



The Missionary

The Monthly Newsletter of **St. James Episcopal Church**

West Bend, Wisconsin

April 2020

St. James History—Part 3

St. James in the 1870's (Part Three)
MISSIONARY July 9, 1980

“the Ladies of the Episcopal church will...”

As St. James parish worship was being put on a regular basis by the Rev. E.R. Ward who visited weekly in the late 1870's, a second major source of strength was the Episcopal Ladies Society. In the absence of resident clergy, the women's activity provided a focus for parish life and an image to the rest of West Bend as well as a continual source of income for parish activities, especially those aimed at children.

The range of their fund raising activities was amazing:

December 1875 The ladies of the Episcopal Church will hold an “entertainment” at North School House to get money for presents for Sunday school students.

July 1876 Episcopal young ladies will serve ice cream every Saturday night.

November 1876 The Episcopal Ladies will hold a Social at Glantz's Hotel

A Christmas Festival—dinners at the County Fair—musicales—annual picnics—recitals—log cabin quilts to raffle—concerts—Christmas Parties—decorations in the church for special

FROM YOUR RECTOR

I was thinking about what I could write as a short meditation as we approach Easter when I found the following thoughts on Facebook. The sentiments were so spot on and inspiring to me that instead of writing my own meditation, I'm sharing the wonderful meditation originally written by Travis Swords of Newborn, GA. I pray his words touch you as much as they touched me.

“The very first Easter was not in a crowded worship space with singing and praising. On the very first Easter the disciples were locked in their house. It was dangerous for them to come out. They were afraid. They wanted to believe the good news they heard from the women, that Jesus had risen, but it seemed too good to be true. They were living in a time of such despair and such fear. If they left their homes their lives and the lives of their loved ones might be at risk. Could a miracle really have happened? Could life really have won out over death? Could this time of terror and fear really be coming to an end? Alone in their homes they dared to believe that hope was possible, that the long night was over and morning had broken, that God's love was the most powerful force of all, even though the it didn't seem quite real yet. Eventually, they were able to leave their homes. When the fear and danger subsided, they went around celebrating and spreading the Good News that Jesus was risen and love was the most powerful force on Earth. This year, we might get to experience a taste of what

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Joyfully Proclaiming, Living, and Sharing Christ's Love

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occasions and even a “Mum” party where guests were fined for talking. Year after year the Ladies of the Episcopal Church made the parish prosper through their work.

The names of individual women are not always easy to find, but a few stand out. Mrs. C. H. Miller seemed to be in charge of or behind everything. Many meetings were held in her home before events took place. Mrs. P. A. Weil often hostess to visiting bishops and clerics, she smothered a fire in church one Sunday when a chandelier crashed to the floor. Miss Frisby, however typifies their spirit the best. Late one October evening, she was on her way home from a Church Fair with the \$141.00 collected when two men tried to rob her. The paper reported her as telling them, “...her own money they might have, but the Lord’s never!... she would die first...” Her screams brought Mr. B. S. Potter to the rescue and he escorted her and the money home safely.

Junior Warden’s Report

I had made plans to start sprucing up the church beginning in April. With the COVID 19 virus among us, it may have to be done later in Spring.

The door for the West entrance has been ordered. After opening the wall, Slesar Glass informed us that all we needed was to replace the doors. There is a header and the posts where the sidelights were installed shows that we do not need to replace the whole wall. This will lower the price of the project considerably.

The refrigerator in the kitchen needs a new evaporator coil. One has been ordered and will be replaced when the part comes.

The emergency lights at the staircases have been updated.

The patio will need to be leveled. We will ask for

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that first Easter was like, still in our homes daring to believe that hope is on the horizon. Then, after a while, when it is safe for all people, when it is the most loving choice, we will come out, gathering together, singing and shouting the Good News that God brings life even out of death, that love always has the final say!”

Original Author: Travis Swords

Lightly Edited and with brief introduction by Mother Mindy

Senior Warden’s Report

I hope this finds all of you safe and healthy as you stay safe at home. For those of you that have to go out, please know are prayers are with you. This was a very different Holy Week from any we have ever lived through. Remember we are together in spirit and prayer and the church is all of us, not just the building. We will be together soon.

Thank you to everyone who has mailed in their survey (and gift). There is still time to get yours in. Please mail them to me at 627 Cabrini Circle 53095.

All activities at the church have been suspended but will be back up and running as soon as possible. We will resume the friendship dinners and all of you will Be invited to one.

Thank you for all your prayers and nice notes as we go into the next chapter at St. James. Joan and I are meeting and planning. We are being supported by Peggy Bean at the Diocese.

Laurie Wagner
Sr. Warden

April Birthdays

02 Henrick Petzold
 06 Dexter Olson
 07 Amy Pitrof
 08 Jeff Simmelink
 10 Keegan Olson
 14 Elisabeth Rusch
 14 Emily Rusch
 16 Jim Knaak
 16 Don Rabe
 17 Steve Bransted
 20 Cheryl Scott
 24 Ivieosa Igiehon
 24 Jim Otten
 26 Corey Petzold
 26 Dan Preisinger
 28 Jim Opelt
 28 Jody Allen
 29 Phyllis Painter
 29 Brody Preisinger
 29 Alyse Rieken
 30 Alice Branta
 30 London Robertson

April Anniversaries

08 Gordon & Kathy Michaels
 22 Kati & Steve Rusch

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help as soon as the frost is out of the ground. If you are asked to help, please consider helping.

It would be nice to have a float in West Bend's 4 of July Parade. If you are interested in helping with this call me at 262-626-4034.

Joan Noren

Jr. Warden

Food Basket Reminder

St. James collects for the Full Shelf Food Pantry weekly. Donations can be placed in the dark brown baskets behind the back pews. Those donations are then blessed at the offertory during the second service and taken to the food pantry to help those in need.

Parish Photographer Needed!

We have so many wonderful happenings here at St. James, but we rarely have photo evidence they happened. We need a couple of people to volunteer to take photos of our happenings at St. James and send them to the office to share in the Missionary or on social media. Anyone with a smartphone can easily do this. No special training is required, just a willingness to take photos. Please see Laurie Wagner to indicate your interest.

Weekly E-news

Interested in receiving weekly updates from the parish? If so, please e-mail the office at stjameswb@gmail.com or call (262) 334-4242 so that we can make sure your e-mail address is on the list.

Treasurer's Report Through April 8, 2020

	Actual	Budgeted
Year to Date Income	\$ 55,910.00	\$ 46,735.34
Support from Diocese	11,666.68	9,527.75
Drawn from Investments	0.00	0.00
Total Income	67,576.68	56,261.09

Year to Date all Expenses	\$ 54,355.57	\$ 56,540.01
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Operations Investment income through March 27, 2020

Opening Balance, Dec. 31	\$ 111,028.00
Investments Earnings	\$ (4917.00)
Balance, March 27	\$ 106,111.00

St. James Episcopal Church

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Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. Rite I Said Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Rite II Sung Eucharist

Our Mission:

*Saint James Episcopal Church in West Bend, Wisconsin,
exists to proclaim the Gospel and live the Word;
to promote spiritual wellbeing and growth;
to come together as a family to worship God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
and to be a reflection of God's love in our community.*