

From St. James' With Love

Corner of Lake and Main
P.O. Box 249 Hammondsport, New York 14840
December-January 21-22

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)

Dear friends,

As in previous years we will be "adopting" a family for Christmas. If you would like to participate please contact Donna Noteware, who will be keeping track of the list. Donna's phone number is 607-868-4614 and she does have an answering machine or you can send her an email at dlnoteware6@gmail.com.

Gifts need to be wrapped, labeled with the child's name and delivered to the church by December 19th.

The children's information is as follows:

Madisyn age 9 grade 4 female

pants size 7/8, shirt size 7/8, underwear size 8, shoes/socks size 3, favorite color purple/black, likes art and anything creative, music and beauty related things.

Oliver age 8, grade 3, male. pants size 7/8, shirt size 7/8, underwear size 8, shoes size 3. favorite color light blue, likes video games, books (non-fiction closer to a 5th-6th grade reading level), loves dinosaurs and science experiments.

Koltin age 8, grade 2, male. pants size 6/7, shirt size 6/7, underwear size 6, shoes size 1, favorite color orange, loves legos and any type of building toys, nerf guns, toy robots and dinosaurs.

Layla age 3, female. size 3T -4T, loves building, sorting, numbers, letters and colors

Levi age 2 male. size 3T, loves matchbox cars and dinosaurs and dragons.

They are all set with coats and boots but could use sneakers. Thanks!

Christmas Eve Service at St. James

December 24th 7:00 pm

Since we are currently without a priest, but we still desired a Christmas Eve Service, it was decided to try a different format this year. We are going to do a modified Lessons and Carols Service. Please join us in person or Zoom as we listen to readings from the Bible and sing the traditional Christmas Hymns we all love.

Socks For the VA

Jane Aeschbacher, a long time member of St. James, passed away a number of years ago. She and her husband, Paul, were volunteers at the VA Center in Bath. In Jane's honor we have been collecting white crew socks to be given to veterans living at the VA Center. Socks are always needed there and the people of St. James have been extremely generous over the years. Let us continue that trend. There will be a basket in the back of the church in which to collect the socks. Please have them in by December 16th. If, because of Covid, you are currently attending on-line we can make arrangements to get your donated socks to the church.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

The Mission Committee would like to thank all who participated in this year's endeavor. St. James sent 40 online shoe boxes and 16 physical boxes.

Prayer List

Chris P., Jeff & Eliza, Danette, Seth, Bradley, Gail, Kimberly J., Don M., Jim L., Ray, Amanda & Billy, Bonnie, Carson, Anne, Laura, Ashlyn, Betty, Jerry, Cheryl, Gene, Brian, Douglas, Richard, Kathy, Lindsey, Tammy S., John, Muriel, Heather, Andy, Jim & Marietta, Colleen, Steve, Jeanette, Colleen G., Desiree, Liz, Rebecca H., Ryan, Joey, the Food Pantry, students and teachers, first responders, those suffering from addiction, those suffering from Covid, those in the military, those who mourn.

Zoom Compline Monday and Thursday Nights at 8:30

For those of you who are not familiar with Compline, it is a very short, but powerful evening service. It generally lasts around ten to twelve minutes. The meeting ID is 810 4431 4708

<https://us02web.zoom/j/81044314708> or by phone
+19294362866,,81044314708#US(New York)

If you have any questions, contact Mary White.

Search Committee

The Search Committee and the Wardens met and reviewed the Congregational Assessment with Holy Cow! Consulting on November 23rd. They learned a great deal more than they anticipated and will need some time to digest all the information. The overall spirituality of the congregation and the music program were considered definite areas of strength. Flexibility was identified as an area for growth. A three hour work session is planned for early December. The members of the Search Committee are Ellie Boutwell, Nick Forenz, Luanne Graulich, Gregg Learned, and Mary White.

New and Improved Zoom

Those of you who attend on Zoom should notice a great improvement. We contracted with the suppliers of our sound system to make improvements to that system and to add in cameras to upgrade our visual capabilities as well. You can live stream services on Zoom or Facebook and they are also recorded for your later playback. The Zoom link for the Sunday service can be emailed to you or you can be given the phone number and meeting ID to access the service on your phone.

Church Women's Monthly Breakfast

Every third Thursday of the month our women meet at a local restaurant for breakfast and socializing. For the month of December we will be meeting at Crooked Lake Ice Cream Company at 9:30 on December 16th. In January we will be meeting at the Chat-A-Wyle in Bath at 9:30 January 20th.

LAY SCHEDULE

Date	Clergy	Acolyte/Chalice	Lay Officiant	Reader	Ushers
12/5			K. Packard	A. Edmister	L. Graulich T. Channing
12/12	M. Brody	M. White		R. Little	M. Piersons J. Piersons
12/19			R. Little	S. Pulver	L. Grillo M. Dowdle
12/24			Lessons and Carols		
12/26	M. Brody			M. White	A. Edmister G. Edmister
1/2			L. Nichiporuk	R. Little	L. Grillo J. Grillo
1/9	M. Brody	J. Grillo		K. Packard	M. Dowdle L. Grillo
1/16			K. Derr	J. Grillo	M. Piersons J. Piersons
1/23	M. Brody	N. Forenz		A. Edmister	L. Graulich T. Channing
1/30			R. Little	L. Graulich	A. Edmister G. Edmister

People Needed to Sign Up for Hosting Coffee Hour

