

From St. James' with Love

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From Mother C

If everything we have planned comes to fruition, we have a wonderful year ahead of us. First of all, Gregg Learned has been in conversation with Peckham and Son regarding the installation of the sixteen foot reed pipes for our organ. We hope to start this project in June, and when completed, it will add incredible richness to the sound of the organ.

Second, we started the huge project of painting the church - inside and out - last year, and it should be completed this spring. Even the interior of the bell tower will be painted. All this painting, and the repair of all the cracks and rough places, makes the church look regenerated, clean and new. This project was made possible by a gift Walter and Linda Carl had made to the Preservation Fund.

We are aware that our elevator is in need of some serious help. We are presently in the process of repair. We were concerned that we might have to replace the elevator, but it is beginning to look as though it might be able to be repaired. Whichever we have to do, our goal is to complete this as soon as possible so it will be available to people who have need of it.

And the most exciting of all... A couple years ago we started a capital campaign to renovate the Undercroft of the church. When we originally began, we hoped we could do this work for fifty thousand dollars. Soon we realized that it was going to cost far more than that -- so -- we kept saving for this project. With the generosity of the people of St. James, the Taylor Foundation, the Mercury Aircraft Foundation, the Meade Foundation and memorials over the past couple years, we had been able to raise \$100,000, but it was still not enough. Then, last fall, we were blessed with an incredible gift of \$50,000 from the Lawrence Family Foundation. This was given in memory of Flora Taylor Keeler, mother of Mary Lawrence and grandmother of John Lawrence. The generosity of the Lawrence Family Foundation's gift has made it possible for us to actually begin this project in 2009.

I know you are aware that a Renovation Committee has been working for you. The recordings of suggestions from the committee, and the congregation were posted on the wall of the Undercroft for a couple months, and you were given additional time to add your comments and thoughts. All these suggestions have been recorded and passed on to architect, Marsha Meade Coon. Bruce White has completed a "footprint" drawing of the Undercroft which has also been passed on to Marsha. We should be meeting with Marsha in a couple weeks to begin the process.

As I said, if everything we have planned comes to fruition, we have a busy, but wonderful, year ahead of us.

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	Ed	Glen
June	Charlene	Pat	Nancy
Alice	Philip	Rachael	Cora
Betty	Ted	Teralin	Amy
Angel	Patrick	Sheila	Candy
Mary	Sherrie	Janetmarie	Elizabeth
Suzanne	Carl	Kay Burrill	Crocker
Lleyton Ryder			

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

- Jim Grillo, Ted Dykas, Leah Nichiporuk and Karen Derr will prepare the audit for 2008.
- The Rev. Curtis said that the funds for her health insurance, which the school system has been paying, will run out in the fall, and she is asking the Vestry to pick up her half.
- Requests came in from Children's International for a donation. The Vestry voted last year to send a lump sum. We will do the same this year.
- Mary White and Leah Nichiporuk will prepare the request for the Taylor Foundation for 2009.
- Established a Capital Improvement Fund for repair and replacement of the elevator.
- Accepted a gift of \$1,000 from the Meade Foundation and put it in the Elevator Capital Improvement Fund. A thank you letter has been sent to the Meade Foundation for the \$1,000 they gave St. James.
- Accepted a gift of \$6,000 from the Mercury Aircraft Foundation and placed it in the Elevator Capital Improvement Fund. A thank you letter has been sent to the Mercury Aircraft Foundation for the \$6,000 donation they gave St. James.
- Transferred \$185.00 to the Organ fund to remove the \$185.00 deficit in that fund.
- Transferred \$73.75 from the Net Interest Account to the Building Fund.
- Gregg Learned is in contact with Peckham & Son regarding the organ pipes. It appears the work for the new rank of pipes will begin in June.
- Discussion took place regarding painting the bell tower and the elevator shaft, and it was decided to wait and include it in the discussions regarding the renovation of the Undercroft.
- Bruce White has met with Marsha Coon, our architect for the Renovation Project, regarding the Footprint of the church which will be put on CAD.
- Discussion took place regarding whether to discontinue the use of the bulletin insert and use the Bibles in the pews. No decision was made.
- Jan Farnsworth will do the Safe Church training at our Vestry Retreat

ROAST BEEF DINNER

FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH, HAMMONDSPORT

FEBRUARY 21, 2009

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

HAMMONDSPORT FIRE HALL

ROUTE 54
HAMMONDSPORT, NY

ROAST BEEF
BAKED POTATOES
HOMEMADE BREAD
GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE
TOSSED SALAD
DESSERTS
COFFEE, TEA

(COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF WINE)

DONATION
ADULTS - \$ 12.00
CHILDREN UNDER 12 - \$ 6.00

SPAGHETTI/LASAGNA DINNER

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH, OR CAME TO, THE SPAGHETTI/LASAGNA DINNER ON JANUARY 17, ESPECIALLY FOR COMING OUT ON SUCH A COLD NIGHT. THIS YEAR WE ALSO HAD COMPETITION FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH (WE WILL BE KEEPING AN ECUMENICAL CHURCH CALENDAR FOR ALL THE CHURCHES IN THE FUTURE!), BUT WE STILL MADE \$600 PROFIT! A SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO NANCY FRENCH WHO ORGANIZED THE DINNER AND COOKED MUCH OF THE FOOD. ALSO, THANKS TO JIM GRILLO WHO MADE THE LASAGNA. AND, THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT - THE HELPERS WHO DONATED SO MUCH - ESPECIALLY DESSERTS - PARK VIEW WINE AND SPIRITS WHO DONATED THE WINE - AND TO ALL WHO GAVE THEIR TIME TO PREPARE, SERVE AND CLEAN UP AFTERWARDS.

• • • *We delivered 311 pair of socks, in memory of Jane Aerschbacher, to the Bath VA Hospital the day before Christmas. We thought that was the end of it, but to our surprise, someone brought in 46 more pair of socks, bringing the total to 357. WOW! Thank you for your generosity.*

••• There are copies of Jerry Lange's book "The Windows and Sanctuary of St. James' Episcopal Church" available for \$10.00. If you want a copy or copies, please contact Sandy+.

Dinner and a Movie

Thursday, February 12, at 6:00 PM. The movie will be **King David**. The February movie will be at Sandy's, 10 Shethar Street. Please join us! Remember - bring a dish to pass. Beverage and dishes provided. See you there.

FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

We gather with area Christians on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 PM to sing praise and worship songs for an hour, using powerpoint projections of song lyrics and chords. We encourage people to bring their musical instruments (guitars, banjos, flutes, accordions, harmonicas, etc) and join us in making a "joyful noise". We break for some refreshments at 8:00 PM. Light snacks are provided by those who wish to bring something to share (chips, cookies, etc). We reconvene about 8:30 for those who wish to stay and sing, winding things up by 9:30 PM. Our next gathering is Friday, February 6, at the Hammondsport Methodist Church.

From SAMS-USA: We thank you for your faithful prayers and gifts. We deeply appreciate your support of missions. We pray the Lord will bless you and your families this Holy Season. Sincerely, Nita Dempsey

Lenten Program

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009. There will be three services that day at which you can receive Ashes. There will be the Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Holy Communion at 7:00 AM, a 12:00 noon Ecumenical Service and Luncheon at the Methodist Church, and the Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Holy Communion at 7:00 PM. It is hoped that everyone will be able to attend one of these services.

Ash Wednesday begins the Ecumenical Lenten Program. Every Wednesday during Lent, you are invited to attend a 12:00 noon service and luncheon at one of our local churches. St. James will be the host church on March 18. Please check your calendar for the location of the service each week.

We will also have an evening Lenten Program in the Undercroft of the church on Tuesdays - March 10, 17, 24, 31. The program, "Questions on the Way," 7:00-8:30 PM, will be taught by Father Philip Kuhn. There is a booklet that will be provided for your use, and if you wish to keep your copy, the cost is \$5.00.

MOSQUITO NETS Stop malaria dead in its tracks. A simple insecticide-treated net can protect children and families from a needless, preventable death. Your gift provides both nets and vital community-based training in how to effectively use the nets, as well as critical care to people suffering from malaria. The nets cost \$12.00 each. So far St. James has contributed \$320.00 toward these nets, but we would like to send more to the Congo in Africa. If you, or your family, are willing to donate a net, please make your checks payable to St. James' and mark the memo "mosquito nets" and we will send the collected donations to Episcopal Relief and Development as part of our mission project. We will let you know how much we collect for this project.

From Food Bank of the Southern Tier: Please accept my deepest appreciation for your recent gift of \$100.00. Our vision at the Food Bank is to see that everyone has access to adequate and nutritious food resources. Your generous contribution is vital to the fight against hunger in the Southern Tier, and we thank you for supporting us in this fight. Natasha R. Thompson, President & CEO

From Project CARE: I want to extend my most sincere thanks for your very generous donation to our program. Local support is critical to the success of Project CARE, and your donation will go far to benefit many area citizens. Your kindness again this year is greatly appreciated. Lura Huckabone, Coordinator, Project CARE

From Heifer International: I truly thank you for your kindness. By Supporting Heifer International, you support a large network of hope, opportunity, and self-reliance through your generous give to \$200. Thank you for giving a gift that keeps on giving. Sincerely, Jo Luck, President and CEO

CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER

ST. JAMES' CHURCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009

SERVING FROM 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

**MASHED POTATOES
VEGETABLE**

SALAD
DESSERT
A COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF WINE
(TAKE-OUTS AVAILABLE)

DONATION
ADULTS: \$6.00
CHILDREN 3-12: \$3.00
CHILDREN UNDER 3 - FREE

HOPE WE SEE YOU THERE!!!

••••If you care to give altar flowers in memory of a loved one, the cost is \$24.00. Please let Sandy+ know of your wishes.

From Health Ministry of the Southern Tier: We would like to thank you for your generous support. Your donation of \$300 will play an important role in helping us provide services to the uninsured of our communities. We thank you for this continued support. Michael Slovak, Director, Operations and Development.

Folks of St. James, Thank you so much for the lovely poinsettia you sent me. As those plants last, I will enjoy my poinsettia over the winter months to come. Thank you for your generosity of spirit and your thoughtfulness. Love, Betty Arnett

From Samaritan's Purse: Thank you for your recent gift of \$100 to Samaritan's Purse. Operation Christmas Child has sent millions of gift-filled shoe boxes to boys and girls in more than 100 countries. During times of uncertainty, it is comforting to know that God, who sent His Son to die so that we might live, will never forsake us. Thank you for helping proclaim the good News of Jesus Christ. May God bless you. Sincerely, Franklin Graham

Coffee Hour

Adrienne Hutcheson is the new Coordinator of the Coffee Hour. If you are willing to be an Overseer for a month, please contact her. Individuals who wish to help on a particular date, please let the Overseer for the month know. (Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board by the kitchen.) If you are unable to have Coffee Hour the week you have signed up, please swap with someone and/or contact the Overseer for the month.

Newsletter by E-Mail ?

There are several people in the church who have computers and would like to receive their Newsletter by e-mail. We know that not everyone is interested in an e-mail newsletter, but we have discovered that many do go up on our website to look at the calendar, lay minister's schedule, read the lessons for each Sunday, or just check things out concerning St. James' latest endeavors. If we were able to send the newsletter by e-mail, we could save a considerable amount of money normally used for postage. If you would be willing to receive your newsletter by e-mail, please give your e-mail address to Tom Bidwell (569.3682) or e-mail your request to stjames14840@mac.com.

Altar Guild

We are looking for people to help with Altar Guild in 2009. If you have ever thought about participating in this ministry, we wish you would volunteer. If you are worried about what you must do, Leah Nichiporuk and Sandy+, are more than willing to help you until you are comfortable with the work. Men and women are encouraged to help with this ministry, so, if interested, let Leah (569.2055) or Sandy+ know.

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

Vestry: Tom Noteware, Leah Nichiporuk, Karen Derr - 1st year

Mary White, Floyd French, Jan Smith - 2nd year

Ted Dykas, Bob Hunn, Nick Forenz - 3rd year

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

Alternate Delegate: Leah Nichiporuk

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 K. Curtis, MS Ed., M Div.

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