

## ST JAMES JULY - AUGUST 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

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)*

We hear so much in the news about Christians being persecuted in some of the hot spots of our world: Pakistan, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, and that's the story that our children heard at Vacation Bible School this summer as we learned more about Paul in Rome. Every day they met with Paul and Brutus, the Roman Guard, and then went down into the Underground Church to hear the messages of God's love. We also supported a Travel Pack ministry through "Voices of the Martyrs" to ensure that fleeing Christians had basic clothing, hygiene items, a blanket and towel, and a Bible. The children (and families) raised enough money throughout the week to buy 24 travel packs, which will also include photos from our week of VBS.

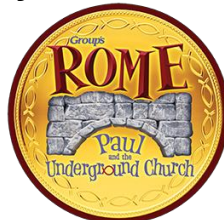
But the heart of the message throughout the week was about the amazing power of God's love: God's love is a gift; God's love changes us; God's love is always with us; God's love saves us; God's love is for sharing. When listening to the news of the day we might forget about the power of God's love to transform us, and to transform the world.

Paul in Romans implores us to be transformed, so that we might discern the will of God. As Christians we are invited to set some time apart each day – to read some Scripture (see "Read the Bible in a Year" in the rear of the Church, or the lectionary for Daily Office in the Book of Common Prayer), to spend time in prayer (on our knees, in meditation, reflection, or a walk in the woods) letting God know about our concerns, and then *listening* for God's will. We are invited to come together once a week, or more often, to share in the stories of our faith, the prayers, the breaking of bread, and fellowship. We have so many opportunities in our region to participate in events like First Friday Fellowship, Family Life, that there is something for everyone.

I know each of you does what you can, and I know that many of you have to decide each day how to spend the precious moments we have been given on this earth. I invite you this summer as you are enjoying the balmy, or steaming, or chilly days, to take a moment each day to check in with God.

Peace,  
Lynne +

### Community Vacation Bible School



#### Paul in Rome

This week we had 75 children, 25 youth, and 50 adults learning about the early Church, and about God's love. Our daily verses include: *God's love is a gift, God's love changes us, God's love is always with us, God's love saves us, and God's love is worth sharing.* Thank you people of St James for the many ways you support this Community Vacation Bible School that transforms the lives of so many children, youth, and adults!

### **Welcomers and Docents Needed**

St James will have the front doors open, and a table with water and brochures set up during the Art Show July 8 & 9 (on Saturday two shifts: 11:00 – 3:00, and on Sunday 12:00 – 4:00) , and the Hammondsport Festival of Crafts on August 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Would you be willing to sign up for a two-hour shift to welcome visitors, hand out water, and answer questions about the Village and St James? Cheat sheets provided, and no Experience Needed! Sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

### **Stained Glass Windows**

St James' Stained Glass is one of our most beautiful assets, and the time has come to restore the chipped, cracked, and broken pieces as well as to protect the glass for future generations. As you can imagine, this is a costly project. Over the summer you will hear more about the glass, and how we hope to raise funds.

### **Cathedral Glass Quilt**

Calling quilters, folks with fabrics scraps, anyone who would like to learn to sew . . . one of the fundraiser for our stained glass windows is a quilt raffle, and this beautiful pattern would be a wonderful way to get the fundraising started. If you are interested in participating, contact Rev Lynne.

### **Summer Music and Musicians**

Miss singing or hearing one of your favorite hymns? Let Ellie know and she will try to work it in during the summer. Summer is also a time to join the Choir without a long-term commitment, or to sing a solo (or duet), or to share your gifts with another musical instrument. Please speak with Ellie if you would like to participate in the summer music (no vestments required, and you can sit with you family).

### **Mission Committee**

The Mission Committee recommended, and the Vestry approved the following disbursements in June:

Episcopal Relief and Development – Sudan and South Sudan: \$500

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry – Personal Care Items: \$250

Feel free to let the Mission Committee know if you are aware of a special need, and as always, you can make a donation directed to the Mission Committee to continue their good work.

### ***Holy Land Presentation***

***Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> after the Service***

*Please join some of the St James Pilgrims for a slide show presentation, question and answer, and stories of this amazing Pilgrimage. All are invited, and feel free to invite a friend as well. Light refreshments will be provided.*

### ***Holy Land Pilgrimage***

*October 11 - 24, 2018 (not this year)*

*Rev Lynne will be taking a group (not this) October to the Holy Land. It will be 13 days of seeing the sights of Jesus birth, ministry, death, and resurrection. Our guide is an Arab born Palestinian Christian who has been a licensed guide, and is an Episcopal Canon in the Diocese of Jerusalem, who has been leading Pilgrimages in the Holy Land for more than 20 years. Contact Rev Lynne if you, or someone you know, would like more information about the tentative itinerary and brochure.*

## Backpack Program – submitted by Mary White



For the past several years the local churches have partnered with Turning Point/Catholic Charities to provide assistance with school supplies. Our goal was to assist families by providing a distribution site in Hammondsport and to provide the specific supplies required for each child at their grade level rather than "generic" supplies. Representative from various agencies were also on hand at the distribution to provide information and assistance.

We are hoping that you would be willing to participate again this year. A list of the needed supplies and a collection box will be provided. Families will need to register their children by August 8th and distribution will be August 28th from 9 to noon at St. James. Fliers will be distributed through the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, through the school and through social media.

Please contact me (368-3224) or Leah Nichiporuk (569-2055) if your church would like to participate. Thank you for considering.

## Children and Youth



*Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of* Sunday school continues through the Summer! Please bring your children to the Sunday School room to hear the stories we are hearing upstairs, to learn some praise music, and to create a story related craft. Gladys Palmer is a skilled and experienced teacher, and there is always an Assistant to the Teacher in the classroom. If you are interested in being an Assistant to the Teacher six to eight times a year, contact Rev Lynne or Gladys.

### Prayers are requested for:

Scott, John B., Harvey V., Craig F., Kevin G., Josie, Joseph, Henry, Gregory D., Linda G., Kris, Susan M., Robert G., Michael W., Daniel E., James R., Eva Marie, Brandon, Walt Y., John, Cheryl, Shari & Jeffrey, Stephanie, Brett, Lindsey, Floyd L., Becca, Dick, Pat, Bev, Janice, Michael, Fred, Bruce, Brandon, Anja, Steve, Daniel, Nancy, Joe, Jason, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction and those in the military.

### Upcoming Dates

- June 26 to June 30 – Vacation Bible School! – Paul in Rome
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bible Study and Book Group cancelled – enjoy the holiday!
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Office Closed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday
- July 6<sup>th</sup> – “Open for Prayer” at St James 10:00 – 2:00 with Eucharist at noon.
- July 7<sup>th</sup> – First Friday Fellowship at St James at 7:00 p.m.
- July 8<sup>th</sup> – “Open for Prayer” with welcome table during the Art Show from 11:00 – 3:00
- July 9<sup>th</sup> – “Open for Prayer” with welcome table during the Art Show from 12:00 – 4:00
- July 12<sup>th</sup> – NO Vestry Meeting – enjoy the summer

- July 13<sup>th</sup> – “Open for Prayer” at St James 10:00 – 2:00 with Eucharist at noon.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> - Book Group at 5:30 We continue to study the Book of Common Prayer
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. at the Crooked Lake, Hammondsport
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – “Open for Prayer” at St James 10:00 – 2:00 with Eucharist at noon.
- July 27<sup>th</sup> – “Open for Prayer” at St James 10:00 – 2:00 with Eucharist at noon.
- July 27<sup>th</sup> – Brookdale at 2:30, join us for hymns, readings, reflection, and Communion
- July 30<sup>th</sup> – “Open for Prayer” at St James 10:00 – 2:00 with Eucharist at noon.
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> – “Open for Prayer” at St James 10:00 – 2:00 with Eucharist at noon.
- August 4<sup>th</sup> – First Friday Fellowship at Wallace Wesleyan (pending) at 7:00 p.m.
- August 7<sup>th</sup> – Book Group at 5:30 – We continue to study the Book of Common Prayer
- August 10<sup>th</sup> – “Open for Prayer” at St James 10:00 – 2:00 with Eucharist at noon.
- August 17<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Breakfast at the Wagner, Penn Yan at 9:30 a.m.
- August 17<sup>th</sup> “Open for Prayer” at St James 10:00 – 2:00 with Eucharist at noon.
- August 19<sup>th</sup> – Rummage Sale
- August 19<sup>th</sup> – “Open for Prayer” with welcome table during the Craft Fest from 11:00 – 3:00
- August 20<sup>th</sup> – “Open for Prayer” with welcome table during the Craft Fest from 12:00 – 4:00
- August 21<sup>st</sup> – Book Group at 5:30 – We continue to study the Book of Common Prayer
- August 24<sup>th</sup> – “Open for Prayer” at St James 10:00 – 2:00 with Eucharist at noon.
- August 24<sup>th</sup> – Brookdale at 2:30, join us for hymns, readings, reflection, and Communion.
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### July/August Lay Ministers Schedule

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Readers	Ushers	Sunday School
July 2nd	L. Nichiporuk	N. Forenz	W. Torp J. Grillo	G. Learned S. Buchanan	D. Barney
July 9th	C. Vanhouten	L. Nichiporuk	S. Pulver L. Graulich	J. Skinner C. Skinner	J. Rogerson
July 16th	J. Grillo	C. Vanhouten	W. Torp C. Vanhouten	J. Piersons M. Piersons	D. Noteware
July 23rd	C. Skinner	J. Grillo	K. Packard S. Buchanan	M. White N. Folts	J. Derr
July 30th	M. White	N. Forenz	M. White G. Briscoe	C. Manikas P. Manikas	E. Kowulich-Covel

Aug. 6th	C. Skinner	M. White	L. Graulich A. Edmister	N. Forenz P. Forenz	J. Rogerson
Aug. 13th	J. Grillo	L.. Nichiporuk	W. Torp S. Pulver	M. White N. Folts	K. Derr
Aug. 20th	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo	W. Torp C. Vanhouten	C. Manikas P. Manikas	D. Barney
Aug. 27th	N. Forenz	S. Buchanan	C. Vanhouten G. Briscoe	J. Skinner C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk

