



CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship Services

8:00 am, 10:00 am and 5:00 pm

September/October 2021

Dear Friends,

I hope you've been having a nice summer despite all the complications, uncertainties, anxiety, fear and frustration caused by the Covid pandemic.

There is much I could say about all that, but certainly one of the tragic results of the pandemic has been the loss of community, specifically our church family.

We have done our best to maintain a time of worship, whether in-person or via the internet. We have done our best to continue opportunities for learning, study and spiritual growth, and we have certainly had some good results. We learned how to provide worship safely in person and online for those not able to, or not feeling safe worshipping in person. We have learned how to conduct meetings and study groups with zoom. All these have helped in some way to keep us connected – yet...

Yet – it is still sad and disheartening that still, one of the things I love most about Christ Church has been affected. Still many of you have not yet felt safe gathering. And fellowship gatherings have been void: no coffee hour, no in-person Sunday School, no fellowship dinners or gatherings. With that in mind, we are hoping that this fall we can slowly go back to some sense of what was.

To kick things off, we have a special Sunday planned that we are calling “Welcome Back Sunday”. Our **10:00am worship service will be held Sunday, September 12 at 10am at Saratoga State Park**. We will meet at the Polaris Pavilion in Saratoga State Park at 10:00am for our worship service, followed by our church picnic. There will be games planned, hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks provided by the church.

Some may still not feel comfortable and, if that is the case, I certainly understand, but we hope this will be the beginning of the return of all those we have missed. A return to our beloved Christ Church Family!

Hopefully, we will see you then, if not sooner.

In Christ,

Father Derik Roy

Calendar

Sunday Worship—8:00 am, 10:00 am and 5:00 pm

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 **5pm 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.

Tuesday Evening Women's Lectionary Zoom Study 6:30pm - will focus on the scripture readings for each Sunday. Please contact Rachel Norsworthy at rachel.norsworthy@gmail.com or the church office, if you wish to join.

Wednesdays at 9:15 am—Worship Service.

Wednesday Evening Men's Zoom Lectionary—7:00pm

If you'd like to join our Bible Study via zoom, please notify Father Roy, Noel Drindak or the church office. Each week we study the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday.

Saturday, September 11, Noon—Altar Guild Luncheon and Meeting.

Sunday, September 12—Church Picnic and Worship

From 10am – 2pm at Saratoga State Park. We will meet at the Polaris Pavilion in Saratoga State Park at 10:00am for our worship service followed by our church picnic. There will be games planned, hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks provided by the church. Please bring a dish to share with others.

Our 8am and 5pm service will still be held at the church.



Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00PM

A New Six-Week Video Course Begins *Irresistible* by Andy Stanley

Bonnie Hall, Noel Drindak and Lois McGee will present the Video Series. A good subtitle for this series is Understanding the New Covenant. Many of us have a fuzzy understanding of the New Covenant — we tend to conflate the Old and the New Covenants. Participating in this series will bring a clear understanding of the New Covenant — the basis of our Religion.

Please register with Jeanne Speer in the church office so we can provide everyone with course materials. Also, for those who are interested but would prefer a weekday morning class, please speak with either Bonnie or Jeanne.

Wednesday, September 15, 10:00am—Wednesday Study Group will meet in fireside room.

Thursday, September 16 at Noon. Deacon Lynne invites women to join her in a book study.

The book is titled *Sensible Shoes: a story about the spiritual journey* by Sharon Garlough Brown. An informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16 at 12:00 in the chapel. For those interested, the book can be purchased on amazon for \$12 and the first meeting will be on Thursday, September 30, 12:00 to 1:15. We will meet every other Thursday and will end before Christmas. Questions: contact Jeanne Speer at 518 885-1031

Sunday, September 19, 9:00 am - Adult Sunday School will begin with an informational meeting on Sunday, September 19 at 9am in the Fireside room. The focus of our study will be on Paul's letters. Paul is considered by "most historians and New Testament scholars" to have had the greatest influence on early church doctrine and theology. His "church planting efforts and subsequent letter writing campaign had a massive influence on how the ancients and moderns interpret the significance of Jesus' life, death and resurrection". And his letters are filled with very specific instructions on how we as Christians are to conduct ourselves.

Sunday, September 19—Children's Sunday School will begin. Please watch for updates on this as we continue to meet and decide the best way to provide our children with a safe learning experience.

Saturday, Sept 25th—Help the Church Day!

Mike Luger is organizing another Help the Church Day. This will be our seventh one. Everyone is welcome to help with small projects around the church. We'll start at 8am and end at noon. We have painting, cleaning, electrical repairs, and some overgrown bushes to tame. Maybe you have a pet project you would like to work on. Mike will have some tools and paint but if you bring your own, then you'll know you'll have them.

Thanks in advance for the help! If you have questions, contact Mike at 518-669-8369 or lugermike@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, October 26 - The Chosen

Many have expressed an interest in having a study program using the companion workbook, *"The Chosen...An Interactive Bible Study...What Does It Mean To Be Chosen?"* We are currently planning an 8 week program beginning on October 26 – December 14, Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30. If there is interest in a morning study, that could be possible on Thursday mornings. Please speak with Jeanne in the church office or Bonnie Hall to reserve a space for either day/time. We will need to order study materials for each participant.

Alpha

Alpha is coming back! It's been a few years since we offered an Alpha Course so we are excited to announce a new Alpha Course will begin Wednesday, October 6, at 6:30pm. Come for a free meal and learn more about what the Alpha Program is all about and to help you discern if you'd like to take the 10 week course on Christianity. Alpha has been used in thousands of churches to help investigate the claims of the Christian faith in a safe, no pressure atmosphere.

The evening begins with a meal at 6:30pm, followed by a presentation of a topic such as "Who is Jesus", "Why Did Jesus die?" "Does God heal today", "Why prayer, and others. The teachings are done by an Anglican priest, formally an attorney and atheist, who has a true gift of teaching. A time of discussion in small groups follows, where everyone is welcome to contribute their opinion and ask questions.

The evening ends at 8:30pm and if needed childcare will be provided. A reminder – Wednesday October 6 is the introductory supper and this would be a great time to explore whether this routine is right for you.

Community of Hope

The mission of Community of Hope 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:

Benedictine Spirituality, Theology of Pastoral Care, Pastoral Identity, Listening Skills, Prayer, Christian Meditation and Silence, Motivational Spiritual Gifts, The Pastoral Visit and Boundaries, Confidentiality, Understanding Family Systems, Grief: Coping with Loss, Pastoral Care for Seniors, Practice Visit, Care for the Care-giver, Commitment to Ministry

For more information or questions contact Father Roy.

September

- 1 Elaine Osgood
Elijah Roy-Urmston
- 2 Al Moser
- 3 Jean Simpson
- 4 Brandon Schmidt
Wendy Perreault
- 6 Jenna LaRosa
Cameron Rapelje
- 9 Evan Jorgensen
Naomi Roy
Anneliese Kitzmann
- 10 Ian Herrick
Bet LaRue
- 11 John Polson
Billy Pearson
Dylan Whitt
Chris Cuddihy
- 12 David Guynup
- 13 Joseph Bruno
Emalyn Smith
Bryan Peck
- 14 Margaret Anderson
- 17 Brittney Koster
Curtis Niemeyer
- 18 Ian Bailey
Maddie Roy
- 19 Jason Constant
Bryan LaRosa
- 21 Morgan Miller
Richard Reed
Edison Roberts
Brad Roy
- 22 Adele Pearson
- 29 Mike Luger
Rachel Smith
Chad Thomas
Cody Thomas
Fred Iannon
- 30 Alan Greenspan



- 8 Lois McGee
Joan Moore
- 9 Nancy Doud
- 10 Stacia Bonnano
Bruce Krupa
- 13 Mawunya Tamah
- 14 Debbie Igoe
- 15 Wendy Campbell
Allyson LaRosa
Ralph Ruiz
Jayne Schmidt
- 17 Bill Pearson
- 21 Ian Lanning
- 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
- 31 Sue Ann Dubois

Happy
Anniversary

September

- 5 Ashley & Josh Bush
- 8 Mark and Andrea Breslin
- 18 The Rev Richard and Chris Lehmann
- 27 Mike and Joyce Luger

October

- 7 Rich & Christine Osgood
- 13 Dan and Kathi Rabideau
- 16 Tim and Amanda Russell
- 16 John & Wendy Perreault
- 17 Greg and Kelly Howell
- 20 Don & Julie Rohr
- 23 Garry and Wendy Campbell
- 24 Ralph and Paula Ruiz
- 29 Paul and Donna Sausville

October

- 1 Danielle Bailey
- 2 Victoria Perrault
Danielle Auspelmyer
- 3 Derik Roy
Josh Bush
- 4 Lane Smith
Sloanie Campbell
Breanna Mattice
- 6 Mark Ott
- 7 Alexis Guilbault

Belize Mission Update

Dear friends at Christ Episcopal Church,

We hope this finds you well. Recently you collected finances to be given to Mt. Hope Bible Church, and we want to say a huge thank you on behalf of the church. We decided that the van could hold on a little longer. But as leaders, we decided with the impending hurricane season and ongoing theft in the area, it would be wise to install security windows. These windows are metal and have screen inserts. We were able to purchase nine replacement windows, and Pastor Allison worked very hard to rebuild all new window frames, install them, and add trim inside and out. It looks great and we are so thankful we were able to accomplish this project with the partnership of the people of Christ Episcopal.



Your church family has taken us in and loved us as a family and as a church and we are so thankful! We look forward to partnering with Christ Church in the future to partner on a short term trip to minister and serve the people of Belize.

Many Blessings,

Pastor Allison, Heather, Evana, and Chiara

What's Next?

A few months ago, Allison heard the Lord speaking to him that his season as pastor of Mt. Hope was coming to an end, but we did not know the who, the when, or the why. A family member



recently told us they like to call it "living in the question," thankfully we know Who has the answer! Being a couple that has always striven to obey, we chose to trust the Lord in this leading, and He gave us multiple scriptures confirming this change. We expected this to maybe be a year long process, but the Lord has surely pressed fast forward. Time and again we are seeing the Lord lead us each step we take. We are awaiting some documents, but we are headed to Florida during the next couple of months. I (Heather) have completed the application and interview process and accepted a fifth grade classroom teacher position at a public elementary school in Ormond Beach, Florida. This is the same area my sister and her family moved to earlier this year, and my parents will also be moving there so that we will all be together. It is still hard to believe, really, but we are so humbled and beyond thankful to have this opportunity to live life together. We are thankful to each of you and the Lord for all of the accomplishments that have been made during Allison's tenure as Pastor.

Mission Collection at Christ Church for September and October

For the months of September and October our Sunday mission collections will be for the *Ballston Spa Area Church Community Assistance Fund*

On a rotating basis, area churches accept requests for funds. The person in need then fills out an application at the church or receives one by mail. The Clergy of the church on call will review the application (s), use good judgment on how to best help the person (if possible), and respond to the applicant with an explanation.

Area Churches involved: First Presbyterian Church, Christ Episcopal Church, United Methodist Church, First Baptist, Hope Church, Community Alliance Church.

Assisting Bishop Appointed

The Standing Committee has appointed **Bishop Michael G. Smith as the Assisting Bishop** during the interim period before the election of our 10th Bishop.

The Standing Committee will remain the Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese, Bishop Smith will walk alongside them to provide episcopal ministry focusing on Sacramental and Pastoral responsibilities and duties that are reserved for a bishop.



Quilting Ministry



Picture caption: Meet the quilters- pictured left to right: Joyce Reed, Tammy Boyd, Jayne Schmidt, Margaret Cook, Joyce Luger, JoAnne Niemeyer, Holly Jefferies, Joanne Wood, Mindy Willey and Sheila Rabideau (not pictured)

Do you know someone who needs comfort due to experiencing illness, hardship, sadness or loss? We all go through difficult times and there is nothing like having a tangible object of comfort to hold onto or wrap up in. During the pandemic, the quilting ministry has remained active, producing quilts that are designed to share the love of Christ through prayer and warmth. Anyone can request a quilt that will be provided at no cost. Quilts are made with material that has been donated to Noah's Attic and come in colors appropriate for both men and women. Children's quilts are also available. Recipients of our quilts may be a parishioner or someone outside of the church. It is a wonderful way to show concern and to witness to God's love to all people, whether they attend church or not. To request a quilt, simply fill out a request form, located in the Welcome Center on the table by the door to the parish hall that has the quilting ministry poster on it. Place the form in the collection plate, or in the Quilting Ministry mailbox located in the library. One of the leaders will contact you to coordinate a time to get the quilt to you after it has been blessed and prayed over during a church service.

If you are interested in joining the quilting ministry, or are just curious about what we do, our meetings are held the third Saturday of every month from 10:00-12:00 in the parish hall. Whether you are a beginner or experienced sewer, you are welcome to join us.

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

Fred Sober
Peggy Vary
Nancy Wemple

IN MEMORIAM

Linda L. Mattice of Broadalbin, passed away on August 3, 2021.
Rhett Croteau of Malta, passed away on August 9, 2021

A note from Fr. Roy regarding the ministry of the Altar Guild:



I would like to thank Julia Duchesne and all the team members of the Altar Guild for their continued service, and prayerfully ask you to consider if this is a ministry you might be a part of.

The Altar Guild members are a blessing to our church and their ministry assists me and our deacons by having the altar ready for services. This includes our Sunday Services and other church services i.e.: funerals, weddings, baptism, Advent and Lenten celebrations and Christmas.

This is a “behind the scenes” ministry consisting of families and individuals of our church working as teams, who give of their time and energy.

If you have any questions about the Altar Guild or are interested in being on a team, please call Jeanne at the Church office, 518-885-1031. A Saturday Luncheon is planned for September 11 at noon in the parish hall. Please join us to learn more and see if this might be a ministry for you.

The Food Pantry has had a great summer. Our numbers of those receiving food have been increasing steadily after a dip during COVID. We've increased our hours and are now open
Mondays 10am-12pm,
Tuesdays 12pm-2pm,
Wednesdays 10am-12pm & 5pm-6pm,
Fridays 10am-12pm.

There have been a couple of new volunteers but we can use more, especially as we get into the fall! If you are available to help out, please reach out to Theresa Polson at theresapolson@gmail.com or call/text (518) 281-7823.



KidsFirst is looking forward to the new school year. We have had a great summer doing many summer-time activities with water play being the favorite with the children.

Noah's Attic Hours 518-885-9455

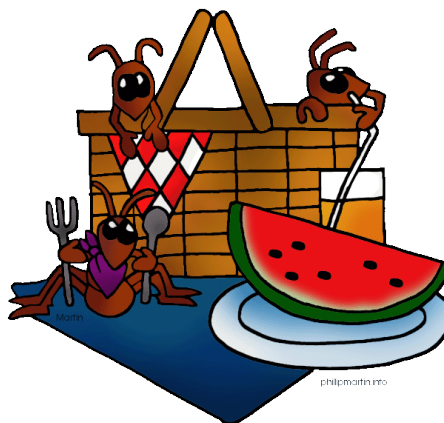
Sunday and Monday—Closed

Tuesday—9:30-3:00

Wednesday and Thursday—9:30-4:00

Friday—9:30-3:00

Saturday—9:30-2:30



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