

Life and Work – March 27, 2022

We are sending a huge congratulations to
Rev. Jack Mercer and Marie Mercer

who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 26. Jack is a minister and Marie was teacher and a lay minister as well. They ministered together for 55 years.

Alba Chen Graduation Recital Sunday, April 3 at 4 pm at the DF Cook Recital Hall

Our Assistant Music Director, Alba Chen, will present her graduation recital on Sunday, April 3 at 4 pm in the DF Cook Recital Hall. Alba will conduct the MUN Chamber and Festival Choirs as part of the requirements for her Masters of Choral Conducting Degree. This is a free event and open to the public.

St. James' Public Health Notice

Office - Now that Public Health restrictions have been lifted, St. James will be taking a cautious approach toward our "new normal". Public Health is still strongly recommending wearing masks, so we ask people to wear masks when entering or exiting the building and visiting the office or any part of the building for any purpose.

Groups - In addition to wearing masks, until further notice, groups or committees who use the building are asked to continue to sanitize the room's items touched, following their meetings. Each group will decide their own protocols for participation in their activities and events according to their participants' comfort level and agreement.

Worship - For worship, we strongly recommend wearing masks while entering, exiting, or moving around the building and while singing. Masks can be removed while seated. The choir/soloists can remove masks for singing as has been the practice. Social distancing is encouraged. Registration and assigned seating are no longer required for Sunday Services.

These provisions are in place as "an abundance of caution" and will be reviewed in 30 days. Thank you for your usual co-operation and understanding.

Marilyn Adams, Council Chair

Ministers News

Pub Theology: This month's Pub Theology is delayed by a week and will take place on Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00pm. Join in the discussion about faith, spirituality, life's big questions. It will once again be held via Zoom. Please contact James (james@stjamesuc.org) for a link to the gathering.

Young Adult Gathering: On Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00pm we will be going sliding (assuming we get a good dump of snow) or bowling at a local alley. Contact James for further details.

Weekly Lenten Practice:

Each Wednesday, join in a spiritual practice with communion. This week we will be exploring mandala making and doodling as a form of meditation.

Easter Vigil: This year we are introducing an Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday evening at 7:30pm. Join us for a service of reflection and light. We will take time to mourn with the disciples of Jesus and listen to our ancient story of faith. The service includes a gathering around fire, renewing of baptismal promises and sharing in communion. This service is new to many of us, but it is the church's oldest Easter celebration, extending back to the earliest centuries of Christianity.

Setting Up a Phone Tree: In order to help everyone stay connected, especially as we continue to navigate this pandemic, we are setting up a phone tree at St. James. You can help out by volunteering to make regular phone calls to a small group of families. Please let James know of your interest in this initiative by emailing him at james@stjamesuc.org

