



# THE MESSENGER

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## RECTOR'S REPORT

### INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

**W**hen my sister, Pamela, and brother-in-law, Harvey, were with us in July an alarm went off on Harvey's phone. It was a notification that the International Space Station (ISS) would be passing overhead in 5 minutes. Mtr. Laurie and I got very excited and ran out to see the little dot of light moving quietly across the sky. Immediately Mtr. Laurie downloaded the app to her phone and when the ISS passes across the night sky, and it is not always visible, we get a notification and head out to look for it!

Many times in the Biblical story what was happening in the sky was a sign of an event that was happening or about to happen on the earth. The most famous 'heavenly sign' is the Star of Bethlehem which led the wise men to where Jesus was born.

The ISS is not a sign that God is going to do anything, but it is a remarkable sight to see. Watching it each time has also focused my thoughts on the wonderful universe and multiverses that God has created. Psalm 8: 3-4 are verses pondering the work of God in his creation and how in the vastness of space we, as humans, are important to him:

3 When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?

Next time you look up at the night sky, take a moment to thank God for the work of His hands and for his love in sending Jesus to live among us.

A prayer from the Book of Common Prayer for all who travel, including those on the ISS:

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. *(Prayers of the People, Form 1, p 383)*

Blessings,

*Fr. Alistair* ✠

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# THE POETRY CORNER

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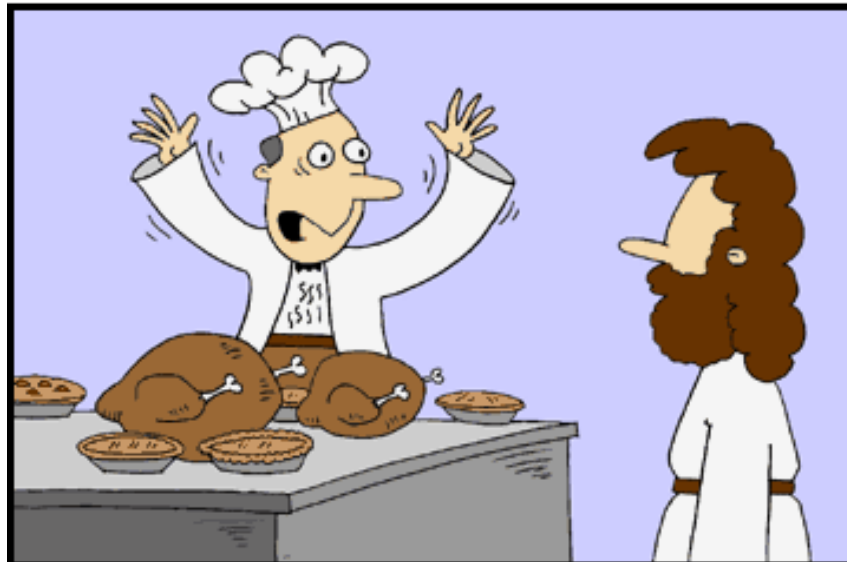
## GIVE THANKS

**O**ur birthdays mark the fact that we are older  
One year older to look over our shoulder.  
And remember the things that a full life can bring  
Our family, our accomplishments and a  
Myriad of adventures to make our hearts sing.

We've all had our ups and downs with sadness and dismay  
Of heartaches and disappointments to darken our day.  
Although it can be difficult and trying  
It is better to count your blessings than dwell on  
Misfortunes that can get you crying.

For we all have many blessings from God  
And don't know if the future will be flawed,  
But have faith in Him to get us through  
Creating a day of Thanksgiving for me and for you.  
We have so much to be thankful for  
Blessings to sustain us evermore. ✕

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(See Matthew 14:14-21)

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HONESTLY JESUS, YOU GIVE ME 5 PIES  
AND 2 TURKEYS AND EXPECT ME TO COOK  
FOR THE 5,000 GUESTS YOU'VE  
INVITED?!?

# CHRIST CHURCH ARCHIVES

*"The Soldiers Lullaby" was reprinted with the permission of the Duaneburg Historical Society.*

*William North was a vestryman at Christ Church and his memorial plaque is located on the east wall of the Church's sanctuary. Also, a NYS historical marker to recognize North is located along Route 20 in front of Christ Church and his remains are entombed with others of his family in the crypt beneath the church building. ✘*

## A Soldier's Story

In June of 2022 Orlando and Yvonne Orsini of Scotch Ridge Road, Duaneburg, NY donated a WW I Army uniform to the Duaneburg Historical Society. They found the uniform in their attic and although they did not know who the uniform belonged to, they were aware that there was a "sad" story associated with the uniform – but did not know the details.



Walter A. Looman

From what we know, Walter August Looman was the only person associated with the farm who served in the army during WW I. At the time of his induction, he was living in Schenectady and worked for the Hudson Food Products Co.

Walter was inducted March 1, 1918, at Camp Green, North Carolina. He was assigned to Company "L", 39th infantry, fourth division regulars. He sailed on the SS Lenape, May 10th, 1918, from Hoboken N.J. and was killed in action in the Battle of Argonne, France, September 26, 1918. Walter was buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France. A cross was erected at his grave in Meuse-Argonne and a monument (cenotaph) was placed in Vale Cemetery in Schenectady, NY.

The uniform and his possessions were most likely sent to his mother, Minna, back home where they stayed in her possession until her death in 1947 and then given to Wiley Looman, her son and brother of Walter A. Looman and thus wound up in the attic of the home Scotch Ridge Road for the Orsinis to find.



Walter Looman's Uniform

Thanks to Bruce Barton, Howard Ohlhous and Len Van Buren who researched this story.

## The Soldiers Lullaby

William North served as an officer in the continental army during the Revolutionary War which ended in 1783. That year the Society of the Cincinnati was formed by a group of former officers. North was an original member. The Society of the Cincinnati still exists and is now the nation's oldest patriotic organization, headquartered in Washington, D.C. It promotes knowledge and appreciation of the achievement of American independence.



In 1787, North married Mary Duane, the daughter of James Duane and built a home in Duaneburg. Together, they had six children. He served as a state assemblyman and as a senator in Washington during his political career.

The following song was written by William North and sung at a meeting of the Society of Cincinnati in 1824.

The war-worn Soldier, poor and friendless,  
Lifts to heaven a suppliant eye;  
His Country's free—He did his duty—  
Sweet thought! To grief 'tis lullaby,  
Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby, lullaby.  
Sweet thought! To grief 'tis lullaby.

What though age and care oppress him,  
And piercing pains wring forth a sigh,  
His duty done—the sweet remembrance,  
Shall sooth him with its lullaby.  
Lullaby, &c.

His food though scant, his raiment rags,  
His bed the earth, his roof the sky,  
His duty done—the sweet remembrance,  
Shall sooth him with its lullaby.  
Lullaby, &c.

When the weary March is ended,  
And, Halt! Is ordered from on high,  
Angels gathering round the soldier,  
Shall sing his requiem, lullaby.  
Lullaby, &c.





# RUMMAGE SALE


All proceeds to benefit  
local outreach

## Christ Episcopal Church


(corner of Duaneburg Churches Road and Route 20)

Friday, October 20th from 4 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 21st from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.



*bring your own bag* Saturday, noon to 2 p.m.




## DONATION DROP OFF


Wednesday, October 18th & Thursday, October 19th  
from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Christ Church Parish House

### In good condition, items accepted

clothing, books, household goods, dishes, furniture, toys  
tools, shoes, DVD's, knick knacks, jewelry, recreational gear



NO Electronics



NO Upholstered Furniture

NO Mattresses or Bedspings



THANK YOU

❖ OCTOBER 2023 ❖  
 BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 PENTECOST 18</b> <b>Bible Study - 9am</b> <b>Holy Eucharist - 10am</b>  Jane Weyers	<b>2</b>  Phil & Jenna Sayles	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 PENTECOST 19</b> <b>Bible Study - 9am</b> <b>Holy Eucharist - 10am</b>  Paul & Theresa Munson	<b>9</b>  Joan & John Langston	<b>10</b>  Linda Dow	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  David Haberland, Christine Chandler	<b>13</b>  Brendan & Amy Walsh	<b>14</b>  Denna Olori
<b>15 PENTECOST 20</b> <b>Bible Study - 9am</b> <b>Family Sunday</b> <b>Holy Eucharist - 10am</b>  Judy Breitenstein	<b>16</b>  Michele McKinley	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Bobby Chandler	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Rummage Sale - 4-7pm</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Rummage Sale 9am-2pm</b>
<b>22 PENTECOST 21</b> <b>Bible Study - 9am</b> <b>Holy Eucharist - 10am</b> <b>Joyful Journey -10am</b>  Bill McHugh, Amy Walsh	<b>23</b>  Stephanie McKinley	<b>24</b>  Debbie Beach, Adam Acevedo  Chris & Denny Wolfe	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Bob Chandler	<b>28</b> <b>Fall Cleanup 9am-12pm</b>  Marge Cummings, Jim Featherstonhaugh, Chris Wolfe
<b>29 PENTECOST 22</b> <b>Bible Study - 9am</b> <b>Historic Service</b> <b>Holy Eucharist - 10am</b>	<b>30</b>  Lisa & Bill McHugh, Ryan & Kelly Powers	<b>31</b>				

❖ NOVEMBER 2023 ❖  
 BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  Daniel Menzies, Tim Fischer	2	3  Ryan Moses, Drew Palluti, Nellie Kosier	4
5 PENTECOST 23 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am	6  Sarah Langston Dodd	7  Cheryl Lennox, Zachary Therrion	8	9	10	11  Kyle Rudolphsen
12 PENTECOST 24 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am  Nancy & Jeff Guntert	13	14  Cindy Skala	15  Chris White	16	17	18
19 PENTECOST 25 Bible Study - 9am Family Sunday Holy Eucharist - 10am	20	21  Christopher White	22  Jenna Sayles	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26 PENTECOST 26 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am  Cindy Creasy	27	28  Sadie Powers, Sarah White  Art & Camille Crandall	29  Jeffrey Hunt, Harrison White	30		



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



**Collection Day: 11/19/2023**

*"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"*

Matthew 25: 40

Boxes and packing suggestions/instructions are in the parish hall. ✕

*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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