

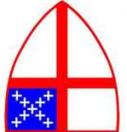
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St. James' Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 17 after worship service in the Parish Hall

Budget presentation, update on programs, election of new vestry members

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REGULAR SERVICES:

Saturday, 4pm • Sunday, 9:30am, nursery provided, Sunday School 9:30am
Church office hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-Noon,
Tuesdays from 9-11am and Thursdays from 9-2pm

Staff:

Minister of Music: Mr. Richard Lloyd
Sexton: Mr. Mustafa "Mujo" Salkic
Office Administrator: Ms. Laura Stoll
Godly Play Program Director: Ms. Linda Lark

Vestry:

vestry@stjamesclinton.org
Senior Warden: Mark Linderman • Junior Warden: Patty Fox
Karen Anderson • Kathy Collett • Irma Davis • Chris Fox • Sue Hecklau
Ken Iles • Richard Lloyd • Werner Schmalz • Laura Stoll
Treasurer: Jan Wilson
Webmistress: Patricia Jue
Newsletter: Pat Evans

Leadership Group Chairs:

Outreach: John Pick
Finance Committee: Mike Baldwin
Investment Committee: Craig Heuss
Communications Committee: Kathy Collett
Fellowship Committee: Terry Neil
Search Committee: Karen Anderson & Randy Wilson

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Vestry Corner

As I look back on my last two years as warden, I am thankful for many things. I have learned some important lessons in leadership, but most of all, I have developed a much deeper relationship with St. James' and the wonderful individuals that comprise it. I was uncertain of what was in store when Tim tapped me on the shoulder two years ago, and the next two years unfolded in ways that neither of us anticipated. Yet while there have been challenges, even crises, along the way, even those provided opportunities to see and marvel at the resilience and commitment of the many people that I have had the privilege to serve.

We have had several group meetings to discuss where we are and where we have been. These have not been easy, and just like two years ago, our leadership today faces uncertainty. But in that uncertainty is the opportunity to grow in new ways and to embrace our rebirth into a new future.

I am grateful for the hard work of the Search Committee and our vestry, which sets the parameters of the search. They have strived to act in the face of uncertainty and to chart a course that reflects the best interests of us all. Informed by your feedback, they will continue to make those hard decisions.

I am grateful for the staff that supports us. I have enjoyed working with Chris, Annie, Laura, Mujo, Linda, and Richard. Their devotion to their duty transcends the allotted hours in the week. They bring energy, expertise, and creativity that I have relied upon, but that may be unnoticed by many. I am grateful for Jackie Schmitt and Pastor Gaetz who have provided leadership in our transition. I am particularly grateful for Sharon and Patty, with whom I have had the privilege of serving as warden. They have carried more than their fair share of the burden.

Finally, I am grateful for the opportunity to become better acquainted with so many of you. I remember two years ago thinking that there are so many people I didn't know. Well, now I do! Thank you for sharing your support, your cares and concerns, and your hopes and visions for the future. I leave the position of warden with full confidence that we are in great hands. Please keep the lines of communication with the vestry open, and they will lead us into an exciting future!

- Mark Linderman

Pinwheels for Youth: Bringing Hope and Education to a Hurt World

January 6 was the Feast of the Epiphany. It marked the start of the season of Epiphany which continues until Ash Wednesday (Feb. 10). We recognize, along with the Magi - those Wise Visitors from the East - the manifestation of the divine in Jesus. We also recall the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt as they escaped the tyranny of King Herod, who ordered the Massacre of the Innocents in Bethlehem. Forced to flee, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus became what we now call refugees. And the plight of modern day refugees reaches our ears daily. Flight, plight and, as always, it is the children - the Innocents - who are most vulnerable.

Nearly, six million children have been affected by the civil wars in Syria and neighboring regions. On average, it takes 17 years for most refugees to return



home or to find sanctuary in other countries. This means millions of children will spend most of their childhood as refugees. During this time, the best way to provide immediate help is to provide the familiar routine of school.

Teachers provide structure and stability. They help children heal. The International Rescue Committee (IRC) works with schools in crisis zones to create "Healing Classrooms." As part of a fund raising effort, the Bezos Family Foundation will donate \$2 to the IRC's Healing Classrooms program for each pinwheel sent.

Think of it! Colorful pinwheels, a simple children's toy, transformed into healing. A single breath spins into the promise of recovery for a child in crisis into stable, healthy adulthood.

During part of the season of Epiphany, our Godly Play school children will make pinwheels. We invite everyone to join in Pinwheel making sessions on Sunday, January 31 and Saturday, February 6 in the Parish Hall after worship services. If you have colorful, gently used paper (at least 4 inches on each side) or magazines with bright, child-appropriate pictures that you would like to donate, leave them in the box at the back of the church or in the parish hall. Financial donations made to St. James, designated "Students' rebuild: Pinwheel" are also appreciated. (To learn more visit <http://studentsrebuild.org/find-challenge/syria-challenge/about-challenge>)

The first week in February is World Interfaith Harmony Weekend. Humanity is bound together by the two shared commandments of 'Love of God and Love of the Neighbor.' People of faith are called to honor the Divine indwelling in a way that encourages understanding, respect, and cooperation among people of all faiths for the well-being of our communities and peace in the world.

Behind the Scenes

This year, the Behind the Scenes column will focus on the various leadership groups that help keep St. James' running.

Property Management has a very important role, helping to ensure a safe, well-functioning environment that allows St. James to fulfill its mission of being a holy place of worship and a place where parish and community groups can gather in a welcoming place.

While much of the "work" of this group can be defined as "building and grounds," the group continues to be mindful of the overall mission of the church as "a community where we come together" (in a physical location) "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."

The group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the library. There is no chairperson at this time. Committee members include Brian Collett, Bruce Evans, Ben Fehlner, and Mark Linderman.

More members are needed as the group begins to plan for updates to the rectory this summer. While some home improvement or building experience is helpful, it's not required. To reach the group, send an e-mail to properties@stjamesclinton.org.

Treasurer's Corner

The 2016 budget will be presented at the annual meeting on Sunday, January 17. Come and learn about St. James' financial picture. Year-end statements of donations will be mailed by February 15. If you need to know if you have completed your 2015 pledge, contact me at treasurer@stjamesclinton.org.

Thanks to all for your continued financial support of St. James.

- Jan Wilson



Join us for pinwheel making sessions on **Sunday, January 31** and **Saturday, February 6** in the Parish Hall after worship services to help support "Healing Classrooms" for Syrian refugee children.

Outreach

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and we are all looking forward to a happy New Year in 2016.

Thanks to all of you, clients of the Country Pantry had a very Merry Christmas. We had asked for 40 gift cards for the children served by the Pantry, and you came through with 44! In addition, you've helped Pere Frederik purchase a building for his school in Haiti. We don't have the numbers available at this time, but will provide them soon.

As of this year's annual meeting, I will continue to serve on the Outreach committee but I will no longer be serving as chairperson, as I am moving on to a new challenge here at St. James'. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past four years. Every time Outreach has made a request, you have all stepped forward and then some! You are the reason that no matter what challenges St. James' faces, we remain strong. St. James' is not a building or a rector; it is all of you and always will be!

- John Pick

Day School News

The Day School focuses on winter themes in January such as "Friends in the Snow," "Winter Nights" and "Animals in Winter." 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 2016-17 school year begins in January and February. Church members receive priority for registration. If anyone is interested in information and a registration packet for the Day School, please drop a note in the Day School mailbox, leave a phone message or email sjdayschool@gmail.com with a name, address and phone number where the information should be sent. Happy 2016!

- Cindy Wirene, Day School Head Teacher

Youth Programs



St. James' youth committee participated in a Christmas gift making workshop at St. Mary's church on December 6. Children traveled to different stations and got the chance to make more than fifteen different gifts for family, friends, and even their pets. Here, Olivia and Nate Peto and Anna Reger stop to make a braided chew toy for their dog and bunny.

Tubing at Woods Valley

St. James' is going tubing on Monday, January 18 at Woods Valley in Westernville, NY. In order to get a group rate, we must have at least 15 people.

The cost for three hours of tubing is \$12 per person.

All are welcome (but note that Woods Valley has a 42" height requirement).

We are meeting at St. James' at 11:15am on 1/18 to carpool and we will return around 4pm. Bring bag lunches or money to buy lunch there.

To RSVP, contact Jan or Randy Wilson by Sunday, January 10. Hope to see you there!



Habitat for Humanity is looking for construction volunteers for their latest project. No experience is required, however carpenters, contractors and construction professionals are welcomed. Shifts are every Saturday from 9am-3pm at 1025 Steuben St. in Utica. All tools and instruction are provided, but you may bring your own tools if you would like. Sign up at www.oneidacountyhabitat.org.

Godly Play

Our Godly Play program has received a Legacy Grant from the Diocese of Central New York in the amount of \$5,000!

For the first time, St. James' will be able to fully implement the Godly Play curriculum. Approximately thirty lessons will be purchased, allowing for year-round Sunday School if we choose. The items are made of wood and will last for years to come. Over the course of the next few months, new lessons will gradually appear in the All Saints' Room. All parishioners are welcome to explore the space after the service each Sunday.

- Linda Lark

Rite 13/J2A

The youth group will meet on Sunday, January 10 and Sunday, January 24 from 3:30 - 5:30. We will be preparing for "Souper Bowl Sunday" and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, along with other activities.

"Souper Bowl Sunday" is a nationwide youth-led effort to address the issue of hunger in the USA. We will be collecting donations of canned goods and money for the Country Pantry on Sunday, February 7 and again at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 9. Watch for some special announcements this month!

Thanks in advance for your support!

- Randy Wilson & Rachel Reger,
Jan Wilson & Mike Baldwin

From the Diocese

The Bishop's Retreat for Laity: "All God All the Time" will be held on Saturday, January 23 from 9am to 2pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 106 Chapel Street, Fayetteville. Cost is \$30 and includes full program plus luncheon.

Bishop Skip Adams will lead a day of prayerful reflection, gentle teaching, and contemplative worship. Our gathering will focus on our experiences of the holy in everyday life. This is the Bishop's last lay retreat before his retirement. Registration is open at www.cnyepiscopal.org.





Annual Christmas Pageant



Epiphany Party

Search Update

The Search Committee has met with Judy Fried, the Bishop's Transition Officer, as well as Rev. Kathy Corley, our transition consultant.

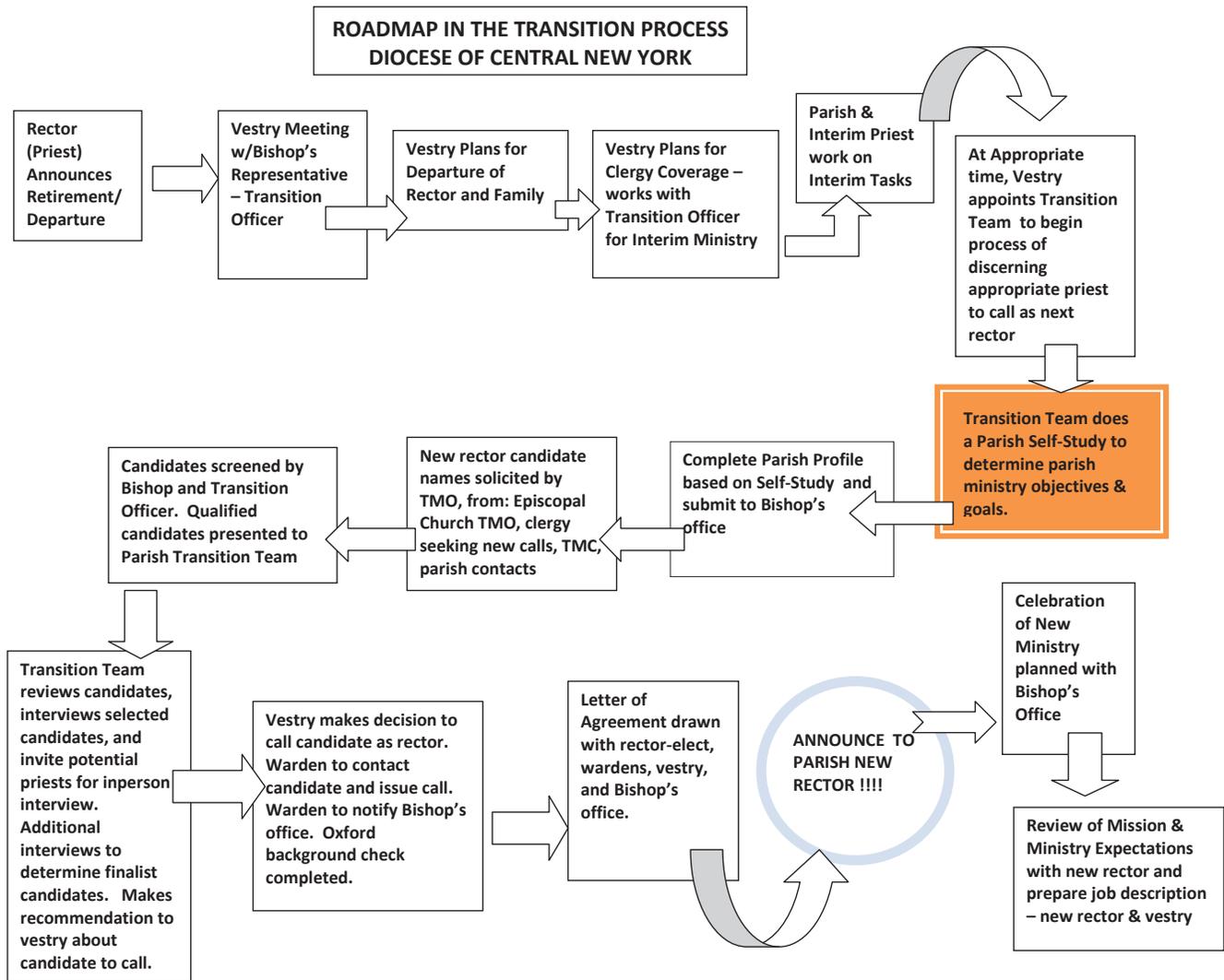
We have held two healing sessions and five focus groups to gather input on your vision for St. James' future. If you have been unable to attend a session, please see anyone on the Search Committee to share your thoughts and ideas. If there is a desire to have more sessions, we

will make every effort to accommodate that. Thank you to everyone who has participated thus far.

Our next steps are to prepare the parish survey, which will be available in both electronic and paper formats, and to assess the data collected to determine our parish ministry objectives and goals in order to complete our Parish Profile.

The flowchart below, which was provided to us by the diocese, shows the many steps in the process of calling a new priest. Currently, St. James is on the highlighted step, "Transition Team does a Parish Self-Study to determine parish ministry objectives & goals."

- Karen Anderson and Randy Wilson



January Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for the families of:

- Jan. 11 Kathryn Mowry, Don Neil, Terry Neil, Mary & John O'Neill, Vincent Odamtten & Peace Agleby, Elizabeth Ovens
- Jan. 18 Chris & Alison Peto, Marjorie & Peter Phillips, John & Sharon Pick, Randy & Sue Pinto, Jennifer Potter Hayes
- Jan. 25 Gail Prentice, Ernie Randall, Bob Redfield & Mary Javorski, Rahel Elmer Reger, Brent & Edna Rodriguez-Plate
- Feb. 1 Gale Salka, Werner & Mary Beth Schmalz, Rev. Jacqueline Schmitt, Dora Schwaiger, Mary Seyse

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:30am Worship Service 11am Teen Confirmation 11am Focus Group	4 5pm Zumba	5 8pm AA	6 11:30am Lectionary Study 6pm Epiphany Party	7 7:45am Men's Group 7pm Youth Committee 7:30pm Choir	8	9 4pm Worship Service
10 9:30am Worship Service 11am Adult Confirmation 11am Focus Group 3:30pm Rite 13/2A	11 10am Zumba 5pm Zumba 7:30pm Women's Group	12 7pm Search Committee 8pm AA	13 11:30am Lectionary Study	14 7:45am Men's Group 3:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Property Mgmt 7:30pm Choir	15	16 4pm Worship Service
17 9:30am Worship Service 11am Annual Meeting	18 10am Zumba 11:15 Tubing Trip 5pm Zumba	19 8pm AA	20 11:30am Lectionary Study 7pm Vestry	21 7:45am Men's Group 9am Fiber Arts Guild 7:30pm Choir	22	23 4pm Worship Service
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January Server Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Nursery	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers/Greeters
Sat. Jan. 9	___ ___ ___ ___	___ ___	Kathy Heuss	Wendy Weber	Craig & Kathy Heuss
Sun. Jan. 10	Charlotte Jones, Mia Davis & Olivia Peto	Amy Davis Sophia Pinto	Pat Evans	Bill Kistner Skip Beardsell	Don Neil Pat Davis
Sat. Jan. 16	Suzie Phillips	___ ___	Chris Fox	Patty Fox	Chris & Patty Fox
Sun. Jan. 17	Sydney Evans, Henry Fehlner & Nick Pinto	Elizabeth Fehlner Sydney Evans	JoElyn Wakefield-Wright	Gail Prentice Randy Wilson	John & Cynthia Crossley
Sat. Jan. 23	___ ___ ___ ___	___ ___	Sharon Pick	John Pick	Sharon & John Pick
Sun. Jan. 24	Margaret Jones, Evelyn Dawes & Gigi Pinto	Elizabeth Fehlner Erin Iles	Jackie Medina	Mary Lou Iles Karen Anderson	Chris Evans Randy Wilson
Sat. Jan. 30	___ ___ ___ ___	___ ___	Matt Weber	Patricia Jue	Matt & Wendy Weber
Sun. Jan. 31	Elizabeth Fehlner, Anna Reger & Sofie Reger	Audra Williams Henry Fehlner Liam Schmalz	Mary O'Neill	Brian Collett Kathy Collett	Karen Anderson Wendy Seifried
Sat. Feb. 6	Suzie Phillips	___ ___	Patty Fox	Chris Fox	Patty & Chris Fox
Sun. Feb. 7	Erin Iles, Louis Pinto & Liam Schmalz	Margaret Jones Sophia Pinto	Sharon Williams	Barbara Sweetman Judy Logan	Ben Fehlner Werner Schmalz