

# From St. James' with Love

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## FROM MOTHER C

I find it hard to believe that summer is gone, not only because school has been underway a month, but the beginning of the fall season has officially begun. The leaves are beginning to change color, and it won't be long before this whole area is bathed in yellows, oranges and reds. The leaves will be falling, and most of us will be out raking. I always put my leaves in a compost heap where they decompose and provide me with beautiful soil for plants. Isn't it amazing how God takes what is dead and gives new life.

Everywhere I look, farmers are selling their harvest. Many I know are canning and freezing, and people are cleaning their gardens getting ready for the cold weather. I too, have been freezing my tomatoes for the winter, and I have already filled the freezer with fruits so that we will be able to enjoy them throughout the winter. We are all so blessed by our God.

My brother brought me pumpkins to decorate the church the other day, and it won't be long before he arrives here with bushels of apples, potatoes, onions and butternut squash. I always like decorating the church with this produce, because it reminds me how much God provides for us - the goodness we receive from God is everywhere around us.

I was out in the garden today getting ready to put in my fall plantings. I promised myself I would purchase no more plants, especially since I had little time for the garden this summer, but the tree peonies were two for the price of one, and I just couldn't pass it up. So, I was out there weeding areas and getting ready for the holes to be dug. Fortunately, I have someone who will dig those holes and haul away the dirt and stones. I am thankful that God gives us others who help us along the way and make our lives a little easier.

As we see the leaves falling and feel the chill of the evenings, we may be wondering what the winter will bring. Every one of us can think of things we would rather have pass us by. We ask God why we have to stop and deal with some situations, but God always seems to sustain us, and the spring will come soon.

Like the seasons, life is constantly changing for us. Isn't it wonderful, that no matter what the season, our God walks with us?

# PRAYER CORNER

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

Cecil	Roxie	Jim	Amy	Bev
Adrienne	Angel	John	Charlene	Vincent
Pat	David	Shannon	Carolyn	Hal
Helen	Betty	Greg	Mary	Sue
Carl	The Howard family	Lori	Jessica	Charles
Kay	Ted	Patty	Bill	Candy
June	Teralin	Helen	Mike	Gayle
Crocker	Adam	Nancy	Alice	Betsy
Gene	Linda	Georgia	Kathy	Deb
Richard	Kali	Peter	Cora	Michele
Hunter	Doug	Maria	Lee	Alex
McKennah	Barb	Tom	Julie	Elijah
Paul				

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

## Vestry Highlights September 2009

- Accepted the \$10,000.00 gift from the Taylor Foundation for electrical work and put it in the Undercroft Renovation Fund.
- Placed the \$651.75 from the rummage sale in debt repayment.
- Appointed Leah Nichiporuk, Alternate Delegate, to replace Ted Dykas as delegate to Diocesan Convention.
- Sent \$500.00 to Kisima to be used for seeds and nets (\$150.00 for seeds, \$350.00 for nets). The \$350.00 includes the \$118.00 that people have already donated and designated for nets.
- Nick Forenz gave an update on the renovation project.

### **RED CROSS PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

*St. James' served hors d'oeuvres to 150 people on Friday, September 11. Because of our renovation, St. Gabriel's Church graciously allowed us to use their main hall, and Leah Nichiporuk, chair, and crew arrived early to set up tables and a beautiful buffet of delicious appetizers for 5:00 PM. St. James' received numerous compliments for the beauty, variety and delicious food. Thanks to all of you who donated these wonderful treats, and thanks to all who helped to make it work. At 6:30 PM, hors d'oeuvres were whisked away, and St. Gabriel's crew set up with dessert. It all worked out!*

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

ST. JAMES' CHURCH

# HOLIDAY BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Luncheon 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Christmas Decorations**

**Knitted & Crocheted Items**

**Fleece Throws, Gift Baskets**

**Baked Goods, Jams, Pickles**

**Embroidery Tablecloth Sets, Towels**

**Table Runners, Placemats etc.**

**Handmade Soaps and Bath Salts**

**Silent Auction**

**Luncheon Menu**

Clam Chowder or Chili with Homemade Bread or Soup and Sandwich

Takeouts Available

**Raffle**

**White Elephant**

If you are willing to help, contact

Nancy French, Chair

Hope everyone is working on items for the bazaar.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Andrew Edsall**, son of **Carol Battaglia**, graduated in June 2009, from Temple University, Philadelphia, with his Masters in Business Administration. Andrew, who is fluent in Japanese, is now working with an international company based in Singapore.

A sincere thank you to everyone who held me in their prayers, sent me cards and notes, and visited me the last three months while I was in the hospital. You gave me strength to keep trying. Thank you all!  
**Crocker Curtis.**

Our prayers are with the **Bartlett** family at the loss of wife and mother, **Mary Bartlett.**

**The Rev. Thomas and Nancy Williams** will be visiting us in the month of October. Thanks to everyone who donated items to help furnish their new apartment.

## UNDERCROFT RENOVATION

The work continues. We plan on having the main room finished enough to hold the annual Holiday Bazaar there the first weekend of November. We do not know if the kitchen will be finished, but the new cabinets have been ordered, and the new refrigerator and freezer have arrived.

We continue to thank everyone who has donated countless hours to make this possible - the extra Fridays and Saturdays - the extra help during the week. You all make it possible for us to live with hope that this will happen.

We also thank everyone who has contributed financially, and is contributing, toward this. With your continuing support, we hope to be able to completely pay for this project by the time it is finished this fall.

See the progress as you come to Coffee Hour. We thank all of you for putting up with the mess and confusion. Thanks to those who have had to come in on Saturday to remove the extra dust from the upstairs so we could have church on Sunday. Just remember, when it is finished, it will be beautiful - a wonderful place to gather and do our work in the name of Christ.

## FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

We have fresh flowers on the Altar every Sunday for a cost of \$24.00. If anyone would like to give flowers in memory of someone, or in thanksgiving for something, please let Mother C know. Your gift can be sent to the church or placed in the alms basin. Please include the following information:

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

Date flowers are wanted \_\_\_\_\_

Please give us two or three weeks notice so that we can order the flowers and place the "in memory" or "thanksgiving" in the service bulletin.

## 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.

## **THE PIANO**

If you have a love of music and want to help with this project please consider donations in honor of people, to give thanks to God for something wonderful in your life, and for memorials. If you simply love music and want to donate toward the piano, it would be deeply appreciated.

## **Dinner and a Movie**

One Friday a month we gather together at 6:00 PM at the church for dinner and a movie. Please join us! Remember - bring a dish to pass. Beverage and dishes provided. Check your calendar for the date. Our next movie will be "Random Harvest."

## **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. Check the calendar for each month's location.**

**PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE  
FOR UPDATED CALENDARS**

**[WWW.STJAMES14840.ORG](http://WWW.STJAMES14840.ORG)**

# LAY MINISTERS

<b>OCTOBER 2009</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>CHALICE</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
04 18 <i>PENTECOST</i>	J. Grillo L. Grillo	M. Herrick	OT J. Skinner NT J. Rogerson	C. Skinner
11 19 <i>PENTECOST</i>	M. Kingham W. Kingham	N. Forenz	NT D. Erway OT N. Torp	J. Grillo
18 20 <i>PENTECOST</i>	B. Frey R. Frey	L. Nichiporuk	NT J. Grillo OT M. White	N. Forenz
25 21 <i>PENTECOST</i>	P. Manikas C. Manikas	C. Skinner	OT C. Bidwell NT S. Pulver	L. Nichiporuk
<b>NOVEMBER 2009</b>				
01 22 <i>PENTECOST</i>	T. Dykas S. Dykas	J. Grillo	OT S. Wilson NT M. Herrick	N. Forenz
8 23 <i>PENTECOST</i>	J. Grillo L. Grillo	C. Van Houten	OT D. Erway NT J. Grillo	C. Skinner
15 24 <i>PENTECOST</i>	N. Forenz P. Forenz	M. Herrick	OT J. Skinner NT Co. Van Houten	J. Grillo
22 <i>CHRIST THE KING</i>	P. Manikas C. Manikas	N. Forenz	OT C. Bidwell NT S. Pulver	L. Nichiporuk
28 <i>ADVENT 1</i>	W. Kingham M. Kingham	L. Nichiporuk	OT Ce. Van Houten NT E. Kosan	N. Forenz

If you are unable to serve, please ask someone else to take your place

REMINDER: The **TALENTS DAY** is still postponed. When the renovation is completed, we will schedule a Sunday for you to bring in your "talents." Hope everyone is working on it. We've seen some really clever ideas so far.

# **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, Leah Nichiporuk - 3rd

Clerk of the Vestry: Betty Frey

Treasurer: Karen Derr

Pledge Clerk: Barbara Brayer

Choir Director and Organist: Elenor Boutwell

Christian Education: Lin Bretherton

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

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