

From St. James' With Love

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January-February 2018 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

And all flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Luke 3:6)

I have been thinking about the season of Epiphany for several weeks as it is a continuation of the Christmas story. One of the first post-Christmas Epiphany stories is of the three Wise Men, who are strangers coming to offer gifts to this new King. They "see" in ways that others around them could not see. Old Simeon and Anna respond to "seeing" the infant Jesus and Simeon responds:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

And the stories continue: Baptism, Water into Wine, the Transfiguration, but aside from the big stories we all know are the hundreds of little stories, where regular people, along with demons and angels, recognize God's presence in the world.

This year I realized for a moment that almost every story in the Bible is about God's manifestation in the world. God's desire, through the Son and Holy Spirit, to show his caring for humanity. From the beginning, and the story of creation, where God creates a beautiful place for us to dwell. And in the beginning, to dwell with God. Through the many prophets who tell of God's care for creation and humanity. Down to Jesus and the many stories of teaching, healing, and making disciples. In every story we hear about God's presence among his people and his yearning for us to know his direction, and his love.

So this season of Epiphany I invite you to notice, to "see" the ways in which God is working in the world and in your life. Even in the bitter cold we see the sun. Even in the midst of death we see new life. Even on the darkest days, hope makes a small opening, reassuring us of better days to come.

May 2018 bring you new depths of faith, a new ability to "see," and a joy that fills your soul.

Happy New Year!

Lynne +

Athlete's Dinner

Friday, January 12th

If you haven't experienced an Athlete's Dinner, you might want to attend to see this amazing opportunity to welcome Hammondsport youth to St James. We typically serve around 60 youth and several adults who participate in Athletics at Hammondsport. It is a joy to serve eager eaters, and the sounds of joy fill our Parish Hall. Sign up sheets available now to bring food, set up, serve, or clean up. Your participation is appreciated!

Spaghetti and Lasagna Dinner

January 20th

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Adults \$9.75, ages 7-12 \$5.00, and under 5 free

You know that this is one of our most popular winter dinners complete with Jim's famous Lasagna and all the trimmings. Make sure to let your friends know, please sign up to bring some food, or set up, or serve, or clean up. Sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall, or see Karen for more information. Thirty (30%) percent of the proceeds go to the Mission Fund.

Bible in a Year

Every year several folks from St James read through the Bible in a Year. As challenging as it sounds, it is really very simple, doesn't take much time, and can bring new insights, along with plenty of questions. The schedule is available at the back of the church (brochure rack on the wall) or ask Tom Bidwell.

Reports for Annual Meeting

Please send your completed Report to Lynne no later than Wednesday, January 17th so we can make them available to the congregation on Sunday, the 21st 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 2017.

Annual Meeting and Beyond!

St James Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will have an opening prayer, nominations from the floor, close the slate, and then have 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. At the end of the meeting we will have the Dismissal, and then Coffee Hour. Our hope is that everyone can stay for the meeting, and that it will be about 30 minutes or so long. Let Rev Lynne know if you have any questions.

Family Game Night
Friday, February 9th and Friday, March 16th from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
FREE!!!!

Continuing this great tradition started in 2016, St James will host two Family Game Nights this winter 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.

Mission Money

Change for Mission – add your spare change to the jar

There are now several ways that we gather funds for Mission from St James. The Vestry voted that 30% of proceeds from our dinners will go to the Mission fund. We have a glass jar on the Coffee Hour table where you can add your change (or dollar bills) which will go to Mission. We also added a line item to the budget for Mission, in addition to the large portion of our Apportionment to the Diocese which also goes to local, national, and international Mission. And finally, Joan made jewelry and donated the proceeds to Mission.

Ash Wednesday and Lent at St James
Wednesday, February 14th at noon

Wednesday, February 14th at 12:00 Ash Wed. with imposition of ashes with luncheon to follow

Location TBD; location of subsequent Wednesdays will be in a bulletin insert

Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday with imposition of Ashes and Eucharist at St James

Sunday, March 25th at 9:00 a.m. The Sunday of Passion: Palm Sunday at St James

Maundy Thursday, March 29th 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 March 30th at 11:00 Reading of the Passion Gospel; The Solemn Collects, and administration of Reserved Sacrament

Friday, March 30th at 12:00 Stations of the Cross at St James

Sunday, April 1st at time TBD. Easter Sunrise service at the lake shore Breakfast following at HUMC

Sunday April 1st at 9:00 a.m. Festive Eucharist of Easter Sunday at St James

Lenten Study

Tuesday February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Throughout Lent this year we will explore Lenten practices and preparation for Good Friday and Easter morning. 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, sing, pray, 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.

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, January 21st at St James

Sunday, February 11th at the United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 11th at St James

Sunday, April 15th at the United Methodist Church

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

This is great fun for the Youth, and a great opportunity for the adults of our community to serve. Sign up sheets are available a few weeks before the event, and you can contact Karen or Lynne for more information. All youth grades 7-12 are invited to participate and bring a friend.

Brookdale

Several of us go to Emeritus House to visit Ruth Clark and other friends at Brookdale 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 Thursday, January 25th, and Thursday, February 22nd at 2:30.

PRAYER LIST

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

I Probably have a Video on That Jerry Lange Nov 2017

Around 2009 a talk was given in Penn Yan about the Garrett Winery which started in 1903 in North Carolina and eventually moved to Penn Yan in 1912 because of probaton laws in North Carolina and Virginia. At the time, they were the largest winery in the country.

The talk was given by one of the Garrett family. A once in a lifetime talk. And it wasn't recorded, lost for ever. That irritated me to no end, missing a chance for a wonderful addition to the local historical records.

I had a cheap cassette recorder and tried to record another talk shortly after. But the quality was terrible. Being a Kodak retiree, knowing photography and audio, and having a degree in physics I decided that I could do something about this.

My brother-in-law had a decent small video cassette camcorder that he wanted to sell so I bought it and started recording some talks. One was a reenactment of a speech by Fredrick Douglass, very cool! I was giving a DVD of the few speeches I had videoed to a few local historical societies.

The quality was fair but it took multiple tapes to record a talk. That interrupted the recordings so I bought a small video camera that recorded on a digital card that could hold several hours of video with much better quality. I also bought a professional video editing program which made me buy a more powerful computer. I started giving copies of the DVD's to all the local historical societies and historians.

But the sound wasn't very good. So I bought a good quality portable voice recorder and microphone, which was also used to record Cecil VanHouten playing the piano in church. But I also wanted to record Elly playing the organ but the quality wasn't good from across the room. I bought a twin to the first recorder for the organ recordings and solved the problem. It also comes in very handy when recording a talk given by two people.

Most talks are given with PowerPoint slide shows on a projection screen. Often with the lights off. The little video camera didn't do a very good job of capturing the speaker in the dark. By this time I had started giving copies to most of the public libraries in the area. That brings me up to 15 to 18 DVDs for each talk. I also record the monthly talks by the Finger Lakes Boating Museum.

A semi-pro video camera that is very sensitive in the dark solved the PowerPoint darkness problem. This had the added advantage of being able to have the small camera aimed at the projection screen so I know what slide was being projected while using the big video camera to record the speaker. A modification to the tripod allowed it to hold the two cameras.

This year alone I'll have done 24 videos, I estimate I've given out over 900 DVDs since starting this. At no charge. The pay is the smiles and thank you's when delivering the DVDs.

Do a card catalog search at any of the libraries in the area on my name, Jerry Lange, and you'll see a wealth of topics you can check out, around 60 DVDs, ranging from what's on the bottom of the Keuka Lake to how to care for your fine glassware to the history of the lightning sailboat to the dedication of a local cemetery where a Revolutionary War hero is buried.

This area is blessed to have so many skilled people that take the time and effort to do these talks covering so many interesting subjects. My small part allows the talks to be seen and heard for those that didn't go to the live presentation and preserves them for future generations.

Have an Article to Submit?

Do you wish to submit an article, or know of a special interest involving someone from St James? Contact Rev Lynne and we will put it in a subsequent Newsletter.

Jim Grillo
Alfred State President's Medallion
November 4, 2017

SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Jim Grillo was honored with the Alfred State President's Medallion Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Alfred State Lake Lodge.

The President's Medallion was instituted in 2008 and is awarded to those who have made outstanding contributions to Alfred State. The college recognizes and commemorates the efforts of supporters and advocates dedicated to the mission of Alfred State.

From 1967 to 1968, Grillo fought in Vietnam as part of a Marine Recon unit, having been wounded three times and earning three Purple Hearts, with duties ranging from infantry machine gunner to platoon sergeant. He returned to the US in 1968, having been forced to retire from the military because of the wounds he received in combat.

Following his service in the Marines, Grillo returned to college, receiving two degrees from Alfred University: a Bachelor of Science in business administration in 1971 and a Master of Science in counseling and guidance in 1972. The latter year, he also took his first job at Alfred State as a residence hall director of Robinson/Champlin Hall.

In 1973, Grillo became a counselor in the Admissions Office. He quickly rose through the ranks, becoming the assistant director of Admissions three years later, and then the dean of Admissions, Records, and Financial Aid in 1978, a position he would hold until 1989.

That year, Grillo joined the Business Department as an associate professor, becoming department chair in 1993, a position he held until 1999. He then served as the dean of the School of Management and Engineering Technology for less than a year until he was named the dean of Marketing and Enrollment Management in November of 1999.

A year and a half later, Grillo became the vice president for Marketing and Enrollment Management., and then vice president for Administration and Enrollment Management. He rejoined the Business Department faculty in 2005, where he has remained ever since. He also served a total of eight years as Faculty Senate chair.

Throughout his career at Alfred State, Grillo has received a number of significant honors and awards, including the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 1980, the Business Teacher of the Year Alumni Award in 1992 and 1993, being recognized among the Who's Who In Teaching in 1996, and being named a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor in 2007.

At the end of the 2017-2018 school year, Grillo is retiring after 46 years of working at Alfred State. Looking back on his outstanding career, Grillo noted he wouldn't change a thing and that he has loved every minute he has worked at the college.

Gary Edmister's 20th Anniversary of Ordination
Sunday, December 10th

It was a joy to welcome Lutheran Bishop John Macholz to celebrate the 20th Ordination Anniversary, and what a great turnout for the luncheon that followed! We give thanks for the ministry Gary and Audrey bring to St James and pray that Gary enjoys many more years assisting and leading worship.

Upcoming Dates

- **First Friday**– January 5th at 7:00 at St James
- **Vestry Meeting** – January 10th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Athlete’s Dinner** – January 12th at 3:00 p.m.
- **Annual Reports due** – to Rev Lynne January 17th by end of day
- **Women’s Breakfast** – January 18th at 9:30 meeting at Chat-a-Whyle
- **Spaghetti – Lasagna Dinner** on January 20th from 4:00 – 6:00 Invite your friends!
- **Hammondspport Youth Group** – January 21st from 5:30 -7:15 at St James
- **Brookdale** – January 25th at 2:30
- **Annual Meeting** – Sunday January 28th at 9:00 a.m.
- **First Friday** – February 2nd at 7:00 at Bethel Assembly of God in Bath
- **Clergy Retreat** – Notre Dame Retreat House February 5th – 7th
- **Game Night** – Friday, February 9th from 5:30 – 8:00
- **Hammondspport Youth Group** – February 11th from 5:30 – 7:15 at UMC
- **Ash Wednesday** – Wednesday, February 14th – noon (TBD), and 7:00 p.m at St James
- **Vestry Meeting** – Wednesday, February 14th at 7:30 p.m.
- **Women’s Breakfast** – Thursday, February 15th at 9:30 (Hopefully Crooked Lake)
- **Lenten Study** – Tuesday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Lenten Worship & Luncheon** – February 21st noon – location TBD
- **Brookdale** – February 22nd
- **Lenten Study** – Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Lenten Worship & Luncheon** – February 28th noon – location TBD

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL
1/7	C. Skinner	J. Grillo	K. Packard S. Buchanan	M. Dowdle N. Foltz	J. Derr
1/14	L. Nichiporuk	C. Skinner	S. Pulver G. Briscoe	C. Manikas P. Manikas	E. Kowulich-Covel
1/21	C. VanHouten	L. Nichiporuk	G. Palmer C. VanHouten	P. Forenz N. Forenz	K. Derr
1/28	J. Grillo	C. VanHouten	W. Torp J. Grillo	M. Piersons J. Piersons	D. Barney
2/4	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo	S. Pulver G. Briscoe	G. Learned S. Buchanan	J. Derr
2/11	N. Forenz	L. Nichiporuk	C. VanHouten S. Wilson	M. Dowdle N. Foltz	J. Rogerson
2/18	C. Skinner	N. Forenz	K. Packard S. Buchanan	L. Grillo J. Grillo	D. Noteware
2/25	C. VanHouten	C. Skinner	G. Palmer C. VanHouten	P. Forenz N. Forenz	E. Kowulich-Covel

