

From St. James' With Love

Corner of Lake and Main
P.O. Box 249 Hammondsport, New York 14840
June-July 2023

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:

Linda and I are very thankful to the entire St. James community for your loving welcome. We feel that we are at home. So many have asked to know more about us and here is some of our story.

Linda and I met at Springfield College MA and it was love at first sight. We were only there together for ten weeks after which I graduated and joined the Army as a private. Linda graduated the following year and we were married. Linda proposed to me. We have two children; our daughter Allison is married and has three children: twenty, seventeen and fifteen. They live in State College, PA. Allison is a high school English teacher and union representative. Phil, our son-in-law, is an environmental engineer.

Matthew our son and his wife Rachel are both Lutheran pastors and have two children who are five and three. They recently moved to Allentown, PA.

I retired after twenty years in the military and have owned and operated my own government contracting corporation for more than ten years. I have been a priest for seventeen years and have been rector of three churches-all in small towns with a lake.

I continue to look forward to meeting everyone here and hearing your stories as we journey together in the love of Christ.

Love,
Linda and Craig+

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Community Reception for Fr. Craig and Linda June 11-more information to follow.

Prayer List

Evelyn A., Luanne G., Kimberly J., Nancy S., Ray K., Tony, Kathy, Dennis V., Jan L., Ray S., Linda G., Laverne & Patsy, Patty F., Betty K., Ashlyn, Rachael D., Rebecca H., Alicia, Lindsey, Neil B., Jon L., Sheri D., Bruce, Ray S., JanetMarie, Brian, Joey R., David R., Floyd G., those who mourn, students and teachers, 1st Responders, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, those in the military, St. James Vestry.

St. James Helps With Opening Day of Little League by Nick Forenz

On May 6th, members of St. James helped staff the concussion stand on the Opening Day of the Hammondsport Baseball/Softball League. Jim Grillo, Nick and Patty Forenz, Leah Nichiporuk, Ellie Boutwell, Father Craig and Linda Hacker, Nancy Folts, and Donella Barney cooked and made breakfast sandwiches, Taco Salads, burgers, sausages, and many other eatery items. Sporting St. James logo tee-shirts and jackets, the group enjoyed interacting with the families and friends of the 110 children signed up to play this year. It was a great day of fellowship and serving the community at large.

When you get a chance stop by the ball fields and see the two new St. James banners hanging on the outfield fences; inviting the community to join us in worship at St. James on Sundays.

Hammondsport Yard Sale Weekend

This year St. James is again taking part in this village wide event. Even though it is technically held just on Saturday June 3rd many people start their sales on the Friday of that weekend as it is a lot of work to only run for one day. We will be holding our sale at St. James Friday the 2nd and Saturday the 3rd. We will need help on both those days to run our indoor and outdoor sale. We will also need help pricing items on Thursday the 1st and again on the 5th for boxing up unsold items for transport to The Once Again Shoppe in Penn Yan. Adding to our sale items on Saturday will be easily portable baked goods such as brownies and cookies. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the undercroft.

We are looking for sale items so scout your houses and garages. We will not be selling clothing items or shoes. You can arrange to bring items Sunday May 28th as the undercroft will be open for two hours after coffee hour. During that following

week you can make individual arrangements or bring them the 1st as we will be working pricing items that day. All money raised goes for mission.

Bishop Lane Visits St. James

On Sunday April 23rd The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane made the annual Bishop's visit to St. James. Bishop Lane, who was appointed Bishop Provisional after Bishop Singh left, will hold that position through the search and election of a new Bishop.

After the church service a light luncheon was held in the undercroft. Bishop Lane explained the search process for a new Bishop and answered any questions the congregation asked. Following that question and answer session the Bishop met with just the Vestry to both ask and answer questions.

Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School is a summer event called Babylon and will be hosted at Hammondsport United Methodist Church from June 26-30th. Children will step back in time at Babylon exploring Daniel's adventures in a foreign land. The kids will participate in a memorable Bible Times Marketplace, creating things like shell wind chimes and mosaic wooden boxes. They will sing catch songs and play teamwork building games.

They will get to visit Daniel and his friends and collect bible memory makers to remind the kids of our God's word. Everyone will get to look for evidence of God all around them through something we call God sightings. Each day will end in a celebration with upbeat worship that gets everyone involved.

Kids at Babylon will join more than a million participants reaching out to world vision through a mission project called Operation Kid to Kid. This mission raises money to provide Bibles to children around the world in their own language. We will also provide items of need to our local Loaves and Fishes food pantry.

Babylon VBS will run from 9am to noon and lunch will be provided by Hammondsport School District. Volunteers positions needed include:

Crew Leaders-taking children to their stations and teaching valuable lessons to children who will carry these Bible truths for a lifetime.

Marketplace-helping children with fun filled crafts from back in the time in Babylon.

Local churches are being asked to donate \$250 to put toward expenses of this program if it is at all possible. The money is being used to purchase curriculum , craft supplies, decorations, and special items for the children to take home to remember God's truth. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 to noon each day.

If you would like to attend our pre-VBS meetings, there are two separate dates: May 31st at 5pm and June 8th at 5pm. Hope to see you there.

Father Craig is participating as Daniel! Mary White will be a Crew Leader. For more information or to volunteer contact Jessica Campbell at (607)794-1543.

Mission News

Carol Bidwell

From now until the end of June, Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry is requesting donations of large sized (family sized) cans of baked beans for picnic baskets given to patrons in July.

As you are cleaning out and/or downsizing, the Elizabeth Rose Ministry will take donations of household items. It is a ministry serving women survivors of domestic violence. There is a brochure on the bulletin board in the Undercroft as well as a list of requested items and contact information.

If you would like people to be remembered for various life events, such as deaths, weddings, births, illness, etc., please notify Leah Nichiporuk (cell phone 607-382-4138) with names and addresses.

Mission Calendar

Carol Bidwell

February: Safe House hygiene donations

March: Food Pantry donations of dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo, and hygiene products,

April: Yard Work

May: Safe House hygiene donations

June: Village Wide and St. James Yard Sale. Food Pantry donations of dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo, hygiene products.

August: Safe House hygiene products.

Craft Bazaar in December

This coming December St. James will have a Craft Bazaar to coordinate with the annual Cookie Walk in Hammondsport. If you are crafty and knit, sew, make toys or decorations etc, we can use your help. For those of you who do not feel "crafty" we will be organizing work days for making simple items with step by step instructions. Stay tuned as more information will be made available.

We always need people to sign up for hosting coffee hour

June-July Lay Schedule

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Reader	Ushers
6/4	Charlie Skinner	Nick Forenz	Sandy Young	Marietta Piersons Jim Piersons
6/11	Nick Forenz	Jim Grillo	Richard Little	Connie Manikas Pete Manikas
6/18	Jim Grillo	Karen Derr	Kris Packard	Marilyn Dowdle Linda Grillo
6/25	Leah Nichiporuk	Jim Grillo	Stella Pulver	Janet Marie Skinner Charlie Skinner
7/2	Mary White	Charlie Skinner	Audrey Edmister	Connie Manikas Pete Manikas
7/9	Charlie Skinner	Mary White	Sandy Young	Marietta Piersons Jim Piersons
7/16	Nick Forenz	Leah Nichiporuk	Linda Hacker	Donella Barney Nancy Folts
7/23	Jim Grillo	Karen Derr	Stella Pulver	Linda Hacker Jim Derr
7/30	Mary White	Jim Grillo	Kris Packard	Marilyn Dowdle Linda Grillo