

# From St. James' with Love

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## NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 2009

\* The following were elected:

Warden - Barbara Brayer

Vestry - three years - Tom Noteware, Leah Nichiporuk, Karen Derr

Delegate to Convention - Charles Skinner

Alternate Delegate to Convention - Leah Nichiporuk

\* Sincere thanks to all Vestry members who give so much of their time each year. Also thanks to our Delegates and Alternate Delegate to Convention for their time in attending Southeast District meetings and representing us at Diocesan Convention.

\* Thanks to Betty Frey, Clerk of the Vestry, for so faithfully taking the notes for the Annual Meeting and Vestry meetings this past year.

\* Karen Derr, our Treasurer, reviewed the 2009 budget. Sincere thanks to Karen for her careful and thorough reports each month. Karen has set up an entirely new accounting system this past year - Quick Books. The system was given in memory of Helen Canfield by Nick and Patty Forenz. Karen has spent many hours doing this for us and it is greatly appreciated.

\* Thanks to Barbara Brayer for faithfully recording the pledges and income, and making the deposits each week. We are fortunate to have her. And, thanks to those who count the offering each week. (It is required that two people count the offering.)

\* Also, thanks to the Audit Committee headed by Jim Grillo that audits our books each year and saves our church several hundred dollars.

\* The Mission Report was prepared by Carol Bidwell and presented by Leah Nichiporuk. St. James' has given over \$18,000 in outreach and mission this year. This does not include help given through the Discretionary Fund which would be another \$7000. The Bible tells us about giving. "Give and it will be given to you - packed down and overflowing." It is just as true about the church as it is about individuals. If we honor the Lord in our care and giving, we will be blessed, and that is indeed the case here at St. James. Thanks to Carol Bidwell, Leah Nichiporuk and Arlene Santus for their work on the Mission Committee this year, and to the people of St. James' for their generosity.

\*Dorie Lundy reported that we have served 2,581 people this past year: Households - 617, (up 101); Seniors - 131, (up 4); Adults - 1,091, (up 145); Children - 742, (up 40). The pantry did 75 Thanksgiving boxes and 121 Christmas boxes and gave out gift certificates for Easter in cooperation with our local grocery store. Thank you Dorie for representing us and being our ambassador for the food pantry in the community. A special thanks to Sue Lange, Tom Bidwell, and Bob Hunn for helping. Scouting for Food brought in over 3000 donations this year. We have also been the recipient of food donations from organizations at our school and in the community. Also, all the doves were

removed from the Angel Tree this year, and the Food Pantry was the recipient of a huge box of pasta products. Thank you, Nancy French.

\* We had several Fundraisers this past year:

\* Thank you Mary White for chairing the Apple Pie Day and thanks to Jeff and Kathy for the donation of apples, Snug Harbor for the pie plates and Bruce and Mary White for the supplies - and for all who make it work. We used the money for mission work.

\* Thanks to Leah Nichiporuk for chairing the Annual Rummage Sale and to the crew for all the work, and to everyone who sent in the rummage.

\* Nancy French chaired the Holiday Bazaar. Thanks to Nancy and Floyd French and everyone who made things, donated, or helped with the bazaar. I don't know if you realize it or not, but Nancy and Floyd work all winter making items for the bazaar. They make and bring about eighty-five percent of all the items at the bazaar. It is a wonderful gift to St. James'.

\* The dinner fund raisers have brought in several thousand dollars this past year. Thanks to Nancy French who chairs these dinners, and thanks to all who help with the cooking, the supplies, and the work. We are blessed to have people do so much for our church.

\*Programs

\*We have had a pretty good year with Sunday School. We were fortunate to get Lin Bretherton to work with our children again this year. There have been Sundays with no children and Sundays with several children. Whatever happens, Lin has a lesson prepared to work with the children - 52 weeks a year! God does not take a vacation in the summer, and neither does Lin!

\*Thank you Tom and Carol Bidwell; you do all the work to make First Friday happen. It is a wonderful evening of singing and praising the Lord. If you have never been, consider attending on a first Friday.

\* We have a great Website and have discovered that people go there to find out about our church. Besides all the other information, Tom Bidwell keeps an up-to-date list of lay ministers, and all the readings for each Sunday of the year. You can also find a continuously updated calendar as well as pictures of all the activities we have been involved in during the year. If you haven't been there yet, try it: [www.stjames14840.org](http://www.stjames14840.org) Thank you Tom.

\* Thanks to Nancy French for organizing the Harvest Festival, and thanks to William Kingham for financing it -- and to all who helped to make it such a success.

\* We are delighted to have our wonderful choir. If "you" feel so inclined, they want you!!! We practice on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM. Thank you Ellie Boutwell and all who faithfully enhance our Sunday Service with music. Also, thanks to Tom and Carol Bidwell and Cecil Van Houten for the Communion music. And thank you Mary Jane Burch for substituting for Ellie. We are very blessed to have such wonderful music year round. People are surprised that a little church in Hammondsport can have such a great music program.

\* John Rogerson gave a report on our Book Study group. We continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. We are completing a book called The Bible for Everyday Life by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey. If you are interested in joining the group, let John Rogerson or Sandy+ know.

\* Movie Night. We meet on one Thursday or Friday each month to enjoy a pot-luck

meal together, watch a movie, enjoy dessert and a theological discussion. John Rogerson prepares a wonderful outline of the movie and actors as well as developing a series of theological questions for us to ponder.

\* Altar Guild - Thanks to Leah Nichiporuk for overseeing the schedule and ordering for this group. And thanks to our brass polishers Leah, Arlene Santus and Janet and Charlie Skinner. Also, thanks to all who have been willing to sign up for a month to prepare the Altar each week. Men and women are welcome to help, and, if you are not sure what to do, Leah or Sandy+ are willing to train or help you.

\* We continue to have a monthly Eucharist at Green Meadows on the Second Thursday. \* Coffee Hour - Adrienne Hutcheson is in charge of the sign-ups for Coffee Hour. Thanks to all who have helped with Coffee Hour this past year. We have a new process with an overseer for the month who contacts people to sign up. If you are interested in helping, contact Adrienne Hutcheson.

\* Buildings and Grounds: Nick Forenz gave a detailed report for Buildings and Grounds. We thank Nick for all he does for St. James. - Every year, Nick winterizes the church, and then gets it ready for spring. Nick and Jim Grillo head up the grounds cleaning and mulching each year.

\* Undercroft - As you know, a while back, we set up a capital fund for renovation of the Undercroft. We have actually raised \$150,000, and we are finally ready to get serious about moving ahead. Through the generosity of the people of this church, the Taylor Foundation, the Mercury Aircraft Foundation and the Meade Foundation, we had accumulated \$100,000, but a gift of \$50,000 from the Lawrence Family Foundation, in memory of Flora Taylor Keeler, sealed our ability to actually start. The footprint and drawings that Bruce White did for us are presently being put on the CAD system. Marcia Meade Coon, our architect, believes we are finally ready to move forward. All the ideas that were posted on the wall, and that many of you added to, have been forwarded to the architect, and we will soon begin.

\*Thanks to Gregg Learned who has been keeping the furnace and the elevator working. Lately, the elevator has been dying all too often for comfort. Mike Kubrich, son-in-law of Ann Smolos, and husband of Josie, spent eight hours working on the elevator. Mike's life work has been elevators, and he is an expert at it. He has done all this work for us as a gift, and we are most grateful. He told us that we can use the elevator to move people only. It was never designed to haul freight, and he has warned us not to use it for that purpose. If we are careful, we should be able to get a lot more use out of the elevator. If we are not careful, he reminded us that a new one will cost between \$20,000-\$25,000. So, please be careful and use it for handicapping purposes only.

\*Organ - Gregg Learned has been working with Peckham and Son, and we hope to be adding the final rank of reeds starting in June of this year. Gregg has spent a great deal of time working on this and we are most grateful.

\*Thanks to Richard Frey who takes out the garbage for us each Tuesday night and puts the containers back in the church on Wednesday.

\* Thanks Floyd French for all the little things around here he has repaired and fixed - cabinet doors, pews, baptismal fonts, drainage pipes and on and on and on. Every time Floyd see something that needs to be done, he quietly takes care of it. He recently put in a book rack behind the choir pews to hold hymnals and choir folders, and build a cover for the door leading to the bell tower. We also know there are several others who take on projects

for this church, and we are grateful. We want you to know we appreciate it.

\*Ted Dykas set up and watched over the painting of our church. Thank you for all that work, Ted.

\*Thanks Jim and Linda Grillo for mowing the lawn all summer. People are always commenting about how beautiful our church looks.

\*Thanks, Dorie Lundy, for the flowers in the urns.

\*Thanks to Bob Hunn for shoveling the sidewalks, raking all the leaves, and all the other things he does around here. When we need something done or moved, we call Bob. Bob also represents us with Joseph's Hammer.

\*Thanks to Jerry Lange for the wonderful book of pictures and history of St. James' that he has created. By the way, we still have a few left \$10.00 @, so contact Sandy+ if you want one.

\*Special thanks to all who are always keeping an eye on what needs to be done around here, and pays attention to things many of us do not see. We are fortunate to have so many who care and take care of St. James'.

\*Priest's Report - As you are all well aware, we have more new members who have joined our family here at St. James' this past year. We are delighted to have them here with us; they have made an incredible difference in our lives, not only with their presence and participation, but also with their many new ideas. We look forward to a wonderful 2009 with them.

\*Our year's attendance was 5606 - up 298. Communion were up, and our average Sunday attendance was 66 - up from 61 last year. We had an increase of 26 new people and a decrease of 9 which included 3 deaths. At present we have 142 active members. I am grateful for all of you who are so faithful in attendance, and I hope everyone will make every effort to be here whenever they are not away on vacation.

\*Communion were 4103 - an increase of 77.

\*We had 135 private communion for the sick and shut-ins. The Bishop has licensed Leah Nichiporuk and Connie VanHouten as Lay Eucharistic Ministers, so they will now be able to take Communion out to shut-ins. This will make it possible for shut-ins to receive Communion more times each month. I thank them both for their willingness to give of their time. I know, from talking to the people they attend, that their visits are most welcome and enjoyed.

\*Weddings-5; Baptisms-6; Confirmations - 6 and 7 Received; Funerals-4

Thank you for your love, your energy, your commitment. Someone is always willing to step in and help. We have wonderful people here - just people stepping forward to do God's work. Another excellent year, with tremendous blessings from God. Continue to pray your thousands of prayers, for they make all the difference. We pray that 2009 will be an another example of doing the Lord's work here in St. James'.

# **CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER**

## **ST. JAMES' CHURCH**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009  
(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)  
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!!!**

### **VESTRY NOTES January, 2009**

- \*Transferred the interest from the December Statement (\$73.75) to the Building Fund.
- \*Transferred \$27.49 from the Fence Project Fund into the Undercroft Renovation Fund.
- \*Set aside \$1000 to purchase an electric keyboard for the Sanctuary.
- \*Were notified that our church is in the wills of Louise Shoemaker and Paul Aeschbacher.
- \*Voted to pull all our investment funds out of the Diocesan Fund and reinvest them in fixed investments or CDs.
- \*There will be three services on Ash Wednesday: 7:00 AM, 12:00 noon, 7:00 PM.
- \*Father Phil Kuhn will be doing a Lenten Program - 4 evenings in March.
- \*Ted Dykas reported that Southern Tier Painting is now run by Lewis Strauss, and Mr. Lewis will honor the contract we have with the former owner.

# LENTEN PROGRAM

A Four-Week Series

## Questions on the Way

Presented by  
The Rev. Philip Kuhn

Four Tuesdays  
**March 10, 17, 24, 31**  
7:00 - 8:15 P.M.

We look forward to a wonderful learning experience.  
**There is a booklet that will be provided for your use.**  
**If you wish to keep your copy, the cost is \$5.00.**

***Please plan on attending this year's Lenten Program with Fr. Philip Kuhn***

**EASTER FLOWERS:** The April calendar has the Holy Week services and times. More information will come in the next letter. Because Easter is the second week of April, the Flower Donation Form is included in this newsletter. Flower money and memorials must be in no later than Palm Sunday.

Date	Ecumenical Lenten dates to put on your calendar Host Church at 12:00 noon	Preaching
Feb. 25 Ash Wed	Methodist Church	The Rev. Sandra Curtis
Mar. 4	Presbyterian Church	The Rev. Paul Rowley
Mar. 11	Methodist Ch.	The Rev. Howard Armstrong
March 18	St. James'	Maureen O'Neill
Mar. 25	St. Gabriel' s	The Rev. Ann Waasdorp
April 1	Presbyterian Church	The Rev. Thomas Williams
April 10 -	Good Friday at St. James' - 12:00 noon	
April 12 -	Easter Sunrise (Methodist) at head of Lake - 6:30 am	

### Easter Flowers

(Please print)  
In Memory of

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In Thanksgiving for

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount  
enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the church by April 5, either by mail or place in the offering plate.

# PRAYER CORNER

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

Carolyn	John	Willis	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	Judy
Alice	Philip	Rachael	Cora
Betty	Ted	Teralin	Amy
Angel	Patrick	Hunter	Candy
Mary	Sherrie	Janetmarie	Elizabeth
Sue	Carl	Kay Burrill	Crocker
Lleyton Ryder	Helen		

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.)

## 27 MOSQUITO NETS SO FAR!!!!

**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 sent money for 27 nets, but we would like to send 100 to the the Congo in Africa. If you, or your family, are willing to donate a net, please make your check 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'll keep you posted!!!!

•••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, MARCH 12, at 6:00 PM. The movie will be **King David**. The MARCH 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, March 6, at the Centenary Methodist Church in Bath.

# **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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