

# From St. James' with Love

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## **St James November - December 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**

*I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. (John 10:10b)*

Over the past few weeks at the end of the sermon I have asked you to respond to the question, "How are you?" with the response, "I am blessed," or, "I am grateful," and I have been delighted to hear more and more people responding in this way at church. You see, we have been blessed, and in response I can only pray that we acknowledge that blessing with our thanks and praise. Jesus came to give us life, abundant life. I wonder what that means to you, and how you recognize Godly abundance working in your life?

I found it interesting to read, "Donations from America's individuals, estates, foundations and corporations reached an estimated \$373.25 billion in 2015, setting a record for the second year in a row," according to Giving USA. That is one way to show our gratitude for the gifts we have received, by generously giving to organizations that make a difference. There are other day-to-day ways to give thanks and share the abundant generosity shown to us in our life in Christ.

We at St James are a very giving group of people – filled with the spirit and living out our Vision: 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). That is evident in the many ways in which we serve our community and the world around us in prayer and mission.

Over this next year I am going to invite you to step into a year of living generously. Don't panic, I am talking about living generously not only in time, talent, and treasure, but in thought word, and deed. Each month I am going to suggest another way that we might give thanks, and give back to our Creator and our community in response to what we have already received. In November we could live generously by giving thanks, each day, for at least one way in which we enjoy the gifts of creation. Let's see if you can find 30 different gifts of creation to praise. In December I suggest you consider the gifts you have been given (talent, abilities, gifts, skills) and find three ways to share those gifts generously with others.

As we move through the remaining months of this Church year, enter Advent, and await once again the birth of that little child who changed the world, let us also open our heart to God's abundance in our lives.

Peace,  
Lynne +

## Diocesan Convention

Diocesan Convention is on Saturday, November 5, and our delegates: Charlie Skinner, Gladys Palmer, and Luanne Graulich will attend the Eucharist and business meeting. The Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry will be the Preacher for the Eucharist to be held at Trinity in Geneva. The Diocese continues to address difficult issues such as stewardship of resources and restructuring of staff. The proposed budget is a balanced budget which focuses on increasing mission and decreasing administration costs, as well as decreasing use of the endowment fund. Rev Lynne has been reelected to Diocesan Council for another two years. We ask your prayers as your representatives give their time and talent to the Diocese, which then benefits our parish.

### Day of Prayer

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

St James will host a day of prayer throughout the day on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please consider spending an hour at St James . . . bring a book, bring your knitting, bring your prayers and hopes and dreams. Sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

## HAMMONDSPOUR ECUMENICAL YOUTH GROUP

**Open to all students grades 7 through 12**

**Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 7:00**

Transportation available, if needed.

Dinner provided by host church, games, music, fellowship, and a message from Scripture each week. Come and join the fun and bring a friend or neighbor!

**Sunday, November 13 at St James (see sign-up sheet to help with dinner.)**

Sunday, December 11. at the Martello Home

Please bring appetizers, desserts, drinks to share

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at St James

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at St James

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> time TBD, Celebration at Champlin Beach

## Book Group

The Book of Common Prayer

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 6:00 beginning November 14<sup>th</sup>

The Book of Common Prayer dates back to 1549 and the brings together Scripture, and some of the most beautiful prayers in the English language. The BCP also contains history, lessons (Catechism), and so much more! Join us every other Monday as we work our way through this fascinating and important foundation of the Anglican and Episcopal church. No prior knowledge required.

## **Annual Pledge Drive**

With prayerful thanksgiving for all we have received, as well as planning for the year ahead, we once again come to the time to consider your pledge to St. James' mission and vision. In the next week you will receive 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 27th. Selected Vestry members will then meet the following week to create a draft budget, and the Vestry will review, amend, and finalize the budget at the meeting on Wednesday, December 14th in preparation for the new year, and our Annual Meeting.

### **Senior Potluck & Senior Services Thursday, November 17th at 12:30**

St. James hosted a Senior Potluck with movie in September, Potluck with craft in October, and in November we will enjoy a Potluck meal as well as learning more about services available for seniors in Hammondsport and the surrounding areas. Come, bring a dish if you wish, bring a friend, and enjoy the fellowship.

## **It's Apple Pie Time!!**

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

The healthy competition between the peelers and the dough people is scheduled to begin! After 20+ years of practice, we are like a well-oiled machine. Our goal again this year is to sell 200 pies with all proceeds to benefit the mission of the church. How can you help? Jobs include taking orders for pies, peeling apples, mixing filling, rolling dough, wrapping pies, being a cashier, helping to set up or clean up. We hope you can join us on **Saturday, November 19th, between 9 am and 3 p.m.** Come for an hour or stay all day, all help is appreciated! A sign-up sheet is located in the undercroft.

**Please share with friends and family -**

### **St. James Episcopal Church Annual Apple Pie Sale**

Order ready to bake, homemade apple pies for **\$9** each. Pick up at St. James', Hammondsport between **10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Pies can be preordered by calling **607-368-3224**.

## **Giving Tree**

November 20<sup>th</sup>

'Tis almost the season and we are going to try a blend of old and new this year. We will have a tree with both food items and with Christmas gifts for some families in our community. The tree will go up on November 20<sup>th</sup> and we need the **gifts** back for distribution on **December 4<sup>th</sup>**, and the **food** items by **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. The tags will be color and shape coded so you can easily select a gift and/or food item.

**Happy Feet**  
**submitted by Esther Covell**  
**Collection November-December 18th**

We have another opportunity to show our care for our veterans, thanks to our memorial for Jane Aeschbacher. Jane was an avid volunteer here and for our veterans. At her passing her husband, Paul, continued her activity via the collection of socks for our veterans at the VAMC. To date we are approaching 3000 pair, donated and passed on to our vets! That is a lot of 'happy feet'! The generosity of our parish is very much appreciated. I get a chuckle when presenting the socks, their eyes pop when I report the number collected.

**Hammondsport Thanksgiving Service**  
**United Methodist Church**

The Hammondsport Community Thanksgiving service this year is on Sunday, November 20th at 7:00pm. Please invite your family and friends to join us for an evening of music and prayer as the community of Hammondsport comes together to give thanks.

**UMC Thanksgiving Dinner**  
**Thanksgiving Day-delivery 11am to 2pm**

If you would like to volunteer, or can help provide some of the food for the 400 meals, please contact [bonnielowery04@yahoo.com](mailto:bonnielowery04@yahoo.com) or call 776-4730 or call the church office at 569-3511. A letter with more details is available on our bulletin board.

**Advent Education: The First Christmas**  
**Wednesday, November 30, December 7,14,21**  
**6:00 to 7:00pm**

**This Advent we will study the stories that foretell our Savior's birth, and the Christmas stories of the Bible. Each week we will look at one of the Gospels, how the stories tie together, how they differ, and the symbolism that points to the great mystery of God incarnate. Please join us for these four weeks as we prepare ourselves to welcome the Christ child into our lives.**

**Crop Walk 2016**

Amazing! The group of 14 walkers was amazing! The 70 degree sunny weather was amazing for a mid-October day. The most amazing part, aside from the snacks at the beginning and and, and the hospitality of

the Scouts at the half-way point, was Team St. James-raising over \$1,200 to address hunger issues locally and nationally. Thank you!

### **Basketball Dinners**

December 9th and January 13th at 4:00pm

St. James will host two pre-game dinners this Basketball season on December 9th and January 13th. All team members, cheerleaders, and support students are invited to attend a dinner at St. James. More information to follow about how you can participate in this event.

### **Game Nights**

Last year St. James hosted two family Game Nights and the attendance was amazing! Some came from St. James, some came from the Youth Group, some of our friends and neighbors attended. We had pizza, popcorn, sodas, and desserts which were a hit with the youth as well as adults. Both nights we had five tables of players, each table deciding how to spend the evening. We plan to have more game nights in the Winter and Spring. Stay tuned for some good fun and competition.

StChristmas Sing-a-long & Stories of our Faith

Saturday, December 10th at 2:00p,

Come to St James and bring a friend to celebrate the season! We enjoy readings of the Advent and Christmas seasons, as well as singing some of our favorite hymns and songs. This is the same day as Christmas in the Park, so get ready to kick off this special day with the stories and songs of Christmas.

### **Greening of the Church**

This takes place on Sunday, December 18th immediately following the Sunday service. As you know, it is a joyous occasion, and takes all available hands to place all the greens, candles, and decorations around the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay.

### **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

Gather your family and friends to join us for the Celebration of our Savior's Birth on Saturday, December 24th at 9:00pm. Christmas Day is on Sunday, December 25th and the festive Eucharist of our Savior's birth will be at 9:00am. This will most likely be a smaller gathering, so consider bringing your guests and friends.

**Stewardship is....ALL that we do, with ALL that we have, ALL the time.  
Stewardship isn't**

- Fundraising
- Paying the light bills or maintaining a building
- Paying a decent staff
- Meeting the budget
- Keeping the church alive
- Paying our fair share of the dues
- Passing on a legacy to our children

**Stewardship is...**

- Sharing God's mission with a glad, generous and grateful heart
- Transforming lives in our community
- Prayerfully responding to God's call
- A deeply spiritual matter
- Something that blesses the giver more than the receiver

Stewardship is discipline: it is a matter of complete reorientation of our lives toward God, who calls us through Jesus Christ

***Stewardship is.....Everything I do after I say, "I believe."***

### **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in 32nd Year**

In 1984-85, St. James' members Joan Smith, George and Barbara Brayer, and James and Vera Van Vessem founded the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. The Rev Sal Mistretta, Mary White, and Judy Garrison worked with them. The pantry was open to the residents of the Hammondspport School District. It was reorganized in 1989, bringing in the other Hammondspport Churches. But the location remained at St James, who also paid the utility bill for the freezers and rooms used. Other local organizations also helped and continue to do so today. In mid-October the Pantry moved to its new home at St Gabriel's Church in Hammondspport. Please continue to support this ministry with your weekly donations of Sunday, as we will continue to bring them to the Pantry.

### **Prayer List**

Michael S., Raymond K., Stephen B., Cheryl, Brett, Sandy M., Ann S., Terry, Mike S., Georgia & Pete, James W., Jason, Dawn, Nancy F., Pat, Jerry, Brett, Becka, Art, Jim, the 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, those suffering from addiction; those serving in the military, especially Zach, Vance, Merle, Jeffrey, Brandon, Brison, Ray and Gage.

### **Upcoming Dates—Mark your calendars!**

- Saturday, Nov. 5-Diocesan Convention
- Sunday, Nov. 6-Daylight Savings Time begins
- Tuesday, Nov. 8-Day of Prayer at St James from 6am-9pm
- Wednesday, Nov.9-Vestry meeting 7pm
- Thursday, Nov. 10-Service with music and reserved Sacrament at Brookdale 2:30
- Saturday, Nov. 12-Braun-Nichiporuk wedding
- Sunday, Nov. 13-Hammondsport Youth Group at St James
- Monday, Nov. 14-Book Group at 6:00pm to begin Book of Common Prayer
- Thursday, Nov. 17-Woman's Breakfast at Chat-a-Whyle at 9:30
- Thursday, Nov. 17-Senior Potluck and Senior Services at 12:30
- Saturday, Nov. 19-Apple Pie Time from 9-3
- Sunday, Nov. 20-The Giving Tree
- Sunday, Nov. 20-Hammondsport Thanksgiving Service 7pm at UMC
- Thursday, Nov.24-Happy Thanksgiving-Church Office closed
- Sunday, Nov. 27-Christ the King and Ingathering Sunday
- Monday, Nov. 28-Book Group at 6pm to continue Book of Common Prayer
- Wednesday, Nov. 30-Advent Education at St James at 6pm
- Sunday, Dec. 4-Ingathering of Giving Tree gifts for Hammondsport families
- Wednesday, Dec. 7-Advent Education at St James at 6pm
- Friday, Dec.9-Basketball Dinner at St James 4pm
- Saturday, Dec. 10-Christmas Sing-a-Long at St James at 2pm
- Sunday, Dec. 11-Hammondsport Youth Group at Martello Home
- Monday, Dec. 12-Book Group 6pm to continue BCP
- Wednesday, Dec. 14-Advent Education at St James 6pm

- Wednesday, Dec. 14-Vestry meeting 7pm
- Thursday, Dec. 15-Women's Breakfast at Crooked Lake 9:30am
- Sunday, Dec. 18-Greening of Church, Ingathering of Food Pantry items from Giving Tree
- Wednesday, Dec. 21-Advent Education at St James at 6pm
- Saturday, Dec. 24-Christmas Eve Service at 9pm
- Sunday, Dec. 25-Christmas Day service at 9am
- Monday, Dec. 26-Sunday, Jan. 1-Rector on Vacation
- Sunday, Jan. 1-Lessons and Carols, Rev. Linda Leibhart to Preside

## Lay Minister's Schedule November-December 2016

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Nov. 6	N. Forenz	C. Skinner	G. Palmer K. Packard	C. Ahern M. DeRosa	L. Nichiporuk
Nov. 13	J. Grillo	C. VanHouten	W. Torp M. White	C. Bogart A. Oates	D. Noteware
Nov. 20	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo	S. Pulver A. Edmister	J. Skinner C. Skinner	M. White
Nov. 27	C. VanHouten	N. Forenz	L. Graulich C. Ahern	M. White N. Folts	E. Kowulich-Covel
Dec. 4	C. Skinner	M. White	G. Palmer M. White	C. Manikas P. Manikas	K. Derr
Dec. 11	M. White	C. Skinner	K. Packard J. Grillo	M. Piersons J. Piersons	D. Barney
Dec. 18	C. VanHouten	J. Grillo	S. Pulver C. Ahern	C. Ahern M. DeRosa	J. Derr
Dec. 24	L. Nichiporuk	M. White	L. Graulich A. Edmister	P. Forenz N. Forenz	