

From St. James' with Love

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From the Rector's Corner

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. (2 Cor. 9:8)

If I had any doubt that the seasons are changing, the leaves falling faster than I can rake and the frost on my windshield has shattered any illusions of an extended balmy autumn. As we walk around the shops our senses are overwhelmed with a mixture of Halloween goblins, grinning turkeys wearing pilgrim hats, and, unbelievably, fully decorated Christmas trees. And so it will be with this newsletter as well, full of news from the past two months, and bursting with the gratitude and abundance of the seasons to come: All Saints' Day, Christ the King, Thanksgiving, Advent 1, and before you can blink three times, Christmas.

I do love this time of year; the feel in the air brings back memories of school days, trick or treats, holiday bazaars, hot chocolate, the first snowfall, family gatherings, seasonal hymns that I can't wait to sing so I hum them in the shower, parties, hot soup, and the mixture of hectic days and slower nights as we bundle up and dream of a warm fire. This time of year I think about stewardship – how God created everything in the heavens and the earth, and then gave them all into our care. I think about the many ministries of St James, and the many more ministries that each of you are involved with individually and as smaller groups. We have indeed been given very much, and freely share our gifts with others.

I hope you to savor the stories of our parish as you read this newsletter, and invite your ideas for the upcoming year.

As the season of darkness begins to enfold us bringing the hope of Christ's light, I invite you to join us at St James to feel the love of God, share the Gospel, and join in the welcome of this remarkable community.

Peace,
Lynne +

Installation

The Installation was amazing, and so are you! If you would like to hear the highlights and see the photos, pick up a copy of the CD Jerry created and enjoy the sights and sounds of this wonderful celebration. The CD's are free; however, any free-will donation will go to our Mission Committee for disbursement.

And once more I would like to offer my thanks to the many people who organized, volunteered, said "yes", participated, prayed, and all in all made sure that everyone was welcome and had a great time. I am simultaneously profoundly humbled and ridiculously pleased that you have called me to serve you.

Prayer List

Ted	Michele	Ben	Sue
Lori	Dylan	The Howard Family	Connie
Arlene	Barb	Cecil	Nancy
Eva	George	Doug	Donna
Peter	Marion	Angie	John
Bob	Kristin	Winnie	Michael
Sheryl	Bonnie	Ginny	Brenda
Muriel	Grace	Jim	Gary
Ruth	Anissa	Bill	Joe
Peter	Georgia	Betty	Jerry

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

Do you know that St. James has an email Prayer Group that holds all prayer requests in confidence? If you wish to add someone to the confidential list, or to add someone to the bulletin/newsletter list, or to offer updates, or thanksgiving for prayers answered, please contact Rev Lynne. Also contact Rev Lynne with names and addresses of our military so we can keep in touch

Christmas Flowers

A letter will be going out which will contain an envelope for you to use for the donation of money to be used for Christmas flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one. You may use that envelope or you may clip off the bottom of this page and return it in an envelope. The envelopes may be mailed to the church or returned in the collection plate.

Christmas Flowers

(Please print)

In Memory of --In Thanksgiving for (please circle)

Given by: _____ Amount enclosed _____

Please return to the church by December 21, either by mail or place in the offering plate.

Bazaar a Great Success

We raised more than \$2,000 and counting. A big thank you to Nancy and Floyd French and to all who contributed this year.

Apple Pie Sale

Calling all hands to help with our annual Pie Sale which will be held Nov. 22. Our goal is to sell 200 pies with ALL the proceeds to go to mission. If you are willing to help peel apples, roll dough, wrap pies, be a cashier, or make phone calls we can use you. Also solicit your family and friends to buy our ready to bake, homemade pies, \$8.00 each! They need to pick up the pies at St. James between the hours of 10am and 2pm.

Hammondsport Thanksgiving Service

St. James is pleased to host the community Thanksgiving Service this year on Sunday, Nov. 23rd at 7pm. Please invite your family and friends to join us for an evening of music and prayer. If you have suggestions, would like to be a reader, have a favorite piece of music would like to decorate the Sanctuary, or welcome our guests, please let Rev Lynne know.

Emeritus House

Parishioners Arlene Santus and Ruth Clark are residents of Emeritus house, a care facility in Gang Mills. They have requested that we reinstate the monthly service. Gladly, Ellie and Rev. Lynne have now gone twice to sing, offer service of the Word, and distribute Communion. We have had the opportunity to meet some other Episcopalians from Corning, Addison, and Branchport, as well as other Christians who enjoy the opportunity to sing and worship. On October 23rd, twenty-six people attended and eighteen received Communion. All appreciated the music, and the chance to participate in a worship service. Please join us if you can on Tuesday, November 25th and Thursday, December 18th at 2:30. In the new year we will resume meeting on the 4th Thursday at 2:30.

Children: Join us every Sunday morning, week in and week out, for Sunday School. All ages welcome!!

Book Group

The Book Group started reading **THE BIBLE-A Journey by Land Through the five Books of Moses** which is “Both a heart-racing adventure and an uplifting quest. **WALKING THE BIBLE** describes one man’s epic odyssey-by foot, jeep, rowboat and camel-through the greatest stories ever told. From crossing the Red Sea to climbing Mt. Sinai to touching the burning bush, Bruce Feiler’s inspiring journey will forever change your view to some of history’s most storied events.” We will be meeting *every other* Monday and our next meeting is Monday, Nov. 3rd at 6:30 where we will discuss the introduction and Chapter 1. Please join us on Monday Nov. 3rd, and 17th, and December 1st, 15th, and 29th. If you did not get a chance to order the book and would like to join in at home or with the group, contact Joanie Rogerson.

The Hammondsport Youth Group meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday from 3:30-5:00 All youth in 7th through 12th grade are welcome to join us at the Methodist Church for a new youth group. There will be food, games, music, and discussion. Based on the Young Life curriculum, the first two meetings have been a lot of fun! Want more information? Talk with Rev Lynne, or drop by and see for yourself.

Stewardship Season (Planned Giving)

Tis the season to give thanks for all we have received, as well as planning for the year ahead. In the next week you will receive a letter, along with a pledge card, inviting you to prayerfully consider the ways in which you can contribute your time, talents, and treasure to St. James. Ingathering Sunday will be on Christ the King, which is Sunday, Nov. 23. Select Vestry members will then meet to create a draft budget on December 3rd, and the Vestry will review, amend, and finalize the budget at the meeting on Wednesday, December 10th in preparation for the new year, and our Annual Meeting.

Diocesan Convention

Diocesan Convention is on Saturday, November 8th and our delegates: Charles Skinner, Gladys Palmer, and Luanne Graulich attended the final SE District meeting which gave us all the materials we need to prepare for the day. The Diocese has been addressing some difficult issues in the past year, such as stewardship of resources and restructuring of staff. The proposed budget is a balanced budget which focuses on increasing mission and decreasing administration costs, as well as decreasing the use of the endowments. St. James benefited this year from the \$500 youth grant which allows us to offer more activities for our youth, including Episcopal Night with the Redwings, and the overnight on Labor Day. Rev Lynne has been named to Diocesan Council, and Gladys Palmer to the Board of Creation Week Camp. We ask your prayers as your representatives give of their time and talent to the Diocese, which then benefits our parish.

New Locks – New 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 we all 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. We will be changing the locks in the next few weeks, and keeping a list of who has keys. In order to get a key you need to complete the Diocesan “Safe Church” online training. Let Nick know if you need assistance getting registered, or completing, the training.

Directory

We are in the process of compiling a new St James directory. You will receive a blank form with your pledge letter inviting you to include your address(es), phone number(s), email and you can opt to have all or none of the information included in the directory. We’d like to include a photo, so please email Rev Lynne a photo of you and your family (with names identifying everyone in the photo) to be included next to your entry. We hope to have the new directory, available to parishioners only, in January

Stove

We have a new stove! Although it looks different, it is also more fuel efficient and has a traditional and convection oven. The stove was christened at the Bazaar with Ted Dykas’ famous clam chowder. We are expecting a new backsplash, which is currently on back order, and look forward to enjoying many luncheons and dinners for generations to come.

CROP Walk

It was a chilly autumn afternoon that offered us the opportunity to walk together with other people of faith and witness our beliefs as we walked to address hunger in our community and in the US. We were grateful for the rest stop halfway round that offered water, and then again at the end where there was lemonade and cookies. Team St James raised an amazing \$915, and \$228.75 will go to Loaves and Fishes, as well as a portion of the canned goods that people donated at the beginning of the walk. I am proud of our youth who chose to walk, and even the youngest finished the entire course. Well done!

Socks for the VA

We at St. James have generously donated white sweat socks to the veterans for many years. We do this in the memory of Jane Aeschbacher, a long time member of St. James who, along with her husband Paul, put in countless hours volunteering at the VA prior to her death. When you are out shopping, please buy plain white sweat socks to help us with this worthy cause. Many of the veterans have no family to give them gifts on holidays and a gift of socks is well appreciated. Please put the socks in the box at the back of the church. Please have them there by the Sunday before Christmas.

Phone Tree

We have created and will be notifying you in the next few weeks about our new phone tree. We will use the tree only to make sure important information such as weather-related closings, and notices of illnesses, and deaths can get to every member as quickly as possible.

ANGEL TREE*

Sunday

December 7th

We will decorate

the Angel Tree in the

Undercroft by removing doves naming

items needed by the Food Pantry and putting

Angels on the tree in their place. All followed by

a dish-to-pass brunch after church. Bring a dish

to share and enjoy.

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Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in 30th Year

In 1984-85, St James' members Joan Smith, George and Barbara Brayer and James and Vera Van Vesseem, founded the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. The Rev. Sal Mistretta, Mary White and Judy Garrison worked with them. The pantry was open to residents of the Hammondsport School District. It was reorganized in 1989, bringing in the other Hammondsport Churches. But the location remained at St James, who also paid the utility bill for the freezers and rooms used. Other local organizations also helped and continue to do so today. The Food Pantry is a member of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

In just six months this year, 275 households have been served consisting of 141 seniors, 365 adults and 224 children.

Clients, who are required to live in the Hammondsport School District, are given food once a month to help supplement the food they already have. How much they receive is based on the number of people in their family. Food given out includes: Frozen meats, margarine and other dairy products, bread, bottled juice, shelf milk, cereal, pasta and sauce, rice, canned tuna or chicken, a choice of soups, canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, soap and other personal products when available. Food is purchased from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and other sources as needed. This is paid for with donations from the Taylor Foundation, other organizations as well as memorial gifts. Additional food comes from the Scout Drive, St James' Angel Tree, and church members and others who donate food, packaged, canned and fresh from the garden or orchard.

At holiday time, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter clients receive special food. Last Thanksgiving, the Pantry gave out turkeys with stuffing, applesauce and cranberry jelly to those clients who signed up. At Christmas over 100 boxes of food are packed and given to families who sign up.

The Food Pantry is run by 6 officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Inventory Control Clerk and Assistant Inventory Control Clerk. Approximately 20 volunteers who come from the community and area churches work to serve those who need food. The Pantry is open Tuesday afternoons from 3 to 4 pm and Saturday mornings from 10:30am to noon. There is a monthly meeting the first Monday of every month at 9:15am except on holidays when the meeting will be the following Monday.

If you want to help provide food for this community donations are always welcome. They can be left in the basket by the door to the sanctuary or delivered to the food pantry, and of course volunteers are always welcome. To volunteer contact the Chairperson Anne Green at 569-3436 or hporta2004@yahoo.com.

The 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 etc.) are always needed as well.

Upcoming Dates

November 22nd: Apple Pie Sale

November 23rd: Ingathering Sunday-bring in your Pledge Cards

November 23rd: Community Thanksgiving Service 7pm at St. James

December 7th: Angel Tree with dish to pass luncheon

December 24th: Christmas Eve Service 9pm

December 26th-January 1st: Rector on vacation

January 17th: Spaghetti-Lasagna Dinner

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
Nov. 2	C. Skinner	N. Forenz	K. Packard A. Edmister	L. Grillo J. Grillo
Nov. 9	N. Forenz	C. VanHouten	W. Torp C. VanHouten	J. Piersons M. Piersons
Nov. 16	C. VanHouten	J. Grillo	L. Graulich J. Grillo	M. White T. Packard
Nov. 23	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	K.Packard A. Edmister	C. Manikas P. Manikas
Nov. 30	M. White	C. Skinner	W.Torp C. VanHouten	P. Forenz N. Forenz
Dec. 7	L. Nichiporuk	M. White	L. Graulich C. VanHouten	D. Barney W. Barney
Dec. 14	C. Skinner	N. Forenz	K.Packard A. Edmister	J. Grillo L. Grillo
Dec. 21	C.VanHouten	J. Grillo	L. Graulich J. Grillo	C. Manikas P. Manikas
Dec.24 Christmas Eve	N. Forenz	C. VanHouten	W.Torp C. VanHouten	J.Piersons M. Piersons
Dec. 28	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	K.Packard A. Edmister	M.White T. Packard