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St. James Scholarship Applications

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Applications for the 26th Annual John S. McLean Memorial Scholarship, along with Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation (LRSF) applications, are now available. Candidates for the St. James Scholarship may be of any age, but must be a member of St. James Church seeking financial assistance for a post-high school program, such as college, vocational school, or a trade school program. The scholarships are offered through the LRSF, a non-profit clearing house for the collection and distribution of scholarship funds for various donors in the Lakes Region, including St. James.

Applicants may download the necessary LRSF forms and instructions at lrscholarship.org under the section "For Applicants". LRSF applications may also be obtained by calling 527-3533 or emailing: scholarship@metrocast.net. **Copies of the St. James Scholarship application/questionnaire can be found on the red desk at church.**

*The LRSF Application and Applicant Appraisal must be fully completed and returned with all required documentation directly to LRSF no later than April 15th. Please note: the Foundation will not process incomplete applications, nor will they assume the responsibility of contacting applicants to request missing information (see the instruction sheet, also available on the LRSF website). **The St. James Scholarship application/questionnaire must be completed and returned to St. James Church, Attn: Scholarship Committee, by the same date.** Failure to follow the required procedures will result in disqualification of the application. The LRSF application is never shown to donors, thereby insuring confidentiality. Each application is carefully reviewed and rated by the Trustees of the LRSF, and the St. James Scholarship Committee will select recipients from the list of accepted applications.*

Regardless of age, if you have post-high school educational expenses for the 2012-2013 school year, we encourage you to apply for a St. James Scholarship. Your fellow parishioners have contributed considerable amounts of money and energy to make these scholarships available. These efforts will be worthwhile only if you take advantage of them, so fill out your applications and return by 4/15/12. If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Presher at 528-6472.

Submitted by Marcia Presher

LUNCH BUNCH

Submitted by Ginny Hammond

January lunch bunch was held at Hector's in Laconia on Friday, January 20th. We were a small group, however, we enjoyed a great lunch and conversation. The lunch bunch savings account at Laconia Savings Bank is \$12 richer thanks to the attendees donations. February's lunch bunch luncheon will be held on Friday, February 17, at the Brickfront Restaurant. All parishioners and guests are invited to come and have an enjoyable time. The signup sheet is posted on the door in the foyer. We look forward to seeing you in February.

Youth Group

Submitted by Karin Salome

De 18th brought visits to those folks who are not able to make it to church and our Youth sang them "We wish you a Merry Christmas" and gave them the handmade cards the students had created along with a small gift. Afterwards they had a Christmas party with Yankee swap followed by a movie. Our youth got to experience how valued their visits were to those with limited free movement. The following picture is of our youth with Rachel Aldrich who is at St. Francis Nursing Home:



The next get together of the Youth Group was on Sunday January 29, 2012 When we made plans for the upcoming year. The next meeting is on Sunday February 5th for a Super Bowl party at 5:30 PM at the Salome's at 27 Orchard St. Laconia.

Hands Across the Table News

The HATT Tuesday night dinners served at St. James each week from 5:30-6:30PM continue to be well attended in the New Year, at an average of 70-80 guests each Tuesday. Dot Faulkner is now co-chairing the HATT board of directors; Ginger Wells-Kay has taken Dot's role as St. James liaison to the Board. The HATT board wishes to extend heartfelt thanks for the continued use of St. James to house this needed feeding and fellowship program. Please come to a supper, enjoy the food and fellowship, and see what Hands Across the Table is all about!

VOICE OF THE FRIENDLY KITCHEN

Submitted by Ginny and Bill Hammond

Tuesday, January 17th, St James Friendly Kitchen “crew” served 38 hungry patrons at Laconia Salvation Army. St James parishioners provided a popular noon meal of spaghetti and meatballs, including Ginny’s specially concocted spaghetti sauce, tossed salad, Italian bread, chips and ice cream cups for dessert. A number of patrons complimented the meal; a few spoke for the same meal monthly because the spaghetti sauce was so delicious! Fifteen second helpings were served. As usual, our “kitchen crew” performed their volunteer functions admirably as attested to by the many favorable accolades from the patrons. The “kitchen crew” was made up of **Bernice Vincent, Bill and Jean Baxter, Micheline Roy and Bill Hammond**. An absolute feeling of joy and thanks to GOD being able to serve those so needy; but for the grace of our maker, there go we.

Parishioner food donors were **Jack and Andy Schaffnit, Jean and Bill Baxter, Marcia and Jim Presher, John and Joy Dickinson, Micheline Roy, Bernice Vincent, Ginny and Bill Hammond**. Thanks to **Fran Crawford** for the \$20 Friendly Kitchen donation for January. The Friendly Kitchen can always use team captains (simply pick a meal and pick up the food at the church on meal day). The time commitment is for two hours from 11am – 1:00 pm on the , third Tuesday of each month. You will not regret the effort expended for those in need. Feel free to come and observe before obligating yourself to prepare a meal. Signup sheets for February are posted on the white bulletin board in the church foyer. If you have questions call Bill Hammond at 524-3260.

St. James Episcopal Church Fellowship Committee

Submitted by Karin Salome

I missed the deadline for submission for the January Beacon, so here is a compilation for both months.

In January, Fellowship committee supplied sandwiches, chips, pickles and desert for the annual meeting and will supply soup and bread for the discernment hour with Tim Rich in February.

Thank you to all who participated in so many ways; financial, baking, planning, setting up, and attending the wonderful retirement tribute to our extraordinary Administrator Assistant Nancy Carsen. Nancy and Roy were very appreciative of this incredible occasion. The following is an email thank you from Roy Carsen:

“Thank you so very much for all the planning, time, thought and effort put in to Nancy’s Retirement (Tribute) Dinner. What an incredible event it was. You guys truly outdid yourselves. In all my years at St James I never experienced anything like it. The decorations, table setting, flowers, food, gifts, were all just wonderful! Certainly all involved in creating this event must be very pleased how incredibly well it all went. Nancy was truly overwhelmed, as was I, as well as our family and friends! (continued on page 5)

Be Involved!

Friendly Kitchen

Parishioners may actively support this program by becoming a team leader, kitchen "crew" volunteer (third Tuesday of each month), food donor (sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in foyer), make a \$20 donation (individual, family or group) by signing on the donation sheet on the foyer bulletin board (make notation on check that it's for Friendly Kitchen fund).

Contacts: Office Volunteer 524-5800

The Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets on a Friday each month to eat lunch together at a local restaurant. At each meeting Don Foudriat asks for someone 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

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 with any ideas or to join in the planning fun.



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

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 members are always welcome! Contact person: Marcia Presher 528-6472

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Nancy will cherish her gifts and remembrances for the rest of her life as she will the recollections of the evening. Even there being “two” granite St James’ was perfect as the “little one” will have its home at the Florida house. This morning we were deciding on the best place to display the photo collage and wall hanging.

Having the congregation come together in the planning, execution and participation of last evening’s festivities is inspiring. St. James is truly alive and well (and more vital than I ever imagined).

Thank you again for giving Nancy and our family this “once in a lifetime” experience.”



Coffee hour is so very important for welcoming new and inquiring folks, to cement new and old friendships, and to add to our own happiness. Please consider buying an extra box of cookies or crackers that can be placed in the Fellowship/coffee hour cupboard in the kitchen. Also very important is for folks to sign up to be the host/hostess for the week. You do not have to do anything extraordinary, just use the provided snack food, bake **IF** (not required!) you so chose, prepare coffee (which the church provides) and bring your hospitality. **Please** sign up for coffee hour using the sheet **located in the parish hall by the door to the kitchen**. This is another way to bring our St. James family together. Thanks for all who have signed up!!!!

The Fellowship Committee will meet again on **February 5th at 11:15 AM** after the 10:00 AM service. . If you are unable to attend but have some thoughts, feel free to call Karin Salome (524-7448) or email: karinsalome@metrocast.net

DICK CHESEBROUGH

Longtime parishioner Dick Chesebrough died Monday, January 23, 2012, six days short of what would have been his 82nd birthday. Dick’s Funeral Liturgy was held Saturday, January 28, with Fathers Tobias, Hank Junkin and Bill Romer participating. Joining the Chesebrough family for the service were many parishioners, community members along with friends and associates from Dick’s Navy and America’s Cup days.

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