



From St. James' With Love
July 2024
Newsletter



St. James Vision Statement:

God asks us to make His love visible in our lives and community. . .
let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

**A heartwarming letter
from
Nick and the Family of Patty Forenz**

To the members of St. James,

We wanted to thank you for the love and support you showed Patty over the last few months, she truly enjoyed receiving and reading each and every card you sent and was thrilled by the visits some of you made to see her.

The love and compassion you all showed Patty is a true testament to the work of the Holy Spirit's presence in the family of St. James.

Many thanks to those who donated food and helped put on the luncheon after Patty's Celebration of Life and for those who prepared meals for us over the past few weeks.

We will always remember what Patty said the Father Craig one day when he asked "what she was thinking." Her answer was "What a nice church family we have."

Thank you all again.

Nick and the Family of Patty Forenz

Prayer List



The family of Kate Taggart, Sandra Curtis, The family of Linda Carl, Damon, Bruce, Kate L, Bill T, William K, Nancy F, Lisa M, Freddie, Lindsey, Richard Frey, Jillian, Linda G, Jim G, Laverne and Patsy, Evelyn A, Rebecca H, Betty K, Ashlyn, Kimberly J, Rev. Gary, Audrey, Charlie S, Seth B, Heather S, Chris C, Gail O, John R, John P, Ray K, Tanner N, Beth Forenz, Nancy Drum, Robert Z, all those leading and participating in VBS, our brothers and sisters on Zoom, those who mourn, students and teachers, 1st responders, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, those in the military, and St. James Vestry.

Bishop's Visitation

With our Bishop Elect Kara Wagner Sherer



**Bishop Lane confirms Virginia Kasser into
the Episcopal Church.**

Congratulations Virginia!



June 14th Ecumenical Baccalaureate

St. James hosted the 2024 Ecumenical Baccalaureate to celebrate graduating seniors from Hammondsport on the evening of Friday, June 14th. Father Craig, Pastor Grace Warren, and Pastor Will Goodrich warmly welcomed 14 seniors and about 68 of their family and friends. Thanks to Ellie for providing beautiful music, as always. Students read a few readings from scripture and heard an inspirational message from Pastor Grace. Father Craig presented each graduate with a Bible or Qur'an and a bookmark. Afterwards, all were welcomed in the undercroft for an ice cream social. Many thanks to the people of St. James for your continued support of events that reach out into the community.





Thank You Notes from the Graduating Seniors



On behalf of the St James community Fr. Craig and Linda sent a congratulation letter to each member of the 2024 graduating class with an enclosed ten-dollar gift card. Unexpectedly we received back these wonderful thank you notes. We had to share them with you.

Lexy wrote: "Thank you so much for the gift. I used it on my grandparents."

Nicole and Samantha wrote: Thank you so much for the graduation gift! Their coffee is always the best. THANK YOU!! LOVE, Nicole and Samantha.

Liam wrote: I want to say thank you for congratulating me. I will very much enjoy your gift and appreciate you both.

Leah wrote: With sincere gratitude and appreciation, Thank You.

Nicholas wrote: I am writing to express my gratitude for the generous gift card. Receiving it made my day, and I wanted to convey my appreciation. With sincere thanks.

Keagan wrote: I am taking this moment to express my sincere gratitude for your thoughtful gesture of congratulating me and for the generous gift card. Your kindness and support mean a lot to me. Thank You again, warm regards.

Fine Arts Dinner

St. James' first dinner for the Hammondsport Fine Arts students was a rousing success! The simple but popular meal featured pizza from Wise Guys, a salad bar and cupcakes. Many of the 40 students who attended thanked us for the dinner, and said they had a good time. That seemed pretty obvious by the fact that they lingered after all the food was gone, enjoying each other's company. The teachers who attended also expressed gratitude, not only for our hosting the dinner and for recognizing the Arts but also for enabling the students to get together in a non-school setting.

Thanks to Mary for organizing the event and for the faithful who set up, served and did clean up. We hope to make this an annual event, perhaps starting right after school so the students can walk over.





Vestry Highlights from June 12th, 2024

- Treasurer report approved.
- Audit report was approved to be sent to the Diocese.
- Building use Policy draft was presented by Virginia Kasser. It will be discussed at the September meeting.
- South East District and Diocese Report. Both Bishop Lane and Bishop Elect Kara Wagner Sherer will be at St. James Sunday June 16, 2024.
- Both Leah Nichiporuk and Jim Grillo will come off the Vestry in 2025. They still can be elected to Warden positions. Both Warden positions will be open in 2025. We should elect one position as a 1-year term so the Warden positions vacancy's fall on alternating years from 2025 forward.
- The church copier needs replacing. After discussion it was agreed that Gregg and Wayne will decide on which one to be purchased.
- The counter cooler needs to be fixed.
- Mission Committee Requests.
 - \$500 for Camp Good Days.
 - The proceeds of the Yard sale (1,085.25) will be sent to Potter's Hand.
 - \$200 will be donated to the Ecumenical Vacation Bible School program, (VBS).

First Friday Fellowship



The Next First Friday Fellowship will be held on **July 5, 2024 at 7PM** at Bath First Presbyterian Church. Come join us!!!

Thank You!

Ellie & Choir Members for richly enhancing our worship through your gifts of music. We deeply appreciate and love each of you. All of us have grown in Christ's love due to your prayerful ministry.

From the Mission Committee



We have a mission meeting scheduled for *Monday July 8th* at **8:30 AM in the Undercroft.**

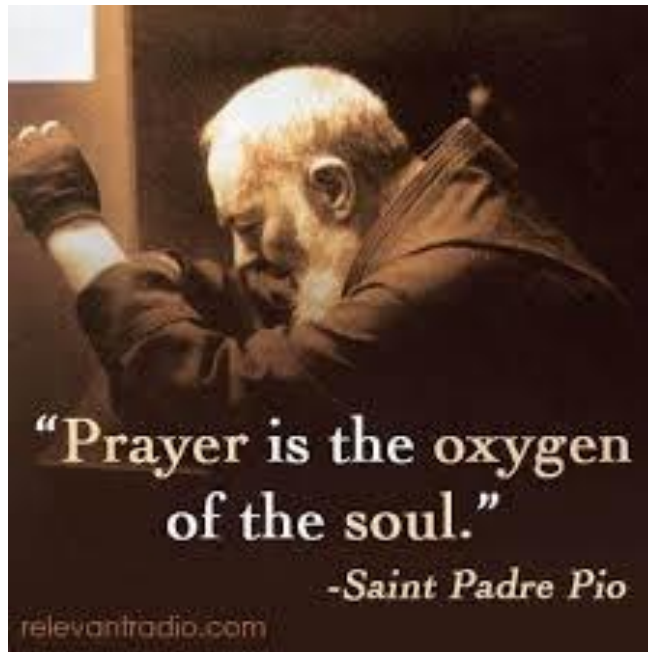
The Mission Committee met in early June and agreed to send \$500 to Camp Good Days as well as the \$1082.25 generated from the Yard Sale to the Potter's Hands in Corning.

Items were delivered to the Safe House/Shelter in Bath, and **current requests were listed: twin sheets, large shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bath towels and wash cloths, hair brushes, dish soap, non-powdered dishwasher soap and laundry soap (nor liquid), cleaning supplies, toilet brushes and plungers.**

We anticipate participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Shoebox again, and **if anyone is thinking of doing a physical shoebox, back to school sales in August are a good time to get things.**

As was mentioned before, **blessingsinashoebox.com** has a multitude of suggestions for items to include, and there are things remaining from last year that can be used.

Compline Service every Monday evening at 8:30 PM



We have Compline every Monday night at 8:30PM. A 10–12-minute service of prayer, Scripture, music, and much more. Zoom address is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83857418968>

Notable Events

- Father Craig & Linda visiting grandchildren 7-11 July
- Consecration of Bishop Elect Kara Wagner Sherer 13 July
- Ladies breakfast 18 July 9am. Place to be announced.
- Italian dinner scheduled for 28 September
- Next Vestry meeting is 11 September
- Choir resumes in September



July Lay Schedule

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Reader	Ushers
7/7	Mary White	Jim Grillo	Kris Packard	Cindy Zielinski Marlyn Dowdle
7/14	Leah Nichiporuk	Mary White	Stella Pulver	Marietta & Jim Piersons
7/21	Karen Derr	Leah Nichiporuk	Audrey Edmister	Linda Hacker Jim Derr
7/28	Jim Grillo	Karen Derr	Sandy Young	Marilyn Dowdle Linda Grillo

July Readings



Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading
7/7	2 Samuel 5:5, 9-10	Psalm 48	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
7/14	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	Psalm 24	Ephesians 1:3-14
7/21	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Psalm 89:29-37	Ephesians 2:11-22
7/28	2 Samuel 11: 1-15	Psalm 14	Ephesians 3:14-21



June 3, Highlights

Thank You for Your Support!

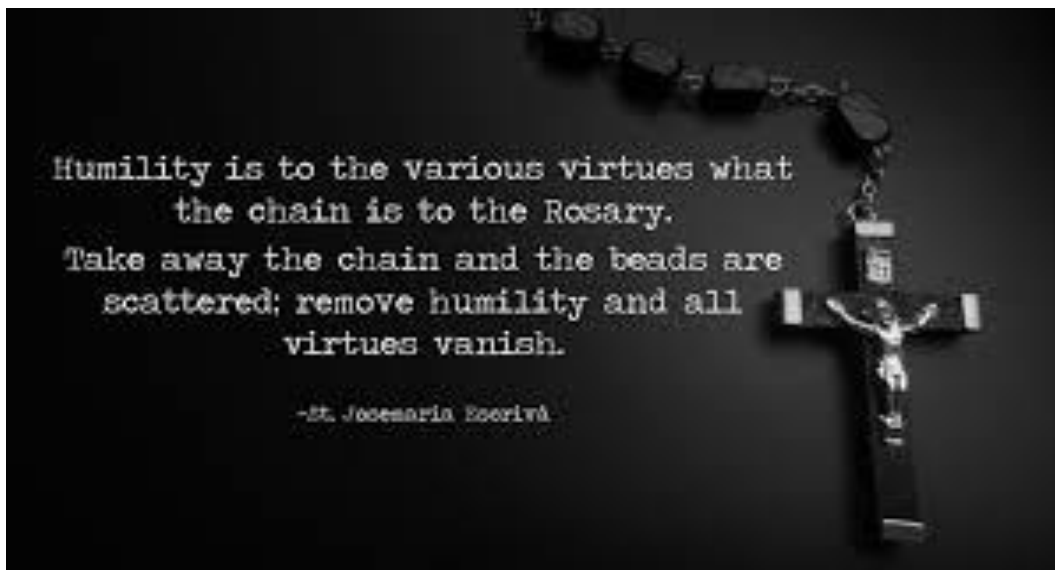
Client Numbers

Total households	34	Total Number of Clients	79
Children	20	New clients	1
Adults	38		
Seniors	21		

Next Meeting- Monday, July 1, 10 am

Notes:

- **TFAP food is not widely available from the Food Bank**
- **Food Bank grants are lower**
- **Last year \$3,700 was spent on food as compared to \$6000 this year.**
- **Last year \$3,400 was spent on non-food items as compared with \$980 so far this year**
- **Community canned food drives have fallen off.**



Humility

From *Reflections on Christian Virtue*

By Robert F. Morneau

What is humility? It is that habitual quality where-by we live in the truth of things: the truth that our life is a composite of good and evil, light and darkness; the truth that in our littleness we have been given extravagant dignity.....

Humility is saying a radical “yes” to the human condition.

From the Book Hazelden Daily Meditations for counselors



**The little child in each of us never stops
needing rainbows and hugs.**

**Our little child needs a safe person to sit
near when tears come.**

**Our little child needs to believe there are no
secrets too bad to be told, and no
rooms too dark to enter.**

**Our little child needs to know love won't be
withheld**

**Our little child needs to feel there's a path
she was created to walk on.**

**Our little child needs to believe he can
make no mistake too bad for God to fix**

No matter how old we get, that little child lives on in our tenderest part, remind us to clap and dance when we see a rainbow. *S.C. Dowagiac, MI*