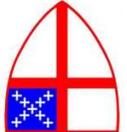


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**Worship Service
and Family Picnic**
Kirkland Town Park
Pavilion #1 (by the playground)
June 15, 10am

Bring a salad or side dish
Last names starting with A-M

Bring a dessert
Last names starting with N-Z

Drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers, and condiments will be provided.

St. James' Episcopal Church

N E W S L E T T E R

June 2014

St. James' Episcopal Church
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REGULAR SERVICES:

Saturday, 4pm • Sunday, 9:30am, nursery provided, Sunday School 9:30am

Summer church office hours starting 6/16:

Mon. & Tues.: 9-11am, Wed., Thurs. & Fri: 9-Noon

Staff:

Rector: The Rev. Timothy S. Reger

Minister of Music: Mr. Richard Lloyd • Children's and Youth Ministries Director: Ms. Emily St. Clair-Lee

Sexton: Mr. Christopher Evans • Administrative Assistant: Ms. Laura Stoll

Vestry:

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Senior Warden: Sharon Williams • Junior Warden: Mark Linderman
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Nicole Popplewell • Werner Schmalz • Laura Stoll • Randy Wilson
Treasurer: Jan Wilson • Assistant Treasurer: Blair Jones

Webmistress: Patricia Jue

Newsletter: Pat Evans

Leadership Group Chairs:

Outreach: John Pick

Worship & Formation: Tim Reger

Finance Committee: Craig Heuss

Investment Committee: Mike Baldwin

Communications Committee: Kathy Collett

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*St. James' is a community where we come together in Christ to develop spiritually;
find opportunities for outreach; receive comfort when in need; and engage in sacred
experiences through our liturgy, music, fellowship, and mutual ministry."*

From the Rector

Shifting from what I typically write for the monthly newsletter, I am going to offer here, not an exposition of the Holy Trinity — O Darn, some of you are saying! — but rather, something of a book review.

I remembered this book recently in a great conversation about this question: What would it mean for us — as a parish, as families, as individuals on spiritual journeys — if the enemy of greatness, in terms of success or achievement, were simply being satisfied with the good?

In the book, *Good to Great*, author, Jim Collins and his team studied over 1,400 companies in order to analyze which strategies seemed to foster movement from good to truly great organizations. Of the 1,400 organizations studied, only eleven fit the criteria of being truly great companies. The wisdom of the book has been embraced by sports teams, businesses, some churches and many other organizations around the world.

Collins highlights the following as common attributes in greatness:

Level 5 leadership — Transformations happen when an organization finds a leader who is humble, but iron-willed; and who is ambitious for the organization and not the self.

First who, and then what — It is more important to get the right people “on the bus” than to work at what has to be done. Standard organizations focus on what, and then move towards the “who.” Great companies focus on the “who” and decide later what those people will do.

Confront the brutal facts, yet never lose faith — organizations have to embrace, and face, reality; but they must always maintain belief that they will prevail, even in the face of negative results.

A culture of discipline — great organizations build a strong culture that guides every members’ actions.

Technology accelerators — once everything is in place, technology can act like a booster rocket.

The flywheel — keep pushing in the same direction, building momentum with every decision

and action. This principle is much more important than launching radical change programs, or engaging in gut-wrenching restructuring, whose approach almost certainly fails to make the leap to greatness

The hedgehog concept — figure out the one best thing you can do best and put all of your energy behind it.

The hedgehog concept is based on an essay of Isaiah Berlin, “The Hedgehog and the Fox.” The fox, in this story, is described as a sleek, beautiful, intelligent animal: very swift, very gifted, very able, but often distracted and diffuse. The fox is constantly in pursuit of the hedgehog. The hedgehog is a little, unattractive animal that simply goes about his work with diligence; taking care of the den, finding food for self and family.

The fox constantly lies in wait for the hedgehog to pounce on him and devour him. When the hedgehog senses the fox is near, he stops, simply rolls up in a ball, and a myriad of pain-inducing spines protrude from his coat. The fox runs from the hedgehog for fear of getting stung by the needles.

The hedgehog says to himself, “Here he comes again. Doesn’t he ever learn?” Then he once again, resumes his daily routine. Humble persistence and investment in tasks is what produces greatness, not the razzle-dazzle skill of the fox.

What can you be the best at in the world?

What are you deeply passionate about?

What do you know, that drives your engine?

Great hedgehog organizations engage in humble persistence with these three circles in mind.

This synopsis of Collins’ work is offered as a means of reflecting on the vibrancy of our own parish. There are many great people in our community of faith who live out these images of humble persistence — I won’t refer to them as hedgehogs! These great ones strive to be generative and life-giving to other people. Their generosity and self-investment is an inspiration to us all, as we strive for excellence in ministry.

Keep up the good work, St. James!

BEHIND THE SCENES AT ST. JAMES: A PEEK INSIDE THE VOLUNTEER OFFICE

In this series, we bring you a “behind the scenes” look at things happening at St. James. This month, take a peek behind closed doors to see what happens in the volunteer office.

The two offices at St. James have been used for various purposes over the years; the office administrator, rector, finance team, and Sunday School director have all made use of the sunny rooms facing the parking lot. Today, the corner office is used by the office administrator and the other room, known as the “volunteer office,” is used by volunteers for various tasks.



Matt Weber and Patty Fox stop by weekly to write checks and use the financial management software. Just like at home, paying bills is an important part of our financial health and our loyal volunteers make sure the job gets done.

Terry Neil is in the volunteer office frequently, entering deposits into the financial software. She keeps track of pledges and donations, information used in the quarterly reports you may receive at home.

Emily St. Clair-Lee uses the volunteer office to work on the Sunday School curriculum, create the acolyte and nursery schedules, and plan all of the many fun family events at St. James, including this summer’s Art Camp.

Craig Heuss, the finance chair, and Jan Wilson, St. James’ treasurer, are also frequent guests in the volunteer office. Craig recently completed an audit of St. James’ finances from 2012. Jan’s many duties include signing checks, producing quarterly reports, balancing the books, and answering many questions from the church office.



The volunteer office recently enjoyed some spring cleaning by Sharon Williams, Emily St. Clair-Lee and myself. Next time the door is open, take a peek! There’s a very good chance you’ll see one of St. James’ many volunteers hard at work.

- Laura Stoll

Children’s Ministry

The month of May continued to celebrate the church season of Easter. During the celebration of Easter, we spend lots of time learning about the 12 people who followed Jesus.

During the life of Christ, these 12 people learned from him and they are referred to as disciples. After the death of Christ, these 12, now called apostles, are sent off into the world to help people understand the kindness of God’s love as Jesus had taught.

Each Apostle has a special shield with a symbol. One of our Godly Play materials introduces kids to all of the apostles using a series of wooden shields.

The kids are able to use a sheet to match a shield to each apostle and read about their story.

Most of our discussions have centered on the painting, *Last Supper*, by Leonardo da Vinci. In this very famous painting, Jesus is sitting on Maundy Thursday, in the Upper Room. He is telling his 12 disciples that “One of you will betray me.” The disciples are in disbelief, except for Judas.

Later, when Jesus walks out into the Garden of Gethsemane, Judas comes out of the darkness with two soldiers and they lead Jesus away.

June 8 will be our last Godly Play session for the 2013-2014 school year. We will end this year on the day of Pentecost.

On Sunday June 22, we will have a Sunday School recognition during the church service. I look forward to awarding each of our Godly Players with a little token and thanking everyone for a great year.

- Emily St. Clair-Lee



Outreach

There has been a slight delay in the availability of the Country Pantry Kids Paks. By the time you read this, the Paks will be available at the front entrance to the church.

Requested items are on the front of the bags and everything is at the dollar store. Return to either the back of the church or the area next to the coat closet.

Summer vacation will be here before you know it, so please make your purchases soon!

Don’t forget to mark July 1 and July 29 on your calendars, as we will be preparing and serving dinners at Hope House on those dates. Chefs, servers, or both are all needed.

Have a safe and happy summer!

- John Pick

YOUTH-LED SERVICES MAY 10 & 11, 2014

Members of the Rite 13 and J2A youth groups led both worship services on May 10 and 11 and did a spectacular job. They took the lead on everything from the hymns to the readings to helping with communion. The youth and children's choirs both performed anthems. During the sermon, everyone took a turn sharing their thoughts on the day's readings.



Thank you to all who participated and to all who helped make the service happen. It was a great success and plans are in the works to do it again next year!



Summer Arts Camp

St. James' own Emily St. Clair-Lee will offer her popular summer arts camps right here at St. James. Starting at the end of June, kids can enjoy a summer filled with fun and creativity with Emily and her assistant, Shannon Stockbridge.

This year's camps include:

- Castles and Dragons (June 30-July 3)
- 3-2-1 Blast Off (July 7-11)
- Wild Horses (July 14-18)
- Claws, Jaws & Paws (July 21-25)
- Food Art (July 28-Aug. 1)
- Pirates and Mermaids (Aug. 4-8)
- Theater Week (Aug. 11-15)
- Exploration Station (Aug. 18-22)
- Minecraft (August 25-29)



Each day begins at 9am with a warm-up activity, a story, and an introduction to the day's project. After open play and project time, kids have a snack and play on the playground. Kids staying for a full day have lunch at Noon; afternoon campers arrive at 1pm for an afternoon project and enrichment activities at the Kirkland Town Library, Clinton Community Pool or the Farmer's Market.

Cost is \$250 for the full day program for one week or \$160 for a week of just mornings or afternoons. You can drop in for \$65 for the full day or \$30 for a half day.

Register now by calling Emily at (919) 522-6236 or e-mailing emily@stjamesclinton.org.

Space is limited! Register now!

Vestry Corner

In the current novel *Orphan Train*, the 17-year-old character Molly is intrigued with the Wabanaki Indian concept of portaging: “In portaging from one river to another, Wabanakis had to carry their canoes and all other possessions. Everyone knew the value of traveling light and understood that it required leaving some things behind.”

I find the concept of portaging intriguing and rich with possibility: what is it that you choose to take with you across life? What are the important things/elements that you choose to carry with you when you are in transition - when you are having to portage? What do you keep? What do you discard? What insight do you gain about what’s important?

This concept applies to tangible, physical objects: the little or big bits that connect us to important aspects of our past: photos, most likely, but maybe jewelry, furniture, toys, ... What are the intangibles we choose to carry with us?

Maybe we need to think a bit before naming these elements. Such inner traits of character and values are so fundamental to who we are. What intangibles would you name? Kindness, hope, generosity, patience, love of nature - these are the sorts of values I would name.

Bringing this concept of portaging to our individual experience at St. James’, what in our spiritual life have we portaged from elsewhere and brought to St. James’, to be nurtured and refined in this community? Is it prayer, or listening, or giving generously of our time and money to help support our mission? What do we as the St. James’ community hold dear and want to carry forward into our future? How will we individually and collectively make this happen?

I find thinking about portaging to be a very useful and strengthening exercise and hope you do, too.

- Sharon Williams

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

If you aren’t already receiving St. James’ weekly e-newsletter and would like to receive it, please send an e-mail to office@stjamesclinton.org.

The e-newsletter comes out each Friday morning via e-mail and includes updates on the weekend services, Sunday School, and other upcoming events at St. James. If anyone has announcements they would like included, just e-mail them to the office by Thursday afternoon.

St. James' Episcopal Church
Weekly Update

It's Not Too Late
Safe Church Training on Saturday
Do you need to renew your Safe Church Training? There is a session here at St. James tomorrow (May 21) from 9am until 12:15pm. Anyone who works with children, serves on the vestry, or serves on the altar should have the training. There is no fee. Coffee, tea and a light breakfast will be served. Please [email the office](mailto:office@stjamesclinton.org) if you would like to register.

Sunday School
This week in Godly Play, we will discuss the order of the church service, taking a close look at the key symbolic ritual of the Episcopal Church service and the people who participate each week.

No Worship Service on June 7 at 4pm
Due to the KAC Run/Walk on Williams Street

Church Picnic
Worship in the Park
June 15 at 10am the Kirkland Town Park
The annual Worship in the Park will be held on June 15 at the Kirkland Town Park in Parkton NJ (by the playground). Join us for Eucharist, followed by a family picnic. Families please bring a picnic basket with a salad or side dish. You are asked to bring dessert. Main dishes and beverages will be provided. Sign-up sheets are located in the Parish Hall and in the back of the church or [email the church](mailto:office@stjamesclinton.org) if you plan to attend.

It’s a great way to stay in touch in the weeks between the monthly newsletters.

Community News

Do you know someone who could use a **Helping Hand**? LutheranCare Helping Hand Companions can come to your home to help with housekeeping, laundry and cooking while offering companionship and respite for caregivers. For more information, call Kathy Leslie at 235-7196.

Hospice will hold two **Butterfly Release Celebrations** on June 11 and August 13 at 6pm. Celebrate, honor or remember your loved one. Music and refreshments provided. Sponsorship is \$25 per butterfly or 5 for \$100. For more information, visit www.hospicecareinc.org or call 735-6487, Ext. 238.

Brave Hearts, a unique one-day grief program for children ages 6-12 who have experienced the death of a loved one, will be held on August 20 from 8:30-3pm at Hart’s Hill Inn. RSVP by August 11. Application and pre-registration are required. For more information, call Kate Doran at 735-6487, Ext. 240.

Take a virtual **Visit to Australia** on June 17 at 7pm at Grace Episcopal Church, Elizabeth Street, Utica. Ellen Percy Kraly and Cathy Rzeszot, will give a travelogue of their trips to Australia, the “land down under.” Stops on the tour include Sydney, Darwin, Alice Springs, the Outback, Adelaide, Melbourne and more. Donations are accepted at the door to benefit Oneida County Habitat for Humanity. For more information, call 336-6499.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

The Spring Clean Up Day on May 18 was a success with a lot of projects getting done. Thank you to the “mulch fairy” who brought and spread mulch in the yard and planted two pots of annuals for the steps into the church.

Thank you to all the other volunteers who helped beautify St. James for the spring!



Day School News



The Day School had a wonderful graduation on May 29 and wishes to thank all the students and their families for a great year.

We have seen them grow taller and wiser since September and wish them well in kindergarten and the years to follow!

A big thanks to the Day School Board members and the St James members, the Vestry and Laura Stoll for all the support you give us throughout the year.

We have a few openings left for the fall. If you know anyone who would like some information, please e-mail sjdayschool@gmail.com.

Have a great summer!

- Cindy Wirene



LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

Over the warm summer months, we enjoy "Lemonade on the Lawn" after the Sunday morning service.

It's easy to prepare: mix the lemonade (dry mix provided) in the cooler, set up the card table on the front lawn and provide some cookies to share.

Sign up and be the host one Sunday for this summer tradition!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY SERVICE ONLY

This summer, St. James will consolidate the Saturday evening and Sunday morning services into one gathering, to be held each Sunday morning at 9:30am in July and August.

Due to lower attendance in the summer and fewer volunteers available to serve on the altar, this temporary trial will be a good way to unite everyone from St. James'.

To encourage community at St. James', inviting people who don't usually worship together to gather on Sunday mornings to make new connections, we will consolidate Saturday and Sunday into one service.

We look forward to seeing everyone - whether you're a "Saturday" or a "Sunday" - on Sunday mornings at 9:30am this summer!

BBQ Chicken
DRIVE THRU

Touching Lives Every Day.
Your Neighbors.

A fundraiser to benefit Your Neighbors, Inc.
an affiliate of the Lutheran Home of CNV

Saturday, June 28, 2014
Zion Lutheran Church
corner of French & Burrstone Roads, New Hartford
Beginning at Noon until sold out

Tasty BBQ chickens sold by the half chicken at \$6 per half
Chicken only; side dishes not included
Call Randy Wilson 737-8303

or Call **235.7149** to pre-order

AS YOU TRAVEL:

TOILETRIES FOR THOSE IN NEED

Some local organizations provide temporary shelter for the homeless in Utica. Their guests often need toiletries, so we collect small, unopened containers of soap, shampoo, and other items often provided by motels and hotels.

In your summer travels, if you do not use the items provided by your lodging, please bring them "home" and place them in the basket in the back of the church or the parish hall lobby.

Needed items include:

- Small packages of detergents
- Reusable plastic grocery bags
- Travel/motel toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, lotion and soap)

June Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for the families of:

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| June 7 | Don & Heather Drumm, Diek & LaDonna Elliot, Madeline Ellis, Chris & Carrie Evans, Pat & Tom Evans |
| June 14 | Bruce & Sharon Evans, Ryan & Kylie Evans, David Evans & Patricia Jue, Ben Fehlner & Laura Stoll, Barbara Foster |
| June 21 | Chris & Patty Fox, Joan Frost, Mark & Jennifer Fuller, Danielle & John Furlong, Mike & Mary Garcia |
| June 28 | Gordon Hayes, Jr., Jill Hebert, John & Sue Hecklau, Craig & Kathy Heuss, Edith Hoag |

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Worship Service	2 9am Aerobics 10am Senior Aerobics 5:30pm Zumba 7:30pm Women's Spirituality Group	3 9:30am Yoga 6:30pm Tapestry 8pm AA Mtg.	4 9am Aerobics 10am Senior Aerobics 12pm Lectionary Study 7pm Sacred Harp	5 3:30pm Brownie Mtg. 7:30pm Adult Choir	6 7:45am Men's Group 9am Aerobics 10am Senior Aerobics	7 KAC Run/Walk NO WORSHIP SERVICE
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June Server Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Nursery	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers/Greeters
Sat. June 7	-- NO SERVICE --				
Sun. June 8	Charlotte Jones, Erin Iles Porter Dawes & Nick Pinto	Sophia & Isabella Pinto	Mary O'Neill	Kathy Collett & Alistair Campbell	Karen Anderson & Bruce Coe
Sat. June 14	Connor D'Angelo		Ted Johnson	Nancy Taylor	Ted & Janet Johnson
Sun. June 15 (at Park)	Samantha Ellis, Elizabeth Fehlner, Louis Pinto & Henry Fehlner	Isabella Pinto & Kaela Ellis	JoElyn Wakefield-Wright	Kathy Collett & Skip Beardsell	John & Cynthia Crossley
Sat. June 21	Charlotte Jones		Sharon Pick	John Pick	Sharon Pick
Sun. June 22	Amy Davis, Kylie Evans, Olivia Peto & Mia Davis	Erin Iles & Sophia Pinto	Peggy Cratty	Bill Kistner & Barbara Swetman	Ben Fehlner & Werner Schmalz
Sat. June 28			Chris Fox	Patty Fox	Chris Fox
Sun. June 29			Jeff Wooldridge	Mary Lou Iles & Judy Logan	Chris Evans & Randy Wilson
Sat. July 5	-- NO SERVICE --				
Sun. July 6	Olivia Peto & Gigi Pinto		Pat Evans	Gail Prentice & Brian Collett	Bruce Coe & Don Neil

June Altar Guild: Cynthia Crossley & Louise Charbonneau