

From St. James' With Love

Corner of Lake and Main
P.O. Box 249 Hammondsport, New York 14840
November-December 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

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

It seems every year I write about the changing leaves, or the cooler nights, or the first frost. I'm guessing that most of you agree that each year goes by just a wee bit faster than the last. Each year feels a little more filled with activity. Each season brings up memories of years passed. And we stop when we see the glorious autumn colors remembering our childhood: the joys and challenges of a new school year, the smell of burning leaves, the sight of pumpkins on the front steps, and the preparations for the upcoming winter.

It is tempting to dwell in the past, sometimes painting it over with rose-colored glasses, or lingering on the sting of past hurts. Each week I am reminded of the past, present, and future. Each week I preach about God's love, mercy, grace, and hope throughout history, as well as in our lives today, and in times of trouble how these gifts continue to lift us up in the promises of Christ and the indwelling Spirit.

We are so blessed to be part of a worship community that participates in the life of the Church, in the life of the wider community through Mission distributions, Youth Group, Giving Tree, Community Dinners, and the list goes on and on. Our lives are centered in our personal daily prayer as well as Sundays when we gather together to share in the Lord's Supper, communal prayer, and fellowship.

I was blessed this year to experience a Sabbatical during which time I experienced some of the most beautiful places in the US and Europe. The gifts I received restored my soul and will sustain me for years to come. One of the gifts I received was to know that St James would continue to worship and thrive in my absence and would welcome me when I returned home.

As we go through the month of remembering the saints and giving thanks while heading into Advent and the coming of the baby Jesus, I invite you to notice the seasons of your life, and to give thanks for this awesome community.

With thanksgiving,
Lynne +

All Saint's Day

November 3

This year on All Saints' we will celebrate a Baptism, remember the names of our departed, and will dedicate the new lighting and Sacristy repairs as well the new tree in our front yard to Bob Hunn, along with Vestments in memory of Nick Forenz' and Jim Grillo's parents. It is a day of celebration of the saints on earth and the saints in heaven. Please get your names to Rev Lynne no later than Wednesday, October 30th to be included in the prayers.

Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child (Shoeboxes)

From the Mission Committee - Thank you!

First of all - it's not too late to participate in "The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication." There are a few boxes left on the rear pew in case you don't want to miss this opportunity to bring Christmas to a child in need. A big thank you to all who participated! A quick reminder that the final return date for the shoeboxes is Sunday, November 10. Some items that are not to be included, generally food/candy, breakable items nor war related items. A complete list can be found downstairs on the shoebox table or at samaritanspurse.org.

The Sabbatical

Sunday, November 10th at 10:45 in the Parish Hall

Several people have asked for pictures and a presentation. Rev Lynne will share some pics, some stories, some revelations, and some of the joys that this parish experienced during the time of Sabbatical. All are welcome to attend.

HAMMONDSPORT ECUMENICAL YOUTH GROUP

Open to all students grades 7 through 12

Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 7:15

Transportation available, if needed.

You just never know what's going to happen when you put eager teens, food, music, prayer, a message, discussion, and games together! Last week we carved pumpkins while learned about the historical traditions of Halloween, and discussed how to resist evil and temptation in our lives. In November we will serve a Thanksgiving dinner and reflect on the many ways to praise God! Dinner is provided by host church, games, music, fellowship, and a message from Scripture each week. Come and join the fun and bring a friend or neighbor!

Sunday, November 10 at St James (see sign-up sheet to help with dinner.)

Friday/Saturday November 22-23 Cabin Retreat - contact Rev Lynne for more details

Sunday, December 8th at the Martello Home

Please bring appetizers, desserts, drinks to share

Sunday, January 12th at St James

Sunday, February 9th at United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 8th at the St James

Sunday, April 19th at United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 17th Picnic and Celebration location & time TBD

College for Congregational Development

Next meeting is November 15-16

Rev Lynne, Karen Derr, and Connie Van Houten have been attending the first year in the "College". Learners come from a variety of Dioceses in the Northeast. We have been partnered with Zion Church in Avon to be learning and prayer partners. During the weekends we learn about a variety of models for church development (hence the name) as well as learning to facilitate discussion, present the models, and how to take these tools back to our congregation. The Vestry Retreat this year was based on several of the models. In October we learned about Conflict Resolution and continued to explore working with a wide variety of personality types in small groups. Please pray for this "College" experience as we continue to learn and bring back ideas for best practices in small congregations.

Giving Tree
November 17th

'Tis almost the season and we are having a tree with both food items and with Christmas gifts for some families in our community. The tree will go up on November 17th and we need the gifts back for distribution on December 1st, and the food items by December 8th. The tags will be color and shape coded so you can easily select a gift and/or food item.

Happy Feet
submitted by Esther Covell
Collection November until December 15th

We have another opportunity to show our care for our veterans, thanks to our memorial for Jane Aeschbacher. Jane was an avid volunteer here and for our veterans. At her passing her husband, Paul, continued her activity via the collection of socks for our veterans at the VAMC. To date we have exceeded 3000 pairs, donated and passed on to our vets! That is a lot of 'happy feet'! The generosity of our parish is very much appreciated. I get a chuckle when of presenting the socks, their eyes pop when I report the number collected.

Hammondsport Thanksgiving Service November 24th

Hammondsport United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

The Methodist Church will host the Hammondsport Community Thanksgiving service this year is on Sunday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with our local community and offer thanksgiving and praise in an evening of music and prayer. Please invite a neighbor or friend to join you this year in giving thanks.

JOIN US FOR ADVENT – EPIPHANY EDUCATION
RED MOON RISING: HOW 24-7 PRAYER IS AWAKENING A GENERATION
Mondays from 7:00-8:15 p.m. at St James
Begins on Monday, November 25 through Monday, February 17th

During the season of Advent we await the coming of the infant Jesus into the world as well as anticipating the second coming of the risen Christ in judgment. The season of Epiphany encourages us to see the many ways that people see and know that Jesus is the Messiah. This year we are going to try something new at St James and in Hammondsport. We are inviting everyone in this congregation, as well as the other congregations in Hammondsport, to join in this Advent- Epiphany book study. We will discuss two Chapters each week, but feel free to read this book on your own if you prefer. Each evening will begin with prayer, then using the Study Questions found at the end of the book to help us discuss and reflect upon the reading and our lives. We will end the evening with prayer. For more information about this movement go to: 24-7prayer.com.

Red Moon Rising: How 24-7 Prayer is Awakening a Generation is “An extraordinary story about the adventure of faith and the power of persevering prayer.

On a summer’s day in 1727 a community of Moravians started praying and didn’t stop for more than 100 years. Throughout history God has mobilised such movements and moments of 24/7 prayer: from the Upper Room of Pentecost to Azusa Street in Los Angeles, through ancient Celtic saints and extraordinary characters like Alexander the Sleepless. This is the story of a movement of the Spirit in our time, a move as ancient as it is modern.”

Let Rev Lynne or Joan Rogerson know if you would like us to order a copy of this book for you.

4th Annual Cookie Walk December 7th

We were excited last year as we made about 150 cookies, iced that many cookies, put them in a baggie and sealed them for the people who bought Cookie Tins through the Chamber of Commerce. More than 100 walkers, with their friends, stepped into the Sanctuary of St James to collect a cookie. Each person was greeted with a smile, and we extend a Merry Christmas and an invitation to join us on Sunday!

Athletes' Dinners

Watch the announcements for upcoming dates!

For several years St James has been hosting two pre-game dinners for the Basketball teams in December and January with great success! It is a joy to greet all the team members, cheerleaders, coaches, and support students to dinners at St James. Your support in prayer and participation is welcome. Dates to be announced.

Greening of the Church – December 22

Takes place on Sunday, December 22nd immediately following the Sunday service. As you know, it is a joyous occasion, and takes all available hands to place all the greens, candles, and decorations around the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay.

Christmas Eve – 7:00 p.m. & Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. *(Note: new times!)*

Gather your family and friends to join us for the Celebration of our Savior's Birth on Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m or for a simple Service on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.. Christmas Eve is filled with joy, candlelight, some of your favorite Christmas hymns, and the opportunity to celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus. Christmas day will be a simple Service to rejoice in the Savior's Birth.

Can you help the Treasurer?

Although we are asking you to take an extra step, it is necessary in order to keep our accounts in order. Checks for flowers, Episcopal Relief and Development, Mission, Dinners, etc need to be a separate check from a pledge check as they are separate bank accounts and it is difficult to make transfers or to split the deposit. In order to help, PLEASE NOTE on the separate check either in the memo line, or with a post-it when it is to be used for anything other than your pledge. We appreciate your cooperation.

Brookdale & Taylor Center

St James now goes to the Taylor Center the third Wednesday of the month at 2:45, and Brookdale the 4th Thursday at 2:30. We sing hymns with the faithful and gifted leadership of Ellie, read Scripture, pray together, and share Communion. The residents of both facilities enjoy this time to come together with other Christians and worship. You are always invited and welcome to come along and join in the singing or read a reading, or just be there to greet the residents.

Blessing of the Animals

In honor of St Francis and in thanksgiving for our furry companions, St James had its second Blessing of the Animals following the Sunday service on October 6th. There were a variety of dogs and a guinea pig who came to receive a blessing, as well as some photos of other pets who could not make it that day. We look forward to continuing the practice next year as we reach out to the community and bless our companions.

Annual Pledge Drive

Thank you all for your consistent generosity in considering how you give of your time, talent, and treasure to the work and ministry of St James. We invite you to begin prayerful consideration of how you will respond to this year's Pledge Drive. Look for a letter from St James the first full week of November.

Bible in a year

Every year several folks from St James read through the Bible in a Year. As challenging as it sounds, it is really very simple, doesn't take much time, and can bring new insights, along with plenty of questions. The schedule is available at the back of the church (brochure rack on the wall) or ask Tom Bidwell.

Prayer List

Ryan, Kathy, Baby Mason, Marietta, Adrienne, Connie M., Brett, Florence & Family, baby Claire & family, Steven, Gladys, Ashtin, Craig, Jeff K., Suzy, Mary Beth, Michael S., Hollie, Dawn, Muriel, Charlie, Heather, Renee, Chanowa, Joe, Anne, Nancy, Eva Marie, John, Lindsey, Doug, Jackie, Michelle, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, those in the military.

Looking Ahead - Reports for Annual Meeting

Please send your completed Reports to Lynne no later than Wednesday, January 8th so we can make them available to the congregation on Sunday, the 12th the week before our Annual Meeting on the 19th of January. It is our hope that people will have the chance to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest, and then at Annual Meeting have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions, and give thanks for all we have done in 2019.

Upcoming Dates

- Saturday, Oct 26th – Diocesan Convention, Hobart & William Smith College 7 a.m.
- Friday, Nov 1 – First Friday Fellowship at Bath Presbyterian Church, Bath at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov 3 – All Saints' Day & change your clocks
- Monday, Nov 4 – Bible Study at 4:00 and Book Group at 6:30
- Thursday, Nov 7 – Noonday Healing Eucharist
- Saturday, Nov 9 – Faith in the World: Knowing Good News St Paul's Rochester 9:30-3:30
- Sunday, Nov 10 – Shoeboxes due
 - 10:45 Sabbatical Presentation
 - 5:30 – 7:15 Youth Group at St James
- Monday, Nov 11 – Office Closed for Veteran's Day
- Wednesday, Nov 13 – Vestry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday & Sat Nov 15-16 – College for Congregational Development
- Monday, Nov 18 – Bible Study at 4:00 and Book Group at 6:30
- Wednesday, Nov 20 – Taylor Center Service at 2:45
- Thursday, Nov 21 – Women's Breakfast at Stephanie's in Bath at 9:30

- Noonday Healing Eucharist
- Brookdale Service at 2:30
- Sunday, Nov 24 – Ingathering Sunday
 - Thanksgiving Service – Hammondsport United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, Nov 25 – Bible Study at 4:00 – Advent-Epiphany Study at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov 28 – Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- Sunday, Dec 1 – Advent 1
- Monday, Dec 2 - Bible Study at 4:00 – Advent-Epiphany Study at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec 5 – Noonday Healing Service
- Friday, Dec 6 – First Friday Fellowship – Location TBD
- Saturday, Dec 7th – 4th Annual Cookie Walk 10:00 – 4:00 in the Church
- Sunday, Dec 8 – Advent 2
 - Youth Group Christmas Party at the Martello’s
- Monday, Dec 9 - Bible Study at 4:00 – Advent-Epiphany Study at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec 12 – Noonday Healing Service
- Sunday, Dec 15 – Advent 3
- Monday, Dec 16 - Bible Study at 4:00 – Advent-Epiphany Study at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec 18 – Taylor Center Service at 2:45
- Thursday, Dec 19 – 9:30 Women’s Breakfast at St James (dish to pass & bring a friend)
 - Noonday Healing Eucharist
 - Brookdale Service at 2:30
- Sunday, Dec 22 – Advent 4 & Greening of the Church
- Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day Service at 10:00 a.m.
- Office Closed December 26 – January 2nd

Lay Minister’s Schedule for November-December 2019

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Readers	Ushers	Sunday School
Nov. 3	J. Grillo	N. Forenz	S. Pulver M. Samson	N. Folts M. Dowdle	J. Rogerson
Nov. 10	M. White	J. Grillo	K. Derr J. Grillo	J. Skinner C. Skinner	D. Noteware
Nov. 17	L. Nichiporuk	M. White	A. Edmister L. Graulich	M. Piersons J. Piersons	K. Derr
Nov. 24	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	M. Samson S. Pulver	P. Forenz N. Forenz	N. Folts
Dec. 1	M. White	J. Grillo	M. White S. Pulver	L. Grillo M. Dowdle	J. Derr
Dec. 8	C. Skinner	M. White	K. Packard K. Derr	P. Forenz N. Forenz	N. Folts
Dec. 15	J. Grillo	C. Skinner	L. Graulich J. Grillo	C. Manikas P. Manikas	J. Rogerson

Dec. 22	M. White	J. Grillo	M. Samson S. Pulver	L. Grillo M. Dowdle	K. Derr
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	N. Forenz	M. White	A. Edmister M. White	M. Piersons J. Piersons	
Dec. 29	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo	K. Derr J. Grillo	J. Skinner C. Skinner	J. Rogerson