

From St. James' With Love

Corner of Lake and Main
P.O. Box 249 Hammondsport, New York 14840
July-August 2021 Newsletter

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 St James Wardens

June 19, 2021

Dear Friends,

It is with mixed feelings that we have accepted Rev Lynne's resignation as she has accepted a call as Associate Rector to St Paul's Walnut Creek, California. Her last day will be Sunday, August 15, 2021. She will host a potluck picnic at her home on St James' Day, Sunday July 25th following the Bishop's Visitation.

We express gratitude for the mutual ministry we have shared with Rev Lynne at St James. We have been blessed for the last seven years with Lynne's gifts of preaching, Bible Studies, knowledge of technology during COVID, administrative skills, office skills, and holding us each in prayer and being present in our hours of need. Rev Lynne has helped many of us develop our gifts for mission, ministry, and evangelism. We will miss her and pray for her in her future endeavors.

The Vestry will meet with Diocesan Dean Virginia Tyler-Smith on Wednesday, July 14 at 7:00 to talk about the Interim process and to outline the steps and information the congregation needs to develop to call a new Rector. The congregation will have support and guidance from the diocesan staff through the transition. The process of calling a new Rector does not begin until the current Rector leaves.

We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit who will be with us and guide us in the days to come. Please hold St James in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Nancy Folts, Senior Warden
Donella Barney, Junior Warden

From the Rector's Corner

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

I love you, and I will miss you, and I have been called to a new position as Associate Rector at St Paul's in Walnut Creek. Oh, how I have dreaded and anticipated saying these words to you. Life is never simple, or straightforward, or easy, or direct. And the life of the Spirit, well, she is a powerful force like a raging fire, or a swollen stream, and when we hear that call . . . John 3:8 reminds us, "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone born of the Spirit."

Over the next few weeks, you are going to be reminded that YOU are St James, YOU have the gifts, and you also have been called to keep the Spirit alive. Everyone who walks through our front doors feels a welcome, and feels the spirit, the presence of God in this place. We are so blessed to have this community of faith. And I have been so blessed these past seven years to have been called to join you in the journey. Each one of you has filled my life with joy and hope and has increased my faith. As you well know, St James is a treasure.

However, like it or not, agree with it or not, when I leave the pastoral relationship ends. In part we continue to learn how to say goodbye, and that leaves us open to accept what comes next. And what a big surprise that will be as it happens! The diocesan staff will be working hard with the Vestry and the not-yet-created Search Committee to discover the next. That begins with a meeting on July 14th, and the process will begin in earnest after my departure. There will be a time of transition before you call another priest, and throughout the time of transition we pray that the spirit leads and guides and brings the right person at the right time. In the meantime, we pray, and trust that God will never leave or abandon us.

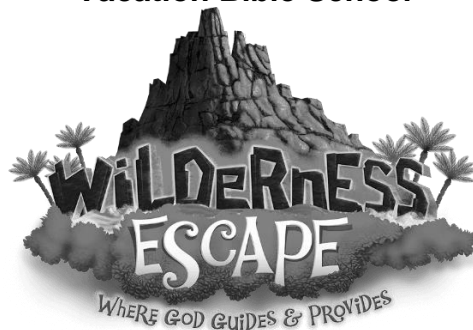
I look forward to meeting with each of you while I am still here. I will continue to pray for each of you by name every morning. I will be fully present to the ups and downs we all face each day, and the feelings that this transition brings. My last Sunday is August 15th, and I will host a pot-luck picnic at my home on July 25th on St James Day.

Peace,
Lynne+

Ushers/Greeters Needed

We're back! And we need you to sign up to be the person to greet, hand out the bulletin, welcome newcomers, and give directions when needed. If you have been an Usher in the past, please sign up for one or two Sundays in July/August (email Rev Lynne to pick a date). If you want to learn, let Rev Lynne know and you will be assigned to an experienced Usher for training and support.

Vacation Bible School



June 28 – July 2nd 9:00 to 12:15 at the Methodist Church
Wilderness Escape: Where God guides and provides. It will be an exciting journey with the people of Israel who will me Moses (Rev Lynne) for the daily Bible lesson. As always, we will have snack and lunch, recreation time, craft time, and opening and closing sessions which reinforce the message of the day.

Sunday School Teacher Needed

We give thanks to Gladys who faithfully taught our children and youth for many years. Gladys has stepped down and now we need to find another teacher. This can be someone in the parish, or someone you might know. They do not need to be an Episcopalian. Once we have the teacher we will also reach out for the rotation of helpers. There is a small stipend for this position, and an easy-to-follow lesson plan (with activity) will be provided. Contact Rev Lynne if you know someone who might be interested.

Bishop's Visitation on St James Sunday (wear red!) Sunday, July 25th at 9:00

The Bishop will join us for his yearly Visitation, and during that time often meets with the Vestry and/or Congregation to check in, see how we are doing, talk about the work of the Diocese and the Church in the US and abroad. This is also an opportunity for people to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation. Anyone over the age of 13 is welcome to contact Rev Lynne to get more information about these Rites, and if this is the time for you to deepen your walk of faith.

St James Day Pot-luck Picnic Sunday, July 25th 10:30 – 12:00

Rev Lynne's home: 93 Pulteney St, Hammondsport (note, no street parking, however Community Bank parking lot is available)

Bring: your *lawn chair* and a **picnic dish to pass** (Lynne will provide deli meat & cheese platter)

Sign up: Email or call Rev Lynne about your dish to pass, and if you plan to attend.
Rain or Shine

Community Events & St James

St James will have the front doors open, and a table with water, brochures, and take prayer requests. We'll also have some of our beads, baked goods, and other Mission items set up during the Craft Show and other Village Events this summer. There will be sign-ups closer to each date. No Experience Needed!

Getting in Contact with Rev. Lynne

I have Office Hours Monday through Thursday 9:00 to 4:30, but am often "visiting" during those hours, so please call ahead for an appointment. You can call or text my cell 607.377.4892 and I will respond as soon as I can. My usual day off is Friday. Please remember that I do not have my cell phone on while I am in a meeting or "visiting" but will get back to you as soon as possible. You can always email me at rectorstjames14840@gmail.com. I welcome the opportunity spend time with each of you, so please do give me a call to set up a time to meet.

St James Prayer List

Jeff & Aliza, Danette, Seth, Bradley, Kris, Gail, Kimberly J, Don M, Jim L, Ray, Amanda and Billy, Bonnie, Carson, Anne, Laura, Ashlyn, Betty, Jerry, Cheryl, Gene, Brian, Sheryl, Douglas, Richard, Kathy, Lindsey, Tammy S., John, Muriel, Heather, Andy, Jim and Marietta, Colleen, Steve, the Food Pantry, students and teachers, first responders, those suffering from addiction, those in the military, and those who mourn.

Looking ahead:

- June 28th – July 2nd – Vacation Bible School at the Methodist Church
- July 8th – Women’s Breakfast at the Chat-a-Whyle in Bath
- July 14th – Vestry Meeting with Diocesan Dean Virginia at 7:00 on Zoom
- July 18th – July 24th – Rector on vacation
- July 25th – Bishop’s Visitation
 - St James Day Pot-luck picnic (see above for more info)
- August 11th – 9:00 Worship at the Head of the Lake (no service at St James)
- August 13th – Women’s Breakfast location TBD
- August 15th – Rev Lynne’s last Sunday and Farewell
- August 21st and 22nd – Festival of Crafts in the Square and St James “Open”

July 2021

Date	Chalice	Readers	Ushers
July 4	L. Nichiporuk	S. Young	N. Folts & M. Dowdle
July 11	J. Grillo	K. Derr	L. Nichiporuk
July 18	N. Forenz	K. Packard	J & M Piersons
July 25	M. White	A. Edmister	TBD

August 2021

Date	Chalice	Readers	Ushers
August 1	K. Derr	S. Pulver	M. White
August 8	L. Nichiporuk	D. Barney	L. Grillo & M Dowdle
August 15	J. Grillo	R. Little	P & C Manikas
August 22	M. White	L. Graulich	C & J Skinner
August 29	C. Skinner	S. Young	J & M Piersons