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THE MESSENGER

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RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

A TIME TO RESTORE

In the book of Ecclesiastes is a familiar passage about time.

Here are some:

a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to tear and a time to mend.

In Christ Church we are entering a time to mend and restore. The beautiful historic building in which we worship is in need of some tender loving care. Back in 2020 the vestry commissioned John G. Waite Architects to carry out a condition survey on both the church and carriage shed (a copy of the report can be found on the church's website). The report highlighted a number of major problems in the building due to moisture penetration. Water, in its freeze-thaw cycle, has been opening up joints and forming cracks in the foundation walls. Moisture has also been penetrating and causing decay to sidings, window sills and trims.

Over the summer we have been carrying out repairs to the old drainage system in the field behind the church. Repairing the field drainage is the first stage in preserving the fabric and structural integrity of the church. The next phase, to restore the building itself, is going to take more time and will be more disruptive to weekly services. We are not yet in a position to start this important work, but the Fundraising Committee has been working alongside funding consultants, Brian Lacy and Associates, and hope over the next few months to be in a position to set out our financial strategy and goals.

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In the meantime, to help parishioners understand and see for themselves some of the problems the church building is facing, I am planning to hold an informational tour explaining the need for restoration on September 25th following the church service.

Blessings,

Fr. Alistair ✠

The Poetry Corner

Myrtle & Ethel

By Camille Crandall

Myrtle and Ethel sat on a porch.
The sun and the heat for some things would scorch.
The ladies enjoyed their tea from the kettle,
With cheesy snacks for which they would settle.

T'was not always calm like this nice autumn day,
For at one time they traveled far, far away.
They were in the desert with cactus and snakes
Happily returning to their homes by the lakes.

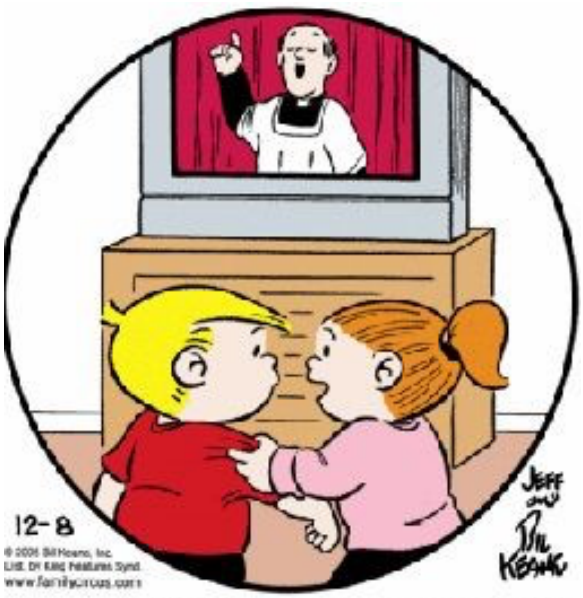
A celebration with wine left them feeling less glad
The conflict that ensued made them both very mad.
It lasted for years 'til they met on the street
With first thoughts of fleeing, but instead were discreet.

As they motioned each other to keep passing by,
They broke out in laughter and started to cry,
For they missed each other and would soon make amends
And return to being the greatest of friends

Their friendship they felt no other could match it
They surely were glad that they buried the hatchet! ✠

BRIGHT SPOT

BY DEACON DEBBIE



"Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life."

"Conscience is when God sends a text to your head."

CHRIST CHURCH FAMILY ACTIVITIES

September 11th
Joyful Journey/Youth Bible Study
Planning Meeting @ 11:30am
All parents are welcome

September 18th
"The Gathering" with Brunch
Apple Picking at
Terrace Mountain Orchard

September 25th
Joyful Journey/Youth
Bible Study begins

October 2nd
Blessing of the Animals
Hannaford in Esperance
1-2:30pm

October 23rd
Vroman's Nose Hike

November 20th
Winter Craft with Christina

December 18th
Holiday Brunch
Write Christmas Cards

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 PENTECOST 13 Holy Eucharist – 10am	5 Labor Day CJ Palluti	6 Len'a Dominy, Rachel O'Brien	7 Zoe Gravina	8	9	10 John & Sandra Weiler
11 PENTECOST 14 Holy Eucharist – 10am Joyful Journey Planning Mtg 11:30am	12	13 Edward & Stephanie McKinley	14	15	16 Joey Dominy, John David Iseman	17 April & Mike Kosier
18 PENTECOST 15 Holy Eucharist – 10am "The Gathering" Bob & Christine Chandler Hannah Doell	19	20	21	22 Barbara Featherstonhaugh	23	24
25 PENTECOST 16 Holy Eucharist – 10am Joyful Journey – 10am Brian Salisbury	26	27	28 Judith & Glen Doell	29	30 Art Crandall, Paul Munson, III	

RUMMAGE SALE

Clean out closets, organize the garage, and let those unused items find a new home at the Rummage Sale.

Friday, October 21: 4-7
Saturday, October 22: 9-2,
(bag sale 12 – 2)

Item Drop-Off
Wednesday, 10/19 &
Thursday, 10/20
Please deliver items clean and in working order, no electronics.

Volunteers welcome. ✠

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