

## From St. James' with Love

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From the Rector's Corner

*And the lawyer, wanting to justify himself, asks Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*

Summertime! Picnics, fireworks, campfires, and mowing the lawn (at least, until it turned a crispy brown), and that's when I meet my neighbors. Or at least the ones who are out and about when I am out and about. St. James Mission Committee helps us to reach out to our neighbors in need both locally and globally. I hesitate to even mention the images of tens of thousands of people seeking asylum globally, and thankfully our South East District is raising funds (\$500 from each parish) to send to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem to aid two Syrian refugee camps.

In the Gospel story mentioned above Jesus responds to the question with the story of the Good Samaritan. Good Samaritan has become a familiar term that means any bystander that offers aid to people in peril, and in New York, offers legal protection to those who reach out to help. Of course you know that Samaritans, although Jewish by heritage, had somehow broken off from the tribe of Israel and at the time of this gospel story were considered the other, the outcast, unclean. And in this parable, the Samaritan is the only one who stops, who helps, who offers aid to someone who has injured. I can only imagine that while deep in our hearts, we applaud this gesture, most of us are reluctant to do the same. Which is why this question, and Jesus' response are as essential today as they were two thousand years ago.

The collect for the first week of July reads, "O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor...." In part, St. James' Vision invites us to consider how we live out this commandment in our daily lives: "God asks us to make His love visible in our lives and community....let us not live in word or talk but indeed and in truth." (1 John 3:18) You may have noticed that the Vision statement is now on the back of your business cards, and in every pew. Feel free to take a few to put on your refrigerator, or bathroom mirror, as a reminder of our Vision at St. James, and God's dream for the world.

Each of us will respond differently to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" as well as choosing how we interact with our local and global neighbors. I offer this summertime challenge to explore, with your family, with your friends, with your neighbors-how *you* are called to love your neighbor in deed and in truth-and to identify your growing edges as you continue to follow the command to love God and love your neighbor.

Peace,  
Lynne+

## Community Vacation Bible School Ocean Commotion

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this year's VBS; it was a whopping big success. We focused on the story of Noah, and on the first day, I, Rev Lynne's companion animal was a whale-who helped us to understand that "before the flood, there was a WHALE of a problem." All the teachers had help each day leading their skits, in costume, and taking turns as Sandy (the puppet) who helped bring the lessons to life. with lively music, engaging crafts, a strong message of God's mercy, and more than 75 children and 25 youth, we look forward to sharing parts of the story with you over the weeks and months to come. stay tuned to meet Sandy, and hear n of her inspirational stories.

### Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

As you may be aware, Loaves and Fishes has been a part of St. James for many years, and an important ministry in Hammondsport, serving the needs of hungry individuals and families. In 2015 the Pantry served 539 households and 1539 patrons including 511 children. The Pantry has 19 volunteers who help to keep the pantry stocked and staffed throughout each month. The Pantry also distributes Christmas baskets, and Easter gift certificates.

For a variety of reasons, the Vestry has asked the Pantry to seek other housing-hopefully with safer stairs, or no stairs, and with parking, which we lack. And St. James has committed to continue to support this essential ministry with our time, talent, and treasure.

Please keep Loaves and Fishes, their volunteers, and their consumers in your prayers as they continue to seek a new home, to relocate, and to continue to meet the needs of this community.

### St. James Potluck BBQ and Bonfire Saturday, July 23rd 4:00-6:00pm Rain or Shine

MANIKAS HOME: 150 Route 54 East Lake Road, Penn Yan

BRING: a dish to pass, Lawn chairs for you and your family, old or damaged items to be respectfully burned (Bibles, Book of Common Prayer, Flags), you are encouraged to bring a guest or two.

WE NEED: a canopy tent, and someone to set it up.

SIGN UP: Parish hall, or by calling the church office 569-2647

## Stewardship Corner-Food for the Soul

Not long ago, two ministers of the gospel were waiting in line for seating at a restaurant. There were two immediate problems. First, the restaurant was popular because it served good food and secondly, the restaurant was smaller than your average fast food place. But the ministers, who frequently preach on patience, were offering a visible sermon by their calm demeanor. No matter that several people already seated appeared to be eating their meals extremely slowly.

The ministers were next in line when suddenly like a mighty wind a group of six people came in behind them. And as luck sometimes has it, the next table to become available was one which could easily sit both ministers with room to spare. It could also seat all six of the people behind them in line.

If this were you, what would you do? Sit down when seating became available? After all, you were there first and we live in a first come, first served society. Or might the Jesus thing to do be to step aside and let the larger party have the larger table while waiting for the “next” available spot?

Relax! This is a true story and thus, I can tell you exactly what happened. The ministers, being true to their convictions, glad let the group of six have the table and they continued to wait patiently. In good time, they were able to sit down an order breakfast which they then took their own sweet time to devour. But no bill came because the people they allowed to eat ahead of them picked up the tab.

Jesus does not call us to be kind to others because we might get a free meal of of it. It is simply the right thing to do. Sometimes there is a reward, and it does not matter when there is not. Look at this story from God’s point of view. Every day we receive blessings. Every day their are acts of kindness. Few of us need worry too much about whether we can afford our next meal. We have many reasons to pick up the tab for all the blessings God send our way.

-Duane Grady

This story comes from the e-book *Make a Statement! 52+Offering Statements to Encourage Joyful and Thoughtful Generosity*, published by the Ecumenical Stewardship Center

\*\*\*\* If you would like to submit a story of stewardship; how you rejoice in generously offering your time, talent, and treasure, contact Rev Lynne. We wold love to hear our story\*\*\*

## **St. James Photo Directory**

Thank you to everyone (about 2/3rd of our active members) who had their photo taken for the new (FREE) directory. **A makeup day is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26th between 2:00 and 9:00.** Sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Rev Lynne to schedule time for a photo, or bring a friend or neighbor for a photo. Every St. James member who has a photo taken will receive a free 8 x 10 photo and a directory. Non-members receive a free 8 x 10. Contact the office to schedule your time.

## **Summer Music and Musicians**

Miss singing or hearing one of your favorite hymns? Let Ellie know and she will try to work it in during the summer.

Summer is also a time to join the Choir without a long-term commitment, or to sing a solo (or duet), or to share your gifts with another musical instrument. If you would like to participate in the summer music (no vestments required, and you can sit with your family), please speak with Ellie.

## **Mission Committee**

The Mission Committee recommended, and the Vestry approved the following disbursements.

Episcopal Relief and Development: \$500

Reynolds town Mission Fellowship: \$500

Feel free to let the Mission Committee know if you are aware of a special need, and as always, you can make a donation to the Mission Committee to continue their good work.

## **Welcomers and Docents Needed**

St. James will have the front doors open, and a table with water and brochures set up during the Art Show, the Boat Show, the Craft Show and other Village Events. Joan would be happy to talk with anybody who might be interested in Docent training. In the meantime, we need folks to sign up for a two-hour shift to welcome visitors, hand out water, and answer questions about the Village and St. James. No experience necessary.

## **Backpack Program**

St. James is going to coordinate the Backpack program offered by Catholic Charities in Hammondsport. Keep your eyes open for the flyers as we enlist your help in gathering backpacks and school supplies for students in the Hammondsport School District.

### **Getting in Contact with Rev. Lynne**

I have Office Hours Monday through Thursday 9:00-4:30, but I am often “visiting” during those hours, so please call ahead for an appointment. You can call the church office at 569-2647 and I will return your call as soon as I can. My usual day off is Friday. In a pastoral emergency call the church office and you will be directed to my cell phone. Please remember that I do not have my cell phone on while I am in a meeting or “visiting” but will get back to you as soon as possible. You can always email me at [rectorstjames@gamail.com](mailto:rectorstjames@gamail.com). I welcome the opportunity to spend time with each of you, so please do give me a call to set up a time to meet.

### **Holy Land Gathering Saturday, July 30th**

**10:00 at St. Michael's in Geneseo**

Rev. Lynne had an exciting and faith filled Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the Spring of 2015 and is now looking forward to bringing a group of Episcopalians from this Diocese to the Holy Land and to experience walking in the footsteps of Christ, and the footsteps of millions of pilgrims in April/May 2017. On July 30th people who have committed to the Pilgrimage and people who are interested in more information will gather for a time of prayers, pictures, and stories, as well as an opportunity to ask questions, and to get to know the other pilgrims. Anyone and everyone is invited to attend this informational gathering. If you would like more information about the trip, ask Rev Lynne for a flyer and itinerary.

Looking Ahead:

- **July 9** -“Open for Prayer” with welcome table during the Art Show 10:00-2:00
- **July 10th** -“Open for Prayer” with welcome table during Art Show from 11:00-3:00
- **July 11** -Book Group meets at 6:00, Henri Nouwen “Life of the Beloved” Intro and Chapter 1 Being the Beloved
- **July 18** -Boat Show welcome table at Kingham Residence 11:00-3:00
- **July 19 week of** -Rector on Vacation with grandkids (will be available for Women’s Breakfast and pastoral emergencies)
- **July 21** -Women’s Breakfast at 9:30 at the new Bakery in Hammondsport
- **July 23** -St. James pot-luck and bonfire at the Manikas’ house
- **July 24** -St.James Day Eucharist-please wear red!
- **July 25** -Book Group meets at 6:00, Henri Nouwen “Life of the Beloved: Intro and Chapter 2 Becoming the Beloved-Part 1 Taken, and Part 2 Blessed
- **July 26** -Lifetouch Photos 2:00-9:00
- **July 28** -Brookdale
- **July 30** -Holy Land Informational Gathering, 10:00 St. Michael’s Geneseo
- **Aug 6** -Wedding of Mark Mendes and Abigail Pierotti at St. James
- **Aug 8** -Book Group meets at 6:00, Henri Nouwen “Life of the Beloved” Into and Chapter 2 Becoming the Beloved-Part 3 Broken, and Part4 Given
- **Aug 18** -Women’s Breakfast at 9:30 at the Wagner in PennYan
- **Aug 20** -“Open for Prayer” with welcome table during Craft Show from 10:00-2:00
- **Aug 21** -“Open for Prayer” with welcome table during Craft Show from 11:00-3:00
- **Aug 22** -Book Group meets at 6:00, Henri Nouwen “Life of the Beloved” : Into and Chapter 3 Living as the Beloved, to the end (include Epilogue)
- **Aug 23** -Brookdale

Prayer List

Jason	Dawn	Cin	Nancy F
Pat	Jerry	Becka	Art
Jim	Food Pantry	Richard and Mary	Becky
Lillian	Leslie	Norma	Henry
Lindsey	Bob S.	Bonnie S.	Muriel C.
Tom	Patsy	Bill	Ruth

Rae	Tom D.	Teresa	Stephanie
Nancy	Tom and Betty	Douglas	Joe
Chip	Monica and Tony	Ted and Sue	Adrienne
Eva Marie	Dawn and Jon	Susan M.	Robert G.
Daniel E.	James R.	Sandra B.	Howard Family
Brayer Family	Schoeffler Family		

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE JULY-AUGUST

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Readers	Ushers	Sun School
July 10	C. VanHouten	J. Grillo	S. Pulver K. Packard	M. White A. LaBar	D. Barney
July 17	N. Forenz	C. VanHouten	L. Graulich A. Edmister	L. Grillo J. Grillo	J. Derr
July 24	C. Skinner	N. Forenz	C. VanHouten C. Ahern	C. Manikas P. Manikas	J. Rogerson
July 31	M. White	C. Skinner	G. Palmer K. Packard	M. Piersons J. Piersons	L. Nichiporuk
August 7	L. Nichiporuk	M. White	W. Torp M. White	J. Skinner C. Skinner	D. Noteware
August 14	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	S. Pulver A. Edmister	A. Oates C. Bogart	M. White
August 21	C. VanHouten	J. Grillo	L. Graulich K. Packard	C. Ahern M. DeRosa	E. Kowulich-Covel