

From St. James' with Love

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From Mother C

I was out working in my yard early Friday morning. Being a recycle type, I decided I have to do something with all the extra stones on the property. The larger ones are used for a wall around the woodland garden I am starting. I am beginning to construct a cobblestone wall around my garden, and I have a stone path through the garden, but what should I do with all the smaller flat stones. I have decided to take the flat stones and build little walls to define specific areas. This morning, I put stones in place in a long wall around the blueberry bushes in the side yard. I shall build a low wall to define that area.

My inspiration comes from a friend of mine who has built with stone all over the property. There are little stone fences and walls in all kinds of interesting places on her property. Her husband gets to haul all the stones, and she gets to build. The stones come from everywhere on their property, as well as some from friends, and some from "stone hunts". She built a cobblestone wall over under the pine trees - a great place to take a book and relax in the quiet and beauty of an outside sanctuary set on a bed of pine needles. You can sit on stones or on a log - or on the pine needle floor. There are flat stone walls that define specific areas. There is a beautiful stone patio and a magnificent stone table. I admire all her creativity with common, ordinary stones. The beauty that has been created with the stones is amazing. The property is truly a place of wonder and peace.

Building with stones is interesting. There is the decision making, the hauling and the building. But, whatever you do, and however you do it, you lay one stone at a time. With each stone, a decision has to be made. Each one has to be placed to fit a specific space and link with the other stones. If you are careless at any specific point, the wall can fall down.

That is exactly how it is to live a life in Christ. Every day is filled with decisions. Every day new thoughts, ideas and circumstances are brought into our lives. Each day we have to decide what we will do, what decision we will make, what we will say, or how we will handle a particular situation - things like:

I have been hurt; how will I handle it? I have a chance to take that and no one will know; what will I do? My friends want me to join them, and I know it is not a good situation; should I go? Those people are mean; should I be happy at their misfortune now? Should I go to church and worship the Lord today? I can bypass that and save some money, but it is not really honest; will I do it? A little lie won't hurt, will it?

What we do with each rock is important. Jesus would have us make the right decision and build a strong wall.

What will you do with your daily stones - those ordinary decisions of our lives? Stone walls are built one stone at a time. And slowly, decision by decision, a life in Christ is built.

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

Darlene	Gary	Cecil	Diane
Patsy	Ruth	Josie	Gene
Nita	Roxie	Jean	George
Ted	The Howard Family	Teralin	Doug
Barb	Jim	John	Kathy
Don	Georgia	Peter	Bob
Cliff	Harriet	Charles	Marion
Debbie	Lisa	Pat	Julie
Bill	Marie	Joe	Jordan
Michele	Arlene	Maria	Stephanie
Ben	Marilyn	Eva	Colette
Harry	Tim	Zack	Dick
Sue	Bruce	Richard	Walter
Walter	Blanche	Rosa	Mary
Tom			

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

Altar Flowers

We always have such lovely flowers on our altar. They can be placed there in memorial to someone, or they can be placed there as a thanksgiving for a special event such as a birthday, an anniversary, or as a general celebration of life. If you have someone you want to purchase flowers in memory of, or an event you want celebrated with flowers, contact Mother C. to see if the date you want is available. The cost per date is only \$25.

If you want to place flowers on the altar for Christmas in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one, flower envelopes for that purpose will be sent out in the Christmas Letter that you will receive in late November or early December. Please print names clearly so that they will be correctly spelled in the Christmas Bulletin.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO PLEDGE TO ST. JAMES' THIS YEAR PLEASE RETURN
YOUR SIGNED PLEDGE CARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON

November 3rd
9:00am-3:30pm

White Elephant Table
Christmas Decorations & Crafts
Knitted, Crocheted and Needlework items.
Table Runners, Placemats,
Fleece Throws, Handmade Soaps, Baked Goods,
Jams, Pickles,

Luncheon from 11:00am-1:30pm
Featuring Clam Chowder with Homemade Bread,
Soup and Sandwich, Chili, Assorted Sandwiches
and Beverages

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 3rd: Annual Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon**
- **November 15th: Church Ladies' Breakfast-Savona Diner-9:30am**
- **November 17th: Apple Pie Day**
- **November 18th: Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service-St. Gabriel's Church-7pm**
- **December 2nd: Angel Tree Sunday with dish to pass Brunch**
- **December 23rd: Greening of the Church following Sunday Service**
- **December 24th: Anthems and Carols-8:30pm, Christmas Eve Service-9:00pm**
- **January: Italian Dinner**
- **January 20: Annual Meeting**
- **February: Shrove Tuesday Dinner by Youth Group**

SOCKS FOR THE VA

For many years the late Paul and Jane Aeschbacher volunteered countless hours of their time at the VA in Bath. In their memory we have for many years collected white crew athletic socks to give to the veterans who live at the VA, many of them who have no family to give them Christmas gifts. These socks make a practical gift that are very much appreciated. If you would like to participate, there will be a basket at the back of the church where you may place packages of these socks. Let's see how many we can collect this year!

A HUGE THANK YOU!!!!

A huge thank you to Nancy French for the very successful Chicken and Biscuit Dinner!! The dinner earned St. James' \$364. Thank you also to all the people who donated food, helped in the kitchen, served food, bussed tables, washed dishes, and otherwise worked hard to ensure the success of the dinner.

Vestry Highlights from September

- Put the \$535 from the Rummage Sale into Debt Replacement Fund.
- Gladys Palmer has agreed to write Stewardship letter this fall.
- We received a letter from the Taylor Foundation stating that we would not be receiving any grant in response to our request for money to be used for air conditioning the upstairs.
- We are checking on the cost of gutter covers.
- Mike Kubrich has finished the new elevator project with the exception of a few touch-up jobs. Thank you Mike!
- The railings on the Undercroft entrance will be finalized in a couple of weeks.
- Nick Forenz will take care of winterizing the church. Thank you Nick!
- As soon as the last rank of organ pipes arrive, Peckham and Son will set a date to install them.

- We will be hosting a breakfast the first week of October for the S.E. District Clergy, Bishop Singh, and the Bishop of Tanzania.
- We will be doing socks at Christmas time for the VA in memory of Paul and Jane Aeschbacher.
- Gladys Palmer is doing a wonderful job with the youth of St. James'. They will be taking a trip to Penn Yan to go through the corn maze. Becka Thompson has volunteered to be Gladys's assistant.
- The Harvest Festival dinner, put on by William Kingham will be held September 30. We thank William for his generosity in offering this wonderful event.
- Flowers for the altar have been provided through September by the parishioners, but we still need them for October and November.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to William Kingham and all the people who worked so hard to make the Harvest Dinner such a success. We had a wonderful meal and great fellowship as we celebrated a bounteous harvest.

A LETTER FROM OUR SPONSORED CHILD FROM ECUADOR

Dear Sponsors,

Hello, I greet you with affection. I hope you and your family are in good health. I finished 11th grade and I passed. I help my mother at home. I like to play with my siblings and my cousins. We're cheerful and funny. I like to go camping to the mountain. I like to play soccer and basketball in the park. Thanks for the benefits received, especially for my birthday present, which I like a lot. I hope you're fine. I wish you happiness. Goodbye, all my love,

Dennise Carolina Carrillo Garcia

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK AT OUR ANNUAL APPLE PIE SALE, PLEASE SIGN UP WITH MARY WHITE. YOU WILL HAVE A DAY OF APPLES, FLOUR, AND FELLOWSHIP WITH A GOOD LUNCH AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAMPLE AN APPLE PIE! WHO COULD ASK FOR MORE?!

ST. JAMES' ANNUAL APPLE PIE SALE

**ORDER HOME MADE APPLE PIES
READY TO BAKE OR TO FREEZE FOR LATER BAKING**

\$8.00

PHONE 368-3224 TO ORDER

**PIES MUST BE PICKED UP NOVEMBER 17TH
BETWEEN 10AM AND 2PM**

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
November 4	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	W. Torp K. Packard	J. Grillo L. Grillo
November 11	Co. VanHouten	C. Skinner	L. Graulich A. Edmister	T. Packard B. Frey
November 18	M. White	J. Grillo	S. Wilson D. Erway	W. Barney D. Barney
November 25	Ce. VanHouten	Co. VanHouten	Ce. VanHouten M. White	J. Piersons M. Piersons
December 2	J. Grillo	N. Forenz	J. Grillo Co. VanHouten	P. Manikas C. Manikas
December 9	N. Forenz	L. Nichiporuk	W. Torp K. Packard	M. White A. Edmister
December 16	L. Nichiporuk	C. Skinner	L. Graulich A. Edmister	N. Forenz P. Forenz
December 23	C. Skinner	J. Grillo	S. Wilson D. Erway	T. Packard B. Frey
December 24	Co. VanHouten	N. Forenz	Ce. VanHouten M. White	J. Grillo L. Grillo
December 30	M. White	Co. VanHouten	J. Grillo Co. VanHouten	WI Barney D. Barney
January 6	Ce. VanHouten	L. Nichiporuk	W. Torp K. Packard	J. Piersons M. Piersons
January 13	J. Grillo	C. Skinner	L. Graulich A. Edmister	N. Forenz P. Forenz
January 20	N. Forenz	J. Grillo	S. Wilson D. Erway	M. White A. Edmister
January 27	L. Nichiporuk	Co. VanHouten	Ce. VanHouten M. White	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, 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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