



# The Beacon

January 2012

Karen Vliet, Editor

**Faith, Fellowship. Family**

## St. James Vestry

Jeff Pearson,  
Sr. Warden  
George Carpenter,  
Jr. Warden  
Gloria Gallant,  
Treas.  
Florence Rivers,  
Clerk  
Ginny Hammond,  
(Alt. Clerk)  
Lorna McEwen,  
(Alt. Treas.)  
Ginger Wells-Kay  
Jennifer Mitchell  
Dot Faulkner  
Robert Salome  
Patricia Carter  
John Dickinson  
Jennifer Holt

Rector,  
Tobias Nyatsambo  
Sexton, Mike Grant

Dear St. James Parish Family,

December 16, 2011 is a date I will never forget. I can't thank you enough for giving me such an incredible retirement dinner! I can only imagine all the planning and hard work that went into creating such a memorable event. Marcia Presher and Karin Salome deserve a huge thank you for all their efforts, and I know many others contributed their time and talents to make this evening so special.

It was a joy to visit with friends old and new as well as three former rectors. The dinner put on by Joyce Ringleb, Chef Lou Gaynor and the HATT crew, was outstanding. The remembrances shared were both humorous and touching. The granite church, quilted heart wall-hanging and signed photo collage will be cherished for years to come.

The twenty-eight years I have served as your parish secretary/administrator, as well as a parishioner until three years ago, have been a very meaningful part of my life. It has been a joy and a privilege to participate in the ministries of the rectors I have served with. The unfailing support of the leadership and the love and caring of the parishioners mean more than I can say. I hope I have contributed in a positive way to the well-being of St. James - in good times as well as in stressful ones.

My grateful thanks to my family for their love and support of my "ministry" to St. James - and my heartfelt thanks to you all.

Nancy Carsen



**Have a happy and healthy New Year!**

**Make a resolution to be more involved at St. James!**

## Hands Across the Table (HATT)

Submitted by Dotty Faulkner

Our weekly dinners continue with much enthusiasm from our guests. We find that since the time change and darkness comes very early our numbers have dropped slightly and we believe the reason for that is because many of our guests are walking and some from a distance. We are looking into finding transportation for our guests. If anyone has a great idea to help, please e-mail our Chairperson Joyce Ringleb at [cjringleb@metrocast.net](mailto:cjringleb@metrocast.net).

On **NOVEMBER 22, 2011** - Our Chef, Lou Gaynor prepared a yummy **THANKSGIVING DINNER** (turkey with all the fixings) with the assistance of many volunteers. The blessing was done by our very own Rector Rev. Tobias Nyatsambo. They served 119 first meals, 30 seconds, 25 take home and we enjoyed the noise and excitement of 19 children.

On **NOVEMBER 29, 2011** - The dinner was prepared by **THE WEIRS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** under the direction of Julie Fletcher and her Girl Scout Troop. The dinner consisted of Minestrone Soup and Pasta with Meat Balls and/or Sausage. The dessert was cup cakes prepared by the Girl Scouts. 85 first meals were served, 20 seconds, 8 take home and 15 lively children were in attendance.

On **DECEMBER 6, 2011** - The dinner was prepared by Lou Gaynor and volunteers from **THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY**. On the menu was Split Pea Soup with wheat rolls, Beef Stew and Apple Crisp for dessert. The blessing was done by Rev. Kent McKusick. 77 first meals were served, 15 seconds, 19 take home and there were 8 great kids there.

On **DECEMBER 13, 2011** - The dinner was prepared by **THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LACONIA**. They brought 15 volunteers and served Tuna Noodle Casserole and Christmas Cookies, The blessing was done by Rev, Paula Gile. They served 75 first meals, 33 seconds, 27 take home and 9 children were present.

On **FRIDAY DECEMBER 16, 2011** - The Fellowship Committee of St. James Church asked Hands Across the Table to prepare/serve and clean up the dinner for the **Retirement Party for Nancy Carsen** the Parish Administrator from St. James who will retire at the end of December after 28 wonderful years serving God in our Parish office. Hands Across The Table was so pleased to be asked to do this and the dinner was prepared by our **Chef Lou Gaynor** and his right hand assistant **Chef Irene Gordon**. The appetizers were stuffed eggs, and quiche followed by sea food bisque, crab legs, oven roasted potatoes, green beans, strip steak, oriental salad and rolls. For dessert, Normal Crutcher made a wonderful cake and the ladies of the guild prepared yummy desserts. The evening was hosted by our current Senior warden Jeff Pearson, He was followed by the then Senior Warden John Dickinson. Three former Rectors who served under Nancy's helpful guidance all spoke. Rev. John Allen was the Rector when Nancy was hired and John asked the Blessing before the meal was served. He was followed by Rev. Jonathan MacKenzie and Rev. Bill Romer and a letter was read from Rev. Hank Junkin who was unable to attend. The last one to speak was our current Rector Rev. Tobias Nyatsambo who also did the benediction. We feel that Nancy was totally overwhelmed by all the attention she received but it was appropriate for this quiet lady who was so helpful to all of us at St. James. A wonderful evening was had by all and Hands Across the Table was pleased to be part of this joyous occasion.

## Women's Guild

Karen Vliet

The Guild voted to approve sharing the cost of the shampooing of the carpet in the parish hall and the stripping, cleaning and sealing of the kitchen floor with HATT. We also voted online to approve the purchase of three cases of folding chairs to replace some of the damaged and very old ones that are presently used in the parish hall. Hands Across the Table has also funded a matching number for the church.

Nancy Carsen, Rev. Tobias and Rose Nyatsambo were guests of the Guild for a luncheon at O's in December in appreciation for their services to the parish of St. James. Nancy will be missed in the church office, and we all wish her well in her retirement.

There will be no Guild meetings in January and February. The next meeting will be the first Thursday of March at noon in the parish hall. All women of the parish are welcome to attend the meetings. We bring our own lunches; coffee is provided. If you have not previously been a part of the Guild, we want you to know that you are welcome!

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

6th John and Joy Dickinson  
20th Bob Kay and Ginger Wells-Kay

20th Fr Hank Junkin  
21st Margaret Mitchell  
23rd Joy Dickinson  
23rd Sheila Akerstrom  
23rd Jody Fredette  
25th Carol MacKenzie  
25th Herbert Gray  
27th Irene Wiles  
29th Richard Chesebrough

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st Mark Akerstrom  
1st Jan Graham  
2nd Zadoc LeRoy  
4th Carol Murphy  
6th Katherine Pearson  
6th Elaine Townsley  
7th Jeff Pearson  
8th Abigail Clothier  
9th Robert Salome  
9th Nancy Carsen  
10th "Cookie" Thomas  
19th Doug Cygan  
20th Norma Crutcher



### Prayer Request, In Memory of Bill Biggs

I am writing to let you know that my Grandpa, William (Bill) Biggs passed away on December 15th. My mom asked me to get in touch with St. James because eh was involved with the church before he moved to Florida. I know that the people who knew him would like to know of this sad news. Thank you. Jessica Carder

## Voice of The Friendly Kitchen

Judy Farr and Karen Vliet headed up the Friendly Kitchen meal in December with the able assistance of Rodney Obien, Bill Hammond, the Baxters, and Micheline Roy,.

The preparation of the meal for our team and for all of the other churches who have served meals in recent weeks has been a challenge to say the least. Because the kitchen at the Salvation Army has been stripped to the studs to replace everything from the walls out and there is no stove or running water in the kitchen; the menu for the meal changed from the shepherds pie that had been planned to Judy's homemade hamburger soup, tuna salad, egg salad, ham and cheese and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. In addition, there were pickles, chips and vanilla ice cream and cookies for dessert. The food was prepared at home and brought to the Salvation Army in a completed state. The hardest part was keeping it hot until it was served. We borrowed the roaster from St. James and used it as a soup tureen and it worked pretty well. Conditions were a bit confused as well with holiday presents throughout the sanctuary of the SA church for their clients, preparations for a party in the afternoon and the lack of the usual serving space. It presented a challenge that we were all willing to take part in..

The crowd was smaller than has been the case recently with 40+ people in attendance. The food was well received with guests returning for seconds, thirds and even 4ths of both soup and sandwiches. Those sandwiches that were left were sent with the guests to share with loved ones or to eat themselves at a later time. We were a bit surprised that egg salad sandwiches were the favorites with even the kids preferring them to pb+j.



Once again we thank those who contributed food and money to buy food for the Friendly Kitchen. Thanks to Carrie Pearson, Janet Mitchell, Bill and Ginny Hammond, Micheline Roy, Joy Dickinson, Bernice Vincent, and Flo Rivers for donations of food for the meal and to Patty Carter for the \$20 donation.

The Friendly Kitchen is a vital outreach Project of St.James Church. It speaks to our commitment to those less fortunate in our community, Become a contributor or volunteer for this wonderful project by speaking with Bill or Ginny Hammond who have pretty much single handedly run the program for some time. They are always looking for volunteers who are willing to cook one month of the year. It is well worth the time and effort it takes to prepare the meal. There is nothing as satisfying as seeing a truly hungry person smile and say, "I am so full, I could not eat another bite. Thanks so much, it was wonderful!".

## Faith Chest



A few years ago we had the opportunity to attend a 2 day seminar at St Paul's in Concord. The seminar dealt with the issue of how we pass our faith onto our young people, or for that matter anyone, young or old. The program was named "Passing The Faith" and had been renamed from the original title of "The Child in Our Hands" apparently to expand ways that faith could be passed on or shared with all, but the emphasis being for our young people. Over the two days we worked our way through just how passing on our faith could happen. Sometimes common thought is *the leave it up to George* syndrome, in this case the Priest and the Sunday School teachers being "George". The point of the program is that we all can add into passing our faith onto others. We all have a story. We all can tell our stories if not by speaking it, by showing others what our faith motivates us to do.

The child in our hands. When the moms and dads bring their child to the church to be baptized, they are asking for the child to be a part of the Christian family. The child has no understanding of the event since they are infants and they are in their parents' hands. At a place in the service the congregation is asked to support this child in the future and to be there when needed, and we answer, *WE WILL*. The child is now in our hands too.

The Faith Chest is an idea that came out of the seminar. The intention is for parishioners, family and friends to place mementos in the chest for the child to enjoy later as he/she grows up. A note or card from the people of the St James family is a nice thing to do. Sunday School children could make pictures or cards as well. Family members could place pictures or videos taken that day in the chest. The chest is also a special place for each child to keep his/her own items and treasures of Sunday School life.

Some parishes have created a chest that is so finely finished that they resemble a piece of furniture. By contrast ours is plain, but pretty! A note is placed in the chest that tells the recipient that we at St James are not master carpenters, but we are carpenters for the Master.

When Jesus was baptized the skies opened up and God's Spirit descended on him. It looked like a dove and God's voice said "This is my Son, chosen and marked by my love, delight of my life" (from Matthew 3:16). Later Jesus charged his followers by saying "God commanded me to commission you to go out and train everyone you meet in this way of life marking them by baptism in the threefold name Father, Son and Holy Spirit" (from Matthew 28:18).

Baptism, How wonderful this sacrament is to be able to witness and be part of God's love being given to a child, *the child in our lives*.

*Love and peace, Bob and Jan Graham*

# Be Involved!

## Friendly Kitchen

St. James hosts the Friendly Kitchen the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Parishioners may actively support this program by becoming a team leader, kitchen "crew" volunteer, food donor, or make a \$20 donation (individual, family or group) .

All information about what is needed is on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you make the money donation, make sure to make a notation on the check that it is for the Friendly Kitchen .

Contact: Ginny Hammond



## The Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets on a Friday each month to eat lunch together at a local restaurant. At each meeting participants are asked to be host for the next meeting. The host chooses the restaurant and makes the reservations.

Participants sign up to attend on the door in the vestibule opposite the church office.

Dates for Lunch Bunch are posted in the church bulletin each month.

Contact person: Bill Hammond

## St. James Youth Group

The Youth group is open to students in grades 7-12, All past and present members of St. James are invited to participate.



The group meets monthly for fun, fellowship and discussion. Watch the bulletin for meeting dates.

Contact persons: Karin and Bob Salome 524-7448

## Fellowship

**This committee is dedicated to bringing our parish family together. Our goals are to foster friendships, celebrate God, and to have fun.**

**Call Karin Salome 524-7448 or email [karinsalome@metrocast.net](mailto:karinsalome@metrocast.net) with any ideas or to join in the planning fun.**

## FUN FUNDERS

Fun Funders is a group of St. James Parishioners who generally meet one Sunday evening each month to enjoy fellowship, fun and delicious desserts. Our purpose is to get to know each other better, have a lot of fun, and help out with church finances and special projects. Five dollars per person is collected and meetings are typically held at the home of one of our members. New

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