

From St. James' with Love

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From the Rector's Corner

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. (Eph 1:3)

This is truly a season of blessings. Most recently we were blessed by the Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve. Many thanks to the children, youth, families, and leadership who made this possible. St James was blessed with beautiful music, including Sara French on trumpet, and Ellie, as well as Tom's offering of O Holy Night, and Tom and Carol during Communion. We were blessed with many guests and visitors, families members who were in town, faces old and new to St James. We were blessed with Acolytes, and Ushers, as well as Matt, visiting from the Diocese, taking photos.

Most of all on Christmas Eve we were blessed with the opportunity to kneel in a candle-lit Sanctuary, and gaze upon the child in the manger while singing Silent Night. Christians around the world stop for a moment, turn inward and remember those who have gone before us, turn outward and give thanks for all the blessings and grace we received this year, and reflect on the majesty and mystery of the birth of our Savior.

The blessings continue into Epiphany where we travel alongside the three magi to give homage to our king, and the reminder of our Baptism the following Sunday. How precious to hear and remember the words, "You are my child, my beloved, with you I am well pleased." And so we enjoy the season of light coming into the world, reminding us of our many blessings, and of our hopes for the year to come.

My prayer for you is that you take a few minutes, reflect on the year that has passed and anticipate the year to come, then possibly set some modest goals that reflect the reality that you have been blessed in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

Peace,
Lynne +

Annual Meeting and Beyond!

St James Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 25th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The Vestry has decided to try something new and hold the Annual meeting in the Sanctuary, opening the meeting immediately prior to the opening hymn. Service will continue as usual with the Rector's report included in the sermon. After the closing hymn we will continue the meeting in the Sanctuary, with Voting, Financial Reports, and an opportunity to ask questions about any of the Committee Reports. At the end of the meeting we will have the Dismissal, and then Coffee Hour. Our hope is that everyone can stay for the meeting, and that it will be about 30 minutes or so long. Let Rev Lynne know if you have any questions.

Reports for Annual Meeting

Please send your completed Report to Lynne no later than Thursday, January 15th so we can make them available to the congregation on Sunday, the 18th of January. It is our hope that people will have the chance to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest, and then at Annual Meeting have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions, and give thanks for all we have done in 2014.

Prayer List

Ted	Michele	Ben	Sue
Lori	Dylan	The Howard Family	Connie
The Packard Family	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

Upcoming Dates

St James Youth Group – January 3rd from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at St James

Spaghetti – Lasagna Dinner on January 10th from 4:00 – 6:00 Invite your friends!

Hammondsport Youth Group – January 11th at the Methodist Church 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Walking the Bible Book Group – January 12th – Book 2 Chapter 1

Annual Meeting Reports due – January 15th

Emeritus House – January 22nd at 2:30

Annual Meeting – Sunday January 25th at 9:00 a.m.

Pancake Supper – Tuesday, February 17th

Ash Wednesday-Wednesday, February 18th Time TBA

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner-Saturday February 21st-4-6pm

St James 'socks' it to the Bath VAMC

Jane Aeschbacher and husband Paul were active volunteers at the Bath VA, at St. James and at the Presbyterian Church. After Jane's death, in 1999, with Paul's blessing, St. James continued to collect white socks for the veterans in Jane's memory. Including this year we have gifted the Bath VA veterans with 2094 of socks! Dry, healthy feet are important to all, critical to our veterans and very much appreciated. We collected 373 pairs this year 2014!!!

Pregnancy Resource Center

The Pregnancy Resource Center of the Valleys holds its annual fund drive in January, with the ingathering on January 25th. If you would like to contribute, collect a baby bottle at the back of the Sanctuary, or use any other container you have at home and collect coins (or folding money). Checks or change (marked for Pregnancy Resource Center) can be placed in the collection plate on January 25th, or you can make a donation directly to "Pregnancy Resource Center of the Valleys" and mailed to: PRC of the Valleys, Inc, 22 Liberty St, Bath, New York 14810

Emeritus House

Several of us go to Emeritus House to visit Ruth Clark and other friends at Emeritus House and to hold a monthly Service with music and reserved Sacrament. The residents are delighted to listen or sing along with favorite hymns, and help by reading the readings. On Thursday, December 18th twenty-four people attended and eighteen received communion. All appreciated the opportunity to sing Christmas Carols, and the chance to participate in a worship service. Please join us if you can on Thursday, January 22nd, and Thursday, February 19th at 2:30.

Facebook Page

We now have a Facebook page known as St James Hammondsport. To see the latest pictures and upcoming events, "Like" us on Facebook. We continue to maintain the webpage that also has photos as well as newsletters, history, calendar, etc.

Directory – last chance

The updated St James directory is almost complete, we just need your photo! Please give, or email (rectorstjames14840@gmail.com) a photo to Rev Lynne in the next two weeks, including names identifying everyone in the photo. Thank you!

St James Annual Apple Pie Sale

On November 22nd numerous volunteers joined together to make apple pies. Through many hours of toil and laughter, we sold an amazing 177 pies, bags of filling, and bags of peeled apples. Many thanks to Jeff and Kathy Kennedy who donated the apples, Keuka Artisan bakery who donated the tins, Bruce and Mary White who donated the remaining ingredients, and the many helpers who prepped the room, peeled apples, created the filling, made the dough, rolled the dough, crimped the edges, wrapped the pies, served as cashier, made phone calls, made lunch, and cleaned up. We raised about \$1500 for the St James Mission fund.

Book Group

The Book Group started reading *WALKING 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, January 12th with Book II: A Coat of Many Colors, Chapter 1 "On the Banks of the Nile." Subsequent dates are January 26th, February 9th and 23rd. 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.

Children

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

St James Youth Group Winter-Spring 2015

It is very exciting that Gladys Palmer, with help from others at St James, has resumed the St James Youth Group! The group will meet once a month, play a game or two, learn a little about their faith in preparation for Confirmation in December, and then have some fun! As you can see, every other month we will engage in a service activity, and then on the other month go out into the world and enjoy the creation (in the form of snow, water, and Creation Camp). If you would like to attend, just show up! If you would like to participate as an adult, contact Gladys or Rev Lynne.

Jan 3rd 1pm -3pm

Make a dinner for someone.

Feb 7th We will go to SWAIN for TUBING!!!!

Bring a friend. (Lunch provided) 9am - 4pm

Feb 17th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

March 7th 1pm-3pm

We will be making (and eating) cookies.

April 4th This will be special. We will participate in the Easter Vigil at 7:30pm -9pm

May 2nd 1-3pm

Open – talk about creation camp.

June 6th 1-3pm

Inside and outside Clean up at church.

July 4th Roseland water park 9am -5pm

Please contact **Gladys Palmer 607-368-3779**
for more information

The Hammondsport Ecumenical 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.

Announcements:

The Bath CROP Walk – raised \$12,775 for world hunger and \$255 for Loaves and Fishes.

Community Thanksgiving Service – Collected and donated \$100 to Loaves and Fishes.

Prayer Lists – Did 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, 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.

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.

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

Bazaar-The total for the Bazaar was \$2,700.76!!!! Thank You to Floyd and Nancy French and all who helped with the luncheon and bazaar.

Lay Minister Schedule

<i>DATE</i>	<i>CHALICE</i>	<i>ACOLYTE</i>	<i>READERS</i>	<i>USHERS</i>
Jan. 4th	M. White	C. Skinner	W. Torp C. VanHouten	P. Forenz N. Forenz
Jan. 11th	L. Nichiporuk	M. White	L. Graulich J. Grillo	D. Barney W. Barney
Jan. 18th	C. Skinner	N. Forenz	K. Packard A. Edmister	J. Grillo L. Grillo
Jan. 25th	N. Forenz	C. VanHouten	W. Torp C. VanHouten	J. Piersons M. Piersons
Feb. 1st	C. VanHouten	J. Grillo	L. Graulich J. Grillo	M. White L. Grillo
Feb. 8th	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	K. Packard A. Edmister	P. Forenz N. Forenz
Feb. 15th	M. White	C. Skinner	W. Torp C. VanHouten	D. Barney W. Barney
Feb. 22nd	L. Nichiporuk	M. White	L. Graulich J. Grillo	L. Grillo J. Grillo

If you cannot serve at the time you are scheduled, please find a substitute

