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THE MESSENGER

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CHRIST CHURCH, DUANESBURG, NEW YORK

❖ DECEMBER 2019/JANUARY 2020 ❖

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

ADVENT CALENDAR CHALLENGE!

My favourite event of Advent, as a child, was daily opening a little door on the Cadbury's Milk Chocolate Advent Calendar. The numbers on the doors reminded me how many days were left until Christmas Day. It was twenty-four days of delicious, smooth milky chocolate. However, the Advent Calendar challenge was stopping myself from opening all those tempting little boxes all at once.

As an adult I have come to realise that the season of Advent is not a time for indulging oneself with the 'best' chocolate in the world. Instead, it is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus - not just for his first coming as a child, but also for his second coming as the Lord of lords and King of kings. Advent is traditionally a penitential season. This means it is a time to reflect on the wrong things we have done and on the right things we should have done, and then to ask for God for his forgiveness.

Advent Calendar Challenge!

Advent is also a time to get involved in a spiritual discipline or challenge. Recently, a friend of Mtr. Laurie suggested rather than twenty-four days of milky chocolate, that we read the twenty-four chapters of the Good News according to Luke. Beginning on December 1st, if we read one chapter of the gospel each evening, then by Christmas Eve we will have read an entire account of Jesus' life - and wake up on Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate.

Are you up for the Advent Gospel challenge?

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fr. Alistair ❖



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NOTES FROM VESTRIES PAST

November 1957

The new Parish Hall was dedicated and Sunday School classes have been relocated to the new building from classrooms in the rectory (then located west from the church on route 20).

The wood burning stoves used to heat the structure were removed from the church as a result of the installation of its first central heating system. The stoves were stored in the carriage shed only to be stolen several months later.



Betty MacDougall formed a Christ Church choir.

1st row, L-R: Elizabeth MacDougall, Linda Turnbull, Marguerite MacDougall, Nancy Jean Hopper, Christine Looman, Gail Williams

2nd row, L-R: Anna Turnbull, Joan Eschert, unknown, Betty MacDougall, Louise Slocum

3rd row, L-R: Bart MacDougall, Rob Bagely, Hugh MacDougall, Sherwin Schrade, Harold Smith

Rev. John V. Higgins at door with parishioners.
Photo from +/- 1962.

It was agreed that St. Peter's chapel in Delanson would be deconsecrated and sold. That building was recently demolished by the Duanesburg Central School District.

December 1978

The proposed budget for 1979: \$14,185.

Christ Church and St. Boniface, Guilderland, agree to continue the shared rector arrangement.

A small furnace fire occurred during the Christmas Eve midnight service. The fire was quickly extinguished with little interruption of worship.

January 1980

The Vestry granted approval for a church restoration study to begin. The firm of Ryan, Biggs of Troy, NY was hired to conduct the study. ✕



Christ Church, Duaneburg

Christmas 2019

Sun, Dec 22nd
10 a.m. Pageant (in Parish Hall)
7 p.m. Lessons and Carols

Tue, Dec 24th
7 p.m. Christmas Holy Eucharist

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VESTRY ACCEPTS MATCHING GRANT

BUILDING CONDITION SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED

At the November meeting, Rev. Alistair Morrison officially informed the Vestry that Christ Church Duaneburg had been awarded up to \$7,000 of a matching grant from the New York Landmark Conservancy. The Vestry, in anticipation of receiving the grant, has already received proposals from three architectural firms. After further consideration, one of the firms will be chosen to conduct a thorough study of the church building's entire structure. Recommendations will be made and prioritized on how best to proceed with structural repair, as well as, interior and exterior finishes.

Jane Weyers was responsible for writing the successful grant application with assistance from Fr. Alistair and Steve Schrade. The Vestry will select a firm to begin the survey in January or February 2020. ✕

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PARISH SCHEDULE

Date	Acolyte	Greeters	Lectors	Joyful Journey Elementary	Joyful Journey Secondary
12/01/2019	Jayden Sayles	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Bryan Salisbury & Bart MacDougall	Nancy & Shawn Palluti	Sandra & John Weiler
12/08/2019	Nellie Kosier	Jane Weyers	Steve & Sherry Schrade	Nancy & Shawn Palluti	Sandra & John Weiler
12/15/2019	Zach Sayles	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Marge Cummings & Kim Corcoran	Pageant Practice	
12/22/2019	Sharon Mericle	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Linda & Bart MacDougall	Nancy & Shawn Palluti	Sandra & John Weiler
12/29/2019	John Weiler	Jane Weyers	Sandra & John Weiler		
01/05/2020	CJ Palluti	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Elizabeth Iseman & Sharon Mericle	Amy & Brendan Walsh	Jenna & Phil Sayles
01/12/2020	Drew Palluti	Youth Sunday	CJ Palluti		
01/19/2020	Sandra Weiler	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Cal Weyers	Amy & Brendan Walsh	Jenna & Phil Sayles
01/26/2020	Ian MacDougall	Jane Weyers	Steve & Sherry Schrade	Amy & Brendan Walsh	Jenna & Phil Sayles

Date	Chalice	Altar Guild	DoK - Prayers of the People	Counters
12/01/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Sharon Mericle	Deacon Debbie	Phil Sayles & Cindy Creasy
12/08/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Sharon Mericle	Elizabeth Iseman	Laura Lucia & Judy Breitenstein
12/15/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	Sharon Mericle	Andrea Salisbury & John Weiler
12/22/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	Deacon Debbie	Steve Schrade & Nancy Palluti
12/29/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Sharon Mericle & Cindy Creasy
01/05/2020	Sharon Mericle	Elizabeth Iseman	Deacon Debbie	Phil Sayles & Andrea Salisbury
01/12/2020	Sharon Mericle	Sandra Weiler	Youth Sunday	John Weiler & Nancy Palluti
01/19/2020	Sharon Mericle	Sandra Weiler	Elizabeth Iseman	Steve Schrade & Laura Lucia
01/26/2020	Sharon Mericle	Cindy Creasy & Marge Cummings	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle & Judy Breitenstein

❖ DECEMBER 2019 ❖
 BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ADVENT 1 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am  Billy Chandler, Philip Sayles	2  Linda MacDougall, Patrick McHugh	3	4  Barbara Greer	5  Harold Schworm	6  Steve Schrade	7
8 ADVENT 2 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am	9	10	11	12	13  Katherin LaMere-Fortman, Kevin Lenehan	14  Rick Lucia
15 ADVENT 3 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Pageant Practice - 10am	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 ADVENT 4 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist and Pageant - 10am Lessons and Carols - 7pm  Quinn Walsh	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Service - 7pm  George Featherstonhaugh	25 CHRISTMAS DAY  John Iseman	26	27	28
29 CHRISTMAS 2 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist/Service of Healing and Wholeness - 10am No Joyful Journey  Jill Brandoline	30	31 New Year's Eve  Brendan Walsh				

❖ JANUARY 2020 ❖
 BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 CHRISTMAS 3 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am  Doug and Katherine Fortman	6 EPIPHANY	7	8  Elaina Denny	9	10	11
12 EPIPHANY 2 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am	13	14	15 Vestry Mtg - 7pm	16	17  Judith Doell, Sasha Elliott	18
19 EPIPHANY 3 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 EPIPHANY 4 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am Book Club	27	28	29  Scott Wolfe	30	31	

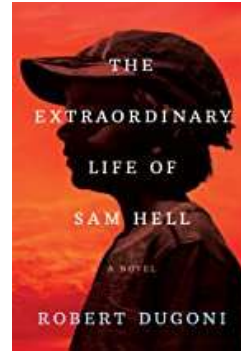
CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Each year at Christmas, the parishioners at Christ Church make donations to our outreach program. Please consider supporting our efforts to bring some holiday cheer to the less fortunate by including your donation along with your regular Sunday giving. Just mark your envelope on the special contribution line with the amount you wish to give. Thank you for your help. ✂

CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

"The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell: A Novel"

By: Robert Dugoni



Next meeting: January 26th during coffee Hour
Discussion on: Parts 1-3
Please see Deacon Debbie if you need assistance
obtaining a copy. ✂

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

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