

From St. James' with Love

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From Mother C

Well, it certainly turned cold this week. Usually, if I turn the car heat on, and spray a little windshield wiper fluid on the windshield, the wiper blades will clean off the thin layer of ice that forms this time of year. I had to find the scraper and SCRAPE the ice off my car before I could leave the house! What a surprise in October!

Life is filled with all kinds of experiences, and the sun does not always shine. We love the beautiful experiences: the new grandchild, the graduation with all its hope, the wedding, the new house, the flowers of spring and summer, the blue skies and warm breezes. I can't even begin to name all the blessings of life that we enjoy.

But as I said, the sun does not always shine, and what do we do when it doesn't shine on us. The longer we live, we realize that sometimes there are mornings with ice on the windshield - sometimes worse than that - things so painful, we wonder if we will survive. What do we do then? Sometimes we can solve the problems ourselves, and sometimes the problems are far greater than we are. Then what do we do?

I don't know about you, but I hold on to the promises of God. Sometimes I do not know what is going to happen. I do not know how it is all going to turn out. I don't have the answers, but I do know that my God is by my side, helping me, giving me strength I didn't know I had.

Too often, we forget that God is there for us and with us. And, we forget who OUR God is. Our God is the God of Abraham. Our God is the God of Moses. Our God is the God of Elijah. Our God is the God of David. Our God is the God of Isaiah. Our God is the God of Daniel. Our God is the God of Peter. Our God is the God of Paul. He is the God of you. He is the God of me. He is just as powerful today as he ever was. He cares about us, he walks with us, and sometimes he carries us when we don't think we can take another step.

Much love,
Sandy+ (Mother C)

Apple Pie Sale

WORKERS AND EATERS NEEDED!

St. James' Church

November 19, 2011

Ready to bake homemade pies!!

\$7.50 each

Order your apple pies today!! Call 607.368.3224

To be picked up on November 19 between 10:00 am
and 2:00 pm

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Volunteers are needed to help with peeling, slicing, mixing and clean-up!
Come for an hour, or stay for the day. Enjoy lunch, all while contributing to the
mission of the church. Questions? Call Mary White 368.3224

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

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	Don
Melissa	Colin	Cheryl	Marion
Lee	Mary	Jessica	Julie
Bill	Marie	Lillian	Barbara
Michelle	Bud	Maria	Crocker
Bob	Marilyn	Eva	Arlene
Harry	Tim	Zack	Eileen
Sue	Bruce	Nancy	Carolyn
Richard	Lisa	Jean	George
David	Louise	Family of Arlene Clark	

- The Church of Kisima in Kenya
- Those who suffer with addictions
- Those who serve our country in the military, especially Vance, Forrest, Zac, Lael, 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.

Socks for the VA

We at St. James' have generously donated white sweat socks to the veterans for many years. We do this in the memory of Jane Aeschbacher, a long time member of St. James' who put in countless hours volunteering at the VA prior to her death. When you are out shopping, please buy plain white sweat socks to help us with this worthy cause. Many of the veterans have no family to give them gifts on holidays and a gift of socks is well appreciated. Please put the socks in the basket at the back of the church. Please have them there by the Sunday before Christmas.

PLEASE HELP US DONATE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY HEALTH CARE FACILITY FILL THE RED STOCKING IN THE KEELER ROOM BY DEC. 18

Please gift wrap each item and label it for a man, woman, or either.

sun catchers	plastic window clings	lotions
shaving cream	tooth brushes and paste	denture cleaner
small note pads	small figurines or decorations	greeting card to send
pocket or board games	small talcum or baby powder	small sized deodorants
kleenex	pens and pencils	bagged candy or candy bars
combs and brushes	emery boards	small "fanny packs" to wear around waists.
crossword puzzle books	word search books	

South East District Mission Projects

The District is still taking donations for their two mission projects in Haiti. The projects are Doctors Without Borders and Rebuilding the Cathedral. If you choose to donate, please put your check in the alms basin. It should be made out to St. James' with the project's name in the memo.

OTHER MISSION NEWS

If you wish to contribute to help an Episcopal church that has been damaged by recent flooding in NY State, make check payable to St. James', and mark the memo "flood".

Over \$1,200 was sent to the Amish families who lost loved ones in a recent tragic accident. The money will be used to help with medical bills. Thanks to everyone who donated.

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Bruce White and Tom Aleo for the sealing of the granite counters in the kitchen.
- Thank you to Floyd and Nancy French and all the workers and contributors to the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. A profit of \$813.50 was made.

HARVEST DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS THANK YOU!

A sincere thanks to William Kingham for this year's Harvest Festival. It was a chance to thank God for all his blessings and for the bounty of the earth. 104 people attended the morning service where the Altar and chancel were decorated with flowers, fruit, and vegetables. Thanks to Ellie Boutwell, Cecil Van Houten, and the choir for their wonderful music. About 90 people stayed for a delicious roast beef dinner in the Flora Keeler Room. It was a time of good food and good fellowship. Thank you to everyone who helped with the preparation and the clean-up!

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT ST. JAMES' NOVEMBER 20TH-The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7:00 PM. The Rev. Gary Edmister will be preaching. There will be an Ecumenical Choir with awesome music. A reception will be held in the Flora Keeler room following the service.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE-The Village of Hammondsport has given St. James a variance to place an 18' X 10' shed behind the church along the fence. This building will help alleviate the problem we have with storage. We are grateful to Leah and Jim Nichiporuk for providing space for us the past two years in a building they own. The new building will face Main Street, be painted gray like the church, and when we finish clearing and planting the area, it should not only be useful, but look as though it has been there for years. Nick Forenz and Jim Grillo have prepared the site.

WE WILL MISS THEM! -Hal and Jan Smith will be moving from the area this fall. Their new address will be: 6 Lincoln Avenue, Greenwich, NY 12834. David Burch will also be moving. He is moving to Rochester, but assures us we will still see him occasionally.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER

- Thank you Esther Kowulich Covell for replacing Jan Smith on the Vestry
- Voted to send a check for \$100 for the UTO
- The Stewardship Letter has been sent out and it included a very nice affirmation of what St. James' means to Esther Kowulich Covell.
- Voted to send \$600 to flood damaged Owego, NY Episcopal Church. The money is to be used at their discretion.
- Voted to place \$184.50 from the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner in the Debt Repayment Fund.
- Marcia Meade Coon has some plans for the new Undercroft entrance-way, and she will be meeting with Mother C.
- The elevator contract has been signed and Mike Kubrich will be starting the project soon.
- On Nov. 18th there will be a walk-through of the church for insurance purposes.
- It was discussed, and we have decided to contact the American Legion in Wayne about donating items for service men and women. The items would be assembled and sent to service members from this area who are serving overseas.

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
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

December 4	Ce. VanHouten	Co. VanHouten	C. Bidwell W. Torp	T. Dykas S. Dykas
December 11	Co. VanHouten	H. Matthews	D. Erway S. Wilson	D. Burch B. Frey
December 18	M. White	L. Nichiporuk	M. Samson J. Skinner	J. Grillo L. Grillo
December 24	J. Grillo	C. Skinner	Ce. VanHouten M. White	W. Barney D. Barney
December 25	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo	J. Grillo Co. VanHouten	P. Manikas C. Manikas

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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, Esther Kowulich- Covell - 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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