



CHRIST CHURCH

✝ BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ✝

September/October 2018

PROPOSED MISSION TRIP TO BELIZE IN JANUARY

Heather Face Garoy is the sister of Sara Jaeger and daughter of Laura and Glen Face. She has been living in Belize as a missionary for 9 years. Heather is married to Allison Garoy who is the Pastor of Mt Hope Bible Church. They have two daughters aged three and five.

Mt Hope Bible Church has recently purchased the property they have been using for the past two years. It contains the church and two homes. One of the homes was vacated and they are in the process of converting it into a youth center and Sunday School classrooms.

A mission trip is being planned for January 8–17, 2019 (when it is cold here and warm in Belize!).

We would like to continue the renovations on the youth center and to provide much-needed repairs to the home of one of their parishioners. Opportunities are also available to work in the classroom of a local school and with the church's youth group.

Interested parishioners are encouraged to contact **John Boyd** (jboyd1053@gmail.com or 518-330-2242) or **Glen Face** (glenface@gmail.com or 518-441-6396) for more information regarding Heather and Allison and their Mt Hope Bible Church, or about partnering with the church for this trip. ●



PASTOR'S LETTER

Photograph: Ken Rimarty



THE REVEREND DERIK J. ROY, JR.

Dear Friends,

Max Lucado tells a story about a man out under a streetlight looking for something. His

neighbor came along and asked, "What are you looking for?" "My keys," said the man. "Where did you lose them?" asked the neighbor. "Well, I lost them over there on the lawn, but I'm looking here because the light is better."

It seems pretty foolish to look for something in one place if you know it is in another, and yet isn't that exactly what we do? We say we want happiness, joy, fulfillment, peace of mind, confidence, purpose, and on and on. Yet we so often look in all the wrong places.

We are entering a new year of opportunity for service and spiritual growth. With fall and the beginning of school, the church comes alive with many ways to give of our time to help others and to grow ourselves.

On September 23, there will be a Ministry Fair to help you see all the possibilities for you to get involved, and there will be an opportunity for you to fill out and turn in a Time and Talent commitment sheet.

Also, this newsletter is full of information about ways to serve and grow. Our time is valuable and we need to use it for things that matter to God and to us.

Please carefully and prayerfully consider what you will do so that you won't be using your time "looking in all the wrong places." ●

Faithfully yours,
Father Derik Roy

CHRIST CHURCH MEN'S DINNER OCTOBER 24

Men's Ministry should be more than a dozen men having breakfast or playing golf...it should serve every man in our church. To that end, the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will sponsor a dinner this fall for all the men of our church. The dinner will be at the Turf Tavern.

Bishop Dave Bena has agreed to be our speaker. He's an interesting person with an unusual résumé for a bishop. As a Marine aviator, he flew 252 combat missions in Vietnam. At the end of his tour, he left active duty, went to seminary and became an Episcopal minister, serving as a chaplain in the Air Force until he retired from military service. He then served as the pastor at Calvary Church in Burnt Hills, and later as the suffragan bishop of our diocese. After his time in our diocese, he became a bishop in the Anglican Church of North America.

We will be personally contacting all men of the parish, but we'll also post information on the church website. If you want email updates, contact Noel Drindak (drindak@gmail.com). ●

LAY-READER AND ACOLYTE MINISTRIES 8 AND 10 AM SERVICES

My friends, early September will be bringing changes in how we do worship services, and because of these changes we will need to have some training once again. Fr Roy, myself, and Deacons Al and Gil much appreciate the participation of all who serve during worship. But in order for us all to be on the same page we will from time to time need to do some training. This will allow us all to hone our skills and knowledge of our services, as well as incorporating new practices or doing away with some that do not work. I do not have dates for these training sessions as of this writing but do anticipate having the dates set prior to the end of August. Please read through the informational portion of your Sunday bulletins for new information as it becomes available. ●

Thank you and Blessings to All
—Dcn Bill



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✠ Parish Anniversaries

September—

- 2 Melvin and Donna Hatley
- 5 Ashley and Josh Bush
- 8 Mark and Andrea Breslin
- 22 Mark and Corey Ott
- 27 John and Nancy Cairns
Mike and Joyce Luger ▲

October—

- 7 Rich and Christine Osgood
- 12 Keith and Cynthia Koster
- 13 Dan and Kathi Rabideau
- 16 Tim and Amanda Russell
John and Wendy Perreault
- 17 Greg and Kelly Howell
Robert and Angeline King
- 23 Garry and Wendy Campbell
- 24 Ralph and Paula Ruiz
- 29 Paul and Donna Sausville ▲

PARISH GIVING

May average was \$5266

June average was \$4684

July average was \$5179



Three-month average \$5043

To meet budget in 2018, \$5232

KIDSFIRST NEWS

Our summer campers have been enjoying many fun and educational activities. So far, they have enjoyed a trip to the Saratoga Battlefield, Circus Smirkus, Via Aquarium in Rotterdam, the Saratoga County Fair and lots of swimming at the Village Pool.

KidsFirst is now enrolling for Fall 2018. We have openings in our Preschool, Pre-K, and School Age programs.

We are also looking for a full-time teacher assistant. For further information, visit our website, or call Theresa Bruno at 518-309-3540. ●



MUSIC MINISTRY

There are many ways to participate in the music ministry at Christ Church! Do you love to sing? We have two different choirs that you can join. For members who usually attend the 8:00 service we have our Celebration Choir. The Celebration Choir meets on Sunday mornings immediately following the 8:00 service at the piano in the front of the sanctuary. This choir sings on the first Sunday of the month and for other special occasions. Our first rehearsal for the fall will be held on Sept. 9.

For singers who usually attend the 10:00 service we have our Worship Choir. We rehearse on Monday nights in the choir room/library from 7:30-8:30 PM. Our first rehearsal for the fall will be held on September 10.

Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be a part of the worship team during communion? Talk to me for more details!

Do you have a favorite hymn or worship song that you'd like to hear more often? You can leave a note with requests in my mailbox in the church library. I will do my best to incorporate it into our worship services if possible. ●

—Kristin McCabe

✠ Keep in Your Prayers

Elaine Askew	Diane Carlson	Bet LaRue	Jean Sleight
Janice Baird	Erin Dumovitz	Russ Miller	Gail Vacula
Evelyn Baxter	Phyllis Gottung	Mary Ortoleva	
Bill Bernadt	Diane Lang	Greg Schmidt	

Celebration Choir • 8 am service
Rehearses in church after 8:00 AM service; will sing first Sundays

Angel Choir • for Children K-6
Rehearses after 10 AM Service

Worship Choir • 10 am service
Rehearses in Choir Room on Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM

—Kristin McCabe

WED., SEPTEMBER 5 • 6:30 AM

● **Men's Breakfast Fellowship**

will start a new season, meeting every Wednesday morning from 6:30 to 7:30 for breakfast, fellowship, study, and prayer. All men are welcome.

WED., SEPT. 5 • 10-11:30 AM

● **Study Group**

We will begin this year with a new John Ortberg series called "I'd like you more if you were more like me." This six-week series will lead us into a deeper sense of how we live out the great commandment: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind; and love your neighbor as yourself. We meet in the Fireside room.

FRI/SAT, SEPTEMBER 7-8

● **Third Annual Padre Golf Retreat**

Please sign up for an overnight retreat and golf outing. We will be going to the Roy camp up on Fourth Lake Friday morning, golfing at the Inlet Golf course, staying overnight and then golfing at another course (yet to be determined) Saturday morning before returning home. For more information, contact Fr Roy.

SAT., SEPTEMBER 8 • 8 AM

● **Help the Church Day** (see article)

SUN., SEPTEMBER 9 • NOON

● **Parish Picnic**

Held at Shenantaha Park in Malta. The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages; please bring a dish to share. This picnic area provides a playground for our children and a rain shelter. Who will win bean bag this year?

SUN., SEPTEMBER 16 • 9:15 AM

● **Sunday School Begins** (see article)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

● **Ministry Fair**

Following both the 8 and 10 AM worship services, come to the parish hall to see information about the many ministries offered; people will be present to answer questions or tell you more. Along with displays, we will also have a Time and Talent sheet for each of us to choose church ministries to join; doing our best "to be a loving community."



TUES., SEPT. 18 • 3:30 PM

● **Little Saints Begins**

This group for grades K-5 meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month after school. We are able to pick up children from the Ballston Spa schools and if possible will do what we can to arrange for rides for children from different school districts. We meet until 5:30 PM. Dinner is included and we either have a program at church or go on short excursions to places like the corn maze, apple picking, and other adventures. This year Little Saints will be led by Fr Roy, Kelley Howell, Kathy Rooney, and Ashley Horrocks-Bush.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 • NOON

● **Seniors Lunch**

Join us as we kick off a new year of fun and fellowship and make plans about future activities.

WED., OCTOBER 10 • 7 PM

● **New Members/
Newcomers Class**

A class for those new to the church who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith. This is an important step in helping a person determine if they would like to become a church member. The six-week class is taught by Fr Roy and will focus on: church membership, Jesus; the Bible, the church, why we worship the way we do, church history, and what's expected in living the Christian life. Child care will be provided if needed.

THURS., OCTOBER 11 • 7 PM

● **Community of Hope**

We are beginning a new venture called Community of Hope. The mission is to create within our church a community steeped in Benedictine spirituality, to serve others through compassionate listening. The training will include 14 modules to help us live out our life as servants of Christ using the Rule of St. Benedict. This is open to anyone, but will be particularly helpful for people interested in visitation ministry, healing ministries, missions, Noah's Attic and Food Pantry. We will do the first 7 modules this Fall and the second 7 modules after the New Year. Each module will be led by different clergy or lay person.

The modules include:

- 1- Benedictine Spirituality
- 2- Theology of Pastoral Care
- 3- Pastoral Identity (continued, page 5)

CALENDAR *(Community of Hope continued)*

- 4- Listening Skills
- 5- Prayer, Christian Meditation and Silence
- 6- Motivational Spiritual Gifts
- 7- The Pastoral visit and boundaries
- 8- Confidentiality
- 9- Understanding Family Systems
- 10- Grief: Coping with Loss
- 11- Pastoral Care for Seniors
- 12- Practice visit
- 13- Care for the Care-giver
- 14- Commitment to Ministry

Questions? For more information contact Fr Roy.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 • 5 PM

● **Progressive Dinner**

This is an adult fellowship event. We will seek volunteers to open their homes and volunteers to help cook. The fun begins at the church for gathering and prayers and then off we go to different homes for a different course at each home. We will return to the church for our final course of dessert. We will also provide child care and provide a meal and simple program for the children. ●



We are looking for volunteers on Wednesday afternoons or one Saturday a month. Please contact Wanda or Donna for more information.

NOAH'S ATTIC
Hours:



Sunday/Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:30 AM-3:00 PM *Friday:* 9:30 AM-3:00 PM
Wednesday/Thursday: 9:30 AM-5:00 PM *Saturday:* 9:30 AM-2:30 PM

NOAH'S ATTIC
TELEPHONE 518-885-9455

HELP WANTED

1. The Tech Team. The team is looking for more volunteers. We now have screens for the 8 and 10 AM services and need more volunteers to make this ministry possible. If you can click a button you have all of the skills needed to run the screens! We will provide the training that you need. Please speak with Jeremy Bailey, Fr Roy or Kristin McCabe if you have an interest in being part of this vital ministry of the church.

2. Newsletter. Bet LaRue has decided to take a well-deserved retirement from editing the Christ Church newsletter. We need someone with good grammatical skills who would be available to edit the newsletter six times a year after stories are assembled, and occasionally contribute articles. Please contact Susan Olszewski rockcitymom@gmail.com or Jeanne Speer jspeercec@msn.com if you are interested.

3. Christ Church Nursery. Our nursery provides child care during services on Sundays, and during special events during the year, such as newcomer classes, or Lessons and Carols. Candidates must be 15 years old or older, and have their working papers; experience working with children and CPR/FA certification preferred. Shifts are one to two times a month. Contact Fr Roy, or the office. ●

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our children need to learn the basics for school, but what about the basics of God? There can never be enough of that! We make sure our kids get a secular education, but what value do we put on the knowledge of God and His love? We can give our kids tools to access God and His love and strength. Our kids are precious, so we need to invest in them; we need to use every tool we can to teach them about God. His love. His Grace. His mercy. We will have a meet and greet, **"Welcome to Sunday School" breakfast on September 16, 2018.** This will be an opportunity for you to meet our wonderful Sunday School teachers! **On September 23, 2018, Sunday School will begin!** Please, bring your children, their friends—any child you have access too! *They need this!* Please remember the dates!

—Christine Osgood

GROWING THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

The leaders of Christ Episcopal Church are always considering ways to see our church family grow, and find ways to share the good news of Christ's love with the greater community around us. Today there is so much competition for our minds, time, and attention. Rather than fighting against things like technology, we are excited to see our church embrace the possibilities it offers for strategic connections.

We realize that social media is not for everyone, and certainly there is a portion of our church family that does not use it. We do not intend for this to replace the personal connections that we value. When people come to our church for the first time, the welcoming and personal atmosphere is one of the things they notice the most. We hope that this will reflect and support that wonderful feeling of community!

We plan to begin slowly and will do our best to find ways to be a blessing in our community. If you do use social media, we hope you will follow us on Facebook Christ Episcopal Church Ballston Spa or Instagram

(@cecbspa), and we also hope that you will share photos of church events and use our hashtag: #cecbspa for your fellow congregants to enjoy.

Please keep your eyes open for some of the other ways we are improving communication. If you have any questions or ideas, feel free to contact Julie Rapelje (julierapelje@gmail.com), Jeanne Speer (jspeercec@msn.com) or any of the vestry members. We look forward to growing together! •

✝ IN MEMORIAM ✝

CATHERINA (KOOY) OKMA

WAYNE D. RUPERT

CAROLYN DAWN SETZER

HELEN M. GARDNER

RALPH COOK

*Our sincere condolences to all
of their families and friends.*

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

This ministry started when Margaret Cook's son, Mike, called her and said, "I have kidney cancer and I'm only expected to live a few months." What a shock to him and to his mom and dad! Mike was only 42 at that time and he was told to go home and put his household in order. His kidney was removed and he has been cancer-free for the last 15 years. Cancer was a huge trial for everyone including the patient and the family and friends who love him. Even now Mike says, "I should not have lived."

His quilt was made with a John Deere theme. Now, we are fortunate to receive the fabric that is donated to Noah's Attic to craft quilts. They can come in any variety of designs and colors. Noah's fabric is a great plus for us as the requests for quilts can be as many as 3 or 4 a week.

Anyone can request a Prayer Quilt at any time. You will find request forms in the Welcome Center attached to our sign.

Other activities of the group include going to St Augustine's School in Mechanicville to assist the

kindergarten class with the "Letter Q." When they study the letter "Q" we use the leftover fabric from making their "Show and Tell" bags to make a quilted pillow that will go with them until they graduate from high school.



Are you interested in joining this group? We'd love to have you! When we meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month we pass on to each other our skills, our love for each other, a desire to spread God's love, and a willingness to ease the burden of someone experiencing any of the many difficulties of life.

Come join us! We will share what we have discovered and learn from you.

The Prayer Quilt Ministry. Margaret Cook, Joyce Reed, Joyce Luger, Tammy Boyd, Mindy Willey, Joann Wood, Joann Niemeyer, Jane Schmidt. •

FRIDAY LITURGY: EUCHARIST AND SILENT PRAYER

Beginning September 7, you are invited to a reoccurring Eucharistic Liturgy every Friday at Noon in our chapel. Order of Service:

- A reading and reflection on scripture or personal spirituality.
- Reception of Holy Eucharist.
- Silent prayer and meditation.
- Closure



This is an excellent opportunity to spend a half hour in quiet time away from the buckets of noise, distractions, and non-stop demands of the week. In sacrament and quiet prayer, we can begin to find the Presence and Peace of our Lord. All are welcome. Please contact Dcn Gil with your questions. ●

SPOTLIGHT ON DESIREE DRINDAK

Desiree Drindak, interim director of the Office of Veteran and Military Education (OVME), has been recognized with The Patriot Award by the United States Department of Defense (DoD) for her “support and flexibility on behalf of military reserve employees.”



The Patriot Award recognizes efforts made to support citizen-warriors through a wide range of measures, including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, caring for families and granting leaves of absence, if needed.

Married to a Navy Reserve pilot (Mike Drindak), Desiree understands the needs of military reservists and their families firsthand. She is the immediate past president of the New York State Advisory Council on Military Education.

Vice President of SUNY Empire State College Clayton Steen said, “This honor is truly well-deserved. Desiree’s knowledge and passion for veterans’ and military education, as well as her leadership and dedication to her team, is second to none.” ●

HELP THE CHURCH DAY: SEPT. 8

Have you ever noticed a cobweb that needs to come down...perhaps a bit of paint required? On Sept. 8, Mike Luger is heading up a “Help the Church Day.” Come with your cleaning supplies, paint brushes, and/or nail gun to help us fix those things on Mike’s list. Email: lugermike@yahoo.com. ●

CALLING ALL DISCIPLES

This September we will be offering **Second Generation Disciple Studies: Jesus in the Gospels**; a thirty-week study which illuminates some aspect of Jesus in the Gospels each week and connects Scripture to daily life and Jesus’ call to discipleship. Many have participated in the first of the Disciple series, but here is no prerequisite to be a part of this study program. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. We will have an info/planning meeting on **Tuesday, September 11, at 7 PM** in the Fireside Room. At this time, we will decide whether Monday or Tuesday mornings are best for participants. ●

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: BELIEVE

Last year we read *The Story*. We learned of God’s love for His people (that’s us). We learned of God’s judgment and righteousness. Well, it’s one thing to know *The Story*, it’s another thing to live it.

Now we’ll attempt to learn how to live “The Story.” But how you might ask? This year is a study on what’s next! 1– What do I believe? “What I believe in my heart will define who I will become.” 2– What should I do? “Jesus faithfully lived in a purposeful way. We would do well to follow His example.” 3– Who am I becoming? “

We can learn to live in the vine of Christ and over time produce amazing fruit for all to see and taste.” Each chapter uses short topical passages from NIV to help us live The Story. Now as we journey through this book, one simple truth will become undeniably clear: what we believe drives everything.

Join us Sunday mornings, starting in September, for Adult Bible Study (previous participation not required) as we continue on a path towards a deeper understanding of our responsibilities as members of Christ’s church and faithful members of the community of Christ Church Ballston Spa! ●

Opportunities for Service

Interested? Call the Church office, 885-1031.

- ✚ Acolytes Mike Luger
- ✚ Alpha Caitlin Jorgensen
- ✚ Altar Guild Julia Duchesne
- ✚ Choir Kristin McCabe
- ✚ Coffee Hour Alan and Carla Greenspan
- ✚ Decoration Lois Mitchell
- ✚ Flowers Lois Mitchell
- ✚ Food Pantry Jim and Jan Bornheim
- ✚ Healing Ministry Deacon Lynne Crimi
- ✚ Hunger for Healing Bonnie Hall
- ✚ High School Youth Michelle Mattice
- ✚ Junior Church Michelle Mattice
- ✚ Little Saints . Fr Roy, Ashley Horrocks-Bush,
..... Kathy Rooney
- ✚ Men's Breakfast Fellowship .. Noel Drindak
- ✚ Middle School Youth Michelle Mattice
- ✚ Missions
- ✚ Newsletter Susan Olszewski
- ✚ Noah's Attic Wanda Closson
- ✚ Nursery Greg Schmidt
- ✚ Prayer Chain Christine Martin
- ✚ Prayer Quilts Margaret Cook, Joyce Reed
- ✚ Sunday School Christine Osgood
- ✚ Vacation Bible School Melissa Miller
- ✚ Visitations

Ongoing Programs

✚ ADULTS, Year-round

Eucharist Wednesdays, 9:15 AM

✚ ADULTS, September through June

Men's Breakfast Fellowship Wed, 6:30 AM

Adult Sunday School Sundays, 9 AM

Study Group Wednesdays, 10 AM

✚ CHILDREN, September through June

Children's Sunday School 9-9:50 AM

Children's Church Sundays during
10 AM service

✚ CHILDREN, September through May

Little Saints 1st & 3rd Tuesday 3:30-5:30 PM

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)
Sundays, 3 to 5 PM

High School Youth Group (HSYG)
Sundays, 3 to 5 PM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 • NOON



✚ Parish Birthdays

September—

- 1 Elaine Osgood
- 2 Al Moser
- 3 Jean Simpson
- 4 Brandon Schmidt
Wendy Perreault
- 6 Jenna LaRosa
Cameron Rapelje
- 8 Kathryn Buckley
Vickie Fox
Field Horne
- 9 Evan Jorgensen
Naomi Roy
Anneliese Kitzmann
- 10 Ian Herrick
Bet LaRue
Zuzia Kwasniewski
- 11 Levi Comstock
Billy Pearson
Dylan Whitt
Chris Cuddihy
- 12 David Guynup
- 13 Joseph Bruno
Bryan Peck
- 14 Margaret Anderson
1 Rae Laird
- 17 Brittney Koster
Curtis Niemeyer

- 18 Ian Bailey
Maddie Roy
- 19 Nancy Cairns
Bryan LaRosa
- 21 Morgan Miller
Richard Reed
Edison Roberts
Brad Roy
- 22 Adele Pearson
- 25 Russ Miller
- 27 Eric Fajans
Alex Shahban
- 29 Mike Luger
Rachel Smith
Chad Thomas
Cody Thomas
Fred Iannon
Ken Rossen ▲

October—

- 1 Danielle Bailey
- 2 Victoria Perrault
- 3 Derik Roy
Josh Bush
- 4 Lane Smith
Sloanie Campbell
Breanna Mattice
- 5 Michael Cull

- Kathlyn Rooney
- 6 Mark Ott
- 7 Alexis Guilbault
- 8 Lois McGee
Gail Vacula
Joan Moore
- 9 Nancy Doud
- 10 Stacia Bonnano
- 13 Zachary Cairns
- 14 Debbie Igoe
- 15 Wendy Campbell
Allyson LaRosa
Ralph Ruiz
Jayne Schmidt
- 17 Bill Pearson
- 22 Beverly Baker
Jacob Kitzmann
Joyce Luger
- 24 John Boyd
Alexandria Miller
Greg Schmidt
Claire Weaver
- 25 Melissa Miller
- 28 Kelsey Ruiz
- 28 Kendall Whitt
- 29 Cathy Hughes
- 30 Charles Kubus, Jr ▲