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*We saw His star at its rising and
have come to pay Him homage.*

Matthew 2:2

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

St. James Episcopal Church January 2009 – Newsletter

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and grow in faith.*

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Mr. Richard Lloyd – Minister of Music
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Vestry (*Seated in front from left*) Patricia Jue, Diane Baldwin, and Barbara Swetman
(*Standing from left*) Don Neil, Pat Evans, Jim White, Heidi Philley (Junior Warden), John Fehner, Jeff Wooldridge, Jennifer Hayes, Mike Baldwin (Treasurer), Randy Wilson (Clerk), Jenny Montgomery (Rector), Chris Fox (Senior Warden)

Randy Wilson – Vestry Clerk
Mike Baldwin – Treasurer
Blair Jones & Jan Wilson – Assistant Treasurers
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 8th grade) also at 9:30am

The Way I See It

By Jenny Montgomery

For some reason we are finding it difficult to actually put the “for sale” sign on the Lewis House. Yes, I know, after exploring many options over several years the Vestry voted last December to sell it. And, yes, we thought the deal was done—barring any objections from the Diocese and the State of New York. However, in the fall when a church member came to me and said she couldn’t sleep, concerned over the Lewis House I listened. This person feels strongly that the Lewis House has great potential for outreach ministry to youth and young adults in our community. Wondering if God was indeed trying to tell us something I invited her to our November Vestry meeting to share her vision for the house.

Stunned, I’m sure, that The House was back on the agenda, the Vestry listened. Not only did they listen but several began to agree—we should not sell the Lewis House. These like-minded voices have since come together and the Vestry has granted them some time to more fully explore the feasibility of keeping the Lewis House for outreach ministry to youth and young adults in this community. This group will give a progress report at our Annual Meeting and report back to the Vestry in March.

In the meantime I’m reminded of a book I just finished reading entitled, The Great Emergence by Phyllis Tickle. In this book Tickle talks about being church in the 21st Century and she uses the analogy of four groups of people who are heirs of Grandpa’s old home place. The first group, The Traditionalists, like things just the way Grandpa left them and see no need to make any changes to the house much less move the furniture. The second group, the Re-Traditioners, also want to keep the old home place but want to make it more functional by refurbishing it—updating the wiring, plumbing, and kitchen. Then there are the Progressives who are the remodelers. For them they want to open the whole place up a bit—removing inconvenient walls, replacing drafty windows, knocking off the porch. And lastly there are the “hyphenateds” meaning in

Tickle’s language Angli-mergents or Presby-mergents or Metho-mergents who see a brand new future for the house. These are the folks who feel a compelling need to honor the land upon which Grandpa’s home place is built but who may tear it down, salvaging some of the materials to build the new thing they are building.

The way I see it, whatever we decide to do with the Lewis House we are setting a future direction for this parish, which seems very timely as we begin this New Year. And while I don’t know into which group we will fall or where God is leading us I do believe with prayerful, careful intentions along with open hearts and minds more will be revealed to us in 2009. Happy New Year one and all!

Vestry Corner

The December Vestry meeting focused on the St. James 2009 budget. We are not making any major changes in the budget which totals \$230,000.00 plus. We are waiting to approve the budget since there are still a number of pledges that have not been returned. We want to present a balanced budget to the Parish at the Annual Meeting, January 18th. There is a \$45,000 shortfall, but \$30,000 of that represents pledges that were in the 2008 budget and we believe will be returned this year. The other \$15,000.00 will be entered on the Faith Giving line. That is a lot of Faith but I believe St. James can do it. Please make the St. James 2009 budget part of your prayer life. The St. James vestry, does not want to eliminate any of the programs, or compromise the St. James operating expenses. And if you haven’t submitted your pledge as yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Jenny thanked the Vestry for their generous Christmas contributions to the single parent family of four, that was brought to our rector’s attention by the Sisters of St. Margaret. This was one of the many positive and rewarding actions that come from the St. James vestry.

Heidi Philley,
Junior Warden

Children's Ministry

Please join the members of our Sunday School and Congregation for the annual celebration of our Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist. Following the service everyone is invited to the coffee hour for fellowship and Christmas treats.

Sandra Love
Church School Director

From our Minister of Music

Words from one of our first anthems of the year:

The old year now is gone away, a new year has begun; the Lord has blessed us with His grace by giving us his son.

Eya! Eya! novus annus est.

Redemption shines upon us all amid the dark of sin; God bids us languish not alone, and sends us light within.

Eya! Eya! novus annus est.

The old year now is gone away, and for a humble stall we give our hearts in gratitude to him who is our all.

Eya! Eya! novus annus est.

(Rejoice! Rejoice! The new year is come.)

Happy! Happ-happy!

Richard Lloyd
Minister of Music

St James Day School

The Day School focuses on winter themes in January such as Friends in the Snow and Winter Nights. Highlights include a snowman collage art exhibit and pajama day. Also, we set up a computer in school so that students get accustomed to having one in their classroom.

Registration for the 2009-10 school year begins in January. If anyone is interested in information and a registration packet for the Day School, please drop a note in the mailbox or leave a phone message with a name and address where the information should be sent.

Happy 2009!
Cindy Wirene, Day School Head Teacher

Worship and Formation

Women's Spirituality Group
Monday, December 5th 7:15-8:45pm
Parish Hall

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 W or Phil McK.

Ushers and greeters

We need ushers to help with the services. This is a great way to meet people, and serves as our newcomer's 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 the church office.

The next Worship and Formation leadership group meeting is January 28th at 7pm. The group will discuss worship and formation plans for Lent and Easter.



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.

NOTE TO ALL PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

The final rehearsal is January 2nd at 10 AM.

St. James Episcopal Church
Worship, Annual Election and Meeting Agenda
January 18, 2009

Worship

We begin our Annual Meeting at 9:30am by worshipping God through Word and Sacrament

Fellowship Time

After worship we move to the Parish Hall for coffee, treats and a time of being together. Nursery care is provided and children will have an extended time of play during the meeting.

Call to Order for Business

Around 10:45am the Rector calls the parish to order with a prayer and tellers are appointed for counting the ballots for the election of the vestry.

Introduction of Vestry and Nominees

Each year a Senior Warden and Junior Warden are elected to serve for a one year term on the Vestry. This year Heidi Philley has agreed to serve as our Senior Warden, having served this year as our Junior Warden. Jim White has agreed to serve as our Junior Warden. At this time, the incoming Vestry members will be introduced and welcome Sharon Pick who will begin as Vestry Clerk. We also thank Randy W. for serving as our Vestry Clerk and Mike B. as our Treasurer, with assistants Jan W. and Blair J.

Approval of 2008 Meeting Minutes

Generally in the Episcopal Church the whole parish meets for business just once a year except when special meetings might be called. So at this time we will look back to 2008 and approve the minutes from a year ago.

Presentation of 2009 Budget

In our Annual Meeting, we receive the budget proposal from the Vestry. Questions may be asked and suggestions made for changes. (Copies of the proposed budget are made available prior to the Annual Meeting and are on the back table of the church or one can be mailed to you by calling the church office.)

Celebration of Ministries

At this time we hear from the Staff and Ministries Groups as we celebrate all that God is doing in this place.

Words from the Rector

She loves this part of giving thanks for the many blessings of the past year and visioning the new opportunities for this year.

Vestry Election Results

"Election" is probably not the best word to use in that there's usually not a plethora of people agreeing to serve on the Vestry. It's a big commitment of time and responsibility so usually the process is one of affirmation of those who are willing to serve. But the canons of the church require an election so that's what we call it.

Recognition of Persons Rotating Off the Vestry

As a parish we thank Jennifer Potter Hayes who filled a one-year term, and Patricia Jue and Barbara Swetman for their three years of service. We thank Chris Fox for serving as our Senior Warden.

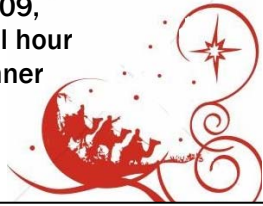
Commissioning of the Vestry and Ministry Group Leaders

As servant leaders, Vestry members, Wardens, Treasurer, Vestry Clerk and chairs of the Ministry Groups will be commissioned and blessed for ministry at St. James.

Final Blessing

By noon (or so) the Annual Meeting of St. James Church concludes, the Rector says the final blessing and we depart for home.

SAVE THE DATE
Epiphany Party
 Tuesday, Jan. 6th, 2009,
 6pm champagne social hour
 6:45 pm pot luck dinner



Greening the Church



Children's choir rehearsal



Christmas Eve family service, 2008



Children's Time, Christmas Eve



For a religion that was born in a barn, an open door goes without saying.

We invite you to join us in worship and fellowship. The door is always open.

About our Newsletter

Send items to 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 February newsletter by Monday, January 19th.**

Treasurer's Corner

During November, we received

- \$13,588.00 in pledge payments
- \$1,642.50 in plate offerings
- \$20 in faith giving.

Our total congregational collection for 2008 from January through the end of November was \$166,354.55. The budgeted amount for this time period is \$180,455.00. The total budget for 2008 is \$196,860.00

Wish List Items

Wish List Items include

- money toward the bell tower (belfry) repair
- The "Rite Stuff" computer program
- a "new" computer.

About the Rite Stuff

Starting last September, our worship bulletin adopted a new format. To create this bulletin, our helpers must "cut and paste" items from multiple resources. The "Rite Stuff" program would make this job easier. It contains templates and all the liturgical material used in the Episcopal Church. Administrative assistants at other Episcopal churches who use this program comment how much easier it is to make bulletins.

Computer Need

Our current computer was purchased in 2003. It works reasonably well (if slowly) but starting to show signs of hard drive problems. We would very much like to upgrade to a newer and more stable computer. We hope to purchase a new computer, but are also interested in a donation of a 2-3 year old, Ethernet capable PC running Windows XP or similar with CD-RW from anyone who has recently upgraded to a newer computer.

Faith Giving

The vestry established faith giving four years ago to bridge a budget gap. However, the idea stuck as an additional opportunity to give to the church and as a way of recognizing things we're thankful for within the church and in our daily lives. If you have special people or events you would like to recognize or celebrate, please consider a faith-giving gift.

Parish Life

Epiphany Pageant and Reception

Sunday, Jan. 4th, 2009

We end our Christmas season retelling Christ's birth with the annual Pageant and Reception. Sign-ups sheets are posted for reception goodies. We need hosts to decorate and help with the beverages; contact Terry N. through the church office.

Epiphany Party

Tuesday, Jan. 6th, 2009, 6pm

Our annual adult Epiphany Party will be Tuesday, Jan 6th. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Parish Hall and at the back of the church. The champagne social time begins at 6 PM, served by our very own special Bud C, Don P and Phil McK. The potluck dinner will start around 6:45 PM. Please bring your favorite food to share.

The Jue-Evans family will host. We will try some traditional folk dances (debkeh of the Middle Eastern and garba of India) which we promise will not be too difficult, followed by a demonstration of Hindi Indian dance.



Annual Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 18th 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. Signup sheets to bring mid-morning snacks (finger food) are posted in the Parish Hall and back of the church. We need hosts for this event to set tables and provide beverages; contact Terry N through the church office. 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 next parish life ministry group meeting is February 8th after the Sunday service. The ministry group would appreciate any of your comments about our church. Co-chairs are Kathy C. and Terry N.

Outreach

Outreach Update

The Outreach Leadership group met on December 7th. The October bazaar and ham dinner raised \$1289.00 net. All funds have been distributed to our Outreach programs. The group voted on the final disbursement of outreach funds for 2008 as follows.

Haiti was ravaged by four tropical storms or Hurricanes this past fall. The regular farm crops were destroyed and food must be imported at great cost. The Sisters of St. Margaret care for 1500 to 1800 students and have asked for assistance so their school programs can continue. The Outreach leadership group allocated \$850.00 to the sisters.

To help local organizations with their end-of-year Holiday outreach, the leadership group gave:

\$640 to Hope House

\$640 to the Rescue Mission

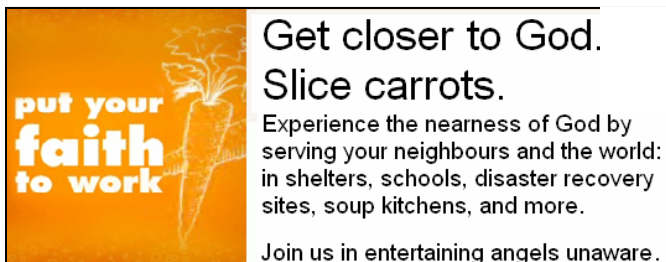
\$640 to Salvation Army

\$640 to the Food Bank of CNY

They also voted to donate \$150 to the orphanage in Peru to buy Christmas gifts and food and \$275 to the ABC House here in Clinton.

County Pantry Food Donations

Please 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.



put your
faith
to work

**Get closer to God.
Slice carrots.**

Experience the nearness of God by serving your neighbours and the world: in shelters, schools, disaster recovery sites, soup kitchens, and more.

Join us in entertaining angels unaware.

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;
- Tylenol 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 is a collection container in the Parish hall. If you can purchase any of the items, please do so.

The next Outreach Leadership meeting is

February 1, 2009 in the All Saint's Room following Sunday worship. Karen A. chairs the leadership group. If you are interested in discussing how St. James reaches out to the local, national and global community, 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.

Handiwork Prayer Ministry Group

The Handiwork Prayer Ministry Group continues to create shawls and lap robes for our shut ins. The next meeting is January 13th at which time they will discuss meeting day and times and the possibility of beginning a second group as their outreach increases! If you can knit, crochet, or sew, please think about joining this group. Contact Terry N. through the church office to learn more.

St. James Server Schedule - January

Day/Date	Acolytes	Nursery workers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Saturday- 5:15pm Jan. 3	C. D'Angelo		L. Bonta	M. Weber	P. McKnight & E. Randall
Sunday - 9:30 am Jan. 4 Epiphany Pageant	L & D Williams	E & S Vicks	-	K. Anderson & J. Logan	J & K White
Saturday-5:15pm Jan. 10	R Evans		D Compson	J.n Compson	J. & C. Crossley
Sunday - 9:30 am Jan. 11	C Hayes and S Lewis	T Huggins	P Cratty	B. & K. Collett	J. Ashforth and B. Coe
Saturday- 5:15pm Jan. 17	S Vicks		P. McKnight	B.e Linton	P. McKnight and E. Randall
Sunday-9:30 am Jan 18 Annual Meeting follows	B Lee and T Collett	Kelsey Wooldridge and Rachel Evans	S. Williams	M. Iles and B. Kistner	K. Anderson and C. Bielby
Saturday- 5:15pm Jan. 24	N and C Wrege		Chris Fox	H. Philley	C. and P. Fox
Sunday - 9:30 am Jan. 25	C Jones and D D'Angelo	Jenny Rayne	J. Wakefield- Wright	J. Logan and D. Dorn	C. Evans and C. Hayes
Saturday- 5:15pm Jan. 31	H Havlovic		L.s Bonta	W. Weber	J. & S. Pick
Sunday - 9:30 am Feb. 1	N & A Williams	Rachel Evans	P. Evans	K. Anderson and A. Campbell	D. Neil and R. Wilson
Saturday- 5:15pm Feb. 7	N & T Murdoch		G. Hayes	Matt Weber	J. & C.a Crossley
Sunday - 9:30 am Feb. 8	R Evans and S Phillips	TBA	D. Vicks	B. Swetman and R. Wilson	J. and K. White

January Altar Guild Servers – S. Williams and M. Javorski

Prayer List

For those seeking wholeness & healing we pray for: Dorothy, Terry, Jim, Bob, Joan, Elizabeth, MaryKatherine, Brendan , Arlene, Cathy, Jim, Wendy, Pat, Amaia, Chris, Kristina, The Bornick Family, Allisonl, Anders, Robin, Maria, Hannah , Peter, Keith, Jenny, Joan, Lisa, Jean, The Rorick family, and Peter



January



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December 28 9:30am Lessons and Carols Coffee Hour follows	December 29 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics C. Jones	December 30 St. James Tubing at Taberg 8pm AA B & J. Kay	December 31 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group 6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal B. King	January 1 New Year's Day Church office closed 7:30pm Adult Choir D. King	January 2 7:30am Men's Study Group B. Kistner	January 3 2-4:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 5:15pm Holy Eucharist L. Kreinheder
January 4 9:30am Epiphany Pageant and Holy Eucharist (nursery provided) Epiphany Reception follows E. and L. Labayewski	January 5 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics 6-7:15pm Girl Scouts 7:15-8:45pm Women's spirituality group E. and L. Labayewski	January 6 6pm Epiphany Party 8pm AA The Lee family	January 7 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group 6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal C. and S. Lewis	January 8 7:30pm Adult Choir The Linderman family	January 9 7:30am Men's Study Group B. and K. Linton	January 10 5:15pm Holy Eucharist The Lloyd family
January 11 9:30am Holy Eucharist Sunday School resumes (nursery provided) Coffee Hour follows 10:45am Children's choir rehearsal J. Logan	January 12 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics 7pm ABC meeting J. Logan	January 13 7pm Handiwork Ministry Group 8pm AA S. Love	January 14 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group 6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal 7pm Vestry meeting R. and J. Manzelmann	January 15 9:30- noon Foothills Fiber Arts Group 7pm MVDTC 7:30 pm Adult Choir P. Marino and A. Kalil	January 16 7:30am Men's Study Group The Matthews family	January 17 8am-4pm Families Through Adoption 5:15pm Holy Eucharist W and L. Macartney
January 18 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School (nursery provided) 11am Annual Meeting and Elections Brunch Buffet C. McCann	January 19 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics 7pm Resource Management meeting C. McCann	January 20 7pm Book club 8pm AA P. and B. McKnight	January 21 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group 6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal J and J. Medina	January 22 7:30 pm Adult Choir B. Meelan	January 23 7:30am Men's Study Group The Militello- Himmelburger family	January 24 vestry retreat 2-4:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 5:15pm Holy Eucharist W and J Miller
January 25 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School (nursery provided) Coffee Hour follows B. and R. Moll	January 26 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics B. and R. Moll	January 27 7 pm Handiwork Ministry Group 8pm AA R. Morse	January 28 9am Aerobics/ 10am Senior aerobics/ 6pm Co-ed Aerobics Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group 7pm Worship and Formation meeting 6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal D. Neil	January 29 7:30pm Adult Choir T. Neil	January 30 7:30am Men's Study Group M. Neil	January 31 5:15pm Holy Eucharist A.ril Oswald

