



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

NEWSLETTER—OCTOBER 2016



The Power of Working Together

My dear friends,

Gifts of the spirit are individual, and we each encourage and cultivate our own particular talents and skills. It is when we bring our individual gifts together with those of others that they can find their fullest efficacy, that we can realize the greatest extent of our abilities.

Sharing time and talent makes our community strong and I know that we find fellowship and friendship in sharing work and mission. In the report from the Maintenance Team you can see a glimpse into all of the work and improvements that have been made here at St. James over the last several months. This work was done by many individuals, each their time and talent. No two people have the same set of skills and proclivities, but together, we support and encourage each other. Working together we can create a strong, thriving community that shares the generous love of Christ—and shares it generously.

Your sister in Christ,
Mother Bonnie+

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 4-7

Senior Warden's Report:

Senior Warden's Report to the Vestry- Sept. 2016:

The Vestry and the Wardens have returned to regular meetings as of September. From now on my newsletter report will be the issues that were addressed by me at the previous Vestry meeting. This way I will not have to do two reports for basically the same time period. As in the past if you have any questions for me please feel free to approach me at coffee hour, call or e-mail.

STEWARDSHIP: A correction from the last report- Jim Ellison, by his choice, will not be the chairman of the committee this year. We will need a new chairperson and we will be looking at starting immediately using the Vestry as a committee of the whole.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: The conversion of the Buildings & Grounds Committee to the Maintenance Team and the Property Committee is ready for Vestry action. This proposal would take the actual physical work done on simple low cost projects (approx. \$500 and under) and put them in the hands of the Maintenance Team, under the direction of the Junior Warden. Project ideas would come from the Team itself, the Rector, Wardens, Vestry, Property Committee and/or members of the congregation. The idea is to get small, inexpensive repairs completed at the lowest cost in the shortest time possible, thus saving money in the end. The Property Committee would in turn take on major projects (over approx. \$500 and requiring outside contractors to complete) generated by the same groups and individuals listed above under the direction of the Senior Warden. The Property Committee would also designate contractors for certain work (i.e. heating, roofing etc.) Emergencies would be assigned by the Rector and the Wardens. Members as of this date- Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Dave Lange, Theresa DeMars and Barb Pierce. We need two or three more.

BY-LAWS: The By-Laws of the Vestry need to be amended at the next Annual Meeting to spell out the qualifications for Vestry members and Junior and Senior Warden to comply with the standards set by the Diocese.

ACOLYTE ROBES: The storage of the acolyte robes needs to be addressed. The current storage room is inadequate and inconvenient (basement). Also, new robes are being considered and if they are purchased they will need a cleaner and more convenient storage space.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Current nominees include Lilo Townsend, Dorian Ely and Barb Gray for Vestry and hopefully Russ Dvoroznak for Junior Warden.

GENESSEE CHORALE AGREEMENT: Agreement for 9/1/16 – 8/31/17 is being presented for discussion and eventually a vote.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: The scholarship guidelines need to be updated and standardized before next May.

STAIR LIFTS: There is a need to consider making the stairs in the hall from the nave to back and the stairs leading up to the church hall handicap accessible. We have a quote on a used lift and a new lift.

Thanks, Jim Neider, Senior Warden

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

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



Joan Ellison 10/3 Scott Essig 10/11 June Myers 10/19
Calvin Fleming 10/22 Larry Belluscio 10/24
Anne Wolff 10/25 Sarah Rosenbeck 10/30



NEWS FROM ST. JAMES

Blessing of the Animals – Saturday, October 8th, at 10:00 am. Mark your calendar and plan to bring your leashed or crated pets of all kinds. Everyone in the community is welcome!

Good News to Share –Scott and Tonya Blossom would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Blossom to Christopher Penkszyk and they will be married on September 23, 2017.

Thank you – to Dawn Mark for our picture directory and the long hours she put into it. It looks great!

Scrip Cards – Let's not forget about purchasing Scrip cards. Are you still going to the pharmacy? The grocery store? Kmart? Walmart? Target? Etc? Thought so!! Don't forget to get your scrip cards on Sunday morning or at the office during the week.

Things we are collecting to help others -- Please keep in mind the things we are gathering and passing on to organizations to help them in their efforts:

Food Staples for Genesee Food Pantry
Box Top for Education icons for Liz Findlay's 6th Grade class
Aluminum Pull tabs for Juvenile Diabetes



Paint Can Fund -- Around the church you will see paint cans. Another way to help with our improvements is to put a few dollars into the collection can. These funds will be used to make small repairs and improvements before they become major jobs.

Maintenance Team Report: Early spring to 9-27-16

The following is a brief rundown of work done at St. James.

Front doors were opened, repaired, weather stripped, stained and painted. Walls were repaired, there was a complete new masonry sill installed at the base of the stain glass windows. The three walls in this area are being painted. New drop pins for the doors were installed.

Brochure table was moved it, back removed, re-glued the loose Formica, and added an oak stained trim cap.

Turner Entrance slab and short wall received a complete re-build. Concrete clear seal was added. The railing was sanded and painted. The down spout was repaired and a new funnel was made and installed. The underground drain was snaked out, to put back in operation. We are drilling for reflectors at the window wells; this area we need to warn plow drivers.

The salt destroyed blocks at the bottom of Parish Hall. Walls were cleaned out, top and bond repaired, painted, and driveway tar sealed to save from future salt damage.

The blacktop at the **Thrift store entrance** door was sawed, jack hammered and dug out, and then a new slightly tapered concrete slab was poured, finished, and clear sealed. This was done to help prevent people from tripping at this entrance.

The **steps at the northwest entrance** were completely rebuilt, sealed and finished. Concrete was poured 3' under slab to help support the steps. The short wall was re-done and sealed. New weather strips are being installed on this door as well as the Turner door. Drop pins were installed, and latch and hardware was repaired.

The **sills of Mother Bonnie's office and the copy room** were completely re-built, and surface finished. The windows that were painted shut were opened and repaired. The drawer system

in Mother Bonnie's office was cut open, (painted shut) sanded and re-fit but not yet repainted. There were repairs made in the bathroom.

Numerous repairs were made to **pews and kneelers**.

There were many repairs made to **electrical problems**, add on lines, timers, lights, bulbs. etc. The drain lines on the dish washer were repaired. Later control unit was replaced by a contractor.

There were numerous repairs made to **drain lines, sewer lines** etc. in the church, apartment, and the rectory; some by us, some by outside contractors. There were many repairs by us to faucets, toilets etc.

There was **tree cutting and vine trimming** done at the storage barn; vines and branches causing leaks. A new lockset was installed.

The **boiler scheduled maintenance** was done by outside contractor; necessary repairs were made to leaks and control replacement.

The **slab at the kitchen entrance** was black top filled, repaired and sealed.

Many **repairs, maintenance**, etc. were done to lawn tractor, weed eater, lawn cart, wheel barrow etc.

We installed a test **AC unit to Guild room**. We are taking the unit out and making a permanent panel for this unit. Foam AC gaskets will be installed. Also the outlet for this unit was replaced with a grounded one.

The **floor plug** in Mother Bonnie's office was shorting out and was replaced with a new one, a cover plate was installed.

Brackets were repaired that hold **fire extinguishers** in place. **New smoke and fire alarms as well as CO (carbon monoxide) detectors** were installed in the church, Parish hall, rectory, kitchen etc. to comply with new city code; about 70 to 75 units were put up.

We fixed numerous **locksets, weather strips, locks on doors** all over church, barn, Rectory.

Loose and damaged **down spouts** were repaired around the building.

New Parish hall windows were installed by Classic. (paid for by the ECW) A BIG THANKS TO THEM)

Black top tapers were added to some window wells, to improve drainage at these areas.

Reactivated the **outside faucet** under kitchen stairs.

Repaired some **block on parish hall**, many joint repairs to stone wall of church.

Bath room floor in Guild room painted. Some additional repairs to Guild room windows, balances etc.

An entire **new roof** was installed by Security Roofing to the East side of Nave. Note: still on their schedule this year is to tear off the entire Nave West side, the four small peak entrance roofs on East and West sides, as well as tear off and new roof for the East Chapel roof.

Some repairs were made by us and outside contractor to the **Rectory**. A lead safe test was done on Rectory; which it passed.

Sign stands were made, painted, and signs installed for circle parking area. More signs are planned for the future.

A **custom made radiator cover** was made from old pew wood at the southwest entrance.

A custom made **stone entrance** was installed along the shrub line in the parking circle.

Many repairs were made to missing wood slats, loose joints, etc. for the **choir room chairs**.

Repairs and changes, and re-installing of **seats, rails**, etc. were made to choir and Chapel area.

The **fan unit** in the refrigerator in the kitchen was replaced by outside contractor.

There are so many more things that were repaired that will fill many more pages. I guess the above will give you an idea of the work done on the church complex in a relatively short time frame. There is still a lot more that needs attention. Also I would like to add here, that the Maintenance Team could use some additional help. You don't have to do physical help to help us, your input, picking up materials etc. would be a great help. If you can paint that would also help us out.

I would like to thank those St. James members who gave so much of their labor, time, and materials for all of the above:

Dave Lange, Garry Hammond, Cal Fleming, Dick Folger, Dawn Mark, Jack Kershner, and Larry Belluscio

A SPECIAL NOTE: FYI the vast majority of the above repairs made by the St. James people were completely paid for by two anonymous donors who gave so generously to St. James. The donations covered all the materials for repairs, and some labor charges. This saved our taking this money out of our General Maintenance Budget. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! A special thanks to John Swartz for donating the cost of the resealing and stripe work to the entire East parking lot.

We will be starting an ADOPT A PROJECT plan. We will price out many jobs, projects etc. around the church. They will range from lower cost to higher costs projects. Church members can choose to fund part or all of any project that appeals to them. Look in the Newsletter or bulletin for future information.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Mother Bonnie, Barb King and Ann Chilano for their tireless work in the office. I didn't, as most here don't realize the amount of work they do to keep St. James running. A BIG THANKS!!! And I thought fixings steps was a lot of work!!!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Russ Dvoroznak, Junior Warden
Maintenance Team

Weekday Services

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

The Second Tuesday of the Month at 2:30 – Holy Eucharist at the **Genesee County Nursing Home, 278 Bank Street.** The service is held 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.** The service is held in the Grand Parlor.

Everyone is Welcome!

Phone chain for announcements -- We are working hard at St. James to make sure that we communicate all important information to our parish family in timely and accessible ways. Some of our parishioners don't use email – and – just as ALL ARE WELCOME, we believe that ALL ARE IMPORTANT and should get all of the news. To that end, we would like to create a phone chain for announcements for timely and important events such as deaths in our parish family, time changes, special events. Can you help? With little effort we can make sure that all of our parishioners are included in important information. If you would like to be on the phone chain, please contact Barb King in the office, 343-6802 or saint.james2@outlook.com

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEW YORK

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other: Anti-Racism Training of the Episcopal Church, Oct. 15 & 22.

RECIPE CORNER

Ben's Korny Cornbread (6 servings)

3/4 c. all purpose flour
1 c. cornmeal
1 egg yolk
2 egg whites
½ teas. Salt
2 teas. Baking powder
½ teas. Baking soda
1 tbs. oil (not olive)
1 small can cream style corn
¼ c. milk (approx)

Smear 7-inch cast iron skillet with shorting. Work in with fingers in circular motion. Place in the oven & set for 375 F.

Combine all dry ingredients into medium mixing bowl. Stir. Separate two eggs. Add one yolk to dry ingredients (discard the other); set whites aside in a separate mixing bowl. Add the cream corn, milk, & oil. Work with wooden spoon (not an electric mixer yet) into stiff dough. Add enough milk keep dough only to keep from sticking to sides of the bowl. *

Beat eggs whites to stiff peaks. Add 1/3 of the whites to the dough, and then use the electric mixer to blend thoroughly. Finally, fold in remaining egg whites into the batter.

Turn the batter into pre-heated skillet and bake for 20-25 minutes. Remove promptly and cool to serving temperature before cutting.

Variations:

*For "Preacher Comin' t'Dinner" version, at this step:

Add 3 oz. shredded sharp cheddar cheese and/or 2 tablespoons fresh chopped chives

Please share your favorite recipe with us; whether it is for grilling, baking, cooking, or a quick-throw-together recipe. Every month we will share a recipe that is sent in. Please email them or drop them by the office.

OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICE PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE

| | October 2 | October 9 | October 16 | October 23 | October 30 |
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| Chalice 1 | Judy Essig | Jim Ellison | Cathy Judkins | Jo-Ann Bestine | Bonnie Dvoroznak |
| Chalice 2 | Bonnie Dvoroznak | Jack Kershner | Barb Gray | Jack Kershner | Jeff Gray |
| Chalice Chantry | Theresa DeMars | Russ Dvoroznak | Bonnie Dvoroznak | Cathy Judkins | Jim Ellison |
| 1st Lesson | Diane Cox | Jim Neider | Wayne Judkins | Liz Findlay | Jack Kershner |
| 2nd Lesson | Jack Kershner | Joan Ellison | Lilo Townsend | Diane cox | Larry Belluscio |
| Prayers of People | Liz Findlay | Steve Hawley | Larry Belluscio | Rose Rumery | Jim Neider |
| Acolytes | Alieda Blossom Diane Cox | Scott Essig Judy Essig | Jeff Tress Alieda Blossom | Jaycob Belluscio Jo-Ann Bestine | Scott Essig Judy Essig |
| Ushers | Russ Dvoroznak Dean Perry | Don Fox Betsy Dexheimer | Russ Dvoroznak Larry Belluscio | Don Fox Larry Belluscio | Russ Dvoroznak Larry Belluscio |
| Greeters | Barb & Jeff Gray | Kathy Larry Belluscio | Wayne Townsend Russ Dvoroznak | Bonnie & Russ Dvoroznak | Barb & Jeff Gray |
| Element Bearers | Barb & Jeff Gray | Russ Dvoroznak Dean Perry | Jolene & Dick Folger | Bonnie & Russ Dvoroznak | Peg & Alan Abrams |
| Nursery | | Jo-Ann Bestine | Joanne Fleming | Ann Chilano | Jo-Ann Bestine |
| Altar Guild | Jolene Folger Pat Roblee Nancy Harrington | Bette Rung Carol Queal Bill Coughlin | Jo-Ann Bestine Joanne Fleming Donna Kauffman | Kathy Belluscio Karen & Harold Odell | Pat Roblee Jolene Folger Nancy Harrington |
| Counters | Lilo Townsend Barb King | Liz Findlay Jim Ellison | Liz Findlay Jim Ellison | Larry Belluscio Lilo Townsend | John Swartz Lilo Townsend |
| Coffee Hour | Kathy Belluscio | Bonnie Dvoroznak | Jolene Folger | Dorian Ely | Kathy Belluscio |
| Flower Delivery | Dean Perry | Debbie Barone | Cathy Judkins | Liz Findlay | Debbie Barone |

October Calendar

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| Abbreviations: HE = Holy Eucharist Gen. Chorale = Genesee Chorale Gen. Y. Chorale= Genesee Youth Chorale Choir Reh = Choir Rehearsal, C. Hour = Coffee Hour | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 C. Hour 11:20 Our Faith | 3 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale | 4 7:00 Bldgs. & Grounds | 5 11 HE | 6 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens' mtg | 7 | 8 10:00 Blessing of the Pets |
| 9 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 C. Hour 11:20 Our Faith | 10 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale | 11 2:30 HE @ Gen County Nursing Home 5:30 ECW | 12 11 HE | 13 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens' mtg 7:00 Pre-Convention workshop | 14 6:15 Symphony reh | 15 8:00 Diocese of WNY Antiracism training |
| 16 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 C. Hour 11:20 Our Faith 3:00 Symphony Concert | 17 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale | 18 7:00 Vestry | 19 11 HE | 20 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens' mtg | 21 | 22 8:00 Diocese of WNY Antiracism training |
| 23 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 C. Hour 11:20 Our Faith | 24 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale | 25 10:45 HE @ The Manor House | 26 11 HE | 27 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens' & Treasurer's mtg | 28 Diocesan Convention | 29 Diocesan Convention |
| 30 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 C. Hour 11:20 Our Faith | 31 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale | | | | | |



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