

Newsletter

March / April 2020



St. James' Episcopal Church is a community of faith where we come together in Christ to develop spiritually through worship and Spirit-led action. We experience the sacred through our liturgy, music, hospitality, and shared ministries. As part of our outreach mission to the greater Clinton area, the parish campus is used by various community groups as a place of meeting and fellowship. We are continually and prayerfully exploring ways to transform the world through loving faith-filled service.

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As we enter the season of Lent, the Book of Common Prayer invites us "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."¹

Whether you are able to join Presiding Bishop Curry in fasting one day a week from Ash Wednesday until Advent begins, or you decide to add a new discipline to your daily routine, I hope that you will use this time of Lent to turn away from habits

that prevent you from being your authentic self. (<https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/lent-2020-call-prayer-fastingand-repentance-leading-action>)

The Rev. Scott Stoner shared some lovely suggestions on how we might fast that have nothing to do with food. "Fast from hurting words, and say kind words. Fast from sadness, and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger, and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism, and be filled with hope. Fast from complaints, and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures, and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness, and fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness, and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges, and be reconciled. Fast from words, and be silent so you can listen."

My wish for each of us, is that regardless of the choices we make over the next several weeks, we will use this time to be mindful of what God is asking us to do in our individual lives, in our parish-life, and in our communion with the world around us. I pray that our time during Lent will help us to arrive at Holy Week filled with a sense of hope. That we will experience the joy of Jesus' entrance on Palm Sunday, as well as the solemnity of the Passion. I hope that we will allow ourselves to feel the humility of the foot washing, the power of the altar stripping, the pain of the cross on Good Friday, the triumph of light over darkness at the Easter Vigil, and the hope in the resurrection on Easter morning. May God be with you as you travel through Lent and may the Light of Jesus Christ fill you with hope and peace so that you may spread that light to all those you encounter.

Blessings, Karen Anderson

In the coming months, we will use this space in the newsletter to help keep you informed of Vestry activities. The Vestry meets monthly and after each meeting, one of us will also give a brief report to the congregation at Saturday and Sunday services.

Now that we have said goodbye to Father Gary, we face a transition which can be a time of anxiety for many of us. However, change is an important part of life, and we believe that it can create a very positive outcome.

Over the past few weeks, we have had several conversations about our search process with Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, diocesan Canon for Transition & Church Development. Many of you will remember Canon Carrie, who was here for our Annual Meeting. On February 19th, we spent a good part of the Vestry meeting discussing the process we will undertake to search for a new priest. We will be sharing more information with the parish in the near future.

The Vestry also approved the Parochial Report, which is required to be submitted to the diocese on an annual basis. The church considers the report an “annual insight into the life, ministry, finances, and membership” of the parish.

One of St. James’ greatest strengths is the dedication and energy of its congregation. I want to thank all of you who are giving of your time and talents to supporting St. James and its mission.

—Chris Fox, Senior Warden

January Vestry Meeting Highlights

Call to Order: The Vestry meeting convened on January 8, 2020, at 7:05 p.m. in the St. James’ Conference Room. Ken Iles called the meeting to order.

Budget 2020

The vestry discussed the budget for 2020. There is significant decrease in pledges and the vestry needs to look into the reasons behind that. When the budget is presented at the annual meeting it should show 3 columns; 2019 budget approved, 2019 budget actual, and 2020 budget approved.

Pat Davis moves to accept the 2020 budget as presented. Abraham. All approve.

December 8, 2019 Vestry Meeting Minutes

Pat Davis moves that the minutes from the 12/8/2019 meeting reflect that there was a unanimous vote to approve a Hamilton Point transfer to give Father Gary payment in thanksgiving for his ministry.

Iles. All approve.

Review & Approval of November 20, 2019 Vestry Meeting Minutes

Malinda Abraham moves to accept the 11/20/2019 minutes as presented.

Davis. All approve.

Review & Approval of December 15, 2019 Vestry Meeting Minutes

Ken Iles moves to accept for the 12/15/2019 minutes as presented.

Hayes. Approved.

Next meeting is February 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Iles / Abraham

The vestry minutes are available for parishioners to read in the library. The Clerk of the Vestry binder is located on top of the bookshelf. Minutes will be available in the binder following their approval by the vestry.

Outreach

The Outreach Committee has voted to select Haiti as its focus for Lenten giving. We hope you will consider making a donation to St. Matthias, Père Fred's parish in Haiti, as part of your Lenten discipline. The Outreach Committee will match all funds received, up to \$2000. There are designated envelopes in the pews. Checks may be made out to St. James' Church, with "Haiti" in the memo line. Karen Anderson received a very poignant message from Père Fred, asking for our support to help him keep the parish school open for the impoverished children. The message in part reads:



In Haiti, the less fortunate are not always capable of sending their children to school. As someone who values education, wherever I arrive, I always do my best to help those who have the ages to go to school and do not go. Today, if I am who I am, it is because I went to school and be well educated. I am able today to take care of my family, my parents and my community.

So, what about the children who might want to go to school and their parents cannot send them to?

What will their lives look like in the future? These questions bother me so much!



Last July, I was transferred to the community of Camp-Perrin (a very small city in the South of Haiti) to serve two churches that had been completely destroyed by a major hurricane and which had never been repaired. As I surveyed the communities, I discovered that many children from two shantytowns were not attending school because their parents did not have the needed resources.

Moved and concerned by this situation, I decided to reopen the church's schools that had been closed at the hurricane. However, the parents do not have any resources to contribute toward the upkeep of the school and their children's education.

Now, we are seeking help to keep the desperate kids in school in keeping the lunch program and pay the teachers salaries.

Goals to achieve

- 1-have a great school of reference in the community of Camp-Perrin where the less fortunate kids can come to be well educated
- 2-Give the chance to these less fortunate kids to bring changes in their communities
- 3-Reducing the level of illiteracy in the country and especially among the less fortunates
- 4- And Finally have these kids understand that God loves each and everyone, since they too have the same chance to go to school as others.

The students in Père Fred's school are 6-14 years old, and the major costs for the school are \$200/month for lunches and \$400/month for teacher salaries (who often work for no pay). Thank you for considering this very worthwhile cause!

Chris and Patty Fox

From the Pew: Health and Hygiene Practices for Eucharist

by Patricia Jue

The following was shared on February 27, 2020 through “The Messenger”, the newsletter of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York:

As the flu season continues, and amid growing concerns about the possible spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, now is a good time to remind everyone about best practices for hygiene during Eucharist and other services.

Parishioners who are coughing or sneezing should **refrain from handshaking** during the Peace. Fist bumps, elbow bumps, friendly waves, and peace signs are all acceptable substitutes.

Avoid intinction (the dipping of the bread into the wine). Intinction does little to avoid the spread of disease and may actually increase the spread, as the bread or wafer spends more time in the (possibly unclean) hand before being dipped in the wine.

There is no evidence for increased risk of disease associated with the shared communion cup, but of course each parishioner must make up their own minds about its use. For further reading on this topic, please see “The Common Cup and Communicable Disease,” published by the Rev. Canon Frank Logue (bishop-elect, Diocese of Georgia) on February 24, 2020, available at <http://loosecanon.georgiaepiscopal.org/?p=2476>

Churches should **make hand sanitizer available** for parishioners to use. Sanitize hands before and after contact with others.

In addition, priests presiding at the Eucharist, communion administrators and servers should **wash their hands**, preferably with an alcohol-based (minimum 60%) hand sanitizer.

Best hygiene practice should continue to be observed in all pastoral contacts.

This post was adapted from a recent communication sent by the Diocese of New Jersey, which incorporates guidelines from the Church of England.



Pictured: Chalice and paten, St. James', Clinton

The chalice was given into our care, upon the closing of Grace Episcopal Church, Waterville. The paten was given in memory of Dorothy King, long time member of the altar guild.

Some comments about practices at St. James', Clinton: There are hand pumps of sanitizers located throughout the church; please feel free to use them. We have hand sanitizer (greater than 70% alcohol) at the altar for clergy and lay Eucharist ministers to use prior to administering Communion. The main focus of the Eucharist is our communion with God and with each other; don't expect to see the sanitizer pump prominently placed next to the chalice! Lay Eucharist ministers are trained to wipe the interior and exterior rim of the chalice and rotate the chalice between each communicant. Also see <https://stjamesclinton.org/communion>

Episcopal Relief and Development (ER-D) posted information about the coronavirus (COVID-19) from a faith based view point at <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program/faith-based-response-to-epidemics/>. Besides the ER-D response, the webpage has many informational links.

*God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to all
who wait or work in uncertainty.*

*Bring hope that you will make them the equal
of whatever lies ahead.*

*Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you.*

“Prayer for People Critically Ill or Facing Great Uncertainty”-Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 765, offered by Episcopal Relief and Development (ER-D) in the wake of the **coronavirus (COVID-19)** and influenza season, <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program/faith-based-response-to-epidemics>

Diocesan Events

Faith Development in Community Workshop

Several dates available

The Congregational Development team regularly offers workshops that bring the insights and resources of the College for Congregational Development program to you, and teach you in turn how to share those insights with your congregation. In this free workshop, you'll learn the "Faith Development In Community" model as a lens to look at how people develop as disciples through life in our congregations. We'll learn to identify the different stages of faith development, and get a deeper understanding of how our congregations can nurture everyone: core members, occasional attenders, newcomers, and the wider community beyond our church.

This workshop will be led by members of our diocesan Congregational Development team and is appropriate for all clergy and lay leaders and anyone interested in faith formation and development.

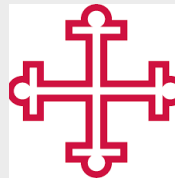
Register online (free) at faith-dev.eventbrite.com

Learning Communities Initiative Summit

Saturday, April 18th

Is your community struggling with hunger? Opioid use? Senior citizens who are isolated and lonely? This summit will help you identify concrete ways your parish can be part of God's response in your neighborhood—and connect you with others in the diocese working on similar ministries. Suitable for participants in the 2020 [Learning Communities Initiative](#) workshop cohort, or past Learning Communities Initiative participants, this Summit will help you apply what you've heard from your neighbors about the needs of your community.

Diocesan E-newsletter



Sign up for the Diocesan e-newsletter to stay up to date with information!

To sign up [click here](#).

Parish Events

Family Fellowship Evenings

Family Fellowship Evenings will take place on March 10 and April 21 from 5:30-7 pm in the parish hall. A simple meal will be shared and there will be a story and a craft. Kids of all ages are welcome.

Wine and Cheese Fellowship

A wine and cheese fellowship will be held on Saturday, March 14 following the 4:00 pm service. The evening is hosted by our fellowship committee and all are invited!

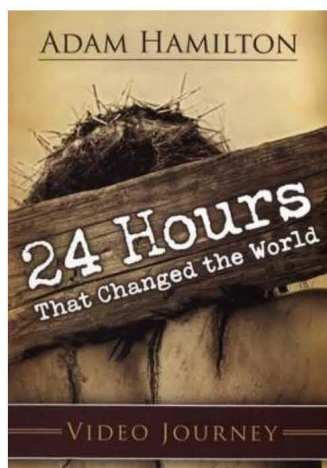
Clinton Area Ministerium Events

Good Friday Ecumenical Service

The Clinton Ministerium will be hosting an ecumenical Good Friday service on April 10 at noon at the Chapel at Hamilton College. The service will be followed by a luncheon at the Bristol Center.

Easter Sunrise Service on the Green

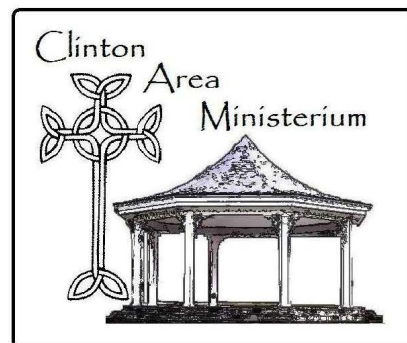
The Clinton Ministerium will be hosting an ecumenical sunrise service Easter Sunday, April 12 on the village green. Details will be coming soon.



Clinton Area Ministerium Lenten Series Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at CUMC

Based on his best-selling book, “24 Hours that Changed the World”, pastor and popular author Adam Hamilton helps through his video series for viewers to relive the one day in history that changed everything and understand the significance of Jesus’ final hours. Drawing on insights from history, archaeology, geography, and the Bible, Hamilton takes us to the Holy Land and provides a deeper understanding of the most amazing day in history. We visit the sites where those earth-shaking events took place, and we walk where Jesus walked along the road that led to the pain and triumph of the cross.

This year’s ecumenical Lenten Series will be hosted at the Clinton United Methodist Church in the Norton Room on **Tuesday evenings** beginning with a **light soup and bread supper at 6:00 p.m.** Then there will be a session shown from Adam Hamilton’s video “Final Words from the Cross” followed by a discussion moderated by one of Clinton’s clergy. The program will end before 7:30 p.m. Please plan to make this fascinating series part of your Lenten experience.



Mar 3	The Rev. Michael Terrell	Session 1 “The Last Supper”
Mar 10	The Rev. Janet Griffiths and Patsy Glista, AIM	Session 2 “The Garden of Gethsemane” Session 3 “Condemned by the Righteous” Session 4 “Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate”
Mar 17	Pastor Scott Leonard	Session 5 “The Torture and Humiliation of the King” (Stone supplies the soup and bread this week)
Mar 24	The Rev. Fr. John Croghan	Session 6 “The Crucifixion”
Mar 31	The Rev. Jeff McArn Rev. Jean Skinner	Session 7 “Christ the Victor” and “What If Judas Had Lived?”

Clinton Area Ministerium

Ms. Karen Anderson, *St. James’ Episcopal Church*
The Rev. John Croghan, *St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church*
Ms. Patsy Glista, *Deacon at Lutheran Care*
The Rev. Janet Griffiths, *Lutheran Care Chaplain*
Mr. Scott Leonard, *CLP, Stone Presbyterian Church*
The Rev. Jeff McArn, *Hamilton College Chaplain*
The Rev. Dcn. Jean Skinner, *Lutheran Care*
The Rev. Michael Terrell, *Clinton United Methodist Church*



Community COLLECTION DAY

Saturday April 25, 9am – 12pm
CLINTON VILLAGE GREEN

WHAT'S BEING COLLECTED?

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS for the Country Pantry -
Let's fill the gazebo!

ELECTRONICS: Make a donation to the Country Pantry and recycle your old electronics

EYEGASSES & HEARING AIDS: Make a donation of these used items to be cleaned, repaired, and distributed to those who need them.

SHREDDING: Make a donation to the Country Pantry and shred your sensitive documents

BOTTLES AND CANS: Support the Boynton Pool

TRASH: Organized clean-up through the village

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ENJOY
Bake Sale and Music



CONTACT: Scott Leonard, 315-723-7420 for more information

Pictures from St. James' Events

Epiphany Party January 6, 2020



Parishioners gathered in the parish hall to celebrate Epiphany.

St. Matthias Day February 24, 2020



St. Matthias Day is celebrated by our sister parish, St. Matthias. A special coffee hour took place at St. James on Sunday, February 23 to celebrate with them. Haitian food and, of course, Singing Rooster coffee was served.

Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020

We held an Imposition of Ashes service on February 26th. Food donations for The Country Pantry were collected during the offering.



Pictures from St. James' Events

Shrove Tuesday February 25, 2020



Our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper took place on February 25th. This year the supper was a fundraiser for The Country Pantry. Those who attended provided food and monetary donations. Our Youth Ministry volunteers provided an activities table for children where they could create "Lent in a Bag". Many church members volunteered their time to set up, cook, and clean up. Pictured above are a few of our happy cooks! Over \$400 was raised and several large boxes of food were donated to The Country Pantry.

AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS NOT YET COME: LENTEN GREETING CARDS



ONE MAUNDY THURSDAY



Images are from <https://www.cpg.org/global/online-resources/cartoons/>

March Server Schedule

Date	Lectors	LEMs	Ushers/ Greeters	Altar Guild
Sun. 3/ 1 9:30 a.m.	Diane Baldwin		Claire Hayes Ken Iles	
Sat. 3/ 7 4:00 p.m.	Malinda Abraham	Person Scheduled	Charles Abraham Malinda Abraham	Sue Hecklau Pat Davis
Sun. 3/ 8 9:30 a.m.	Mark Linderman	Gail Prentice	Don Neil Randy Wilson	
Sat. 3/ 14 4:00 p.m.	Chris Fox	Patty Fox	Chris Fox	Sue Hecklau Wendy Weber Jan Wilson
Sun. 3/ 15 9:30 a.m.	Kate Marquardt	Randy Wilson	Ernest Williams Sharon Williams	
Sat. 3/ 21 4:00 p.m.	Malinda Abraham	Charles Abraham	Malinda Abraham	Pat Evans Pat Davis
Sun. 3/ 22 9:30 a.m.	Gail Prentice	Mary Lou Iles	Pat Davis Ken Iles	
Sat. 3/ 28 4:00 p.m.	David Hermann	Person Scheduled	Volunteer Needed	Person Scheduled Jan Wilson Pat Evans
Sun. 3/ 29 9:30 a.m.	Diane Baldwin		Don Neil Randy Wilson	

Parish Communications

Weekly E-news

Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter to stay up to date about parish news, read sermons, learn about diocesan events, find out what's going on in our community, and more!

[Click here](#) to sign up or contact the office at (315) 853-5359.

The newsletter is sent out Friday morning. The deadline to submit content is Thursday at noon. Please e-mail article submissions to the office at office@stjamesclinton.org

Church Directory

St. James has an on-line password protected directory for active parish members.

Simply go to our website www.stjamesclinton.org and click on the red Church Member Link square. Alternatively you can get to the directory using www.churchmemberlink.com/directcommunicator/sjec The username is your first and last name separated by the underline character; for instance Mary_Smith. If you are uncertain of your password, there is a handy "Forgot your password" link.

If you are new and would like to be added to our directory, or are uncertain about how to connect to and use the directory, contact our church administrator, Caitlin Richer, or members of the Communication group, Kathy Collett and Patricia Jue.

For our up-to-date calendar visit www.stjamesclinton.com/calendar.

Youth Ministry

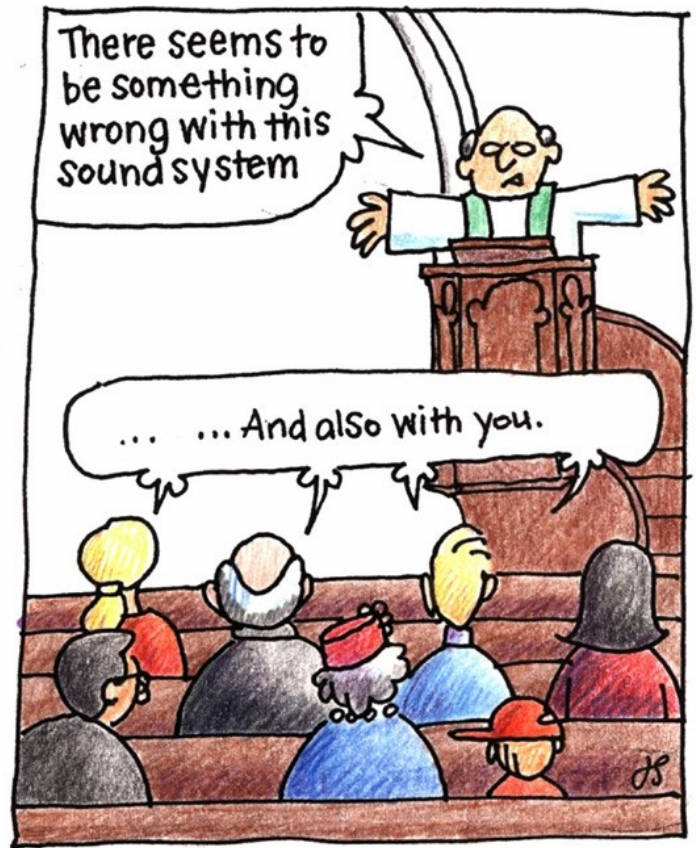
Children's Ministry at St. James is alive! And we'd love to have you join us. Mark the following dates on your calendars. First of the month Sunday School classes with prayer, story, and a related craft will happen on the following Sundays: March 1 (Lent 1), April 5 (Palm Sunday), May 3 (Psalm 23—The Lord is My Shepherd), and June 7 (Trinity Sunday).

Family Fellowship Evenings with a story and meal and craft are scheduled for the following Tuesdays: March 10 (season of Lent), April 21 (Easter season), and May 19 (season of Pentecost).

We hope you and your families can join us for these events!

And, if you enjoy working with children, and would like volunteer with the children's ministry group at St. James, contact Jan Wilson at wilsons1975@gmail.com or on my cellphone 315-223-1940.

God Bless,
Jan Wilson



Easter Flowers & Greenery

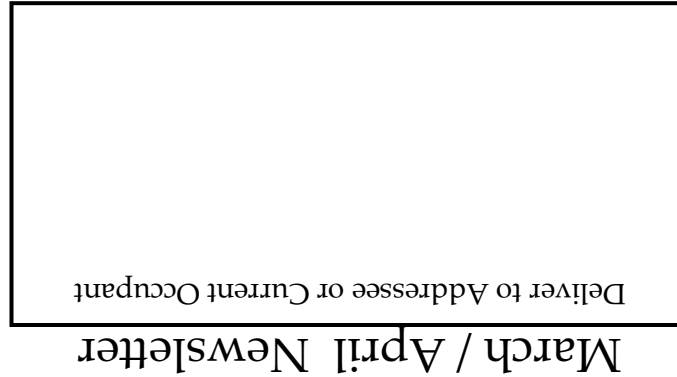
Donations may be made towards the cost of flowers for Easter in memory of loved ones, or to honor Jesus, the Christ. A minimum donation of \$25 is requested. Please complete the form below and return it, along with your donation, to the office or to the ushers during services by Friday, April 3. Make checks out to St. James with "Easter Plants" in the memo line.

Parishioner's Name: _____

In memory/ In thanksgiving of (please circle an option): _____

Will you take plant after the Sunday, April 12th service? Yes: ____ No: ____

Easter plants that are not taken after that service will be delivered to home bound members of our parish so that they know that we think of them and include them in our celebrations. If you would like to receive a plant or know someone who would like one, please contact the church office at (315) 853-5359 or office@stjamesclinton.org



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Regular Services
Saturday 4:00 pm · Sunday 9:30 am



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Eucharist services	April 4, 4:00 pm April 5, 9:30 am
Maundy Thursday Agape meal and stripping of the altar	April 9, 5:30 pm
Good Friday Tenebrae service	April 10, 7:00 pm
Easter Vigil service <i>Lighting of the First Flame, Renew of Baptismal Vows, Holy Communion Bring bells to ring.</i>	April 11, 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday service	April 12, 9:30 am

For more information, visit www.stjamesclinton.org