

# MAY 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/"CHIMES" EDITOR

Well it's the first Sunday of the month and the "Chimes" deadline is here. This is the first time since I have taken over doing the "Chimes" that no one has sent me anything to include. Needless to say this addition will be smaller than usual.

I want to bring you up to date on the status of our missioner, Anita Wingert. The Eastern Region Board met today at St. James. Bob Trautman, Convenor of the Eastern Region Board, read the letter from the Standing Committee saying that they will not renew Anita's letter of agreement. This comes after several letters written to them in support of Anita from all the congregations but one in the Eastern Region. The Eastern Region has written more than once to ask them to reconsider but they refuse. So in lieu of their decision the Board decided to write and ask them to extend her contract until August and we will then give her a 'severance package' until the end of the year so she can have some time to look for other employment, sell her house and try and get her life back. Possibly there will be a packet of all the communication sent to the Presiding Bishop so she can be aware of what is happening in the Diocese of Northern Michigan. I have to add that this situation makes all of us most unhappy. The Standing Committee and Core Team have suggested that possibly we could get together and begin the healing process. Most at the meeting felt they were not ready for any dialogue with these groups. We all feel that our desires and concerns have been heard but have not been understood or appreciated. I will keep you informed of future happenings. Our board delegates are more than willing to listen to whatever you have to say. —Dawn Aldrich

### ! MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

#### SPRING TEA & GARDEN EXTRAVAGANZA

On Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm 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. It will be a day packed with good fun, good food, and good garden ideas. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the undercroft after Easter and 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. Please come and enjoy the day with us

#### MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

If you want to contribute to the flowers for Mother's Day, you can leave your contributions with Pam in the office or contact Dorothy Dandsdill.



#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 11 is Pentecost Sunday. We will celebrate by dressing in red and having a red and white cake in the undercroft for coffee hour. Look for special additions to the liturgy for this special occasion.

#### FYI

I received this e-mail from Brent Hamachek:

**Bev Hamachek** has moved to live with us in the Chicago area. She will be with me, her son, my wife Jill and our three children Andrea (20), Sarah (17) and Katie (6). She has been a lifelong resident of Sault Ste. Marie and a lifelong member of St. James. We are getting her established as a parish member at St. Giles Episcopal Church in Northbrook, Illinois. She can be written to at our home address:



**Bev Hamachek**  
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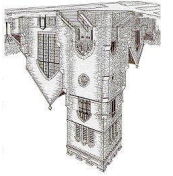
Her cell phone is a local number so people can call her without it being long distance. The number is: **(906) 440-3620**.

#### BOB MCPHERSON

Pam informed me that Bob will be starting his last round of Chemo this week and hopes to be home by this coming weekend. **He will let us know when he is ready for visitors.**



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