

From St. James' With Love

Corner of Lake and Main

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November-December 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

Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. (2 Cor 4:15)

It seems to me that the next season is rushing upon us. The leaves are finally changing and falling. The sky is darker in the morning. The air is cold at night, and we've had a frost. It also seems to me that the hint of the next season in the Church year begins with Halloween, October 31st. Most of us know Halloween, or All Hallows' Eve, as a holiday filled with ghosties and goblins and lots of candy. But that isn't how it started.

All Hallows' Eve is the night Vigil before All Saints' Day November 1st, followed by All Souls' Day on November 2nd. Since early church, Vigils have been held the night before major feasts. The three days honoring saints and praying for recently departed souls was part of early Christianity, and a fixed date was set in 731 by Pope Gregory III. "Souling" was the custom of baking and sharing soul cakes (think hot cross buns) for all departed baptized souls. And may have been the origin of treat-or-treating. In England and Europe poor children would go door-to-door collecting soul cakes in exchange for praying for the dead, especially the souls of friends or relatives, singing:

A soul! a soul! a soul-cake!

Please good Missis, a soul-cake!

An apple, a pear, a plum, or a cherry,

Any good thing to make us all merry.

One for Peter, two for Paul

Three for Him who made us all.

Although today our secular traditions look very different, our faith traditions are similar. This All Saints' Day, November 5th, we will pray for our departed family and friends during the Prayers of the People. A few weeks later we celebrate Thanksgiving with the Hammondsport Community, and then end the Church year on Christ the King Sunday. Entering the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we anticipate when the darkness in our lives becomes light, and when we will once again see our Savior.

As always, there are many things happening at St James. I invite you to enjoy the Newsletter as you ponder how to spend the next season of your life at St James.

God's peace be with you,
Lynne +

Generosity overflows!

Stained Glass Windows, Episcopal Relief and Development, and more St James, with your overwhelming generosity, is ready to repair and protect our stained glass windows. Last year the Insurance company suggested that we should protect our windows, and come to find out they had made the same suggestion five years ago, ten years ago, and more! The Vestry stepped up and voted to move forward, and in July you received a letter inviting you to participate in the fund-raising campaign. We set a high goal of \$17,000 for the congregation and community, and to date, with your contributions, the Quilt Raffle and Bake Sale, a generous grant from the Taylor Foundation, and three memorial gifts, we have raised \$25,372 of the total anticipated cost of \$36,000. Wonderful!

Again, with Hurricanes Harvey and Maria, we asked for your donations to Episcopal Relief and Development, and with donations from you and the Mission Committee we raised \$3190 of relief funds. Amazing!

Your generosity continued with the CROP Walk where 20 of our youth and children walked with 10 adults. We give thanks for the support the walkers and sponsors offered to Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Thank you also for the generous outpouring of help to serve a taco bar lunch to around 20 of the walkers.

We have had three very successful Dinners this year, which involves the whole congregation, and the wider community in our Mission and Vision. Each of the three dinners raised around \$1000 dollars, and the Vestry has voted to designate 30% of the Dinners towards Mission.

You see, at St James we are generous people. We give generously to Mission and Outreach, generously to maintain the building and preserve our heritage, and we give generously to the staff. It is a blessing to consider what we might do next year to continue reaching out to our Community!

HAMMONDSPORT ECUMENICAL YOUTH GROUP

Open to all students grades 7 through 12

Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 7:15

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 5th at St James (see sign-up sheet to help with dinner.)

Sunday, December 10th at the Martello Home

Please bring appetizer, desserts, drinks to share

Sunday, January 21st at St James

Sunday, February 11th at the United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 11th at St James

Sunday, April 20th Youth Group Party/Picnic location TBD

Diocesan Convention

Diocesan Convention is on Saturday, October 28th and our delegates: Charlie Skinner, Gladys Palmer, and Luanne Graulich attended the Eucharist and business meeting at RIT. The Diocese has worked on cutting cost of Diocesan staff and administrative costs, and now almost 50% of the budget goes outside the Diocese for education, mission, and outreach. Rev Lynne will continue to serve as Dean of the Southeast District for another two years. We ask your prayers as your representatives give of their time and talent to the Diocese, which then benefits our parish.

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 26th. The Rector, Treasurer, and Wardens will meet the following week to create a draft budget, and the Vestry will review, amend, and finalize the budget at the meeting at the December Vestry meeting in preparation for the new year, and our Annual Meeting.

Mutual Ministry Review

Every other year we have the opportunity to evaluate Rev Lynne and St James on our individual and combined goals, Mission, Vision, and dreams for the future. This process begins with a set of twelve questions, which a select group of Vestry members will begin, and then extends to the congregation. Then the Canon to the Ordinary, Johnnie Ross, will work with the Vestry to identify two or three focus areas for the upcoming years. We look forward to reviewing how we have done together, and looking forward to our hopes for the future.

Giving Tree November 26th

'Tis almost the season and we are going to continue the tradition we started two years ago. 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 27th and we need the gifts back for distribution on December 10th, and the food items by December 17th. The tags will be color and shape coded so you can easily select a gift and/or food item.

Coffee Hour

If you would like to be in charge of Coffee Hour be sure to sign up on the sheet by the coffee pot. Your work in this ministry is always appreciated.

Happy Feet

submitted by Esther Covell

Collection November until December 17

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 of presenting the socks, their eyes pop when I report the number collected.

CROP Walk 2016

Amazing! The group of 20 students and 10 adult walkers was amazing! The 80-degree sunny weather was amazing for a mid-October day. The most amazing part, aside from the snacks at the beginning and end, and the hospitality of the Scouts at the half-way point, was team St James and Hammondsport Youth Group – raising over \$700 to address hunger issues locally and nationally. Thank you!

Hammondsport Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m.

St Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

The Hammondsport Community Thanksgiving service this year is on Sunday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Beth from Tyrone United Methodist Church is our preacher this year, and Ellie our organist. 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.

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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 or call 776-4730 or call their church office at 569-3511. A letter with more details is available on our bulletin board.

Basketball Dinners

December 9th and January 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Last year St James hosted two spaghetti pre-game dinners for and both were a great success. Students, parents, and coaches gave thanks for this tasty ministry to our community. And so we will again host two pre-game dinners this Basketball season on December 8th and January 12th. All team members, cheerleaders, and support students are invited to attend a dinner at St James. Your participation is welcome! Karen will post a list a few weeks in advance for food, people to set up, clean up and serve the meals. It is an amazing opportunity to get to know some of the youth in our community.

Greening of the Church

Takes place on Sunday, December 17th immediately following the service. Please note, Advent 4 and Christmas Eve are on Sunday the 24th, so we will "green" a week early. 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.

ADVENT 4 AND CHRISTMAS EVE

ADVENT 4 IS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH THIS YEAR AND THE BE EUCHARIST BE AT 9:00 A.M. AS USUAL. LATER IN THE DAY GATHER YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SAVIOR'S BIRTH ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 9:00 P.M. THIS WILL MOST LIKELY BE A SMALLER GATHERING, SO CONSIDER BRINGING YOUR GUESTS AND FRIENDS.

Christmas Gift Alternatives

If you are looking for the perfect gift for that someone who has everything, or for someone who wants to give to others, look no further than the magazine table in the Parish Hall. We have a catalog from the CROP Walk, Heifer, Samaritan's Purse, and Episcopal Relief and Development. You can purchase gifts such as a goat, or mosquito netting for people living in areas with malaria. A gift card can be issued for that perfect gift or stocking stuffer.

PRAYER LIST

Blair, Michael, Joyce, Ken, David, Jerry & Val, Sandy C., the Mack Family, Carol B., the Doug Graulich Family, Kimmy G., Brody B., Jade & Jordyn, Scott, John B., Harvey V., Craig F., Kevin G., Joseph, Henry, Gregory D., Kris, Susan M., Robert G., Michael W., Daniel E., James R., Eva Marie, Brandon, Walt Y., John, Cheryl, Jason, Shari & Jeffrey, Becka, Stephanie, Brett, Lindsey, Dick, Pat, Bev, Janice, Michael, Fred, Bruce, Brandon, Anja, Steve, Nancy, Joe, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction and those in the military, especially Cody

Holy Land Pilgrimage

October 11 – 24, 2018

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.

Upcoming Dates

- Saturday, October 28th – Diocesan Convention
- Friday, November 3rd – First Friday Fellowship at North Urbana Chapel at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 5th – *Daylight Savings Time begins*
 - All Saints' Day and Canon Johnnie Ross will Preach
 - Youth Group at St James – please sign up to help with the turkey supper
- Monday, November 6th – Book Group at 5:30 Book of Common Prayer
- Wednesday, November 8th – Vestry meeting at 7:00
- Thursday, November 16th – Women's Breakfast at Kozy Korner in Bradford at 9:30
- Sunday, November 19th – Hammondsport Thanksgiving Service at St Gabriel's at 7:00
- Monday, November 20th – Book Group at 5:30 Book of Common Prayer
- Thursday, November 23rd – Happy Thanksgiving, the Church Office is closed
- Sunday, November 26th Christ the King and Ingathering Sunday
- Friday, December 1st – First Friday Fellowship Mitchellsville United Methodist Church 7:00
- Saturday, December 2nd – Hammondsport Cookie Walk
- Monday, December 4th – NO Bible Study or Book Group this week
- Tuesday, December 5th – Budget Meeting
- Friday, December 8th – Athlete's Dinner
- Sunday, December 10th – Lutheran Bishop John Macholz to celebrate Rev Gary Edmister's
20th Anniversary to Ordination – Luncheon to follow
 - Youth Christmas Party at the Martello's – grades 7 – 12 (see above)
- Sunday, December 17th – Greening the Church (following the service)
- Monday, December 18th – Bible Study (4:00) and Book Group (5:30)
- Thursday, December 21st – Women's Breakfast at Stephanie's in Bath at 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, December 24th – Christmas Eve service at St James at 9:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 26th through Monday, January 1st Rector on vacation
- Sunday, December 31st – Lessons and Carols

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2017

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Readers	Ushers	Sunday School
11/5	C. VanHouten	L. Nichiporuk	S. Pulver L. Graulich	P. Forenz N. Forenz	J. Rogerson
11/12	J. Grillo	C. VanHouten	C. VanHouten W. Torp	M. Piersons J. Piersons	D. Noteware
11/19	C. Skinner	J. Grillo	K. Packard S. Buchanan	M. Dowdle N. Foltz	J. Derr
11/26	L. Nichiporuk	C. Skinner	S. Wilson G. Brisco	C. Manikas P. Manikas	E. Kowulich-Covel
12/3	C. VanHouten	L. Nichiporuk	G. Palmer M. White	P. Forenz N. Forenz	K. Derr
12/10	M. White	C. VanHouten	W. Torp J. Grillo	M. Piersons J. Piersons	D. Barney
12/17	J. Grillo	M. White	S. Pulver S. Buchanan	G. Learned S. Buchanan	J. Derr
12/24 9am service	N. Forenz	J. Grillo	C. VanHouten M. White	M. Dowdle N. Foltz	J. Rogerson
12/24 9pm service	C. VanHouten	M. White	C. VanHouten M. White	M. Piersons J. Piersons	
12/31	J. Grillo	C. VanHouten	S. Wilson G. Briscoe	C. Manikas P. Manikas	E. Kowulich-Covel