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RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS CELEBRATING IMPORTANT MILESTONES

In September of 1793, our nation's first president, George Washington laid the cornerstone for the United States Capitol Building. Meanwhile in upstate New York, the new Episcopal parish of Christ's Church, Duaneburg had just been incorporated. The new church building, paid for by James Duane, was consecrated on August 21st by the Bishop of New York, the Rt. Rev. Samuel Provoost.

Today, the original layout of the Christ's Church has not been significantly altered, which is the foundation for the building's historical significance today. The box pews with their locking doors, the balcony, and the central high pulpit with its sound-reflecting board remain remarkably unchanged since 1793.

However, over the years some things have changed at Christ's Church. A bell tower and steeple were added in 1811.

Electricity was installed in the early 20th century which provided electrical lighting and power to run the oil-fired heating system. Parishioners also arrive in the comfort of their modern cars these days and no longer travel to church by horse and cart, although our Carriage House could accommodate those who still wished to arrive in this old-fashioned manner!

In terms of worship and liturgy, much has also changed since 1793. The version of the Holy Bible we read each Sunday is now the New Revised Standard Version, published in 1989, replacing the King James Version, which was the first authorized English-language version of our scriptures, published in 1611. The first American Book of Common Prayer, published in 1798, has also been revised over the years to reflect modern language and usage, and to live into its



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purpose of being the 'common' prayer book of the 'common' people. The current version in use today is the 1979 edition. The style of church music has also changed. Singing hymns was not officially approved until 1820, so congregations didn't really sing as we are accustomed until after that date.

On August 19th, as a celebration of the 225th Anniversary of Christ's Church, we are holding a "back to the future" service of Holy Communion using the text from the 1789 Prayer Book. The service will be similar to the Holy Eucharist Rite One, but with some important differences. As there were no female clergy ordained in 1793, our own Dcn. Debbie will not be serving. No acolytes will assist the "minister" and the service will be less "high church" in nature. However, the most essential things remain constant. Christ's Church, situated on the corner of Duaneburg Churches Road and Route 20, has been a witness for the last 225 years to the weary traveler, the early morning commuter and tourists who drive through our beautiful area. Let us pray that this congregation continues to gather in faith, fellowship, celebration and worship, following the example of our ancestors from 225 years ago, and continuing with our descendants into the foreseeable future.

To God be the Glory!

Fr. Alistair ✠

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

REGIONAL FOOD BANK

Here's a community outreach and wonderful Volunteer opportunity to help sort goods at the Regional Food

Bank in August. Whatever you do when you volunteer at the Regional Food Bank, your efforts help low-income families stretch their limited budgets and eat better.

We have reserved a spot for 10 or more people of all ages to lend a hand on **Thursday, August 30th**

from 6 – 8 pm at the Latham facility located

at 965 Albany Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110. Children 12 and under can come if

accompanied by an adult.

Please email, text or see Sandra or John Weiler to reserve your space for this fun and fulfilling opportunity to be a blessing to our neighbors.



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Christ Church Duanesburg

1793-2018

225th Anniversary

Historic Service

(from the 1789 Book of Common Prayer)

Sun, Aug 19
at 10 a.m.

Anniversary Service

Sat, Sept 15
at 4 p.m.



COFFEE HOUR

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Sign up for Coffee Hour setup has been erratic as people's schedules have become busy - seeking a few volunteers to commit to one Sunday a month (first, second, etc.) for this ministry and a couple of "floating" volunteers who would cover vacations and the fifth Sundays. Please contact Jane Weyers, bystryweyers@gmail.com or 518 - 817 - 3782, if you can help make this time of fellowship following worship thrive. Any suggestions for improvements to coffee hour are encouraged, thank you. ✕

JOYFUL JOURNEY

YOUTH SUNDAY

Beginning in October, the 3rd Sunday of every month will be Youth Sunday. In lieu of the standard Joyful Journey (e.g. going to the Parish Hall for a lesson), the children of the parish will take an active role during the service. They will participate by ringing the bell, greeting parishioners, serving as an acolyte, reading the lessons, and more! Thank you to Fr. Alistair and the Joyful Journey teachers who have helped to arrange and coordinate this endeavor. ✕

HOLY HIKES

WORSHIPING GOD IN THE BEAUTY OF THE OUTDOORS

Holy Hikes is a way to worship beyond the walls of comfort, to take a step, perhaps even a hike, towards reunion with the earth and all its life and beauty.

All at Christ Church and St. John's Episcopal Church with an extension anyone you may know (dogs are invited too) is welcome to join us. Our goal is to walk an easy trail of the Plotter Kill Preserve on Mariaville Road in Rotterdam. There's a water fall there that may be quite pretty in the fall. While there, we will share a small prayer for unity and peace with the world and to help us enjoy all that God created in a natural environment.

The Almy D. Coggleshall Plotter Kill Preserve is a 632-acre nature reserve and hiking area located on Route 159 in the town of Rotterdam. The location is convenient to both churches. A map of the Preserve can be found here:

https://www.schenectadycounty.com/sites/default/files/Plotter_Kill.pdf

The tentative date for this will be the first or second weekend day in October. More information will be provided once we reach out to St. John's for their interest level. If anyone has a preference, please let us know. Email, text or see Sandra or John Weiler if interested so that we can get an approximate head count/ amount of interest.

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PARISH SCHEDULE

Date	Acolyte	Greeters	Lectors	Joyful Journey
08/05/2018	Sandra Weiler	Jane Weyers	Calvin Weyers & Doug Fortman	
08/12/2018	Zach Sayles	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Linda & Bart MacDougall	
08/19/2018		Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	<i>Historic Service @ 10:00am</i>	
08/27/2018	Drew Palluti	Jane Weyers	Kim Corcoran & Tonya Rudolphsen	
09/02/2018	John Weiler	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Bryan Salisbury & Bart MacDougall	
09/09/2018	CJ Palluti	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Steve & Sherry Schrade	Phil & Jenna Sayles
09/15/2018	Sharon Mericle	<i>Anniversary Service with Bishop William Love @ 4:00pm</i>		
09/16/2018	Sandra Weiler & Ian MacDougall	Jane Weyers	Sandra & John Weiler	Bob & Heather MacDougall
09/23/2018	Nellie Kosier	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Elizabeth Iseman & Sharon Mericle	Shawn & Nancy Palluti
09/30/2018	Jayden Sayles	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Calvin Weyers & Doug Fortman	Brendan & Amy Walsh


Date	Chalice	Altar Guild	DoK - Prayers of the People	Counters
08/05/2018	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Deacon Debbie	Andrea Salisbury & Cindy Creasy
08/12/2018	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Deacon Debbie	Judy Breitenstein & Tonya Rudolphsen
08/19/2018		Cindy Creasy & Sandra Weiler	<i>Historic Service @ 10:00am</i>	Sharon Mericle & Phil Sayles
08/27/2018	Sharon Mericle	Cindy Creasy & Sandra Weiler	Sharon Mericle	John Weiler & Steve Schrade
09/02/2018	Elizabeth Iseman	Sharon Mericle	Elizabeth Iseman (read Rite I)	Andrea Salisbury & Cindy Creasy
09/09/2018	Elizabeth Iseman	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle	Judy Breitenstein & Tonya Rudolphsen
09/15/2018		Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	<i>Anniversary Service @ 4:00pm</i>	Sharon Mericle & Phil Sayles
09/16/2018	Elizabeth Iseman	Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	Deacon Debbie	John Weiler & Steve Schrade
09/23/2018	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Andrea Salisbury & Cindy Creasy
09/30/2018	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Sharon Mericle	Judy Breitenstein & Tonya Rudolphsen

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  Ed McKinley	2	3	4
5 PENTECOST 12 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am	6	7  Bruce Smith	8  Emily Iseman Denny  Rick & Laura Lucia	9	10  Steve & Sherry Schrade	11  Kennedy Chandler
12 PENTECOST 13 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am  Mia Moses	13	14	15 Vestry Mtg - 7pm	16	17	18
19 PENTECOST 14 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist (<i>Historic Service</i>) - 10am  Brenda Warner	20	21  Olivia Munson	22  Curtis Rabideau  Bob & Cindy Skala	23	24	25  Theresa Munson
26 PENTECOST 15 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am	27	28	29	30	31	

❖ SEPTEMBER 2018 ❖
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 PENTECOST 16 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am	3 Labor Day	4	5  CJ Palluti	6  Len'a Dominy	7  Raul Bastiani, III, Zoe Gravina	8
9 PENTECOST 17 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey  Emily Lenehan, Nathalie Lenehan	10	11  Jordan Latter	12  Edna Taber	13  Edward & Stephanie McKinley	14	15 Anniversary Service @ 4pm
16 PENTECOST 18 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey  Joey Dominy, John David Iseman	17  April & Mike Kosier	18  Bob & Christine Chandler	19 Vestry Mtg - 7pm  Doug Fortman	20	21	22  Barbara Featherstonhaugh
23 PENTECOST 19 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey Blessing of the Animals	24	25  Bryan Salisbury	26	27	28  Devin Fortman, Curtis White  Judith & Glen Doell	29
30 PENTECOST 20 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey  Art Crandall, Paul Munson, III						

NEWS & NOTES

IMPORTANT DATES

Below is a list of various events and services:

- August 19, 2018: Historic Service
- September 15, 2018: Anniversary Service
- September 23, 2018: Blessing of the Animals
- November 18, 2018: Parish Thanksgiving Dinner
- December 23, 2018: Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
- February 10, 2019: Musical Evening
- March 5, 2019: Shrove Tuesday Dinner
- April 21, 2019: Easter Sunday
- May 5, 2019: NYS Sacred Sites
- June 30, 2019: Parish Picnic



Visit the Church website or Facebook pages for the most current information. ✕

Christ Church is a worshiping community of friends, joyfully serving, encouraging and healing others in Jesus's name.

The parish is located at:
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