

From St. James' with Love

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From the Rector's Corner

The word is near you on your lips and in your heart. Romans 10:8

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

As I am sitting here in the Rector's Office, listening to the reverberation of the pedal pipes as they are being installed, along with the street construction at our corner, wondering if the water is still gushing from the hydrant, and therefore no water is running in our building, I stopped for a moment to ponder some of the wonderful and mysterious ways that God has been working in and around St James this summer.

You can read more about the activities for youth and children, the fact that we have Sunday School 52 weeks every year, or what we learned at VBS, or what fun we had at Frontier Field. You might wonder how you can help with the Youth sleep-over on Labor Day weekend, or about this year's Youth Group and Confirmation preparation.

Maybe you will catch a glimpse of God at work in the ramp we helped to build, or the behind-the-scenes clean up and organization of our records. Or sit in awe at the mighty works of our weekly contributions to the Food Pantry, the organ project, and the Rummage Sale. Maybe you find the voice of God in our weekly Bible Study, working our way through Genesis.

Maybe you experienced the presence of God as we said goodbye to Richard "Dick" Hutcheson, or as we welcomed the newest member, Dorie Anne Emmick, to our fold. Or maybe you felt the joy, wonder, and deep respect at our very soggy BBQ-Bonfire.

No matter how you spent your summer, and anticipate this autumn, I hope you will join us at St James to feel the love of God, share the Gospel, and join in the joy of this shared community.

Peace,
Lynne +

Safe Church & Keys

We are aware that many many people have keys, and we know that people, at times, loan their keys to trusted friends, or their keys get misplaced. At the same want our church to be a safe place, and we want all people who have keys to be aware of the safety of the people in the building, and to maintain the trust that has been given to us as members of this parish. In the fall we will be changing the locks, and starting a list of who has keys. In order to get a key you need to complete the Diocesan "Safe Church" online training. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall, and Nick would welcome the opportunity to register you to complete the training. If you have questions about the keys, or the training, please feel free to contact Rev Lynne at 569-2647

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
Muriel	Elva	Shaleen	Luke
Annette	Donald	Bill	Matthew
Michaela	Joanne	Susan	Sam
Dave	Jerry	Dick	Ken
Linda	Peter	Georgia	Ethel
Daniel	Sara	Betty	Edward
Jim	Gary	Ruth	Anissa
Patty	Evelyn	Grace	Joe
Austin	Fred		

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

Children and Youth

Helping Hands **“Sleepover at the Church”** takes place **Saturday, August 30th** to Sunday morning August 31st. We will gather around 4 pm, having a taco bar for dinner, crafts, music, worship, and end with movie night! In the morning the youth will prepare brunch for coffee hour. We could use your help. Needed are prayers, snacks, arts & crafts items, and financial support. Just call Gladys to get an update on what is needed.

Several of our children, several of our youth, and several of our adults participated in the Hammond-sport Vacation Bible School this summer. The theme was Workshop of Wonders (WOW) looking at ways in which God takes the “ordinary” and makes it “extraordinary.” The music, stories, and arts and crafts all helped to look at the many WOW moments in our lives. Stay tuned for other Hammond-sport-wide youth activities planned for this fall-winter.

We join several hundred Episcopalians for a night at Frontier Field. It only rained a little (that seems to be a theme for this summer) and enjoyed the rainbow that later covered the field. “We won!” my grandson shouted at the bottom of the 9th – true! The final score was 1-0. Blessings on Gladys Palmer who brought three youth for this evening of baseball, community, food, RPO and fireworks. Join us every Sunday morning, week in and week out, for Sunday School. All ages welcome!

BBQ & Bonfire

The invitation noted, "rain or shine," and my phone had a "Severe Weather Alert - flash flooding, seek higher ground" notice when I got home, but by then the sky was starting to clear. Many thanks to Pete and Connie Manikas for opening their home in unexpected ways to welcome drenched visitors bearing salads, desserts, meats, and drinks. We gathered under a tent for the Order of Service, which was difficult to hear over the thunder and pouring rain. And the amazing fire-keeper Pete led the way to the roaring fire as we burned our tattered flags and worn Bibles. Afterwards we gathered inside, taking off our dripping shoes and coats, and shared a delicious meal, laughter, and fellowship. If you didn't have the chance to go, ask your friend who did. We had a wonderful time!

Rummage

We give thanks to Reagan Luppino who sold lemonade and cupcakes at the rummage sale, raising \$37.00, and to the many people who donated, sorted, marked, cleaned, volunteered on the cold and gloomy Friday and Saturday, and the people who shopped, bring our total to \$830.60 for the 2014 Rummage Sale!

Bible Study

There are a variety of opinions about Bible Study groups based on past experiences. Many experiences have been positive, however some were not. Because I've been involved with studies quite a bit, I can honestly say that I've suffered through some and looked forward to others. Having said this, I look forward to Monday afternoon Bible study. I enjoy reading passages in Scripture and discussing what they reveal, theologically, culturally, socially and personally. The Bible is not simply a book about rules and regulations as interpreted by the Church. It is a living document that can speak to us where we are. Understanding that we are not required to have an advanced degree to read and understand Scripture is empowering. If you are interested in learning about our faith in an open discussion, come on down. Everyone is invited and welcome. --Pastor Gary

Fred and Harriet Taylor Grant

Thanks be to God! We received \$6000 this year to do more exterior work around the church, and the funds from last year that were not used for air conditioning in the sanctuary were repurposed. Look around the outside of the church and you will notice new gutters and gutter helmets. We give thanks for the generosity that helps us maintain our beautiful building and grounds.

Welcome and Farewell

On July 6th we welcomed in Holy Baptism baby Dorie Anne Emmick.

Sadly, on August 8th we said farewell to Richard "Dick" Hutcheson, who passed away on August 1st surrounded by family at his lake home. Please keep Adrienne, and their family, in your prayers. Many people commented at Dick's funeral that it was a beautiful service, and reminded them so much of Dick. Dick and Adrienne took the time a number of years ago to plan their service, as have some other members of St James. It is a lovely gift for your family to know exactly what you want when the time comes. If you would like to update your plans, or create a plan, contact Rev Lynne at 569-2647.

Joseph's Hammer

Several weeks ago we put out a request for an extended member of our congregation who needed a ramp. Thanks to Joseph's Hammer and your generosity, Austin and Shiann's dad was able to return home to complete his rehab. We raised the requested \$800 to reunite this family, thank you!

Announcements

Prayer Lists – Did you know that St James has a Prayer Group that holds all prayer requests in confidence? Did you know that we seem to have duplicate names in the weekly bulletin, and we're not totally sure who they are, or why they are on the list? Please contact Rev Lynne with new requests, updates, and thanksgiving for prayers answered. Also contact Rev Lynne with names and addresses of our military so we can keep in touch. For all prayer concerns, contact Rev Lynne (569-2647).

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry – gives thanks for the weekly basket of food and other items. They would like to remind us that cleaning products, and hygiene products (toothpaste, deodorant...) are always needed as well as the food items.

Organ – the new pipes should be installed and the tuning completed soon! Look for an article in an upcoming newsletter about what was done, and what we will hear a result of this work.

Phone Tree – a small group is working on developing a phone tree to make sure important information such as weather-related closings, illnesses, and deaths, can get to every member as quickly as possible. We hope to have this up and running before Christmas.

Shredder – Many thanks to Karen Derr for sorting through past records and helping to update, consolidate, and eliminate old records. We produced 15 bags of shredded waste, not to mention the boxes of non-confidential material that was recycled.

Upcoming Dates

- The *Bazaar* will be October 25th (open to St James' parishioners on Oct 19th)
- *Bishop's Annual Visit and Confirmation* on December 13th (tentatively)
- *Spaghetti – Lasagna Dinner* on January 17th
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If you know of other upcoming dates, please contact Rev Lynne at 569-2647

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
Sept. 7	M. White	C. Skinner	W. Torp C. VanHouten	P. Forenz N. Forenz
Sept. 14	L. Nichiporuk	M. White	L. Graulich J. Grillo	D. Barney W. Barney
Sept. 21	C. Skinner	N. Forenz	K. Packard A. Edmister	L. Grillo J. Grillo
Sept. 28	N. Forenz	C. VanHouten	W. Torp C. VanHouten	J. Piersons M. Piersons
Oct. 5	C. VanHouten	J. Grillo	L. Graulich A. Edmister	C. Manikas P. Manikas
Oct. 12	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	K. Packard A. Edmister	M. White T. Packard
Oct. 19	M. White	C. Skinner	W. Torp C. VanHouten	P. Forenz N. Forenz
Oct. 26	L. Nichiporuk	M. White	L. Graulich J. Grillo	D. Barney W. Barney



Monday Bible Study



Episcopal Night at Frontier Field with our Youth



Hammondsport Vacation Bible School



The Bonfire



Weekly Contribution to Loaves & Fishes



Preparing for the Rummage Sale



Joseph's Hammer Ramp



Cleaning up our Records



Organ Pipes