

From St. James' with Love

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From Mother C

The trees are lovely and moving in the breeze, Lord.
Yes, I know you made all the trees -- and the breeze.
I planted some flowers today, Lord.
You're right, you did make the flowers.
I am building a new stone wall, Lord.
Yes, I know you made the stone.

Look, Lord, my neighbors are building a new deck.
You're right, you did make the wood for the deck.
I had to fill my car with gas today, Lord.
I didn't forget, I know you made the oil used to make the gas.
They're repairing the road, Lord.
I know, you made the sand, stone and oil being used.

I drove up the hill to my friend's, Lord.
Yes, you did make the hill.
Vegetables are still growing in the garden, Lord.
You made it possible with the soil, the sun and the rain.
Look over there, Lord, the farmers are bringing in the harvest.
Thank you for making the harvest possible.

I ate a fresh tomato today, Lord.
I do enjoy the sense of taste that you gave me.
Oh, Lord, the sunset is beautiful.
You make such wonderful sunsets new every evening.
The fall colors are magnificent this year, Lord.
Thank you for the colors, and for my eyes.

I hear the birds singing, Lord.
Thank you for the birds and for my hearing.
I breathed in your fresh air this morning.
Thank you for giving me my breath.
There are a thousand opportunities every day to be grateful.
Thank you, Lord.

PRAYER CORNER

We ask all at St. James Church to keep the following people in their prayers.

Carolyn	John	Barb	Patty
Shannon	Eileen	Doug	Jessica
Mike	Greg	David	Maria
Bill	Betsy	Jim	Richard
Adrienne	Georgia	Gene	Peter
Lori	The Howard family	Bob	Glen
June	Charlene	Pat	Nancy
Valerie	Joy	Rachael	Cora
Betty	Ted	Teralin	Amy
Angel	The family of Jim Brynside at the death of Jim's father Junior Brynside		

+The Church of Kisima in Kenya + Trinity Church in Canaseraga + Those who suffer with addictions
+Those who serve our country in the military, especially Vance, Forrest and Zac.

(Please let Mother C. know how people on the prayer list are doing.)

VESTRY NOTES

- Accepted the gift of \$10,000 from the Taylor Foundation to be used for a dehumidification system in the church.
- Daily Vacation Bible School provided a program for 70 children.
- St. James Church put on the main course of the progressive dinner for the Red Cross under the Chairmanship of Nancy French. Around 136 people attended and it netted \$1500+ for the Red Cross.
- The Rochester Diocesan Convention will be held October 24-25, 2008. Those attending will be the Rev. Curtis, Ted and Sue Dykas and Betty Frey.

..... **Reminder:** Our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Prince G. Singh, will be at St. James' Church on December 7, 2008, for his annual visit and to baptize and confirm. If you desire either, please contact Sandy+ as soon as possible to make arrangements.

..... Sincere thanks to Nancy French, who chaired the **HARVEST FESTIVAL**, William Kingham, who cooked for us, and to all who worked to make this a wonderful event for us. We enjoyed a wonderful morning service, and a great time together at a roast beef dinner, complete with homemade apple pies. Everyone seemed to enjoy it, and we must all agree that we are truly blessed by God.

..... As you see in this newsletter, our Holiday Bazaar is on November 1. Nancy French will be setting up the Bazaar a week early - October 26 - so that parishioners of St. James' will have an opportunity to obtain items the week before.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURE BOX

The Sunday School is still collecting items for a Treasure Box. Treasures are offered for birthdays, bringing a friend, memorizing a Bible verse, as a welcome or farewell, etc.

We could use a new supply of treasures if anyone would like to help.

MUSIC

St. James' is blessed every week with its music program. We have an wonderful organist and choir director in Ellie Boutwell, and a faithful choir. The choir is small, but does an outstanding job week after week. We also are blessed with Tom and Carol Bidwell, who play guitar and lead the singing during Communion each week. Tom carefully chooses the songs we sing (some he has composed) to go with our Scripture lessons for the day. In the last two years, we have also been the recipients of Cecil Van Houten's talents on the keyboard. We enjoyed the concert he performed for us last year, and when Tom Bidwell is away, Cecil provides Communion music. One of our favorite songs was composed by him. If you love music, and would like to join the music program, speak to Ellie. I know you would be welcomed!

JOSEPH'S HAMMER

Don't forget the little house at the back of the church. It has been placed there to help Joseph's Hammer with some of the costs of their projects. Joseph's Hammer, which is located at St. Gabriel's Church, is an ecumenical mission project. They have helped so many people with ramps, repaired doors, replacing broken glass, repairing torn screens, fixing windows, repairing bathrooms, etc. Some of our parishioners have benefited from their work. Their actual budget is small, but there are some expenses involved. The work is done by volunteers. The little house has an opening in which to place your loose pocket change. Your change will help change the lives of people in the Hammondsport area who need help. When you see the little house, reach in your pockets and see what change you can give to make a change.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

This year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at The Methodist Church. The service will be Sunday evening, November 23 at 7:00 PM. We hope you will join our ecumenical community in thanking our Lord for all his goodness to us.

ST. JAMES CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

Sunday School - 52 weeks a year!

HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

Vestry and Delegates to Convention

Wardens: James Grillo - first year, Barbara Brayer - second year

Vestry: Mary White, Floyd French, Jan Smith - 1st year
Ted Dykas, Bob Hunn, Nick Forenz - 2nd year
Tom Noteware, Leah Nichiporuk, Karen Derr - 3rd year

Delegates to Convention: Betty Frey -1st year, Thaddeus Dykas -2nd, Sue Dykas - 3rd

Alternate Delegates: Leah Nichiporuk, Charles Skinner

Clerk of the Vestry: Betty Frey

Treasurer: Karen Derr

Pledge Clerk: Barbara Brayer

Choir Director and Organist: Elenor Boutwell

Christian Education: Lin Bretherton

Deacon: The Rev. Thomas Williams, M Th.

Associate Priest: The Rev. Cora Booth, MTh.

Rector: The Rev. Sandra Curtis, MS Ed., M Div.

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