

# From St. James' With Love

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May-June 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

*I am the Vine, you are the branches. (John 15:5)*

Around noon on Monday I met a woman I hadn't seen before in the Post Office. We started talking and she told me about being in her 80's and spending the morning tying grapevines. She was about to go home to eat lunch then rest as she had been out working since early morning. We talked briefly about how she had done this for her whole life, and the work still needs to get done.

Just from my little backyard orchard I know about the springtime work of loosening the soil, adding nutrients, trimming, mulching, and the work it takes to tend to the plants if I want any harvest at all in the summer and fall. And yes, it seems like it is a never-ending job through the spring, summer, fall, and into early winter. But the harvest is always worth the effort put forth.

In the Gospel of John we hear Jesus say, "I am the Vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. And what we know is that the fruit closest to the main vine is the best. Sadly, the fruit that is on the end of the run-away runners is often inedible.

We all know that Jesus isn't talking about how we manage our gardens, but how we tend to our life in Christ. I met a man yesterday who told me he was a (it sounded like) Chreester. When I paused, perplexed, he added, "You know, a Christmas and Easter Christian." Yes I do know, and for some people, that's where they will stay. But as for me, I want more of a connection, regular nourishment, and hopefully, sweeter fruit.

We each need to decide how we engage with and live out our faith. Some pray, some read Scripture, some engage in mission work, some seek out fellowship opportunities, and the list goes on and on. But it is clear to me, regardless of what we do, we are all invited to be the branches. This season of Easter as we celebrate Jesus resurrection and our new life in Christ, let us be mindful of the work that needs to be done to nurture our soul, and the world around us.

Happy Eastertide,  
Lynne +

## **St James Smorgasbord**

**Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 – 6:00

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

Our next amazing dinner on May 12<sup>th</sup>, is our famous St James Smorgasbord, with Donna Noteware coordinating. Please take a moment to check the lists in the Parish Hall to see if you can help with the food, or set up/clean up, serving etc. The Dinner is one of the favorites of our friends and neighbors. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with others from St James as well as our guests who come from near and far.

**Active Shooter Training  
May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

This training, offered by the Steuben County Sheriff's Office is designed for parish leaders of all denominations in the hopes that they will take the information on "how to stay safe in the event of," back to their congregations. Everyone is welcome to attend. We just need you to register with Rev Lynne. Email, phone, or leave a note so we can have a our headcount.

**Third Annual Earth Day in the Square  
Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00 – 3:00**

Several of us will gather Village Square for Earth Day on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 3:00 (more or less) and attempt to give away our shopping bags with some information about the earth and plastics, as well as information about St James. We will also take prayer requests, just asking them to put the request in a box on the table where they will be prayed for over the next month. We could use your help, if interested, or, you can spread the word by taking a bag from the back of the sanctuary, and pass it along!

**Funeral Planning & Planned Giving Workshop  
Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Funeral planning is a topic that most people avoid at all costs, understandably. If you have already made plans, and have a copy available, great! If you would like more information on how to plan your service, or the service for someone you love, come and get some ideas about how to select readings and hymns, and how to make your plans known to the Rector and your family. Join us this evening for a short presentation, some materials, and the opportunity to start thinking about your final wishes. We will also discuss planned giving, and what options are available if you wish to make a bequest to the Church. Please contact Rev Lynne to register for this workshop, and feel free to invite a friend or neighbor.

**St. James Clean-Up Day & Tower Door Repair  
Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00-?**

Mark your calendars now, and strengthen those gardening muscles. We will gather early morning to edge, weed, work on the lawn repair, mulch, and have some wonderful fellowship. Please bring your tools (rakes, shovels, clippers, and gloves) and your energy to beautify our property. At the same time, a team will be working to repair the Tower Door so that it is much easier to open and close. If you can't make it that day ( or these aren't your gifts) please hold these faithful workers in your prayers.

**Prayer List**

Beckie K., Jenny M., Holly L., Joseph R., Anne M., Anja, Eva, Walt Y., Pam, the Brayer Family, Art D., Brett, Steve M. and family, Muriel, Caitlin, Tim P., Heather and family, Lois, Beth, Sarah, Steven, Joe, Michael, Katie, Rachel, Robert, Carol B., Lindsey, Doug and family, Jonah, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, and those in the military.

**Walk for Water 6K  
May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30**

“World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice.” This is a 6K walk, which is the distance many villagers need to walk to get their daily water supply. The \$50 registration (\$25 for youth) brings clean water to one person in need. Every participant will get a racing bib with a photo of a child that will benefit from the clean water. This is an all-age family event that begins and ends at the United Methodist Church. We are asking our youth to walk, and would encourage you to walk as well. We also need sponsors to offer the \$50/\$25 registration fees to help an adult or child to walk on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Rev Lynne for more information, or Donna Noteware. Or register with Team Leader Amy Robinson 607.684.5542 or email her at amebobrobinson@gmail.com

**Year-End Hammondsport Youth Group May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Location and time TBD**

All youth in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us for the finale of the year. We have had some amazing times this year with our youth and adult leaders. This event will be an opportunity to celebrate the year with food, games, music, and discussion. Anyone in grades 7-12, even if you haven't yet attend, is welcome to come and to bring a friend. Date, time and location will be sent out as once we confirm the location.

**Welcome to the Episcopal Church  
Seven Sundays at 10:30 from May 27<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Perfect for everyone who wishes to be Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirmation and anyone who wants to better understand the many unique aspects of the Episcopal Church. We will read one short Chapter from “Welcome to the Episcopal Church,” by Christopher L. Webber, and then on Sunday we will expand our knowledge with examples and discussion of how the Episcopal Church is similar and distinct from other Christian denominations. Chapters include History, Worship, the Bible, the Church's Teaching, Spirituality, Ministry & Organizations, and Mission. Have questions? Ask Rev Lynne. Feel free to drop in and out as you are able, or for topics that are of particular interest to you.

**Village Wide Yard Sale  
St James Craft-Bake-White Elephant and other sundry items sale  
Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

All proceeds from this new and creative event will benefit Episcopal Relief and Development which provides funding for worldwide relief efforts. We welcome your gently used (not clothing or furniture) items that can be sold as white elephants on the day of the sale. We are also asking all crafty and creative people to donate a few items for the Craft sale. List for the bake sale will go up in a few weeks. Joan Rogerson is coordinating this event and will be happy to answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, we invite you to clear your closets and basements of potential treasure, and dust off your crafty skills.

**South East District Meeting**  
**WEDNESDAY June 6th**

The next South East District meeting of the Diocese is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> at St Peter's in Dansville. Our delegates Charlie Skinner, Luanne Graulich, and Gladys Palmer, and our new alternate Kitty Oliver 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 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a joint meeting with the South-West District and focus on the first draft of the proposed 2019 Diocesan Budget. If you are interested in attending, a shared meal (bring a dish to pass and your own place, settings) starts around 6:00, and the meeting starts at 6:30. Contact any of the delegates for additional information.

**Episcopal Senior Life Community 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**  
**Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Shadow Lake and Eagle Vale**

Episcopal SeniorLife Communities (ESLC) is pleased to announce that online registration for their 22nd Annual Golf Tournament is now available. The tournament is scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2018 at Shadow Lake and Eagle Vale in Penfield/Fairport, and they're hoping you can join the fun-filled day of golf to benefit the residents and members of Episcopal SeniorLife Communities – an extension of our ministry here.

ESLC is celebrating 150 years of service to the Rochester community! This year-long sesquicentennial recognition will serve as a platform to honor the past, celebrate the present and ensure the future. A future where ESLC will continue to grow in their neighborhood-based health and wellness, housing and care initiatives, and serve as a resource to guide those who need it most – a mission they cannot achieve without the commitment of their closest partners.

Support will help to enhance the quality of life for residents and program members, and accomplish ESLC's vision of creating relationships and communities which inspire active, purposeful and fulfilled lives.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Rougeux, ESLC Golf Tournament Coordinator, at 585.546.8439 x3160 or [jrougeux@EpiscopalSeniorLife.org](mailto:jrougeux@EpiscopalSeniorLife.org)

**Baccalaureate**

**United Methodist Church tentatively Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00**

We invite you to come and celebrate with the Hammondsport Central School Graduating Class of 2018 and their families this great achievement, and to pray for our youth and their families as they embark on the next stage of the journey. Final date and time TBD.

**RISE Summer Camp**  
**June 24 - June 30**

Founded by St. Mark's in 1989, and originally known as Creation Week Camp, Rise is a week-long summer camp for youth age 11 (or finished 5th grade) through age 18 (finished 12th grade), and currently takes place at Koinonia Campground in Middlesex, NY. Flyers and postcards are available on the table in the Parish Hall. Registration will be opening soon.

**Episcopal Night at Frontier Field**  
**Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:05**

Save the date! The Redwings will be playing the Norfolk Tides, followed by the RPO and fireworks on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Last year more than 450 Episcopalians attended! Friends are welcome. Online ticket sales start in May.

**Bishop's Visitation on St James Sunday (wear red!)**  
**Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Bishop will join us for his yearly Visitation, and during that time often meets with the Vestry and/or Congregation to check in, see how we are doing, talk about the work of the Diocese and the Church in the US and abroad. This is also an opportunity for people to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation. Anyone over the age of 13 is welcome to contact Rev Lynne to get more information about these Rites, and if this is the time for you to deepen your walk of faith.

**St James Potluck BBQ and Holy Bonfire**  
**Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Dear Friends, Gary and Audrey Edmister graciously extended an invitation to join them at their home for the St James Day Potluck BBQ and Holy Bonfire immediately following the Service. Bring a dish to pass, and your lawn chair, and join in this opportunity to share a meal and celebrate our life together. Every other year we try to have a Bonfire in which we can prayerfully (yes, we pray) burn old worn out tattered American flags and Bible/Prayer Books. The first year we attempted we had pretty impressive thunderstorms with a severe weather watch; the second attempt two years ago it was hot and dry with high winds. May this year be sunny, calm and warm. Sign-up sheets will appear closer to the date.

**Mission Committee News**  
**Spring 2018**

We are very grateful for the kind donations from parishioners and funds from the Meade Foundation and Mercury Aircraft, and dinner money that has enabled St. James to bless those less fortunate.

We have contributed money to Doctors Without Borders, the Princess Basma School in Israel and the Shriners Hospital. Additionally we have contributed to the Hammondspport Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and Episcopal Relief and Development for Puerto Rico.

For the Baby Cafe at the Dorman Library, we have purchased a Kick and Play Piano and an infant mat with a mobile. The Pregnancy Resource Center in Bath is also in need of items, and if anyone would like to donate to that cause, a list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the Undercroft.

The Mission Committee will pilot Operation Shoebox sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. We will provide 10 shoeboxes, items to fill and shipping costs (\$9/ box) this year.

St. James knitters are busily knitting Red Hats for Newborns sponsored by the American Heart Association to highlight heart health. We will collect the hats in December/January to send to participating hospitals in Rochester. If local hospitals participate, we will send them there.

During the Village wide Yard Sales in early June, St. James is holding a White Elephant and Craft and Bake Sale with the proceeds to go to Episcopal Relief and Development.

As you know, we are soliciting donations of personal hygiene items, laundry products and cake/cookie/brownie mixes for the food pantry quarterly. (March, June, August, December)

Causes we are exploring are The Potters Hands Foundation in Corning that helps girls out of sex trafficking, The Bill Cook Foundation that provides quality education for those in developing countries, G.I.F.T.S. a weekend camp experience for kids with special needs at Hickory Hill and homeless resources in Bath.

### **Vestry Minutes**

As you know, Vestry meetings are open to all members of the congregation, and are usually held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00. In case you would like to skip the meeting, yet read about the decisions being made on your behalf, and the work being done in and around our parish and community, the Vestry Minutes, along with Annual Meeting minutes and reports, and Vestry Retreat minutes are available on the St James website under "News." You can always talk with a Vestry Member or Warden (their names are on the back of the Newsletter) about your ideas, concerns, joys, or questions.

### **Community Vacation Bible School 2018 Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus**

*Calling all children and grandchildren, neighbors and friends to the  
United Methodist Church*

June 25<sup>th</sup> - June 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (includes lunch)

Kids of all ages are invited to come to join this "amazing adventure that will help them begin or deepen their faith by discovering that Jesus cares about them personally and rescues in life's toughest circumstances. This will be a week full of fun and incredible music, in a relaxing island-getaway setting that all comes together to point kids to Jesus!"

A list will be posted at St James asking for donations of snacks, craft and recreation items to be used to turn our site into a realistic shipwrecked island.

Volunteers of all ages are needed to make this program a success. Please contact the Hammondsport Methodist Church (569-3511) or Diane Albright (868-3945) with questions or concerns or to volunteer.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- May 4<sup>th</sup> – First Friday Fellowship – 7:00 p.m. at Bath Presbyterian
- May 8<sup>th</sup> – Active Shooter Training at 6:00 p.m.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> – Vestry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – Earth Day Celebration in the Village Square 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Smorgasbord Dinner 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Women's Breakfast at the Wagner in Penn Yan 9:30 a.m.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Funeral Planning and Planned Giving at 7:00 p.m.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Clean Up and Tower Door Repair at 8:00 a.m.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Walk for Water 6K at the United Methodist at 9:30 a.m.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Derr/Paturzo wedding at 2:00 p.m.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group Party!
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – Brookdale Worship at 2:30
- May 27<sup>th</sup> – Welcome to the Episcopal Church at 10:30 a.m.
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Happy Memorial Day – the office is closed.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – First Friday Fellowship (location TBD)
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> – St James Craft-Bake-White Elephant Sale at 8:00 a.m.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Welcome to the Episcopal Church at 10:30 a.m.
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – South East District Meeting, St Peter's Dansville 6:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:00)

- June 10<sup>th</sup> – Welcome to the Episcopal Church at 10:30 a.m.
- June 11<sup>th</sup> – Episcopal Senior Life Golf Tournament
- June 13<sup>th</sup> – Vestry meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Welcome to the Episcopal Church at 10:30 a.m.
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – Baccalaureate Service for Graduating Hammondspport Seniors at the United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. **(Tentative date and time)**
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – Women’s Breakfast at the Chat-a-Whyle at 9:30 a.m.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Welcome to the Episcopal Church at 10:30 a.m.
- June 25 – 29<sup>th</sup> – VBS at the UMC from 9:00 – 12:15
- June 25 – 30<sup>th</sup> RISE Summer Camp
- June 28<sup>th</sup> – Brookdale Worship at 2:30

### LAY MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

MAY-JUNE 2018

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL
5/6	J. Grillo	C. VanHouten	W. Torp J. Grillo	M. White N. Folts	D. Barney
5/13	N. Forenz	M. White	S. Pulver L. Graulich	J. Skinner C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk
5/20	L. Nichiporuk	N. Forenz	W. Torp C. VanHouten	M. Piersons J. Piersons	D. Noteware
5/27	C. VanHouten	C. Skinner	K. Packard M. Samson	G. Learned M. Dowdle	J. Derr
6/3	C. Skinner	M. White	L. Graulich A. Edmister	P. Forenz N. Forenz	J. Rogerson
6/10	M. White	L. Nichiporuk	W. Torp S. Pulver	J. Skinner C. Skinner	K. Derr
6/17	J. Grillo	C. VanHouten	W. Torp C. VanHouten	C. Manikas P. Manikas	D. Barney
6/24	C. VanHouten	N. Forenz	C. VanHouten G. Briscoe	M. White N. Folts	L. Nichiporuk

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE AT YOUR SCHEDULED TIME YOU NEED TO FIND A REPLACEMENT.