

Noah's Attic Hours

Sunday and Monday
Closed

Tuesday
9:30-3:00

Wednesday and Thursday
9:30-4:00

Friday
9:30-3:00

Saturday
9:30-2:30

Food Pantry Hours

Monday—Wednesday—Friday
10am—Noon

Tuesday
Noon—2pm

Wednesday
5-7pm

Christ Episcopal Church

15 West High Street

Ballston Spa, NY 12020

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Noah's Attic could use your help. We sell clothes and household goods for those in the community and rely on volunteers to sort and sell donated items. We especially need help on Saturdays.

Before bringing large amounts of donations, or to volunteer, Call Noah's at (518) 885-9455 and ask for Wanda.

Noah's Attic is slowly getting back to normal, but masks are still required. A huge THANK YOU to the many people who volunteer and help with this ministry.

Please follow us!

Facebook: Christ Episcopal Church Ballston Spa

Instagram: @cecbspa

Website: www.ChristEpiscopalBallstonSpa.com



CHRIST CHURCH

May—June
2021

Dear Friends,

It's still Easter season and soon it will be Pentecost! I very much enjoy the daily devotional Bible in one year by Nicky Gumbel of Alpha fame. I love this introduction to the April 22, 2021 entry entitled *Hello God*.

The Vicar of Dibley, a UK TV sitcom featuring a woman vicar played by Dawn French, is based on the life of one of the first woman vicars – Joy Carroll Wallis. A few years ago, Pippa and I met Joy. She told us a story about when she was an Anglican priest in London.

One of the congregation members was a very godly eighty-seven-year-old woman, called Flory Shore, who underwent serious surgery. Flory had been told that her prospects of recovery were very slim.

Thankfully, she survived the surgery. As she opened her eyes, one of the first things she saw was the blurred image of her doctor, dressed in his white jacket.

She smiled and said, 'Hello God! I'm Flory Shore.'

Joy commented that this demonstrated two things. First, it showed Flory's humility. She did not expect God to know who she was. Second, it showed her absolute certainty about the resurrection and where she was going.

Her certainty about the resurrection was based on the cornerstone of Christianity: the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the first Easter day. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead now lives in you through the Holy Spirit (see Ephesians 1:18-23). One day, you too will be raised and be able to say, 'Hello God'.

Let me repeat: The same power that raised Jesus from the dead now lives in you through the Holy Spirit.

Powerful and true words for those that open their hearts to Christ.

In Him,

Father Derik Roy

Worship Services
Sunday Services
8 am, 10 am and 5 pm.

Our 10 am service is
live-streamed on
Christ Episcopal Church
Ballston Spa NY YouTube.

Wednesday Morning Service
is at 9:15 am in the church.

**KEEP IN YOUR
PRAYERS**

Margaret Anderson
Janice Baird
Mark Breslin
Garry Campbell
Margaret Cook
Judy Covey
Julia Duchesne
Erin Dumovitz
Barbara Grandin
Linda Hendricks
Tim Iannon
Amanda Russell
Mabel Siler
Barbara Sutherland
Peggy Vary
Nancy Wemple

COVID UPDATE



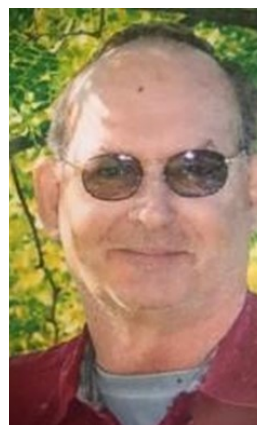
Covid Update

While continuing to keep people safe, things are slowly changing. More and more people have been vaccinated and it's wonderful to see people returning. As of this writing the CDC has been unclear as to what specific restrictions have been lifted. We will update any changes once the diocese and our church team have agreed to changes we can safely make.

We are again very thankful for the new air exchange system that exchanges the air in the church 4 times every hour as well as cleaning the air of all germs via a UVA system. We also continue to use our fog machine to disinfect and continue to wipe down and clean our building.

Masks are still required and we still honor social distancing but we are hopeful that these restrictions will soon be lifted. Thank you to everyone who has complied. It isn't always easy, but we are doing our best to remain safe and remain open.

IN MEMORIAM



Russell G. Miller, 72, passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, due to complications from COVID-19. Russ was an active member of Christ Church and he is survived by his wife Sandra of 51 years; children Russell Miller, Michael Miller (Jacki), Jason Miller (Kathleen), Jonathan Miller (Sara), and Melissa Miller.



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DIOCESAN UPDATE:

Father Roy is a member of the Standing Committee, an elected position. Since the Diocese is without a Bishop the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. What that means is that other than the pastoral ministries of a bishop, the standing committee is basically responsible for the running of every other aspect of the Diocese. First on our list is the election of a new bishop. This process is fully described on a video put together by the standing committee on the Diocesan website.

<https://albanvepiscopaldiocese.org>

The standing committee is also going to be contracting with a retired Bishop of the Episcopal Church to be our assisting Bishop, helping with ordinations, confirmations and other pastoral needs until a new Bishop is elected.

The standing committee will also be reviewing new Covid updates as they apply to churches as the CDC updates protocol for churches.

BEAVER CROSS

Good news for the Diocese is that Beaver Cross our summer youth camp center will be able to reopen this summer. There are some restrictions and numbers are limited; however if you have children or know of children that are interested, please either go to their website **<https://www.beavercrossministries.org>** or contact Father Roy. Scholarships are available.

NEW LIFE COUNSELING SERVICE TO REOPEN

Under the direction of Peter Minucci, who has returned to the area, New Life Counseling Service will provide online and in person wellness and relationship coaching that can assist individuals, couples and families in the following areas:

- Life transition challenges
- Marital and couples' impasse/wellness
- Psycho-spiritual development
- Family communication
- Recovery support



For more information please call 518-210-6093 or email PMinucci@yahoo.com

A CHURCH WORK DAY SUCCESS!

On March 27th, about 20 volunteers worked at the church. It was great to have so much help! This time we cleaned up the church pews and altar, replaced several missing trim pieces from our pews, removed the old metal sink and cabinet from the old sacristy, repaired and repainted drywall in the welcome center, sealed the kid's first basement from groundwater, raked outside, and fixed a couple electrical problems-and more- too much to list! It's great to work together for a common cause. I'm planning another one in September, so please come and help if you can.

Thanks everyone!
Mike Luger

BUILDING UPDATES

Clean-up day: Thank you again to the Lugers for organizing our recent clean-up day and to all that came and helped.

Organ: due to a bequest from Ruth Shiebler and donations from her friends, the organ will be refurbished and much needed repairs made.

Air Exchange/air conditioning: Thank you to all that contributed to this project that not only makes our building safer from germs but will also provide air conditioning for those hot summer days.

New Sign: The vestry has been looking at a new digital sign for the church. This will be a wonderful addition allowing us to better advertise the hours for the Food Pantry and Noah's Attic. It will give updates on KidsFirst and our church events and regular worship times.

Sacristy Upgrade: thanks to the work of Julia Duchesne, Mike Luger, Pete Champagne and many others the sacristy is finished and looks wonderful.

Nursery Upgrade: Thanks to the Greenspan family, we will be putting in new flooring for the nursery. Later, with the help of others, the paging system and TV will be upgraded. Melissa Miller, our nursery director will be going through the toys and other things with the hope that we will be able to reopen by September at the latest, if not sooner.

THANK YOU

Bonnie & Brian Horrocks for once again mowing our lawns this summer.

To Jeremy Bailey and his team making it possible to live stream.

To our dedicated staff: Jeanne Speer, Tim Iannon, Kristen McCabe, Wanda Closson, Laurie Engle, Mary Malandrino, Stephanie Carter, Naomi Roy.

To our dedicated Deacons: Al Moser, Bill Pearson, Gil DeLaura, Lynne Crimi, Paul Guilmette.

To our Food Pantry directors, John and Theresa Polson and to the volunteers.

To our Noah's Attic director, Wanda Closson, and to the volunteers.

To our virtual Sunday School leaders, Katie Skanes, Don Rohr and Rachel Norsworthy.

Our altar guild under the direction of Julia Duchesne.

To anyone we forgot....

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE—5:00PM

A number of our parishioners have discovered that coming to church for worship on Sunday evening is a great idea. It finishes off the weekend on a high note, or starts the new week focusing on the Lord Jesus—either way you look at it, it works!

The 5 pm Service is a Rite II Eucharistic Service with congregational hymns and meditative piano music by our music director Kristin McCabe. We usually have around 8-10 people attending, so social distancing is no problem!

Father Richard Lehmann celebrates the Eucharist, assisted by Deacon Paul Guilmette. The Service is an hour long- just in time for Sunday dinner! Come join us.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY AND GROWTH

Mondays and Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Woman's Lectionary Zoom Bible Study

Led by Rachel Norsworthy. Each week the upcoming scriptures for Sunday are discussed. If interested contact Jeanne in the church office at 518-885-1031 or email jspeercec@msn.com.

Wednesday at 7 pm Men's Lectionary Zoom Bible

Study led by Father Roy and Noel Drindak. Each week the upcoming scriptures for Sunday are discussed. If interested contact the church office at 518-885-1031 or email jspeercec@msn.com

SUMMER PICNIC AND WORSHIP SERVICE

AUGUST 29 FROM 10AM – 2PM

Come join us at our first official fellowship event since the pandemic. On Sunday, August 29 we plan to meet at Shenantaha Creek Park at 376 Eastline Rd. at 10am for our worship service followed by our church picnic until 2pm. There will be games planned, hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks provided by the church. Please bring a dish to share with others.

We hope this will be a kick-off to a more normal fall, with a full schedule of both youth and adult studies and more.



Birthdays

May

- 1 James Paley
- 2 Karen Kubas
- 3 Peg Moser
- 6 Paul Guilmette
- 8 Amanda Russell
- 9 Edward Lewis
- 10 Donna Armer
- 12 Judith Bell
- 13 Larry Jorgensen
Matthew Elliott
Nick Ladopoulos
- 15 Glen Face
- 16 Noel Drindak
Meredith Goertz
- 17 Tammy Boyd
- 18 Ed Melander
- 19 Adrianna Drindak
Tim Iannon
Desiree Lutgens
- 20 Linda Hendricks
Mike Drindak
- 22 Emily Barno
Marcia Thomas
- 26 Timmy Iannon
Linda Paley
James Van Valkenburg
- 28 Nicki Gardner
Jack Mancini
Cetera Moore
- 29 Danai Robarge-Haggerty
- 30 Elizabeth Barno
- 31 Bonnie Anderson
Damian Keefe



June

- 1 Barbara Grandin
- 2 Corinne Sausville
Jeffrey Uhlinger
- 3 Joseph Sleight
- 4 Justin Roy
- 5 Tyler Schmidt
Bill Myers
- 6 Juliane Carson
Carla Greenspan
- 8 Joseph Luger
Kaia Hemming
- 10 Thomas Armer
Michael Russell
Wyqie Aguda
- 12 Gavin Cuzzo
- 13 Katherine Garrant
- 14 Delaney Campbell
Cathy Roy
Stephanie Miner
- 15 Kathryn Lehmann
- 16 Bambi Becker
- 17 Ashley Bush
- 18 Madison Doud
Caitlin Jorgensen
- 18 Lea Burlingame
- 19 Michael Barno
Chip DuBois
- 20 Jessica Roy Demling
- 21 Catherine Benson
- 23 Dan Rabideau
- 24 Kristal Ramjeet-Paley
- 25 Campbell Bailey

- 27 Stephen Vacula
- 29 Desiree Drindak
Zachary Paley
Joseph Miner
- 30 Maxim Hinrichs



May

- 2 Pat and Bambi Becker
- 4 Angela and Brad Roy
- 5 Joe and Gail King
- 16 Larry and Caitlin Jorgensen
- 19 Bruce and Ann Krupa
Derik and Cathy Roy
- 20 Mike and Juliane Carson
- 26 Bill and Elaine Pearson
- 28 Gregg and Donna Thomas

June

- 7 Caleb and Bet LaRue
- 10 James and Janice Bornheim
- 13 Richard & Joyce Reed
- 17 Andrew and Kathryn Cook
- 18 Alex and Erin Dumovitz
- 20 Glen and Laura Face
- 21 Jeff and Rachel Smith
- 22 Dave and Mary Bush
- 23 Scott and Desiree Lutgens
- 24 Jeremy and Danielle Bailey
- 26 Greg & Wendy Schmidt
Dominic & Cheryl Garrant
- 30 Mike and Mindy Willey

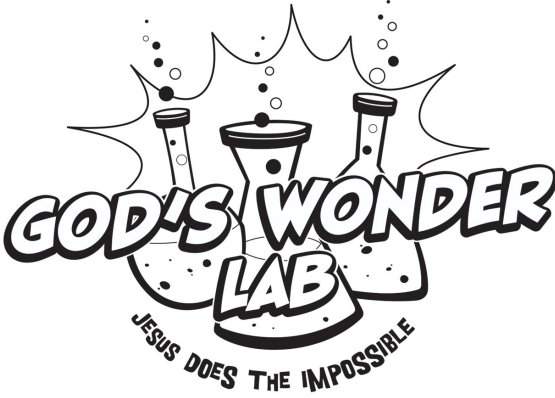
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sadly because of Covid, the vestry and Vacation Bible School Director, Melissa Miller and Father Roy decided it would be best for us to not have in person VBS this year, because there are too many factors that make it next to impossible. A few churches in our area will have in person VBS, but that is mostly because they have the facilities to hold VBS respecting all the restrictions and we do not.

Instead of VBS at the church we are once again offering an **at home** VBS called Wonder Lab. To help us know how many to plan for

Please sign up at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/christepiscopalballstonspavbs>

The program Rocky Railway will be used next summer. We already have all the materials and thus we will be ready and excited to reopen VBS in person in the summer of 2022.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to all of our Sunday School families and leaders for your continued support throughout this unique year. Our Virtual Sunday School Program was able to serve 32 students from 17 different Christ Church families. We look forward to when we can safely gather together! Be on the lookout for updates to our program for the 2021-2022 school year.



KidsFirst is excited for spring/summer! The children are excited to plant their garden in the beds that are by the playground. They have worked hard to pull weeds out of it to get it ready for planting. Graduation is coming up June 18, 2021 and all the teachers and children are excited! They have been working hard on their graduation songs and ceremony. Unfortunately, we are still short-staffed. We are looking for qualified head and assistance teachers. If you know of anyone who may be interested or qualified, please have them contact KidsFirst at 518-309-3540.

MISSIONS

Summer Children's Race Track program: the program takes place from mid-July through August. If you are able to help we usually pick one or two Saturdays to provide care and support to young children while their parents work. Most of these children live difficult lives and have few resources. Our ministry to them is to provide a fun day and nice lunch.

Dates we can select should be out within the next month. If you are interested in volunteering on a Saturday to help with our working with the Presbyterian church and the Race Track Chaplaincy with this ministry, please let Father Roy know.