

From St. James' With Love

Corner of Lake and Main

P.O. Box 249

Hammondsport, New York 14840

March-April 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

*Rend your hearts and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. Joel 2:13*

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Throughout Scripture we hear about the heart 830 times, many times about how we grieve God's heart, and more often about our proud or deceitful hearts. We have glad hearts, broken hearts, saddened hearts, obstinate hearts, and hearts of stone; just to mention a few. And yet, in this season of Lent God desires that we take this time to humble our hearts and allow God to give us a heart of flesh rather than a heart of stone. God desires us to come with a broken and contrite heart and he will bring healing. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me," (Ps 51:10) is just one line of the Psalm we can use during Lent to reflect on our lives. I encourage you to look up Psalm 51 and see if and how it speaks to you.

I know that I am a self-proclaimed church geek and Jesus freak, and I am okay with that. Have been for decades. One of my favorite seasons in the church year is Lent. Thankfully for us in the northern US the winter season mimics the tone of the season Lent. Dark, cold, and yet always eagerly awaiting the renewed hope of Spring. I enjoy taking the 40 days to pray the Daily Office which includes readings and psalms to help me reflect on my life, thoughts, words, deeds, hopes, dreams, both done and left undone. I take the 40 days to clean closets, organize papers, sort through all the physical, emotional, and spiritual "stuff" in my life, and discern where God is calling me to let go, to let die, to surrender, so that I too may enjoy a resurrected life in Christ.

Friends, there are so many ways that you can reshape your life during this season, and I invite you to select one practice. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving, reading Scripture, participating in a Lenten activity; only you know which one(s) you are called to engage.

Keep reading to see the many ways that St James is delving into this season, in anticipation of new life within, and in the world. God bless you on your journey.

May you observe a Holy Lent,
Lynne +

Weekdays in Lent

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

Monday Bible Study

Bible Study at 4:00 in the Parish Hall, where we are reading through Isaiah, and it is never too late to join us. No prior knowledge of Scripture is required. All are welcome to join as we read through the text and then have a time of thoughts, questions, and discussions around the Scripture.

Wednesday Noonday service with Lunch

Feb 28th at Hammondsport Presbyterian – Pastor Nate speaking

Mar 7th at Hammondsport UMC – Rev Lynne speaking

Mar 14th at St James – Dcn Dave speaking

Mar 21st at Hammondsport UMC – Pastor Edwin speaking

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study

Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World created by Max Lucado is based on Philippians 4:6-7 *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”*. “Stop letting anxiety rule the day. Join Max on the journey to true freedom and experience more joy, clarity, physical renewal, and contentment by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Each week includes prayer, Scripture, a 20-minute video presentation, time for discussion, and preparation for the following session.

Thursdays

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.

Holy Week and beyond

Sunday, March 25th at 9:00 The Sunday of Passion: Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday, **March 29th** at 7:00 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.

Good Friday, **March 30th** at 11:00 Reading of the Passion Gospel, The Solemn Collects, and the administration of the Reserved Sacrament.

EASTER MORNING Sunday, April 1st – at 6:30 Sunrise Service at the Head of the Lake

9:00 St James Festal Eucharist

Baptism Easter Morning and Confirmation July 22nd

We will celebrate Holy Baptism on Easter morning. Let Rev Lynne if you know someone infant, child, youth, or adult who would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Easter Morning at 9:00. The Bishop's Visitation is July 22nd which is the day we celebrate the Feast of St James. Bishop Singh will administer the Rite of Confirmation, Reaffirmation, Reception for youth over the age of 14 through adulthood. If you are interested in any of the Rites, please let Rev Lynne know as there will be a program (classes) to prepare for the Rite.

Prayer List

Stephanie F., Brett, Steve M. and family, Muriel, Heather and family, Lois, Caitlin, Beth, Sarah, Steven, Joe, Michael, Katie, Rachel, Pam, Robert, Tim P., Carol B., Lindsey, Doug and family, Jonah, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction and those serving in the military.

Five Critical Estate Planning Documents Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Is your Estate Plan a comprehensive Estate Plan, which includes all five of the critical documents? Sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension and hosted at St James Episcopal in Hammondsport, attorney Patrick Roth will offer a free presentation on the "Five Critical Estate Planning Documents" on Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. Learn what these five documents do, why they are important, and what happens if you don't have them. Free! But you need to register with Rev Lynne at 607.569.2647. Flyer available in the Parish Hall.

St James will host a follow-up presentation April with Dennis LaMarche of LaMarche Funeral Home giving us more information about pre-planning, costs, and documents. The final program of the series will take place in May when Rev Lynne gives us information on how to plan your service, and services available for families. Contact Rev Lynne for more information.

Game Night!!!

Friday, March 16th from 5:30 – 8:00

FREE pizza, sodas, snacks, and games all evening long! Bring your own game or enjoy one of ours. All ages welcome (children under 9 must bring their adult). Invite some friends! If you wish you can bring a snack to share.

BCP Purchase

You may have noticed that copies of the Book of Common Prayer are dwindling. Some have fallen apart, some are taped together, some have been "loaned" to grieving family members to work on service preparation, some for Baptismal preparation. We also need a few large print editions of the Book of Common Prayer. Cokesbury sells the Large Print for \$39.95 (right now on sale \$28.79) and the Pew Edition for \$22.95 (now on sale for \$12.49). If you are interested in purchasing a copy for the Church (we will put a Memorial Bookplate in the copy) or for yourself, please let Rev Lynne know.

**Active Shooter Training for Church Leaders
St James on Tuesday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m.**

The Steuben County Sheriff's Office will be hosting regional Active Shooter Training sessions involving how faith based organizations can help protect its members. This program is intended for clergy and governing bodies or lay leaders in the church who can then impart the information to their congregations. However, anyone who is interested is invited to attend. The Hammondsport area session will be held at St James Episcopal Church on the Corner of Lake and Main. The training is free to all area churches. Please feel free to share this information with any other clergy and congregations that might be interested.

**Village Wide Yard Sale, Saturday June 2nd, 8:00 – 1:00
Calling All Bakers, Crafters, and People Who Have Too Much Stuff
All proceeds benefit Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)**

The Hammondsport Village Wide Yard Sale Event is coming up June 2. As people flock to Hammondsport St. James wants to participate to bring attention to the work of Episcopal Relief and Development: Healing a Hurting World. This organization is at work around the world helping to meet global needs in the areas of hunger, disease, and disasters. This vital charity is rated 4 Stars by Charity Navigator.

Bakers: We are looking for baked goods from those of you who are baking inclined or talented. Smaller items that are easy to carry such as cookies, cupcakes, sweet rolls, and small cakes or small loaves of bread would be best. We will have coffee/water and a few tables so people can take their yard sale snack break here.

Crafters: Think if there is anything that you could make to sell. Even a few items, combined with what others make and with the bake and white elephant sale can make a big difference.

White Elephant owners: This is not a replacement for our August rummage sale. We do not want clothes or furniture or other large items. We are looking for items such as kitchen ware, decorating items, and small household items. We do not have long term storage room at the church, so you would need to hang on to them till approximately a week before the sale.

As we get closer to the date of this event, sign-up sheets will be put up, but this is just a heads up to get you thinking what would be the best way you could contribute and hopefully start work on any crafts you could make.

**St James Smorgasbord Dinner
Saturday, May 12th from 4:00 to 6:00**

Mark your calendars now and keep your eyes open for more information and the opportunity to volunteer, or to have one of the best dinners you have ever had with family and friends.

Children

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, week in and week out, for Sunday School.

VBS – Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

June 25-29 from 9:00-12:00 at the Hammondsport UMC

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Each day we will gather for praise and Word, then break into small groups by age, to experience Bible Discovery, Imagination Station, Shipwreck Games, Tropical Treats, and much more! Keep watch for more information about this amazing program which typically draws 75 children and 25 youth. Interested in being a teen or adult helper? Contact Rev Lynne.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – Registration Deadline Feb 28th

Is this the year you will walk in the footsteps of Jesus' birth, ministry, death & resurrection?

Rev Lynne will be leading a group of Pilgrims to the Holy Land in the October 2018. Flyers and itineraries are available in the church office, or send Rev Lynne an email to receive the information as an attachment. Registration and deposit required by February 28th to participate.

Pill Bottles and Glasses

You can help us to collect pill bottles for Matthew Ministries. The bottles you provide are shipped to countries in Central American to provide a hygienic way to dispense medications. Acceptable bottles include: large and small prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles with and without caps. Simply bring them to the church and place them on the counter in the office. Lions Club International collects and recycles prescription eyeglasses to people in developing countries. Bring your old glasses to church and place them on the counter in the office.

Upcoming Dates

- Feb 28 Noon, *Lenten Service & Luncheon*; Hammondsport Presbyterian Church
- March 1 Southeast District Clergy Meeting at 9:30 at St James
- March 2 First Friday Fellowship – Bath First Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m.
- March 5 Southeast District Meeting – 6:00 potluck, 6:30 meeting at St Mark's Penn Yan
- March 6 Anxious for Nothing Lenten Study at 7:00 p.m.
- March 7 Noon, *Lenten Service & Luncheon*; Hammondsport UMC
- March 8 5 Essential Estate Planning Documents at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Lynne
- March 11 Youth Group at St James 5:30 – 7:15
- March 13 Anxious for Nothing Lenten Study at 7:00 p.m.
- March 14 Noon, *Lenten Service & Luncheon*; St James
- March 14 Vestry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- March 15 Women's Breakfast at Mom's Diner in Savona
- March 16 5:30 – 8:00 Game Night!
- March 19 5:30 Book Group., we are finishing up the Catechism in the BCP
- March 20 Anxious for Nothing Lenten Study at 7:00 p.m.
- March 21 Noon, *Lenten Service & Luncheon*; Hammondsport UMC
- March 22 2:30 Brookdale
- March 22 7:00 p.m. Vestry Mutual Ministry Review with Canon Johnnie
- March 25 Palm Sunday

- March 27 Renewal of Ordination Vows, St Peter's Henrietta 10:00 a.m.
- March 27 Anxious for Nothing Lenten Study at 7:00 p.m.
- March 29 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday
- March 30 11:00 Good Friday Service; Noon – Stations of the Cross
- April 1 6:30 Sunrise Easter Service at the Head of the Lake
9: 00 Festive Eucharist at St. James
- April 2 Church office Closed for Easter Monday
- April 3-6 Rector on Vacation
- April 6 First Friday Fellowsheip-Savona Federated Church 7:00pm
- April 11 7:00 St. James Vestry Meeting
- April 12 Dennis LaMarche Funeral Home to speak about funeral planning 7pm
- April 15 Youth Group at UMC 5:30-7:15
- April 19 Women's Breakfast at Kozy Korner in Bradford
- April 26 Brookdale 2:30

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS	SUNDAY SCH
3/4	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	S. Wilson J. Grillo	L. Grillo G. Learned	K. Derr
3/11	C. VanHouten	J. Grillo	C. Ahern C. VanHouten	C. Ahern M. DeRosa	J. Derr
3/18	L. Nichiporuk	C. VanHouten	A. Edmister L. Graulich	M. Piersons J. Piersons	J. Rogerson
3/25 Palm Sunday	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	M. Samson G. Brisco	M. Dowdle N. Folts	D. Barney
3/29 Maundy Thurs	C. Skinner	C. VanHouten	C. Skinner C. VanHouten		
3/30 Good Friday	N. Forenz				
4/1 Easter Sunday	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	S. Pulver K. Packard	P. Forenz N. Forenz	K. Derr
4/8	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo	W. Torp J. Grillo	M. Piersons J. Piersons	D. Barney
4/15	C. Skinner	C. VanHouten	C. Ahern	C. Ahern M. DeRosa	J. Derr
4/22	N. Forenz	C. Skinner	A. Edmister S. Wilson	L. Grillo J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk
4/29	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	S. Pulver C. Ahern	C. Skinner J. Skinner	D. Noteware

Mission Committee Opportunities

The Mission Committee will be providing opportunities for implementing St. James vision statement of “making God’s love visible in our lives and community.” Some of the things we are planning are contributing items to the Baby Cafe at the Dorman Library and the Pregnancy Resource Center, Samaritan’s Purse Christmas shoeboxes, praying weekly for Village merchants, Village leaders, village service people and the school district, contributing personal care items and yummy items (ie brownie mixes, etc) to the food pantry quarterly. More information will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

Coffee Hour

If you are willing to sign up to provide food and be in charge of coffee hour, the sign up sheet is on the counter near the coffee maker. Coffee hour provides a good opportunity to have fellowship with each other and we are appreciative of anything that you are willing to provide from simple cookies to more elaborate fare. You may also work with a partner and divide up the tasks.