

From St. James' With Love

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January-February 2017 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

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (Is 60:1)

Epiphany: a Christian festival held on January 6 in honor of the coming of the three kings to the infant Jesus Christ; 2. epiphany : a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way [Merriam-Webster online].

Several years ago I was creating a Women's retreat and was looking for artwork for the cover. While surfing the net for ideas I came across Kathrin Burleson's "Epiphany Times Three" watercolor. I was struck by the beauty, the rich colors, and most of all by the images of a long and winding road with a water/wine jug in the foreground and the rising sun at the horizon. I am a child of my culture, and get excited when the school year begins, and feel a sense of eternity when the Church year begins. But what is even more deeply ingrained in me is the secular New Year's Eve and Day celebrations, including giving thanks for the year that is past, and making plans for the year to come.

Christmas evening, I went to the movie "Arrival" and during the movie was struck over and over again by an epiphany. We all have second chances, and we all have a lifetime journey in which we can choose to stay on the path, or to stray. Sometimes we are knocked off the path, and sometimes the path seems too bleak or treacherous to traverse. We all begin at the beginning and end at the end. Along the way there are many forks in the road and obstacles to overcome. The one thing that is constant, that lights the path, that gives us strength for the journey, and will greet us at the end, is Jesus Christ.

This year, one of the choices you can make is to read the Bible in a year. Tom Bidwell always makes sure that the paper map is available at the back of the church. If that seems too daunting, you could commit to reading one book of the Bible, or you could join the Bible Study, or a Lenten or Advent study. You might choose to pick up the little booklet published by Forward Movement Day by Day, available at the back of the church. You may have discovered your own way of staying on the path.

My hope and prayer this year is that we all find our way illumined by the brightness of the Son, Jesus Christ.

God's peace,
Lynne +

Thanksgiving

We offer thanks for the bountiful pledge drive and for the generosity of the people of St. James. The Vestry will present the budget at our Annual Meeting, but in the meantime, we want to let you know that your prayerful discernment and faithful giving are overwhelming. Thank You!

Reports for Annual Meeting due January 18th

Please send your completed Report to Lynne no later than Wednesday, January 18th so we can make them available to the congregation on Sunday, the 22nd of January. It is our hope that people will have the chance to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest, and then at Annual Meeting have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions, and give thanks for all we have done in 2016.

Annual Meeting January 29th at 9:00 a.m

St James Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The reports will be distributed on Sunday, January 21st by email and in print for everyone, and will include the list of nominees for open positions. The Annual Meeting will be Called to Order immediately prior to the opening hymn. Service will continue as usual with the Rector's report included in the sermon. After the closing hymn we will continue the meeting in the Sanctuary, with Voting, Financial Reports, and an opportunity to ask questions about any of the Committee Reports. Our hope is that everyone will stay for the brief meeting prior to adjourning for Coffee Hour.

Basketball Dinner

Friday, January 13th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The first Basketball Spaghetti dinner was a HUGE success, and we fed more than 60 youth, not to mention the adults in the group. There was a steady stream as one group left to play, and another group came after their game. The kids loved it, the adults had fun too! Look for sign-up sheets to help with the next dinner.

Family Game Night

Saturday, January 14th from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Continuing this great tradition started last year, St James will host a Family Game Night for all our neighbors. There will be snacks and drinks, and a wide variety of games for all ages groups. All children under age 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Book Group Resumes January 16th

(no group on January 3rd)

1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

We are reading through the Book of Common Prayer and on January 15th will look at the Service of Baptism. This group is informal and no prior knowledge is needed or expected. We look through the Book, as questions, include some history and theology

and learn more about the Episcopal Church and our faith. Drop in when you can, and you can bring a BCP or one will be provided. Questions? Contact Rev. Lynne.

Spaghetti/Lasagna Supper
Saturday, January 21st 4:00 - 6:00
Tickets \$9.50

Jim Grillo and Company graciously invite you to attend the Annual Spaghetti/Lasagna Supper at St James in the Parish Hall. Keep an eye out for the sign up sheets so you can volunteer, in the meantime, get the word out and invite your family, friends, and neighbors for a treat they won't want to miss!

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Wednesday, March 1st

On Ash Wednesday we will engage in the Hammondspport tradition of sharing a Noonday Service followed by a light lunch. (location tbd). Service for Ash Wednesday and Communion at St James at 7:00. We will post the schedule for Lent of noonday services and lunches in February.

Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A: A Daily Devotional

Have you ever considered reading a Daily Devotional during the season of Lent? N. T. Wright, New Testament Scholar and Bishop is easy to read (hence, for everyone) and inspirational. Each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter week this book includes a portion of Scripture, a reflection, and a prayer for each day. I invite you to read this alone, or to use this as a supplement to our Lenten Study. You can order a copy through your favorite book dealer, purchase a Kindle edition, or see Joan to order a copy from Amazon.

Lenten Study - the Gospel of Matthew

Wednesdays March 1st - April 12th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Throughout Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday through the Wednesday of Holy Week, we will study the Gospel of Matthew. We will have time to discuss the daily reflections from "Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A," and we will look at the themes and theology of Matthew which we began during Advent. Each theme will highlight a series of stories from the Gospel, and deepen your understanding of how the Gospel continues to come to life today. Bring your Bibles (Bibles available to borrow at St James) and your questions.

Holy Land
April 30 – May 11, 2017

If you have been thinking about coming along on this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage, now is the time to discern if this is the year for you to explore the Holy Land, and deepen your faith. Our guide, Lyad is an Episcopalian, and has been leading pilgrim groups for twenty years. Rev Lynne will be the spiritual guide for this group. We stay in Jerusalem at the Guest House of the Cathedral, and spend a few days at a Guest House in Nazareth. We visit Bethlehem and the site of Jesus birth, follow in his footsteps through Capernaum, the mount of the Beatitudes, and take a boat ride on the sea of Galilee. We visit a variety of archeological and historical sites, along with Biblical sites too numerous to mention. On our final days we walk the way of the Cross, ending at the Holy Sepulchre. If you would like more information, contact Rev. Lynne. **Registration deadline is January 15, 2017.**

St James Annual Apple Pie Sale

On November 21st we gathered together with volunteers new and old to make some delicious apple pies. Through many hours of toil and laughter, we sold an amazing 150 pies, bags of filling, and bags of peeled apples. Many thanks to Jeff and Kathy Kennedy who donated the apples, Bruce and Mary White who donated the remaining ingredients, and the many helpers who prepped the room, peeled apples, created the filling, made the dough, rolled the dough, crimped the edges, wrapped the pies, served as cashier, made phone calls, made lunch, and cleaned up. We raised about \$1354.50 for the St James Mission fund.

Christmas Giving Tree

This year we merged the Angel tree with donations for families and created the Giving Tree. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of spirit we have at St James! The tags for the gifts and for the personal care items disappeared very quickly, and within a few weeks we gathered in gift for three families, and personal care items for everyone who visits the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Thank you everyone for your giving hearts.

St James 'socks' it to the Bath VAMC

Jane Aeschbacker and husband Paul were active volunteers at the Bath VA, at St. James and at the Presbyterian Church. After Jane's death, in 1999, with Paul's blessing, St. James continued to collect white socks for the veterans, in Jane's memory. Including this year we have gifted the Bath VA veterans with 2350 pairs of socks! Dry, healthy feet are important to all, critical to our veterans and very much appreciated. We collected 256 pairs this year 2016

Children

Join us every Sunday morning, week in and week out, for Sunday School. All ages are welcome! We are now using the curriculum "Seasons of the Spirit" for multiage groups which use the lectionary readings of the day with a wide variety of craft activities to enhance learning. You can meet Gladys Palmer, the Sunday School teacher, if you have any questions.

The Hammondsport Youth Group

All youth in 7th through 12th grade are welcome to join us for a the Hammondsport youth group. Each time we meet we enjoy dinner, play a few games, learn a few new names, sing some songs, and hear an inspirational message. See Karen if you would like to help with dinner, or come by to give some of your time to the youth of St James and the Hammondsport Community.

- Sunday, January 8th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church
- Sunday, February 12th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at St James
- Sunday, March 12th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church
- Sunday, April 23rd from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at St James
- Sunday, May 21st time TBD at Champlin Beach

Prayer List

Marion, Corina, Glen S., Bruce, 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, 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, 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, Gage and Gavin.

Prayer List-Starting Anew

New year and a new start for our prayer list. It is a good time to take a look at our thanksgivings for those who no longer need daily prayers for healing, and to mourn those who have passed. Starting mid-January all names will be removed, giving us a chance to create a new Prayer List. Contact Rev Lynne (at rectorstjames@gmail.com or at the church office 607-569-2647) if you want to add a name to the prayer list. The new list will be placed on the bulletin, and in our prayers on Sunday, January 29th.

Upcoming Dates

- *Sunday, January 1st* – Christmas Lessons and Carols with Rev Linda Leibhart
- *Monday, January 2nd* – OFFICE CLOSED (no Bible or Book Study)
- *Thursday, January 5th* – 12:00 Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist
- *Sunday, January 8th* – 5:30 Hammondsport Youth Group at UMC
- *Monday, January 9th* – 4:00 Bible Study
- *Thursday, January 12th* – 12:00 Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist
- *Friday, January 13th* – 3:00 – 6:00 Basketball Dinner at St James
- *Saturday, January 14th* – 5:30- 8:00 Family Game Night
- *Monday, January 16th* – 4:00 Bible Study & 5:30 Book Group
- *Wednesday, January 18th* – Reports due for Annual Meeting
- *Thursday, January 19th* – 9:30 Women's Breakfast at Stephanie's in Bath
 - 12:00 Service of Healing and Eucharist

- 12:30 Senior Potluck
- *Saturday, January 21st* – 4:00 – 6:00 Italian Dinner
- *Monday, January 23rd* – 4:00 Bible Study
- *Thursday, January 26th* – 12:00 Service of Healing and Eucharist
 - 2:30 Music and Communion Service at Brookdale
- *Sunday, January 29th* – Annual Meeting at 9: 00a.m.
- *Monday, January 30th*-4:00 Bible Study
- *Thursday, February 2nd*-12:00 Service of Healing and Eucharist
- *Monday-Wednesday, February 6-8* Rev Lynne at Diocesan Clergy Retreat
- *Thursday, February 9th* – 12:00 Service of Healing and Eucharist
- *Sunday, February 12th* – 5:30 Hammondsport Youth Group at St James
- *Monday, February 13th* – 4:00 Bible Study
- *Wednesday, February 15th* – 7:00 Vestry Meeting
- *Thursday, February 16th* – 9:30 Women’s Breakfast at Mom’s Diner in Savona
 - 12:00 Service of Healing and Eucharist
- *Monday, February 20th* – 4:00 Bible Study and 5:30 Book Group
- *Thursday, February 23rd* – 12:00 Service of Healing and Eucharist
 - 2:30 Music and Communion at Brookdale
- *Wednesday, March 1st* – 12:00 Community Ash Wednesday Service (location tbd)
 - *7:00 Ash Wednesday service with Communion at St James*

LAY MINISTER’S SCHEDULE JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Readers	Ushers	Sunday School
Jan 1	J.Grillo	C.VanHouten	W.Torp C. VanHouten	C.Manikas P. Manikas	D. Barney
Jan 8	N. Forenz	J. Grillo	S. Tostanoski J. Grillo	J. Skinner C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk
Jan 15	L. Nichiporuk	N. Forenz	W. Torp C. VanHouten	C. Ahern M. DeRosa	D. Noteware
Jan 22	C. VanHouten	C. Skinner	K. Packard S. Buchanan	M. Piersons J. Piersons	J. Derr
Jan 29	C. Skinner	M. White	L. Graulich A. Edmister	P. Forenz N. Forenz	J. Rogerson
Feb 5	M. White	L. Nichiporuk	W. Torp S. Pulver	C. Ahern M. DeRosa	E. Kowulich-Covel
Feb 12	J. Grillo	C. VanHouten	W. Torp C. VanHouten	J. Skinner C. Skinner	K. Derr
Feb 19	N. Forenz	J. Grillo	S. Tostanoski S. Buchanan	M. White N. Folts	D. Barney
Feb 26	J. Grillo	N. Forenz	K. Packard J. Grillo	M. Piersons J. Piersons	L. Nichiporuk

