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Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Proper 22, BCP p. 832)

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We abound in blessings! The collect for this Sunday reminds us of that fact even when we find it difficult to believe. We have an abundance of mercy, forgiveness, and all manner of other, more tangible, good things. We are blessed because we are beloved children of God. We are blessed to be a blessing out in the world.

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When the world seems small and mean spirited, and we are tempted to despair, we have a choice. We can either help perpetuate that meanness, or we can counteract it with a generosity that springs from the giver of all good things in the first place. What would happen if we stopped naming our own petitions long enough to deeply hear those of another? How might the world, or our little corner of it, be changed for the better by extending the hand of reconciliation to those who have hurt us, or to ask forgiveness from those whom we have hurt?

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It may seem like insignificant action in the face of overwhelming need, but it is not. Mercy, forgiveness and compassion are powerful currencies. And our Lord sees to it that we have a ready supply.

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Notes from the Bishop's Warden

I have been pondering for a week about writing an article for this month's newsletter. Sometimes ideas come very easily as to what I will write about. Unfortunately, this month I struggled with subject matter.

Today, Thurs., Sept. 27, I was sitting on my deck having my morning cup of coffee when suddenly out of the corner of my eye I spotted a flock of turkey amongst the variety of trees in my back yard. They were pecking around in the "jewel weed" as they were out for their morning meal. This particular group consists of 8 hens. As I watched them make their way to the pasture across the road from my house, I spotted a group of six gophers in another part of the field eating their share of grasshoppers. Meanwhile, there were a couple of gray squirrels scurrying around collecting nuts to either take back to their nest or more likely dig a hole and bury them for future feeding. Last evening I saw two deer in the pasture across my house eating and bulking up for the winter ahead.

Like the wildlife, I too am preparing for the fall and winter season. Plenty of things to do around the house inside and outside i.e. taking out screen windows, raking leaves, etc. Through all the days of the year, I give thanks to God for creating the beauty of each season. In addition, I praise him for his guidance and listening to my prayers as I continue on my faith journey as a member of the St. James church family.

Love,

Nani



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 7th

Bring your pets!



The only requirement is that they be properly restrained with a leash, crate or secure pen for their safety as well as the safety of others.





Submitted by: Eda Scales

With the onset of cooler weather, the Soup Kitchen has transitioned into its Fall routine. Air conditioners have been stowed away. Donations of local produce appear on the "giveaway" table. An extra coffee pot is brewed on Tuesdays to accommodate those who need an extra cup to take the chill off. And it's time to add hot chocolate and tea to our beverage menu. Little things mean a lot when extending hospitality. A cheerful greeting can make someone's day. A full plate of food is comforting and means one less thing to stress about. There is always a place at the table Tuesdays at noon. Come and share the gift of hospitality.

Soup Kitchen Stats and Dates

September meals served: 333

Food bags given out: 60

Meat only: 38 bags

Next " Bag Day" food distribution: October 9 and 23 (sign up on Tuesdays)



Episcopal Prayer Calendar

Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania Prayer Calendar 2018-2019

October 2018

- 7 – Our Saviour, DuBois & Constitution
And Canons Cmte.
- 14 – St. James, Titusville & Aspirants
- 21 – Our Father, Foxburg & Diocesan
Convention
- 28 – St. John’s, Sharon & Commission
on Ministry



November 2018

- 4 - Ascension, Bradford
- 11 - St. John’s, Kane & Diocesan Clergy
- 18 - Epiphany, Grove City & Diocesan
Council

December 2018

- 3 - Holy Trinity, Houtzdale
- 10 - Trinity Memorial, Warren &
St. Francis, Youngsville
- 17 - St. Augustine, Edinboro &
Diocesan ECW

January 2019

- 7 - Trinity, New Castle & Disciplinary
Board
- 14 - Christ Church, Meadville
- 21 - Holy Cross, North East
- 28 - St. Mark’s Erie &
Examining Chaplains

February 2019

- 4 - Grace, Lake City & Diocesan
Church Center
- 11– St. Joseph’s, Port Alleghany
- 18 - Resurrection, Hermitage
- 25 - Grace, Ridgway & Province III Synod

March 2019

- 4 - St. Agnes, St. Mary’s
- 11 - St. Mary’s, Lawrence Park
- 18 - St. John’s, Franklin
- 25 - St. Luke’s, Smethport

April 2019

- 4 - St. Laurence, Osceola Mills
- 22 - St. Stephen’s, Fairview
- 29 - St. Andrew’s, Clearfield

May 2019

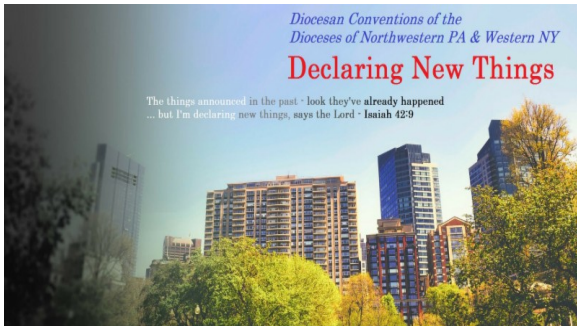
- 6 - Emmanuel, Emporium
- 13 - St. Peter’s, Waterford &
St. Clement’s, Greenville



Titusville Healthcare (formerly Golden Living) ... is looking for volunteers to do activities with residents in the evenings or on Sunday afternoons.

Help our seniors have something to look forward to every week. Crafts, read to them, play games or whatever your gift may be! Your time would be greatly appreciated! Especially by those who are unable to get outside.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Leigh at 827-2727.



CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Will you be attending diocesan convention as a guest? Ever wondered what it would be like to serve as a registrar or a teller? This is your year!

They are looking for 8 people to serve at the registration table on Friday, October 26, from 10:00-12:45. We would ask that you be there by 9:30 to get instruction. (By the way, delegates and alternates could serve as registration volunteers this year too!)

They are also looking for 8 people to serve as tellers on Saturday, October 27. We would ask that you be there by 9:00 AM for instruction and you would be finished by 11:30.

(If this is something you would be interested in, please see Martha.)

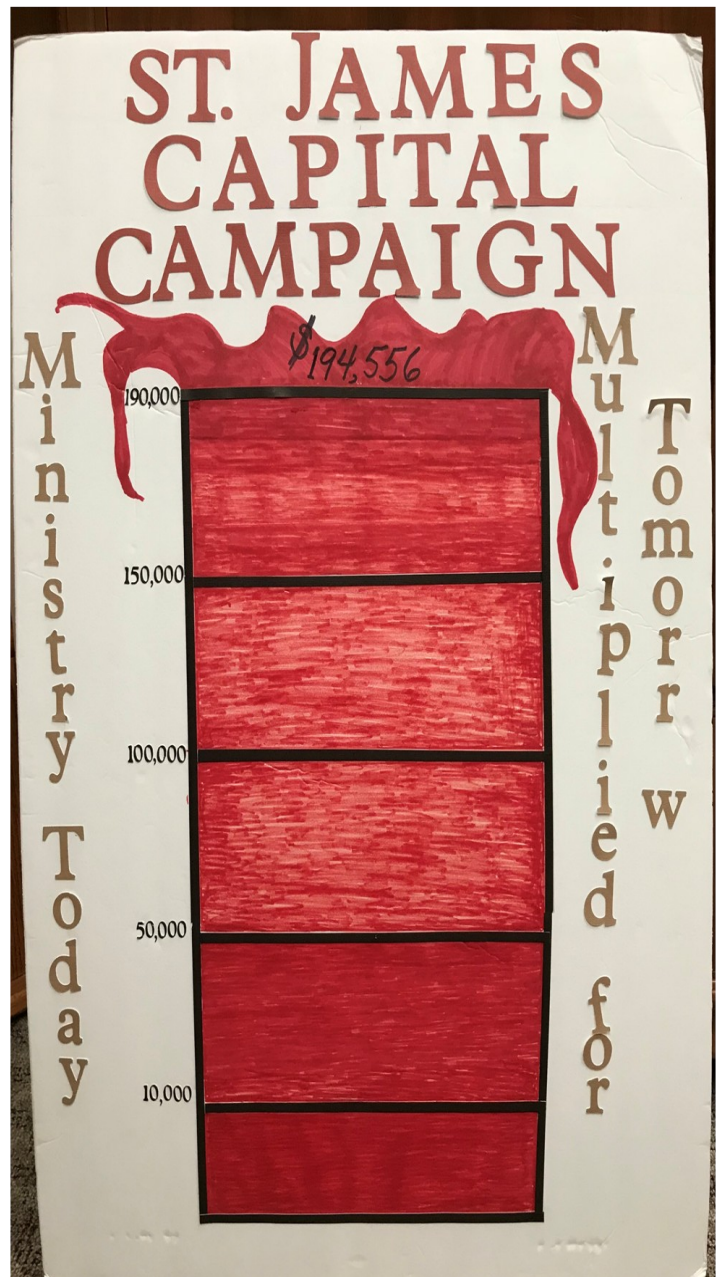


**THANK YOU FOR COMING
TO OUR RALLY DAY CELEBRATION!**

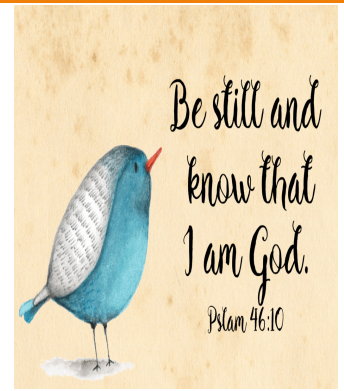
We Rallied! We Celebrated! We Gave Thanks!

We are truly blessed by both the generosity of our parishioners and the community at large. Because of the willingness to dig deep, we have exceeded our goal for Phase One of the campaign! As you can see, we went over the top and raised \$194,566 in pledges. Well done.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS



OCTOBER

7, 14, 21, 28	Christian Formation for Children	10:30 am	
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Christian Formation for Youth	3:30 pm	
4, 11, 18, 25	Christian Formation for Adults	5:30 pm	
1, 8, 22, 29	Discernment Committee Meetings	4:00-6:00 pm	Mackie Room
6th	Blood Screening @ First Presbyterian Church		
7th	Blessing of the Animals		
14th	Bishop will be here for confirmations & receptions.		

<p>OCTOBER <u>BIRTHDAYS</u></p> <p>Gloria Baker 9th</p> <p>Jim McCurdy 16th</p> <p>Marilyn Mortimer 21st</p> <p>{Send cards for Marilyn: c/o Crawford County Care Home 20881 State Hwy. 198 Saegertown, PA 16433}</p>	<p>OCTOBER <u>ANNIVERSARIES</u></p> <p>Clyde & Carol Courtwright 11th</p> <p>Richard & Bonnie Pichora 19th</p> <p>Chet & Mary Barker 31st</p>
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Just for Fun

Several children found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. And so with great dignity, he intoned,

"Glory be to the Father...and unto the Son...and into the hole he goes."

At Sunday School they were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Johnny was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?"

Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked."

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

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