

From St. James' With Love

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SEARCH COMMITTEE

The committee is excited to provide an update on their progress. After several edits back and forth with the Rev. Virginia Tyler Smith, the Diocesan Dean of Transition, the parish profile is ready to go. In fact, Virginia has already posted it to the Episcopal News Service and other places as well. The application deadline is January 31st. The applications come first to Rev. Tyler-Smith for vetting and then to the Bishop for the next level of vetting. We will then be given a list of candidates for interviews. We are hoping for the final interviews to take place in the late winter or early spring. Please continue to pray for St. James, the Wardens, Vestry, and Search Committee, trusting in God's plan for us. The Search Committee is comprised of Gregg Learned, Luanne Graulich, Nick Forenz, Ellie Boutwell, and Mary White.

SOCKS FOR THE VA

This year, with in person attendance down due to Covid, the VA did not expect a large donation of white crew socks from St. James this Christmas. Esther Covell, who oversees this project stated that the VA was very pleased with the number of socks that were donated. She says that St. James donated 224 pairs of socks. She thanks everyone who participated in this project and we thank Esther for her work in heading this up and delivering the socks to the VA.

AMANDA AND BILLY

by Mary White

The people of St. James provided Christmas gifts to Amanda and Billy's children in 2020 and Easter baskets in 2021. Through this relationship other needs were identified. Specifically, the stress of running a household with 4 children while being the primary care giver to a partner with medical needs. To ease the burden on dialysis days, the people of St. James provide meals 2 days per week and pizza on Fridays. Many thanks to all who cooked, shopped, and prayed for this family.

As an update to the above article about Amanda and Billy we want to share that Billy passed away. The Mission Committee asked that any members of the congregation who would like to make a donation to this family should mail it to Amanda Hurlburt 7410 Bronson Lane, Bath, NY 14810

PRAYER LIST

Olivia, Seth, Laverne & Patsy, John, Amanda & family, Patty F., Betty, Ashlyn, Becky H., Elizabeth F., Racheal D., Jeanette, Andrew, Karen U., Liz P., Rebecca H., Stella, Maryann, Alicia, Julie S., Barb L., Bill C., Gail O., Lindsey, Cindy, Andy, Rev. Gary, Connie, Desiree, Linda G., Chris P., those who mourn, students and teachers, 1st responders, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, those in the military.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY

by

Donna Noteware

Thanks to the generosity of St. James, we were able to purchase at least 3 outfits for each child including socks, sneakers, pajamas, and dress boots for the older girl. Since the boys all like dinosaurs, they received a box of different sized dinosaurs, a game for the whole family and a stuffed dinosaur for the 2 year old. Legos, paint with water books, magnetic board, card games, and other toys were purchased for the 3 younger children. Also purchased were Hot Wheel cars and track for all of the children, 9 books including a book on crafts, 3 dinosaur books, and 2 science experiment books-each child received at least one book, a harmonica for the oldest girl; a couple of science experiment books for the older boy; personal care items for the 9 year old girl and a gift basket of special personal care items for the children's mom. Everyone enjoyed shopping for the children.

THANKS FROM CHILDREN'S MOTHER

Sitting here tonight, I'm overcome with gratitude and humbled beyond words. We have been incredibly blessed. I am so grateful. There are so many good, amazing people in this world. Let's not forget that in the midst of the mess. Thanks to all who gave so generously.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

by

Carol Bidwell & Luanne Graulich

Once again St. James participated in the opportunity to send Christmas shoeboxes all over the world. The simple action of filling a shoebox for a child results in sharing the Gospel to far reaching countries. Carol and Luanne attended a regional meeting to give them more ideas about the basics of this operation and to generate excitement.

We had a goal of 75 boxes this year and collected 66 boxes. We were pleased with this number as we knew many of our congregation participated in this project. The Mission Committee spend \$125 to purchase shoeboxes online with the donations received. \$90 was spent to cover the shipping cost of some of the boxes.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

As we have done for the past several Christmas seasons, we displayed home made craft items to sell to raise money for mission while giving people the opportunity to purchase items that can be used for Christmas gifts. We had jewelry, prayer beads, Christmas tree ornaments, luggage tags, bags of various sizes, dog scarfs, and much, much more. This year we were fortunate to have the sale set up when the AAUW -American Association of University Women, held their Christmas Party Dinner in our undercroft. Between the sales made to them and to our congregation we made about \$240 for mission.

COMPLINE

For those of you who have never attended a Compline service it is a short, but powerful, evening service that runs only 10 to 15 minutes. It is held on Zoom every Monday and Thursday night at 8:30. We gather online a bit earlier-around 8:15- to share our day with each other and to socialize. In this time of stress it helps us to keep in contact and to pray together. If you are interested in joining us contact Mary White. She can send you a print out of the service and the link to join us.

LAY SCHEDULE

Date	Celebrant	Service	Acolyte/Chalice	Reader	Ushers
2/6	Rev. M. Brody	Holy Eucharist	J. Grillo	K. Derr	C. Skinner J. Skinner
2/13	K. Derr	Morning Prayer		A. Edmister	J. Piersons M. Piersons
2/20	J. Grillo	Morning Prayer		L. Graulich	M. Dowdle L. Grillo
2/27	Rev. M. Brody	Holy Eucharist	L. Nichiporuk	R. Little	L. Graulich T. Channing
3/6	Rev. L. Liebhart	Holy Eucharist	L. Nichiporuk	L. Graulich	M. Dowdle N. Folts
3/13	K. Derr	Morning Prayer		R. Little	J. Piersons M. Piersons
3/20	Rev. M. Brody	Holy Eucharist	L. Nichiporuk	A. Edmister	L. Graulich T. Channing
3/27	R. Little	Morning Prayer		K. Packard	A. Edmister G. Edmister