

From St. James' with Love

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From Mother C

Many times you have heard me talk about our breath and that we do not own the air that fills our lungs and is exhaled countless times each day of our lives. All things lose their meaning if we have no breath. Breath is a gift from God, but we have the habit of forgetting that it is not ours - that is it only on loan - for a while - and someday, it will be reclaimed by the Owner. That is a very sobering fact of life that most of us do not want to think about or consider. But, being honest about the owner of our breath helps us get things in proper perspective; it helps us understand what is really important in this life we live. And getting things in proper perspective is what Lent is all about.

On the second Wednesday of March, the ninth to be exact, we will begin the season of Lent. It is that time when we look inward at our lives and prepare ourselves by a season of penitence and fasting. It is a time when we do not skid across the surface of our lives, but examine our lives at a deeper level to see what we have done that is not pleasing to our God. The prayers on Ash Wednesday can be sobering. It is a time of self-examination and repentance. Below are some questions we all need to consider this Lent:

- Have we loved God with our whole heart and mind and strength?
- Have we loved our neighbors as ourselves?
- Have we failed to forgive the sins of others?
- Have we been deaf to God's call to serve?
- Have we been unfaithful to the Lord?
- Have we been self-indulgent or exploited other people?
- Have we envied those more fortunate than ourselves?
- Has our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts controlled our lives?
- Have we been dishonest in our daily lives and work?
- Have we been negligent in prayer and worship?
- Have we failed to commend the faith that is in us?
- Have we made false judgments?
- Have we had uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors?
- Have we shown our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us?
- Have we been wasteful or polluted God's creation?

We observe Lent with prayer, fasting, self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. We are indeed dust and to dust we shall return. Remember, though, that God loves a contrite heart. If we return to God and acknowledge our sinfulness before the Lord, the God of all mercies will forgive us. God will forgive us and save us, for we are offered the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

†Cecil	†The Howard Family	†Carolyn	†Melissa
†Adrienne	†Ted	†Sue	†Michele
†Pat	†Teralin	†Mary	†Robert
†Ruth	†Doug	†Jessica	†Bud
†Joe	†Kali	†Hunter	†Greg
†Gene	†Curtis	†Bill	†Candy
†Jean	†Georgia	†Marilyn	†Bruce
†Richard	†Peter	†Marie	†John
†Nita	†Nancy	†Lillian	†Tom
†Roxie	†Jim	†Cora	†Barbara
†David	†Charles	†Lee	†Linda
†Dori	†Amy	†Julie	†Eva
†Lori	†George	†Zack	

- 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).

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SCHEDULE

The churches of Hammondspport will again work together ecumenically during Lent. All Wednesday ecumenical services start at 12:00 noon. At 12:30 the host church will provide a simple luncheon.

March 9-ASH WEDNESDAY-St. James' Church-the Rev. Gary Edmister preaching

March 16-St. Gabriel's Church-The Rev. Paul Rowley preaching

March 23-Hammondspport United Methodist Church-The Rev. James or Banu Moore preaching

March 30-Hammondspport Presbyterian Church-Pastor Howard Armstrong preaching

April 6- St. James's Church-The Rev. David LaFortune preaching

April 22-GOOD FRIDAY-12:00 noon-St. James' Church

April 24-EASTER SUNDAY-6:30 AM -Sunrise Service at the Head of the Lake-Breakfast at the United Methodist Church

POTPOURRI

A Lenten Experience

Tuesday evenings throughout Lent
(March 15, 22, 29, and April 5, 12)

Where and When: 6:15 PM in the Flora Keeler Room
What is it? : A Potluck with a short film and discussion to follow

Bring a dish to pass and come join us!!

THE ZION PROJECT

Dresses for Orphans

On Sunday afternoon, February 20th, 10 women got together in the basement of St. James' to start making dresses for orphaned girls in Uganda through the Zion Project. The group has since expanded to 30 women whose hearts are filled with love and generosity to sew for girls they have never met.

The Zion Project, located in Gulu, Uganda, rescues and educates young women who have been forced to become soldiers and sex slaves. These girls range in age from 8 to 15 and many of them already have children of their own. For five weeks, Christian Torp, a member of St. James', took time off from his busy law practice in Kentucky to go to Uganda with his wife, Tanya. Christian build a playground for the girls and their children, and Tanya taught them basic skills. They plan on returning.

The girls receive one outfit apiece, so Nancy Torp volunteered to make them each a dress. When she discovered that this was a very big project (or, as she says, "I bit more off than I could chew!"), she enlisted the help of the Hammondsport PTO and members of St. James'. Word got around and many, many people are now devoting their time and talent. If you would like to join the effort by making a simple sun-dress, please call Nancy at 569-2790. And for more information about the Zion Project, please go to www.zionproject.org.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS February 17,2011

- Accepted the \$7,000 donation from Mercury Aircraft and the \$1,000 donation from the Meade Foundation.
- Put \$78.14 Interest Earned in the Preservation Fund. Carried.
- Took \$41.00 from Missions and \$50.00 from the Children's Collection and put it into the Heffer Project.
- Repaid a loan of \$4,000 from 4/13/09 and transferred it into the Investment Proceeds Fund to pay off that 4/13/09 debt and restore it to investment.
- Sent \$294.00 to Children's International for our sponsored child Denise for the year 2011.
- St. James will contribute to the Daily Vacation Bible School again this year.
- The furnace has been repaired and is working. We owe thanks to Gregg Learned for taking care of this.
- The hot water heater has been repaired and is working. Thank you Gregg!
- We thank Richard Frey for volunteering to put salt on the sidewalks as needed.
- We will be hosting the first Lenten Luncheon on Ash Wednesday, March 9. There will also be a 7:00AM Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes and a 7:00PM service with ashes and Holy Communion.
- A Lenten Program will be held each Tuesday during Lent. 6:15 Pot-Luck Dinner. 7:00PM film and discussion.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011
(Mark your calendars now to save the dates)

March 9th-----Lent Starts
May 7th -----Smorgasbord Dinner
June 5th -----Dinner
August 26th-----Red Cross Progressive Dinner
September 25th-----Harvest Festival
October 15th-----Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
November 5th-----Bazaar
November 19th-----Apple Pie Day
December 4th-----Angel Tree Day

CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER

We would like to thank everyone who worked on the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, especially Nancy French, chair, and Floyd French for preparing all the chicken and biscuits and setting up the dinning room. We appreciate all the mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and coleslaw that were donated--and the wonderful desserts. Thanks to all who waited on tables, prepared the plates of food to be served, made the coffee and drinks, took tickets, scrubbed pots and pans, and did the clean-up. It was a fun evening, despite all the work, and we ended with a profit of \$803.50, which will be used to help purchase our new storage shed. Thank you, EVERYONE !

SAVE YOUR LOOSE CHANGE

Loose change in your wallets or pocket books may not look like very much money, but if we put our loose change together a great can be accumulated. In the back of the church you will find a baby bottle and a little house with a hole in the roof. We can help The Pregnancy Resource Center by putting our change in the baby bottle. We can also help Joseph's Hammer by placing change in the little house with the hole in the roof.

If you borrow something from the church-please let us know. Also, please return it in a timely manner. Thank you.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT BOOK STUDY

The book that we will be reading next in Book Study is Why I Believe in a Personal God: The Credibility of Faith in a Doubting Culture by George Carey, the former Archbishop of Canterbury. We will be starting this excellent book in about a month. The books can be ordered through Joan Rogerson for \$9.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU CAN NOT SERVE AT YOUR SCHEDULED TIME.

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
March 6 Last Epiphany	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	M. Sampson C. Bidwell	J. Grillo L. Grillo
March 9 Ash Wednesday		C. Skinner	S. Wilson M. White	
March 13 1st Sunday of Lent	J. Grillo	CoVan Houten	D. Erway E. Kosan	N. Forenz P. Forenz
March 20 2nd Sunday of Lent	Co VanHouten	Ce VanHouten	W. Torp Ce VanHouten	W. Barney D. Barney
March 27 3rd Sunday of Lent	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo	J. Skinner Co VanHouten	T. Dykas S. Dykas
April 3	Ce VanHouten	L. Nichiporuk	S. Pulver J. Grillo	B. Frey M. White
April 10	C. Skinner	Co VanHouten	C. Bidwell M. Sampson	J. Grillo L. Grillo
April 17 Palm Sunday	Co VanHouten	J. Grillo	M. White S. Wilson	N. Forenz P. Forenz
April 21 Maundy Thursday		C. Skinner	E. Kosan W. Torp	
April 22 Good Friday		CoVan Houten	Ce VanHouten J. Skinner	
April 23 Easter Vigil		C. Skinner	Co VanHouten C. Bidwell S. Wilson M. White Ce VanHouten	M. White
April 24 Easter	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	D. Erway S. Pulver	W. Barney D. Barney

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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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