

From St. James' with Love

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From Mother C

You all know how much I love plants and gardens. One of my hobbies has become the division and growing of various plants. My mother had an awesome garden when I was growing up in Corning. People came from all over to see it. I never really appreciated her passion for growing and hybridizing plants until recent years, and now I understand why she loved to work in her garden. I always believed that if I touched a plant, I would kill it, but I have since learned that many beautiful plants are practically indestructible. If given the right conditions the plants will continue to flourish and produce absolutely beautiful flowers throughout the growing season.

I began to take the garden seriously after I took a giant blue hosta up because it was entirely too large for the the space in which it was growing. The plant was enormous, and the root looked like a giant turnip over a foot wide. There were lots of thin roots coming out of that great gall, but what should I do with them. I was afraid I would kill the plant and lose it altogether. My mother assured me I wouldn't, that I could just cut it up in pieces, and it would make several new plants. There was no breaking it apart, so I finally got an ax and went to work. By the time I was done, I had nine large pots with hostas in them. I replanted a huge piece where I had taken the main plant out, used a couple more in other places, and then I began giving plants away. After each "chunk" of the original plant was separated and given room and the right conditions to grow, it began to grow into a beautiful hosta for all of us to enjoy. One plant led to another, and now I'm at it all the time, planting and rearranging flowers throughout the garden.

Here I go rambling about the garden again, but there is something that we should think about. "If given the right conditions the plants will continue to flourish and produce absolutely beautiful flowers..." As followers of Jesus Christ, given the right conditions, we can flourish and produce what God wants. What are the right conditions?

We must place God first in our lives. Our worship of him is primary. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind." Add prayer to those right conditions. God does want to hear from us. If he knows the number of hairs on our heads, it is clear that he is interested in every detail of our lives. And, study the Bible in order to know what it is that God asks of us, teaches us, requires of us. If we worship him faithfully, pray faithfully, and study the Scripture faithfully, we will move closer and closer to the Lord, and he will guide and enrich our lives.

Much love,
Sandy+ (Mother C)

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 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.

Upcoming Events:

September 25th Harvest Festival

October 15th – Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

November 5th – Bazaar

November 19th – Pie Day

December 4th – Angel Tree Day

Thank you to everybody who worked on and/ or donated to our rummage sale this year. We earned over \$700!

Thank you also to everybody who contributed desserts and/or worked at our dessert stop on the Red Cross Progressive Dinner schedule. The desserts were very well received and praised by all who sampled them.

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

Linda	Gary	Cecil	Kathy
Patsy	Ruth	Josie	Gene
Nita	Roxie	Mary Agnes	Scott
Ted	The Howard Family	Teralin	Doug
Kali	Jim	John	Lori
Curtis	Georgia	Peter	Parker
Melissa	Colin	Cheryl	Marion
Lee	Mary	Jessica	Julie
Bill	Marie	Lillian	Barbara
Michelle	Bud	Elva	Maureen
Bob	Marilyn	Eva	Jeff
Harry	Tim	Zack	Jay
Sue	Bruce	Nancy	Carolyn
Richard	Lisa	Jean	George
Austin			

- 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, Merle and Grayson.

(Please let Mother C. know how people on the prayer list are doing.)

Remember that if you want Mother C. to visit someone in the hospital, you will have to tell her they are there. The hospitals can no longer give her that information.

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.

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

**Oct. 15, 2011
4:00-6:00**

**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

If you are willing to donate to or work at this dinner-please sign up. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Flora Keeler Room.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 5, 2011

9:00am-3:30pm

(Luncheon served 11:00am-1:30pm)

Silent Auction
White Elephant Table
Christmas Decorations
Knitted & Crocheted Items
Fleece Throws, Gift Baskets
Baked Goods, Jams, Pickles
Embroidery Napkins & Towels etc.
Table runners and Place Mats
Handmade Soaps

Luncheon Menu
Clam Chowder or Chili with Homemade Bread
or
Soup and Sandwich
Takeouts Available

If you have items to contribute-see Nancy or Floyd French

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.

The people of St. James are incredibly generous in their giving. We recently received the following:

To St. James Episcopal Church,

Thank you for your gift and understanding in our behalf.
May God richly Bless you and reward you here on earth and in Heaven.

Sincerely,
The Melvin M. Hershberger Sr. Family

The Hershberger family of twelve children lost both parents in a tragic accident.

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.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

PLEASE NOTE POSSIBLE CHANGES TO SCHEDULE

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
October 2	L. Nichiporuk	H. Matthews	C. Bidwell J. Skinner	B. Randolph T. Randolph
October 9	M. White	C. Skinner	Co. VanHouten S. Wilson	N. Forenz P. Forenz
October 16	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo M. White	J. Grillo L. Grillo
October 23	Ce. VanHouten	J. Grillo	Ce. VanHouten S. Pulver	W. Barney D. Barney
October 30	Co. VanHouten	H. Matthews	C. Bidwell W. Torp	T. Dykas S. Dykas
November 6	M. White	Co. VanHouten	D. Erway S. Wilson	D. Burch B. Frey
November 13	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	M. Samson J. Skinner	B. Randolph T. Randolph
November 20	L. Nichiporuk	C. Skinner	Ce. VanHouten M. White	P. Manikas C. Manikas
November 27	C. Skinner	J. Grillo	Co. VanHouten J. Grillo	N. Forenz P. Forenz

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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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