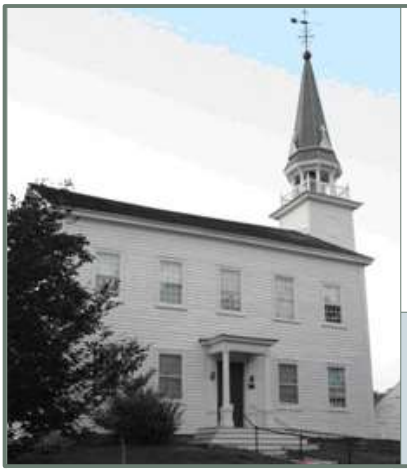

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MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

I have been touched and greatly comforted by the many sympathy cards and online condolences I received from Christ Church.

If anyone could put a smile on your face it was my Dad - he always had a funny story or a joke to share. He lived all his 92 years in the one village and his passing is a great loss not only to my family, but also to the local community for whom he cared so much about. He showed kindness and generosity to everyone he met. Even though I know he is in God's gracious keeping, I miss him dearly.

Even though this has been and continues to be a difficult time I have much to be thankful for, especially, given the current restrictions on international travel due to COVID-19, I was able to fly to Ireland and attend my father's funeral. I'm also grateful to Deacon Debbie for all the work she has done in leading services and taking on the many pastoral duties during my absence.

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Having arrived back in the States on July 24th, I was in quarantine for two weeks and, finally, glad to be back with you in Christ Church on Sunday, August 9th.

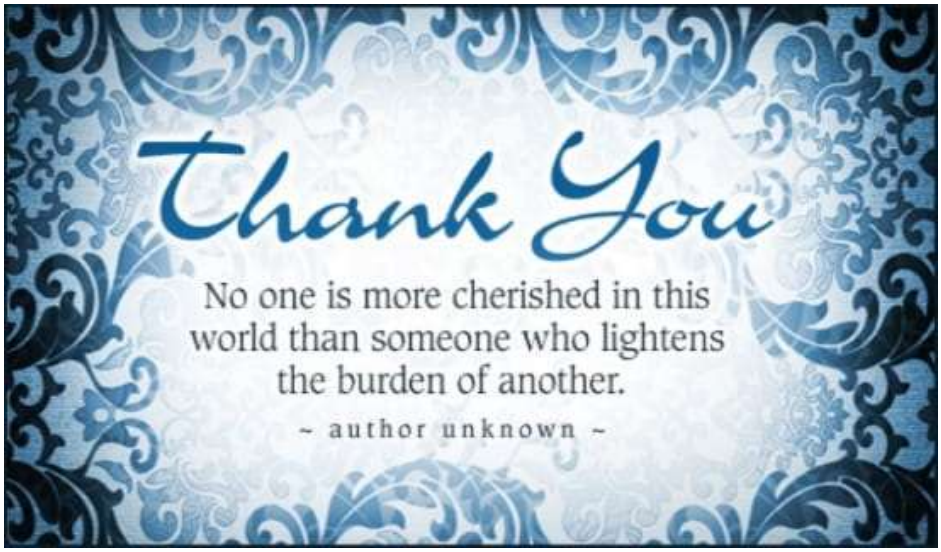
Blessings,

Fr. Alistair ✠

THANK YOU

Words cannot express my appreciation to all of you who supported and encouraged me during Father Alistair's absence! I could not have done it without you all!

Blessings, Peace and Love,
Deacon Debbie ✠



JACOB CHESTER'S BAPTISM

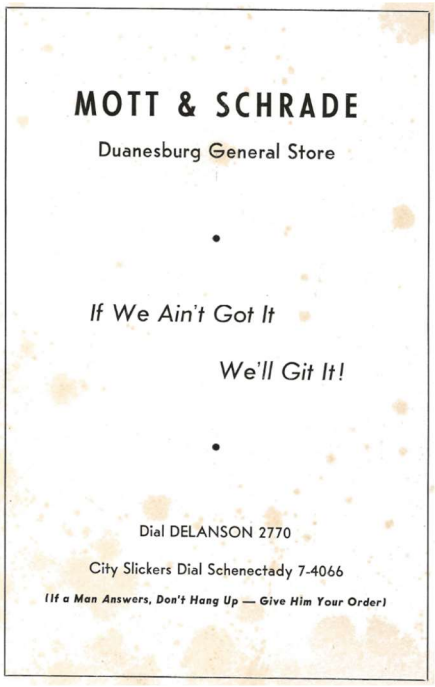
Jacob Chester Barker, son of Nora & Kevin Barker, became a child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on August 2nd. We pray that Jacob will live his baptism by continuing to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ all the days of his life.

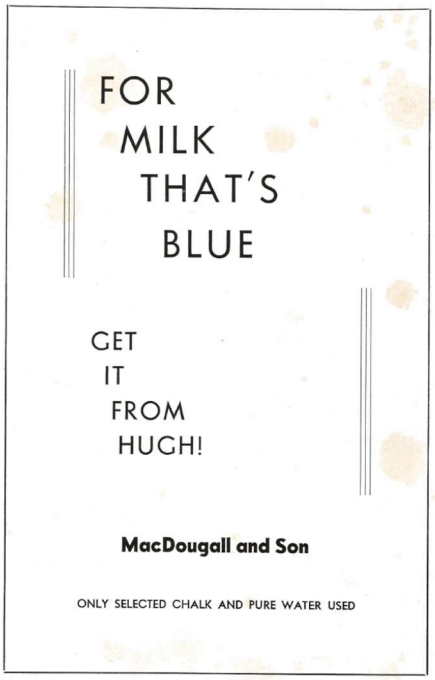
Congratulations to the Barker and Sweeney families!

CHRIST CHURCH PARISHIONERS RAISE FUNDS TO BUILD PARISH HALL – 1955

In the early 1950s, the members of the congregation at Christ Church recognized the need for a Parish House, a separate building that could be used for, among other things, meetings, receptions and Sunday School classes. The younger members of the parish formed a group called, at different times, either "The Couples Club" or "The Church Mice," with the purpose of raising money for a new building while at the same time promoting social interaction outside of church services. In 1955 the Church Mice presented a variety show in the then 9 year old Duanesburg Community Hall (the current Duanesburg Fire Station sits on the site of the old Hall). The Church Mice wrote comedy skits, practiced musical numbers and culminated almost 10 weeks of preparation and rehearsals with two performances, March 25th and 26th 1955. People from Duanesburg, Delanson and Quaker Street attended in large numbers (remember in 1955 not everyone had televisions with which to watch three fuzzy channels for entertainment) to see their fellow citizens perform. It was a great success and provided "seed" money for the fundraising campaign to build the new Parish House. The original Christ Church Parish House (it was referred to as "House" because it was more like a house than a "Hall") was constructed in 1957. The Parish House more than doubled in size with the 1995-96 remodeling and addition of the great hall.

Below are pictured samples from the show's program, as well as, photos of two vocal ensembles. If anyone is interested in perusing the entire program booklet and the additional 18 pictures, contact Steve Schrade.





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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Ed McKinley
2 PENTECOST 10 **Holy Eucharist – 10am** Britt & Hector Eliott	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7** Bruce Smith	**8** Rick & Laura Lucia Emily Iseman Denny
9 PENTECOST 11 **Holy Eucharist – 10am**	**10** Steve & Sherry Schrade	**11** Kennedy Chandler	**12** Mia Moses	**13**	**14**	**15**
16 PENTECOST 12 **Holy Eucharist – 10am**	**17**	**18** Jodi Miller	**19** Brenda Warner	**20**	**21** Olivia Munson	**22** Bob & Cindy Skala Curtis Rabideau
23 PENTECOST 13 **Holy Eucharist – 10am**	**24**	**25** Theresa Munson	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29** Laura Fischer
30 PENTECOST 14 **Holy Eucharist – 10am**	**31**					

✠ SEPTEMBER 2020 ✠

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5** CJ Palluti
6 PENTECOST 15 **Holy Eucharist – 10am** Len'a Dominy	**7** Raul Bastiani, III, Zoe Gravina	**8**	**9** Emily Lenehan, Nathalie Lenehan	**10** John & Sandra Weiler	**11** Jordan Latter	**12** Edna Taber
13 PENTECOST 16 **Holy Eucharist – 10am** Edward & Stephanie McKinley	**14**	**15**	**16** Joey Dominy, John David Iseman	**17** April & Mike Kosier	**18** Bob & Christine Chandler	**19** Doug Fortman
20 PENTECOST 17 **Holy Eucharist – 10am**	**21**	**22** Barbara Featherstonhaugh	**23**	**24**	**25** Bryan Salisbury	**26**
27 PENTECOST 18 **Holy Eucharist – 10am**	**28** Devin Fortman, Curtis White Judith & Glen Doell	**29**	**30** Art Crandall, Paul Munson, III			

SERVICE OFFERINGS

As a reminder, there are a variety of worship settings available to you and may be chosen based on your personal preference:

- Worship in the church building. Christ Church is implementing the Episcopal Diocese's guidance for safe practices.
- Worship from the carpark. Audio of the service will be broadcast in the carpark as well for those wishing to remain outdoors.
- Worship at home. The Sunday services are live streamed and viewable on the Church's Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchDuanesburg/
- Communion is offered as a drive through option following Christ Church's 10:00 service, in the church carpark from 11:30 to noon. Enter from Duanesburg Churches and exit down the driveway onto Route 20.

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

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