

# APRIL 2008 CHIMES

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## Renewal Prayer for St. James'

Please pray on a daily basis.

**We pray that God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know Him, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know what is the hope to which God has called us.**

**Amen.** Ephesians 1:17-18a

## Discernment Prayer for Diocese of N. Michigan

Please pray on a daily basis.

**God of vision and imagination you know us better than we know ourselves: grant to the members of our Episcopal ministry discernment team an awareness of your presence. Guide their discerning. Ground them in prayer. Give them courage, wisdom, listening hearts, creativity, and a willingness to risk. We ask this in the name of your Son. Amen.**

## SR WARDEN'S REPORT



On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, several folks from the Eastern Region traveled to Newberry to meet with the Standing Committee and the Core Team. The purpose of this meeting was to find out why they had refused to sign our Missioner, Anita Wingert's letter of agreement. They had told us there were issues and we did not know what those issues were. I am on the Personnel Committee and visited several churches in the Eastern Region this past fall. All the churches I visited were very pleased with Anita and could not understand why we were trying to fire her. I reassured them that she was not going to be fired but this was just a review to see how things were going. I apologize for telling these congregations that, for in fact, that was exactly what was taking place. That was not how we perceived these visits, but it was how the diocese did. Saturday they informed us that they would not sign her contract and basically it didn't matter how we felt but that was how it was going to be. Needless to say everyone there had plenty to say and the atmosphere was anything but pleasant. About 12:30pm the group from Marquette left. We had some chowder that Anita made and sat down to discuss what comes next. We are sending a letter asking them to reconsider their decision and actions. We are sending another letter informing them we plan on letting the Presiding Bishop know what is going on. If all else fails and Anita leaves, I would hope we can give her time enough with pay, to sell her home and settle her affairs here. The group that went over there, came back with very heavy hearts and a whole lot of anger. We are going to try and calm down so we can think with our heads and not our feelings. Susan Harries and I will stay on the Discernment Committee so that they will know the

Eastern Region is still going to have some say in what happens. Please pray for all of us and especially Anita as she goes through this troublesome time. I will be happy to discuss any of this with anyone. Besides myself, Bob Aldrich, Susan Harries, Ed Gillhooley, Larry Rice, Diane Horst, and Lee Brown all attended this meeting and I am sure will be happy to talk to anyone. See you in church, Dawn Aldrich, Sr. Warden

## ALBERTA HOUSE

Tom Miller's portrait is on display at the Alberta House all this month. If you're in the area stop by and see this display. Tom is very proud.

## SCHEDULING

This article concerns Ushers, Lectors, Prayers, Priest, Deacons, Altar Guild, Acolytes, and anyone else who is on the ministry scheduled that I have forgotten. If you know when you will be out of town over the summer please let me, Dawn, know by April 15<sup>th</sup> so I can get the schedule for the next four months completed. Thank you.

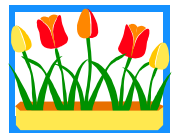


## BIBLE STUDY

Now that the Easter week is over, and spring has arrived, it is time once again to get back to our Bible Study Lessons. We will be meeting on April 13th at 8:45am. We are studying Matthew 8:1--9:34. Everyone is welcome!

## SPRING TEA & GARDEN EXTRAVAGANZE - MAY 10

On Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-2:00pm, St. James' ECW and the Soo Garden Club will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Spring Tea & Garden Extravaganza.**



This is the day before Mother's Day, and there will be lots of flowers and gardening items perfect for gifts. The Sign-Up Sheet is in the undercroft awaiting your signatures. Please take the time to sign-up for donations of food, set-up, clean-up, and workers. We have expanded this fundraiser each year, and this one looks to be even better. We had to send someone out for additional food to cover the increase in guests last year, so this year we are hoping to have even more of St. James members joining us in preparing for this cheerful welcome to Spring!

Please come and enjoy sharing God's grace and community with us—men, women, & children are all encouraged to participate.



## ST. JAMES' EASTER FLOWERS WERE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND.....

In memory of Warry and Ann McCondra, Tom and Nina Aldrich, Myron and Gertrude Curtis, James Samek and Paul Aldrich by Bob and Dawn Aldrich

In memory of parents and daughter, Kay by Ruth and Warren Benson

In memory of Jean and other departed family members by Claude Caldwell

In memory of Clayton and Betty Ford, Russell and Irene Clark and Rozella Cummings by Ron and Janet Clark and Family

In memory of family and friends by Agnes Dybeck

In memory of John S. and Melba TenEyck, and Rick Gulliver by Dick and Marjie Gulliver

In memory of Duane and Shirley Horst, Bernice Izzard and Gary Izzard by Diane Horst

In memory of Mildred and Clifford Armstrong, Robert H. Armstrong, Henrietta and Lewis Harris, Dorothy and Arthur Stapleton by Patricia Armstrong LaPointe

In memory of Gertrude Sims, Albert and Anna Stevenson, Norman Stevenson, and James Lawrence by Ruth Lawrence and Ellie and Fran Papineau

In thanksgiving for family, my church family and friends by Audrey LeLievre

In memory of family members by June Meehan

In memory of Thelma McCord and Sara Hiembach by Lorna Nally

In memory of departed Friends and Family by Janine Parish

In memory of Kay and Art Newton and Vi and Dick Sager, Helen and C.E. Rice by Larry and Sue Rice

In thanksgiving for my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren by Sharon Sabatine

In memory of Stephen and Elsie Stiling and Reginald and Esther Angus, by Stephen and Margaret Stiling

▶ **F.Y.I.**

For **Pastoral emergencies** for the month of April contact On-Call Priest, Rev. Selden Collins, **906-647-2011** or Sr. Warden, Dawn Aldrich at **906-632-8598**.

**Pam** will be on **vacation** so the office will be **closed** Wednesday, April 30 through Tuesday, May 6. The office will **reopen** on Wednesday, May 7.

NEXT "CHIMES" DEADLINE - SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2008

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