

From St. James' with Love

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February 2012

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Annual Meeting

January 22, 2012

Vestry and Delegates: Leah Nichiporuk was elected for a two year term as Warden. Tom Noteware, Karen Derr and Betty Frey were elected for a three year term to Vestry. Betty Frey was elected for a three year term as Delegate to Convention, and Leah Nichiporuk was elected for one year term as Alternate Delegate to Covention. A special thank you and appreciation to our Wardens, Vestry and Delegates for their time in doing the work of the church and attending Southeast District.

Minutes: The 2011 Annual Minutes were approved. A special thank you to Betty Frey for her work as our Clerk of the Vestry.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Derr, Treasurer, gave a detailed explanation of each item in the 2012 Budget of \$79,648.16. We thank Karen for your meticulous work. We also thank our counters and our Audit Committee for their work, and a special thanks to Donella Barney, our Pledge Clerk.

Search for a Rector: Jim Grillo reported that he has been in contact with several places in our search for a new Priest. We do have some prospects, and the congregation will be informed and have an opportunity to meet candidates as we begin the interview process.

Outreach and Missions: Our thanks go to Carol Bidwell, Arlene Santus and Leah Nichiporuk for your work on the Mission Committee. We have given money to many projects this year: Pregnancy Resource Center, Southern Tier Hospice, Joseph's Hammer, Vacation Bible School, Turning Point, Loaves and Fishes, The Hershberger family (13 children whose mother and father were killed in an auto accident), Socks for the V.A., Salvation Army, St. Paul's Church in Owego due to flooding, Doctor's Without Borders, Bricks for the Cathedral in Haiti, Isabella Project, and our sponsored child, Denise. In all, \$13,000.00 has been donated for Outreach and Missions.

Food Pantry: Sue Lange reported that 661 households were served this year – 497 children, 1044 adults, 261 seniors (62 or older), 1802 total people served. \$20.00 gift certificates were given to those who signed up at Easter, 75 Thanksgiving packages – turkeys, yams, cranberry jelly and stuffing, Christmas – 137 food boxes. Thank you to Bob Hunn, Tom Bidwell, Richard Frey, Michael Henry and many volunteers who give of their time so generously.

Angel Tree, Bazaar, Dinners: It is through the organization, timeless effort and generosity of Nancy and Floyd French that our church has received over \$6,000.00 for St. James. The 70 doves off the Angel Tree brought in boxes of food for the Food Pantry. Next year the Bazaar will feature more baked goods with some crafts and homemade articles. It will be held the first week of November. Special thanks to Jim Grillo for the 80 servings of gourmet lasagna he makes for the Italian Dinner each year, and thanks to all the other volunteers who work all year to make these special events happen and be successful.

Apple Pie Sale: Mary White organizes and oversees the making of over 200 apple pies which raises

over \$1,500.00 for mission. All ingredients were donated by Linda Carl and Bruce and Mary White; Jeff and Kathy Kennedy donated the apples. Thanks to all the volunteers who gather to make this project such a success each year.

Rummage Sale: Through the tireless effort of Leah Nichiporuk we hold a rummage sale the same day as Hammondsport holds its Craft Show in the park. Special thanks to Leah and the volunteers who help make the Rummage Sale such a success. Leah has already begun to collect rummage for the 2012 sale.

Sunday School: 15-18 children participate in Sunday School under the direction of Lin Bretherton. The children are learning the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, Psalms, Bible verses, learning the wonderful stories of the Bible and doing many interesting projects. Sunday School is held 52 Sundays a year. Thank you, Lin.

First Friday: Tom and Carol Bidwell host his event and everyone is invited the 1st Friday of each month to enjoy the fellowship of others in praising the Lord and singing of hymns. 50 - 75 people attend these 1st Fridays.

Newsletter: We now have an editor – Joan Rogerson, who is doing an excellent job. Thank you, Joan.

Youth Group: The young People of St. James' (12 and up), under the direction of Gladys Palmer have formed "Helping Hands" youth group to go into the community and do the loving work of the Lord. They are willing to help wash windows, rake leaves, dig up a garden help older people or shut-ins with tasks they can't do. They will wear T-shirts embossed with "Helping Hands" and will help others as well as enjoy some social activities together.

Web Site: Our web site was created and is maintained for St. James' by Tom Bidwell. Thanks Tom! (www.stjames14840.org).

Choir: Our choir is small, but they make beautiful music. The choir, under the direction of Ellie Boutwell, our organist, is also supported by the music of Tom and Carol Bidwell on guitar and Cecil Van Houten on the piano. We make a joyful noise.

Harvest Dinner: Sincere thanks to William Kingham who sponsors, and all who help with the annual Harvest Dinner, held each September. It is appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Bible Study is held every Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Book Study is held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We will soon be starting C. S. Lewis's Miracles.

Church Ladies Breakfast is held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m., place to be announced.

Altar Guild: Leah Nichiporuk heads up the Altar Guild and sees that all the linens are beautifully washed, pressed and ready for each service, all candles and flowers are in place, etc. If you are interested in the altar work, please see Leah and she will guide you. Thanks to all who serve on the Altar Guild and a special thank you Nick and Patty Forenz for the candles.

Green Meadows: (Emeritus): The second Thursday of each month Sandy does a Communion service for the residents. The residents love it and usually 25-35 turn out to sing and hear Sandy preach. If anyone is interested in going with Sandy, you are welcome.

Buildings and Grounds: Jim Grillo read a report prepared by Nick Forenz. The Renovation Project is completed and the outside entry-way project will start in the spring. The electric entrance panel was upgraded by Pelham Electric so we can now hook up the 2nd air conditioner in the Flora Keeler Room and have capacity for additional circuits. We have a shed to sell for \$2,500.00 and our new shed (10'x18'x 12") high structure is located on the North end of the church, nestled in the corner between the church and the fence. Jim and Linda Grillo mow and care for the landscaping of the shrubs, Bob Hunn maintains the sidewalks, Richard Frey takes out the garbage, and Dorie Lundy sees that flowers are in the urns. Bob Hunn had Mercury Aircraft build us a new cross for the top of the church. Many other volunteers do so much to maintain and keep our church in good condition. (continued on page 4)

ST. JAMES' CHURCH

"HELPING HANDS"

YOUTH GROUP

SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

5:00 - 6:30 P.M.

Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, and beverage.

COME, BE OUR GUESTS, AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!

Annual Meeting, continued) Future projects are installation of a new elevator-lift, railing or grab bar from the Sacristy to the Chancel, purchase of an AED, repair of the handicapped entrance door and sidewalk, work with the Village of Hammondsport to remove the tree that buckles the sidewalk on the East side of the church. Many, many thanks to everyone and especially to Nick.

Priest's Report: Our total attendance was 5,084, average attendance 70; 14 new people; 9 people moved away and 2 died; 212 private communions; 3 weddings; 7 baptisms; and 4 funerals.

Thank you for your love, energy, willingness to help, concern for others, your love of God and offering of thousands of prayers. We look forward to a wonderful new year

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	Charles	Marion
Lee	Mary	Jessica	Julie
Bill	Marie	Lillian	Barbara
Michele	Arlene	Maria	Crocker
Bob	Marilyn	Eva	Arlene
Harry	Tim	Zack	Eileen
Sue	Bruce	Nancy	Carolyn
Richard	Lisa	Jean	George
David	Louise		

The Church of Kisima in Kenya-Those who suffer from addictions-Those who serve in the military

CONGRATULATIONS!

Stephanie Wilson was recently appointed to the American Library Association/Association for Library Services to Children, Notable Children's Book committee, 2012-2014. This prestigious 10 member committee is appointed by the Association's president.

Colden Thompson won first place in the poster contest held by The Steuben Marketing Task Force on Underage Drinking. Colden is a 7th grade student at Haverling Middle School. His design was placed on a T-shirt and each of his classmates received a shirt.

SPAGHETTI AND LASAGNA DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS!

Our dinner was well attended and well received by the public. We served over 100 dinners and there were many compliments to the chefs! Thank you to Floyd and Nancy French for organizing the dinner and for their cooking. Thank you also to Jim Grillo and Nancy Torp for the lasagna. Thanks also to the many people who worked serving, cleaning up, and donating desserts. Thank you also to Park View Wine and Spirits for their generous donation of the wine. We made a profit of over \$930.

Church Greening

The church, as always, was beautifully decorated for Christmas this year. This does not happen all by itself. Many helpful hands go into the process. A special thank you to Nancy and Floyd French who made all the window boughs and decorations for the cast iron candle holders. Thank you to all who helped put up the decorations and to those who helped remove them afterward.

Thank You St. James

What we do as mission is appreciated!

We received a thank you from the Department of Veteran Affairs for the donation of 259 pairs of white crew socks. This is a yearly mission that we undertake in memory of long-time VA volunteers Paul and Jane Aeschbacher.

The Friends of Hospice 2011 and the Board of Directors and staff of Southern Tier Hospice and Palliative Care thank us for our donations of \$200.

The Rt. Rev. J. Zache Duracin thanks us for our donation of \$130 toward the rebuilding of the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Haiti.

Episcopal Relief & Development thanks us for our contribution of \$200. This gift was designated for the Global Needs Fund which allows them to direct it to where it is needed the most.

Habitat for Humanity thanks us for our donation of \$100. It will be used toward the house they are currently building in Corning, NY.

St. Paul's Church in Owego thanks us for our donation of \$1,000 to help with their flood relief efforts.

Billy Graham Evangelistic Association thanks us for our donation of \$100.

Family Life thanks us for our donation of \$100.

A Letter from Dennise - the child we sponsor in Ecuador

Dear Sponsors,

I greet you cordially. I hope that you and your family are in good health. I want to tell you that I will go to spend a couple of days in the countryside; there I will visit my dad. I finished the school year with success. I passed the 11th grade. I help my mom with the chores. I like to play with my brothers and cousins. Thank you for the benefits I receive from you, especially the pair of pants. I say good-bye praying God bless you and your family.

Dennise Carolina Carrillo Garcia

LENTEN PROGRAM

LENT begins on February 22 - **ASH WEDNESDAY**. St. James' will hold three services that day:

7:00 AM - Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

12:00 noon - Ecumenical Service with Imposition of Ashes (no
Communion)

7:00 PM - Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

We will continue the **ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE AND LUNCHEON** program again this year. All services begin at 12:00 noon and are followed by a simple luncheon.

Feb. 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY - St. James' -- Preaching - The Rev. Sandra Curtis

Feb. 29 - St. Gabriel's -- Preaching - The Rev. Gary Edmister

March 7-Methodist Church--Preaching-Pastor Don Peek

March 14-Presbyterian Church--Preaching-Pastor Howard Armstrong

March 21-St. James'--Preaching-The Rev. David LaFortune

March 28-St. Gabriel's--Preaching-The Rev. Paul Rowley

April 6-GOOD FRIDAY-St. James'-----The Way of the Cross

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
January 29	J. Grillo	C. Skinner	Co. VanHouten C. Bidwell	P. Manikas C. Manikas
February 5	L. Nichiporuk	H. Matthews	B. Torp A. Edmister	B. Randolph T. Randolph
February 12	C. Skinner	Co. VanHouten	D. Erway S. Wilson	N. Forenz P. Forenz
February 19	Co. VanHouten	L. Nichiporuk	M. Sampson K. Packard	D. Burch B. Frey
February 22 Ash Wed	Ce. VanHouten	C. Skinner	Ce. VanHouten M. White	J. Grillo L. Grillo
February 29	M. White	J. Grillo	J. Grillo Co. VanHouten	W. Barney D. Barney
March 4	J. Grillo	H. Matthews	C. Bidwell K. Packard	T. Packard K. Packard
March 11	L. Nichiporuk	Co. VanHouten	B. Torp A. Edmister	N. Forenz P. Forenz
March 18	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	D. Erway S. Wilson	D. Burch B. Frey
March 25	Co. VanHouten	C. Skinner	M. Sampson A. Edmister	J. Grillo L. Grillo

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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: Leah Nichiporuk - first year, James Grillo - second year

Vestry: Tom Noteware, Betty Frey, Karen Derr - 1st year

Floyd French, Jan Smith, Donella Barney - 2nd year

Ted Dykas, Pete Manikas, Nick Forenz - 3rd year

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

Clerk of the Vestry: Betty Frey

Treasurer: Karen Derr

Pledge Clerk: Donella Barney

Choir Director and Organist: Elenor Boutwell

Christian Education: Lin Bretherton

Youth Group: Gladys Palmer

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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