



## Weekly Announcements

July 23, 2020

Dear friends & parishioners of St. James,

This past week both Governor Edwards and Bishop Jake have given us directives as we continue to live into these new days, ones which for me become new with each passing hour. I don't have magic answers for you at this hour or on this day, but I do ask you to think about what courage means, that is, making decisions even in the midst of what can feel like chaos. I invite you to listen/watch my sermon from this past Sunday about finding courage by clicking [here](#).



We will continue to meet online on Sundays for both Morning Prayer @ 10:30 AM and Evening Prayer @ 5:00 PM. Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we find ways to come together in worship and prayer.

I hope you will join me and others this Sunday for our online prayer time and opportunity to check in and visit with one another after saying our prayers.

God's peace,

Tim Heflin+  
Rector

## July 26th Worship Services

Both the order of service & readings can be found on our church website by clicking [here](#).

Please note that you may have to copy & paste the Zoom link, and input the Meeting ID for security reasons.

### Morning Prayer @ 10:30 AM via Zoom

Led by Fr. Tim Heflin, Deacon Michael, & Sara Fuhrer

Join us via the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88415778017>

Meeting ID: 884 1577 8017

### Evening Prayer @ 5:00 PM via Zoom

Led by Fr. Tim & Katie Chapman

Join us via the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83960156959>

Meeting ID: 839 6015 6959

## Episcopal Relief & Development Grant for COVID-19 Relief

The Episcopal Church in Western Louisiana recently received a grant from the national church's Episcopal Relief & Development office to alleviate local, acute financial needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. St.

James was given \$3,000 to distribute as needed, and both Rita Klock and Fr. Tim have made it a priority to direct those funds, as we can best determine given medical privacy laws, to those who have been directly affected by the virus. Thanks to Joy Owensby who facilitated the grant writing process and suggested that St. James, a long-time partner with so many other local agencies, be a conduit to meet these local needs. Rita is the point person for interviewing applicants, and, thanks to your generosity, we are able to pool resources with our Ministry Fund to assist those who have been directly affected by COVID-19.

Episcopal Relief & Development is a wonderful branch of our national church that has responded over the years with "boots on the ground" for various local needs - including famine relief and health promotion in 40 countries around the world, to local hurricane, tornado, fire, and other emergency recovery. You can check out their ministry by clicking [here](#).



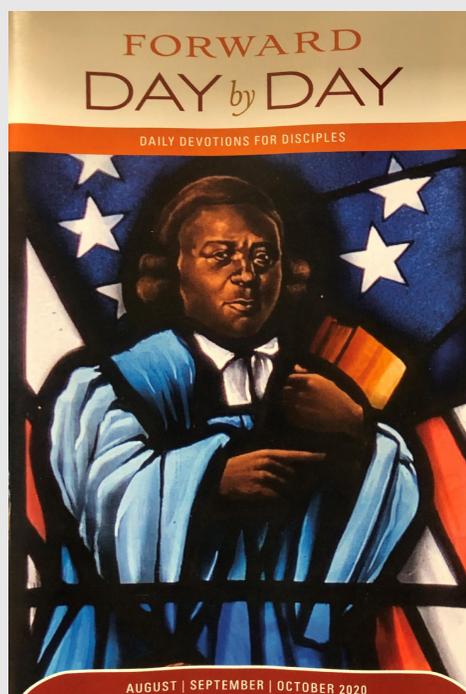
## We Depend on Your Generosity...Thank You!

In this time of suspended indoor church services, we ask for your continued financial support of St. James, as it is essential for our sustainability. There are several ways you can support St. James:

- Mail to the church office your pledge or other gifts by check.
- Consider setting up an automatic draft from a bank account.
- Go to a link on our church website and check out the options for giving, including a "virtual" plate offering in the midst of our virtual gathering. You can find that link by clicking [here](#).

Please call Roy Rosenthal in the church office @ 445.9845 if you have any questions.

Again - thank you!!!



## Forward Day by Day

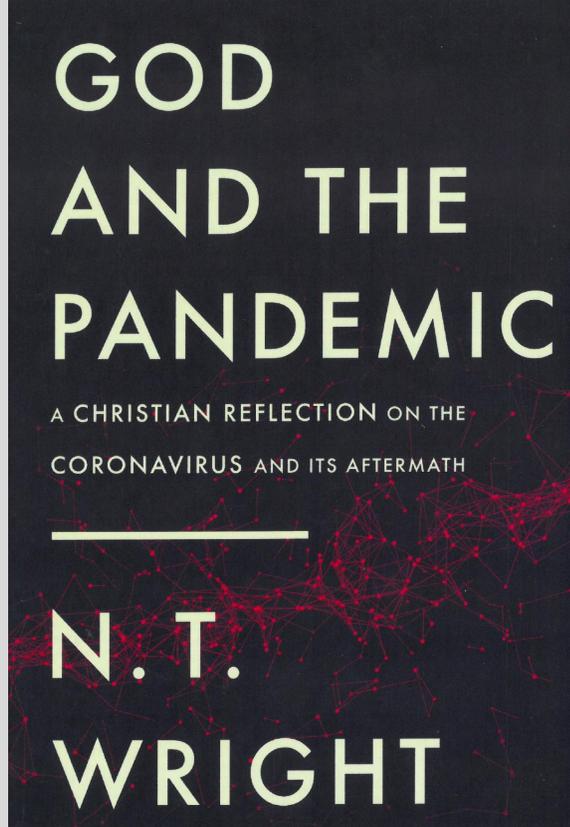
August-September-October 2020  
published by Forward Movement

A very popular devotional, *Forward Day by Day* is a booklet of meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer. The meditations are rich in substance and offer a wide range of witness and experiences. Each month's meditation is written by a different author.

Call the church office @ 445.9845 to reserve a copy.

A limited number of large print copies are available.

## What Fr. Tim is Reading



**God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath**

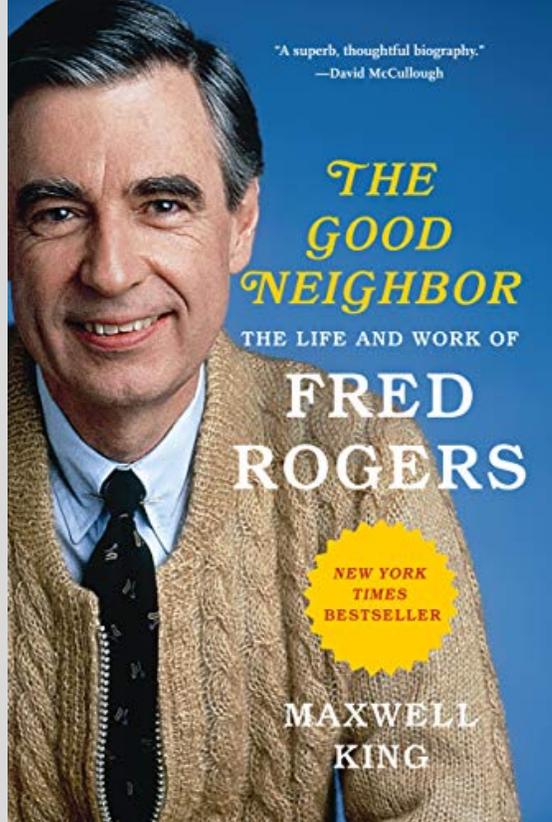
by N.T. Wright

Some people think they know. "This is a sign of the End," they will say. "It's all predicted in the book of Revelation." Others disagree but are equally clear: "This is a call to repent. God is judging the world." Some join in the chorus of blame and condemnation: "It's the fault of the Chinese, the government, the World Health Organization..."

Wright examines these reactions and finds them wanting. He invites you to consider a different response - one that draws on a careful reading of the Bible, Christian history, and above all on the way of living, thinking, and praying revealed to us by Jesus.

This from Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury: "This is classic N.T. Wright. It is accessible to almost anyone asking questions, and yet it manages to be demanding for those who think they know the answers."

***Fr. Tim plans to use this book in online conversations, beginning in August. Stay tuned for more information!***



**The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers**

by Maxwell King

Like many of you, I grew up with Mr. Rogers. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood often reached 10 percent of American households, five to ten million children each day who wanted to spend time with this quiet, slightly stooped, middle-age man who exuded kindness and unconditional love.

Rogers became a national advocate for early education just at the time that psychologists, child-development experts, and researchers worldwide were finding that learning that takes place in the earliest years - social and emotional, as well as cognitive - is a crucial building block for successful and happy lives.

However, the Fred Rogers you saw on television was no perfect saint. A Presbyterian minister and TV rock star, he had a temper and was demanding on his staff.

He struggled as a child to understand love, and the man who conveyed a Zen-like calm on television saw a psychiatrist for decades. He was complex. In other words, he was human.

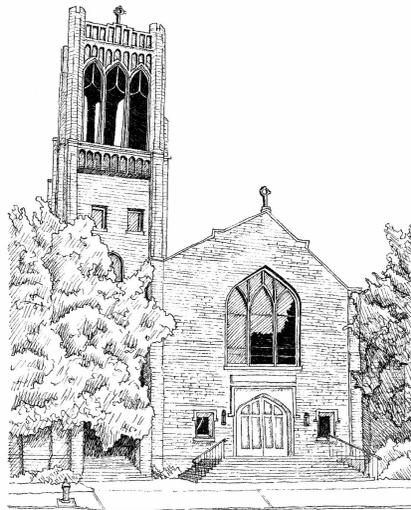
This is a wonderful story about all the good Mr. Rogers brought to the world, and a honest glimpse of him as a person.

**Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:**

*David Lemaire, Joe Schoolcraft, Jed and Family, James Jay Watts, Janet Ahrens, Carl Ahrens, Beth Virden, Benny Leggett, Glenn Guillory, Bill Hess, Karen Donahue, Charlotte Thrift, Margaret Broussard, Jim and Kathy Clement, Allie Bunyog, Karen Holt, The Ford Family, Dean M. Tyree, Linda & John Bazer, Chad Dupree, Raina, Ron Kingston, Cecile Brunson, Felicia, Linda Green, Bill Clancey, Barry Mercer, Annie, Jimmy Hurt, Jackie Jeanne, Michael Gray, Carol Rowe, Jaclyn Cutrone, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Bruce Gremillion, Murel Trimble, Bernard Parker, Charlie, Emily Gerard, Betty Anne Close, Mark Goldich, Jim Brackett, Janet Fuqua, Bill Leibke, Deborah Taylor, Jeremy and Becky Corbett, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Grace Heeralall, Don Parker, Micah Johnson, Henry Wells, Wayne Moorehead, Sarah, Doug Brackett, Ann, Pat Carter, Amy Banks, Ann Anderson, Katrina Hall, Dr. Jack Jackson, Elizabeth Thompson Sawyer, Diane and Mike Walding, Brenda, Julie Stewart, Richard Norem, Robert Broadwell, Brenda, Cyndi, Kevin Hooter, Jeannie Basco, Warren Paul, James Parham, Timothy Futrell, Cindy Smith, David Warren, Jane Tyson, Laura Waring, Carrigan, Allison, Anna, Dennis Hart, Gerard, Hannah Pierce, John McLure, Rachel Gardner, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Lou Stafford, Wes Fidler, Allie Thompson, Marjorie Deshotel, Tanya and John Self, Peggy Brian, Heather Craig, C. J. Guillory, and Mehre Hajighassem.*

**For those in the military:**

*Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Garon Taylor-Tyree, William Henry, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Kenneth O. Musselwhite, Erskine Cook, Jr., Steven P. Lemoine, Jeffery Michael Musselwhite, Captain Patrick Downs, Chris Babcock, and Sequoia Green.*



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