 *Suzanne (Lightcap) Moyer*  
*Edward and Sunsan Myers*

# CALENDAR

## September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 9:30 am	6 Boy Scouts 7pm	7 Missions 7pm	8	9 Property Committee 7pm	10	11 Men's Breakfast 8:30am
12 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 10:15 am (communion)	13 Boy Scouts 7pm	14 Consistory 7pm	15	16	17	18 Community Yard Sale 8-12pm
19 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 10:15 am <b>RALLY DAY</b>	20 Boy Scouts 7pm	21	22	23	24	25
26 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Adult Bible Study 9am Worship Service 10:15 am	27 Boy Scouts 7pm	28 District AA 7pm Women's Fellowship 6pm	29 Zoom Bible Study	30		

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## Notes & Reminders

Materials for the October Newsletter are due on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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