



St. James' Episcopal Church

N E W S L E T T E R

MAY 2010

St. James' Episcopal Church
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REGULAR SERVICES:

Saturday, 5:15pm • Sunday, 9:30am, nursery provided, Sunday School 9:30am
Church office hours: Tue. - Fri. 9am - 1pm

Staff:

Minister of Music: Mr. Richard Lloyd • Sunday School Director: Joanna Philley
Office Administrator: Mrs. Sharon Pick • Sexton: Mr. Christopher Evans

Vestry:

Senior Warden: Jim White • Junior Warden: Patricia Jue
Mike Baldwin • Bruce Evans • Susan Havlovic • Holly Horner • Gordon Jones
Don Neil • John Pick • Kathy White • Sharon Williams
Treasurer: Jan Wilson • Assistant Treasurer: Blair Jones

Webmistress: Patricia Jue
Newsletter: Pat Evans

Leadership Group Chairs:

Parish Life: Wendy Weber & Randy Wilson
Outreach: Karen Anderson
Worship & Formation: Alistair Campbell
Property Management: Heidi Philley
Finance Committee: Craig Heuss • Investment Committee: Gordon Hayes
Search Committee: Randy Wilson



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."

Worship & Formation

Pentecost - Reading Acts in Multiple Languages

At the Pentecost Sunday service, May 23, we invite members of the parish to read Acts 2:1-21 together. While the lector reads the lesson in English, others are invited to stand and read the same passage in other languages at the same time. Useful sources for the reading in languages other than English are <http://www.biblegateway.com/versions/> <http://www.biblica.com/bibles/> and <http://biblos.com> - click on the flag at the top of the website.

We have the pavillion at Kirkland Town Park reserved for Sunday, June 13, when we will have a eucharist service and potluck lunch. Details will be in June newsletter.

Adult Formation: May 2 & 16

On Sunday, May 2 and 16 we will hold *Living the Questions* sessions. After the worship service we gather to watch a 20 minute video, with discussion to follow. Ken Iles will lead the discussion on May 2. *Living the Questions* is an open-minded formation series that strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. Come join us; all are welcome.

Prayers at Night's Approaching

Book Review by Wendy Weber

Last year, while helping with the newsletter, I spied Jim Cotter's little book, *Prayers at Night's Approaching*, prominently displayed on the top shelf in the library. I took a copy home to read, but it sat on my bedside table for several weeks before I opened it. Up until then, I had often used prayer repetition to help clear my mind for what I call my conversations with God. While I liked this format, I was open to other avenues of prayer, if they lead to a closer relationship with God. I found such an avenue in *Prayers at Night's Approaching*. This book offered me some of the repetition that I was used to: the organization of each day's prayers was the same and over time you repeat each day's prayers.

I found that certain days of the week "spoke to me" more than others. Now that I am retired and nearer the end of my life, Sunday's prayers took on greater significance.

The prayer format contrasts life as we know it to what life can be. I was reminded that what is really important in this life is not the things we possess, but the richness we feel as we seek to deepen our relationship with Christ and allow Christ to work through us. Two copies of this book are currently in the library. Please take one and enjoy it!

If you happen to be in the Boonville area at 7am on a Sunday morning, tune in to 101.3 FM to catch one of **Maureen Casamayou's** sermons from Trinity Episcopal Church, which are sometimes rebroadcast here.

Vestry News

The Lewis house was the main topic of discussion at the April 21st Vestry meeting. The Clinton Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC) denied St. James' proposal to remove the Lewis house and establish a memorial park with additional parking at their meeting on March 31st.

The Memorial Park Committee (MPC), established to represent St. James before the CHPC, is considering an appeal based upon hardship. To win a hardship appeal we must prove to the CHPC that the Lewis house is unable to earn a fair rate of return for St. James and that we are unable to sell it.

To allow the MPC to proceed with the appeal the Vestry authorized, by a 5 to 4 vote, the expenditure of up to \$2,000 to hire a CPA and a professional property appraiser. The CPA will determine what our rate of return would be if we have to spend at least \$124,000 to re-habilitate the Lewis house for rental. The property appraiser will determine the value of the Lewis house should we put it up for sale.

The MPC will now decide how best to proceed with an appeal.

The search committee has completed telephone interviews with the rector candidates given to them by Judy Fried, diocese deployment officer. They have 4 very good potential rectors. Traveling to meet the candidates is the next step.

Rev. Sarah Lewis has agreed to do pastoral care for St. James. If you or somebody you know would like a visit please contact the church office.

Patricia and Jim will be meeting with Mark Betley on April 29th to determine the agenda for a Mutual Ministry Review on June 19th.

The Vestry has been dealing with very difficult issues. Every member offers his or her thoughts on an issue before any vote is taken. Respectful consideration is given to all viewpoints and every member of the Vestry votes for what they believe is in the best interest of St. James'. It has not been an easy job and I am extremely grateful for all the Vestry members and their continuing efforts to further St. James' mission.

Jim White, Sr. Warden

Kirkland Community Prayer Breakfast Thursday, May 20, 7 - 8:30 AM

Community Room, Martin Luther Home, 110 Utica Road

Guest speaker:

David Mathis, Oneida County Workforce Development

Rev. Dennis Dewey,

Prayer for Community State, Nation & World
Reservations, call 853-6300 or email Rudge44@aol.com

Sponsored by Clinton Kiwanis Club
(not a fund raiser, just tasty buffet breakfast cost of \$8)

Search Committee Report

Dear Friends,

The members of the Search Committee have had a number of first telephone conversations with a variety of potential rector candidates whose names were referred by Judy Fried, the Diocesan Deployment Officer. Each conversation is valuable, as we talk through a brief group of initial questions to determine if we will move ahead to plan a visit to see the candidate celebrate a service at his/her current parish.

Those first conversation questions include:

1. We want to verify that you are still actively searching for a new parish position. (If YES, continue on.)
2. What makes you want to come to St. James' Clinton? (what are you looking for in your next parish call? note what he/she volunteers.)
3. Tell us about your current parish and situations there; why do you want to leave?
4. Tell us what you are most passionate about with your church life and personal life? (ask for "the top three")
5. If you were meeting with us in person, what/how would you prepare yourself?

We actively listen to hear if the candidate is logical vs. random; articulate vs. inarticulate; persuasive vs. unpersuasive; enthusiastic vs. bland.

We have learned from a real life timeline for one candidate who has been searching for a new parish since December 2009. He had a similar first telephone interview with a parish in January 2010, and learned in early April that he is a finalist with that parish. As quickly as we would like our search process to move along, we must also consider the process from the respective candidate's point of view as well. A strong candidate may well be interviewing with several other search committees.

During the month of May, and probably into June, visiting teams of three or four search committee members will be traveling to see the candidates in their respective parish situation. Based upon that travel visit, the team will recommend to the full committee whether or not to invite the candidate to come to central NY, meet Bishop Adams, and meet with the full committee.

Please remember that every member of your search committee is sworn to maintain confidentiality regarding the name and/or identity of all candidates. We will update you on the process, but can not provide any specific name or personal details.

The exciting candidate who is now a finalist elsewhere offered this suggestion as we move forward with our conversations and interviews:

"Be still and listen to God; be open for God's message. If we rush the process, if we get anxious, we will miss the message, so we need to be prayerful and quiet. Each candidate whom we contact should be praying for us, and we should be praying for each candidate."

Please keep your Search Committee, our search process, and all rector candidates in your daily prayers!

Your Search Committee

Randy Wilson, Chairperson

Blair Jones, Vice Chairperson



Pastoral Care

We have arranged Pastoral care service with the Revd. Sarah Lewis. She has served as one of our supply priests and celebrated Maundy Thursday and Easter Morning services with us. Please let the wardens, Jim White or Patricia Jue, or Sharon Pick at the church office, if you or anyone you know is in need of clergy pastoral care, either in hospital or at home. We are also blessed with several Lay Eucharistic ministers who can bring communion to those who find it difficult to leave their homes.

Because of the recent privacy laws, hospitals are unable to let us know if parish members have been admitted. The only way we can know is if you or a family indicate you are a member of St. James Church, or Episcopalian. This allows Episcopal clergy Reverends Lewis or Green to visit you, or let us know of your need.

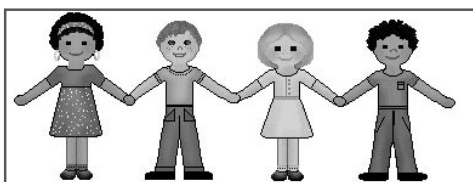
A St. James parishioner has become housebound and is unable to do household chores. He would be willing to pay for somebody to do some light cleaning every two weeks. If you would be interested in performing this service please contact the church office.

Kirkland Community Bloodmobile Saturday, May 8, 8 AM - 1 PM

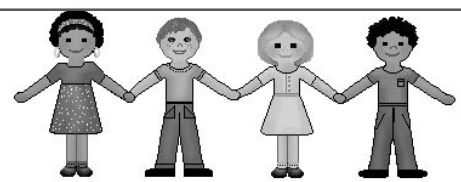
VFW Franklin Avenue

Please schedule your donation by calling 853-6300
or email: Rudge44@aol.com.

Walk ins always welcome.



Children's Ministry



What Is Worship?

We just finished our “Hurting Hearts and Helping Hands: What we can do for Haiti.” The kids learned about Haiti and what we can do for those who are in need. Sentiments of hope, gratitude, compassion and help were woven through each workshop. We are happy to report that our bake sale raised fifty dollars to help Haiti. I hope we continue the spirit of good stewardship in all that we do.

“What Is Worship? Teaching Children about the Book of Common Prayer” will be our final unit of this year. The focus in this unit will be the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the liturgical book of the Episcopal Church. The BCP contains the text of all our public worship services as well as guides for private devotions.

In order for the children to get the most from this unit, please look at the BCP with your child/ren; pointing out the different sections and their significance. You could use your own personal BCP or the online version (www.bcponline.org). Taking the time to explore this book together will add a new dimension to how you and your child/ren will worship.

Some of the activities of this unit include:

- Making gingerbread clergy
- Discussion of Worship and BCP: its contents and formation
- Singing songs of worship

Worship is a cornerstone to Christian formation. It is important for the spiritual development of children to worship with adults. They learn so much by participating in the rituals and traditions we hold dear. Sometimes we focus only on “good behavior” in church and not about what allows

Tips for having your child in church with you*

- ✓ Sit near the front and on the end of a pew so your child can see
- ✓ Arrive early and help them find and mark the pages in the BCP or hymnal
- ✓ Quietly point out major actions such as, “Now the priest is saying a blessing over the bread and wine”
- ✓ Actively participate in the service yourself. Children learn by watching.
- ✓ Give your child a chance to explore the church after the service is over
- ✓ Decide on a family signal to let children know when to settle down
- ✓ At home, teach them basic responses or prayers so they can participate

(* Tracy E. Herzer)

children (even adults) to grow in faith and develop a stronger relationship with God.

My hope for this unit is that we learn and demonstrate what helps both young and old grow closer to God and each other.

*God's peace to you, Joanna Philley
Sunday School Director*

Viva Mexico!

On April 15th I received my assignment with the Young Adult Service Corps (YASC). In August I will be going to Mexico City, Mexico. I will be working with the presiding Bishop, The Most Reverend Carlos Touché-Porter. The assignment is not yet clearly defined but I know that I will be facilitating the ministry of the national church.

The next important step is fundraising. I am responsible to raise ten thousand dollars to cover the cost of travel, training, and a monthly stipend. Over the next few months I will be presenting this ministry opportunity at various functions. I look forward to sharing more with you. I appreciate all your support.

Thank You, Joanna Philley

The Ride for Missing Children will take place on May 21st. This annual ride raises money to print and distribute posters to aid in the recovery of missing children. To date over 6.5 million posters have been sent out for 5,670 missing children, resulting in 4,016 safe recoveries. Besides this obvious good work The Ride has become a source of comfort and hope for families of still missing children. We have promised them that we will not

THE RIDE
FOR MISSING CHILDREN



THE AWARENESS
CONTINUES...

let their child be forgotten. Over 60 family members of missing children will join us this year to support us in our mission, “to make our children safer - one child at a time.”

Danielle Furlong and Kathy and Jim White participate in The Ride and are seeking donations. Please speak to them if you would like to make a donation or desire more information.

Parish Life

Parish Potluck and Hymn Sing this Saturday (May 1) after services (6pm). Bring your favorite requests for Richard and if you missed signing up, just come anyway and bring a dish to share.

Outreach and parish life will be hosting a Mexican Fiesta to raise money for Joanna Philley's placement with the presiding bishop of Mexico. Further information will appear in the service bulletin announcements.

Wendy Weber, Chair

Treasurer's Report

Thank you to all who have supported St. James with donations. During the month of March, we received \$1,238 in plate donations, \$7,700 in pledge donations, and \$1,485 drawn from our investment interest, totaling \$10,448. Our budgeted expenses for the month were \$12,143. We have fallen behind on our anticipated, budgeted congregational support. Please remember that your support is vital to maintaining our programs, facilities, and staff. The search committee's expenses are being funded by the money budgeted for the full time rector's salary. Search expenses will begin to increase as committee members travel to visit potential candidates or as candidates come to visit and interview at St. James.

The first quarter statements of pledge donations for January through March should be arriving soon. Please let the office, Jan Wilson, or Matt Weber know of any concerns that you may have so that we can correct any errors.

Jan Wilson, Treasurer

Day School News for May

Spring is here and we are busy getting ready for special events like Mother's Day, visiting the Utica Zoo, a trip to the CCS playground and Beach Party Day.

"Graduation" is the 27th of May and we have certainly enjoyed our class this year. They are a happy, creative, bright, thoughtful and kind group of boys and girls. We have seen these children grow taller and wiser while making new friends and getting ready for a life full of learning.

Registration for the next school year is underway and we still have spots available. We are excited to announce that we will add a four day lunch bunch option while still offering the original two day lunch bunch option in the fall. If anyone needs registration information, please let us know by leaving a message on our phone (Ext. 14) or a note in our mailbox or via email (cwirene@gmail.com). Please note that financial aid is available.

The St. James' Day School teachers really appreciate the support of the Day School Board, the St. James' Church vestry and members and the families of our students for a very successful year.

Outreach

With all the negative news in the world have you ever wondered what can one person do? Well, Joanna Philley is no longer wondering. She is going to spend a year with the Episcopal Service Corps. So how can you make a difference? You can support Joanna by attending and/or making a donation to our efforts to help with her expenses. We are setting up a date in May, and another in June to have a parish wide dinner to raise your awareness of what the ESC is, as well as what Joanna will be doing, and at the same time help defer some of Joanna's costs. As of this writing, the date has not been set in May, we are trying to coordinate schedules, but listen in church and be ready to help out when you can.

May 8th we need 4 or 5 people to help with general cleaning at the Country Pantry. This is one of those quick rather easy jobs where you can donate 3 hours of your time and be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in your community. If you are interested in helping, please let Karen Anderson know.

St. James is preparing and serving dinner at Hope House the first Tuesday of July and August. Put these dates on your calendar now and stay tuned for details! You can prepare food, or go to Utica and help serve it, whatever works best for your schedule. Again, a few hours of your time to spread the good news right here at home.

Karen Anderson, Chair

Thank you for your generosity

We sent 14 very full boxes of snacks to our college students. They greatly appreciate receiving these treats as they study for their final exams and work on end-of-term papers.

We collected more than 250 books to send to the Pine Ridge (Wazi ahanhan) Indian Reservation. The books will be distributed to Lakota children in desperate need of books. According to the United Nation's annual 2010 report, the reservation is one of the most marginalized and impoverished communities in the world. This outreach helps remind these children that God loves them. This is especially important as two years ago, nine of the 15 Episcopal churches on the Reservation were closed. Still they remain a people of faith. "There will be worship and it will be Episcopalian, because that's who we are. We are Episcopalians and nothing can change that." - The Rev. Charles Montileaux, an Episcopal priest and associate judge of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court.

The Good Friday offering of \$56 was sent to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem.

Lewis House Saga Continues

Representatives of St. James met with the Clinton Historical Preservation Commission (CHPC) on 31 March with a petition to remove the Lewis house and replace it with a park and additional parking. After we presented our plan there were some questions, and then the board meeting transitioned into a public hearing. We weren't told this would happen, but fortunately many other community residents were better informed, and were well prepared to voice their opposition.

The Vestry, having to re-think how to proceed from here, has decided to enlist professional assistance to get some solid numbers together:

- We are hiring at least one real-estate appraisal firm to appraise the value of the Lewis house and its projected value if we renovate. This will help us evaluate what we might receive from a sale and how much we could responsibly invest in a renovation.
- We are also hiring a firm to develop a financial analysis of what our return would be if we were to invest in renovation and lease the property.

With these numbers to work with, the Vestry will be able to determine our next step.

This is a difficult issue for your church leadership

because there is no solution that satisfies everyone in our parish body:

If we sell, we lose very valuable land that preserves our control over the "sanctity of the church." Many of us want to retain the property for this reason.

If we renovate and lease, it will divert us from our core mission. If the financial analysis we are initiating determines that this is also financially unwise, then this choice will be hard to justify.

If we appeal the CHPC ruling under their "financial hardship" criteria, we might get approval to redevelop the land, but some in our parish body oppose this choice in favor of historical preservation.

Yet the fact remains that your vestry must act: we own a house that is a financial drain and is deteriorating. If you have more input into our dilemma, please talk to your wardens or vestry members. Your voice counts.

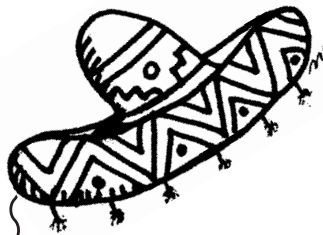
Whatever happens to the Lewis house, we need your support. You elected us to lead St. James forward, so we need your grace as the difficult choices come before us. Your prayers would be helpful.

*In Christ, Michael Baldwin, Vestry Member and
Chairman, Memorial Park Committee*

Blue Jeans Sunday: May 2

Weather permitting, we will be doing some detailed cleaning of the church property following the morning service.

Bring along any tools you might need.



¡Olé in May!

Not Cinco de Mayo

but soon thereafter

(date to be announced).

A Mexican dinner is being organized

as a fundraiser for Joanna Philley's

mission to Mexico.

MAY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30am Holy Eucharist N. Sorrwar-Randall "Living the Questions" video after service Blue Jeans Sunday	3 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics 7pm Women's Spirituality Group <i>Craig & Kathy Heuss</i>	4 . 5-7:30pm ABC Potluck 8pm AA mtg <i>K. Hilton & Family</i>	5 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics Noon-1pm Lectionary Reflection Group 6:15 Tapestry Rehearsal <i>Editb Hoag</i>	6 7:30pm Adult Choir 8pm AA mtg <i>Chuck & Holly Horner</i>	7 7:30am Men's Study Group <i>Richard Howarth</i>	8 12:30-2:30 Girl Scouts 5:15pm Holy Eucharist Joell Szachara <i>Bill Huggins & Family</i>
9 9:30am Holy Eucharist N. Sorrwar-Randall	10 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics 7pm ABC Meeting <i>Helen Hurd</i>	11 9-12:30pm Clinton Garden Club 8pm AA mtg. <i>Ken & Mary Lou Iles</i>	12 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics Noon-1pm Lectionary Reflection Group 6:15 Tapestry Rehearsal 7pm Finance Comm <i>Ken & Colleen Iles</i>	13 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 8pm AA mtg <i>Mary Javorski</i>	14 7:30am Men's Study Group <i>D. Jerrard & Family</i>	15 12:30-2:30 Girl Scouts 5:15pm Holy Eucharist N. Sorrwar-Randall <i>Ted & Janet Johnson</i>
16 9:30am Holy Eucharist N. Sorrwar-Randall "Living the Questions" video after service	17 9 & 10am & 5:30pm 7pm Property Management <i>Carol Jones</i>	18 7pm Book Club 8pm AA mtg <i>F. Jones & Family</i>	19 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics Noon-1pm Lectionary Reflection Group 6:15 Tapestry Rehearsal 7pm Vestry Meeting <i>Patricia Jue & Family</i>	20 10am Foothills Weaving & Fiber Arts Guild 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 8pm AA mtg <i>Bill & Jeanne Kay</i>	21 7:30am Men's Study Group <i>Beverly King</i>	22 5:15pm Holy Eucharist Joell Szachara <i>Marjery Kingsley</i>
23 9:30am Holy Eucharist N. Sorrwar-Randall	24 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics <i>Bill Kistner</i>	25 8pm AA mtg. <i>Lee Kreinbeder</i>	26 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics Noon-1pm Lectionary Reflection Group 6:15 Tapestry Rehearsal <i>Ed & Linda Labayewski</i>	27 7pm MVDTC mtg. 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 8pm AA mtg <i>Alan Lee & Family</i>	28 7:30am Men's Study Group <i>Cathy & Soren Lewis</i>	29 5:15pm Holy Eucharist Joell Szachara <i>M. Linderman & Family</i>
30 9:30am Holy Eucharist N. Sorrwar-Randall	31 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics <i>Bruce & Karen Linton</i>	1 8pm AA mtg. <i>John & Janice Livingston</i>	2 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics Noon-1pm Lectionary Reflection Group 6:15 Tapestry Rehearsal <i>Richard Lloyd & Family</i>	3 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 8pm AA mtg <i>Judy Logan</i>	4 7:30am Men's Study Group <i>Laura Love & Family</i>	5 NO SERVICE (KAC Run) <i>Sandra Love</i>

Names at the bottom of each day indicate those for whom we pray. • Service lectionary readings can be found on our website.

May Server Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Nursery	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday, May 1 Holy Eucharist	Helena Havlovic	—	Heidi Phillely		Ernie Randall & John Pick	
Sunday, May 2 Holy Eucharist	Soren Lewis & Connor D'Angelo	Rachel Evans	Mary Lou Iles	Judy Logan & Barbara Swetman	Bruce Coe & John Crossley	Cynthia Crossley
Saturday, May 8 Holy Eucharist	Ben Lee	—	Dick Compson	Joan Compson	Chuck & Holly Horner	—
Sunday, May 9 Holy Eucharist	Charlotte Jones & Suzie Phillips	Tara Huggins	J. Wakefield-Wright	Karen Anderson & Skip Beardsell	Susan Bennett & Karen Anderson	Don Neil
Saturday, May 15 Holy Eucharist	Logan Williams	—	Lois Bonta	Wendy Weber	John Pick & Ernie Randall	—
Sunday, May 16 Holy Eucharist	Helena Havlovic & Audra Williams	Jenny Rayne	Sharon Williams	Brian & Kathy Collett	Chris Evans & Jim White	Kathy White
Saturday, May 22 Holy Eucharist	Rachel Evans	—	Chris Fox	Patty Fox	Chris Fox & Matt Weber	—
Sunday, May 23 Holy Eucharist	Darby & Connor D'Angelo	Emily Vicks	Jeff Wooldridge	Bill Kistner & Judy Logan	John & Cynthia Crossley	Ken Iles
Saturday, May 29 Holy Eucharist	Nick Williams	—	Ted Johnson	Heidi Phillely	Ted & Janet Johnson	—
Sunday, May 30 Holy Eucharist	Cory Hayes & Dakota Williams	Sarah Vicks	Susan Pinto	Barbara Swetman & Richard Howarth	Randy Wilson & Tom Hebert	Cory Hayes



*May 2
Blue Jeans
Sunday
following
Sunday
Service*

*May 2
Living the
Questions
video series begins
following Sunday
Service*

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