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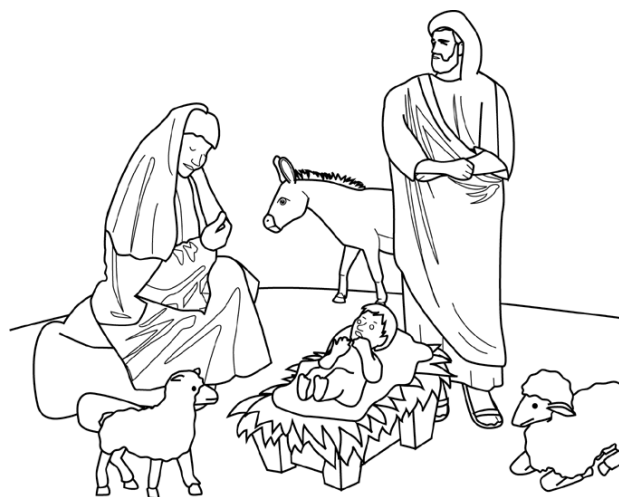
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*December 2008*



*"We know good news shall be here soon,  
the Blessed One shall come"*

*Our mission is to welcome all,  
reach out to others and grow in faith.*

# St. James Episcopal Church December 2008 – Newsletter

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and grow in faith.*

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#### **Other names to know...**

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**Vestry** (*Seated in front from left*) Patricia Jue, Diane Baldwin, and Barbara Swetman  
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Mike Baldwin – Treasurer  
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Patricia Jue – Newsletter editor and Webmistress

#### **Leadership Group chairs**

Kathy Collett & Terry Neil - Parish Life  
Karen Anderson - Outreach  
Don Potter - Resource Management  
Jenny Montgomery - Worship & Formation

## **Regular Services of Worship**

Saturday, 5:15pm  
Sunday, 9:30am

Holy Eucharist  
Holy Eucharist; Nursery care provided  
Church school (3 yrs to 8<sup>th</sup> grade) also at 9:30am

First Wednesday Worship, 7pm    Advent vespers

# The Way I See It

## By Jenny Montgomery

Three weeks ago we said we would meet at The Dessert Booth at noon for lunch. So today when I show up a little late, I am surprised to see that I'm the first to arrive. Selecting the larger table by the window for four, I sit down to wait. Minutes tick by. I start to wonder if I have the time wrong or the wrong day. Being the only one sitting alone with no one with whom to talk, I feel conspicuous. No, not just conspicuous, but a little foolish. It feels odd to sit here in this public place simply waiting with nothing to do. Rather than enjoy the time of waiting I anxiously watch each passing car, looking for any sign that my friends are coming. I check my watch. And, then, check it again. What will I do if they don't arrive?

So it is with Christ. As Christians we have been waiting for two thousand years for the return of Jesus. And with the coming of Advent we are waiting again. In our Advent waiting we are asking God to prepare our hearts and minds to receive Christ in a new way. God incarnate was born on that first Christmas in the flesh of Jesus two thousand years ago. This Jesus was with us for a brief moment in history and then he was gone. Crucified. Died. Buried. Resurrected. Ascended. And ever since we have been waiting for his return.

Advent offers us a time to remember all this and to get ready for Christ to be born in us anew. This Advent time of expectancy, this time of waiting and watching calls us all to keep awake and to be on the look out for the coming of the Christ Child. Our waiting is a sign of our love for Christ. Our waiting opens us up to new possibilities and deeper ways of loving ourselves, loving one another and loving God. God asks us to wait because in the busyness of our lives and the chaos around us we must realize that God exists in a way far different than our own. Christmas cannot simply be about parties and presents. It must be about peace—a deep holy peace that comes to us in the waiting, in the watching, and in the expectation that Christ will be born anew in us this Christmas.

Waiting isn't always easy. You may feel a little foolish. But keep awake. Mary is pregnant with the Christ Child and you don't want to miss this birth!

**We need to fill four vacancies on the Vestry; one two-year term and three three-year terms.**

**The vestry meets the second Wednesday of each month. Each vestry member also serves as a liaison for one of the leadership groups.**

## Vestry Corner

Our Vestry meeting on November 12, 2008, began with communion and a reading about the Feast Day of Charles Simeon. Charles Simeon was an influential priest in the Church of England in the early 1800s.

As the New Year approaches, the vestry needs to fill four vacancies: three for a three-year term, and one for a two year term. We encourage those who might be interested to speak to Heidi Phillely or me as soon as possible.

By the time you read this, the Diocesan Convention will have been held-- on November 14-15. Representing the parish were Wendy and Matt Weber as delegates and Jim White as alternate. Alistair Campbell and our rector also attended, as did Phil McKnight as Diocesan Treasurer.

The vestry received an update on pledges for 2009. As of November 11, we have received 53 pledges totaling \$101,604. Last year, the total number of pledges was 95 totaling approximately \$164,000. We are most grateful for the pledges that we have received and encourage others to return your pledge cards as soon as possible. Your prompt response enables the vestry to establish the budget for next year.

Chris Fox, Senior Warden

## Children's Ministry

Our Sunday school program (Christian Formation) continues to progress; doing something new each week helps to make the current subject interesting and fun. December's subject is no surprise...it is Advent, Christmas, and pageant. Now squeezing all that into four weeks is no easy task, but I think everyone knows a little bit about the season!

That leads me into our next *BIG* event, the Epiphany pageant scheduled for January 4, 2009. Anyone wishing to be part of the program is invited to do so. You can be a star, or an angel, or a shepherd, or part of the heavenly choir. You can even help with costumes!

I wish all God's children, young and old alike, a blessed, peaceful Advent and Christmas season.

Sandra Love  
Church School Director

## St James Day School

The Holiday Season is a very busy time at the Day School. We begin with a field trip to see the "Nutcracker" and "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" puppet show given by the Kirkland Women's Civic Group at the Kirkland Town Library. December's main theme is Holidays Around the World. We try to familiarize the students with traditions in other countries. A holiday tree comes from Germany; Christmas bells and cards originated in England; in Sweden they celebrate "Lucia Day" or day of light. Also, in the Netherlands, children put their shoes out for "Sinterklaas." We decorate a tree in our classroom with all "hand-made" ornaments and make a lot of holiday decorations and gifts. Naturally, the American traditions featuring Rudolph and Santa are a highlight. We end the year with a Holiday Celebration for the families of our students where we sing songs and have refreshments.

Happy Holidays,  
Cindy Wirene

## Youth Confirmation

Youth Confirmation for 9<sup>th</sup> graders and older will begin in January. Please let Jenny, our Rector, know by the end of December if you are interested in participating

With confirmation in the Episcopal Church being a time of instruction in the Christian faith and an invitation to express a mature commitment to Christ, the basis for our confirmation class will be the Baptismal Covenant. In addition, we will learn about the history and structure of the Episcopal Church and experience an instructed Eucharist. Reading the gospel of Luke will also be part of our study.

During this time of preparation youth are required to attend worship regularly, attend and be prepared for confirmation class by doing the homework assignments, visit other churches as a group, participate in the service projects, and enlist a sponsor (an adult other than a parent who cares about youth), and pass the quiz. The class is open to all high school students who want to be confirmed in the district confirmation service in May.



**The Littlest Star Pageant**  
**January 4, 2009**  
**Save the date for the St. James pageant**  
**and special coffee hour that follows.**

Featuring angels, shepherds and many stars including those that talk and sing, the Littlest Star, and back by popular demand, Phil McKnight as the oldest star in the Heavens.

### About our Newsletter

All are encouraged to submit articles or pictures for the newsletter and/or for our website. Send items to [pictures.for.stjames@gmail.com](mailto:pictures.for.stjames@gmail.com) or place the item in Patricia Jue's mailbox, located across the hall from the water fountain at St. James Church. **Please send articles for publication in the next newsletter by Monday, January 19th.**

# Worship and Formation

## Women's Spirituality Group

Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 7:15-8:45pm  
College Street Café

The Women's Spirituality Group meets the first Monday of the month at the Café. It is open to any woman who wants to explore more deeply her connection to God. They are reading the book We Plan, God Laughs: 10 Steps to Finding Your Divine Path When Life Is Not Turning Out Like You Wanted by Sherre Hirsch. Come and bring a friend!

## Men's Group

Friday Mornings 7:30am, St. James Library

The group has been viewing the video series, "Living the Questions" and discussing progressive Christianity. They are planning to read and discuss the book Transforming Congregational Culture by Anthony B. Robinson. All men in the parish are invited to show up! Questions? Ask Randy Wilson or Phil McKnight.

## Worship and Formation Leadership Group

The Worship and Formation Leadership discussed changing the Saturday service to 5pm and the Sunday service to 10am in the coming year. In November, there were four conversation times to obtain input from the Parish. If you were not able to voice your option, and wish to do so, please feel free to talk to any of the group members; Karen Anderson, Diana Baldwin, Alistair Campbell, Ken Iles, Sandra Love, Patricia Jue, Richard Lloyd, Wendy Weber and Jenny Montgomery.

**The next Worship and Formation leadership group meeting is January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** The group will discuss whether to suggest a change of worship times to the vestry. They will also discuss worship and formation plans for Lent and Easter.

## Advent Vesper Service

Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm  
St. James Parish Hall

This contemplative service of worship held in our Parish Hall lasts about 45 minutes and is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas. Created by Richard Lloyd, with choral participation of Colleen Ring Campbell, Brian Collett, and Jan Wilson, this service offers us all, in the busyness of the holiday season, a time to pause, reflect, and enjoy the quiet of Advent.

There is only one Advent Vesper Service this year. The service features lots of candles, circular seating, beautiful music, lovely singing from singers from our choir, wonderful, hopeful scripture readings and our special communion (cheese, grapes, olives and just maybe peppers passed on plates). You'll feel good afterwards. It's peace, so come join us and leave your cares at the door.

## Advent Study

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2-5pm

Our intern Maureen H. Casamayou will offer a Bible study of St. Mark's Gospel from 2-5p in the St. James Parish Hall. Maureen will give an overview of the Gospel and then invite members to take turns reading the entire text. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Participants are invited to remain for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the 5:15 pmservice. Please join us in the spirit of Advent for this community event of formation and fellowship.

## Ushers and greeters

We are in need of ushers to help with the services. This a great way to meet people, and serves as our newcomers first welcome to St. James. The time commitment is minimal. Anyone is welcomed to join as an usher. For more information, or to join, call Jim White, Wendy Weber or the church office.

## Outreach

### Country Pantry Christmas Stars

The Country Pantry Christmas Stars are in the back of the church. Guidelines for the gifts are on each star. These gifts (a toy and hoody for a child and coffee/tea and a sweatshirt for adults) are often the only gifts the poor in our community receive for Christmas. **Gifts should be returned by Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### County Pantry Food Donations

As you do your holiday shopping, consider picking up some extra food for Country Pantry. Items can be left in the Food Basket at the back of the church.

Perhaps you can purchase items listed on the blue "Feed the 5000" list located at the back of the church. These items add a week's worth of groceries for the families served by the Country Pantry! The cost of the items is approximately \$20. Thank you for your generosity.

### Outreach Update

Outreach will be closing the year with donations to many local organizations like The Rescue Mission and the Salvation Army and the Food Bank. We will give a full accounting in the January newsletter.

If you are interested in discussing how St. James can reach out to Clinton, please sit down with anyone on the outreach leadership group. What suggestions do you have for St. James being the people and place that all Clintonians think of when they think of a welcoming, community serving, and neighbor loving Church? Please share your ideas with any of us.

**The next outreach meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup>** in the All Saint's Room following Sunday worship. Karen Anderson chairs the leadership group

### End of the Year Giving "A Perfect Gift"

Sometimes the perfect gift for someone who has everything, or someone who does not need more "stuff" is the true spirit of Jesus Christ – giving to those less fortunate. Some possible suggestions for Christmas giving on an international level are: Episcopal Relief and Development, UNICEF, The Heifer International Project, CARE, and Bread for the World. All of these organizations have gift giving catalogs on the web. Ask Karen Anderson if you want more information. Local organizations include: Hope House, Hospice, The Rescue Mission, or countless others. What a wonderful family tradition to begin or continue.

### Items for El Salvador

The Medical Mission to El Salvador is preparing for the 2009 Mission. One way that we can help is to donate the following items for the mission:

- Chap Stick or equivalent;
- Tums or equivalent;
- Tyleno or equivalent (acetaminophen);
- Arthritis Rub – i.e. Ben Gay,
- Sun Glasses;
- CASH donations – the money would be used to purchase items in El Salvador rather than transport them in our limited weight luggage.

There will be collection bins in the Parish hall throughout the month of December. If you can purchase any of the items, please do so.



Put

Fair Trade  
Under Your Tree  
This Holiday Season

# Advent

Advent is the beginning of the Church Year in the Episcopal Church. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day (this year November 30<sup>th</sup>) and ends at the Christmas Eve Service.

The word Advent means “coming” or “arrival” and symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation as we wait for the coming of Christ into the world, of the “Word made flesh” and dwelling among us.

Historically, the primary color of Advent is purple, the color of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King. The purple of Advent is also the color of suffering used during Lent and Holy Week and this points to an important connection between Jesus’ birth and death. The nativity, the Incarnation, cannot be separated from the crucifixion, the Atonement.

During Advent we affirm that Christ has come, that Christ is present in the world today, and that Christ will come again in power and great glory. So it is that Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation and of longing for Christ to burst into our darkness yet again. May it be so!



## *Advent Prayer*

*Now is a time of watching and waiting,  
a time pregnant with hope, a time to watch and pray.*

*Christ our advent hope,  
remind us to prepare for your coming;  
remind us to prepare for the time when the soles of your feet  
will touch the ground, when you will become one of us.  
May we watch for the signs, listen for the messenger,  
and wait for the good news to slip into our world, our lives.*

*Christ our advent hope,  
help us to clear the way for you;  
to clear the clutter from our minds,  
to sift the silt from our hearts,  
to move the boulders that prevent us from meeting you.*

*Help us to make straight the highways  
to unravel the deception that leads to war,  
to release those in captivity.*

*May sorrow take flight, and your people sing a song of peace  
and hope be born again.*

*Kate McIlhagga*

## **Advent Vesper Service** **Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm** **St. James Parish Hall**

This contemplative service of worship held in our Parish Hall. It is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas. With all the busyness of the holiday season, this service offers a time to pause, reflect, and enjoy the quiet of Advent. For more information, see page 5 of this newsletter.

# *Christmas 2008*

## *at St. James*



### **Greening of the Church**

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> following worship**

At the end of worship we will hang the Christmas greens, inviting the congregation to take an active part this year.

### **Christmas Caroling**

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5pm**

All ages are invited to come Christmas Caroling.

We will meet at the Parish all at 5pm.

With plenty of singers we divide up and walk or drive to visit our shut-ins and others in the community.

Members from Stone Presbyterian Church and Clinton United Church will join us.

Cookies and hot chocolate are enjoyed afterwards at St. James.

Please bring a flashlight and dress warmly.

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 5pm and 10:30pm**

Family and friends are especially invited to attend worship on Christmas Eve.

The 5pm service is our Family Service and Nursery care is provided

Special music is enjoyed in both services.



### **Christmas 1 Candlelight**

### **Evening Prayer Service**

**Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup> 5:15pm**

We continue to celebrate the twelve days of Christmas with family and friends.



### **Lessons and Carols**

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**

The Season of Christmas will continue with a service of Lessons and Carols

as we sing more of our favorite Christmas Carols

and hear the lessons of Christ's coming.

Holy Eucharist will be shared.

Hot spiced cider to follow for Coffee Hour.

### **Epiphany Pageant & Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**

One of our favorite St. James' traditions is the Pageant.

The Pageant is inter-generational and a wonderful way of hearing the Christmas story.

Following worship, we'll have a party in the Parish Hall.

## Treasurer's Corner

The vestry meets on Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup> to work on the budget. The budget is set based on income and pledges in hand. As of November 24<sup>th</sup>, the church office had received 69 pledges for a total of \$126,066, compared to the 93 pledges totaling \$159,448 at the same time last year. We are hopeful that we will receive the remaining pledges in the next few weeks.

In determining the budget, the vestry will keep as its vision how St. James uses its resources to further our mission of "welcoming all, reaching out to others, and growing in faith." We anticipate increases in expenses - salaries, utilities, insurance, etc. We also need to consider the anticipated income from pledges and our endowment investment which, as with all investments, has depreciated over the past few months. The vestry is committed to presenting a balanced budget to the parish at the annual meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

During October, we received

- \$19, 774.00 in pledge payments
- \$1501.55 in plate offerings
- \$15 in faith giving.

Our total congregational collection for 2008 to date is \$151, 104.05. The budgeted amount for this time period (Jan-Oct) is \$164,050.00. The total budget for 2008 is \$196, 860.00

Wish List Items include

- the bell tower (belfry) repair
- the Right Stuff computer program

## "PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

On the pledge cards was a space to indicate the blessings we have been given. Here are a few. If you have not had a chance to acknowledge the blessings God had given you through the years, please consider writing them on a pledge card, even if you are unable to pledge monetarily at this time

Our Greatest Blessings are:

- each other
- our family
- a devoted family – now good health
- our family & our health
- the health and happiness of family members
- our children
- the wisdom and maturity of children
- our baby granddaughter
- my family – especially my son Stephen
- our new family and friends here at St. James'
- my family – my religion
- the choir and the Outreach giving
- to know that "We" are reaching out to others in many ways
- fellowship and small group studies
- the family I have at St. James'
- the St. James Community and family ties
- the friendliness of people in the parish
- the love of the people in this parish St. James' community, family and friends
- the "peace/comfort" I find at St. James'
- that the Church is open for prayer at all times
- good health
- living each day
- good work (secure jobs we enjoy daily) and family and community
- the life I have been and continue to be privileged to live in service to God and family
- Jill

My greatness blessing is the love of the people in this parish; I am grateful for each of you.

Jenny

## From our Minister of Music

This is such an interesting time of the year, as we finally leave Pentecost, and enter Advent, beginning the cycle again. As the Adult Choir started working on the first Advent anthem last Thursday, I was struck by how much it differs from some of the hymns we are now singing as the present church year comes to an end.

Certainly, both sets of words talk about the hope of something new, but the light just seems so much brighter and the words lighter as we approach Christmas.

For example, on November 16<sup>th</sup>, we sang the hymn "Signs of endings all around us," found in Wonder, Love and Praise (#721):

Signs of endings all around us darkness,  
death, and winter days shroud our lives in  
fear and sadness, numbing mouths that long  
to praise. Come O Christ, and dwell among  
us! Hear our cries, come set us free. Give us  
hope and faith and gladness. Show us what  
there yet can be. Can it be that from our  
endings, new beginnings you create? Life  
from death, and from our rending, realms of  
wholeness generate? Take our fears, then,  
Lord, and turn them into hopes for life anew:  
Fading light and dying season sing their  
Glorias to you.

Certainly, to some extent this is also some of the message of Advent. We have reached the darkest season, just before the light enters our lives. But in Advent, there is a change, a knowledge, a fact, a preparation, as these words, to be sung on the first Sunday of Advent, reveal:

A watching, waiting people look for signs  
from above. We keep awake, expecting the  
coming of your love. We know good news  
shall be here soon, a blessed one shall come;  
prepare in us a warm heart, a place to keep  
your son.

A different set of signs, to be sure! And so we  
begin the journey again.

Richard Lloyd  
Minister of Music

## Parish Life



### Tubing at Taeberg December 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 1 pm

Enjoy the holiday season by tubing at Taeberg on December 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is open to all members of the St. James parish and their friends. The cost is \$10.00 per person. There will be no charge for acolytes.

If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet posted on the cork board in the Parish Hall; list the number of people attending. We hope to have a private session of 3 hrs. We must have a minimum of 40 people to guarantee our private session.

The Taeberg tower tubing is located just north of Rome. You can visit the website at [www.tabergtower tubing.com](http://www.tabergtower tubing.com) for pictures and information. You can walk back up the hill or ride the tube back up. Contact Kate D'Angelo if you have any questions. It is a lot of fun!

### Handiwork Prayer Ministry Group

The Handiwork Prayer Ministry Group continues to create shawls and lap robes for our shut ins. They are taking time off for meetings during the month of December, but will meet again in January. They will talk about the meeting day and time or perhaps beginning a second group. They hope to attract new handiworkers, as their outreach increases! If you can knit, crochet, or sew, please think about joining this group on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Terry Neil at 859-1204 to learn more.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Epiphany Party**  
Tuesday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009,  
6pm champagne social hour . . .  
6:45 pm pot luck dinner . . .



## More Parish Life

### **Greening of the Church Sunday, Dec. 21st 11am.**

The C. Evans family will direct us in the hanging of greens, bows, and wreaths in the sanctuary to celebrate Christ's birth. This is a fun time for families to help decorate the church and enjoy the smell of fresh pine! Before you leave the Sunday service, pick up a green or bow to hang in the Church to prepare for the Christmas Eve services.

### **Christmas Carols Sunday, Dec. 21st, 5 pm.**

Come fill the air Sunday afternoon at 5PM. We will gather at the Parish Hall and split into caroling groups. Afterwards, we'll meet back at St. James for cookies and cocoa. All are invited to lend their voices! We also need someone to help heat up the cocoa and plating the cookies. Members from Stone Presbyterian and Clinton United Methodist will be joining us in the Caroling. Help show them the warmth and friendship of St. James.

### **Lessons and Carols Sunday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm.**

We will have a service of Lessons and Carols on on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. After worship, our coffee hour reflects a more English flavor with hot spiced cider and "crumpets". Hosts are needed for this event.

### **Pageant and Reception Sunday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

We end our Christmas season retelling Christ's birth with the annual Pageant and Reception. Sign-ups sheets are posted for reception goodies, but we need hosts to decorate and ready beverages.

### **Epiphany Party Tuesday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 6pm**

Our annual adult Epiphany Potluck will be Tuesday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups sheets are posted in the Parish Hall. The champagne social time begins at 6 PM and the potluck at 6:45 PM. The Jue-Evans family will host. We will try some traditional folk dances (debkeh and garba) which we promise will not be too difficult, followed by a reading of Eliot's memorable 1927 poem, "The Journey of the Magi."

### **Annual Meeting and Election of Vestry Members Sunday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> following the 9:30AM service.**

All parishioners are encouraged to attend as we recognize everything that happens in St. James and elect a new vestry. A brunch buffet signup sheet for light mid-morning snacks will be posted soon. We need hosts for this event to set tables and provide beverages. It's a wonderful opportunity to visit with your parish family and hear about the mission of St. James Church.

### **Parish Life Leadership Group**

The ministry group met on November 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a full agenda of holiday and New Year events. We encourage everyone to take advantage of these wonderful offerings and opportunities to help!

**The next parish life ministry group meeting is February 9<sup>th</sup> after the Sunday service.** The ministry group would appreciate any of your comments about our church.

May you all have a blessed Christmas season!  
Co-chairs Kathy Collett and Terry Neil

# Community Events

## Kirkland Community Bloodmobile

Saturday, December 6, 2008

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Schillings Burns Young VFW Post 9591

Franklin Avenue, Clinton NY

New and past blood donors are needed with an ongoing need for 0 type blood. Call 853-6300 or sign-up via e-mail: [Rudge44@aol.com](mailto:Rudge44@aol.com) to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome and are essential to meet increased the goal due to holiday shortages and increased number of winter accidents.

## Life Up A Life

Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

Support Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. this holiday season. Honor or memorialize your loved ones by placing a personalized ornament on "Light Up A Life" tree located in several places around the Mohawk Valley including Sangertown Mall.

## Traditional Christmas Service

Hamilton College Chapel

Sunday, December 7 at 4 pm,

The Hamilton College Hill Singers, a select group of the College Choir, directed by Prof. G. Roberts Kolb, will lead a Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols in the Hamilton College Chapel.

This year clergy from the churches in the Clinton area — St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. James Episcopal, Stone Presbyterian, Clinton United Methodist, and the Congregational Church of Deansboro— are participating in the service. Hamilton College welcomes parishioners from those churches as well as the campus community and the general public to join us in the celebration of the Advent season. The service is, of course, free and open to the public.

## Flowers for Christmas

Those wishing to provide a Christmas plant for the altar may do so by using the special envelopes in the pews, calling the church office at 853-5359 or completing the following form. If you would like to take your plant after the service, please note this on your envelope or check; we will mark your plant with a card and set it aside for pickup. A minimum donation of \$15 is requested. Checks should be made payable to **St James' Church Altar Guild** with the notation "Christmas plant."

### 2008 Christmas Flowers



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of or  In Thanksgiving for

\_\_\_\_\_

Will take plant after the Christmas service?: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return it to the parish office with your minimum donation of \$15. Thank you.

Christmas plants will also be delivered to shut-in members of the parish so they may know that we think of them and include them in our celebrations. If you would like to receive a plant or know of someone who would like one, please call the church office. Please also tell us if you would like the plant delivered before Christmas or after the Christmas celebration. If you could also volunteer some time to deliver a plant to a shut-in member of the parish, we would greatly appreciate it. Simply select a name from the sign-up sheets in the back of the church and make arrangements to visit. Thank you.

## St. James Server Schedule - December

Day/Date	Acolytes	Nursery workers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Saturday -5:15 pm Dec 6	S. Hecklau	-	G. Hayes	M. Weber	J. and S. Pick
Sunday - 9:30 am Dec 7	H. Havlovic & D. D'Angelo	TBA	P. Cratty	R. Wilson & B. Swetman	J. and K. White
Saturday-5:15pm Dec. 13	S. Vicks	-	L. Bonta	Heidi Philley	J. and C. Crossley
Sunday - 9:30 am Dec. 14	T. Collet & N. Williams	K. Wooldridge	P. Cratty	A. Campbell & K. Anderson	J. Ashforth & B. Coe
Saturday- 5:15pm Dec. 20	S. Hecklau	-	J. Compson	D. Compson	J. Sinclair & M. Beck
Sunday-9:30 am Dec 21	N. & C. Wrege	T. Huggins	J. Wakefield- Wright	K. and B. Collet	K. Anderson & C. Hayes
<b>Wednesday 5pm Dec. 24 Christmas service</b>	H. Havlovic A. Williams & Nick Williams	K. Wooldridge & R. Evans	C. Fox	K. Heuss, S. Love & B. Linton	C. and P. Fox
<b>Wednesday- 10:30pm Dec. 24 Christmas service</b>	T. Collet N. Collet & S. Vicks	E. Vicks	D. Vicks	B. Kistner M. Iles D. Dorn	D. Neil & R. Wilson
Saturday- 5:15pm Dec 27	S. Phillips	-	G. Hayes	Wendy Weber	Chuck and Holly Horner
Sunday - 9:30 am Dec. 28 <b>Lessons and Carols</b>	N. & T. Murdoch	J. Rayne	. Evans	Rick Howarth	Clifford Bielby & Heidi Philley
Saturday- 5:15pm Jan 3	R. Evans		Lois Bonta	Matt Weber	Phil McKnight & Ernie Randall
Sunday - 9:30 am Jan 4 <b>Christmas Pageant</b>	L. & D. Williams	E. & S. Vicks	-	K. Anderson & J. Logan	K. and J. White

### December Altar Guild Servers – P. Jue and H. Philley

### Prayer List

For those seeking wholeness & healing we pray for: Steve, Bob, Joan, Elizabeth, Virginia , MaryKatherine , Molly, Arlene, Cathy, Jim, Wendy, Pat, Dale, Amaia, Noreen, Chris, Kristina, The Bornick Family, Linda, Allisonl, Anders , Donna, Robin,, Maria, Hannah, Peter, Keith, Jenny, Joan, Lisa, Jean, The Rorick family, Nellis, & Terry

# December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>November 30 – Advent I</b> 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School (nursery provided) Coffee Hour follows 10:45am Junior choir rehearsal  6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal	<b>December 1</b> 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics  6-7pm Girl Scout Troop #42 7:15-8:45 Women's Spirituality Group 7-10pm Mohawk Valley Scrabble Group	<b>December 2</b> 8pm AA	<b>December 3</b> 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics  Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group 7pm Advent Vesper Service	<b>December 4</b> 7:30pm Adult Choir	<b>December 5</b> 7:30am Men's Study Group	<b>December 6</b> 1-3pm Families through adoption  5:15pm Holy Eucharist
	The T. Evans	the Fehlners	H. Ford	the Foxes	D. Fox	J. Frost
<b>December 7</b> 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School (nursery provided) Coffee Hour follows 10:45am Children's choir rehearsal 11am Outreach meeting  6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal	<b>December 8</b> 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics  7pm ABC Program 7-10pm Mohawk Valley Scrabble Group	<b>December 9</b> 8pm AA	<b>December 10</b> 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics  Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group 7pm Vestry meeting	<b>December 11</b> 7:30pm Adult Choir	<b>December 12</b> 7:30am Men's Study Group	<b>December 13</b> 2-5pm Advent study of St. Mark's Gospel  5:15pm Holy Eucharist
	M. Fuller	the Gates	The Garcia family	The Glaze-Montgomery family	The Havlovic family	The Hayes family
<b>December 14</b> 9:30am Holy Eucharist and start of Sunday School (nursery provided) Coffee Hour follows 10:45am Children's choir rehearsal  6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal	<b>December 15</b> 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics  7-10pm Mohawk Valley Scrabble Group 7pm Resource Management meeting	<b>December 16</b> 7pm book club  8pm AA	<b>December 17</b> 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics  Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group	<b>December 18</b> 9- noon Foothills Fiber Arts Group 7pm MVDTC 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>December 19</b> 7:30am Men's Study Group	<b>December 20</b> 1-5pm Girl Scout Troop 186  5:15pm Holy Eucharist
	the Heberts	The Hecklau family	the Heusses	E.Hoag	the Horners	R. Howarth
<b>December 21</b> 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School (nursery provided) Coffee Hour follows Greening of the Church follows 5pm Christmas Caroling 6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal	<b>December 22</b> 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics  7-10pm Mohawk Valley Scrabble Group	<b>December 23</b> 8pm AA	<b>December 24</b> Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group  5pm Christmas Eve service  10:30pm Christmas Eve service	<b>December 25</b>	<b>December 26</b> 7:30am Men's Study Group	<b>December 27</b> 5:15 Evening Prayer
	The Huggins family	H. Hurd	the Iles	The Isserman family	H. Jeffrey	the Johnsons
<b>December 28</b> 9:30am Lessons and Carols Coffee Hour follows  6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal	<b>December 29</b> 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics  7-10pm Mohawk Valley Scrabble Group	<b>December 30</b> St. James Tubing at Taberg  8pm AA	<b>December 31</b> 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics  Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group	<b>January 1</b> 7:30pm Adult Choir	<b>January 2</b> 7:30am Men's Study Group	<b>January 3</b> 5:15pm Holy Eucharist
	C. Jones	the Kays	B. King	D. King	B. Kistner	L. Kreinheder

Note: Names listed at the bottom of each day (except Sunday) designate a family or individual to be prayed for on that day.