

From St. James' With Love

Corner of Lake and Main
P.O. Box 249 Hammondsport, New York 14840
May-June 2019

St James Vision Statement: God asks us to make His love visible in our lives and community. . . . let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

From the Rector's Corner

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

That phrase keeps running through my mind. Many of my clergy friends are posting on their Facebook and Instagram "Cristos Anesti!" with replies "Alithos Anesit!" the Greek for Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Because as Christians we understand that THE Resurrection changed everything, and that resurrection still happens in our world and in our lives. And that, my friends, is very good news indeed. Alleluia!

Every year I give thanks that I live in this hemisphere where we eagerly await the first blossoms and warmer weather signaling Spring, Easter, new life, and hope. I can't imagine living where Easter is mid-winter and Christmas is in the summer. I think it's too easy for humanity to see the dull, dark, dreary of this life and miss the signs of God's work all around us. Maybe the southern hemisphere is blessed to have to look a little harder, to incarnate the Joy of Easter in the cold and dark. Because I think that's when we need it the most.

As Spring springs all around us this month I invite you to explore the potential for Joy in your life and the lives of those around you. Is it also possible to anticipate the potential Joy at St James, because new life keeps springing up all around us. We have new opportunities for education and participation. Take a look and see if you might choose to attend the new Book Group, or Bible Study for one cycle, or the 4-year EfM. Maybe it's time to prayerfully consider if you are called to be an Usher, Reader, Teller/Counter or maybe take a bigger step and become an Acolyte/Crucifer/Chalice bearer, lead Morning Prayer, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor. Or maybe you would be willing to step up and offer to care for the lawn for a week or two (or more) this summer.

We know that the resurrection didn't end on Easter day – we will celebrate for the next 40 days until the Ascension, and then another 10 days to the celebration of Pentecost. Yes! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Peace,
Lynne +

Mother's Day Smorgasbord

Saturday, May 18th

4:00 – 6:00

Tickets are \$9.75 for adults, Children 6-12 \$5.00 and 5 and under free.

The food is ***all you can eat!***

Don't miss this opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends to the best meal in town on May 18th! As usual, we can use all the help we can get and you can find sign-up sheets in the parish hall. This is one of the three dinners we host each year and 30% of the proceeds go to Mission.

Leadership Opportunities

Morning Prayer Leader – Sunday, May 5th from 11:00 – 3:00. Please bring a sack lunch and your enthusiasm. You will be trained how to lead Morning Prayer in the absence of a clergy person. Training will include education about this Rite, in-class practice, and take-home materials.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor – Sunday, May 19th from 11:00 – 3:00. Please bring a sack lunch and your prayers. The Lay Eucharistic Visitor is Licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese to bring Reserved Sacrament to the sick and shut-in. We will learn about the history, responsibilities and how to prepare for a visit.

Acolyte/Chalice Bearer (Lay Eucharistic Minister) – Sunday, June 2nd from 11:00 – 3:00 bring a sack lunch. Training will include how to serve at the Altar on a Sunday morning and how to administer the sacraments (chalice). Training will include education and in-class practice.

Tellers/Counters – We are looking for a few people who are willing to give a bit of their time during coffee hour one or two Sundays a month. Every Sunday two of our faithful members come together during coffee hour to count the money and prepare the deposit. If you can count, we can train you to be one of the counters. Contact Rev Lynne if you would like to learn more about this opportunity to serve.

Book Group – New Book begins Monday, May 6th

The Book Group will begin *have a little faith: a true story* by popular author Mitch Albom (author of Tuesdays with Morrie). We finished reading two short but insightful books about prayer and community, “The Way of a Pilgrim,” and “The Way of St Benedict,”. This book will be read in four sessions “Spring,” “Summer,” “Autumn,” and “Winter.” We meet on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:30. If you would like to join in at home or with the group, contact Joan to order a book. . The next meeting is Monday, May 4th.

St James Spring Yard Work Day

Saturday, May 11th 8:00 - ?

Mark your calendars now and dig out your rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows to beautify our lawn this spring. Please bring your tools (rakes, clippers, buckets, rags, gloves) and your energy to make our property beautiful and inviting for our community and guests.

AAUW Tour of Historic Hammondsport

St James 1:00 - 5:00 Saturday May 11th

Join us for a tour through historic Hammondsport hosted by AAUW Bath Branch! Tour includes St James and four historic homes in Hammondsport. Tickets available (\$20 pp) through AAUW Members or at St James on the date of the event. Doors open at 1p, close at 5p. Some tours may be escorted. Local business discounts and deals on the ticket valid May 11 + 12. House tour ticket must be presented at each business for discount.

Village Wide Yard Sale

St James Bake, Craft and White Elephant Sale

Saturday, June 1st from 8:00 to 1:00 p.m.

All proceeds from this new and creative event will benefit The Potter’s Hands in Corning which is an organization dedicated to helping victims of sexual trafficking heal and build new lives in a group

home setting.. We welcome your gently used items (no clothing or large furniture, please) that can be sold as white elephants on the day of the sale. We are also asking all crafty and creative people to donate a few items for the Craft sale. List for the bake sale will go up in a few weeks. Joan Rogerson is coordinating this event and will be happy to answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, we invite you to clear your closets and basements of potential treasure, and dust off your crafty skills.

Faith ReImagined

Sunday, June 9th at 3:00 p.m.

This is the third year where we are offering the community an opportunity to experience our faith and scripture through art. Hannah Jackson is coordinating this one last concert at St James before she moves with her family to Ohio. Come join artists from the community at St. James for Faith Reimagined – a collaborative arts concert that uses music, dance, visual art, poetry, and film to explore the Scriptures and our faith. Art often expresses what prose cannot, and it is our hope you will find fresh ways of understanding the Christian walk through the concert. Admission is complimentary, and there will be a light reception following.

Episcopal Senior Life Golf Tournament

June 10th

A wonderful day of fun that supports and benefits ESLC. Competition for a Parish Trophy. Get a parish team or two together and come out and hit the links! Or grab your colleagues and friends, and join us for the 23rd Annual ESLC Golf Tournament on Monday, June 10, 2019 at Shadow Lake and Eagle Vale in Penfield/Fairport. Registration at 11:00, Banquet and awards at 5:00 Banquet and awards to follow golfing. Contact Rev Lynne for registration details.

Effective Communication with People with Mental Illness

St James Parish Hall June 12th 9:30 – 11:00 am

St James will host “Effective Communication with People with Mental Illness”. This morning session, presented by Jessica Frawley, Licensed Mental Health Therapist, Steuben County Community Services will entail an overview of mental health, education on effective communication skills and what to consider about those with mental health concerns, available community resources, and time at the end for questions and discussion. For more information you may contact, Kathleen Burns, Special Projects Coordinator, Office for the Aging/RSVP at (607) 664-2298

Bishop's Visitation

Saturday, June 15th at 3:00 p.m.

Note: there will not be Sunday service on June 16th

Due to the Bishop's Schedule we will have our yearly Visitation on Saturday June 15th this year. Let Rev Lynne know if you or someone you know is considering Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation. A light supper will follow the Festive Celebration!

Please sign up to be in charge of coffee hour. Sign up sheet is on the counter by the coffee maker. If you have never done it before, someone would be glad to walk you through it.

VBS “Roar” Life is Wild – God is Good
NEW DATES: August 12-16

Volunteers Needed: volunteer and staff meeting will be May 28 at 4:00

“This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.” VBS this year will include the usual adventures, stories, activities, music, snacks and lunch for children kindergarten through 6th grade! Youth are encouraged to volunteer and gain important leadership skills as they also build their faith. Contact Rev Lynne if you wish to be a volunteer – we can usually use help as teachers, teacher helpers, craft area, kitchen snacks, set up clean up, etc.

St James Vestry Retreat

St James Vestry met on Saturday, April 6th from 9:00 until 3:30 to dream and plan for the future of St James. We started the day with Morning Prayer and the monthly Vestry Meeting. We then explored what makes St James unique from other local churches, other Episcopal churches, and other activities happening on a Sunday morning. In other words, why should anyone come to St James instead of the many other possibilities. We then used some models learned through the College for Congregational Development to look at St James and churches in general. You may have noticed all the newsprint in the parish hall.

Please take a look at the wall on the coffee bar side to see what makes the Anglican/Episcopal tradition unique. Of course not all parishes emphasize each of these characteristics, although individuals within St James might. We looked at our own personal preferences, and what we believe is important to St James as a whole to help shape our discussions.

After going through these many exercises we “interviewed” each other. You may remember that over the past few weeks we asked for volunteers to be interviewed as one of the College of Congregational Development assignments. Taking all the information, each Vestry member created a 90 second “elevator speech.” Not about why YOU should come to St James, or why they should be a person of faith. The speech is a personal testimony that can be used in a variety of settings to witness to why you find your faith or St James important to your life. Below you will find two examples, and a third person pointed out the neighbor that came to Easter Sunday when she used her “elevator speech.”

The final exercise of the day was to create a St James identity statement - a short statement that can be used on all our materials to give a compelling description of St James. The Identity Statement is still a work in progress as we refine the statement for use on our bulletin, newsletter, and brochures in the fall.

We invite you to take a look around the parish hall at the newsprint. You can ask Rev Lynne or any Vestry Member about what you see and why it matters.

Elevator Speech – Joan Rogerson

As a Christian I can worship God any place. I do not have to come to church to worship. However, I find that I need and want to attend a faith community that allows me to take in the beauty of a well written and bible based liturgy that speaks to my soul, sermons that instruct and challenge me, carved wood, stained glass, and a community of fellow worshipers I care deeply about and know that they care for me. St. James provides that for me. Talking to others there, it provides it for them as well. It is my church home and my church family.

Elevator Speech – Karen Derr

I feel blessed to be a part of St. James. I attend St. James because I need to have a community to help me renew spiritually and I feel God's presence here, not just in the building or the priest, but in the people. The people are real people just like you or I who believe in God and show that through their actions; people are thoughtful and genuinely enjoy working and worshipping together.

I would say my life has changed dramatically since I came to St. James. When I first came, I was only looking for someplace to attend Sunday services but I felt compelled to get involved and have found what it means to be a part of a faith community. People raise each other up and inspire others to be their best. I find that I pray more, I listen more for God to speak to me, and I try to live as God wants me to. I am a better person because I attend St. James.

Anyone can get involved at St. James. Just come--visit and allow yourself to be open to the presence of God in your life.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Hybrid (online and in-person) for Southern Tier Episcopalians
begins September 2019 – registration deadline July 1st

“Four year seminary course for lay people that explores the Bible, church history, theology and ethics. Participants learn how to share their spiritual autobiographies, engage in theological reflection, deepen their spiritual lives, examine their theological frameworks, and discern their ministries in the church and world.”. EfM meets weekly for 90 minutes between Labor Day and Memorial Day. There are two to four hours of preparation each week. Tuition is \$375 and tuition assistance is available. Registration deadline is July 1st. Information available from Rev Lynne or online at <http://efm.sewanee.edu/efm-online/about-efm-online>.

Youth Activities

Hammondsport Youth Group – our closing Youth Group Party will be on Sunday, May 19th. Location TBD.

ROC the Diocese May 3 – 5th - ROC the Diocese! Registration Deadline April 17 (call if you are interested) Youth Grades 6-12th. Enjoy - *Music, Games, Small group time, Campfire, Opportunity to meet new people from around the Diocese, Low Ropes Challenge Course, Lots of time outdoors!* NEW LOCATION: Asbury Camp and Retreat Center in Silver Lake, NY Who: Anybody in 6th-12th grade Cost: \$79 Any questions? Contact Keisha Stokes

Rise Creation Camp – August 11 – 16th. This year's theme is CELEBRATE as they celebrate the 30th year of Rise. “Our week together will explore and celebrate our lives together in community. *Rise! is an ongoing experiment in community. Our respect and acceptance of one another fosters spiritual and personal growth, as well as creativity.* For more information or to register go to risecreativecamp.org.

South East District Pre-Convention Meeting

The next South East District meeting of the Diocese is scheduled for June 6th at St Michael's in Geneseo. Our delegates Charlie Skinner, and Luanne Graulich along with delegates from the South West district will attend. The June 6th meeting will focus on the first draft of the proposed 2020 Diocesan Budget. If you are interested in attending, a shared meal (bring a dish to pass and your own place, settings) starts around 6:00, and the meeting starts at 6:30. Contact any of the delegates for additional information. Contact Rev Lynne if you are interested in being a Delegate or Alternate to Convention.

Children

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. (Mark 10:14b)

We are blessed to have Gladys Palmer, and now Katie Heath as our teachers, and a year-round Sunday School. The Sunday School is using the Episcopal Church "Lessons Plans that Work (for small congregations) free curriculum as well as the Weekly take-home bulletin. We welcome all children up through sixth grade. Once our children are 10 years old they can also contribute as Readers and Torch Bearers.

At St James we believe –

- . . . our children are not our future, but our present, and therefore are always welcome in the Sanctuary during any and all Services.
- . . . that youth in 6th grade and older will benefit from being in the Sanctuary during the entire service, and are encouraged to volunteer to be an Acolyte, and if desired, to be put on the Rota as Readers, Ushers, or to assist with the Altar Guild.
- . . . in maintaining a loving and supportive environment for all our children. We will have two adults in the Sunday School room, and will add a third adult if there are children under the age of 5 in the class. Please see Rev Lynne or Gladys if you would like to volunteer to assist in the classroom.

Episcopal Night at Frontier Field

Saturday, July 13th Wings play Lehigh Valley

Save the date for Redwings Baseball, on Saturday, July 13th! An annual tradition, Episcopal Night at Frontier Field draws in hundreds of Episcopalians from around the Diocese. Let's go out to the ball game! Gates open at 5 p.m., and the game starts at 6:05 p.m.. Following the game there are fireworks and a brief RPO concert. Online tickets sales begin in May.

Vestry Minutes

As you know, Vestry meetings are open to all members of the congregation, and are usually held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00. In case you would like to skip the meeting, yet read about the decisions being made on your behalf, and the work being done in and around our parish and community, the Vestry Minutes, along with Annual Meeting minutes are available on the St James website under "News." You can always talk with a Vestry Member or Warden (their names are on the back of the Newsletter) about your ideas, concerns, joys, or questions.

Sabbatical – June 21st through September 21st

Rev Lynne is taking the customary clergy sabbatical following five years of service at St James. Things to remember: You are in God's hands, Rev Lynne will return spiritually refreshed and ready for the next five years, and St James has wonderful group of lay leaders who will guide this journey.

Several people have asked what I will be doing on Sabbatical, which is a time for recharging the spiritual batteries, or filling up the well. As some of you know, I love walking in the wilderness, and spending time with God in retreat. The first seven weeks I will be traveling across the country staying in National and State Parks as I hike some amazing trails. I will spend a month at Bishop's Ranch a Retreat and Conference Center in Healdsburg CA, and then drive back across the country in time to attend a Franciscan Retreat where I hope to be professed as a Third Order Franciscan. (Ask me if you would like to know more about that.)

The second part of the journey will take place in Europe – a new and exciting adventure for me! I will spend 5 days with Anglican Franciscan Sisters in London in retreat, then walk the coast of

Northern Ireland staying in a Youth Hostel (yes, Seniors can now stay in Youth Hostels). I will spend 8 days walking the Camino de Compestella to the Cathedral of Santiago (St James) in Spain. I then head to the home of St Francis in Assisi where I will stay with the Anglican Franciscans for a few days, then hike with a group from Vienna to Prague before returning home. Your prayers are appreciated; and be assured that you will also be with me in prayer.

We can trust that the Wardens will be keeping an eye on the matters of the Church. The Rev Linda Leibhart will be the supply for most of the summer and Pastor Gary will cover the first and last Sundays of the sabbatical. Joanie will oversee the September/October Newsletter. Nancy and Marilyn will continue to hold the services at the Taylor Center and Brookdale, offering music, Scripture, and Reserved Sacrament. And I have no doubt the other gaps will be filled in the next few weeks so you will know who to contact with questions or concerns.

Upcoming Dates

May 2nd – South East District Clergy Meeting at St Mark’s Penn Yan
12:00 St James Healing Eucharist

May 3rd – 5th - ROC the Diocese! Registration Deadline April 17 (call if you are interested)

May 5th – Morning Prayer Training 11:00 – 3:00 bring a sack lunch

May 6th – 4:00 Bible Study – Thessalonians – no prior knowledge needed

6:30 Book Group – “have a little faith” by Mitch Albom – read “Spring”

May 6 – 8th – Clergy Retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua

May 8th – 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

May 9th – 12:00 St James Healing Eucharist

May 11th – Lawn cleanup – time TBD

1:00 – 5:00 St James to host – AAUW Tour of Historic Hammondsport

May 13th – 4:00 Bible Study

May 15th – 2:45 Taylor Center Service

May 16th – 9:30 Women’s Breakfast at Wagner in Penn Yan

12:00 St James Healing Eucharist

May 18th – 4:00 – 6:00 St James Smorgasbord

May 19th – 11:00 – 3:00 Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training – bring a sack lunch

May 20th – 4:00 Bible Study

6:30 Book Group “have a little faith” read “Summer”

May 23rd – 2:30 Brookdale Service in Painted Post

May 27th – Memorial Day – the office is closed

May 30th – 12:00 Healing Eucharist

June 1st – Village Wide Yard Sale & St James Bake, Craft, and White Elephant Sale

June 3rd – 4:00 Bible Study

6:30 Book Group “have a little faith” read “Autumn”

June 6th – South East District Clergy meeting at St Luke’s Branchport

12:00 St James Healing Eucharist

6:00 South East District Pre Convention Meeting in Geneseo

June 9th – 3:00 Faith ReImagined – Invite a friend to attend with you!

June 10th – 11:00 Episcopal Senior Life Golf Tournament

4:00 Bible Study

June 12th – 9:30-11:00 Effective communication with people with Mental Illness through Steuben County RSVP.

June 13th – 12:00 Healing Eucharist

June 15th – Bishop’s Visitation

June 17th – 4:00 Bible Study

6:30 Book Group “have a little faith,” read “Winter”

June 19th – 2:45 Taylor Center Service

June 20th – 9:30 Women’s Breakfast at Chat-a-Whyle

12:00 St James Healing Eucharist

2:30 Brookdale Service in Painted Post

June 21st – Rector begins Sabbatical through September 21st

June 24th – Bible Study and Book Group taking a summer break

May -June Lay Schedule

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Readers	Ushers	Sunday School
5/5	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	S. Pulver G. Oliver	L. Grillo M. Dowdle	N. Folts
5/12	C. VanHouten	J. Grillo	K. Derr C. VanHouten	N. Forenz P. Forenz	D. Noteware
5/19	L. Nichiporuk	C. VanHouten	A. Edmister L. Graulich	J. Piersons M. Persons	J. Derr
5/26	N. Forenz	M. White	M. Samson S. Pulver	M. Dowdle N. Folts	D. Noteware
6/2	M. White	C. Skinner	M. Samson G. Oliver	N. Forenz P. Forenz	K. Derr
6/9	M. White	J. Grillo	K. Packard K. Derr	L. Grillo M. Dowdle	J. Rogerson
6/15 Saturday!!!	N. Forenz	C. VanHouten	L. Graulich C. VanHouten	P. Manikas C. Manikas	N. Folts
6/23	J. Grillo	M. White	A. Edmister S. Pulver	L. Grillo N. Folts	E. Kowulic-Covel
6/30	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo	M. Samson M. Wrote	C. Skinner J. Skinner	M. Dowdle

If you can not serve on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute.