

From St. James' with Love

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From the Rector's Corner

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. (Psalm 34:8)

We are in the last days of August and once again I was halted as I reached home, not that late, but after dark. A month ago in the evening the sun was still shining when I arrived home after the Book Group. As I paused for a moment outside my door I noticed that the air was a bit chilly, and some leaves were starting to fall in the back yard. The neighbor's pumpkins look full sized, although they will keep growing for another few weeks. I said a quick prayer as I heard the small skein of geese honking their way south get ready to settle in for the night. Where do the days go? Where do the years go?

For the past five weeks the Gospel lessons have come from John 6 – Jesus as the bread of life; eat the flesh and drink the blood and you will live forever, or you will abide in Jesus and he will abide in you. Week after week we heard the invitation to set all else aside and sink our teeth into the mystery and magnificence of God. Sunday after Sunday we were invited to commit all that we have and all that we are to the incarnate God. Abide – pause – reflect – listen – fast – pray – linger – dwell in the presence of the Holy One. Yet, our lives are so full and so busy that it is hard to give the invitation more than a passing thought on a Sunday morning.

As the days grow shorter, the night grows longer, and our youngsters return to school, I invite you to take a moment and reflect on where God might be calling you into a deeper relationship. Might it be through giving of your time and talent on Sunday mornings in the choir, as an usher, or a reader? It might be by joining the Bible Study or Book Group? Maybe through volunteering at the Chicken and Biscuit dinner, or the CROP Walk. Or are you being invited to spend more time in reading Scripture, or in personal prayer.

During September and October we continue in "Ordinary Time", the time after Pentecost and leading up to the new church year in Advent. Ordinary Time is a time of discipleship, learning how we can deepen our faith life and our commitment to following in Jesus' footsteps. May this be a productive time in your life that leads to a fruitful harvest.

May God's peace be upon you,
Lynne +

In Thanksgiving

We are going to start a new practice at St James beginning the **first Sunday of each month**. This month may be a little challenging as the first Sunday of September is Labor Day, and hopefully, a Baptism. However, the first Sunday of every month immediately following the peace, and before the announcements, you will be invited to come forward and to offer thanks for important occasions in your life: birthday, anniversary, healing, graduation, new job, retirement, a gift received, good news . . . After everyone who comes forward has named their Thanksgiving we will end with a short prayer.

LABOR DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH IS LABOR DAY WEEKEND, AND I INVITE YOU TO BRING A SMALL SYMBOL OF YOUR WORK, AVOCATION, EDUCATION, OR LABOR TO PLACE ON OR NEAR THE ALTAR. DURING THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WE WILL BLESS THE SYMBOLS OF OUR LABOR, WHICH WE OFFER TO GOD.

Prayer List

Ted	Michele	Katie	Sue
Lori	Dylan	The Howard Family	Connie
Stuart	Barb	Joy	Nancy
Eva	Tom	Doug	Donna
Peter	Marion	Angie	John
Bob	Kristin	Patsy	Hollie
Sheryl	Bonnie	Ginny	Brenda
Muriel	Denny	Jim	Gary
Ruth	Anissa	Bill	Joe
Peter	Georgia	Betty	Adrienne
Carol	Esther		

The Church of Kisima in Kenya-Those who suffer from addictions-Those who serve in the military especially Vance, Tony, Zack, Merle, Scott, and Jeffrey.

Altar Flowers

Each week we have flowers on the high altar in thanksgiving, or in memory of a loved one. If you would like to donate flowers, simply sign up on the Flower Calendar in the Parish Hall, then complete the information on the envelope and place it in the plate, or give the envelope to an usher.

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Saturday, September 19th from 4:00 - 6:00 in the Parish Hall

Mark your calendars and let your friends and neighbors know that the very popular Chicken and Biscuit dinner has moved to September. Sign up sheets to volunteer are in the Parish Hall.

St James Bazaar

October 31st - Craft Day September 12th

Nancy and Floyd will coordinate this year - and we encourage everyone at St James to offer 2-3-4-5 (or more) of what they enjoy making/doing: needlework, metalworking, woodworking, beading, junking, photography, painting, ceramics . . . you name it, we need it. We will also need baked goods, jellies, whatever you do best! With the variety of gifts we have to offer, no doubt we will have the best Bazaar in the area!

To help us prepare, we are going to have a final Bazaar Craft days at St James. **Saturday, September 12th from 1:00 - 5:00** bring your project, teach your project, or learn a new project. Bring the whole family, bring your neighbors, and crafty friends, so we can have fun creating together.



Last year St James participated in the CROP Walk and helped raise funds for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry at St James. Donna Noteware has agreed to coordinate the CROP Walk for St James, which is part of a nationwide program through the Church World Service to combat hunger in the United States. Twenty-five percent of funds raised stay in the local area. This year's CROP Walk is **Sunday, October 18th** and starts in Bath.

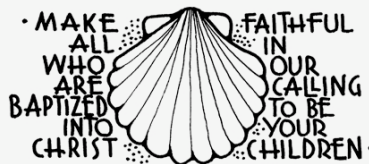
All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is **Sunday, November 1st**. We will have special music and flowers to commemorate this occasion, and will read the names of your dear departed. Please give the names to Rev Lynne by phone, email, or leave a note in the collection plate. Reminders will be placed in the bulletin a few weeks prior to November 1st.

Confirmation

Bishop Singh will be with us on **December 13th**, and during his visit will Confirm and Receive people into the Episcopal Church. If you are (or know) a youth who is interested in Confirmation, or if you are an adult who is interested in becoming a member of the Episcopal Church, contact Rev Lynne. We hope to have youth preparation during the fall. A short series of classes will be offered for adults wishing to be Received, and for any other adult who would like to increase their knowledge of the Episcopal tradition.

The Spirit is at work – Evangelism 2015-2016



Our Vision Statement is: God asks us to make His love visible in our lives and community. . . . let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

We are focusing several aspects of evangelism:

- The Vestry has made a financial commitment to Evangelism and the growth of St James by authorizing the creation of a restricted Evangelism fund.
- Pew racks have been placed in every pew with a brochure and welcome card.
- We were "Open" for three Village events, offered tours, and gave free water to visitors.
- We include a prayer for parish growth in our weekly Prayers of the People
- St James is "**Open for Prayer**" on **Thursdays from 10:00 – 2:00**, with a brief noonday Healing Eucharist that features the saint of the day.

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

The 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.



Backpack Program

Many thanks to you all for helping to collect, pack, and distribute backpacks and school supplies to more than 40 Hammondsporf School students. This is a great way for us to show our support to our children and youth as they return for another academic year.

Holy Land

Rev Lynne had an exciting and faith-filled Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May and offered a brief presentation with photos, stories, and reflections of her pilgrimage. Rev Lynne will be leading a group of Pilgrims to the Holy Land in the **Spring of 2017**. Flyers and itineraries are available in the church office, or send Rev Lynne an email to receive the information as an attachment.

Audio-Visual System

We ask your patience as we are working to upgrade our system. We have received an estimate and hope to receive a Taylor Grant to make our dream of a new system a reality. We know that the sound system works better in some parts of the church than others. We know that our system does not work well with people with hearing aids. We hope to have a new system in place before Christmas.

Upcoming Dates

- **September 6th** – bring a symbol or your work for a blessing.
- **September 9th** – Vestry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- **September 10th** – “Open for Prayer” at St James 10:00 – 2:00 with Eucharist at noon.
- **September 12th** – Craft making day in the Parish Hall 1:00 to 5:00.
- **September 14th** – South East District Meeting at Church of the Redeemer, Addison.
- **September 17th** – Women’s Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. at the Wagner in Penn Yan.
- **September 19th** – Chicken and Biscuit Dinner 4:00 -6:00 p.m.
- **September 24th** – Emeritus at 2:30, join us for hymns, readings, reflection, and Communion.
- **September 27th to October 3rd** – Rector on Vacation – Rev Gary to Preach and Preside
- **October 14th** – Vestry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- **October 15th** – Women’s Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. at the Mom’s Diner in Savona.
- **October 22nd** – Emeritus at 2:30, join us for hymns, readings, reflection, and Communion.
- **October 31st** – Bazaar
- **November 1st** – All Saints’ Day

Lay Minister's Schedule September–October 2015

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Readers	Ushers	Sunday School
September					
Sept 6	L. Nichiporuk	N. Forenz	W. Torp C. VanHouten	J. Grillo L. Grillo	J. Rogerson
Sept 13	C Vanhouten	C. Skinner	K. Packard J. Grillo	J. Piersons M. Piersons	J. Derr
Sept. 20	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	L. Graulich A. Edmister	N. Forenz P. Forenz	D. Noteware
Sept. 27	J. Grillo	C. Vanhouten	W. Torp C. VanHouten	R. Battaglia C. Battaglia	D. Barney

October

Oct. 4	N. Forenz	J. Grillo	K. Packard J. Grillo	C. Manikas P. Manikas	L. Nichiporuk
Oct. 11	L. Nichiporuk	N. Forenz	W. Torp C. VanHouten	J. Grillo L. Grillo	J. Rogerson
Oct. 18	C VanHouten	C. Skinner	K. Packard J. Grillo	J. Piersons M. Piersons	J. Derr
Oct. 25	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	L. Graulich A. Edmister	N. Forenz P. Forenz	D. Noteware

If you can not serve at your appointed time-please find a substitute.

