

From St. James' with Love

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From Mother C

I have been getting inquiries from people with regard to our search process for a new priest. The process was announced, and we all know it has begun, but I have to remind you that calling a new priest is normally a very long process. Some churches have been in the process as long as two or three years; let us hope that that is not the case with us.

One thing that we must remember is to be present and stand behind our calling committee. Keep them and their work in your prayers. Be visible and let them know that you are supportive of their work. They will be interviewing candidates, and they have decided that whoever they interview, you also will have an opportunity to meet. That information will be announced as it becomes available. We do not know who our new priest will be, but pray for that person. I have no doubt that God will answer your prayer.

What do we do in the mean time while we wait? The life and work of the church must continue while we wait. We have been blessed in our life together, and God continues to bless us. Look at our new Youth Group, the young people who are our new Acolytes, our active Sunday School, just to name a few. And, we still have building projects to complete. Right now we are in the process of installing a new accessibility elevator-lift. We hope to complete the new entrance to the downstairs and install the last rank of pipes for the organ before the end of the year. Life goes on!

We are a little church on the corner of Lake and Main in Hammondsport, but we are strong and vibrant. Let us maintain our programs and continue to invite others to join us, to grow and flourish. We have made our covenant with God, and he has taken good care of us. We need to trust the Lord to continue to bless us. We need to remain faithful to our promises to God, and God will remain faithful to us. May our worship, our music, our words and our actions praise him. We are full of life, and that is what we want to hand over to our new priest, so God's work can continue here. Let us all be responsible to keep St. James' strong. Let us continue our life here, keeping our word with God - maintaining our faithfulness as we wait upon the Lord to send a new priest.

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

Linda	Gary	Cecil	Tim
Patsy	Ruth	Josie	Gene
Nita	Roxie	Sharon	Scott
Ted	The Howard Family	Teralin	Doug
Kali	Jim	John	Lori
Curtis	Georgia	Peter	Greg
Melissa	Colin	Charles	Marion
Lee	Mary	Dorie	Julie
Bill	Marie	Lillian	Jordan
Michele	Arlene	Maria	Claire
Bob	Marilyn	Eva	Carolyn
Harry	Tim	Zack	George
Sue	Bruce	Nancy	
Richard	Lisa	Jean	
David	Louise		

The Church of Kisima in Kenya-Those who suffer from addictions-Those who serve in the military especially Vance, Zac, Lael, and Grayson

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Emma Thompson** for making the High Honor Roll at the Dana Lyon School.

Congratulations to **Colden Thompson** for making the 7th Grade Honor Roll at Haverling.

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Herrick** for making the High Honor Roll at Haverling and for her role of Splurge Attendant in "Bugsy Malone" at Haverling.

Congratulations to **Britney Herrick** for making the Honor Roll at Haverling.

MANY THANKS!

Thank you to **Bob Hunn** for donating the new cross for the top of the church.

Thank you to the **Hammondsport Fire Department** for removing the damaged cross and installing the new cross.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES AND LUNCHEONS

All services begin at 12:00 noon and are followed by a simple luncheon

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

Youth Group News

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER RAISES MONEY TO HELP FUND A WELL IN KONGOGO, TANZANIA

Kongogo is a Tanzanian Village with 6000 people, 4000 cows and goats, and no source of clean water. The Southeast District of our Diocese has adopted *Water4Kongogo* as the outreach initiative for 2012. The goal is to provide the village with a well that will give the people a long-term source of fresh water. It is a gift that will change people's lives. Our youth group, headed by Gladys Palmer, has taken on this project.

The Youth Group put on a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for the congregation. They did not charge for the supper, but did accept donations that they would put toward the project. To everyone's amazement \$403 was raised and donated toward the well project. Thank you to our youth and their leader, plus all the other people who aided the project by working in the kitchen, donating ingredients, and being so generous with their cash donations. A great effort and a worthy result.

YOUTH GROUP VISITS TAYLOR CENTER

On March 4th the Youth Group will visit the Fred and Harriet Taylor Center to bring yummy treats and some company to residents there. They will spend from 10:15 till 11:30 visiting with several residents in a room set aside for their use. Our youth will bring cookies that they have baked at home for the residents they are visiting and will also leave each nurses station a cookie tray to be shared with other residents.

FEBRUARY VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Appointed Esther Kowulich-Covell for a one-year term, replacing Jan Smith.
- Jim Grillo, chair, and the audit committee will prepare Audit Report.
- Interest of \$6574.46 from our CSs will be placed in the endowment fund to repay money we had to borrow for the general fund.
- Interest of \$135.89 will also be used to repay money borrowed for the general fund.
- Adopted the Diocese of Rochester Policies for Developing Safer Churches and Responding to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct as the policies and proceedings of this congregation.
- Voted to send \$294.00 to our adopted child, Dennise, to be used for her schooling, medical, ect.
- Voted to send \$200.00 to the Hammondsport United Methodist Church for the 2012 Ecumenical Daily Vacation Bible School.
- Voted to donate \$150.00 to the Hammondsport Fire Department.

Daylight Savings Time Starts March 11 Remember to “Spring” Ahead!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April-Holy Week and Easter
- May-Smorgasbord
- August-Rummage Sale
- November-Bake Sale and Bazaar, Apple Pie Day
- December-Angel Tree

Easter Flowers

_____In memory of _____In thanksgiving for (please check)

names: _____

From: _____ Amt. enclosed _____

Please return to the church by April 1st. You may mail it in or place it in the offering plate.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
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
April 1 Palm Sunday	Ce. VanHouten	J. Grillo	Ce. VanHouten M. White	W. Barney D. Barney
April 5 Maundy Thurs		Co. VanHouten	J. Grillo Co. VanHouten	
April 6 Good Friday		L. Nichiporuk	W. Torp K. Packard	
April 7 Easter Vigil		C. Skinner	A. Edmister S. Wilson M. White Co. VanHouten Ce. VanHouten	M. White A. Edmister
April 8 Easter	M. White	J. Grillo	D. Erway A. Edmister	N.Forenz P. Forenz
April 15	J. Grillo	H. Matthews	M.Sampson S. Wilson	D.Burch B. Frey
April 22	L. Nichiporuk	Co. VanHouten	Ce. VanHouten M. White	J.Grillo L. Grillo
April 29	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo Co. VanHouten	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: Leah Nichiporuk - first year, James Grillo - second year

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

Floyd French, Esther Kowulich-Covell, 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

Alternate Delegate to Convention: Leah Nichiporuk

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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