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RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

This special edition of the Messenger looks back at the events which marked the 225th Anniversary of Christ Church, Duanesburg. We have included photographs from the some of the events during the year, along with a look back at some of the previous landmark anniversaries of the church.

Back in August of last year we held a historic service using the liturgy from the 1789 Prayer Book. This was followed in September by a Celebration Anniversary Service at which the Bishop of Albany, Rt. Rev. William Love celebrated Eucharist. Former rectors of the church attended along with distinguished national and local politicians.

Other events during the year included a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday and the opening of the church building on the New York Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Sites Open House weekend in May. The final event, which is yet to take place, will be the church picnic on June 30 to be held at Jim and Louis Goblet's farm in Berne.

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The 225th Anniversary also brought along an opportunity to carry out some necessary building repairs and improvements, such as, AC and the repainting of the interior of the church. A longer lasting legacy of the 225th landmark event will be the commissioning of a Historic Structural Survey. Hopefully, this survey will provide the church with a schedule of recommended works which will be needed to maintain and keep this architecturally important building restored for future generations.

Our prayer is that Christ Church will continue to give God all the glory for many years to come.

We hope you enjoy this Special Edition.

Blessings,

Fr. Alistair ✠

A Year of Celebration

225th Anniversary Service

Pancake Supper

New York Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Site

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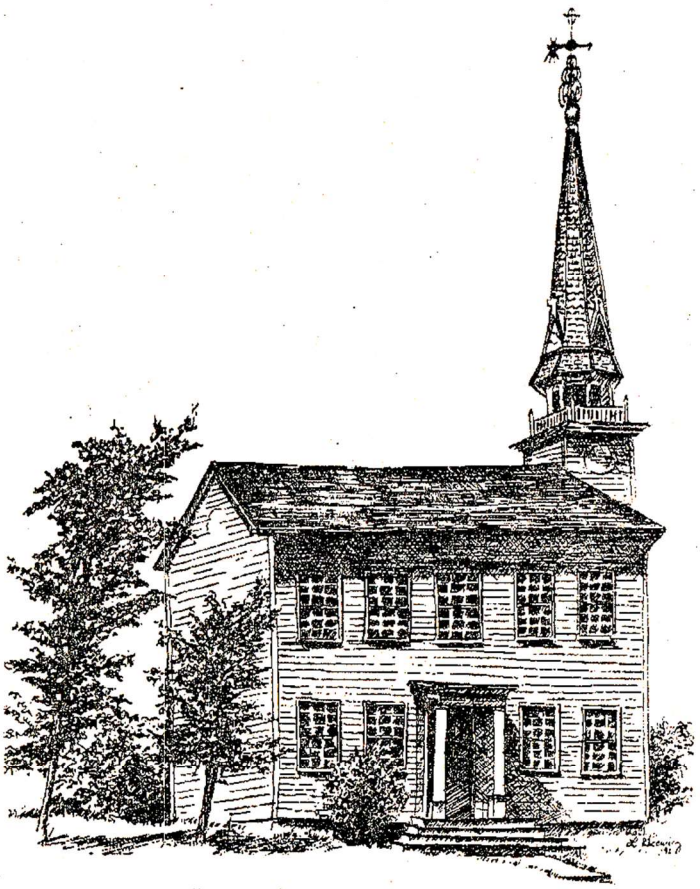
CONGREGATION AND CLERGY AT BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

NEIGHBORHOODS

Bicentennial celebration Sunday for Duanesburg Episcopalians



Christ Episcopal Church, Duanesburg

DUANESBURG — The parish of Christ Episcopal Church on Route 20 will celebrate the church's 200th anniversary beginning with Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, celebrated by the Right Rev. David S. Ball, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany.

Afternoon events include a pig roast in a re-enactment of the event held at the church's consecration; Colonial craftspeople demonstrating such skill as soapmaking along with a tinsmith; displays of the history of the church; preparation and closing of a time capsule; a military display by the Queen's Guard, and others. All events are open to the public with a $6 donation requested.

RELIGIOUS HAPPENINGS

The church was founded in 1793 by James Duane and built on his land. The church stands as the oldest unaltered Episcopal church in the state.

An 18th-century cemetery is behind the church, and members of the Duane family are buried in the crypt beneath the church. There are marble plaques in their memory near the altar. The tower and spire were added in 1811, and a 1,000-pound bell was purchased in 1893 as a centennial gift. Electricity was installed in 1929 and central heat replaced the stoves in 1955.

A parish hall built in 1956 has been outgrown, and expansion plans are bing studied. The rectory was built in 1971.

At no time in its history has the church failed to hold services or support a rector. The Rev. John Cornelius was called full time in 1991 after more than a decade of part-time rectors.

Author to speak at fall conference

CLIFTON PARK — Author David Hunt will be keynote speaker at a fall conference at Northway Bible Chapel, corner of Moe and Par Del Rio roads, on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 28 and 29. Saturday sessions will be at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. with a dinner break in between. Sunday sessions will be at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., with a lunch break at 12:30 p.m. Call 371-7556 for information.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHRIST CHURCH'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE FROM THE ALBANY TIMES UNION, AUGUST 1993

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF CHRIST CHURCH

On August 25, 1893, the One hundredth Anniversary of the Consecration of Christ Church was celebrated. The account, written by Reverend Flower, Rector (1889-1901), is as follows:

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Sheldon M. Griswold, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson. The Rector began the Communion office and was the Celebrant. The Rev. Charles S. Olmstead of Cooperstown read the Epistle, and the Rev. George L. Neide the Gospel. The sermon was preached by the Rev. D.S. Olmstead, Archdeacon of the Susquehanna. The offertory amounting to $23 was divided between the Cathedral Chapter House to be built at Albany, and Diocesan Missions.

After the morning services, refreshments were served on the rectory grounds (the former rectory is still standing about a half mile from the church, west on Rt. 20 up the hill on the left) to about 400 visitors and parishioners.

In the afternoon, Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Ferris Tripp, Deacon of Brooklyn, NY.

CHRIST CHURCH IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY

The Rector delivered an historical address covering the parochial events of the century 1793-1893. (A copy of this sermon is kept on file with church records).

Addresses of Congratulation were made by former Rectors, William Jarvis and George L. Neide.

A pastoral letter from the Rt. Rev. William Crosswell Doane, Bishop of Albany was read by the Rector.

At the morning service, just before the prayer for the Church Militant, the Rector formally accepted for the parish, and offered to the glory of God by special prayer the following named gifts:

A 1000 pound bell purchased by the united offerings of the congregation of Christ Church, Duanesburg.

A brass altar Cross presented by Mrs. George D. Featherstonhaugh in loving memory of two departed children.

A marble Baptismal Font, memorial to James Duane founder of the township and donor of the Church Building was presented by several members of the Duane family.

Mrs. John Chester DeLaVergne of New York, a former parishioner, gave a pair of brass Altar Vases, a pair of fine glass Cruets, and an elegantly bound Altar service book.

The Rector and Edward C. Delevan presented a walnut re-table and Altar Book Rest.

The ladies of the parish gave the Rector a beautiful white silk Stole.

On file is a list of 83 names who were contributors to the Bell. The amount given by them was $294.01.

*The above account is taken from "A History of Christ Episcopal Church in the Town of Duanesburgh, New York, compiled and edited by Rev. DeVere LaVerne Shelmandine. ✠

Faith Story

By Deacon Debbie

A few days after Easter Fr. Alistair came up with the idea of asking people to tell their "Faith Story" in place of the Confession, in 600 words or less, during the season of Easter. Here is my "Faith Story" which I shared the Sunday after Easter.

I am what we call a "cradle Episcopalian" whose family stopped going to church when I was 5. In 7th grade I knew I wanted to be a physical therapist and work with children but did not know why. No one in my family or that I knew was in the profession. I was so clueless that I did not do well at my interview at Maria College, but Ms. James evidently saw something in me worth taking a chance on. In the early part of my career people would ask me why I was a PT and I told them I did not know. Even when I entered Russell Sage to get my bachelors, I still did not know why but I just knew it was what I was supposed to do.

During my career I lived in Albany and then purchased my home in Scotia 27 years ago and both were very close to Episcopal churches. I would run by both and this voice would pop into my head saying "Come back." It was not until I was in my early 30's that I finally heeded those words and started going to St. Andrew's in Scotia. I made a lot of mistakes trying to discover who Jesus was and what He had to do with my life. But it was during this time I met Fr. Bill Hinrichs through Education for Ministry (EFM) and it was during EFM I finally realized why I was a PT! It was God's plan, not mine! It was and is the only explanation which makes any sense.

Then I entered what Fr. Bill would call later "a dark place" and left St. Andrew's but that voice kept calling for me to come back. After a few years I started attending Calvary in Burnt Hills on Saturday nights as it fit into my marathon training schedule. I walked in and knew immediately I was where I was meant to be. Learning from my previous mistakes of trying to do and be involved in everything as that would teach me who Jesus was, I allowed myself just to be present. Slowly I felt the call to serve at the altar and this is through learning the meaning of the liturgy and being an active participant in it is where I really began to meet Jesus. A Lay Eucharistic Minister at Calvary encompasses many tasks and at times is almost like being a Deacon. Are you beginning to see where this is leading? While I was running with my marathon partner the words "I am thinking about being a Deacon" blurted out which almost stopped us both in our tracks! The thought had never entered my mind before! Well I always said "God has a sense of humor!"

My Christian journey has been a long slow process that is not yet complete despite the fact I wear this collar. As Fr. Alistair and I were talking about doing this testimony I thought "My journey shows you can walk in the light of Christ without knowing it." But He is patient and will continue to pursue you as he did me. Through his persistence He has shown me how He has always been present and active in my life. He has been with me from the beginning, through the valleys and on the mountain tops. He reminds and teaches me in ways which are meaningful to me. My journey is not your journey. None of our journeys should be the same as we are all uniquely made. ✠

Ladies' Summer Outing

Each summer, the women of Christ Church and their guests carpool to the Otesaga in Cooperstown for the buffet luncheon. It's a great chance to get to know fellow parishioners more personally as well as to enjoy the view of the lake. This year's event will take place on Monday, July 1st. The carpool will leave at 10:30 from the Church parking lot to arrive in Cooperstown at noon. All are welcome - the Ladies Auxiliary will assist church members in covering the cost. RSVP to Linda MacDougall.

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PARISH SCHEDULE

Date	Acolyte	Greeters	Lectors	Joyful Journey
06/02/2019	CJ Palluti	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Doug Fortman & Cal Weyers	Brendan & Amy Walsh
06/09/2019	Nellie Kosier	Jane Weyers	Linda & Bart MacDougall	Phil & Jenna Sayles
06/16/2019	Drew Palluti	Youth Sunday	TBD	N/A
06/23/2019	Zach Sayles	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Marge Cummings & Kim Corcoran	Shawn & Nancy Palluti
06/30/2019	Jayden Sayles	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Bryan Salisbury & Bart MacDougall	
07/07/2019	John Weiler	Jane Weyers	Sandra & John Weiler	
07/14/2019	Sandra Weiler	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Steve & Sherry Schrade	
07/21/2019	Sharon Mericle & Ian MacDougall	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Elizabeth Iseman & Sharon Mericle	
07/28/2019	Bryan Salisbury	Jane Weyers	Doug Fortman & Cal Weyers	

Date	Chalice	Altar Guild	DoK – Prayers of the People	Counters
06/02/2019	Sharon Mericle	Elizabeth Iseman	Deacon Debbie	Sharon Mericle & Cindy Creasy
06/09/2019	Sharon Mericle	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Andrea Salisbury & John Weiler
06/16/2019	Sharon Mericle	Sandra Weiler	TBD	Steve Schrade & Nancy Palluti
06/23/2019	Sharon Mericle	Sandra Weiler	Sharon Mericle	Laura Lucia & Judy Breitenstein
06/30/2019	Sharon Mericle	Cindy Creasy & Marge Cummings	Deacon Debbie	Phil Sayles & Andrea Salisbury
07/07/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Cindy Creasy & Marge Cummings	Deacon Debbie	John Weiler & Nancy Palluti
07/14/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Sharon Mericle	Elizabeth Iseman	Steve Schrade & Laura Lucia
07/21/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle & Judy Breitenstein
07/28/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	Elizabeth Iseman	Phil Sayles & Cindy Creasy

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Jasmine Therrion
2 EASTER 7 **Bible Study – 9am** **Holy Eucharist – 10am** **Joyful Journey** John Chandler Tonya & Kyle Rudolphsen	**3**	**4**	**5** Andrea Fortman	**6**	**7** Matthew Thompson	**8** Billy Lucia
9 PENTECOST **Bible Study – 9am** **Holy Eucharist – 10am** **Joyful Journey**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14** Christopher Lenehan	**15**
16 PENTECOST 2 **Bible Study – 9am** **Holy Eucharist – 10am** **Youth Sunday**	**17** Joan Langston, Deborah Van Zink	**18**	**19** Vestry Mtg – 7pm	**20** Samantha Moses	**21** Adam & Dianne Acevedo	**22** Benjamin Lenehan Ryan & Tricia Moses
23 PENTECOST 3 **Bible Study – 9am** **Holy Eucharist – 10am** **Joyful Journey**	**24**	**25**	**26** John & Elizabeth Iseman	**27**	**28**	29 Dan Menzies, Eva Weyers
30 PENTECOST 4 **Bible Study – 9am** **Holy Eucharist – 10am** **Church Picnic**						

JULY 2019

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Ladies' Summer Outing John Michael Iseman	**2** Caitlin Menzies, Tricia Moses	**3** Paul Munson IV, Michael Kosier	**4 Independence Day** Carl Breitenstein	**5**	**6** Bonnie Kerr, Evie Kosier
7 PENTECOST 5 **Bible Study – 9am** **Holy Eucharist – 10am** Molly Powers	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11** Cal Weyers	**12**	**13**
14 PENTECOST 6 **Bible Study – 9am** **Holy Eucharist – 10am**	**15** Bob & Brenda Warner	**16** Alexander Rabideau, Terry Williams	**17** Vestry Mtg – 7pm Jim & Barbara Featherstonhaugh	**18**	**19** John Weiler, Michael Walsh	**20**
21 PENTECOST 7 **Bible Study – 9am** **Holy Eucharist – 10am** Tippe & Tony Miller	**22**	**23** Bobby & Allison Chandler	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**
28 PENTECOST 8 **Bible Study – 9am** **Holy Eucharist – 10am** Camille Crandall	**29** Gene McInnis	**30**	**31**			

CHURCH PICNIC

CHURCH PICNIC 6/30: NEW VENUE, LIVE MUSIC!

Hessian Hill Farm, 576 Treadlemire Road in Berne, will host the Christ Church annual picnic this June. Jim and Lois Goblet have graciously offered to open their working farm for the occasion - see the animals, public gardens as well as the family's personal gardens and fields in addition to enjoying the usual potluck picnic. Learn more at www.hessianhillfarm.com or their Facebook Page at Hessian Hill Farm.

The band Rogue Scholars, led by a lifelong friend of John Weiler, will also provide live music. More information about the band can be found here: https://m.facebook.com/scholarsband/

Please let Deacon Debbie know if you plan to attend the picnic so that we have a rough count for food, table and chairs purposes. (If you are able to help transport tables and chairs on 6/29, see Steve or Bryan!) Please bring a salad or dessert to share, your own beverages, and join us for an exceptional time on the farm!

Directions: From Quaker Street, take Darby Hill Road to Gallupville Road (135/26). This will become Larry Hill Road which will join Route 146 in Wright. Turn left (south) on Route 443, right on School Street/Mill Street/Pickett Hill Road. Upon reaching Treadlemire, turn right and you're nearly there! Lost along the way? Call Lois for advice (518) 365-4085. ✠

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

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