

From St. James' with Love

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St James September - October 2016 Newsletter

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

*From there you will seek the Lord your God,
and you will find him if you search after him with all your heart and soul.
(Deuteronomy 4:19)*

To all God's beloved who are called to be saints:

It seems we are all searching for something or seeking something: love, health, wealth, prestige, happiness, friendship, a sense of belonging. I believe that seeking-searching sense is within each of us, and was placed there by God. For in our deepest hearts, we desire God. But in our day-to-day lives we mistake that hunger and thirst as a longing for material or social connection. In part, that is where we find God, in our everyday interactions with others.

Remember the fun you had when as a group of kids you would create a treasure hunt? Or as part of a youth group you would go on a scavenger hunt? The following generation came up with geocaching, and now we have Pokéman Go. In case you are not familiar, Pokéman go is played on an electronic device. It is a game that you play alone, or with others. There are a lot of parts to this game, but one of the most interesting parts is that you must move in the real world, not from the couch or your room. You must seek and interact with the parts, and the game gets more interesting when you interact with others.

Did you know that St James is a PokéStop? According to imore.com, "PokéStops are important or iconic places around your area: They may be special benches with dedication plaques, permanent art installations, or historic landmarks." PokéStops are visible to all players, and are a crucial part of the game. You see, PokéStops are where you get the essentials, necessary items, the things that let you capture, feed, and grow your collection of critters.

I had several thoughts about that as I was playing the other night. Although St James gets the recognition of being an important site in Hammondsport, many of the people stopping in front of our building don't know what other essential items they can obtain at St James. We offer a story that creates, feeds, and sustains all of humanity and all of creation. We offer community and fellowship. We offer a place to find peace, solace, and strength in times of need. We offer a place filled with the Spirit, and people who are alive with song and prayer. We care deeply about each other and the world

around us. We have opportunities to connect and build a relationship with Jesus Christ, who freely gives us food for the journey, and eternal life.

I smile as I see groups of teens, youth, and adults gathering at our front steps seeking tools for the Pokéman Go game. Someday, I hope and pray, they will look up and wonder. Wonder what is behind those doors that offers more than a hand-held device and fictional characters can provide.

In the meantime, I give thanks. Thanks for the many ways our community is growing both in word and deed; growing numerically, spiritually, and missionally. I give thanks for the eternal story that is in the bones of the building, and more importantly, in our daily lives.

Peace,
Lynne +

Guest Preacher

Sunday, September 11th at 9:00

Sharon Arthur is a member of St Peter's in Geneva, and she has been on the Diocesan Stewardship Committee for a number of years. Sharon came to our Vestry day and offered a number of helpful Stewardship suggestions. You may have noticed that we now include Stewardship stories in the Newsletter, and sometimes in the bulletin insert. You received a letter from the Vestry stating that we have called Rev Lynne to full-time ministry at St James at the beginning of 2017. Stewardship is not just the yearly pledge drive, but a movement toward rejoicing in the good gifts we have been given, and discovering how to use our resources for enjoying and building the Kingdom of God. Sharon Arthur will preach at our regular service on September 11th, sharing her insights on Stewardship and joyful giving in daily life that stems from our Creator, and from the messages of the Gospel. Please welcome Sharon on the 11th.

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Saturday, September 17th 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 will be on September 17th. Sign up sheets to volunteer for food and for set up and clean up are in the Parish Hall. The posters are around the town and publicity is making sure that our neighbors know that one of our most popular dinners is coming up soon. Contact Karen Derr if you would like more information, or would like to participate.

Backpack Program

Many thanks to you all for helping to collect, pack, and distribute backpacks and school supplies to nearly 40 Hammondspport School students. We blessed the backpacks, as well as all students, teachers, and administrators on Sunday, August 28th. We give thanks to Catholic Charities who came onsite with three intake workers on August 29th to offer a variety of services to families as they picked up their school supplies. This is a great way for us to show our support to our children and youth as they return for another academic year.

Third Thursday Senior Potluck

Potluck and Movie, Thursday, September 15th

Potluck and Card/Board Games and Craft Activity, Thursday, October 20th

Potluck and Senior Services Fair, Thursday, November 17th

Potluck and Christmas Music, Thursday, December 15th

12:30 – 2:30

As part of our continuing outreach to our community, St James is going to host a Third Thursday Senior Potluck and activity. Each month we will provide a hot dish and invite others to join us and bring along a dish to pass or rolls or dessert or drinks, just a little something to round out the meal. Around 1:00 we will rotate between a movie month, a game/craft month, and a speaker month. Marie DeRosa has graciously agreed to coordinate this monthly event. We invite you to consider hosting a month, and inviting your friends to assist. Ideally we would have a team of four or so to set up, bake the dish, sit with our guests, and help clean up.

Thank you to Marie who will host the September gathering. Thank you to Joanie who will obtain the movie license and provide our September movie. Thank you to JanetMarie Skinner who will coordinate and host the November Potluck and Senior Services Fair. We are seeking someone to host the October meal and card/board games and a craft activity. If you would like to learn more about this new and exciting ministry of St James, contact Rev Lynne at 569-2647. If you are interested in hosting October, or December, or a month in 2017, contact Marie at 585-752-3473.

CROP Walk

For the last two years St James has participated in the CROP Walk and helped raise funds for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry at St James. Thank you Donna Noteware for coordinating the St James walkers. Seventy-five percent of what we raise went to national and international programs to alleviate hunger, and twenty-five percent came to the local community. Last year Loaves and Fishes received a check for \$321.98. This year CROP Walk has not yet found an area coordinator, so the walk, hopefully planned for October 16th may not happen. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested in coordinating the walk for this area, please give Rev Lynne a call at 569-2647.

BBQ & Bonfire

Thank you to Peter and Connie Manikas for opening their home and their BBQ for the second St James BBQ and Bonfire. It seems we may have entered a theme with the first BBQ and severe thunderstorms. This year as the hot, dry, and windy summer continued, with 20 mph winds and 85 degree temperature, discretion won and the bonfire was not set alight. We did however say the prayers, offering our worn out Bibles, Prayer Books, and flags to be burned at a later (safer) date. We then enjoyed the Potluck BBQ at the Lake. If you didn't have the chance to come, we hope you will the next time!

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.

All Saints' Day

St James will observe All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 6th. 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 6th.

Funeral Planning and Planned Giving

It is often following a burial service that we each begin to think about our affairs. Did you know that you could sit with Rev Lynne and plan your funeral service? You will be given time on your own to consider readings and hymn choices; communion or not, Rite I or Rite II, readers, pall bearers. You can decide which, if any, family and friends you would like to have say a few words at the service. You can start to make decisions about cremation or coffin, burial or scattering, and the time and place for that to happen before or after the funeral or memorial service. It is a lovely gift for your family to know exactly what you want when the time comes. While you are considering your affairs we also invite you to consider leaving a gift to the church, either in the form of an item, such as a window, chalice, or linens, or a monetary gift. If you would like to update your plans, or create a plan, contact Rev Lynne at 569-2647.

Welcome and Farewell

Congratulations to Matthew and Katie Nichiporuk Heath who were married on July 2nd at St James, and Congratulations to Mark and Abigail Mendes married on August 6th at St James. We will welcome the newest young members of the household of God, Ani Katherine on September 4th (grandchild to Gary and Audrey Edmister), and Cadence Grace on September 18th (grandchild to Bob and Sandy Young).

With sadness we said goodbye to Mardo Doherty on July 21st, and gave a tearful farewell to our gracious and gifted woodworker and family man Ed Tyler on August 6th. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Let us continue to pray for all family and friends who grieve.

Bible Study

Mondays at 4:00

We are using N. T. Wrights "Acts: 24 Studies for Individuals and Groups" as we work our way through the Book of Acts. This is a great study guide, and a great way to dig deeper into the stories of the development of the early church. All are welcome to attend, no prior knowledge of Scripture required.

Garbage & Snow Removal – Are you being called?

We give thanks to Carol Battaglia who gathered and removed our garbage week after week. Now it is time to find another person who is willing to offer this gift. You can collect the garbage from kitchen and baths on Monday afternoon and take them to the curb. On Tuesday morning, you can return the can to the kitchen and put in a new bag. Simple, right? If interested, contact Rev Lynne.

We also seek someone to remove snow from our sidewalk and steps. Again, simple. If we get more than 2 inches that sticks past 10 a.m. could you shovel, snow blow, and salt? The most important time is early on Sunday mornings, preferably by 7:30 a.m. so the ice melt has a chance to work before we gather. Are you willing? Or do you know someone (a teen) who might be interested at a modest price?

Stewardship Carl the Complainer

Carl the Complainer was unhappy.

He had just returned from the worship service at Christ the Redeemer Church where he had generously placed a \$5.00 bill in the offering plate but only received a small piece of bread and a sip of wine in return. The following Sunday he went to the local bakery and was able to purchase an entire loaf of bread and a small orange juice for \$5.00. “Fools for Christ!” he was heard to exclaim. And so for the next few years, Carl the complainer used his money to purchase bread and juice at the bakery rather than “wasting it” at the church. He often reminded himself and others of the better deal he was getting.

One day Carl found himself in the hospital facing a serious illness. He complained about many things, including the awkward visit the pastor of the church made, since neither he nor Carl were well acquainted. You might be surprised that the pastor visited since Carl was not a church attendee, but we don’t buy such visits by our offerings. Most pastors will visit whether you complain about them or not.

But the real cost to Carl came when Jesus showed up at the hospital and Carl knew it not. How you choose to spend your money has everlasting significance: not by buying your way into Jesus’ heart but by beginning and building upon a relationship that makes all the difference, on earth as it is in heaven. A relationship with Jesus is what matters most and it this relationship that we build upon through our church attendance, prayers, service, and offerings.

By not knowing this, Carl missed the boat and true to form, he complained about it. He also complained that the owner of the bakery did not visit him in the hospital...but, then, what can you expect for only \$5.00 a week?

This month I invite you to take a moment each week to reflect upon how you see costs and rewards.

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- Sunday, Sept 4 – Baptism of Ani Katherine
- Monday, Sept 5 – Labor Day – Office is closed and there is no Bible Study.
- Sunday, Sept 9 – Guest Preacher Sharon Arthur, St Peter’s Geneva, on Stewardship
- Monday, Sept 12 – South East District meeting hosted by St James at 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept 14th – St James Vestry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 15th – Women’s Breakfast at Mom’s Diner at 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, September 15th – Senior Pot Luck luncheon and a Movie – at 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 16th – Chicken and Biscuit Dinner 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept 18th – Baptism Cadence Grace
- Thursday, Sept 22nd – Brookdale Service at 2:30
- Saturday, Sept 24th – Marriage of Colin Henry and Audrey Derr
- Monday, Sept 26th – Final Chapters of “Life of the Beloved,” by Henri Nouwen at 6:00
- Monday, October 10th – Book Group, book to be announced
- Wednesday, October 12th – St James Vestry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 20th – Women’s Breakfast at Kozy Korner in Bradford at 9:30
- Thursday, October 20th – Senior Pot Luck luncheon with games/craft at 12:30
- Monday, October 24th to Monday, October 31st – Rector at CREDO (Clergy Retreat)
- Thursday, November 3rd – South East District Bible Study at St James at 9:30 a.m.
- *Spaghetti – Lasagna Dinner* on January 17th

If you know of other upcoming dates, please contact Rev Lynne at 569-2647

Prayer List

Brett, Sandy M., Ann S., Terry, Mike S., Georgia & Pete, James W., Jason, Dawn, Nancy F., Pat, Jerry, Becka, Art, Jim, Food Pantry, Richard & Mary, Becky, Lillian, Leslie, Norma, Henry, Lindsey, Bob S., Bonnie S., Muriel C., Tom, Patsy, Bill, Ruth, Rae, Tom D., Teresa, Stephanie, Nancy, Tom & Betty, Douglas, Joe, Chip, Monica & Tony, Ted & Sue, Adrienne, Eva Marie, Dawn & Jon, Susan M., Robert G., Daniel E., James R., Sandra B., the Howard Family, the Brayer Family, the Schoeffler Family, ; those suffering from addiction; those serving in the military, especially Zach, Vance, Merle, Jeffrey, Brandon, Brison, Ray, and George

Lay Minister's Schedule September-October 2016

Revised

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Readers	Ushers	Sunday School
September					
Sept. 4	C. Skinner	N. Forenz	G. Palmer K. Packard	C. Manikas P. Manikas	J. Rogerson
Sept. 11	M. White	C. Skinner	W. Torp M. White	J. Piersons M. Piersons	L. Nichiporuk
Sept. 18	L. Nichiporuk	M. White	S. Pulver A. Edmister	J. Skinner C. Skinner	D. Noteware
Sept. 25	N. Forenz	L. Nichiporuk	L. Graulich K. Packard	A. Oates C. Bogart	M. White

October

Oct. 2	C. Vanhouten	J. Grillo	C. Ahern C. Vanhouten	C. Ahern M. DeRosa	E. Kowulich-Covel
Oct. 9	C. Skinner	C. Vanhouten	W. Torp M. White	M. White N. Folts	K. Derr
Oct. 16	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	S. Pulver J. Grillo	C. Manikas P. Manikas	D. Barney
Oct. 23	C. Vanhouten	J. Grillo	L. Graulich A. Edmister	M. White A. LaBar	J. Derr
Oct. 30	J. Grillo	N. Forenz	C. Vanhouten C. Ahern	J. Piersons M. Piersons	J. Rogerson