

From St. James' with Love

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From the Rector's Corner

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

To all God's beloved who are called to be saints:

Whew – I have been blessed by the love that has surrounded my arrival. You have all been great, showing me the way, asking if I need anything, making sure you remind me of your name, introducing me to the people of Hammondsport. I have been blessed by seeing how you care for each other, how you reach out when there is a need, and how you have let me know when I need to pay someone a visit. I have been blessed in being called to serve you as Rector. Thank you.

The first month has come and gone, and with the changing of the seasons, both liturgically, and earthly, one thing remains clear; together we will continue the everlasting work of the kingdom. The works and deeds that the saints of St. James' have been conducting for more than 180 years continue to bless the people of Hammondsport, and people around the world. It is amazing to me that with all the transitions we have managed to remain faithful. Not only faithful, but have flourished, and are ready to embark on a new era.

Since June 1st we have been in Easter season, Pentecost, the Trinity, and have embarked on the green season of Discipleship. In these few short weeks we have continued weekly Sunday School and Bible Study, the choir sings every Sunday, every Sunday God is worshipped and glorified. The Mission Committee has dispersed new grants, and the Food Pantry is in the process of obtaining their own 501.c.3 status, and we participated in a First Friday Service. The Women's group met as usual, and several of us are involved in Vacation Bible School. We have hosted a funeral, and will be celebrating a Baptism on Sunday.

Over the past month the Lectionary Readings seem to have coincided with what has been happening within St. James, and within many of our lives. Change. Transition. New life. The movement of the Spirit. And this past Sunday I ended with the above quote from the prophet Micah. When all is said and done, our work as faithful disciples is to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." We know the ways in which that can be challenging, and we know the ways that we as individuals and as a community do that very well.

Summer always brings a mixture of excitement along with a hazy lazy energy. Family comes into town, or we have the opportunity to go and visit with family. It is the season of swimming, and fishing, and biking, and hiking, afternoons in a hammock, picnics and fireworks. Just as the Church steps into Ordinary Time we seem to take a step out of our usual rhythm. Who knows what the next year will hold for any one of us? What we do know, is with all the changes and transitions, beginnings and endings, firsts and lasts, and long summer nights we are also invited into the mystery. I invite you to pause from time to time this summer, wherever you may be. Pause and give thanks for the many blessings in your life. Pause and look around at the beauty of creation. Take a break for a moment and just laugh. God is at work in our lives. Thanks be to God!

With love,
Lynne+

Prayer List

Ted	Michele	Bill	Sue
Gary	Ruth	The Howard Family	Harriet
Arlene	Tim	Cecil	Fred
Eva	Zack	Doug	Cathy
Hillary	Marion	Tom	Jordan
Jim	Dick	Walter	Sharon
Karen	Bonnie	Lois	Jesse
Theresa	Elva	Shaleen	Luke
Annette	Donald	Bill	Matthew
Michaela	Joanne	Susan	Sam
Dave	Jerry	Dick	Ken
Linda	Peter	Georgia	Ethel
Daniel	Sara	Betty	Dick
Jim	Gary	Ruth	Anissa
Patty	Frankie Joe	Grace	Joe
Austin			

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

Prayer Alert Ministry Reminder

A new addition to what we already do is the Prayer Alert Ministry. It will operate similarly to prayer chains and phone chains that many churches have. We will use email and BCC group mailing to quickly get the word out to our prayer warriors. Kris Packard, with the help of Tom Bidwell is taking on the task of heading this ministry. If you know of a need for prayers or want to make an update on people we are currently praying for then you may contact the ministry via email at stjames14840.prayer@gmail.com

Every third Sunday we will have soup and bread at coffee hour. Be sure to join us.

Ladies Breakfast will be at the Wagner in PY on July 17.

Getting in Contact with Rev. Lynne

While I'm still getting my calendar arranged, which may well take the rest of my life, please know that you can always get in touch with me. I have Office Hours Monday through Thursday 9:00 to 4:30, but am often "visiting" during those hours, so please call ahead for an appointment. You can call the church office at 607-569-2647 and I will return your call during the above stated office hours. My usual day off is Friday. In a pastoral emergency call the church office and you will be directed to my cell phone. Please remember that I do not have my cell phone on while I am in a meeting or "visiting" but will get back to you as soon as possible. You can always email me at RectorStJames14840@gmail.com and I will respond during Office Hours. I welcome the opportunity to get to know each and every one of you. Please do give me a call if you would like to set up a time to meet.

Summer Musicians

Summer is a time to join the Choir without a long-term commitment, or to sing a solo (or duet), or to share your gifts with another musical instrument. If you would like to participate in the summer music (no vestments required, and you can sit with you family), please speak with Ellie.

Episcopal Night at Frontier Field

July 26th at 6:05 you can join hundreds of other Episcopalians for a baseball game, and enjoy the RPO and fireworks. Sign-up is in the Parish Hall, and the deadline for registration is **Sunday, July 13th.**

Acolyte Training

We have seen our youth serving as Acolytes for the past few weeks, and look forward to welcoming more as they are able to serve. We will host an Acolyte training in the fall for all youth in the 4th grade or older. If you are interested in serving, or in the training, contact Rev. Lynne.

Confirmation Classes for Youth and Adults

Confirmation Classes for youth in the 7th grade and older will begin in the Fall. We will also be holding a series of classes for adults who wish to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church. If you would like more information about either the Youth or Adult classes, please contact Rev. Lynne.

Food Basket – by Nancy Torp

The Food Stamp Program has suffered serious losses since Congress drastically cut the FSP budget. We need to help fill in this gap locally so ALL H'port residents will be healthy, not hungry.

Rev. Lynne announced on Sunday that our food basket, which currently sits in the back of the Church, will be brought up front as an offering to God. We need to keep it filled!

It's difficult sometimes to remember on Sunday morning to put out a can of food to donate. So, put it out the night before near your offering envelopes to remember to bring the donation. If you miss a week, don't worry about it. You can always make a double donation the next Sunday!

Remember the good you will do by simply providing a can of food. It's amazing.

Mission Meeting

The Mission Committee recommended, and the Vestry approved the following disbursements:

Steuben Senior Services Fund : \$250 for postage for newsletter

Methodist Church : \$100 for Thanksgiving dinners for shut-ins

Two families in H'port School District :for expenses associated with medical treatment, \$500 each

Camp Good Days: \$1000 for flood damage

Yates County Endowment : \$1000 for flood damage pending appropriate oversight

Fresh Air Fund -by Nancy Torp

There's still time to become an underprivileged child's mentor and friend, and give in the way that Christ wants us to live. That's by becoming a Fresh Air Sponsor.

The Fresh Air Program has been around since 1877. The children, both boys and girls, are 6 to 12 yrs. old and stay for one or two weeks. If they are "re-Invited" by you, they can stay as long as you like. They are fully screened as are the hosting families. You get to choose which gender and age you want to host.

Currently, there are over **700 children** waiting for a host family. Won't you help these children? You can be a senior, single, have other children or not: all you really need is a loving heart. If you are interested, please call Rachel Beiler at 243-8950. You won't regret it, as Esther Covell and Nancy Torp can assure you!!

Internet at St. James

If your smartphone is letting you know there is a wifi network available at St. James, it is true! Contact any Vestry member or the Rector for the password.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
July 6	N. Forenz	C. VanHouten	C. Torp C. VanHouten	J. Piersos M. Piersons
July 13	C. VanHouten	J. Grillo	L. Graulich J. Grillo	P. Manikas C. Manikas
July 20	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	K. Packard A. Edmister	M. White T. Packard
July 27	M. White	C. Skinner	W.Torp C. VanHouten	N. Forenz P. Forenz
August 3	L. Nichiporuk	M. White	L.Graulich J. Grillo	W. Barney D. Barney
August 10	C.Skinner	N. Forenz	K.Packard A. Edmister	J. Grillo L. Grillo
August 17	N. Forenz	C. VanHouten	W.Torp C. VanHouten	J. Piersons M. Piersons
August 24	C. VanHouten	J. Grillo	L.Graulich J. Grillo	P. Manikas C. Manikas
August 31	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	K.Packard A. Edmister	M.White T. Packard

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HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

The Reverend Lynne Sharp

Vestry and Delegates to Convention

Wardens: Leah Nichiporuk , James Grillo

Vestry: Terry Channing, Betty Frey, Karen Derr, Charles Skinner,
Mary White, Esther Kowulich-Covell, Donella Barney, Pete Manikas, Nick Forenz

Delegates to Convention: Betty Frey, Gladys Palmer ,Charles Skinner

Alternate Delegate to Convention: Luanne Graulich

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

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