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# JANUARY 2012 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

## NOTES FROM EDITOR

### EDITORS NOTE



It is 5:00 pm on January 1<sup>st</sup> as I sit here hoping someone will e-mail me something for the Chimes. As no one has this will be a very short newsletter.

I have a rather tight schedule these next couple of weeks so really don't have time to wait for news. As most of you know our son Doug is having open heart surgery on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January. We will be leaving next Sunday for Munson Hospital to be there with him. Before that happens I have to do the schedule for the next four months and write a sermon. I go back to work Tuesday so I want to get that all done tomorrow.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is **Sunday, January 29, 2012**. At that time we will be electing new Vestry members. We will need three new members. When considering this position, please be aware that being a good vestry person means that you attend church regularly so that you have knowledge of the activities within the parish and its people. If you are interested in being on the vestry please contact a vestry person or call Pam in the office 632-2451. This position is not demanding and can be very rewarding. **Annual reports are due into the office by Wednesday, January 18.**



## EDUCATION SCHEDULE

(With occasional exceptions)

**Youth Sunday School** (SS) meets at 9am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

The **Adult Education Group** (AE) meets at 9am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

The **Ministry Support Team** (MST) meets at 7pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month following our Eucharist Service at Freighter View. There is one meeting a month for business and one for education.

**Covenant Group** (CG) meets at 7pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

## MERCI BEAUCOUP

Many thanks to each one and to all who contributed to my gift at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are truly appreciated. Sincerely, Bob

## THANK YOU

To the congregation and the ladies of the ECW, I want to thank you for the generous Christmas gift. It really came in handy. Hope you all have a Happy New Year. Peace. --Dave

## THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

To the ECW and the parish, thank you so much for your generous gifts this Christmas. They were greatly appreciated. I have purchased an E-reader and can now enjoy the multiple books I am reading all on one device as opposed to carrying three or four books with me. Again thank you. Your kindness is appreciated. --Pam

## THANKS FROM GARY ISGAR

Gary would like to thank those of you who have been praying for his daughter Dana. She is doing great and is now back to work and working on her recovery. Her twin sister says Dana was a "2011 miracle."

## NOTE FROM CHRISTIE (LARKE) WELLS

The following email was received at St. James last week.



Dear St James Family,

Sorry I didn't get a chance to tell anyone we were leaving or for taking so long to get a note out. I hope you will forgive me. I didn't have much time before we left.

Four weeks from the time we came back from visiting my family until the time we had left the Sault with a u-haul.

Things have been very busy since we arrived.

I wish I could have made this move sooner for Gordie's sake. He is a different kid! Doing great in school, he's made friends and has been in a play.

Dotgames is doing well in South Carolina. Seems there was a need for it! Mitch has been busy with it. There is a boardwalk that we like to walk on, its where the shrimp boats dock. Mitch got to see his first wild dolphin there!

My health has improved here. (Like that's a big shock, duh!!) Did you notice I said **WE** like to walk! I get around a lot better here. The house we are renting was built for a disabled a woman. Perfect for me.

I miss seeing all of you, but don't miss the weather. Today it is sunny and 68 on December 29. I love it here!

Hope each and everyone of the St James' family has had a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for all of you in the coming new year!

Many blessing,  
Christie (Larke) Wells

## WOMENS RETREAT INVITE

From our Sisters in the Diocese of Fond du Lac:

Time to think about the winter retreat at the Norbertine Center sponsored by the Diocese of Fond du Lac Women's Ministries! Deadline is February 1st. Pastor Diane Murray is the Spiritual Leader and she will be presenting a program called "Circle of Faith."

You will be able to use the pool on Saturday and do exercises that include Christian music and prayer. Snowshoes will be available to those who wish to take advantage of the beautiful grounds.

Is a massage more your cup of tea? or a book study? We will have crafts and fellowship! For more information, check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the undercroft or go to [www.diofdl.org/retreat](http://www.diofdl.org/retreat) . If you sign up with a friend you can get \$10 off your registration!

## OBITUARY

**Elmer A. "Bud " Bradley**, member and retired St. James' sexton, passed away early Sunday morning, January 1, 2012. A celebration of Bud's life and ministry will take place at **Dodson Funeral Home**, 240 McCann Street, St. Ignace, Michigan, on **Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** at **2pm**. Visitation will be 11am to service time at the funeral home.



Rev. Susan Harries is the Priest on Call for the month of January. You can reach her at (906) 322-1793.

**PRIEST ON CALL**



**NEXT "CHIMES" DEADLINE - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012**

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