

# From St. James' with Love

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February 2011

The Rev. Sandra K. Curtis, Rector

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## ANNUAL MEETING

### Elections:

Warden – Jim Grillo – 2 years.

Vestry Members - Floyd French, Janet Smith and Donella Barney - 3 years. Charles Skinner - 1 year.

Delegate to Convention - Gladys Palmer – 3 years

Alternate Delegate to Convention - Leah Nichiporuk

We thank Barbara Brayer and Mary White for their many years of service on the Vestry.

The 2010 Annual Minutes were approved, and we give a special thank you to Betty Frey for recording the Annual Minutes and Vestry Minutes.

Karen Derr, Treasurer, gave a detailed explanation of each item in the 2011 Budget of \$93,627.82. We thank Karen for her meticulous work. We also thank the Audit team of Jim Grillo, chair, Ted Dykas, and Leah Nichiporuk for the Audit Report. Sincere thanks to Barbara Brayer, Pledge Clerk, for her careful recording of the pledges and making deposits each week. Barbara is retiring as Pledge Clerk, and that position is now held by Donella Barney. We appreciate our counters Ted Dykas, George Brayer, William Kingham and Leah Nichiporuk for counting the offering each Sunday.

Outreach and Missions: A special thank you to Carol Bidwell, Arlene Santus and Leah Nichiporuk for your work on the Mission Committee. This year we supported the following:

Family Life Ministries	100.00	
Pregnancy Resource Center	200.00	
Southern Tier Hospice	300.00	
Christmas for Families	400.00	
Church World Services	500.00	( 2 bee hives-\$50, 100 chicks-\$50, seeds & tools-\$100, 20 mosquito nets-\$200, 5 school kits-\$75, blankets-\$25)
Total .....	\$1500.00	

Also given: Episcopal Relief and Development - \$920.00 for a water well in Nicaragua, Salvation Army - \$100.00, Red Cross - \$100.00, Habitat for Humanity - \$100.00, Food Bank of the Southern Tier – \$100.00, Children International – \$294.00, Turning Point – \$300.00, Bath Community Care Center – \$300.00, Wings of Eagles – \$85.00, Joseph Hammer - \$4,000.00, United Thank Offering \$100.00, Discretionary Fund - \$4,350.00 (to help individuals) and interest free loans of \$11,000.

Food Pantry: Sue Lange reported that 547 households were served this year – 454 children, adults – 860, seniors – 213 with a total of 1527 (increase of 74) served. At Christmas 139 food boxes were delivered, 90 turkeys with cranberry sauce and stuffing were given out at Thanksgiving. Sue reminded us that there is a need for more helpers in the Food Pantry, and if interested, please speak to Sue.

Angel Tree: Floyd and Nancy French put 55 doves on the tree and all were taken except one. The collection of food was a great gift to the Food Pantry. Thank you Floyd and Nancy for your untiring efforts. Nancy also suggested giving a gift at Christmas to all of our Sunday school children. She bought and wrapped the gifts which were given to 18 children.

Dinners and the Holiday Bazaar: chaired by Nancy French, raised \$5,400.00 for the church this year. Nancy and Floyd work hard all year to make these events a great success. They are very busy St. James' angels! We also owe thanks to the people of St. James who support these events with donations, and by working to make them a success.

Apple Pie Sale: \$1,500 was raised from the sale of the apple pies. Without Mary White in charge of the apple pies, and Jeff and Kathy Kennedy's donation of the apples, and all the members helping, we wouldn't be blessed with extra money for our church to use for mission. And don't forget the good time of fellowship that we enjoy. Thank you.

Rummage Sale: Last year we raised over \$900.00 from the Rummage Sale. Leah Nichiporuk, chair, once again has a house full of rummage to sell because of the passing of our dear friend, Betty Arnett. If you have items for next year, contact Leah. Leah puts a lot of effort into the Rummage Sale, and we thank her and those who help for making it a success.

Sunday School: Our Sunday School has grown under the direction of Lin Bretherton. The children are learning the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, Psalms, and stories of the Bible. We now have 18 children and discussion took place as to starting a nursery as we have three little ones. Thank you so much, Lin, for the great job you do each Sunday.

First Friday: Tom and Carol Bidwell host this evening event with as many as 75 people attending to enjoy the fellowship of others and praising the Lord and singing. Thank you Tom and Carol for taking the time to do this.

Web-Site: Tom Bidwell has also created a website for St. James ([www.stjames14840.org](http://www.stjames14840.org)) and also an e-mail address [stjames14840@gmail.com](mailto:stjames14840@gmail.com). On the web you can read the Newsletter, Calendar, the Readings, and check out Lay Minister schedules and activities - and much more.

Harvest Festival Dinner: William Kingham has volunteered to do the Harvest Festival dinner again this year. This is enjoyed by everyone and we thank you for your generosity, William.

Choir: Our choir is small, but they make beautiful music for us. We miss Jack Morris and wish him well. Ellie Boutwell has also started a Children's Choir, and we love to hear the children sing. Thank you Ellie and Choir. We also thank Cecil Van Houten, and Carol and Tom Bidwell so much for all the time, effort, and love you put into music for our enjoyment.

Bible Study is held every Monday afternoon at 4:00 PM. All are welcome.

Book Study: Continues on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Altar Guild: Thanks to all who serve on the Altar Guild. Also, sincere thanks to Leah Nichiporuk and Charlie and Janetmarie Skinner for polishing the brass. Leah Nichiporuk, chair, needs volunteers to take a month during the year. Please see her about signing up.

Green Meadows (Emeritus): The third Thursday of each month Sandy+ goes to Green Meadows to do a church service for the residents. One of our parishioners, Ruth Clarke, resides there. 17-26 people usually attend the service and enjoy singing the hymns and participating in the Holy Eucharist. If anyone is interested in going with Sandy+, you are welcome.

Buildings and Grounds: Nick Forenz gave a report and answered questions about the Renovation Project in the Undercroft. It is almost finished with the exception of a few minor details. He thanked each and everyone for their talents and volunteering to undertake such a "big" project, but most of all we thank you, Nick, for heading up this project and doing a super job from start to finish. We all, as well as the community, enjoy our beautiful Undercroft. Nick also thanked all the people who do so many things around the church throughout the year.

Priest's Report: Total attendance in 2010 was 5,278 (up 619) with an average Sunday attendance of 71.5; 4188 Communion; 273 Private Communion, 2 Weddings, 10 Baptisms, 7 Funerals. Sandy+ thanks each and everyone of you for all the help, support and love you give St. James'. Please continue to pray for St. James' in 2011 that we will continue to grow and do God's work as a Christian community.

# **CHICKEN & BISCUIT**

## **DINNER**

**February 26, 2011**

**4:00-6:00 pm**

**Homemade Chicken, Biscuit & Gravy with Mashed Potatoes,  
Vegetable, Salad, Dessert, Beverage and a complimentary  
glass of wine**

**Donations:**

**Adults \$6.50**

**Children 6-12 \$ 3.00**

**Children under 6 Free**

**Take outs available**

**(Willing to help? Contact Nancy French)**

# PRAYER CORNER

We ask all at St. James Church to keep the following people in their prayers.

†Cecil	†The Howard Family	†Carolyn	†Connie
†Adrienne	†Ted	†Charlene	†Michele
†Pat	†Teralin	†Mary	†Robert
†Ruth	†Doug	†Jessica	†Bud
†Carl	†Kali	†Hunter	†Greg
†Gene	†Curtis	†Bill	†Candy
†Jean	†Georgia	†Mike	†Karin
†Richard	†Peter	†Marie	†Dan
†Nita	†Nancy	†Lillian	†Tom
†Roxie	†Maria	†Cora	†Barbara
†David	†Charles	†Henry	†Garry
†Joe	†Amy	†Julie	†Eva
†Lori	†George	†Deena	†Zack
†Linda	†Jim	†John	†Bruce
†Marilyn	†Gina	†Sue	†Carol

†The family of Gery Madigan

•The Church of Kisima in Kenya

• Those who suffer with addictions

•Those who serve our country in the military, especially Vance, Forrest, Zac, AJ, Lael and Grayson.  
(Please let Mother C. know how people on the prayer list are doing).

The **Italian Dinner** in January was a huge success, with a profit of \$639.00. Sincere thanks to Nancy French, chair. Nancy made the homemade meatballs and spaghetti sauce. Jim Grillo made the lasagne. Thanks to everyone else who donated food, helped serve and clean up. It was a fun night for all and a great success.

From **Church World Service**: I want to thank you for your generous contribution (\$500.00) Thanks to caring donors like you, Church World Service can provide food, water and other necessities to families displaced by natural disasters. May God bless you for your compassionate support. Rev. John L. McCullough, CEO

From the **V.A.**: Thank you for your gift of socks for Veteran patients in memory of Paul and Jane Aeschbacher. We are grateful for the support we receive from caring organizations. Thank you for your generosity. Voluntary Service

**IF YOU UNLOCK ANY CHURCH DOORS----LOCK THEM AGAIN WHEN YOU LEAVE!**

## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
Feb. 6 6th Epiphany	Connie Van-Houten	Leah Nichiporuk	S. Pulver C. Bidwell	T. Dykas S. Dykas
Feb. 13 7th Epiphany	Cecil VanHouten	Connie Van Houten	M. Sampson J. Grillo	P. Manikas C. Manikas
Feb. 20 8th Epiphany	Jim Grillo	Charles Skinner	S. Wilson D. Erway	W. Barney D. Barney
Feb. 27 9th Epiphany	Leah Nichiporuk	Jim Grillo	M. White Connie Van Houten	B. Frey M. White

Please check carefully for your assigned dates and times-if you are unable to serve please get a substitute.

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
March 6 Last Epiphany	Charlie Skinner	Leah Nichiporuk	M. Sampson C. Bidwell	J. Grillo L. Grillo
March 9 Ash Wednesday		Charles Skinner	S. Wilson M. White	
March 13 1st Sunday of Lent	Jim Grillo	Connie Van Houten	D. Erway E. Kosan	N. Forenz P. Forenz
March 20 2nd Sunday of Lent	Connie Van-Houten	Cecil VanHouten	N. Torp Cecil VanHouten	W. Barney D. Barney
March 27 3rd Sunday of Lent	Leah Nichiporuk	Jim Grillo	J. Skinner Cecil VanHouten	T. Dykas S. Dykas

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**ST. JAMES CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!**  
**Sunday School - 52 weeks a year!**

HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

Vestry and Delegates to Convention

Wardens: Jim Grillo - first year, Leah Nichiporuk - second year

Vestry: Donella Barney, Floyd French, Jan Smith - 1st year

Ted Dykas, Pete Manikas, Nick Forenz - 2nd year

Tom Noteware, James Grillo, Karen Derr - 3rd year

Delegates to Convention: Betty Frey - 1st ; Gladys Palmer - 2nd; Charles Skinner - 3rd

Clerk of the Vestry: Betty Frey

Treasurer: Karen Derr

Pledge Clerk: Donella Barney

Choir Director and Organist: Elenor Boutwell

Christian Education: Lin Bretherton

Deacon: The Rev. Thomas Williams, M. Th.

Associate: The Rev. Gary Edmister, M.Div.

Rector: The Rev. Sandra K. Curtis, M.S. Ed., M. Div.

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