



CHRIST CHURCH

✝ BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ✝

March/April 2019

SUCCESSFUL MISSION TRIP TO BELIZE

We have returned from our mission trip to assist the Mt Hope Bible Church in Unitedville, Belize. God watched over our trip from the very beginning. We had brought over \$2,000 worth of purchased and donated items for the people of Mt Hope Church and the village of Unitedville. We asked for special consideration at customs because we were a mission team coming to help the people of Belize. Nancy Cairns met with the supervisor of the customs agents and he allowed us to claim a value of only \$400. So we paid \$75 instead of \$375. Pastor Allison, Heather, their two daughters and a couple of young men from church picked us up at the airport in the Church's old school bus.

Ah, ten days in sunny and warm Belize, only 14 degrees from the equator. We insulated the ceiling of the Church's Youth Center. No, not to keep the heat in but to keep the heat out. Then we put up 4x8 sheets of 1/8 inch hardboard on the ceiling. Next, we covered the walls with the same hardboard. All the while there were several of us priming and then painting the

outside of the two-story building. John Boyd brought first aid kits and two practice dummies to teach First Aid and CPR at the local Elementary and high schools. John donated extensive first aid kits for both schools and one at the church. Several more team members spent time at the elementary school observing and offering suggestions to assist teachers dealing with unique situations with students.

Christ Church team members included, Father Derik Roy, John Boyd, Alan Greenspan, Rich Osgood, Kelley Howell, Jason Mass, Amy Aguda-Tamah, and Laura and Glen Face. Our team was rounded out by Tom Chimera and Sam Eichorst from the Greenfield Center Baptist Church and Father John and Nancy Cairns from the Adirondack Mission Churches.

We hope to make this an annual event and invite interested people to consider joining us.

Thank you one and all to everyone who contributed to making this mission trip a huge success.

—Glen Face



PASTOR'S LETTER

Photograph: Ken Rimary



THE REVEREND DERIK J. ROY, JR.

Dear Friends,

I found an app for my phone that I love.

It's from Nicky Gumbel, who is known for the Alpha Course. The app is BIOY—Bible in one Year. Every day he offers scripture readings from the old and new

testament, with some of his commentary. In the course of a year you will read the whole Bible. I love his commentary. Very helpful and inspiring. In the reading the other day Nicky's commentary focused on He Saved You. He wrote:

On 13 January 1982, Air Florida Flight 90 taking off from Washington, DC, crashed into the Potomac River. It was winter and the river was full of ice. The crash happened near a bridge going over the river. The TV cameras could see everything. Millions of viewers, sitting in their living rooms, watched as a helicopter overhead let down a life-belt on a line to a man struggling in the water. He grabbed the line, swam to another survivor just by him, clipped the woman in and they hoisted her up to safety. The helicopter let down the again, and again the man did the same thing. He swam to someone else and rescued them. He saved others, before finally exhausted, he himself drowned.

Why did this man not save himself? The answer is that he was out to save others, in an even more amazing way, Jesus did not save himself because He was out to save you and me.

That's what the season of Lent and Easter focus on: a God who loves us so much that he sacrificed himself so that we might be saved. I pray that speaks to the depth of your heart this Lenten season and that the love He has for us blesses you so that you indeed may be a blessing to others. ●

In Christ,

—*Father Derik Roy*



ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The annual meeting took place on January 27, with more than 80 adults in attendance. The meeting included the standard reports of happenings in the life of Christ Church. A power point presentation was given by Alan Greenspan chairperson of our Outreach Ministries. Included in his report was a presentation by Noah's Attic by Wanda Closson, Donna Hatley, and other members of their team. They did a lovely fashion show with items from Noah's Attic.

Mary Malandrino, our new director, presented the KidsFirst report. Alan also updated us on the Food Pantry, Diocesan news, ecumenical ministries, church growth, Paul Guilmette's ordination process, and our missions support over the year.

Cathy Hughes, shared her presentation of our pastoral Ministries. Thanking the many who participate in worship, children's ministries, education, fellowship, visitation, healing and more. We are blessed with many people included in these ministries.

Christine Osgood shared with us a wonderful power point presentation of the Resource Ministries, and a presentation of our income and expenditures of last year and our 2019 budget. We all rejoiced with the news that at the end of the year all bills except our diocesan assessment were paid.

Many thanks were also offered to our amazing Deacons and Staff: Beverly Granger, treasurer; Kathryn Cook, Assistant Treasurer; Judith Bell, Clerk of the Vestry; Tim Iannon, Sexton; Wanda Closson, Director of Noah's Attic; Donna Hatley, Assistant Director of Noah's Attic; Mary Malandrino, KidsFirst Director; and Theresa LaGattuta-Bruno, Assistant Director of KidsFirst.

We also thanked the following for their service on the Vestry that had come to an end: Don Rohr, Cathy Hughes, Susan Olszewski, Christine Osgood, Bonnie Hall, and Andrew Cook.

Those elected are: Andrew Cook, Warden

Vestry members: Bambi Becker, Dave Bush, Rebecca Grugan, Bonnie Hall, and John Polson.

Those continuing include: Ann Wait, Sr. Warden; Paul Cuddihy, Greg Schmidt, Bet LaRue, and Alan Greenspan.

We also elected Convention delegates Carla Greenspan, Alan Greenspan, and Bambi Becker.

Columbarium committee: Lois Mitchell.

Father Roy concluded the meeting with his report and thanks for the many blessings of serving Christ Church. ●



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☞ Parish Anniversaries

March—

- 20 John and Theresa Polson
- 24 Richard and Nancy Doud ▲

April—

- 9 Michelle and Joseph Miner
- 11 Paul and Deborah Guilmette
- 12 John and Tammy Boyd
- 29 Jaye Kaye and
Jim Van Valkenburg
- 30 Mark and Ann Baker ▲

PARISH GIVING

November average was \$4427

December average was \$7937

January average was \$4340
(Church was closed one Sunday)



Three-month average, \$5568

To meet budget in 2019, \$5341

JOIN US FOR A PARISH WORK DAY ON APRIL 13 • 8 AM

In September, about 35 volunteers helped at church. It was great! We painted the trim and a couple of doors in the parish hall, washed the windows upstairs in the Sunday school classrooms, installed lots of light bulbs, landscaped everywhere, cleaned and repaired trim in the church, replaced aluminum trim outside the welcome center, repaired a hole in the brick of the church, finished painting the front of Fr Roy's office windows and trim, fixed the grandfather clock in the welcome center, repaired the siding at the welcome center entrance, and fixed the concrete sidewalk in the front and in the back by the parish hall door. Thanks to everyone for the help; it's great to work together for a common cause. Lunch was terrific, too. (I'll bring more donuts.) Please reserve the date. ● —Mike Luger

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

The beautiful Easter flowers that decorate our church during the Easter season are given in memory or in Thanksgiving by members of our Church. If you wish to have Easter Flowers for someone, please be sure to fill out the flower envelope. These envelopes will be in the pews starting March 31, and must be placed in the collection plate or turned in to the office by April 14 in order to be listed in our Easter bulletin. ●

COMFORT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

This non-denominational Christian support group is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. It lasts for six weeks, and begins on Wednesday, March 6, at 4:30 PM at St. Luke's on the Hill in Mechanicville. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Deacon Lynne Curtis at 518-664-4834. ●

☞ Keep in Your Prayers

Elaine Askew	Diane Carlson	Phyllis Gottung	Curtis Niemeyer
Janice Baird	Julia Duchesne	Mya Hauser	Gail Vacula
Evelyn Baxter	Jake Duchesne	Tim Iannon	Nancy Wemple
Andrea Breslin	Erin Dumovitz	Robert King	

✚ IN MEMORIAM ✚

*It is with great sadness that we announce
the passing of several longtime members of Christ Church:*

Melvin Robert Hatley

passed away on December 18, 2018, at the age of 91

Russell K. Thomas

passed away on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at the age of 89

Robert L. Wemett

of Saratoga, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2019 at the age of 84

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 7:00-8:00 PM

—Kristin McCabe

TUES., MARCH 5 • 6-7:30 PM
● **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Join us for a annual traditional pancake supper sponsored by our Youth Group. It is a tradition that comes from England. The day before Ash Wednesday, people would have one last day of feasting before the penitential season of Lent.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
● **Ash Wednesday**

Communion services with the imposition of ashes 9:15 AM; Noon; and 7 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 • 6 PM
● **Lenten Potluck Begins**

This six-week DVD study *Unafraid, Living with courage and hope in uncertain times* by Adam Hamilton is meant to guide anyone struggling with fear, worry or who wonders how families and communities can live as peacemakers in troubled times. *Unafraid* offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions. In this study based on his book, Adam Hamilton explores the worries and fears that all of us experience. In small groups we will learn to identify fears and discover practical steps for overcoming them all in the light of scripture.

- 3/12 • Understanding and countering fear
- 3/19 • Crime, race, terrorism and politics
- 3/26 • Failure, disappointing others, insignificance and loneliness
- 4/5 • Apocalypse, change, missing out and finance
- 4/12 • Aging, illness and fear of the Lord

Bring a dish to pass. Dinner at 6 PM; study at 7 PM

WED. MARCH 13 • NOON-1 PM
● **Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon and 6-Week Preaching Series**

Lunches will be held in our parish hall. Every church will take a turn providing the meal. Please speak to Fr Roy if you are able to help when Christ Church provides lunch. Each week there will be a free meal and brief reflection led by the Village clergy. A freewill offering will be taken to support the Ballston Area Clergy Association Community Assistance Fund. *All are welcome!*

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 • NOON
● **Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday throughout Lent, join us for this traditional devotional service in which we retrace Jesus' steps while he is led to the cross and placed in the tomb. Following this time of prayer and reflection a light lunch will be served in the parish hall.



—**HOLY WEEK**—

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 • 6 PM
● **Maundy Thursday Seder**

We commemorate the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with the disciples in the Upper Room the night before He was crucified. *At this Last Supper, Jesus instituted the sacrament of Communion and washed the feet of his disciples as a sign that they were to be servants. At this meal, you'll learn about some of our Jewish roots and how much of the Christian heritage comes from that tradition.* Following the Eucharist, we will begin the all-night Prayer Vigil, reminding us of the time Jesus spent in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his arrest. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center prior to the vigil; we hope every hour until noon on Good Friday will be filled.

FRI., APRIL 19 • NOON & 6 PM
● **Good Friday Worship**

The Noon service includes the Stations of the Cross. The evening service is an opportunity to worship and focus on the cross of Christ.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 • 8 PM
● **The Great Easter Vigil**

The first Eucharist of Easter will begin in the dark as the Paschal candle is lit. *As the congregants light their candles and proclaim "Jesus is the Light of the World," we hear stories from the Old Testament. Then, if there are any to be baptized, we do so, making a commitment to Christ by renewing our own vows.* Then, as we turn on the lights and proclaim "Jesus is Risen!" we celebrate the Easter Eucharist.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 • 8 & 10 AM
● **Easter Services**

No Sunday School will be held.

✚ OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH ✚

YOUTH GROUP (YG)

We have been off to a slow start this winter due to availability, illness, and snow. However, there are some fun things coming up over the next few months. Our **Movie Days** which are open to everyone. If you'd like to join in our lunch as well, we ask for a donation per person to help cover the cost of pizza. If you prefer a chef salad, the cost is \$12pp. The February movie is going to kick into an Easter season fundraiser to fight human trafficking. There have been a few cases in the local press of missing children, later found to be involved. We want to educate, protect, and provide a mission for our teens. Please join us in this effort to help support victims.

- 2/24 • *Caged No More* is about a girl who is trapped into human trafficking and her aunt's fight to save her.
- 3/24 • *Heaven is for Real* is a true story about a little boy after he came back from heaven.
- 4/14 • *The Jesus Film* has been around for over 35 years and used by missionaries all over the world to bring the message of Jesus' love

There will be a 2-hour **First Annual B-Spa Church Game Day** on Sunday, March 10, not just for teens. We often hear that the little ones, and some of the big kids, think that some of the YG crazy games look like fun. To build camaraderie and ensure bragging rights, the winning team's photograph will hang in the main hall for the next year. Your team earns 5 points for each participant you bring. The cost is \$5pp for pizza lunch, chef salad \$12pp.

We are also going to try to fit in another bowling outing. Stay tuned for more fun coming up! ●

—*Michele Mattice*

VBS FUN SHOP



Our church will be hosting our area's **VBS Fun Shop** again on March 9. The event offers hands-on training for daily activities for the summer Vacation Bible School, as well as networking with people from other churches to share helpful

tips and ideas for making every second count. Adult station leaders who wish to attend should contact Melissa Miller or the church office. ●

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We been having movie Sundays. If you would like to volunteer for Children's Church or provide individual bags of popcorn for the kids. Please contact me if you would like to contribute an industrial popcorn maker to the church for activities, please let me know. I'm sure we could put one to good use! Thanks! ●

—*Michelle Mattice*

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KIDSFIRST NEWS

Our little ones have been busy with lots of fun and learning as they explore themes about the Post Office, Staying Healthy, and Valentine's Day.



The children especially look forward to chapel on Thursday mornings with Fr Roy. Some of our recent bible themes have been The Good Samaritan, and Jesus Feeds 5,000.

Many of our school-age kids participate in Little Saints, our elementary school youth group.

We have a few openings in our toddler and preschool programs. For information, call the office at 518 309-3540. ●

—*Mary Malandrino*

Director of KidsFirst



GIVING ENVELOPES

We have a group of dedicated people who work in teams to count the Sunday offerings. The counting procedure can be a lengthy process; you can help to speed along by remembering a few points:

- Use your envelopes, and write your envelope number on your check.
- If you just don't want to use your envelopes, please note your envelope number on your check.
- If you don't have envelopes, put a note on the plate and Jeanne will see that you receive them.
- If you have your pledge automatically sent to the church from your bank, ensure that your envelope number is on the check.
- Write the amount you've enclosed on the outside of your envelope along with "check" or "cash" as it pertains.
- If you miss church for a few weeks you don't need to fill individual envelopes, but can use just one.
- In your envelope packet you will find envelopes for the building fund, which will currently be used for KidsFirst and can be filled anytime during the month.

Hearty thanks from the counters!

Have you thought about having your bank send your giving check? This might be a great time for you to set this up. Once again, please be sure that your envelope number is included on check. If you have questions, please call the church office. ●

NOAH'S ATTIC



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

March/ April 2019 Schedules

	Lay Reader	Lector	Greeters	Ushers	Nursery	Coffee Hour
March 3	Lois McGee	Caitlin Jorgensen Ann Baker	Andrew & Kathryn Cook	Barb Wood Cathy Roy		Team 2
March 10	Paul Guilmette	Doug Mattice Larry Jorgensen	Andrew & Kathryn Cook	Barb Wood Cathy Roy		Team 3
March 17	Mike Luger	Margaret Cook Carla Greenspan	Anne Walsh Cathy Hughes	Margaret Cook Steve Vacula		Team 4
March 24	Paul Guilmette	Julie Rohr Don Rohr	Anne Walsh Cathy Hughes	Margaret Cook Steve Vacula		Team 5
March 31	Lois McGee	Sara Ladopoulos Kathryn Cook	Desiree & Adrianna Drindak	Cathy Hughes Gail Oliphant		Team 1
April 7	Carla Greenspan	Lois McGee Paul Cuddihy	Desiree & Adrianna Drindak	Cathy Hughes Gail Oliphant		Team 2
April 14 Palm Sunday	Paul Guilmette	Noel Drindak Jenn Catallo	Cathy Hughes	Barb Wood Jayne Schmidt		Team 3
April 21 Easter Sunday	Lois McGee	Bet LaRue Paul Cuddihy	TBA	Barb Wood Jayne Schmidt		Team 4
April 28	Paul Guilmette	Doug Mattice Noel Drindak	The Polsons	Cathy Hughes Cathy Roy		Team 5

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) is a National Order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate but not in communion with it. Today, our members include women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA), and Roman Catholic churches all over the World.

St. Agnes Chapter, here at Christ Episcopal Church, was originally chartered in 1912 and re-instituted in 2004. Currently there are 19 members in good standing.

Members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. By reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a lifelong program of Prayer, Service, and Evangelism, strengthening the spiritual life of her Parish.

Last year, 2018, was a very productive year for the DOK. We gather together the first Saturday of every month calling this our "Monthly Gathering." Each member is encouraged to host a one-hour gathering, sharing a little about herself and her love for Jesus.

Then, later in the month we choose a day to participate in Action Time, when we as Daughters either take on a Service Project, Evangelize, or Pray together in community.

THE MOTTO OF DAUGHTERS OF THE KING:

For His sake...

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?

2019 plans have been established for a purposeful year. We anticipate a wonderful year of praying, serving, and sharing in community, all for the greater good of God.

2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Collected and Distributed more than 100 women's blouses for Shelters of Saratoga
- Made gift bags to be distributed by Father Roy at Baptisms and/or for couples completing their pre-marital classes
- Helped in cleaning of our Church
- Participated at the Ministry Fair and had a prayer table accessible for anyone requesting onsite prayer
- Helped set up for Noah's Attic Christmas Sale
- Collectively held Prayer Walks here at church covering each building and classroom and office and also at Gateway House of Peace, inside and outside
- Collected and donated cleaning supplies for Gateway House of Peace
- In community, attended Special Prayer Time at the rail on the altar and also at the All Saints Day Service led by Father Roy
- Greeted at Lessons & Carols
- Collectively gathered for a Special Epiphany Celebration

If you are interested in learning more about the Daughters of the King, or possibly the Junior Daughters, please reach out to an officer.

President Bambi Becker

Vice President Tammy Boyd

Secretary Donna Armer

Treasurer Andrea Breslin. •



Please follow us!

Facebook: Christ Episcopal Church Ballston Spa

Instagram: @cecbspa

Website: www.christepiscopalballstonspa.com

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
- ✦ **Daughters of the King** Bambi Becker
- ✦ **Decoration** Julie Rohr
- ✦ **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, Kelly Howell,
..... Josh Bush
- ✦ **Men's Breakfast Fellowship** .. Noel Drindak
- ✦ **Middle School Youth** Michelle Mattice
- ✦ **Missions**
- ✦ **Newsletter** Susan Olszewski
- ✦ **Noah's Attic** Wanda Closson
- ✦ **Nursery** Melissa Miller
- ✦ **Prayer Chain** Christine Martin
- ✦ **Prayer Quilts** Margaret Cook, Joyce Reed
- ✦ **Sunday School** Christine Osgood
- ✦ **Vacation Bible School** Melissa Miller
- ✦ **Visitations** Deacon Lynne Crimi

Ongoing Programs

✦ ADULTS, Year-round

Eucharist Wednesdays, 9:15 AM
Friday, NOON

✦ 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

✦ YOUTH GROUP (YG) (MS & HS)

Sundays, Noon to 2 PM, FIRESIDE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 • NOON



✦ Parish Birthdays

March—

- 1 Holden Popkoski
Aubrey Thomas
- 2 Alex Guilmette
- 3 Rachel Montalbaro
- 4 Patrick Campbell
- 5 Robert Bonanno
Julia Duchesne
Faith King
- 6 Abbie Roy
Rich McCabe
Paul Sausville
- 7 Marcy Melander
Elaine Pearson
- 8 Brian Horrocks
Salli Buttles
Anne Walsh
- 9 Alexandra Bruno
- 10 Bruce Uhlinger
- 12 Gracelyn Guynup
- 13 Donna Thomas
Ashley Ponessa
- 15 Cat Petit-Hill
1 Barbara Sutherland
- 18 Kathy DeMartino
- 19 Alex Dumovitz

- 20 Angeline Dorman
- 22 Connor Doud
- 23 Nathan Bonanno
Paul Cuddihy
- 25 John Perreault
- 26 Amber Sleight
- 26 Mike Carson
Chris Elliott
- 28 Al Anderson
James Van Valkenburg
- 30 Diane Iannon
Lolly LaRue
- 31 Scott Lutgens

- 5 Eve Lansing
Melanie Speer
Matt Willey
Matthew King
- 7 John Bell
- 8 Stuart Quick
Shannon Rich
- 9 Rob Mancini
- 10 Peter Loyola
Jay Thomas
- 13 Angeline King
- 14 Angelica Bretz-Aguirre
Bonnie Horrocks
- 17 Greg Howell
Kyle Newton
Jacob Polson
Amy LaLonde-Paley
- 18 Lorraine McPherson
- 22 Anthony Polson
- 25 Angela Roy
- 25 Madalynn Bush
- 29 Brody Kubas
- 30 Beverly Granger
Karl Newton
Ruth Shiebler
Byron Norsworthy ▲



April—

- 1 Grayson Keefe
Randy Miller
- 2 Alita Rossen
- 3 Isaac LaRue
- 4 Sydney Carson