

# From St. James' with Love

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## **FROM MOTHER C**

When I went to church as a child, we would often sing a song called "Count your blessings" as part of our worship on Sunday mornings. I don't remember all the words, but I remember the chorus:

**"Count your blessings  
Name them one by one -  
Count your many blessings  
See what God hath done."**

How many of us really count our blessings? With Thanksgiving coming, it's a good time to think about it.

Think of all the times we ask God to help us or someone we love - and he does. Think of all the "little" prayers to God as we see our children head off to school, or to a game, or on a trip, and we ask God to watch over them, and keep them safe, and bring them back to us - and they come home safely. Think of the times when the cash is low and we ask God to help us get through the month - and somehow we do get through the month. Think of the time when a loved one is sick and we beg God to make them better - and they heal. Think of the times we worry about our jobs and ask God to help us - and the crisis passes. Think of the times we see a loved one hurting and we ask God to help them find peace - and it happens. How many times in your life have you asked God for help - and the help came. Even little things like "Please, God, don't let the light turn red," or "Please, God, let there be a parking place when I get there" - and there it is.

The Bible tells us that God cares for the sparrow. How much more he will care for us. The Bible tells us that God knows the number of hairs on our heads. Wow! God is that involved and cares that much! We are so blessed. Have you ever stopped to think how many things had to fall in place, at an exact moment, for the wonderful outcome that may have blessed your life?

With all this going on around us every day of our lives, with God so involved and caring so much, how many times have you said "Thank you" lately? We are approaching Thanksgiving. Are we truly thankful for the blessings bestowed upon us? Maybe we ought to take some time to count our blessings and say thank you to our Lord who watches over us and cares so deeply about 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	Sherry	Carolyn	Hal
Helen	Betty	Curtis	Mary	Sue
Carl	The Howard family	Lori	Jessica	Charles
Kay	Ted	Patty	Bill	Candy
June	Teralin	Bud	Mike	Julie
Crocker	Adam	Nancy	Alice	Betsy
Gene	Heidi	Georgia	Kathy	Deb
Richard	Kali	Peter	Cora	Michele
Gayle	Doug	Maria	Lee	Alex
McKennah	Tom	The family of Bruce Herrick		

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

## Vestry Highlights

October 2009

- Reimbursed Sandy+ for health insurance payment.
- This year's stewardship letter was written by Ellie Boutwell. Thank you, Ellie!
- 5% of the Paul Aeschbacher estate has been willed to St. James. The Vestry voted to set up a Jane and Paul Aeschbacher Fund when the money is received.
- The Apple Pie sale is scheduled for November 21st.
- Nick Forenz gave an update on the renovation project. We are currently running 3-4% over budget.
- The columbarium project has been put on hold until next year.
- Bishop Sing will visit St. James on February 28, 2010.

## 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 a hole in the roof 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.

• • • *Don't forget to sign up for Coffee Hour. There is a list on the counter of the coffee bar. All help is greatly appreciated, and if you want to partner with another person, please do!*

*Annual*

# Apple Pie Sale

## St. James' Church

November 21, 2009

Ready to bake homemade pies!!

\$7.00 each

Order your apple pie today!! Call 607.368.3224

To be picked up on November 21 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm

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Volunteers are needed to help with peeling, slicing, mixing and clean-up! Come for an hour, or stay for the day. Enjoy lunch all while contributing to the mission of the church. Questions? Call Mary White 368.3224.

*Sunday*

*December 2.*

*We will decorate*

*a Jesse Tree. We will also*

*decorate an Angel Tree in the*

*Undercroft by removing doves naming*

*items needed by the Food Pantry and putting*

*Angels on the tree in their place. All followed by*

*a dish-to-pass brunch after church. Bring a dish*

*to share and enjoy.*

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The ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING service will be at the United Methodist Church at 7:00 PM on Sunday, November 22. The Rev. Banu Moore will be preaching, and there will be a reception following the service.

## Pledging for 2010

We want to thank everyone who has turned in a pledge card. We appreciate your commitment to the work of God here at St. James'. The Vestry will be adopting the budget for 2010, and you have helped us by letting us know what we will be working with. Our sincere thanks.

If you have not turned in a pledge card, and still plan on doing so, please send your pledge in as soon as possible. If you have lost the card, there are extra cards and envelopes on the rack at the back of the church, or simply write your intent in a note to our Pledge Clerk, Barbara Brayer, and send it to the church, or place it in the offering plate. The Vestry

## Holiday Bazaar

This year's Holiday Bazaar was a smashing success. When all is said and done, we should have a net profit over \$3000. Awesome!! Our sincere thanks to Nancy and Floyd French who worked so hard to make this a great success. Nancy and Floyd work about ten months preparing things for the bazaar, and we benefit from all their work. We also thank all the others who made things for the bazaar, and worked. Everyone working and helping has brought about this accomplishment. Great work, everyone.

### *SOCKS FOR THE VA*

*We will be collecting white crew socks this Christmas, in memory of Paul and Jane Aeschbacher, for the Bath VA Hospital. If you wish to participate, start looking for a great buy, and place the socks in the basket at the back of the church. Last year we collected over 300 pair of socks. What will we do this year?*

## Christmas 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 December 22 , either by mail or place in the offering plate.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- ♦ *Thank you all for the surprise 60th anniversary party. Yes, you certainly did surprise us, and it was lovely! David and Mary Jane Burch*
  
- *Our prayers are with the Herrick family at the death of Bruce Herrick.*
  
- **Sandy+ and Dear Friends at St. James:** Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift of the Seal of Canterbury. What a neat gift for an Anglican! It was a joy to worship and celebrate with you. Thank you for giving me the honor of celebrating the Eucharist with you. We hope to see you again soon! God bless, Fr. Jim and Ginny
  
- *Friends at St. James: Your kindness is special. The money you were so nice to give to me for graduation will be put to good use. Thank you. Dan Herrick*
  
- Our own **Jim Grillo** has been chosen by the Hornell paper as an Area Achiever. Jim is the Alfred State College SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor. He has been selected to serve on the State University of New York Advisory Council of Distinguished Teaching Professorships. Jim has been a member of the Alfred State College family for 37 years, serving in a variety of capacities. He started in 1972 and by 1978 was dean of Admissions, Records and Financial Aid. He also taught courses in the Business Technology Department as an adjunct instructor. In 1989 he was hired as an associate professor, and promoted to full professor in 1992. Jim has a Bachelor of Science in business administration and a Master of Science in counseling and guidance. Plus, an additional 24 graduate hours through the University at Albany. In 1980 Jim was recognized by SUNY with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service and by alumni in 1992 and 1993 as Business Teacher of the year.
  
- **The American Red Cross Progressive Dinner made a profit of \$1220 for our local Steuben Red Cross chapter. Thanks again to everyone who helped with this. We received the following:** *On behalf of the Greater Steuben Chapter of the American Red Cross Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, I extend my heartfelt thanks for your support of local disaster relief. The Progressive Dinner was just wonderful, and I have had amazing feedback on all courses of the food! I thank you all for your contribution to this event. I realize a tremendous amount of work and energy goes into organizing such an event, and I am grateful. God bless you all, Shelley Bierwiler, Assistant Executive Director.*
  
- **Thanks to all who donated money for mosquito nets. We have already sent 30 nets through Episcopal Relief and Development. We have also sent 70 nets to Kisima, Kenya, our partner parish in Kenya. Your gifts will save many lives and protect children from malaria. Again, THANK YOU!!!**
  
- 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+
  
- **Reminder: Our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Prince G. Singh, will be at St. James' Church on February 28, 2010, for his annual visit and to baptize and confirm. If you desire either, please contact Sandy+ as soon as possible to make arrangements.**

## LAY MINISTERS

	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>CHALICE</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 15</b> <i>24 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 ADVENT 1	W. Kingham M. Kingham	L. Nichiporuk	OT Ce. Van Houten NT E. Kosan	N. Forenz
<b>DECEMBER 06</b> <i>ADVENT II</i>	B. Frey R. Frey	J. Grillo	OT S. Wilson NT M. Herrick	C. Skinner
13 <i>ADVENT III</i>	T. Dykas S. Dykas	M. Herrick	NT D. Erway OT N. Torp	J. Grillo
20 ADVENT IV	N. Forenz P. Forenz	C. Skinner	NT Co. VanHouten OT C. Bidwell	L. Nichiporuk
24 <i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	P. Manikas C. Manikas	L. Nichiporuk	OT C. Skinner NT M. White	N. Forenz
27 I CHRISTMAS	W. Kingham M. Kingham	N. Forenz	Co. VanHouten Ce. VanHouten S. Wilson, M. White J. Skinner, D. Erway	C. Skinner
<b>JANUARY 03</b> <i>II CHRISTMAS</i>	J. Grillo L. Grillo	C. VanHouten	OT S. Pulver NT J. Grillo	C. Skinner
10 I EPIPHANY	P. Manikas C. Manikas	J. Grillo	NT J. Skinner OT E. Kosan	L. Nichiporuk
17 II EPIPHANY	N. Forenz P. Forenz	M. Herrick	NT S. Wilson OT D. Erway	J. Grillo
24 III EPIPHANY	T. Dykas S.. Dykas	C. Skinner	OT M. Herrick NT Ce. VanHouten	N. Forenz
31 IV EPIPHANY	B. Frey R. Frey	L. Nichiporuk	OT Co. VanHouten NT C. Bidwell	C. Skinner

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

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**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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