

From St. James' With Love

Corner of Lake and Main

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March-April 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

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear Friends in Christ,

This has been an amazing year so far, a very mild winter, spring shoots springing up, a full-time Rector, and this week a house in Hammondsport. Thank you, each and every one of you, for your prayers, your support, and help, as I transition to Hammondsport. I could not have done it without God, and you.

What I really want to address in this Newsletter is the season of Lent, which begins next week, and will end mid-April. The seasons of our lives seem to revolve faster and faster with each passing year. And I appreciate that I also seem to move slower and slower with each revolution of the sun. The good news is that we receive an invitation in the season of Lent to pause, take time in the wilderness or desert, face our temptations and shortcomings, and then witness the power and possibilities of God's love. Some face this season by giving up something (chocolate/alcohol), and other take on a new discipline. We are invited to really examine our lives, and maybe get rid of some of the excess baggage, whatever that may be: "stuff", pounds, guilt, overwork

But first, we are invited to celebrate – Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday – to indulge in all our pastimes. I invited to you consider also how you want to spend these last few days in the shining light of Epiphany, sharing your light in the world, sharing your light with friends, sharing in the light of Christ as you once again prepare to walk in his footsteps into the wilderness, and beyond into discipleship.

Friends, we have so much to be thankful for every day. Join in celebrating Tuesday, and then join in one of the disciplines in this Newsletter for the upcoming season.

May the light of Christ be with you,
Rev Lynne +

Weekdays in Lent

At St. James we observe Lent in a variety of ways, and we invite you to give one or two of these weekday practices a try as you live into this holy season.

St James Services

Ash Wednesday through Easter

Wednesday, March 1st at 12:00 Ash Wed. with imposition of ashes at St James Episcopal, Deacon Dave LaFortune speaking, luncheon to follow

Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday with imposition of Ashes and Eucharist

Saturday, April 8th at 3:00 "I Love to Tell the Story" an interactive telling of the stories of our faith from creation through Jesus entry into Jerusalem in word, song, and dance. FREE and open to the public.

Sunday, April 9th at 9:00 a.m. The Sunday of Passion: Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. we will observe the solemn service of Maundy Thursday with reading of Scripture, foot washing, Communion, and the Stripping of the Altar, ending the service in silence and darkness.

Friday April 14th at 11:00 Reading of the Passion Gospel; The Solemn Collects, and administration of Reserved Sacrament

Friday, April 14th at 12:00 Stations of the Cross at St James

Sunday, April 16th at 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise service at the lake shore 6:30 am Breakfast following at HUMC

Sunday April 16th at 9:00 a.m. Festive Eucharist of Easter Sunday

Wednesday Noonday Ecumenical Service with Lunch

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| March 1 | Ash Wed. St James Episcopal hosting, Dave LaFortune speaking. |
| March 8 | St Gabriel's Roman Catholic hosting, Paul Rowley speaking |
| March 15 | Presbyterian church hosting, Lynne Sharp speaking |
| March 22 | H'port United Methodist hosting, Beth Kottemann speaking |
| March 29 | St Gabriel's, speaker Barre Butts |
| April 5 | St. James, Nate Cooper speaking |
| April 14 | Good Friday Stations of the Cross at St James @ Noon |
| April 16 | Easter Sunrise service at the lake shore 6:30 am Breakfast following at HUMC |

Monday Bible Study

Bible Study at 4:00 in the Parish Hall, where we are reading through the Letter to the Romans. All are welcome to join as we read through the text and then have a time of thoughts, questions, and discussions around the Scripture.

Daily Lenten Meditation

We are encouraged during the Ash Wednesday service, “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy word.” This year I would encourage you to obtain the book: *Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A* by N.T. Wright. This book contains a portion of the Gospel of Matthew, followed by a short story and a prayer. The daily readings begin Ash Wednesday and continue through Easter Saturday.

Lenten Study

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Throughout Lent this year we will read through portions of the Gospel of Matthew. Each week we will look at different themes within the Gospel and have a brief Bible study using one of the readings. We will have time to engage the Scripture, enter into discussion, and ask questions. Mark your calendars now to come to any or all of the Lenten Study groups.

Eucharist with Anointing

Every Thursday at 12:00

Thursdays at 12:00 we celebrate the Holy Eucharist with an opportunity for Anointing. During the church year we learn about the Holy Women and Holy Men of faith. During Lent we focus on the Scripture and how it informs our Lenten practices and our daily lives.

Senior Potluck

Third Thursdays at 12:30

St James offers a monthly Potluck luncheon for seniors, or anyone who wants to come: all are welcome. Free! Transportation assistance is available. St James will provide a hot dish and beverages, and you may bring rolls, dessert, bag of chips, or a dish to pass, if you wish.

- Thursday, February 16th at 12:30 Potluck then the movie “O God,” with George Burns. Free!
- Thursday, March 16th at 12:30 Potluck then Card games & Board games. Free!
- Thursday, April 20th at 12:30 Potluck then the movie “The Sound of Music.” Free!

I Love to Tell the Story

Saturday, April 8th at 3:00

Free and Open to the Public

I Love to Tell the Story is an interactive telling of the stories and music of our faith. This afternoon will use the Scripture of the Easter Vigil, traditionally held after dusk on the

eve of Easter, and lead us from the story of creation through the triumphal entry into Jerusalem in word, song, and dance. We are pleased to have One Pulse, a Christian dance group offering their gifts. "One Pulse uses Christian music with biblical messages. Its study and performances focus on worship, enriching the Church, and freeing a broken world to experience the healing and joy of Jesus Christ." Put this on your calendar, tell you friends, this will be fun for families of all ages!

Counters

St James needs a few more people to be trained as counters. The Offering is counted and recorded after the service on Sunday morning, and takes about 10-15 minutes. Counters always work in pairs, and training is available. Please speak to Rev Lynne if you are interested in more information about being a Counter.

Brookdale

Several of us go to Brookdale on Creekside Drive in Painted Post to visit Ruth Clarke and other friends, and to hold a monthly Service with music and reserved Sacrament. The residents are delighted to listen or sing along with favorite hymns, and help by reading the readings. Please join us if you can on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2:30.

Prayer List

Shari & Jeffrey, Tom D., Stephanie, Brett, Lindsey, Floyd L., Becka, Dick, Esther, Pat, Bev, Janice, Michael, Fred, Bruce, Brandon, Anja, Harvey, Steve, Daniel, Nancy, Joe, Jason, Dylan, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction and those in the military.

Funeral Planning

Funeral planning is a topic that most people avoid at all costs, understandably. If you have already made plans, and have a copy available, could you make sure to send it to the church office so we can have it on file in case the need arises. If you would like more information on how to plan your service, or the service for someone you love, contact Rev Lynne and we can get you more information. If you would like to meet to talk through what this means, and if you might want to plan at some point in the future, contact Rev Lynne at 607.569.2647 or email at rectorstjames14840@gmail.com.

Sunday School for Children Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Hear the Scriptures, say some prayers, sing or song or join in an activity, then join your family for Communion. Join us downstairs every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., week in and week out, for Sunday School. Take a peek as we are making changes to the room, thanks to your generous contributions. You can always sign up to help provide materials for the activities, and give books to the children's library. See Rev Lynne if you are interested in being a classroom helper six times a year.

The Hammondsport Youth Group
Sunday, March 12th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church
Sunday, April 23rd from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at St. James

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

Facebook Page

In case you haven't noticed St James has a Facebook page known as St James Hammondsport. "Like" us to see the latest pictures and reminders of upcoming events. We continue to maintain the webpage that also has photos as well as newsletters, history, calendar, etc.

Upcoming Calendar

- March 1st Ash Wednesday – noon at St James with Luncheon to follow
 - 6:00 Lenten Study – the Gospel of Matthew
 - 7:00 p.m. at St James, Imposition of Ashes and Communion
- March 2nd – 9:30 South East District Clergy at St James
 - 12:00 Eucharist with Anointing
- March 6th – No Book Group tonight – 6:00 South East District Meeting at Christ Church Corning
- March 8th – 12:00 St Gabriel's with Luncheon to follow
 - 6:00 Lenten Study – the Gospel of Matthew
 - 7:00 Vestry Meeting
- March 9th – 12:00 Eucharist with Anointing
- March 12th – 5:30 Youth Group at the Methodist Church
- March 15th – 12:00 Presbyterian Church, Rev Lynne speaking, Luncheon to follow
 - 6:00 Lenten Study – the Gospel of Matthew
- March 16th – 9:30 Women's Breakfast – Crooked Lake, Hammondsport
 - 12:00 Eucharist with Anointing
 - 12:30 Senior Potluck with Cards and Games
- March 20th – 4:00 Bible Study
 - 5:30 Book Group
- March 22nd – 12:00 Methodist Church, Luncheon to follow
 - 6:00 Lenten Study – Gospel of Matthew
- March 23rd – 12: Eucharist with Anointing
 - 2:30 Brookdale
- March 29th – 12:00 St Gabriel's, Luncheon to follow
 - 6:00 Lenten Study – Gospel of Matthew
- March 30th – 12:00 Eucharist with Anointing
- April 3rd – 4:00 Bible Study
 - 5:30 Book Group
- April 5th – 12:00 Lenten Service at St James, Luncheon to follow
 - 6:00 Lenten Study – Gospel of Matthew

- April 6th – 12:00 Eucharist and Anointing
- April 8th – 3:00 I Love to Tell the Story
- April 9th – Palm Sunday
- April 12th – 6:00 Lenten Study – Gospel of Matthew
 - 7:00 Vestry
- April 13th – 7:00 Maundy Thursday
- April 14th – 11:00 Service of Reserved Sacrament
 - 12:00 Stations of the Cross
- April 17th – 4:00 Bible Study
 - 5:30 Book Group
- April 20th – 9:30 Women’s Breakfast at The Wagner, Penn Yan
 - 12:00 Eucharist with Anointing
 - 12:30 Senior Potluck followed by the movie “The Sound of Music”
- April 23rd – 5:30 Youth Group at St James
- April 27th – 12:00 Eucharist with Anointing
 - 2:30 Brookdale
- April 30th – (nighttime) Rev Lynne to the Holy Land

Lay Minister Schedule for March-April

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READER	USHERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL
March 1 Ash Wed	C. VanHouten	L. Nichiporuk	A. Edmister S. Pulver	J. Skinner C. Skinner	
March 5	C. Skinner	N. Forenz	L. Graulich K. Packard	L. Grillo J. Grillo	D. Noteware
March 12	C. VanHouten	C. Skinner	C. Ahern C. VanHouten	C. Ahern M. DeRosa	J. Derr
March 19	L. Nichiporuk	C. VanHouten	E. Edmister L. Graulich	M. Piersons J. Piersons	J. Rogerson
March 26	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	S. Buchanan S. Tostanoski	S. Buchanan G. Learned	E. Kowulich-Covel
April 2	C. Skinner	J. Grillo	S. Pulver K. Packard	P. Forenz N. Forenz	K. Derr
April 9 Palm Sunday	M. White	C. Skinner	W. Torp J. Grillo	L. Grillo J. Grillo	D. Barney
April 13 Maundy Thurs	C. VanHouten	C. Skinner	C. VanHouten C. Skinner		
April 14 Good Friday	N. Forenz				
April 16 Easter Sunday	J. Grillo	M. White	A. Edmister J. Grillo	N. Folts L. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk

April 23	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	S. Pulver C. Ahern	C. Ahern M. DeRosa	D. Noteware
April 30	M. White	N. Forenz	C. Ahern S. Buchanan	L. Grillo G. Learned	J. Derr