

Here's what's happening this week

June 8, 2018



St. James' Episcopal Church 9 Williams Street, Clinton

Worship News

**Father Gary will lead Worship Services on
Saturday, June 9th at 4 pm;
Sunday, June 10th 9:30 am**

Sermons On-line

Each Monday, sermons from the previous weekend are posted on the St. James website at <http://stjamesclinton.org/sermons>

Learning Community Initiative

In February, we began a 9 month initiative with our Diocese. One of the goals of the Learning Community is to discern and respond to God's leading. Another goal is to deepen our congregation's spirituality. So far, our Learning Community Guiding group has introduced the parish to Dwelling In The Word and we have begun our listening campaign. Now it is time to welcome your participation to our Prayer Flag Initiative. We pray in many ways as Episcopalians: corporate prayer, daily offices, collects, praise songs, The Lord's Prayer, the list is long. Our new initiative involves a creative and public way to offer our prayers.

Throughout the world, prayer flags are flown as an outward symbol of faith. We would like to add our own twist to this tradition. This Saturday and Sunday following our worship services we will invite you to share your prayer concerns by listing one on a piece of cloth that we will then tie together to blow in the breezes on our front lawn. Perhaps you want to thank God for some blessing in your life, or perhaps you want to raise up someone you know to God's tender care. You may feel compelled to pray for a local concern, a national concern or even a universal concern. Whatever you would like to offer to God: gratitude, praise, comfort or peace, we encourage you to write that event or name or matter on one of the strips of cloth we will provide and add it to our collective prayers. You are encouraged to add one or more prayers as often as you would like.

It is our intention to invite the greater community to participate with us in this endeavor.

We plan to move this living display onto the village green once a month during the Clinton Farmer's Market. Just imagine how beautiful all those prayers will be dancing in the breezes of our summer months. Just imagine what we can learn by listening to what our neighbors concerns are.



Lay Preacher Program

Our diocesan Lay Preaching Program is now accepting applications for 2018-2020 (due July 1st).

"Lay preachers proclaim the Gospel effectively and faithfully, offering biblically-based sermons that are rooted in real-life experiences. Lay preachers are trained through our two-year diocesan Lay Preaching Program, which combines independent study, group classes, one-on-one mentoring, and training by diocesan clergy. Many lay preachers are also experienced, licensed Worship Leaders, able to lead Morning Prayer or other services when clergy are not present." -cnyepiscopal.org

Lay Preaching Program students commit to a two-year course of study. Classes meet four times a year for theological reflection, practical exercises, and a master preaching class. The curriculum includes training in biblical exegesis, sermon preparation and public speaking.

Applications for the 2018-20 Lay Preaching Program (beginning Fall 2018) are now available and are due July 1st.

For more information or to find a Lay Preacher Program Application please visit www.cnyepiscopal.org

God Sightings

As you enjoy the warm months of summer, the Learning Communities Initiative guiding group invites you look around your neighbor and the Village of Clinton to see where God may be present. Look of signs of God's abundance, compassion, love, and Sabbath rest. To share your photo or story, send to god-sightings@stjamesclinton.org, place in the Learning Communities Initiative mail box, or give to one of LCI facilitators: Charles Abraham, Karen Anderson, Kathy Collett, Patricia Jue, Deborah Lucas-Mott, and Terry Neil.

This week's image finds delight in new life on the grounds of Rome Cemetery as a family of geese enjoys a sunny day. See more images at <http://stjamesclinton.org/god-sightings> or on the St. James facebook site www.facebook.com/stjamesclinton.org. (You don't need to have a Facebook account to visit.)



Dwelling in the Word

The Learning Communities Initiative Teams have been learning the listening technique called "Dwelling in the Word". It's similar to other reflection techniques where, when scripture is read, you listen for a word, phrase, or sentence which "grabs your attention", ponder your reaction, and then talk about your response. **Beginning Sat., May 5th and Sun., May 6th**, I would like to begin modeling "Dwelling in the Word" during worship. I would choose a word or phrase from scripture readings which impressed me and offer them to you at the end of announcements, inviting you all to dwell on these words during Eucharist. If anyone would like to share their "Dwelling in the Word" responses, we would meet in the back of the church or in the All Saints' room.

My hope is that others will be willing to take turns in the future, offering the word or phrases which caught their attention during the readings. My hope is also that this will awaken in us some new insights about Christ's importance in our lives. For more information, contact Terry Houtz Neil 315-368-4151.

St. Paul's School in Haiti

This is a photo from Pere Fred of the students at St. Paul's school in Haiti enjoying lunch provided by the funds we raised. The students are nearing the end of the school year and are taking their final exams in hopes of progressing to the next grade level after summer

vacation. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



Parish Picnic
Sunday, June 17th

This year's Parish Picnic will be Sunday, June 17th at the Kirkland Town Park, 3314 Post St, Pavilion #3. Sunday Worship Service will begin at 10 a.m. in the pavilion followed by food and games.

Please R.S.V.P by [clicking here](#)



Join Property Management!
Thursday, June 14 6:30 p.m.

Please consider joining the Property Management Committee and help guide projects that preserve and enhance the interiors and exteriors of our wonderful facilities. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Volunteer Office.



March in the CNY Pride Parade **Saturday June 16th**

The Episcopal Church celebrates our LGBTQ members, leaders and neighbors. Join Episcopalians and Lutherans marching in the annual CNY Pride Parade held in Syracuse. It's a fun, family-friendly way to share the love of Jesus!

Saturday, June 16th

Meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Destiny USA parking lots on Solar Street. Look for the Episcopal/Lutheran banners. Bring your church banner if desired.

Details at cnyepiscopal.org/pride.



Hope House Volunteers Needed!

St. James prepares and serves 2 meals in the summer months for Hope House, a "soup kitchen" that serves 3 meals a day, every day. Several members volunteer there year round. If you would be interested in learning more about Hope House, and would be willing to either help prepare the meal (which we do in the St. James kitchen), or help serve the meal at Hope House, please contact Pat Evans, patomevans@yahoo.com. We can talk about possible dates in July or August. We could use some volunteers!



Collecting Hotel Toiletries for Hope House

As you travel, consider bringing in your unopened toiletries from your hotel/motel stay. There are collection baskets in the back of the church and in the Parish Hall lobby. Donated hotel toiletries make a huge in the life of those experiencing homeless and living on the fringes. Soap and shampoo is always welcomed, but so are seal-wrapped toothbrushes, unopened toothpaste, and small packets of wet wipes.

Country Pantry

Country Pantry is in need of juice boxes, fruit cups, granola bars, and peanut butter for Kid's Pak lunches throughout the summer.

They are also looking for cereal, carrots, peas, green beans and canned pasta. Donation baskets are in the entryway to the parish hall and in the back of the sanctuary.



Your Neighbors Inc.

There is an urgent need for people who will make a meal delivery or transport a person to a medical appointment once in a while for Your Neighbors. If you can help in any way, please contact Carole Grove at 315-765-1419 or Challee Kohl at 315-235-7149.

Your Neighbors Chicken Barbecue will be held Saturday, June 30 at Zion Lutheran Church, 630 French Road, New Hartford. It starts at 12:00 p.m. and will end when they are sold out!

Fair Trade Shop Stone Presbyterian Church, Clinton

Swazi kitchen jams are delicious all natural sauces made from fruit, spices and sugar with no preservatives, additives, or artificial colors. Purchases fund youth programs in Swaziland for children orphaned by AIDS. South African herbs and spices are a delicious complement to a variety of dishes, and each comes in a recycled glass bottle with a self-grinder.

SERRV has provided funds to help employees' children attend school. These would make great hostess, housewarming or birthday gifts for your friends and relatives this summer.

You can find these and many, many more items in our Fair Trade Shop, Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton.

We have items from 38 different countries for your shopping pleasure.

Our hours are every Thursday from 10am to 6:30pm and second Saturdays from 10am to 4pm in the church, every Thursday from 10am to 4pm and third Thursdays from 10am to 6pm at the Farmer's Market on the Village Green in Clinton.

Purchasing fair trade items ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development and hope to marginalized people. The entrance to our shop is on Williams Street. For more information, contact Lauralyn Kolb, lkolb@hamilton.edu, 315-725-1326, visit our website at www.stonepres.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stonepres.

St. Margaret's House, Annual Gardening Day

Monday June 18, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.



St. Margaret's House 3rd Annual Gardening Day will take place Monday June 18th 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. The day will start and end with prayer and lunch will be provided. Just bring your favorite gardening tools to help out! St. Margaret's House is located at 47 Jordan Road in New Hartford. If you can help out please call (315) 724-2324 or email smher47@aol.com

Father Gary's Office Hours

**Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
or by appointment
520-444-8617**

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