



From St. James' With Love
June, July, Aug 2025
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)

Thank You!

To all the members of St. James Church,

Your support this summer has been nothing short of amazing. We started June by having a very successful rummage sale spear headed by Joan Rogerson and her team. All money (more than \$1,350 was raised) went to support our Mission Committee's outreach.

Right after the rummage sale, Donella Barney and Gladys Palmer pulled together a beautiful reception to celebrate the Baptism of Jessica and Kenneth Didomineck

Shortly following the Baptism, we participated in a highly successful Hammondsport Ecumenical Baccalaureate and ice cream social. This year it was held at the Hammondsport Global Methodist Church. Fifty-six people attended the ceremony to include five graduating seniors. We had more than a dozen St James parishioners and their family members attend. St James sent all 29 graduates a hand written note of congratulations with a \$10.00 credit card to the Crooked Lake Ice Cream shop.

On June 29th, The Rt. Reverend Kara Wagner Sherer visited St. James Church. The administrative and operational support given by Jim Grillo, Nick Forenz, and Wayne Grimes was flawless. A Special thanks to Karen Derr and her crew for a spectacular luncheon and to Ellie Boutwell, Tom and Carol Bidwell and all the choir members for providing us with wonderful music and to the acolytes and crucifer for their flawless service to Bishop Kara. Finally, I would want to thank the altar guild for their devotion and setting of the table. Congratulations to those received into the Episcopal Church, Nick Forenz, Theresa Hughes and Richard Little.

Beginning June 30th through 3 July, St. James supported the Hammondsport Ecumenical Vacation Bible School. I would like to thank, Elenor Boutwell, Tom Bidwell, Linda Hacker, Donna Noteware, Joan Rogerson and Mary White for their unfaltering support. Counting everyone we had roughly 49 individuals attend VBS each day. Check out our Face Book page for more details. I stretched, and became Scout in a short skit every day and team taught all different age groups.

On August 9th, the St. James community celebrated with the Hammondsport Fire Department the passing of Charlie Skinner. More than one hundred people attended the Celebration of Life service held at St James church followed by a farewell with honors held at the Fire station which included a luncheon. Thanks to everyone that helped make this joint service with the fire department such a healing memory for Janet Marie and the Skinner family.

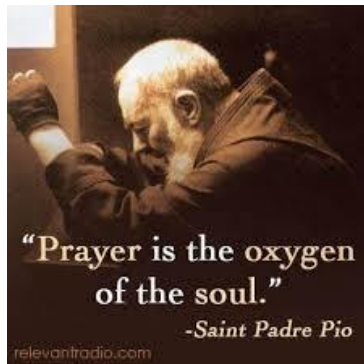
Mid-August Father Craig had the honor of opening and closing a town wide ceremony commemorating the village of Hammondsport being placed on the National Historical Registry. More than thirty-five people attended the ceremony sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and held at the village square.

On August 26th thanks to the vision and organizational skills Mary White we held our first Haircuts and Hotdogs at St James. We provided free haircuts, hotdogs and deserts for twelve children and their families. Thank you to the hairstylists that cut hair and to all the parishioners that supported this activity. Because of how successful this activity was, everyone agreed we should do Haircuts and Hotdogs again next year.

Prayer List

Naomi D, Patti M, Harold and family, CeCe, Bill, Carter, Robert and Cindy Z, Marcia and Mike F, Brenda P, Kurt, Betty, Jean W, Gaila and David, Jeff Smith, Mrs. Mullen, Hollie L, Tracy R, Miriam Schrauth, Anita, Pete and Connie, Katie Marchonda, Rev. Sandy, Lindsey, RT, Tehya Meyers, Chris C, Jay C, Damon, William K, Nancy F, Richard Frey, Jillian, Linda G, Jim G, Laverne and Patsy, Evelyn A, Rebecca H, Betty K, Ashlyn, Joe C, Kimberly J, Rev. Gary, Mae M, Jean W, Gail O, John P. Our brothers and sisters on Zoom, those who mourn, 1st responders, teachers and students, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, those in the military, St. James Vestry

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.

Below are the Compline Leaders for September and October, The Zoom link is the same <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83857418968>. We gather for fellowship between 8:15 and 8:30 and begin Compline at 8:30. Invite a friend to join us for the fall!

Sept. 1	Luanne	Tuesday's readings
Sept 8	Kris	Wednesday's readings
Sept 15	Sandy	Thursday's readings
Sept 22	Mary	Friday's readings
Sept 29	Donella	Saturday's readings
Oct. 6	Leah	Sunday's readings
Oct 13	Joan	Monday's readings
Oct. 20	Luanne	Tuesday's readings
Oct. 27	Kris	Wednesday's readings

September Lay Schedule

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Reader	Ushers
9/7	Nick Forenz	Deb Bartlett	Kris Packard	Dan & Carolyn Scroggins
9/14	Mary White	Nick Forenz	Linda Hacker	Marietta & Jim Piersons
9/21	Jim Grillo	Mary White	Stella Pulver	Marilyn Dowdle Linda Grillo
9/28	Nick Forenz	Karen Derr	Rich Little	Virginia Kasser Cindy Zielinski

September Readings



Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading
9/7	Jeremiah 18: 1-11	Ps: 139: 1-5, 12-17	Philemon 1-21
9/14	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Psalm: 14	1 Timothy 1: 12-17
9/21	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Psalm 79: 1-9	1 Timothy 2: 1-7
9/28	Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6: 6-19

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Haircuts & Hotdogs
Tuesday, August 26
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

GET A FREE BASIC HAIRCUT BY A LICENSED STYLIST FOR
ANY SCHOOL-AGED CHILD...

*plus hotdogs and other refreshments
for the family!*

Held at St. James Episcopal
Church, corner of Lake and
Main, Hammondspport

Thanks to all for a successful event!! There were 12 children who received haircuts and roughly 30 people that ate hot dogs! The leftover hotdogs are in the freezer for next year. The rest of the leftovers were donated to the food pantry and Laker Kids. The kids loved the goody bags! I think we should ask people to be on the lookout for things to include in next year's bags. Thanks again.

Mary

St. James Church Choir Recordings
Hymns: Processional, Sequence, Recessional
September-October 2025

Date	Processional	Sequence	Recessional
9/7 Pentecost 13	#637 How Firm a Foundation	#512 Come, Gracious Spirit	#603 When Christ was Lifted from the Earth
9/14 Pentecost 14	#410 Praise, My Soul Men's Chorus/Sop Descant	#683 O For a Closer Walk	#646 The King of Love
9/21 Pentecost 15	#390 Praise to the Lord	#388 O Worship the King	#345 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name
9/28 Pentecost 16	#494 Crown Him with Many Crowns	#545 Lo, What a Cloud of Witnesses	#625 Ye Holy Angels Bright
10/5 Pentecost 17	#535 Ye Servants of God	#660 O Master, Let Me Walk	#437 Tell Out, My Soul
10/12 Pentecost 18	#397 Now Thank We All Our God	#628 Help Us, O Lord	#411 O Bless the Lord
10/19 Pentecost 19	#372 Praise to the Living God	#711 Seek Ye First	#539 O Zion Haste
10/26 Pentecost 20	#398 I Sing the Almighty Power of God	#656 Blest Are the Pure	#680 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Mission Committee has been busy meeting needs of local people. We have donated money to a family where the bread-winner was in a serious accident. The pilot program of "Haircuts and Hot Dogs" on August 26 was well received. Three stylists cut 12 haircuts, and we gave personal care kits to the recipients. Family members enjoyed hot dogs, chips, soda and desserts generously donated by our church family. Unused leftovers were donated to the Food Pantry and Keuka Kids after school care.

Not only the Mission Committee but church members generously donated funds to help the Texas flooding through Direct Relief, and the people of Gaza through World Central Kitchen. We continue to welcome donations from parishioners for the Food Pantry and the Safe House. Items for the food pantry are hygiene, laundry, household (plastic wrap, aluminum foil, zip locs) products, cake mixes, frosting, brownie mixes; the Safe house uses those products as well and also dishwasher powder, baby wipes, baby/toddler diapers, towels, sheets.

Carol Bidwell

PHARMACY PROGRAM UPDATE

Recently the church received a thank you card from an individual that was helped through out pharmacy program. The title of the card was:

**GOD IS SO FAITHFUL!
MY HEART IS STILL SMILING!**

Dear St James, I thank you for paying for my medications from the Hammondsport Pharmacy. You are such a blessing! Love in Christ.

Who were Constance, Nun and her Companions
Commonly called "The Martyrs of Memphis," 1878

We remember them in our daily prayer on September 9th



Readings for the Day

2 Corinthians 1:3-5
Psalm 116: 1-8
John 12:24-28

In August of 1878, Yellow Fever invaded the city of Memphis for the third time in ten years. By the month's end the disease had become epidemic and a quarantine was ordered. While 30,000 citizens had fled in terror, 20,000 more remained to face the pestilence. As the cases multiplied, death tolls averaged 200 daily. When the worst was over ninety percent of the population had contracted the Fever; more than 5,000 people had died.

In that time of panic and flight, many brave men and women, both lay and cleric, remained despite the terrible risk. Notable among these heroes were Constance and her companions.

Let Us Pray:

We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of Constance and her companions, who in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death: Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ: who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God now and for ever

Amen.