

ST. JAMES CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

April-May 2022

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)

The third in a series of five Lenten message series from Bishop Stephen Lane

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church* sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ 22Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven* times. (Matthew 18:21-22)

Frank Griswald, former Presiding Bishop, once said in a meditation, perhaps quoting someone else, “God gives us to one another without our permission, and then invites us to love one another.” That line has stayed with me for many years.

None of us asks to be born. None of us gets to decide the family, the culture, the class, the religion, the country, the community that is ours. The folks who show up at school or work or church are not all people we would have chosen to be with. So much of our lives is given: by birth, by circumstance, by accident. People just show up in our lives, and we find we’re stuck with them. And worse, God invites us to love them. God invites us to love one another as members of one family without regard to race or sex or circumstance. Much of the time, it just seems impossible.

I know that I’m a sinner and in need of forgiveness. And I’m grateful for that. I’m glad to be accepted by God. But you... well, I’m not so sure about you. How can God forgive you for what you’ve done? I mean really... there have to be some standards, some rules.

And certainly it’s true that although God accepts and loves us as we are, God does not leave us there. God invites us to grow in love and grace, to grow in our ability to give and receive love, to forgive and be forgiven.

And there, it seems to me, is a key for the process of reconciliation. It is not a one and done. It’s not a matter of one day simply letting go of the past. It’s a daily process of moving closer to one another as an expression of the love we’ve received in being loved and forgiven. Maybe today we can’t forgive 70 times, or even 7, or even once. Perhaps today reconciliation is beyond our ability. Perhaps what we’re experiencing - the violence, the racism, the misogyny - is so great that all we know is hurt and anger.

Reconciliation is beyond us. But it’s not beyond God. God is at work with you and with me and with those who have hurt us and holding out the possibility that we might grow in love toward one another. That growth can be very difficult - the reconciliation process in South Africa demonstrated that going forward is only possible after we’ve heard one another’s pain - but it is possible.

May we see reconciliation not as a goal line to be crossed or a race to be finished, but a journey along which we walk more closely together. Where we are now is nowhere we hope to be someday, and God walks with us.

Let us pray: Merciful God, you have forgiven me and drawn me to yourself, but it is so hard for me to forgive others. Help me walk with them and learn to walk more closely with them and with you. Amen

Prayer List

Tanner, Charlie, John, Olivia, Seth, Laverne & Patsy, John E., Amanda & family, Patty F., Betty, Ashlyn, Becky H., Elizabeth F., Rachael D., Jeannette, Andrew, Karen U., Liz P., Rebecca H., Stella, Maryann, Alicia, Julie S., Mike S., Bill C., Gail O., Lindsey, Cindy, Andy, Rev. Gary., Connie, Desiree, Linda G., the search committee, those in the military, those who mourn, students and teachers, 1st responders, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Thank You From the Mission Committee

The Mission Committee is awed and grateful for the generous response from the People of St. James to help the people of Ukraine. Over \$3,000 was donated. The donations were to Matthew 25 Ministries and to Episcopal Relief and Development. There was also two large flat rate boxes stuffed full of personal items. Thank you so much.

The Peace and Coffee Hour Return to St. James

St. James is following the Diocesan recommendation concerning masks and contact that is based on the Covid threat level in our county. With a low threat level at this time we may return to passing the peace, but carefully- perhaps with arm bumps and such. We are also resuming coffee hour and are in dire need of people to sign up for being responsible for different Sundays. The sign up sheet is by the coffee maker. We do not have to have elaborate home made treats (although we like them). Cookies from the store will work as well.

Upcoming Events

Holy Week

We will have the Reverend Mary Ann Brody celebrating our Palm Sunday and our Easter Sunday services at St. James. However we will not be having services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and have checked with some other area churches as to their schedules for the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday services.

Local Episcopal Services:

St. Thomas' Bath Maundy Thursday

12:10pm-Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

7:00pm -Maundy Thursday Service in the Church and on Zoom with foot/hand washing and hymn singing.

St. Thomas' Bath Good Friday

12:10 pm -Good Friday Service in the chapel
tbd pm-Stations of the Cross in Bath's Pulteney Square Park
7:00pm-Tenebrae in the church and on Zoom

St. Thomas' Bath Holy Saturday

8:00pm-Great Vigil of Easter in the church and on Zoom

St. Luke's Branchport Maundy Thursday

They will be having an "Agape Meal" at the Parish House beginning with fellowship at 6pm and Eucharist around a long dinner table beginning at 6:30pm in the context of dinner. Then they will process to the church about 7:45pm for the stripping of the altar. They would like to have a "count" for setting the table, so if those planning to attend could email or call The Very Reverend Philip Kasey by noon that day it would be helpful. There will be plenty of food. They will be done right about 8. Please email phkasey@gmail.com or phone 315-585-1019. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

St. Luke's Branchport Good Friday

Noon- Stations of the Cross in the Church.

First United Methodist Church Hammondsport Maundy Thursday

6:30pm-Tenebrae Service

The United Methodist Church of Hammondsport also invites everyone to a Sunrise Service at Depot Park by the lake at 6:30 a.m. This is followed by a Community Breakfast at their church at 7:15am

St. James Church Ladies Breakfast

April 21

The breakfast will be held at 9:30 at Crooked Lake Ice Cream Company. We meet every third Thursday and all women are invited. Our May breakfast will be May 19 at 9:30, but the location has yet to be decided. Hope to see you ladies for breakfast and fellowship.

Italian Dinner Returns May 14

With Covid we have not been able to host our wonderful Italian Dinner for several years. At this point, with low Covid numbers, we are planning to once again have this popular fund raising dinner.

Stay tuned as sign-up sheets will be made available in the near future.

REMINDER THAT WE NEED PEOPLE TO SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR AFTER CHURCH. IT IS A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP AND TREATS. WE DO NOT REQUIRE ELABORATE TREATS, SO DO NOT BE INTIMIDATED. NOT ALL OF US ARE WONDERFUL BAKERS AND COOKIES CAN BE PURCHASED FROM A STORE.

Memorial Service for Adrienne Hutcheson

A Memorial Service will be held on May 28 at 3pm. She was a beloved attendee of St. James and is greatly missed. A service was unable to be held at the time of her death due to the prevalence of Covid in the area.

Annual Bake, Craft, and White Elephant Sale June 3rd and June 4th

We will be having this in conjunction with the Hammondsport Village Yard Sale. We need bakers, crafters, and people with too much stuff hanging around their house, garage, or barns. White Elephant just means rummage, but without selling clothes. So we are giving you plenty of time to craft items, too look at recipes for cookies or other small edible items that people can purchase and carry with them as they walk through the village, or to reevaluate your "stuff". We all have those items that are perfectly good, but that we no longer need. This is your golden opportunity to get rid of them while contributing to Mission. The money made will either be split between several mission needs or all go to one mission. The Mission Committee will decide.

We need someone to be in charge of soliciting the baked goods. Crafters please notify Joan Rogerson of what you plan to donate. We also need people to sign up to be on the overall committee.

Town of Urbana 200 Year Celebration June 11

There are many events going on that day and St. James is participating. We are participating in what this typist thinks is the most important event-**Ice Cream Social!** The events are:

9am-11am –5K Run by Hammondsport PTO. It starts at the school
2pm -3pm– Speeches

3pm-4:30pm –**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

4pm-6pm–Band called Blue Eyed Soul performs in the Village Square

APRIL AND MAY LAY SCHEDULE

Date	Officiant	Acolyte/Chalice	Readers	Ushers
4/3	K. Derr Morning Prayer		K. Packard	Audrey Edmister Gary Edmister
4/10	Rev. MaryAnn Brody	J. Grillo	S. Young	M. Dowdle L. Grillo
4/17	Rev. MaryAnn Brody	J. Grillo	A. Edmister	M. Piersons J. Piersons
4/24	R. Little Morning Prayer		K. Derr	L. Graulich T. Channing
5/1	K. Derr Morning Prayer		R. Little	L. Grillo J. Grillo
5/8	Rev. Tom Gramely	J. Grillo	S. Young	A. Edmister G. Edmister
5/15	L. Nichiporuk Morning Prayer		A. Edmister	M. Piersons J. Piersons
5/22	R. Little Morning Prayer		L. Graulich	M. Dowdle N. Folts
5/29	Rev. MaryAnn Brody	J. Grillo	K. Packard	L. Graulich T. Channing