

# From St. James' With Love

Corner of Lake and Main  
P.O. Box 249 Hammondsport, New York 14840  
July-August 2018 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)

## From the Rector's Corner



*Jesus also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." (Mark 4:30-32)*

For the last few weeks we have talked about the Kingdom of God and the many ways that we, as disciples, are asked to participate in the Kingdom. Although we hear this parable every three years, this year it captured my imagination. I thought about the seeds I sow in the world with my thoughts, words, and deeds. I thought about the things that keep me from sowing good seed. I think of all the worries about planting and awaiting the harvest. Is there too little or too much water? Is there enough sun? Did I even plant them in the right place. I think about the weather – it was really warm this spring, but I waited until the "appointed time" May 31<sup>st</sup>. Now I am looking gardens that were planted mid-May and starting to produce. I see the leaves and notice tiny beings helping themselves, not to mention the rabbits and woodchucks. And most of all, I think about the day when I can enjoy all the abundant summer harvest.

But Jesus also reminds us that the sower sowed the seeds, and did not know how they grew, but grow they did! Sometimes I think we worry too much about things where we have no control. At times we hesitate to even attempt to sow, not knowing if the seeds we have to offer are good or poor. We wonder if the seeds are pure, or if there are some weeds mixed in. We question if the soil has the nutrients it needs.

How do we find the right balance? How to we step out in faith, knowing that Jesus appreciates every gift we have to offer. Do we trust that God knows exactly what we, and the seed, need in order to bring together all of creation in his shade and rest?

Friends, as we sample the 4<sup>th</sup> of July cherries, the last few strawberries, and anticipate the first home-grown tomatoes this summer, I pray you also remember to turn to God, giving thanks for his grace and care of creation. St James has so much to offer our friends and neighbors. This summer we are gathering together to spread the Good News with "Open" times, the BBQ and Bonfire, Worship by the Lake, I Love to Tell the Story, and so much more. Let's spread the seeds of God's love and goodness, and we will all do our part to bring forth the Kingdom of God.

Peace,

Lynne+

### **Episcopal Night at Frontier Field**

**Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:05**

Save the date! The Redwings will be playing the Norfolk Tides, followed by the RPO and fireworks on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Last year more than 450 Episcopalians attended! Friends are welcome. Online ticket sales start in May.

### **Bishop's Visitation on St James Sunday (wear red!)**

**Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Bishop will join us for his yearly Visitation, and during that time often meets with the Vestry and/or Congregation to check in, see how we are doing, talk about the work of the Diocese and the Church in the US and abroad. This is also an opportunity for people to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation. Anyone over the age of 13 is welcome to contact Rev Lynne to get more information about these Rites, and if this is the time for you to deepen your walk of faith.

### **St James Day BBQ and Bonfire**



**Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 – 1:00**

**Edmister (Gary and Audrey) Homestead:** 8309 Whitehead Road

**Bring:** your *lawn chair* and a **dish to pass** (sign-up sheet downstairs on the bulletin board), worn out Bibles, Prayer Books, and Flags.

Every other year we try to have a Bonfire in which we can prayerfully (yes, we pray) burn old worn out tattered American flags and Bible/Prayer Books. The first year we attempted we had pretty impressive thunderstorms with a severe weather watch; the second attempt two years ago it was hot and dry with high winds. May this year be sunny, calm and warm. You are encouraged to bring a guest, or two! This event always proves to be a great time of fellowship and fun.

**Sign up:** Parish hall, or by calling the church office 569-2647

*Rain or Shine*

### **Worship at the Head of the Lake**

**August 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00**

Bring your lawn chair and a friend – St James will worship at the Head of the Lake along with anyone who wishes to join us! We will hear the stories of our faith, sing the songs of our faith, join together in Communion, and welcome neighbors and guests new and

old as we meet in Depot Park to worship and praise the Lord. Mark your calendars now! (Note: there will not be a service at St James on that Sunday.)

### I Love to Tell the Story

**Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00** (note time change)

Spread the word! Last year we told the stories of our faith through song, dance, art, music, and drama. This year Hannah will bring together friends (and you, if you are willing to offer your gifts) for Stories of the Spirit in song, dance, music, art, and drama. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to join us. If you are willing to participate by reading or singing, contact Rev Lynne.

### Mission Committee

Thirty percent of the dinners goes to Mission. The Smorgasbord raised \$1184 with \$390 going to Mission. The Sunday School piggy bank (collection) recently donated to the Mission Committee. The Mission Committee recommended, and the Vestry approved the following Disbursements for June 2018:

#### LOCAL (and regional)

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| Rector's Discretionary Fund (St James)                            | \$200 |
| Pregnancy Resource Center (to purchase large item, car seat, etc) | \$200 |
| Family Life   | \$200 |

#### REGIONAL

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| Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes (abused women)                     | \$200 |
| Potters Hands Foundation (Corning, sex trafficking)                 | \$200 |
| House of Mercy (Rochester; homeless shelter, to purchase underwear) | \$200 |
| Reynoldstown Mission Fellowship (Doug Graulich home & ministry)     | \$500 |

#### INTERNATIONAL

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| World Vision Water walk<br>(Donna, Rev. Lynne and some Youth Group walked)  | \$300 |
| *International Justice (humans rights, law enforcement focusing on sex trafficking, Africa, Latin America, South/Southeast Asia. Based in Washington, DC) | \$250 |
| *People Against Poverty (outreach to Romany people, to build barn, to help provide farms for those with no other means of livelihood)                     | \$250 |

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\$2500

\*Kim and Penelope Swithinbank (friends of Kris Packard) who live in the UK are walking across France to support these two organizations.

Feel free to let the Mission Committee know if you are aware of a special need, and as always, you can make a donation directed to the Mission Committee to continue their good work.

### Backpack Program



St James is going to coordinate the Backpack program offered by Catholic Charities in Hammondsport again this year. Keep your eyes open for the flyers as

we enlist your help in gathering backpacks and school supplies for students in the Hammondsport School District. For more information contact Leah Nichiporuk or Mary White.

### St James Mission – Vision – Planning for 2018-2019



A Vision statement is often considered to be the forward-looking, overarching vision of an organization; and the Mission is how we live that out day-to-day. The Vision and Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester are: **Vision:** Joy in Christ, as a way of life. **Mission:** To grow and develop congregations spiritually, numerically and in missional leadership. The **Vision** of St James Episcopal Church, revised in 2015: 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). And our **Mission** Statement (we're not sure when it was written): "We recognize worship in the Episcopal tradition to be the core of existence of St James' Hammondsport. Our primary reason for being is to praise and give thanks to God. The education, spiritual nurturance and sense of community provided by the corporate worship feeds and fuels us for our ministries in the world. With this foundation of worship, we reach out to others with the good news of Christ."

The Vestry of St James met in the Spring of 2015 and created a Vision statement, and came up with a long list of two-to-three year goals. Seeing as how we met all the goals we set three years ago, we once again embarked on a Mutual Ministry Review and Visioning Day. We asked for your help in identifying new areas for evangelism, outreach, and mission. The Vestry will take your ideas into consideration in the Fall when we come up with a plan for the next two-year period at St James. One of the ideas was the sign on the front lawn for the summer time. Keep an eye on this space as we roll out other goals.

### Stewardship Corner - The Power of Cooperation

Three dimes, a nickel, and a quarter were arguing about whose value was the most useful in the world of high finance. The quarter was most boastful of all, saying "I am valuable all by myself. You other dudes need to work together and even then, you aren't worth much more than me all by my lonesome." "Yes," countered the nickel, "but I am often the crowning touch. Frequently I make the difference between something being taken home or left on the shelf."

To coin a phrase, this argument went on and on and round and round. Feelings were hurt and as sometimes happens among people, the coins went off by themselves to pout and sulk. The nickel ended up on a sidewalk where many people walked by without stopping to pick it up. The quarter snuggled down under the cushions of a sofa and remained there by many months. The dimes

fared a bit better since this is an historical story from the days when telephone booths still existed and a dime was the price of a single call.

But over time, each of the coins began to see that segregated by themselves, their abilities were lessened. Pooled together and then added with others, amazing things could be accomplished – a lesson that applies to us as the people of God as well. Each of us has individual merit. When we work together, wonderful things are possible. And it works with our offerings as well. When combined, the work of God builds and continues far beyond what we can do alone.

What a great reminder for all of us; we always work better together as a team.. And this is a great reminder also as you pass the Mission coin jar in the Parish Hall to consider what you have to give and what God might do with the collective total.

-Duane Grady

This story comes from the e-book  
*Make a Statement! 52+ Offering Statements to Encourage Joyful and Thoughtful Generosity*,  
published by the Ecumenical Stewardship Center.

\*\*\*If you would like to submit a story of stewardship; how you rejoice in generously offering your time, talent, and treasure, contact Rev Lynne. We would love to hear your story!\*\*\*

### Community Vacation Bible School



### Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this year's VBS; it was a whopping big success. More than 77 children, 29 teens, and dozens and dozens of adults came together on this Shipwreck Island to discover the many ways that Jesus comes to our rescue. As usually, we pulled together to create an atmosphere that strengthened the Bible stories; with games, snacks, recreation and group discussion that reinforced out daily Scripture. We are so blessed to live in a community that comes together to worship, to engage our youth, and to offer these unforgettable week-long experiences of Scripture.

### Welcomers and Docents Needed

St James will have the front doors open, and a table with water, brochures, and take prayer requests. We'll also have some of our beads, baked goods, and other Mission items set up during the Art Show, Craft Show and other Village Events. Joan will would

be happy to talk with anyone who might be interested in Docent training. In the meantime, we need folks to sign up for a two-hour shift to welcome visitors, hand out water, and answer questions about the Village and St James. No Experience Needed!

### **Getting in Contact with Rev. Lynne**

I have Office Hours Monday through Thursday 9:00 to 4:30, but am often “visiting” during those hours, so please call ahead for an appointment. You can call the church office at 569-2647 and I will return your call as soon as I can. My usual day off is Friday. In a pastoral emergency call the church office and you will be directed to my cell phone. Please remember that I do not have my cell phone on while I am in a meeting or “visiting” but will get back to you as soon as possible. You can always email me at rectorstjames14840@gmail.com. I welcome the opportunity spend time with each of you, so please do give me a call to set up a time to meet.

### **St James Prayer List**

Michelle J., Beckie, Jenny, Holly L., Joseph R., Anne M., Anja, Eva, Walt Y., Pam, the Brayer family, Art D., Brett, Steve M. and family, Muriel, Caitlin, Tim P., Heather and family, Lois, Beth, Sarah, Steven, Joe, Michael, Katie, Rachel, Robert, Carol B., Lindsey, Doug and family, Jonah, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, and those in the military.

### **Looking ahead:**

- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Office Closed
- July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – Art Show in the Square and St James “Open”
- July 8<sup>th</sup> – Farewell to Seth
- July 19<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Breakfast at Stephanie’s in Bath
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Episcopal Night at Frontier Field
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bishop’s Visitation
  - St James Day BBQ & Bonfire (see above for more info)
- July 26<sup>th</sup> – Brookdale
- August 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 Worship at the Head of the Lake (no service at St James)
- August 16<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Breakfast at Mom’s Diner in Savona
- August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – Festival of Crafts in the Square and St James “Open”
- August 19<sup>th</sup> – I Love to Tell the Story 3:00 at St James
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Brookdale
- August 26 – September 2<sup>nd</sup> Rector on Vacation

### July Lay Minister's Schedule

| Date      | Chalice       | Acolyte       | Readers                    | Ushers                     | Sunday School |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| July 1st  | M. White      | C. Skinner    | M. Samson                  | G. Learned<br>M. Dowdle    | S. Pulver     |
| July 8th  | J. Grillo     | M. White      | S. Pulver<br>K. Derr       | J. Skinner<br>C. Skinner   | N. Folts      |
| July 15th | N. Forenz     | J. Grillo     | C. Skinner<br>C. Vanhouten | J. Piersons<br>M. Piersons | L. Nichiporuk |
| July 22nd | L. Nichiporuk | M. White      | W. Torp<br>G. Briscoe      | C. Manikas<br>P. Manikas   | J. Rogerson   |
| July 29th | C. Skinner    | L. Nichiporuk | L. Graulich<br>A. Edmister | M. White<br>N. Folts       | J. Derr       |

### August 2018

| Date       | Chalice      | Acolyte       | Readers                   | Ushers                     | Sunday School |
|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| August 5th | M. White     | C. Vanhouten  | M. Samson<br>C. Vanhouten | N. Forenz<br>P. Forenz     | M. Dowdle     |
| August 12  | C. Vanhouten | M. White      | K. Derr<br>S. Pulver      | J. Piersons<br>M. Piersons | E. Covell     |
| August 19  | J. Grillo    | N. Forenz     | J. Grillo<br>C. Vanhouten | C. Manikas<br>P. Manikas   | K. Derr       |
| August 26  | N. Forenz    | L. Nichiporuk | W. Torp<br>G. Briscoe     | L. Grillo<br>J. Grillo     | D. Noteware   |