

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
405 EAST MAIN STREET
BATAVIA, NEW YORK

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2018



as I watch
the leaves fall
from the summer tree,
I am reminded
of God's
gentle autumn breeze
that carries away
the remainders of yesterday
so that a new season
can begin.

-Leslie Ann Hoyt

Deacon Diana's Report

DIAKONIA MUSINGS

My favorite season is here. I love the crisp air, the colors, how blue the sky is (when it is not gray) and the shortening of the days. So many people just complain that autumn means winter is coming and they focus on the negative. Others love that it is bringing in the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas. They look at fall as a season for getting ready by shopping and planning, but never to enjoy for its own sake.

Yes, the sometimes hectic schedules for meetings and school start back up, but there is comfort in knowing when certain things will be done and a joy in connecting with people again. Over all, this season can be a time of taking a breath after an exhausting summer of activity. It can be a short time of respite as the darkening days give us no choice but to want to hibernate a little bit more and go to bed earlier.

How can we slow down and stay in the present moment? Take walks in the coolness and reconnect with ourselves and nature in all its splendor. Drive through the hills and take pictures of the leaves changing color. Watch children jumping in piles of raked leaves. Pick up pinecones and put them in a bowl to look at. Sit on a porch wrapped up in a blanket and listen to the rain. Notice how blue the lake water is. Make leaf prints or press leaves you find. Decorate with bright orange pumpkins and gourds. Get outside and cut back your plants and foliage. Don't think of it as a chore that has to be done, but remind yourself that you are giving Mother Nature a hand in creating healthy plant growth for the spring.

This is a time to be in the moment and focus on God's beautiful creation given to us to enjoy and respect. These next few weeks can be like a Sabbath day, set aside to be introspective, prayerful, and thankful without worrying about what the next week will bring. I challenge all of us to slow down enough to enjoy the present moment so we are well rested, recharged and focused for the months ahead.

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Diana

St. James Episcopal Church Vestry Highlights, September 18, 2018

The Junior Warden's Report: Russ Dvoroznak reported that the outside ramp is being looked at for repair. The application for the reversal of the stair lift criteria has been submitted and they are waiting for a trial date. The trial would be in Buffalo. **Treasurers' Report:** The audit was completed by Wayne Judkins, Jolene Folger, and Dave Lange. Keith Price and Peter Mark will be meeting with Pat Roblee to audit Rupprecht Fund accounts and with Bette Rung to audit ECW accounts on Thursday, September 20th. **ECW Report:** Bonnie Dvoroznak reported that the UTO ingathering will be October 14th. The ECW has heard that Kleen-All might be going out of business, so will be looking at getting quotes from two other agencies for cleaning stove and kitchen floor. The ECW would like to hold another Alex's Place fundraiser prior to Christmas. They would only ask for 100 tickets. It was determined that the building is not getting the cleaning it should be getting. Job counselors may have to make sure the paperwork area of the cleaning schedule is maintained. **Coffee Hour** Concerns were raised about coffee hour and people being reluctant to sign up because they were not bakers. Mother Bonnie stated that the purpose of Coffee hour was fellowship and the food was secondary. We do not wish to discourage the bakers, nor do we wish to intimidate those who do not bake. She is proposing coffee signup be broken into 3 parts: setup, food, and cleanup. Food for coffee hour could be put in the freezer for future use but it should be dated and the person doing coffee hours should know it is there to be used. The ECW will work with Barb King on this. **Membership Committee** led to a discussion on how to make newcomers feel welcome. The idea was raised of using the membership committee to have mentors help new parishioners feel welcome and needed. **Altar Guild Request:** is asking to have the liturgical silver appraised so that it can be insured. They would also like to purchase a safe to store the silver.. **Sexton's Work:** As winter approaches and the need for shoveling snow and ice removal will be upon us, we need to be cognizant of the fact we need volunteers or we need to pay someone to do these chores. Jim and Russ expressed concern about older members of the congregation getting hurt or suffering a heart attack while doing strenuous outdoor work. The

wardens will work to put together a “dream job skills” assessment and try to ascertain if it can be fulfilled by volunteers or by hiring someone. **Sohn’s Fund:** The F.1 Visa of the students makes them ineligible to receive a cash stipend. Mother Bonnie found out the funds could be distributed as gifts in kind, such as a Tops gift card. **Fundraising Report:** Dorian Ely reported that the clothing sales are \$80 ahead in profits. She is going to reinvest this money in order to buy merchandise to take to convention. **Rectory use:** We need to get the building appraised. We also need to meet fire codes. People have been donating furniture. We would need to have new mattresses. We need to make a general announcement to the congregation about what our plans are.

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine Judkins, Clerk of the Vestry

Property Committee Report

Many thanks to all those who have made, or will be making, a financial commitment to the Bricks and Mortar Project. As you know, this fundraising effort is a significant source of revenue required to fund projects identified as priorities by the Property Committee, as listed in St. James 12-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

The Plan was approved by the Vestry, and currently focuses primarily on preservation of church complex infrastructure, with emphasis on safety and maintaining weather-tight structures.

Much significant work has been completed since the completion of the Bell Tower restoration project. Roof sections have been replaced on the church and the barn, both low pressure steam boilers have been replaced, windows have been replaced in the apartment, Guild room, Parish Hall and Choir room, the ramp portion of the handicap accessibility project has been completed, and the arch at the south end of the nave has been made safe.

In addition, MANY more projects have been completed as Adopt-A-Projects and as work taken on by parishioners.

Please be assured that your Bricks and Mortar Project support, and support of tee-shirt, sweatshirt and apron sales fundraisers will allow this important work to continue.

Progress is being made toward the goal of achieving a ‘State of Good Repair’ at St. James!

Dave Lange
Property Committee Chair



St. James Handbell Choir

**We are beginning rehearsals
Wednesday, October 17th at 3:45.**

If you are a new ringer, you are welcome. Training is available. Can't make rehearsal time but want to ring?

Please contact Dawn if interested:
547-2372 musdmark@aol.com



Prayer Corner

When offering your prayers to the Lord at home please include the following people who are loved ones of our parish family:

**Tim, Aiden, Gabriella, Diana, Carla, Ron,
Dorothy, Arlene, Venus, Debbie, Paul,
Beth, Dave, Cathy and Wendy.**



Happy Birthday!

We pray God's blessing be with you on your special day and every day.

Joan Ellison 10/3, Scott Essig 10/11, Mary Ann Neider 10/16,
Dave Raines 10/17, Cal Fleming 10/22, Larry Belluscio 10/24,
Anne Wolff 10/25, Sarah Rosenbeck 10/30, Kristina Feldman 10/30

Utility Costs for the Month of September



Here are our utilities costs for September. Please help conserve our resources by turning out lights when you don't need them. If you are the last one out of the building, please make sure the windows are shut, the lights are out and the door is locked behind you. If you have any questions at all on how to do this, please contact a warden.

Fuel - \$36.80

Electric - \$223.85

Coffee Hour



I have heard it said that "Coffee Hour" is the eighth sacrament. OK, maybe that's an overstatement, but we all do love our fellowship time! Coffee, tea, and something nice to eat, combined with friends and conversation—what could be nicer? We all enjoy Coffee Hour, but at this point it is a fairly small group of people that make it happen for us. It would be so much easier if more people helped. We are going to have a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. You can sign up for providing snacks and/or setup and clean up. Find a friend and work on it together! Another way to help is to bake or buy a batch of cookies or other baked good to be frozen for future coffee hours. Please sign up to help! Thank you, and see you at coffee hour! Mother Bonnie+

Quilt Raffle



If you are interested in a chance to win the very attractive handmade quilt pictured here, please call Cathy Judkins at 585-356-5290 or Kathy Belluscio at 585-734-2337, to purchase tickets. The pattern name is "Starring Blue", made by the Museum Quilt Guild. This will be given away at the conclusion of the quilt show on October 20th. The quilt is 94" x 94". Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3/\$2.00

The Pet Corner

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 13, 2018, 10 a.m.

Come One, Come All!

All Pets are Welcome,

(Please have pets leashed or caged.)

Join us on our front lawn.



United Thank Offering

The Fall United Thank Offering will be gathered October 14th. The offering is collected by the Episcopal Church Women and the donations are used to support grants for ministries at home and overseas as an outreach of the Episcopal Church. Prayers and offerings make it possible for the UTO mission to stretch in unexpected ways.

The ECW forwards the ingathering offering to its respective Diocesan Coordinator; the coordinator records our offering and forwards it to the national UTO office in New York.

In New York, these monies are immediately put to work earning interest. They are kept in an interest-bearing account until granted. The interest from the account also is granted. By combining the offerings, it is possible to fund significant projects that make a real difference in the work of the Episcopal Church and a real difference in people's lives.

Each year 100 percent of the collected offering is granted. UTO Committee expenses are supported entirely through earned income from dedicated trust funds.

Please join with others in our parish and support the UTO offering. If you are not in church on the 14th, you can mail our offering to the parish office. A UTO envelope is inserted into the service bulletin of October 7th for your donation.

Scrip Program -- Do you believe it's October already? Before you know it, it will be December and we all know what holiday comes in December. When you are thinking of going Christmas shopping, think of the Scrip cards from the church. We can get you just about anything you want. If we don't have it in stock, we can order it. Thank you for all your help in this project.

T-shirts, Hoodies and aprons

Sale for Bricks & Mortar

Have you ordered a navy blue short-sleeved T-shirt, zip-up hoodie, and/or a bib apron, each with the Episcopal shield. Sales will benefit the church's "Bricks and Mortar Project" to help fund the ongoing maintenance of the historic beauty that is St. James Church. Order forms may be obtained by contacting the church office at 585-343-6802 or emailing Stjamesclothingsale@gmail.com.

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Name:
Street Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone Number:
Email:
Parish (Name, Location):

ITEM DESCRIPTION (i.e. t-shirt, hoodie, apron)	QTY	ADULT SIZE	YOUTH SIZE	PRICE OF ITEM	
				EACH	TOTAL
SUBTOTAL:					
SHIPPING/HANDLING REQUIRED for delivery outside Genesee, NY Deanery					
S/H for up to 4 items \$14, \$2 for each additional item:					
TOTAL ENCLOSED:					

AVAILABLE ITEMS - ALL WITH EPISCOPAL SHIELD

T-SHIRT \$15/\$18 for 2XL or 3XL
 Short-sleeved, crew neck in navy
 Adult & Youth Sizes (see below)
 Shield as pictured

ZIP-UP HOODIE \$40/\$43 for 2XL or 3XL
 In navy
 Adult & Youth Sizes (see below)
 Shield as pictured

APRON \$20 each
 Bib style with two pockets in navy
 Shield centered on bib

SIZES
 Adult: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
 Youth: XS, S, M, L, XL



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Flatlander Chili



Filled with beef, sausage and beans, this comforting chili recipe is even better the next day!

- **Prep Time:** 15 mins
- **Cook Time:** 1 hour 45 mins
- **Total Time:** 2 hours
- **Yield:** 10 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 pound sausage
- 4-12 ounce cans of tomato sauce
- 1 (29 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 Tablespoon chili powder
- 1 Tablespoon hot sauce (such as Tobasco)
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon white sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1 can chili beans, with liquid
- 1 can kidney beans, drained and rinsed

INSTRUCTIONS

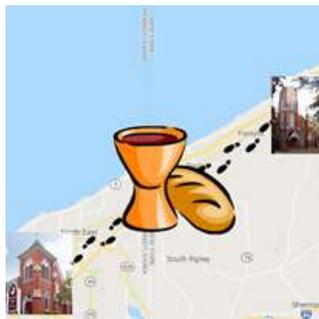
- 1. Place ground beef and sausage in a large Dutch oven. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown, crumbling as it cooks. Stir in the onion, celery and bell pepper and continue to cook until it starts to soften. Add in the tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, chili powder, hot sauce, cumin, garlic powder, salt and pepper, oregano, sugar, and cayenne pepper. Stir to combine.
- 2. Add in both cans of beans and cook until the chili is heated through.

NOTES

- *This recipe is best when it is made a day in advance, and then reheated to serve!
- *You can substitute in a different color pepper or different beans, and adjust spices according to your likes.
- *adapted from allrecipes.

News from the Diocese

Buckling the Belt on October 7



On October 7, two congregations—one in the Diocese of Western New York and the other in the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania—will take a long walk. Along the way, they will pray for each other, for their dioceses, and for the upcoming convention at which they will vote on whether to embark on a partnership that would include sharing a bishop for the next five years. Shortly after church that Sunday, the people of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Westfield, New York will start walking west with wine. A couple of hours later, the people of Church of the Holy Cross in North East, Pennsylvania, will head east with bread. They’ll meet at State Line United Methodist Church in North East to celebrate Eucharist and pray together about the possible shared future of their two dioceses.

The idea for the pilgrimage, says the Rev. Virginia Carr, rector of St. Peter’s, emerged from the congregation’s study of “Water from a Deep Well: Christian Spirituality from Early Martyrs to Modern Missionaries,” by Gerald L. Sittser. The book discusses pilgrimage as a spiritual practice across Christian history.

“We’re a relatively poor parish, and so going to the Holy Land or Spain is out of reach,” Carr said. “But we thought, ‘What if we walked to someplace local? What if, in preparation for convention, we did a pilgrimage and dedicated it to prayer and meditation in preparation for the election?’”

Pilgrims from other congregations in the two dioceses are welcome to join the walk from either end, bring sacred items from their parishes, and contribute ideas for prayers and devotions to use along the way.

The Westfield pilgrims will leave earlier and walk further, since their church is just over 11 miles from the rendezvous point. The North West pilgrims have just over four miles to travel. They’re calling the pilgrimage “Buckling the Belt,” because once they meet, said Carr, they will “close the two ends and make a physical connection between the two dioceses.

“Within that is giving thanks and praying for openness of mind and spirit,” she says. “We’re praying for the feel of the whole thing.”

To learn more or join the pilgrimage, email Carr or the Rev. Carol Carlson, vicar of Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross.

News from the Deanery

Fruit of the Vine

Wine Tasting Fun Raiser

October 13th, 2018

St. Marks Church, @ Olmsted Hall, Clay Street, LeRoy, NY

Featuring premium Finger Lakes wines

Hand-crafted by O-Neh-Da and Eagle Crest Vineyards,

Hemlock Lake, New York

For tickets and additional information

Please contact the Church Office - 585-768-7200

Tickets are \$10 per person

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28	November 4
EM 1	Barb King	Carol Queal	Jo-Ann Bestine	Diane Cox	Carol Queal
EM 2	Barb Gray	Barb Gray	Judy Essig	Jack Kershner	Barb King
Chantry EM	Russ Dvoroznak				
1st Lesson	Barb King	Barb Gray	Bette Rung	Joan Ellison	Amy Celentano
2nd Lesson	Jim Neider	Keith Price	Lilo Townsend	Wayne Judkins	Jack Kershner
Prayers of the People	Larry Belluscio	Diane Cox	Rose Rumery	Liz Findlay	Steve Hawley
Acolytes	Alieda Blossom Carol Queal	Diane Cox	Rich Geitner Alieda Blossom	Nichole Essig Scott Essig	Nichole Essig Abby Bestine
Ushers	Jane McKeehan Harold Odell	Peg & Alan Abrams	Nancy Harrington Harold Odell	Peg & Alan Abrams	Dean Perry Paula Alker
Greeters	Bonnie Smith Wayne Townsend	Dean Perry Bill Coughlin	Bonnie Smith Wayne Townsend	Nancy Harrington Dean Perry	Jane McKeehan Wayne Townsend
Element Bearers	Kathy & Larry Belluscio	Paula Alker Nancy Harrington	Jolene & Dick Folger	Donna Kauffman Bill Coughlin	Rose Rumery Harold Odell
Coffee Hour		Stacy & Dave Raines		ECW	
Flower Delivery	Harold Odell	Barb King	Dean Perry	Liz Findlay	Lilo Townsend
Altar Guild	Bette Rung Carol Queal Bill Coughlin	Jolene Folger Pat Roblee	Jo-Ann Bestine Joanne Fleming Donna Kauffman	Karen Odell Harold Odell Kathy Belluscio	Jolene Folger Pat Roblee
Building Closer	Larry Belluscio	Harold Odell	Jim Neider	Dave Lange	Harold Odell

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If you are unable to serve at a scheduled time,
please find a sub and notify the parish office

The St. James Calendar

Sun, Oct 7	9:00 am – 9:45 am 10:00 am– 11:15 am 11:15 am – 12:00 pm 11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour Our Faith Discussion Group
Mon, Oct 8	Office is closed – 4:45 pm – 6:45 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Columbus Day Observance EFM Class at the Judkins Home Genesee Chorale Rehearsal
Tue, Oct 9	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Vestry Reports Due Holy Eucharist @ Gen. Premier Nursing Home Outreach Committee Meeting ECW Meeting Pre-Convention Workshop
Wed, Oct 10	11:00 am – 11:30 am 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Holy Eucharist, Chapel Bible Discussion Group Rupprecht Fund Advisory Committee Choir Rehearsal
Thu, Oct 11	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Thrift Store Open Finance Team Meeting
Sat, Oct 13	10:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals
Sun, Oct 14	9:00 am – 9:45 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 10:00 am – 10:45 am 11:15 am – 12 00 pm 11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal Holy Eucharist Sunday School Coffee Hour Our Faith Discussion Group
Mon, Oct 15	7:00 am – 9:30 pm	Gen Chorale Rehearsal
Tue, Oct 16	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Wed, Oct 17	11:00 am – 11:30 am 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Holy Eucharist, Chapel Bible Discussion Group Bell Choir Practice Choir Rehearsal
Thu, Oct 18	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Thrift Store Open Wardens Meeting
Fri, Oct 19	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Gardner/Sofia Wedding Rehearsal
Sat. Oct 20	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Gardner/Sofia Wedding
Sun, Oct 21	9:00 am – 9:45 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 10:00 am – 10:45 am 11:15 am – 12 00 pm 11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal Holy Eucharist Sunday School Coffee Hour Our Faith Discussion Group
Mon, Oct 22	7:00 am – 9:30 pm	Gen Chorale Rehearsal
Tue, Oct 23	10:45 am – 11:15 am 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Holy Eucharist at The Manor House Deanery Council at St. Paul's Stafford



St. James Episcopal Church

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Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Weekday Services

Wednesday, 11 a.m. – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

The Second Tuesday of the Month, 3:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist at the Genesee County Nursing Home, 278 Bank Street, in the Mall Walk

The Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 10:45 a.m. – Holy Eucharist at The Manor House, 427 East Main Street, in the Grand Parlor

Everyone is Welcome!

The Rev. Bonnie F. Morris, Rector

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Harold Odell, Barbara Pierce, Lilo Townsend

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