

# From St. James' with Love

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August - September 2011

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Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to Him with psalms. Psalm 95.1-2

## St. James' Church

*invites you to join us  
in giving thanks to God for all His goodness to us.  
at our*

## Harvest Festival

*Come sing, be glad and rejoice in Him.*

*Sunday, September 25, 2011*

*Conversation and light refreshment at 9:30 on the lawn.*

*Church begins at 10:30*

*Following Holy Eucharist*

*"Feast in the presence of the Lord your God..." (Deut. 14.26)*

*at a*

## Bountiful Harvest Dinner

*Choice Steamship of Round, salad, potatoes, fresh vegetables, homemade bread, dessert*

*"For it is the Lord your God who gives bountiful harvests..." (Deut. 16.15)*

*God provides this abundant food with no charge,  
trusting you will enjoy His company with family and friends.*

# **St. James' Church**

# **RUMMAGE SALE**

**AUGUST 19, 20  
74 LAKE STREET**

**FRIDAY**

**8:30 A.M. UNTIL 3:00: P.M.**

**SATURDAY**

**8:30 A.M. UNTIL 2:30: P.M.**

**(Contact Leah Nichiporuk - 569.2055 regarding donations or  
your willingness to work.)**

**HAMMONDSPORT AREA CHURCHES ANNUAL**

**RED CROSS**

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2011  
STARTING AT 5:00 PM

5:00 - APPETIZERS BEGIN AT ST. GABRIEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
5:30 - SALADS BEGIN AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
6:00 - MAIN COURSE BEGINS AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
6:30 - DESSERTS BEGIN AT ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ADULTS (12+) - \$12.00  
SENIORS (62+) - \$10.00  
CHILDREN 4 -11 - \$6.00  
3 AND UNDER ARE FREE

COME!  
HAVE A WONDERFUL MEAL AND HELP OUR LOCAL RED CROSS!

**Upcoming Events:**

August 19, 20th – Rummage Sale  
August 26<sup>th</sup> – Red Cross Progressive Dinner  
September 25<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival  
October 15<sup>th</sup> – Chicken and Biscuit Dinner  
November 5<sup>th</sup> – Bazaar  
November 19<sup>th</sup> – Pie Day  
December 4<sup>th</sup> – Angel Tree Day

**HOSPITALS AND CLERGY VISITS**

Patient privacy laws have enormous impact on the ability of clergy to visit parishioners in health care institutions. In short, unless you personally, or a member of your immediate family, informs me that you are in the hospital, I will not be aware of it, and I will not be able to obtain information from the institution. It becomes critical that you, or someone in your family, let me know that you are in the hospital, whether it is planned scheduled care or an emergency. Otherwise, I will not know of your presence there and your need for prayer and support. Sandy+

# SonSurf Beach Bash Vacation Bible School

June 27-July 1, 2011

“Jesus answered, I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

“When I am afraid I will trust in you.” Psalm 56:3

The Lord was probably smiling during that last week in June as children from the Hammondsport area, and beyond, came to learn about Jesus. The staff smiled too as the weather was beautiful, the kids were well behaved and, for the most part, there seemed to be a relaxed atmosphere of cooperation, fun, good food and meaningful opportunities to learn Who Jesus Is, Why we can trust Him, Why we need Jesus, How Jesus can help us when we mess up, and What Jesus wants us to do?

Seventy-seven children were assisted by a staff of fifty-three adults and thirty teen-agers. The sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, classrooms and outdoors were all decorated in a beach theme with beach balls “floating” in the air, and beach towels, umbrellas, shell displays, “bon fires”, sea shells, etc. everywhere. It was a colorful and happy atmosphere.

Our Bible storytellers are the main focus of VBS, and the children also seemed to be proud of their craft projects. Snacks and Recreation continued to be part of VBX. The Seneca Park Zoo returned again this year and offered an interesting program on Fresh Water Beach animals.

A new focus for this year was the creation of a VBS float for this year’s Fireman’s Parade. A special thank you goes out to all who helped, and about 35 kids and adults marched the parade route behind the float, singing VBS songs and passing out candy and the theme Bible verse.

The mission emphasis this year was Japan. One of our teens suggested this after the earthquake and tsunami. Thanks to the generosity of the community, we collected \$1000. As in the past, food items were collected for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. Five coolers were overflowing with non-perishable food items. What a blessing and a great message of “serving one another” to send out to our children.

Once again, with the Lord’s help, the churches and people of the community of Hammondsport worked together to teach our kids about Jesus. We hope that the messages shared will remain with everyone forever. Thank you so much for whatever you did to help with this effort. Please continue to keep all of these wonderful children in your prayers and pray as plans begin for VBS 2012.

## June Vestry Highlights

Money from the Smorgasbord Dinner was placed in Debt Repayment.

- \$300 from the Talents money was placed in the Discretionary Fund - the remainder in Debt Repayment
- The elevator-lift has been repaired by Mike Kubrich and only one person at a time is to ride in it. We are not going to be able to use automated wheelchairs and scooters because of their extra weight. With the weight of the person, it can challenge the weight limit for the lift. Mike is researching elevators-lifts to find a new one that will meet our needs.
- We discussed the installation of a new electrical entrance box as well as air conditioners upstairs in the church.
- Daily Vacation Bible School will be June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Jim Grillo reported the search committee had met and are working on a Profile, Job Description and are preparing a Parish Survey.

## Bishop Singh’s Visit

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual visitation by the Bishop. After the service, which included a sermon given by the Bishop, a luncheon was held in the Flora Taylor Keeler room. A good meal and good fellowship was enjoyed. The Bishop then held a question and answer period.

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

Linda	Garry	Cecil	Kathy
Patsy	Ruth	Josie	Gene
Nita	Roxie	David	Dorie
Ted	The Howard Family	Teralin	Doug
Kali	Jim	John	Lori
Curtis	Georgia	Peter	Parker
Melissa	Colin	Gina	Cora
Lee	Mary	Jessica	Julie
Bill	Marie	Lillian	Barbara
Michelle	Bud	Candy	Maureen
Bob	Marilyn	Eva	Hunter
Harry	Merle	Zack	Charles
Sue	Bruce	Nancy	
Richard	Lisa	Jean	

- The Church of Kisima in Kenya
- Those who suffer with addictions
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- 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.)

## **Mission Project Still in Need**

The Southeast District has decided to do another Mission Project that would be supported by the ten churches of the District. We normally have one project at a time, but this time, we couldn't decide on that one project. Instead, we have two.

The first project is to help Haiti rebuild the cathedral that was destroyed in the earthquake. Some of us thought that was unnecessary when so many people need so much help, but the cathedral will stand tall and strong among so much suffering, and it is hoped that it will give hope to those who can go there to worship God. If you are willing to support the rebuilding of the cathedral, we suggest that you can purchase bricks for \$10.00 each, and of course, you may purchase as many as you wish.

The second project was to support Doctors Without Borders in their work in Haiti. This is a hands on project. Many from the medical field are willing to go to Haiti and volunteer their time and gifts to help those in need with free medical care. However, there are still many costs involved, especially for medical supplies. If you are willing to support Doctors Without Borders for Haiti, any gift would be greatly appreciated.

In either case, if you wish to participate, make your check out to St. James' and mark the memo "Cathedral" or "Doctors Without Borders." Your gift will be added to those of others and sent to do the work you have supported.

# BITS AND PIECES

**We need volunteers** to help staff the nursery on Sundays when infants and toddlers are there so Lin is free to work with the Sunday School students. If many people are willing to volunteer-each person would only have to serve a few Sundays per year.

**We need** new or gently used items for the Sunday School Treasure Box. Treasures are offered for birthdays, bringing a friend, memorizing a bible verse, as a welcome or farewell, etc. We could use a new supply of treasures if anyone would like to help.

**SHOPPING ALERT!!:** If you happen to see a sale on the following items while you are shopping---please consider buying some and donating them to the church. We are in need of: paper towels, kleenex, toilet tissue, paper napkins, kleenex, decaf and regular coffee, dish soap, and liquid hand soap. Donations of these items may be left in the kitchen.

## FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

We have fresh flowers on the Altar every Sunday for a cost of \$24.00. If anyone would like to give flowers in memory of someone, or in thanksgiving for something, please let Mother C know. Your gift can be sent to the church or placed in the alms basin. Please include the following information:

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

Date flowers are wanted \_\_\_\_\_

Please give us two or three weeks notice so that we can order the flowers and place the "in memory" or "thanksgiving" in the service bulletin.

### **Letter from our Sponsored Child in Ecuador --Dennise**

Dear Sponsors,

I greet you all hoping this letter finds you and your families in good health. I want to tell you that I am doing fine in school: my favorite subject is math. I have many friends at school: we have fun time together. I like to play soccer together with my cousins and my brothers. I also help my mom with the chores. On weekends we like to go play in the park. Thank you for the benefits I receive from you, especially the nice white blouse that I wear to go to school and the waterbottle. I say goodbye with a big hug and a kiss from the distance.

Dennise Carolina Carrillo Garcia

## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
August 7	Co. VanHouten	C. Skinner	M. White S. Wilson	M. White T. Randolph
August 14	J. Grillo	Co. VanHouten	C. Bidwell J. Skinner	P. Manikas C. Manikas
August 21	M. White	Ce. VanHouten	Co. VanHouten J. Grillo	J. Grillo L. Grillo
August 28	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo	Ce. VanHouten C. Bidwell	N. Forenz P. Forenz
September 4	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	S. Wilson S. Pulver	W. Barney D. Barney
September 11	Co. VanHouten	C. Skinner	J. Grillo W. Torp	T. Dykas S. Dykas
September 18	Ce. VanHouten	J. Grillo	M. White D. Erway	D. Burch B. Frey
September 25	J. Grillo	Co. VanHouten	Ce. VanHouten M. Sampson	P. Manikas C. Manikas
October 2	L. Nichiporuk	Ce. VanHouten	C. Bidwell J. Skinner	M. White T. Randolph

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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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