



CHRIST CHURCH

✝ BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ✝

July/August 2019

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Beaver Cross Camp is the centerpiece of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany's ministry to the youth of the region. For decades, BC has been introducing young people to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in a loving, safe, and fun-filled environment.

If you are interested in sending your child to camp, registration forms are at the church. You can also go online to <http://www.beavercrossministries.org> for more information.

If you have questions contact Fr Roy through the office at 518 885-1031.●

Ballston Spa's Summer Lunch Program provides free lunches to children of families in need. Volunteers are needed to make, pack, and distribute lunches. It's only a few hours a day, but it is making a difference in these children's lives.

The Summer Lunch Program is at The First Baptist Church 202 Milton Ave. Ballston Spa. Volunteers are needed Monday-Friday from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM.

Contact the Baptist Church office if you can help: 518 885-8361. ●

ARE YOU READY TO

ROAR

Come join us for the "mane" event! Herd on over for an epic adventure through the African Serengeti where kids explore God's goodness and cultivate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Come meet Zion and his friends for a week long journey discovering God is good when life is unfair. Register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/christepiscopalballstonspa>. Any adult who would like to volunteer can also sign up through the link or contact Melissa Miller.



If you would like to help but are unable to join us the week of Vacation Bible School, there is a donation board located in the Welcome Center to help gather supplies needed. Thank you!

PASTOR'S LETTER

Photograph: Ken Rimany



THE REVEREND DERIK J. ROY, JR.

Dear Friends,

It's summer! By the time you receive this edition of our newsletter we will have celebrated our Sunday School year, honored our High School graduates and embarked on this year's Vacation Bible School week. Oh to be young!

As I look back and ponder what message I hope all these young people receive it is best summed up in that children's hymn "Jesus Loves Me." One of the great theologians of our day, who has written many theological books, articles, and sermons, was asked once, "What was the most profound theological truth he knew?" He responded, "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so...."

Philip Parham, author of *Letting God*, shares about a mental patient who after many years in an institution was discharged. Although discharged, he was very unhappy. "You're cured," said his doctor. "Some cure." The healed man spouted. "When I first came here, I was Abraham Lincoln. Now, I'm nobody."

To feel unknown, unimportant, a nobody is no laughing matter. We only laugh at such a story because laughter helps ease our own pain of being alone and abandoned, a "nobody." The Good News of Christ's gospel is that we are somebody, a child of God, we matter, we are loved.

This is the simple but deep truth of the Christian message—Jesus loves me (and you) this we know, for the Bible tells us so.

I pray in these warm summer months, that you receive the warmth of God's love and that in turn you share that love with others. ●

—Yours in Christ,
Father Derik Roy



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KIDSFIRST?

KidsFirst children have been very busy reviewing letters, numbers, shapes, and colors, along with learning as they explore the themes "In the Meadow" and "Giddy Up and Go."



Our little ones always look forward to chapel on Thursday mornings with Fr Roy. The Christian theme of the month is Abraham Travels, and our Bible Verse is "For we walk by faith, not by sight." *2 Corinthian 5:7.*

Currently KidsFirst is at a very exciting time of year where our little ones start to move up and our Pre-K students graduate. It's a blessing to be able to watch God's children grow. KidsFirst is still looking to hire a few more highly-qualified lead teachers. Although our summer camp is full, we have a few spots available in our toddler and preschool programs. For information, call the office at 518 309-3540.

Mary Malandrino, our director, has returned to work part-time; please keep her in your prayers as she fully recovers from an auto accident. ●

UPDATE FROM THE KIDSFIRST BOARD

The good news is that Mary, our director, is back after the automobile accident she was in on February 1 of this year. We are grateful for her return and thankful for the leadership she provides.

Sadly, Theresa Bruno, our assistant, who has been with us since we opened in 2015 and has always filled in as director (most recently while Mary was out for four months), has stepped down due to health concerns. She was honored June 23 at our 10 AM worship service.

We also wanted to update you on the KidsFirst finances. As many of you know, it has taken a little longer than we anticipated to, as they say, "be in the black." Thankfully, we have been in the black for a few months and have been able to begin paying back the money that was borrowed to keep us going. We are so thankful for this positive direction as we continue to touch the lives of more than 60 children with God's love and have become a true bridge to staff and families to our church. ●



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PARISH GIVING

March average was \$6,112

April average was \$5,462

May average was \$5,750



Three-month average, \$5,775

To meet budget in 2019, \$5,341



✝ IN MEMORIAM ✝

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

Elaine E. Askew

Passed away on Monday, May 20, 2019 at age 75

Evelyn Vedder Baxter

Passed away on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at age 92

Eunice Ann Herriman Bell

Passed away on May 25, 2019 at age 90

Diane B. Carlson

of Ballston Lake, NY, passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at age 70

Kenneth "Jake" P. Duchesne, Jr.

Passed away at home on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at age 62

Rae F. Laird

Passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at age 87

🌿 Parish Anniversaries

July—

- 14 Charles and Karen Kubas
- 23 Nick and Sara Ladopoulos
- 27 Tom and Eve Lansing ▲

August—

- 1 Fred and Elaine Iannon
- 2 Christine and Christopher Elliott
- 3 Doug and Michelle Mattice

- 4 Peter and Lori Peer
- 7 Dennis and Lynne Crimi
- 19 Tom and Donna Armer
- 22 Bert and Barbara Grandin
- 24 Russ and Sandy Miller
- John and Courtney Mancini
- 25 Rich and Kristin McCabe
- 26 Tim and Diane Iannon
- Paul and Nancy Cuddihy
- Andy and Jane Kitzmann
- 27 Karl and Suzanne Newton ▲

🌿 Keep in Your Prayers

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| Janice Baird | Bonnie Hall | Mary Malandrino |
| Andrea Breslin | Mya Hauser | Curtis Niemeyer |
| Julia Duchesne | Evan Hendricks | Ruth Shiebler |
| Erin Dumovitz | Tim Iannon | Gail Vacula |
| Phyllis Gottung | | Nancy Wemple |

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 • 7:00 PM

● **First Communion Information Class for Parents**

Parents wanting to learn more about our process and instruction for children to receive their first Communion are invited to come to this one-time meeting. If you have questions speak with Father Roy.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 • 6 PM

● **Belize Mission Trip Planning**

SUNDAY, JULY 14 • NOON
(AFTER WORSHIP)

● **VBS Set Up**

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 15-19
8:30-11:30 AM

● **VBS**

SUNDAY, JULY 28 • 1 PM

● **Church Picnic on Lake George**
New date.

SEPTEMBER 6-7

● **Padre Golf Retreat**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

● **Ministry Fair and Breakfast**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

● **Sunday School Begins**

SEPTEMBER 15 • NOON

● **Church Picnic**

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 shelter in case of rain.

LOOKING AHEAD

Paul's Letters to The Early Church Bible Study will start in the Fall. Read of the circumstances surrounding Paul's writings, the setting, probable dates of origin, and his purpose for each letter.

Children's Church continues in the Fall. Please contact Michelle at m2mattice@outlook.com if you would like to volunteer. ●

THANK YOU

Thank you, once again, to Bonnie and Brian Horrocks for taking care of the Christ Church lawns.

Thank you to the Noah's Attic staff and volunteers.

Thank you to Jim and Jan Bornheim and all the Food Pantry volunteers.

Young Disciples: Thank you to Michelle and Doug Mattice.

Thank you for those who helped with Little Saints this year. Thanks to Ashley Bush, Josh Bush, Kelley Howell, Father Roy and the KidsFirst staff that joined in to help.

Thank you to our delegates to the Diocesan Convention: Carla and Alan Greenspan and Bambi Becker.

Tent sale: A special thank you for Caitlin Jorgensen for helping to organize and direct our garage sale weekend. Thank you to all who helped by working, setting up, picking up items, donating and cleaning.

Thank you to Melissa Miller for organizing and getting ready for VBS 2019.

Sunday School Thank Yous We have completed another wonderful year, and we would like to take a moment to celebrate and thank those who worked in our Sunday School. Christine Osgood—Sunday School Superintendent. Teachers: Corey Ott, Joyce Luger, Christine Osgood, Don Rohr, Alex Rohr, Paul Cuddihy, and Vivian Oxford. Adult Sunday School—Deacon Lynne and Bonnie Hall.

Thank you to Michelle Mattice for leading our children's church program that provided a worship experience for children 4 to 10 years old at our 10 AM service. The children joined Michelle and other adult volunteers—Cathy Roy and Rachel Norsworthy—so that the children could experience the "Liturgy of the Word" at a level they could understand and interact with.

Thank you also to Lois Mitchell for her fun and inspiring Children's Sermons.

WORLD VISION

As everyone knows, I don't "do" Facebook. But I have a reason to do so now.

I want to introduce you to Olsi, a 13-year-old boy who lives in Durrës, Albania's bustling main seaport. And I want to introduce you to World Vision International (WVI), the organization that brought Olsi and me together. The purpose of the WVI program is to assure Olsi, and every participating child, the best possible future, with good health and nutrition, education, and economic potential. But there has been an unexpected benefit: my life has been immeasurably enriched by a relationship with a young person.

It all started with soccer balls. World Vision publishes a catalogue that offers donors the opportunity to help children and their families by underwriting a vast range of necessities and services including clothing, school supplies, farm animals, hunger relief, refugee assistance, medicine. As a passionate soccer player I liked the idea of providing balls for children who played only with makeshift balls. About seven years ago I started sending occasional checks for this purpose.

Then I started thinking about the injunction in *Matthew 25*: "For when I was hungry, you gave me food...." World Vision's best-known program is Child Sponsorship. I realized my charitable giving had been focused on the operational needs of my congregation, occasional capital fund-raising, and the odd check sent to Episcopal Relief and Development or American Friends Service Committee after one of the increasingly-frequent natural disasters.

That wasn't enough. I decided to become a sponsor.

I have long been interested in the history and geography of Albania, a

small nation on the Adriatic Sea north of Greece. World Vision works there, so I went on its website to choose a child to sponsor. I narrowed my choice by looking for a soccer-playing boy about eight—old enough to write but young enough to not "age out" for a decade. I settled on Olsi who, it turned out, comes from a stable and loving extended family, just one with limited economic opportunity.

A few months later, and a few \$39 monthly charges to my credit card, I was on my way to Albania, a trip I had dreamed of since communism ended in 1991. World Vision arranged a day's visit with Olsi and his family. He spoke no English and he was clearly uncertain how to relate to this exotic American grownup. When we parted I gave him his very own soccer ball, and his shyness evaporated instantly.

Over the past four years our letters back and forth, translated by World Vision, have helped us to get acquainted. So when I planned another, longer, tour of Albania, a visit with Olsi was foremost. This time there was no shyness at all, and to my delight he even addressed a question to me in perfect English.

As a childless older adult, I am receiving just as much as I am giving. For the first time in my life there is a young person I can encourage and mentor. Olsi is an A/A+ student now, as he begins eighth grade, and I have resolved to help him with his university education. World Vision's child sponsorship is, at its heart, one person befriending another, rather than the traditional "Lady Bountiful" style of bestowing charity on willing (or unwilling) recipients. Although we live 5,000 miles apart, Olsi signs letters, "Your best friend," and you can be sure I intend to fulfill that trust.

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization, but as they used to say about Levy's Jewish Rye, you don't have to be a practicing



Olsi and Field

Christian to take part in this work. Aid is given regardless of race, creed or ethnicity of the recipients. It works with other religious organizations such as Islamic Relief, and with secular bodies as well. Its audit record is spotless, and fully 86% of its total funds are expended on programs.

A few highlights: its clean water program plans to provide clean water for all rural residents in 25 countries by 2030. Its nutrition program has provided food assistance to 8.8 million in 33 countries. Child protection initiatives (efforts to end trafficking, child labor, and other forces that rob children of their childhood) have helped 10.2 million in one year. And, at this moment, 3.3 million children worldwide are enrolled in WVI sponsorship programs.

Please consider becoming a sponsor for \$39 a month to guarantee a child a better future. Go to <https://donate.worldvision.org/>. ●

—Field Horne

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Community People Helping Community People

Hannafood in Milton is part of a state run **No Waste** program.

We are partnered with them and are the recipient of thousands of pounds of food every year. **Ballston Spa Day Hab** picks up food twice a week for the food pantry. We normally get meats, bread, bakery items and produce.

More than just food:

Helping at the Food Pantry is a rewarding experience for the special needs groups who help us out. These include **Special Education teachers and students** from the High School, **Ballston Spa Day Hab**, **Living Resources**, and **Saratoga Bridges**. •

—Jan & Jim Bornheim



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

July/ August 2019 Schedules

	Lay Reader	Lector	Greeters	Ushers
July 7	*unavailable at print	*please contact Deacon Bill	Cathy Hughes Anne Walsh	Margaret Cook Steve Vacula
July 14			Desiree & Adrianna Drindak	Margaret Cook Steve Vacula
July 21			Cathy Hughes Anne Walsh	Gail Oliphant Barb Wood
July 28			The Cook Family	Gail Oliphant Barb Wood
Aug 4			Desiree & Adrianna Drindak	Cathy Hughes Barb Wood
Aug 11			The Cook Family	Cathy Hughes Barb Wood
Aug 18			The Polson Family	Margaret Cook Cathy Roy
Aug 25			The Polson Family	Margaret Cook Cathy Roy

*coffee hour will resume in September

FOYERS

After a few years of resting, Foyers has been re-awakened. Foyers is a Welcoming Ministry that encourages us to get acquainted with one another, and by doing so, we become friends, which builds our church family.

Foyers is a time we can share a simple meal while enjoying conversation in a relaxed setting. The meal can be super simple or as formal as you choose. Some may enjoy this evening at a restaurant, others possibly at church, (pending availability) or right in the comforts of your very own home. The meal and destination is all up to you! Small groups have been comprised of a total of six people per group. At the present time we have a total of four groups. This ensures ample seating at most homes and easier seating if your group decides to venture out.

Groups were identified after the Kick-Off Picnic in May. This re-awakening of Foyers will continue through November. This allows everyone in the small group to host once. Bi-monthly, the entire group gathers for a Community Meal, this enables everyone to get to know everyone a little bit better, enhancing our relationships. If you missed joining this fun fellowship, possibly next Spring will be your time to give it a try. We are hopeful that by re-awakening this Ministry, all engaged will find Foyers to be a rewarding and fun experience and will have opened the door to making new Church Family friends. ●

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry program provides people from all walks of life with the education “to be” Christian and to carry out their ministry. All Christians need a Christian education which supports their faith and which prepares them to express that faith in day-to-day events.

EFM is a worldwide program developed by the School of Theology of the University of the South. It holds before us that the foundation for bringing Christ to the world lies in a church empowered by an active, theologically-articulate laity.

- Small seminar group in size from 6 to 12 students
- Trained mentors and thought-provoking texts
- Theological reflection practiced regularly • Prayer

and worship in a community of study • Four years committed one year at a time, containing studies of the Old Testament, the New Testament, Church History, Theological and Moral Choices.

Another year of EFM will be offered at St. George’s, Clifton Park, beginning in September. We hope to send in all registration materials the first week of August. For more information, talk with Sue Olszewski or contact Deacon Maureen or Randy Demler at deacon.maureen.demler@gmail.com.

If you’re interested but undecided, please join us for a “Taste of EFM” over 4 Monday evenings July 8, 15, 22 and 29, beginning at 7PM in the St. George library. Bring a Bible. We will provide snacks and an EFM interval text, *Living into God’s Dream: Dismantling Racism in America*. (This “taste” is free of charge.

There is a charge for the full-year course, one year at a time.) Please call the St. George office to register, 518 371-6351, or sign up online at https://www.stgeorgescp.org/a_taste_of_efm ●

2020 MISSION TRIP TO BELIZE

Does summer heat got you down? Looking forward to cooler weather already? Do you remember how cold it is here in the winter?

Would you like to plan a winter get-a-way in January? Someplace warm, with sunshine and palm trees swaying in the Caribbean breeze? Perhaps with a dozen of your closest friends? Come join Christ Church and Greenfield Center Baptist Church as we plan our second mission trip to Mt Hope Bible Church in Unitedville, Belize, Central America. Last year we finished the Youth Center. This year we hope to complete the two Sunday school rooms under the Youth Center. We want to add a bedroom to a single mother’s house. She has a boy and girl approaching teen age years and the three of them live a one-bedroom home.

Last year we taught CPR and First Aid in two different schools. If we have medical personnel with us this year, we may try to hold a medical clinic for the villagers.

Please contact Glen Face at glenface@gmail.com 518 441-6396 or John Boyd at jboyd1053@gmail.com.

Can’t join us this year? Watch you Church Bulletin and newsletter for opportunities to support the trip. ●

Opportunities for Service

Interested? Call the office, 518.885.1031

- ✦ Acolytes Mike Luger
- ✦ Alpha
- ✦ 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
- ✦ Foyers Bambi Becker
- ✦ Healing Ministry Deacon Lynne Crimi
- ✦ Hunger for Healing Bonnie Hall
- ✦ Youth Disciples Michelle Mattice
- ✦ Junior Church Michelle Mattice
- ✦ Little Saints Fr Roy, Kelley Howell,
..... Josh Bush
- ✦ Men's Breakfast Fellowship .. Noel Drindak
- ✦ Middle School Youth Michelle Mattice
- ✦ Missions Glen Face
- ✦ 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
- ✦ **ADULTS, September to June**
Eucharist 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
- ✦ **YOUNG DISCIPLES (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:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 • NOON



Parish Birthdays

July—

- 2 Jane Greiner
- 3 Lois Fink
- 4 James Bornheim
- 6 Kathi Rabideau
Brenden Osgood
- 7 John Cairns
- 9 Max Bruno
- 10 Pierce Doud
John Mancini
Bradley Roy, Jr.
- 11 Lois Mitchell
- 12 Reed Sutherland
Patrick Becker
- 13 Bridget Tuttle
- 15 Jennifer Catalo
John Izzo
Gregg Thomas
- 16 Curtis Rich
- 17 Laura Face
- 18 Noelle Olszewski
Mila Johnson
- 19 Robert Mancini
- 21 Nancy Wemple
Mark Baker
- 23 Maggie Cuddihy
Cynthia Koster

- 24 Denise Charon
- 25 Denise Cudemo
- 26 Alice Hassell
Ann Baker
- 27 Mabel Siler
- 28 Brandon Russell
- 29 Conor Campbell
- 30 Janice Baird
Malika Aguda
- 31 Spencer Mancini



August—

- 1 Deborah Bush
Anneliese Sleight
- 3 Megan Lovelace
- 4 Julie Rohr
Michelle Miner
- 5 Donna Hatley
Cody Izzo
Sandy Miller

- 8 Pat Barno
- 9 Jack Sausville
- 10 Averil Hemming
- 11 Bill Bernadt
- 12 Phoebe Popkoski
- 14 Andrew Cook
Linda Myers
- 16 Ethan Thomas
- 17 Bradlea Raga-Barone
Cameron Stasik
- 18 Ann Wait
Lillian Greenspan
- 19 Bailey Rich
- 21 William Paley
- 23 Cheryl Garrant
- 24 Peter Peer
- 24 Eric Newton
- 25 Christine Elliott
Wanda Closson
- 28 Gage Novak
Bonnie Hall
Abigail Norsworthy
- 29 Kathryn Cook
Tom Lansing
- 30 Richard Doud
- 31 Mike Patenaude ▲