

### February 2011

#### **OUR VISION**

St. James' seeks to love and serve God through Discipleship, **Community Service** and Eucharistic Fellowship. We encourage spiritual growth and maturity by educating each other in the knowledge of the Christian Gospel. We seek to live in the image of Jesus Christ and invite our neighbors to participate in our family of faith.

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# THE TOWER CHIMES

The Newsletter of

# St. James' Episcopal Church

1 St. James Place, Goshen, N.Y. 10924 The Rev. M. Carl Lunden, Rector





## The Rector's Report for 2010



"All extremes, except extreme devotion to the Enemy [God], are to be encouraged...Some ages are lukewarm and complacent and...other ages, of which the present is one, are unbalanced and prone to faction, and it is our business to inflame them...We want the Church to be small not only that fewer men may know the Enemy [God] but also that those who do may acquire the uneasy intensity and the defensive self-righteousness of a secret society or a clique." -The demon Screwtape to his nephew, the demon Wormwood. (From, The Screwtape Letters, C. S. Lewis, 1943)

As I think back over the past year, I can't help but also think back over the past decade that I have been the Rector here at St. James'. Much has happened in the life of our parish and much has happened in the life of our own Episcopal Church. Recently I was asked to explain the Episcopal Church and what it stands for to someone who was not at all familiar with our denomination. My answer was, "how much time do you have?" We are not an easy Church to define or pin down with certainty. I think it is our flexible nature that makes us in many ways all things to all people (1 Corinthians 9:22). The history of the Episcopal Church has been to offer wide parameters of inclusion from High Church to Low Church parties, Catholics to Evangelicals, modernists to traditionalists, and so on. We have developed a living, growing tradition of offering a framework for Christians of differing sensibilities to worship and fellowship together without needing or requiring a rigid adherence to a doctrinal straight jacket that limits the possibilities for the greatest gathering of Christians along a wide spectrum of faith. This does not mean, however, that we don't have a doctrine or discipline that binds us together. Very simply it is outlined in The Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral of 1886(& 1888) in The Book of Common Prayer, page 876-877. These "marks" of our Church include:

- (a) The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as "containing all things necessary to salvation," and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith.
- (b) The Apostles' Creed, as the Baptismal Symbol; and the Nicene Creed, as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith.

- (c) The two Sacraments ordained by Christ Himself—Baptism and the Supper of the Lord— ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of Institution, and of the elements ordained by Him.
- (d) The Historic Episcopate, locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the Unity of His Church.

These four groundings of our historic Western "Catholic-Protestant" Christianity are what bind us together along with The Prayer Book and our commitment to worship together regardless of what the person in the pew next to us may or may not hold dear to his or her way of thinking. In the decade ahead we run the risk of losing the very thing that not only defines us but ultimately is our strength- namely, our openness. It might be okay for other Christian denominations to be rigid or narrow in their approach to membership based on their apprehension of the Gospel, but for us we must remain a Church that practices unconditional love and acceptance of people with varying viewpoints and lifestyles. The "wide-tent" approach is what I believe will carry us into the future especially with regard to generations Y (born late 1970's-to 1990's) and Z (born between 1990's & 2010) who seem to be critical of static institutions.

As a parish we are always part of the larger Episcopal Church community and connected to our diocese and bishop. What happens at General Convention or Diocesan Convention will always have an impact on our life as a congregation. As a priest and as your Rector, I am bound through my ordination vows to follow the doctrine and discipline of the Episcopal Church and obey the authority of the bishop. The past decade in the Episcopal Church has seen a period prone to fraction and division based on actions of the General Convention and

issues within the wider contexts of the Anglican Communion. Presently there are dioceses and parishes that have left and broken communion with the Episcopal Church over the issues of human sexuality and ordained ministry and the interpretation of Holy Scripture. This is most unfortunate and damaging to the Body of Christ as it is constituted in the historical foundation of American Anglicanism which has always been open to the movement of the Holy Spirit and the development of theology and ecclesiology. I believe that in the immediate future of our Episcopal Church we will continue to experience a period of division and conflict not unlike the past ten years. How we will navigate the perils both within the Church and the greater Anglican Communion is anyone's guess, but from a personal standpoint we can all practice genuine humility and Christ-like compassion in dealing with and engaging the issues that divide us. As a parish we must continue to welcome all people who choose to seek God and his will for us, as a community gathered in Christ's unconditional love and forgiveness. We are all broken and flawed human beings who find God's presence in the midst of our messy and unruly relationships and churches. Being non-judgmental, offering hospitality and kindness, and witnessing to the transformative love that is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, is the only way we can truly be who I think we are called to be as the Episcopal Church. I have believed and I continue to believe that our Church is a pearl of great price (Matthew 13:46) worthy of our love and commitment. As we look to 2011 we must dig deep not only in our own personal spiritual lives to find God's will, but we must also ask God for his direction of our parish as part of the larger Church. Please join me in praying and discerning our future together as we seek to incarnate God's love in our midst and reach out in that love to our local community and the world

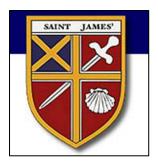
Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. M. Carl Lunden, 22<sup>nd</sup> Rector of St. James

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### The Rev. M. Carl Lunden Rector

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# Highlights of the January Vestry Meeting



By Tammy Matula, Clerk of the vestry

- •94 % of the pledge has been collected year to date.
- •Stewardship update: 122 pledges have been made for 2011 for a total of \$186,427.
- •Carpenter's Kids pledges for 2011 are due. (second year)
- •The stewardship committee did a great job and should be applauded.
- •The Vestry will approve Designated Funding at the next meeting.
- •The Virginia Theological Seminary Chapel burned down. Father Carl would like to contribute to the fund to rebuild the chapel.
- •General Seminary is in dire need of funds.

**Communications Received:** Thank you notes were received from The Guild of St. Margaret's Soup Kitchen and Episcopal Charities.

**Buildings and Grounds:** A meeting was held in January to complete a survey of the buildings and property in order to make plans for future projects.

- •Father Carl thanked Jim and Sarah for their service to the vestry. Their terms have expired.
- •A Russian Singing group would like to come to St. James' in the fall. They will be in need of housing.
- •The Vestry approved a new quilting/sewing group which will be coordinated by Malinda Niper.
- •Jackie Bloem is our new Parish Shopper

March 9, 2011





# Stewardship

By Ed Fritsche

The Stewardship campaign for 2011 ended with 122 pledges for a total of \$ 186,427. This figure is \$10,000

more than 2010. There were a total of 15 new pledges. Everyone who made a pledge should be commended for their increase or new pledge. This will enable St. James' to meet their financial goals for 2011. It is still not too late for anyone who made a pledge in 2010 but has not committed for 2011 to step forward. We need 100% support of the St. James' membership to be able to reach out to those less fortunate in the Goshen community.

We must all be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure. There is so much work to be done and there is no time to waste. We should examine how we spend our time and make sure we spend our time on what is important to each of us. Make sure your goals include time for St. James'. Set aside time each day for personal prayer. Our God given talents are a wonderful blessing. God has given each of us unique gifts. Develop these talents to be a good steward for Jesus Christ. Use your talents and time to improve the lives of others. We are all members of a special community, the body of Christ. As members of St. James,' become involved in our Community and develop your relationship with God.

I again want to thank everyone who made the 2011 Stewardship campaign a success.

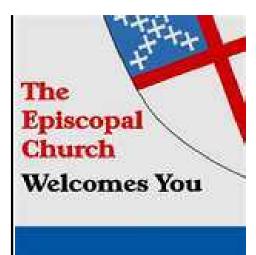
Please keep your pledge up to date.







Happy Valentines Day!



# Happy Valentine's Day from the greeters.

The February schedule for greeters is as follows:

9 a.m.

February 6 - Donna Carbone

February 13 - Debbie de Jong

February 20 - Malcolm Diaz

February 27 - Bryan Giudice

March 6 - Jackie Kessler

10:15 a.m.

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February 13 - Val Bynum

February 20 - Ed Fritsche

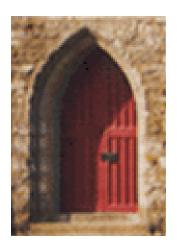
February 27 - Karen Golding

March 6 - Chip Hamilton

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# Knock and a door will be opened to you. Seek and You will find. Matthew 7:7

# Ongoing events at St. James'

Alcoholics Anonymous: Wednesday evenings at 8:30 pm

**A.R.T.S.:** Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

**Boys Scouts:** Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm

Camera Club: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7: 15pm

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm

Community Dinner at St. James': Last Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm

**Confirmation Class:** Tuesday evenings at 7 pm

Food bagging at the Presbyterian Church: Last Saturday of each month at 10:00 am

Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry Distribution: 2nd Saturday of every month at 9:30 am

**Healing and Holy Eucharist:** Wednesdays at noon. Followed by a Fellowship Lunch.

Junior Choir rehearsal: Sunday mornings from 11-11:20 am.

Musical Munchkins: Thursday and Friday Mornings at 9:30 am

**Sunday School:** Sunday morning from 10 am—11 am except the last Sunday of the month.

**Vestry meeting:** 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm

Youth Group: 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:30 am



St. James' Episcopal Church

# Sunday School News

We were very active in community outreach the last few months of 2010. We raised \$97 Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF, our bake sale for Marques raised over \$100 and we collected over 40 coats for needy families in our area. We hope to keep up this important work in 2011.

Our rotation schedule continues to keep the children engaged while reinforcing each week's concepts. We started the New Year with lessons and activities about the Wise Men and their gifts for the Christ Child. Next, we learned about the importance of prayer as a way of communicating with God. The younger students began memorizing The

Lord's Prayer while the older children focused on the Nicene Creed and the Book of Common Prayer.

February promises to be a full month as well. We'll begin with the lesson about Jesus feeding the 5,000, which will coincide with Soup-er Bowl Sunday. We're asking each child to bring in a canned good or non-perishable item and \$1 to donate. On February 13th all of the children will be encouraged to bring a friend to Funday School for lots of fun, games and fellowship. We'll end the month with lessons and activities about the Ten Commandments on the 20th.

Take care until next month,

Donna Carbone



**Installation:** A service in which a person is "installed" into his or her office. In the Episcopal Church, installation services are offered for new ministries ranging from rectors and bishops to Sunday School teachers and vestry.

**Lavabo:** From Latin, meaning, "I will wash." The name originally referred to the ceremonial washing of the priests hands before he or she celebrated Communion, while saying the words, "I will wash my hands in innocence." (Psalm 26:6). The name lavabo also refers to the small towel used to dry the hands and the bowl into which water is poured during the washing. Thus, to call the towel a lavabo towel, or to call the bowl a lavabo bowl would be technically redundant.

**Lay minister:** A person who is not ordained, but who works closely with a church or religious program. Some lay ministers are un-paid volunteers; some are paid staff members of a church.

**Lay Reader:** Any non-ordained person who participates in reading part of a church service. Lay readers sometimes serve as chalice-bearers at a Eucharist.

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# The Souper Bowl FEBRUARY 6, 2011





On Super Bowl Sunday tens of millions of people will enjoy the warmth of friendship and the satisfaction of food and drink while watching the Super Bowl football game on television. Unfortunately, at the same time, countless other people will feel cold air against their flesh and hunger within their stomachs.

An effort has been born that seeks to transform the Super Bowl into a "**Souper Bowl**" for the needy. The "**Souper Bowl**" is a unique interdenominational effort to glorify God and care for our brothers and sisters in need.

# Here's how it works: please give one dollar & one canned good as you leave worship on the weekend of the Super Bowl.

Youth from your congregation will collect the money and canned goods and then send the contributions DIRECTLY to the Goshen Ecumenical Pantry. Congregations across the nation are then asked to call "**Souper Bowl**" headquarters with the results of their efforts so that totals can be promptly determined and released. (Please call John Strobl at 294-9004 with your totals; he will report the totals to the "**Souper Bowl**" headquarters for the Food Pantry).

Here's some background: the effort began in a Columbia, SC church in 1990. That year \$5,700 was raised in Columbia. Last Year 13,032 congregations across the nation raised \$10,177,713.00.

## <u>The Pantry raised \$2052.21</u>

Please join in partnership as we seek to *Love the Lord our God...and Love our neighbors...*in this simple yet significant way.

## Goshen Ecumenical Pantry, Inc.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GOSHEN GOSHEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GOSHEN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH TEMPLE BETH SHALOM ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH ST. JOHN A.U.M.P. CHURCH ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

# Confirmation Class Schedule

Sessions: Tuesdays, 7p.m. to 8 p.m.



February 1 **Holy Scriptures** 

February 8

**The Seven Sacraments** 

February 15

The Prayer Book & Christian Theology/Belief

February 22

The History of the Church

March 1

The Liturgy (Pizza Party)

If Goshen Schools are closed due to snow, Confirmation Class is also canceled.

Attendance is mandatory at all classes (at most you may miss one!) In addition to the Class Schedule, all the confirmands are required to help at the Community Dinner on January 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5 p.m. in St. James' Parish Hall (or the February Dinner on the 26<sup>th</sup>)

Parish Office Phone: 294-6225

Confirmation Date 2011: Sunday, March 20th

At 10:15 a.m. Followed by a Luncheon Reception in the Parish Hall.

Bishop Catherine Roskam will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, this will be Bishop Roskam's last Visitation before her retirement!



The February 2011



Is January 10th
Please send contributions to
Tammy Matula
smatula@frontiernet.net

## **Altar Flowers**

February 6 - Strobl

February 13 - E. Clark

February 20 - Barron

February 27 - Available



From the desk of Ray Bally... Celebrities among us....

Dr. Paul Chellapa's father was the Rt. Rev. David Chellappa. He was the first Anglican Indian Bishop of the Diocese of Madrea in the Church of South India from 1955-1964.

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## 2011 **Pilgrimage Dates:**

April 28 - May 10 August 1 - August 13

# **Pilgrimage Information**

**ESTIMATED COST:** \$3,000 includes airfare, hotel, ground transport in Tanzania, breakfast and dinner, and National Park visit. Additional costs to you: Travel Visa (\$100), Travel Insurance from Diocese of NY (@\$130), Vaccinations/ Malaria Medication (@\$500), suggested personal cash (\$300-\$500). Your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond the date of travel. To reserve your space contact Lauren Salminen at 914-420-8562 or Laurenckny@msn.com. Please include your name, name of your NY parish and the month you wish to travel.

#### TYPICAL ITINERARY:

- Fly Air Emirates JFK Dubai (United Arab Emirates) – Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
- Stay overnight in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
  - •Drive 6 Hours in a mini-bus to Dodoma, Tanzania
- Stay in New Dodoma Hotel private room & bath, internet service, 3 restaurants, breakfast included
- Tour DCT (Diocese of Central Tanganyika, Tanzania) – Diocese schools, offices, facilities
- Three days visiting a different linked village each day. If you have a linked village, you will visit your link one day only.
- Sports day Carpenter's Kids from four nearby linked parishes will play soccer, netball and tug of war. This is an informal day to interact with the kids and clergy.
- Visit Msalato Theological College
- Final Farewell Dinner
- **Round Table Discussions**
- Drive 3 hours to Morogoro to stay 2 nights. One day visit to Mikumi National Park.
- Drive 3 hours back to Dar Es Salaam. Visit Carvers Market for shopping before proceeding to airport.
- Fly Air Emirates Dar Es Salaam Dubai JFK



**PLEASE NOTE:** ALL EVENTS IN THE ABOVE **ITINERARY** ARE MANDA-TORY. THERE IS VERY LITTLE PER-SONAL "DOWN TIME" DURING PIL-GRIMAGE.

PLEASE DO NOT CONSIDER PILGRIM-AGE IF YOU SUFFER HEALTH PROB-LEMS OR FOOD ALLERGIES. THERE IS VERY LITTLE MEDICAL CARE AVAIL-ABLE.

- Pilgrimage Orientation meetings will be held before the trip and attendance is mandatory.
- Average total air time: 20 hours
- Money: Tanzanian Schilling can be exchanged at DCT
- We are escorted everywhere we go by CK and DCT staff and clergy. Translators are always with us.
- We bring gifts for our linked parishes, which include gifts for the Carpenter's Kids, the Priest, the Mama Lishes (those who make breakfast for the kids every morning), the Catechists, the Carpenter's Kids Committee, and the Communications Coordinators.
- Children who have graduated high school may travel alone. All others must be accompanied by a guardian.
- There are very few rooms with two beds. Rooms typically have one double bed.
- Evening prayer typically before dinner each night (mandatory attendance)

Swahili lessons before dinner each night (attendance optional)

www.carpenterskids.net





## **Goshen Ecumenical Pantry Inc.**

The next distribution at the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry will be February 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Goshen First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 33 Park Place, Goshen. <u>Please arrive by 8:45 am</u> this month and be ready to help!

Bagging for distribution and shelf stocking are done at the Goshen Food Pantry every Tuesday morning at 9:15a.m. for about 1 hour.

On the fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. we give youth looking for community service & adults the chance to bag and stock shelves. All are welcome. This month's date is February 22.



## The Free Community Dinner at St. James'

The next dinner will be held on February 29, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the St. James' Parish Hall. Goshen's Youth Ending Hunger Group will be hosting the dinner. Call John Strobl at 294-9004 to lend a helping hand. We open at 4:00 p.m. to get ready for the 5:30 p.m. meal. The dinner is always held the last Saturday of each month.

## Food donations needed for the Food Pantry

The Food Pantry depends on food & financial donations. Please make it a habit to donate a food item each time you come to Church Services. Please donate every Sunday at Funday School. Drop off locations are on the table just inside the back door and the table just before you enter the church, both are labeled Food Pantry Donations. Thank you for your continuing support to the Pantry.



# **This month we are collecting** - Canned fruits or rice.

People are hungry all year. Please give a financial or food donation to the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry to help us feed those less fortunate. Financial donations may be mailed to The Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry Inc. c/o John Strobl, 55 Wickham Ave, Goshen, NY 10924.



February 6, is the date for our Souper Bowl of Caring Collection. Please have everyone in your family donate \$1.00 and a canned food item when you come to church that day. Help us Tackle Hunger.

# Love in the Bible.....

#### God's Love For Us

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. - <u>John 3:16</u>

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. - <u>Galatians 2:20</u>

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. - <u>Deuteronomy 7:9</u>

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. - <u>Proverbs 8:17</u>

#### Love for God

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. - <u>1 John 4:16</u>

I love you, O LORD, my strength. - <u>Psalm 18:1</u> Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest com-

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Devon	Wuagneux	2/1
Nathan	Search	2/3
Donna	Carbone	2/8
Richard	Frazier	2/8
Christopher	De Angelis	2/9
Tanya	Hamilton	2/10
Jill	Splieth	2/13
Beth	Somlai	2/14
James	Ferrier	2/16
Christopher	Quintero	2/24
Leah	Golding	2/26
Lillian	Quintero	2/26
Revathi	Chellappa	2/27
Seetha	Chellappa	2/28

mandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' – <u>Matthew 22:37-39</u>

#### **Love for One Another**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. . .And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. - excerpts from 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. - <u>John</u> 15:12-13

'Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD. - Leviticus 19:18

Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs. – <u>Proverbs 10:12</u>

# HAPPY Anniversary

Paul & Malini Chellappa 2/15

God Bless **Austin Strahl**who was baptized
at St. James' on
January 15th.