

# The St. James Connector

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## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation is always a very special time. We recall the vows that their parents took at the time they were baptized, and now these four young people stand before us as adult Christians, ready to make their own commitment of faith.

For the last four months these young people and their mentors have been meeting regularly, and exploring together what it means to live as a Christian in today's society. We celebrate their commitment and their faith, and hope that you will join us for worship on this very special day as they are received into the church on Pentecost – the birthday of the church.

## FAMILY NIGHT MAY 5<sup>th</sup>

This will be our last one until September!!!! I hope everyone has a safe and healthy summer season. I am looking forward to September with pizza and time together eating, laughing and hanging out. A special thanks to everyone that helps with this event, whether you bake, set-up, clean-up or attend, we always have a good time. Peace, Karen

## ST. JAMES SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications for the St. James Scholarship Fund are available in the rack outside the office door.

The St. James Scholarship is awarded to members of St. James who are continuing their education past high school. Students are eligible for a maximum of four years.

Applications for either of these scholarships must be completed and returned to the church by June 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be considered.



## WYNCIC ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the UCC Congregational, 297 Main St. in Arcade NY. The theme will be Telling the Stories of God's people through Godly Play Puppetry & Storytelling and will be featuring Arcade UCC's Praise Team "Fay Cry". We hope you will consider coming to this meeting.

## BENEFIT PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BASKET RAFFLE

Our youth are sponsoring a pancake breakfast and benefit for Sue Wiltberger in her effort to help defray the cost of a service dog. It will be held Sunday, May 16th following worship. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children up to age 10. Please help by supporting our efforts to raise money to help Sue.

Sue suffers from a seizure disorder caused by injuries caused by a car accident when she was 9 years old. As a result of the brain damage Sue began having seizures at the age of 12. With remarkable will and spirit she has been able to live independently. The service dog will be able to alert her as much as 60 minutes before the onset of a seizure.

## FOOD PANTRY:

May 2	Instant potatoes
May 9	Noodles/ Macaroni
May 16	Paper products
May 23	Jello/pudding
May 30	Bisquick/bread mixes

## **MOTHER'S DAY HANGING BASKET SALE**

This year our Church & Ministry Committee again will be selling hanging baskets. Each basket will be \$20.00. All proceeds will go to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Plants will be available at the Saturday Evening and Sunday worship services on Mother's Day weekend.

## **SEWING MISSION**

The next meeting will be May 11<sup>th</sup>. We meet in the Assembly Hall at 9:30 a.m. Please bring a sandwich and dessert will be provided by Ruth Rathman.

Anyone interested in seeing what this group makes is welcome to come and join us.

## **SERVERS**

The Servers will host their annual Tea on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Horton Lounge. The guest speaker is Mary Leitten who will be speaking on "alternative therapies" to include nutrition, reflexology, and the art of using flower essences.

Would you like to join Servers? We were organized in 1915 by Rose Knack and we presently have 25 active members. Dues are \$7 per year. Meetings are the last Tuesday of the month. We hold an annual Fall Soup Sale in October as a fund raiser. We also host and bake for memorial services at St. James. Meeting attendance and participation are at your convenience. Interested? Call Kitty Sandoval at 646-4444

## **PAULA PFISTER SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Board of Christian Ed offers graduating High School Seniors, who have served in the Christian Ed program at St. James during their high school years, including their senior year, are eligible to apply for the Paula Pfister Christian Education Scholarship.

Applications have been mailed out to those who qualify and must be submitted for approval *No Later Than June 1st*. The Board of Christian Education will meet on Tuesday, June 1st to review the applications, so make sure you get your application in before we meet.

## **PRAYING IN COLORS**

Our next Praying in Colors will take place May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a very special evening.

## **WELCOME JESS KACALSKI**

We are happy to welcome Jess Kacalski as a volunteer in the life of St. James. She is completing her studies in the New York School of Ministry and is seeking to work in our church in a supervisory ministry position. She has worked in many different positions and comes to us with experience working with Youth, Bible School, and preaching.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS BAKE SALE**

**Sunday, May 2nd**

The confirmation class and their mentors are hosting a bake sale to benefit UCC Chile Relief Fund. Please support our efforts by volunteering to bake something and if you

can't help by baking please support us by buying something or making a donation.



## **HELP NEEDED**

If you are willing to help with the lawn mowing please see Horst.

## **STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

The Christian Education Staff Appreciation Luncheon and Program will be Sunday, May 2nd following worship in the Assembly Hall. Place settings are provided for this event and everyone is invited to attend! The Menu will include assorted Cold Cuts Platters with rolls; Salads provided by the Board of Christian Ed. Desserts are provided by The Church Council; and beverages will be provided.

If you are a member of the CE staff you are invited to attend this event in your honor. Be sure to set the date aside and attend! Please remember to sign-up. Everyone is welcome to attend this special occasion. Christina Shrewsbury our Music director is planning musical entertainment for the luncheon. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and space to indicate what you would like to bring. If you are interested in helping to honor those involved with our CE program please check the "would like to help" column on the sign-up sheet. We can always use a hand.

p.m. in the Resource Room. Please call the church office at 649-6171 if you cannot attend the meeting.

## **MUSIC**

Rehearsals for the Cherub and Youth Choirs are scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19, 26. Cherubs meet at 7:00 p.m. Youth meet at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> the Cherubs and Youth singers will meet after church to prepare to sing for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

The Cherub and Youth singers did a great job singing this Easter season. We thank you for all the special music and solos.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals:  
Warm up 9:15 May 2, 9, 16  
Rehearsals 11 a.m. on May 9, 16, 23  
No rehearsal May 2 or 30

A special Thanks to all Chancel Choir singers for their outstanding music throughout the Lenten season, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.

Watch for Dates for the Cherub and Youth ice cream social and the Chancel Choir picnic in June.

## **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4th at 7 p.m. in the Resource Room. Please call if you are unable to attend.

## **YOUTH BOARD MEETING**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 25th at 6:15

## **DUNKIRK WORK WEEKEND**

The WAY (Western Area Youth) Work Weekend is scheduled for May 21st - 23rd. If you are interested in helping spruce up the camp for the beginning of the season speak to Karen for more information. The cost for this event is \$20.00 for each youth. The St. James Youth Fund pays for \$10.00 of the cost for youth and advisors. Forms are at the Youth Bulletin Board. and outside the Christian Ed office. The deadline to register is May 14<sup>th</sup> so get your registration and money to Karen by then.

## **DUNKIRK DAY**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> to attend our annual church picnic and worship service at the Dunkirk conference center. The service begins at 11:00 a.m. with the picnic immediately following. Please join us as we complete our church school program and begin our summer schedule. Check next month's newsletter for last minute details and be sure to sign-up on the bulletin to attend. Directions will be available near the church office and near the bulletin board.

## **CROP WALK**

Usually we hold the CROP Walk in the fall but this year we are holding our 1st annual spring CROP WALK. We are

so busy in the fall that we have decided to hold the walk during Church School on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Be on the lookout for children looking for pledges for CROP! Please support us in this worthwhile event to help fight hunger

## **SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE**

Beginning Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our Summer Church School Program for children through Grade 5. We strive to bring a quality program to the children that enter our doors during the summer months. We are inviting church members to help provide the best program we can offer. If you are someone who enjoys spending time with children please consider donating a Sunday or two to our Summer Church School program. Contact Karen Reinagel, Director of Christian Education for more information on ways you can help. Karen can be reached at the office most afternoons at 649-6171 or at home 648-1092 or by email at [karen@saintjamesucc.com](mailto:karen@saintjamesucc.com) or [karenreinagel@gmail.com](mailto:karenreinagel@gmail.com). You may sign up on the bulletin board and someone will call you. People are needed to serve as leaders on Sunday mornings, assistants, childcare workers, people to serve refreshments, as well as donate items such as juice, ice tea, lemonade, cookies, and other snacks. It would be nice to have 2 or 3 people for each Sunday morning.

Often in the summer folks take a break from attending church. What better time to take a moment out of your

schedule to attend a service and thank the Lord for all the sunshine we are enjoying.

Volunteering to be a part of this program is a way to get to know many of the children in our congregation. We have some really neat kids and they sure are easy to love. Spending time with them can put a smile on your face!

### **DUNKIRK NEWS**

The Summer Camp theme for 2010 is "Be A Hero".

It's not too late to register for camp. You will have to pay a little more but it is worth it! You will still be eligible for the St. James Camp Scholarship based on half off the Early Bird Rate. Get a registration form at the Christian Ed bulletin board area or from the Christian Ed office on the 2nd floor. You may return your registration form and your deposit or half of the payment payable to Dunkirk Conference Center and Karen Reinagel will do the rest.

The Board of Christian Education and the Legacy Committee will pay half of the registration based on the Early Bird Rate. Children entering 1st Grade in the fall of 2010 are eligible to register as first time campers. If you have questions about camps offered, stop in or call the church office. You may see the Christian Ed Bulletin Board for information on camp dates, or speak to Karen Reinagel.

### **Baptisms:**

Vincenzo Angelo DiSanto  
Born: September 23, 2009  
Baptized: April 11, 2010  
Parents: David & Diana

DiSanto

### **Deaths:**

Irma Winter  
Born: April 25, 1916  
Died: March 31, 2010  
Service: April 3, 2010

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION STAFF REVIEWS AND HELP WANTED**

It is the time of year when the Board of Christian Ed is calling our CE staff and asking if they would like to return in the fall. We have openings for teaching, subs, assisting in childcare, or help as an office assistant. Board of Christian Ed members will be looking to get your input about our CE program at St. James. If you haven't taught or worked within our CE program this is a good time to consider joining us and helping to work with the families of our congregation. If you have are interested, talk to a Board of CE member or Karen Reinagel.

### ***UNITED CHURCH MANOR***

The United Church Manor at 50 North Ave., Wet Seneca is a subsidized housing for the elderly and disabled. They have a short waiting list in an affordable housing community.

### **REMEMBER OUR YOUTH FUNDRAISERS**

We appreciate your support in our can and bottle drive, candy bars sales, clothing shed, and our newest fundraisers Dimes

for Dunkirk.

### **THANKS!**

I would like to give a special thanks to all who helped with the; Rummage Sale, Lasertron, Easter, and the Egg Hunt and Enrichment Time.

Peace, Karen Reinagel



### **PRAYER SHAWLS**

We would like to give a very special thank you, especially to Myra Ferguson, and Kitty Sandoval, and all those who have helped in providing many beautiful prayer shawls. Many have gone to Roswell Park Hospital and they are always available to anyone who would like to give them as a gift.

### **RUMMAGE SALE**

The St. James Rummage sale was held April 16 & 17, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered. There will be an update in the next newsletter.

Patty Jensen

### **CANDLE SALE**

The combined St. James Youth Groups raised \$170.00 from the candle sale. Thank you to all who purchased candles and helped the youth. Patty Jensen

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday evening service at the Hamburg Presbyterian Church on the "Seven Last Words" was so moving. It was a combined effort including the Hamburg Presbyterian Church, Hamburg United Methodist Church and St. James. It was good to see our sisters and brothers worshipping together

## VBS 2010

The theme for Vacation Bible School this year is "We are the Church Together!" St. James will be partnering with Hamburg Presbyterian and St. Matthew's UCC. The dates are August 23<sup>rd</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

The closing program on Thursday Night program will be open to all three of the congregations and will be at St. Matthew's on McKinley Parkway for an ice cream social and square dance with Gary Burdick and Company.

Volunteers will be needed for this event. Watch for further information in May and June.

## BUGERFEST

Plans are underway for the Youth to host a variety of events during the Burgerfest on July 18th. We are hoping to expand on last year's festivities and also sell some of the same items such as popcorn, birch beer, have a theme basket raffle, 50/50 split tickets, just to name a few.

We are looking for theme basket donations or items to put in theme baskets. Please have all donations of items and baskets turned in by Sunday, July 4th. If you would like to help by volunteering time the day of the event or work on the planning or making up baskets please speak to Cher, Karen or Donna. Last year we had a great time and had a wonderful group of volunteers.

We are also in need of a pop-up tent for shade the day of the event. Look for more details in the next newsletter and the church bulletins.

## MID ATLANTIC REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT (MARYE)

The MARYE is being held at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA on July 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>. "Take the Journey...Follow the Holy Brick Road" - One of the best youth events you have EVER attended is coming your way THIS SUMMER! Our journeys of life can take us all over the map, but there is one very EXCELLENT way to follow - the way of the Holy Brick Road! This youth event will take you on a journey of faith and celebration, and by the strength of the Holy Spirit, you will be able to follow the Holy Brick Road and discover a whole lot about God, yourself, our world, and much more!

There will be great youth-led worship, music, speakers, many workshops (Moments of the Road), great friendships, and oh, so much more.

Registration information can be found on the Youth Bulletin Board, outside the CE office or by talking to Donna or Karen. You can also check on line at the RYE website [www.marye-ucc.org](http://www.marye-ucc.org).

Come with us! Take the journey...Follow the Holy Brick

Road! All forms will be processed and mailed through St. James. They need to be turned in to Karen so she can get them to MARYE. The cost to attend this event is \$100.00 per youth to attend plus any additional spending money they bring. If you are registering after the February deadline the cost is \$125.00 (from March 1 - May 30<sup>th</sup> and \$150.00 after June 1, but before July 1<sup>st</sup> Please speak to Karen to make sure of availability

## Character Council of Hamburg, Inc.

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### Discretion vs. Simplemindedness

Discretion is recognizing and avoiding words, actions and attitudes that could bring undesirable consequences

### WHAT IS CHARACTER?

- Moral and ethical strength.
- Doing what is right at any cost.
- A life of right conduct.
- Seeing the wise decision in every situation and using it.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE

April 17<sup>th</sup> was the date of our New York Conference's first Disaster Preparedness Training held here at St. James.

Several churches from our Western Association were here to share their ideas as well as information. Trainers

came from Binghamton, Albany, Rochester and East Aurora.

Folks were asked to bring a sandwich or two. They were then cut and placed on trays for lunch. We had two large platters of sandwiches to share.

The day was a success and we look forward to sharing information in the future with others. We have been asked to present a workshop at NY Conference in June.