

From St. James' with Love

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607.569.2647 **November-December 2015**

St James Vision Statement: 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)

From the Rector's Corner

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)



As we enter the last weeks of Ordinary (Discipleship) time, and prepare for Advent, I have been inviting you to ponder some questions about your faith journey and your relationship with God. These are not easy questions to answer, and my guess is that the answer will change from year to year. Nevertheless, they are important questions for each of us to explore.

Jesus asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" Well, what do we want Jesus to do for us . . . as individuals . . . for our family . . . for our community . . . for the world? "Where do you see God in your day-to-day life?" Do we have eyes to see God in creation, and Jesus at work in our community? How does that help us to give thanks, and to spread the good news? "What things are the most important to you; those things near and dear to you? We are all familiar with the Scripture, "where your heart is, there your treasure will be also." How do we spend our time and treasure, and does that reflect our beliefs and values?

Perhaps the most difficult question to answer is, "How do we build the kingdom of God?" You see, we are all asked to participate in building the kingdom of God. That's one of the reasons God sent his only son, Jesus, to us. Jesus calls us to come and follow, and then sends us out into the world.

Since our last newsletter we have had a successful Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, we gave loaded backpacks to forty-three students, we participated in the CROP Walk, and we repaired our chimney. We look forward to the Bazaar, the opportunity to prepare pies for Thanksgiving, and a new sound and video system.

We have much to be thankful for in our lives and in this community. As this year draws to a close, as we contemplate what we have done and left undone, as we set some goals for next year, let's continue to pray together for God's kingdom to come, and God's will to be done.

May God's peace be upon you,
Lynne +

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	Kyle	Helen

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.

St James Bazaar & Luncheon October 31st

Thank you to everyone who contributed in the many ways to the Bazaar this year! Make sure to come shopping yourselves, and then to invite a friend to join you to shop and have lunch on the **31st**. Between Nancy and Floyd's creativity and leadership, and the creativity of so many members of St James contributing this year, this promises to be a very exciting Bazaar

In Thanksgiving

St James is such a prayerful and caring congregation, and we freely share some of the challenges we face on a regular basis knowing that this Community will hold us in prayer as we travel life's paths. How wonderful to also share the many things that we can celebrate together as well! **The first Sunday of every month** we are going to offer you the opportunity to share your thanksgivings. Immediately following the Confession, and before the Peace, anyone who wishes to share important occasions or events in your life: birthday, anniversary, healing, graduation, new job, retirement, a gift received, good news . . . will be invited to come forward and name (if you wish, the event). After everyone who comes forward has named their Thanksgiving we will end with a short prayer that can be found in the bulletin.

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

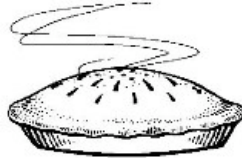
Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Chicken and Biscuit Dinner a huge success, bringing in more than \$800. Be sure to mark your calendars for the **Spaghetti and Lasagna Dinner on Saturday, January 16th from 4:00-6:00, and the Smorgasbord on Saturday, May 7th.**

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. All new names need to be to Rev Lynne by October 24th.

St James Annual Apple Pie Sale



Order ready to bake, homemade apple pies, \$8.00 each!! Pick up at St. James', Hammondsport **on November 21st between 10 a.m. and 2 pm.** Pies can be pre-ordered by calling 607-368-3224. Our goal again this year is to sell 200 pies with all proceeds to benefit the mission of the church. Please call Mary White at 368-3224 if you are willing to help peel apples, roll dough, wrap pies, serve as cashier or make phone calls. **This year all pies MUST be picked up between 10:00 a.m and 2:00 p.m., as there is no longer freezer space to hold them for later pick-up.**

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Presbyterian Church on the Square is pleased to host the Hammondsport Community Thanksgiving service this year on **Sunday, November 22nd at 6:30.** Please invite your family and friends to join with the Community for an evening of music and prayer.

Stewardship Season (Planned Giving)

Now thank we all our God for the many blessings we have received, and as we prepare for the year to come. You will be receiving 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, November 22nd.** Select Vestry members will then meet to create a draft budget on December 2nd, and the Vestry will review, amend, and finalize the budget at the meeting on Wednesday, December 9th in preparation for the new year, and our Annual Meeting.

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 the letter and return it in the collection plate.

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.

Angel Tree



Sunday

December 6th

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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Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 12th at 3:00

St James is delighted to host the first annual Christmas Sing-a-long the same day as Christmas in the Park. Regardless of snow, rain, or sunshine, we will enjoy the warmth of the season in our Sanctuary as we welcome family, friends, and the Hammondspport Community to join us from **3:00 – 3:45** to sing some of our favorite Christmas Carols before going to the Village Square to shop and enjoy the many activities on the Square from 5:00 – 9:00. Stay tuned for more information.

Socks



We at St. James have generously donated white athletic 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 athletic 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. During the **month of December** you can put the socks in the box at the back of the church. **Please have them there by the Sunday before Christmas.**

Nominating Committee

This year's Nominating Committee is gearing up to take names for the new Vestry members who will be elected at our **Annual Meeting on January 24th**. We have five people whose terms expire this year, including a one-year appointment. If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be on the Vestry, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee, Terry Channing and Donna Noteware, or contact Rev Lynne.

Audio-Visual System

We ask your patience as we are working to upgrade our system. We have received a Taylor Grant, and the Vestry approved the balance of the cost of the proposal so that we can have a new audio and visual system installed before Thanksgiving. We anticipate the work will start and be completed the second week of November, and then may take a bit of time to make adjustment to ensure that we get the best quality sound possible.

CROP Walk

Despite the snow and chilly temperatures, we had 11 walkers and raised \$571, for the Church World Service CROP Walk, \$142.75 of that money will come back to our Loaves and Fishes Pantry. Every year there are 116 thousand walkers who raise 21 million dollars to help, "End hunger one step at a time." Well done St James walkers, sponsors, and those who prayed us through the wintry day. A big thank you to Donna for being our coordinator this year, and for walking with her family for the second year in a row.

Snow Removal



We are looking for someone in the area who is able to do snow removal, especially on the three sets of stairs this winter. Could that someone be you?

St James Book Group

The Book Group started reading "*Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*," written by our Presiding Bishop, Elect, Michael Curry. Chapter One begins, "Jesus 'has gone out of his mind.' That's what the people say in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The King James Version translates it as, 'He is beside himself.' The old J.B. Phillis New Testament puts it, 'He must be mad!' But my favorite is from the 1995 Contemporary English Version which says, 'When Jesus' family heard what he was doing, they thought he was crazy and went to get him under control.'" We meet **every other Monday**, and our next meeting, November 2nd we will read Chapters Five and Six. So far we have found the book to be an easy read, exciting, and also a bit challenging. Come join us, or read along at home.

Chimney Repair



We give thanks that the chimney repair has been completed, and that we had heat for our coldest Sunday this season. We offer thanks to the many people who helped move this process along, and who have given of their time, talent, and treasure to make sure we have a working system that keeps us safe and warm. Thank you!

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.

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.

Lay Minister's Schedule November–December 2015

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Readers	Ushers	Sunday School
November					
Nov. 1	J. Grillo	C. VanHouten	W. Torp C. VanHouten	R. Battaglia C. Battaglia	D. Barney
Nov. 8	N. Forenz	J. Grillo	K. Packard J. Grillo	P. Manikas C. Manikas	L. Nichiporuk
Nov. 15	L. Nichiporuk	N. Forenz	W. Torp C. VanHouten	J. Grillo L. Grillo	J. Rogerson
Nov. 22	C. VanHouten	C. Skinner	K. Packard J. Grillo	J. Piersons M. Piersons	J. Derr
Nov. 28	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	L. Graulich A. Edmister	N. Forenz P. Forenz	D. Noteware

December

Dec 6	J. Grillo	C VanHouten	W. Torp C VanHouten	R. Battaglia C. Battaglia	D. Barney
Dec 13	N. Forenz	J. Grillo	M. White J. Grillo	P. Manikas C. Manikas	L. Nichiporuk
Dec 20	L. Nichiporuk	N. Forenz	W. Torp C VanHouten	J. Grillo L. Grillo	K. Derr
Dec 24	C Van- Houten	C. Skinner	L. Graulich A. Edmister	J. Piersons M. Piersons	
Dec 27	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	K. Packard J. Grillo	N. Forenz P. Forenz	J. Rogerson

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

Upcoming Dates

- November 1st – Holy Eucharist celebrating All Saints' Day
- November 2nd – Book Group – Crazy Christians, Chapters 5 and 6 at 6:00 p.m.
- November 8th – 2:30 Confirmation Group, 3:30-5:00 Community Youth Group
- November 11th – Vestry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- November 14th – Diocesan Convention in Geneva
- November 16th – Book Group – Crazy Christians, Chapters 7 and 8
- November 19th – Women's Breakfast at Stephanie's in Bath at 9:30 a.m.
- November 22nd – Pledge Card Ingathering
 - 2:30 Confirmation Group, 3:30 – 5:00 Community Youth Group
 - 6:30 Community Thanksgiving at the Presbyterian Church
- November 30th – Book Group – Crazy Christians, Chapters 9 and 10 at 6:00 p.m.
- December 2nd – Budget Committee at 7:00 p.m.
- December 3rd – South East District Clergy to meet at St James at 9:30 a.m.
- December 6th – Angel Tree decorating and brunch
- December 9th – Vestry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- December 12th – Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long at St James at 3:00 p.m.
- December 13th – Bishop's Visit and Confirmations
 - Community Youth Group at 3:30
- December 14th – Book Group – Crazy Christians, Chapters 11, 12, 13 (to the end)
- December 17th – Women's Breakfast at the Chat-A-Whyle, Bath at 9:30 a.m.
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24th at 9:00 p.m. * * *

