

# From St. James' With Love

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May-June 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

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. (Col 2:6-7)*

Some of us are headed to Jerusalem, the Holy City, where we will walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ from Bethlehem, through Galilee, to the Holy Sepulcher where we will pause in Jesus' empty tomb. As you can imagine, being in a foreign country where the language, culture, and terrain differ so greatly from what we know can be a little unsettling. And yet, that is where God has led all of us from the beginning of time.

God called Abram from his country to journey forth, making a covenant of land and descendants (Gen 15). Moses was called out of Egypt; to free God's people from slavery and bring to bring them to a Promised Land. Jesus calls each of us on a journey of faith, inviting us to step off the path of modern cares and worries to listen to his word and linger in his presence.

As the weather warms up and we rush into the joys of summer, I invite you to pause. During the Easter season we remember our Baptismal Covenant. We recall the promises that God has made to us, and the sacrifice that God has made for us. Let us remember that we have "received Christ Jesus the Lord," find ways to live our lives in him, and be "rooted and built up in him." There are so many ways at St James to participate in our faith: Bible Study, VBS, Dinners, and continuing to give thanksgiving, knowing that we are blessed.

Alleluia!

Lynne +

## Shopping Bags and Evangelism

April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Village Square

Several of us will be in the Square for the Earth Day Celebration on April 29<sup>th</sup> handing out the red St James shopping bags and taking prayer requests. Part of our Vision is, "God asks us to make His love visible in our lives and community," and one way we can do that is to be visible in public. With our shopping bags we show our love for God and our love for creation. We invite you to take a bag and use it! We invite you to take a bag for a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member. Bags are available for free at the back of the sanctuary, so take a few and pass them along!

**St. James Clean-Up Day**  
**Saturday, May 20th 8:00am-?**

Mark your calendars now, and strengthen those cleaning muscles. We will have one team working outdoors clearing up the grounds, as we have others working on the Smorgasbord. Please bring your tools (rakes, clippers, gloves) and your energy to beautify our property.

**SMORGASBORD DINNER**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 20TH**  
**4:00PM-6:00PM**

The tickets are \$9.50 and the food **is all you can eat!**

The famous and fabulous Smorgasbord Dinner is May 20th with Donna Noteware coordinating. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall, and plan to bring friends to one of our best dinners of the year!

**Final Youth Group of the Season**  
**Sunday, May 21st**  
**Time and Location TBD**

We have had a very successful year with the Hammondsport Youth Group, and enjoyed the moveable feast of alternating between the Hammondsport Methodist Church and St. James, as well as keeping the tradition of a Christmas Party at the Martello's home. Our final meeting will be a celebration and a sending off of some of our Youth. There will be many games, and lots of food. If you know someone in 7th through 12th grade, please let them know that they are invited and can bring a friend.

**South East District Meeting-June 5th at 6:00pm**  
**Church of the Redeemer, Addison**

The next South East District meeting of the Diocese is scheduled for June 5th at Church of the Redeemer in Addison. We thank Carol Bidwell for agreeing to serve as SED Clerk for one year. Our delegates Charlie Skinner, Luanne Graulich, and Gladys Palmer will attend, and anyone else is also invited to attend these meetings that help us to engage in the work of the District, the Diocese, and Mission work. The June 5th meeting will focus on the first draft of the proposed 2018 Diocesan Budget. If you are interested in attending, a shared meal (bring a dish to pass and your own place setting) starts around 6pm, and the meeting starts around 6:30. Contact any of the delegates for additional information.

## **HAMMONDSPORT PRAYER WALK**

PART OF THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION FROM AROUND THE 4TH CENTURY IS A ROGATION DAY OR IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION THE BEATING OF THE BOUNDS ON OR NEAR ASCENSION DAY. IT WAS TRADITIONALLY A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE WHERE THE PRIEST, IN VIOLET VESTMENTS WOULD GO OUT TO A FARMER'S FIELDS TO BLESS THE CROPS. NOWADAYS WE CALL IT A PRAYER WALK, AND GATHER TOGETHER WITH OTHER FAITH COMMUNITIES TO WALK THE BOUNDARIES OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE WILL STOP FOR PRAYER AT A VARIETY OF LOCATIONS INCLUDING BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, SCHOOL, FIELD, WATER, AND HOMES TO ASK GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON OUR COMMUNITY. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE, AND MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE WEEKS TO COME.

### **Baccalaureate St. James Episcopal Church Friday, June 16th at 6:30**

St. James is happy to host the Baccalaureate Service for the Graduating Class of Hammondspport High School. The service is planned with the Class, Advisors, and the assistance of Pastor Paul. There is usually a mix of readings, message, and music offered by the students and community members. The Service is followed by an Ice Cream Social. More information to follow, and sign-up sheets will be posted when plans are finalized.

### **Bishop's Visit**

The Bishop will be making his annual visit to St. James on June 25th, and we will have special music, flowers, and a light luncheon following the service. The Bishop welcomes the opportunity to meet the congregation, as well as offering the Rite of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation. Youth age 14 and older are eligible for Confirmation, and adults who have been Confirmed in another tradition and wish to join the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement are invited to be Received. If you wish Confirmation or Reception, please contact Rev Lynne at 569-2647 or [rectorstjames14840@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstjames14840@gmail.com).

### **The Baptismal Font**

The Baptismal Font filled with the water that was blessed is a reminder of the Baptismal Covenant that we made, or was made on our behalf, at Baptism, and the Covenant we renewed on Easter morning, will remain in place through Pentecost.

## **The Offertory Gifts**

The Book of Common Prayer (page 361) states, “Representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar at the same time as the other gifts. One of the Ushers may ask you to take your turn carrying the gifts. You will process in front of the other gifts and hand them to the Acolyte.

## **Sunday School**

*Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. (Mark10:14b)*

We are blessed to have Gladys as teacher, along with the renovations to the room, the curriculum, the music, the felt board stories, and the crafts! Come every Sunday at 8:55 a.m. to participate in Sunday School, and then the children join the congregation at the Peace.

## **VBS Paul and the Underground Church**

*Calling all children and grandchildren, neighbors and friends to the  
2017 Vacation Bible School to be held at the Methodist Church*

Monday, June 26th through Friday, June 30th

**“Experience the Thrill of Visiting an Underground Church!** Explore a crowded Roman marketplace, tiptoe past watchful Roman Guards, encourage first-century Christians who meet in a dark cave, race chariots, and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God’s love.” There are opportunities for you to offer your time, talent, and treasure:

- Sanctuary overseers-greet kids as they are arriving
- donate items needed for snacks, decorations, and games. List will be compiled soon.

## **PRAYER LIST**

**GREGORY D., GREGORY B., LINDA G., KRIS, SUSAN M., ROBERT G., MICHEAL W., DANIEL E., JAMES R., EVA MARIE, BRANDON, WALT Y., JOHN, CHERYL, SHARI & JEFFREY, STEPHANIE, BRETT, LINDSEY, FLOYD L., BECKA, DICK, ESTHER, PAT, BEV, JANICE, MICHAEL, FRED, BRUCE, BRANDON, ANJA, STEVE, DANIEL, NANCY, JOE, JASON, JOSIE, THE FOOD PANTRY, THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION, THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY.**

Upcoming Dates:

- April 29th-Earth Day Fair in the Village Square 10:00-2:00
- April 30th-Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem as Rev Lynne, Connie VanHouten, Mary White, Adrienne Hutcheson, Charlie and Janetmarie Skinner, along with 23 other Pilgrims visit the Holy Land. We will return the evening of May 12th.
- May 17th-Vestry Meeting at 7:00pm
- May 18th-Women’s Breakfast at Chat-a-Wyle at 9:30 am
- May 20th-Outside Work Day beginning at 8:00am
- May 20th-Smorgasbord from 4:00-6:00pm
- May 21st-Youth Group Party!
- May 25th-Brookdale at 2:30pm
- June 5th-South East District Meeting, Church of the Redeemer, Addison, dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 6:30pm
- June 8th -Vestry Meeting at 7:00pm
- June 10th- Hammondspport Prayer Walk-10:00 am
- June 12th-Book Study
- June 15th-Women’s Breakfast at the Kozy Corner at Bradford.
- June 16th - Baccalaureate Service for Graduating Hammondspport Seniors at St. James at 6:30
- June 22nd-Brookdale
- June 26th-Book Study
- June 26-30th VBS-Paul and the Underground Church

LAY MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Readers	Ushers	Sunday School
5/7	J. Grillo	J. Grillo	W. Torp J. Grillo	N. Folts	D. Barney
5/14	N. Forenz	M. White	S. Pulver L. Graulich	J. Skinner C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk
5/21	L. Nichiporuk	N. Forenz	W. Torp C. VanHouten	M. Piersons J. Piersons	D. Noteware
5/28	C. VanHouten	C. Skinner	K. Packard S. Buchanan	G. Learned S. Buchanan	J. Derr
6/4	C. Skinner	M. White	L. Graulich A. Edmister	P. Forenz N. Forenz	J. Rogerson
6/11	M. White	L. Nichiporuk	W. Torp S. Pulver	J. Skinner C. Skinner	K. Derr

6/18	J. Grillo	C. VanHouten	W. Torp C. VanHouten	C. Manikas P. Manikas	D. Barney
6/25	N. Forenz	S. Buchanan	C. VanHouten G. Briscoe	M. White N. Folts	L. Nichiporuk