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RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Extract from the Rector's Report at the Annual Meeting held 01/21/18:

I am honoured and excited to be called as Rector of Christ's Church, Duanesburg. My prayer for all of us over this next year is that we might grow to maturity in Christ -- to know Him better, to love Him more dearly, follow Him more nearly (I feel a song coming on!). No, seriously, I go back to a sermon I preached in October time about the harvest and the Fruit of the Spirit being developed in our lives. There is often an expectation on a new rector from many people and even themselves, to see church attendance increase. However, Christian author and pastor, Timothy Keller suggests a different way to assess a church's growth; he argues that a better measurement is how much a church produces the Fruit of the Spirit. This idea of fruit also ties in with my own call to ordination, during which I felt God speaking to me through a verse from John's Gospel:

> "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit--fruit that will last." John 15:16a

We all need to be nurtured in spiritual growth and we all need to produce the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives. So, please pray along with me for growth; for growth that will last -- and let us encourage each other to produce the fruit which the world needs to see and find in the church of Christ -- that is: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS and SELF-CONTROL (Gal 5:22). Then we will grow up to the full maturity of Christ. St. Paul in his letter to the church at Ephesus prays for its growth to maturity in Christ, and his prayer is also my prayer for you:

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"I pray that out of his glorious riches [God] may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (Eph 3:16-19)

Fr. Alistair ✠

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Fauré Requiem: For his final service as Organist and Chiormaster at St. George's Episcopal Church, 30 N. Ferry St., Schenectady, NY 12305, Andrew Krystopolski will conduct a choir of over 30 singers in Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* on Sunday, February 25th at 3pm. A reception will follow.

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver's Conference: The conference will be held on March 28th at the Albany Marriott, featuring an array of workshops geared specifically toward the needs of caregivers, as well as many exhibitors, ranging from home health care agencies and assisted living communities, to elder care attorneys and financial advisors. www.alz.org, 518-867-4999, x200

Worship Night in America with Chris Tomlin: Coming to the Times Union Center in Albany on April 12th at 7:00pm.

LENTEN STUDIES

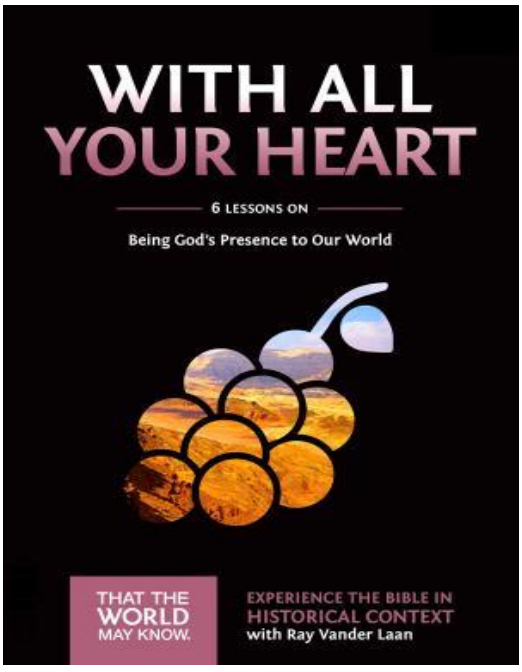
WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

When: Sundays at 9:00am
Where: Parish Hall

"Ray Vander Lann takes us on a journey through the Sinai and Israel, a region that is still largely desert but at times filled with lush. We will discover how Jesus called the people to live in the Promised land. What can we learn during times of abundance and in times of desert? God led his people back to the desert often to relearn the lessons they had forgotten. We will learn that the desert is where we are closest to God."

Each Sunday we will watch a short DVD presentation followed by a discussion.

February 18th: "Build Me a Sanctuary"
February 25th: "Making Space for God"
March 4th: "He Led Them Like a Shepherd"
March 11th: "By Every Word – Striking the Rock"
March 25th: "With All Your Might: The Final Test"
April 8th: "A Well-Watered Garden"



THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to join Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in inviting you and all Episcopalians to participate in the Good Book Club as part of our Lenten and Easter discipline. The intent is for each of us to read the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles during the Lent and Easter Season following a daily reading schedule published by Forward Movement. The daily reading schedule and accompanying meditation can be found online at no cost. You can find more information through the Episcopal Church Public Affairs Office here.

I pray you and all your love ones have a blessed and Holy Lent.

Faithfully Your Brother in Christ,
+Bill

HTTP://WWW.GOODBOOKCLUB.ORG/

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PARISH SCHEDULE

Date	Acolyte	Greeters	Lectors	Joyful Journey
02/04/2018	Sharon Mericle & Drew Palluti	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Calvin Weyers & Doug Fortman	Phil & Jenna Sayles
02/11/2018	John Weiler & Zach Sayles	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Linda & Bart MacDougall	Heather & Bob MacDougall
02/14/2018	**ASH**	**WEDNESDAY**	**7PM**	**SERVICE**
02/18/2018	Bryan Salisbury	Jane Weyers	Bryan Salisbury & Bart MacDougall	Amy & Brendan Walsh
02/25/2018	Jayden Sayles	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Kim Corcoran	Tonya Rudolphsen & Steve Schrade
03/04/2018	John Weiler	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Elizabeth Iseman & Sharon Mericle	Nancy Palluti & April Kosier
03/11/2018	Sharon Mericle & Nellie Kosier	Jane Weyers	Steve & Sherry Schrade	Phil & Jenna Sayles
03/18/2018	CJ Palluti	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Marge Cummings & Tonya Rudolphsen	Heather & Bob MacDougall
03/25/2018	Sandra Weiler & Ian MacDougall	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Sandra & John Weiler	Tonya Rudolphsen & Steve Schrade

Date	Chalice	Altar Guild	DoK – Prayers of the People	Counters
02/04/2018	Sharon Mericle	Marge Cummings & Cindy Creasy	Deacon Debbie	Andrea Salisbury & Cindy Creasy
02/11/2018	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle	Judy Breitenstein & Tonya Rudolphsen
02/14/2018		Sharon Mericle	**ASH WEDNESDAY**	**7PM SERVICE**
02/18/2018	Sharon Mericle	Sandra Weiler	Deacon Debbie	Sharon Mericle & Phil Sayles
02/25/2018	Sharon Mericle	Sandra Weiler	Sharon Mericle	John Weiler & Steve Schrade
03/04/2018	Sharon Mericle	Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	Deacon Debbie	Andrea Salisbury & Cindy Creasy
03/11/2018	Sharon Mericle	Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	Sharon Mericle	Judy Breitenstein & Tonya Rudolphsen
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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 EPIPHANY 4 Bible Study – 9am Holy Eucharist – 10am Joyful Journey – 10am	29 Scott Wolfe	30	31	1	2 Bob Skala, Ethan MacDougall	3
4 EPIPHANY 5 Bible Study – 9am Holy Eucharist – 10am Joyful Journey – 10am	5	6 Jessica Lucia	7	8	9 Ella Moses	10
11 EPIPHANY 6 Bible Study – 9am Holy Eucharist – 10am Joyful Journey – 10am Bob MacDougall	12	13	14 ASH WEDNESDAY 7PM Service	15 Lisa McHugh	16	17
18 LENT 1 Bible Study – 9am Holy Eucharist – 10am Joyful Journey – 10am	19	20	21 Vestry Mtg – 7pm Bill Lenehan	22 Thomas Featherstonhaugh	23 Kate Connor, Jayden Sales	24
25 LENT 2 Bible Study – 9am Holy Eucharist – 10am Joyful Journey – 10am	26	27	28	1	2	3

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 LENT 2 Bible Study – 9am Holy Eucharist – 10am Joyful Journey – 10am	26	27	28	1	2	3
4 LENT 3 Bible Study – 9am Holy Eucharist – 10am Joyful Journey – 10am	5 Jennifer Wolfe	6 Jodi Molnar	7	8	9 Franklyn Aurelio Acevedo	10 Nancy Palluti, Shawn Palluti
11 LENT 4 Bible Study – 9am Holy Eucharist – 10am Joyful Journey – 10am Bart MacDougall, Denny Wolfe	12	13	14	15	16	17 Lydia Rudolphsen
18 LENT 5 Bible Study – 9am Holy Eucharist – 10am Joyful Journey – 10am	19 Sandra DePoalo	20	21 Vestry Mtg – 7pm	22	23	24
25 PALM SUNDAY Bible Study – 9am Holy Eucharist – 10am Joyful Journey – 10am	26 Joyce Mason	27 Joshua Langston	28 Ben Lennox	29 MAUNDY THURSDAY Carm Fusco	30 GOOD FRIDAY	31 HOLY SATURDAY Nolan McHugh, Sherry Schrade

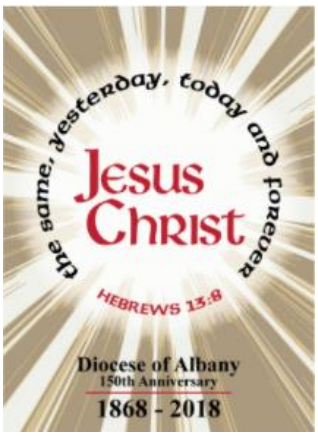
NEWS & NOTES

FOYER GROUP
✠ JOIN US!

Foyers are an opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners over casual meals in each other's homes. Every winter, fresh groups are randomly created and go on to arrange their meetings, as they feel free. Please sign up over the next few weeks in February to take part – a list is available in the Parish Hall. If you have questions, many people in the congregation have participated and would be happy to discuss with you.✠

150TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
✠ JUNE 8TH – JUNE 10TH

The Episcopal Diocese of Albany will be holding their annual convention at Camp of the Woods Christian Family Resort and Conference Center in Speculator, NY.



Online registration is now open to all parishioners. Please visit www.albanyepsicopaldiocese.org for registration information. ✠

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

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