

THE BUTTERNUT EPISCOPALIAN

The newsletter of Christ Episcopal Church, Gilbertsville, New York



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No Better Work.

Written by Father Bill Lytle

"There is no better work than I found in Butternuts."

*~ The Rt. Rev'd Wm. Croswell Doane, first bishop of Albany,
reporting on his visitation of Christ Church, April 26, 1882*

The first bishop of Albany seems to have held a special place in his heart for Christ Church. The Rt. Rev'd William Croswell Doane first visited Gilbertsville on March 6, 1869, travelling by wagon through a driving snowstorm over the hills from Unadilla. On that occasion he called Christ Church, "a pleasant sight of faithful work successfully done."

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No Better Work *(continued from page 1)*

In his yearly reports to the Diocesan Convention (now all easily available thanks to Google Books!) Doane would outline in detail all his episcopal ministry since the last convention. My quick search found that instead of the usual terse diary entry marking most of his many activities, the bishop very often takes time to make a special remark about our parish in his reports. He is always gratified to find such a lively church community in this little village on the very edge of his diocese. *(see another example in The History Corner pg. 31)*

I would contend that still today there remains no better work than you find in Butternuts. There are of course larger churches, richer churches, busier churches and more influential churches. But Christ Church, Gilbertsville has something that so many of those lack: life!

This edition of the Butternut Episcopalian seeks to highlight that life. Now, don't confuse life with a full program calendar (although ours isn't lacking) and don't confuse it lots of young people (there too though, we have more than our fair share!). The life I'm talking about and which I trust Bishop Doane saw here so long ago, is the Life of the Holy Spirit shining forth in the character of the community, no matter who they are or how much they do.

It is the life of prayer which resonates from this holy house like the ringing of the bell. It is the New Life in Christ poured out in baptism, like the one we celebrated on Pentecost, and the two more we will celebrate this fall God willing! It is the life of worship, grand and humble, that is the beating heart of our community. It is the life of fellowship which sustains us no less around meeting table, work table, and supper table. It is the life of study as young and old we seek to go deeper in Christ's love. It is the life of service which carries that love from this place to neighbors near and far.

We may have struggles of many other kinds, (how could we not?) but no one can say we are not a lively church still! God's abundant life is a blessing and a calling, something to be not just enjoyed but also shared. I pray in these pages you too will be blessed by that life and answer the call to pass it along!

FALL 2022 AT CHRIST CHURCH

REGULAR SERVICES & EVENTS

SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11 - NOVEMBER 20

9:00 am - Christian Education for Children & Youth

10:00 am - The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:15 am - Coffee Hour

WEEKDAYS, SEPTEMBER 12-NOVEMBER 25

8:30 am - Morning Prayer / Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 28 - NOVEMBER 16

6:30 pm - Evening Prayer (Chapel)

7:00 pm - Adult Christian Education (Study)

SPECIAL SERVICES



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 am - Sunday School Kick-off

10:00 am - Holy Baptism

with the Holy Eucharist & Admission of Confirmands

11:15 am - Reception

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

10:00 am - The Holy Eucharist

Guest preacher - Mr. Daniel Hyde, Diocesan Youth Director

11:15 am - Luncheon

12:00 - 4:00 pm - Confirmands' Retreat

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

10:00 am - Solemn Holy Baptism

with the Holy Eucharist (incense will be used)

11:15 am - All Saints' Luncheon

FEAST DAYS

The Holy Eucharist at 8:30am in the Chapel

Sept. 14 - Holy Cross — Sept. 21 - St. Matthew

Sept. 29 - St. Michael & All Angels

Oct. 18 - St. Luke—Oct. 24 - St. James of Jerusalem

Oct. 28 - Sts. Simon & Jude—Nov. 1 - All Saints' — Nov. 2 - All Souls'

Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Can the Church Change its Mind?

an adult study
by the Rev'd Dr. William Lytle

Wednesdays this Fall
September 28 - November 16
6:30pm Evening Prayer
7:00pm Study

Part I: It has before...

1. Introduction: The Church is a Change of Mind - Jesus & the Gentiles
2. We Reread our Scriptures - The Bible & Slavery
3. We Reconsidered our History - The Church & the Jews
4. We Reimagined our Common Life - The Sacraments & Women

Part II: Should it again?

5. Should we Reread our Scriptures? - The Bible & LGBTQ+
6. Should we Reconsider our History? - The Church & LGBTQ+
7. Should we Reimagine our Common Life? - The Sacraments & LGBTQ+
8. Conclusion: Where do we go from here? - Discussion

We are not the first generation in the church to face issues which challenge our preconceptions and invite us to reconsider what we believe and why. It is a difficult and dangerous path, but brave saints have travelled it before.

The question is: should we travel it now?

SPECIAL EVENTS

APPLE FEST

Saturday,
October 1, 2022
9am-3pm

Craft Sale! **Kids' Games!**
Bake Sale! **Food!**
Garage Sale! **Apple Pies!**
Raffles! **And More!!!**
(baked & frozen)

Take-out Pulled Pork Dinner!

Call (607)244-3852 to order ahead

Learn more

 @ChristchurchguillenY

**Read more about
Apple Fest on page 8**

The Blessing of the Animals

All creatures great and small are invited to bring their human friends and join us for a short blessing of the animals service on

Tuesday, October 4th at 5:30 pm

The Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi

Rain or shine, under the tent at

**CHRIST CHURCH -
GILBERTSVILLE**



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You!

166 Marion Avenue, Gilbertsville, New York
(just north of the village on Route 51)



**Donations of
pet food & supplies
will be collected for the
Butternut Valley
Pet Food Pantry!**



TRUNK-OR-TREAT!

START YOUR TRICK-OR-TREATING AT CHRIST CHURCH!

LOTS OF TREATS,
GAMES, CONTESTS,
& A BARN FULL OF FUN!

166 MARION AVENUE, GILBERTSVILLE
JUST NORTH OF THE VILLAGE ON ROUTE 51
PLENTY OF PARKING & ANY EASY WALK TO THE REST OF GILBERTSVILLE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022
HALLOWE'EN: 5-7PM



CHRIST CHURCH - GILBERTSVILLE
The Episcopal Church Welcomes You!

**HAVE A TRUNK FULL OF TREATS??
SIGN-UP IN CHURCH OR CONTACT THE
OFFICE TO RESERVE A SPOT IN THE
PARKING LOT. ALL ARE WELCOME!
(607)783-2267**

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR...

Written by Barbara Colf



One year ago we revived our Apple Fest celebration. With the revival we made several changes in a number of areas. In every way our Apple Fest 2021 was a huge success. On October 1st we will welcome Apple Fest 2022!

Sallye Sadlocha has been leading crafting sessions for several months. The craft tables are going to be loaded down with beautiful ornaments, clothing items, gifts for those we love and many wonderful items. We also welcome anyone who has been crafting at home to bring in their items to add to the craft tables.

Last year there were many beautiful baskets to which one could take a chance on winning. This year there are already more baskets being assembled. They truly are wonderful and you won't want to miss taking a chance on winning one or more of them!

Come late September look for dates when we will be making apple pies to sell. Come peel, cut, roll or assemble the many pies for baking and freezing. We need many hands to put together the pies. This is always a great time to visit with longtime friends!

You will be able to find these delicious pies at the bake sale where many other delectable goodies will be available for purchasing.

I hope you have been putting together a bag or two of items you no longer need for our garage sale. Last year we brought this back to our festivities and many people enjoyed the great bargains they were able to get.

Our Apple Fest will also have games for children again this year. Many children had fun fishing for prizes and painting pumpkins. The biggest smiles of the day were from the kids having fun on the lawn!

Once again while you are at the festivities you will be able to fill your hunger while shopping with hot dogs, nachos, ice cream and other goodies. Stop by our snack shack for a quick bite to eat.

Our traditional pulled pork dinner will once again be available for pick up and to take home for dinner. Last year we sold out so be sure to sign up for yours so you don't miss out!

Traditionally we make and sell raffle tickets for a chance to win a beautiful quilt. We are delighted that Marti Edmunds has volunteered to make the quilt for this year's raffle. Thank you Marti! As soon as possible we will have tickets to sell and a picture of the quilt to show. The winning ticket will be drawn on the first Sunday in Advent.

We hope you mark your calendar for this special day in the life of Christ Church and join us on October 1st!

Some of our crafters hard at work!



*Sanding, sewing, painting, napping:
everyone has their job to do!*

Just a few of the Christ Church-made treasures you'll find at Apple Fest!



DONATE TO THE APPLEFEST GARAGE SALE!

We are accepting donations for the garage sale! PLEASE PRICE ITEMS! Items can be dropped off whenever the church is open and by appointment with Fr. Bill. At this time, we ask that any items which may be sensitive to high humidity be kept at home until the week of the Apple Fest. To ensure that we are not left with a lot of stuff to care for, we have set the following guidelines: No clothes, please. If the items you donate does not sell, we ask that you take them back or dispose of them.

Ministry Reports...

The Episcopal Church Women

ECW has been busy helping and putting on luncheons and other gatherings we have had. And of course, a lot of our efforts have been focused on the upcoming Applefest. Due to some conflicts, we have changed the event date to October 1st.

Our chairpersons have been doing a great job here are some highlights: Those involved in making crafts seem to be having a great time and tell us the fellowship is as rewarding as all the great items they are making to sell.

Marti has been working hard on a quilt for us to raffle, the squares she has brought in are so beautiful. I know I can't wait to see the finished quilt. Theme baskets seem to be a big hit and, we have had many people sign-up to donate them.

Garage sale items can be brought to the church and will be stored in the garage (be aware there is a lot of moisture in this area, so they need to be packed appropriately). Please make sure all items are priced.

All the funds raised are used to support our youth programs for our church family and community, as well as helping to support many of our church events throughout the year. We have had eight of our youth attend Beaver Cross this summer.

Thank you all for your support.
Kathy Caffery
ECW President

The Daughters of the King

On Pentecost Sunday the St. Veronica's chapter of the Daughters of the King admitted one new member. Marti Edmunds was admitted after completing a twelve week study that involved both learning about the DOK as well as prayerfully considering taking vows for a life of prayer, service and evangelism.

Any woman who is interested in exploring more about the DOK with the intent of possibly becoming a Daughter is welcome to see Barb Colf.



Treasurer

From the Treasurer's office I would once again like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone for your continued support. We have had a few items that needed to be replaced so far this year:

As you know we had to replace our stove, we were able to do this with the financial help from, ECW, the Youth Program and our dedicated funds account.



Our office copier has some major issues and cannot be repaired, so it had to be replaced. The Vestry has opted to lease a copier, in doing so the toner is included in the lease amount. The annual cost will work out to be the same as we are now paying for a year's worth of toner for our current machine.

The Vestry also contracted with Clapper Construction to remove and replace the Parish house fire exit steps (See page I7). The Vestry has used some of the remaining funds (\$5000.00) left from the rectory account to put a deposit down for the work. We will have a balance of \$3900.00 to \$4500.00 to pay when the job is complete.

2022		Actual YTD	Budget YTD
REVENUE			
	Pledge & Plate	\$37,900.23	\$37,368.3I
	Fitch Gilbert	\$6,750.00	\$5,250.00
	ADIT	\$2,090.00	\$2,333.3I
	Parish House	\$I,020.00	\$875.00
	Fund Raising	\$25.00	\$2,9I8.89
	Other gifts & Donations	\$326.I4	\$0.00
	Discretionary Fund	\$299.46	\$0.00
		\$48,4I0.83	\$48,745.5I
EXPENSES			
	Diocesan Assessment	\$2,205.00	\$2,20I.50
	Building & Grounds	\$I3,376.05	\$I6,724.26
	Clergy	\$I9,092.64	\$I9,23I.38
	Outreach	\$878.00	\$0.00
	Program	\$8,958.47	\$II,808.00
	Discretionary Fund	\$399.46	\$0.00
		\$44,909.62	\$49,965.I4

Winter fuel cost: we have received our new budget agreement, the gallon price has almost double from last year.

Reese Marshal has told me that they will be reevaluating the agreement in December should fuel prices come back down.

Left is a statement of Revenue & Expenses as of July 3I, 2022.

Thank you for your continued support,
Kathy Caffery, Treasurer

Diocesan Convention

The I54th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany met at the Silver Bay Resort on Lake George on June 4-5, 2022. Christ Church, Gilbertsville was represented by myself, Sallye Sadlocha, and Susan Beach. Special thanks are due to our lay delegates for their faithful service and commitment of time and travel to this important event.

The convention received the report of the President of the Standing Committee on the state of the Diocese. It also heard a special plenary session from our assisting bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Michael Smith and our bishop for supplemental pastoral support, the Rt. Rev'd Carol Gallagher.

Various diocesan offices were filled by election and reports were received from several ministries throughout the diocese. A clergy stipend schedule, an assessment formula, and a budget for 2023 were approved. An important financial concern for the diocese is its continued support of the Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, New York (also home to Beaver Cross Camps.) The financial viability of the Spiritual Life Center is very much in question, and in the coming year the diocese will consider how to best steward our resources in this regard.

The most contentious part of convention was the consideration of five resolutions proposing adjustments to the Diocesan Canons. The Canons are the code of church law which governs the clergy and parishes of the diocese. The first three of these, concerning the governance of deaneries, the eligibility of deacons to serve as deputies to extra-diocesan synods (such as General Convention), and a more detailed reiteration of the prerequisites for lay delegates to diocesan convention, were passed after significant debate.

The remaining resolutions proposed the repeal of two diocesan canons. The first, Canon I6, prohibits the celebration of same-sex marriage in any of the buildings or by any of the clergy of the diocese. The second, Canon II.8, requires that all clergy ordained or licensed in the Diocese of Albany live within the covenant of marriage, between one man and one woman, or are abstinent and celibate. (As a compromise this resolution was amended from fully repealing the canon, to merely striking the words "between one man and one woman.") Neither of these canons are in accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church, which take precedence, and are

therefore unenforceable. Furthermore, there was no suggestion of replacing the canons with positive statements on either issue. Their repeal would simply allow options for those called to take them but would force no clergy or lay person to change anything about their actions or beliefs. After several long hours of debate both resolutions failed.

The most disheartening part of convention was the means by which the final two canonical resolutions were defeated. Within the convention there was clearly a faction that had organized to ensure that defeat. They did not, however, seek to do that by reasoned arguments or even prayerful pleas, but rather by manipulating parliamentary procedure. They attempted to veto the Standing Committee's decision to allow the resolutions to be considered at all (something they achieved last year). When that failed, they attempted to adjourn the convention, which also failed. Finally, after the many hours of debate, they called for a "vote by orders" on the final two resolutions.

Normally, resolutions would be voted on by "plurality" as the first three were. In a plurality vote each member of convention, clergy and lay, receives one vote. These votes are counted together, and a simple majority is required for passage. In a "vote by orders" the clergy each get one vote, and each parish delegation gets one vote. These votes are counted separately, and passage requires a simple majority in both orders. It was to the surprise of many (including myself) that a vote by orders can be demanded at any time in convention business as long as five members concur.

A vote by orders has significant potential to pit the clergy against the laity and the laity against one another as each delegation (usually of three lay people) is required to come to a consensus in order to cast their shared vote. Furthermore, it deprives 2/3 of the lay delegates of their vote, but none of the clergy, clearly throwing off the balance of the power in the convention. The voting results of the final two resolutions were as follows:

Resolution to repeal canon I6:

Clergy: 73 Total votes (37 needed to pass) -	3I Yes votes	42 No votes
Parishes: 63 Total votes (32 needed to pass) -	39 Yes votes	24 No votes

Amended Resolution to amend canon II.8

Clergy: 66 Total votes (34 needed to pass) -	3I Yes votes	34 No votes
Parishes: 64 Total votes (33 needed to pass) -	4I Yes votes	23 No votes

The canons in question remain on the books, but likewise remain unenforceable. In fact, it is the Standing Committee's stated policy to not enforce them. In my opinion, nothing was achieved except that the wedge of division and discord was only driven deeper into the heart of our already fractured diocese.

During the long debate, impassioned statements were made on both sides of the argument. Fear, hurt, and frustration was palpable in almost every speaker. While these emotions are real and important, and they do bear on the decision-making process, decisions cannot be made on emotions alone. Prayerfully studied and well-reasoned arguments are required because the work of changing minds often proceeds the work of changing hearts. This is true no matter on what side of these issue you find yourself.

If I am honest, my own opinions on these issues have in the past been much more formed by cultural and theological assumptions than dedicated, open-minded study. I have felt convicted to remedy that in myself and I hope that you will join me in that effort. To that end I am currently developing an adult Christian education course which considers both sides of the issues of same-sex marriage and same-sex married clergy from honest scriptural, theological, historical, and sociological perspectives.

I would also call us as a parish to a renewed dedication to prayer for our diocese as we prepare to elect our next bishop. Whoever our next bishop is, he or she will inherit a hard road ahead on which to lead us back to God's peace and the mission of the gospel in our several communities.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev'd Dr. William Lytle, rector.

Butternut Valley Food Pantry

Monthly statistics for January - July 2022

	0-17 Visits	18-64 Visits	65+ Visits	Family Visits	Families served
January	73	92	27	59	37
February	54	82	25	50	28
March	51	81	35	53	26
April	56	84	40	51	30
May	33	48	37	44	29
June	31	66	32	47	33
July	55	108	36	64	43
2022 Total	0-17	18-64	65+	Family Visits	Individuals served
	353	561	232	368	1146

Butternut Valley Pet Food Pantry



The Butternut Valley Pet Food Pantry is very happy to welcome fund-raising assistance from Gilbertsville resident, Cindi Hall. Her energy and creativity in reaching out to local businesses, is very welcome, as so many families are struggling to feed their beloved dogs and cats. So far, Cindi has brought in bags of food from Brandow's Feed and Seed in Otego and Lutz Feed of Oneonta, as well as several cash donations. We are continually grateful to Southern Tier Pet Nutrition of Sherburne for their ongoing support of dog and cat food.

Come visit us at the Apple Fest on Oct. 1st, at our booth to benefit the Pet Food Pantry.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Gayle

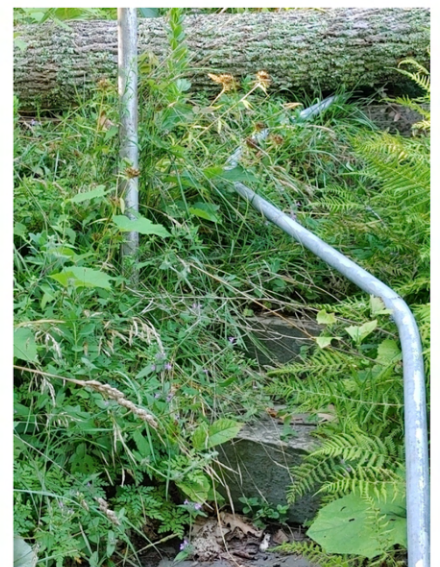
Confirmands' Community Service Project

The confirmands have been tasked with leading a service project to better their community, and have chosen to restore the old village cemetery opposite the church. There are five main issues that need to be addressed and fix:

1. Fallen tree removal
2. Tombstone restoration
3. Adding a sign to bring awareness
4. Having Mowing and weeding consistently
5. Fixing the railing

These are the biggest problems the Cemetery faces, and we will need your help to fix them. Fall and Spring workdays are to be determined, but when they are if you could come out show your support that would be phenomenal. If you can't make it donating money or tools would also be much appreciated. Many other community organizations and individuals are also being asked to support this important project.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Lytle, project coordinator



Deck Replacement

The long overdue demolition and replacement of the north exit to the parish hall was completed by Clapper Construction of Otego, August 22-26, 2022. They did a wonderful job!

Unfortunately, the project revealed some problems in the foundation which were rooted in the original construction of the parish house and exacerbated by the strain of the deteriorating cement deck and stairs. We are working hard to have these issues addressed before winter. The photos show the work's day-to-day progress.

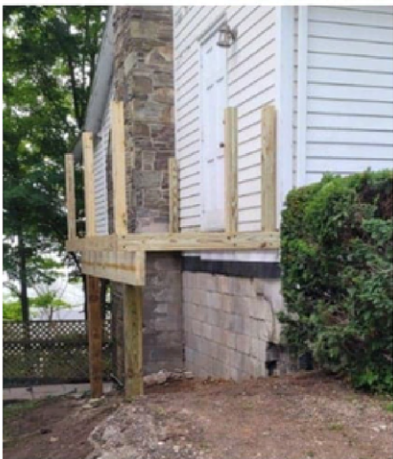


The project and the need to quickly reinforce the old retaining wall afforded some of our youth the opportunity to learn an important Bible lesson from Sue Beach & Roy Bartoo.

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON AND A TIME FOR EVERY MATTER UNDER HEAVEN...

A TIME TO THROW AWAY STONES AND A TIME TO GATHER STONES TOGETHER...

ECCLESIASTES 1, 3:5A



Hello, everyone,

Discernment Update

Here is an update on my discernment process for the vocational diaconate.

Well...discernment for the diaconate is still in process. I received my bachelor's degree in Theology, this past May. The graduation ceremony was an amazing gathering of people, who are dedicated and very Christian based. I, being an online student and knowing that many others also choose this route in furthering their education, felt unsure about attending the graduation ceremonies. Let me be the one to say, it is a proud and satisfying feeling of accomplishment and closure. If anyone asked me if they should attend their online college graduation, I would tell them most definitely.



At the end of June, I was asked to give the sermon for GMU Baccalaureate. What a nice experience it was to share the Good News with these Young Adults heading out and hopefully carrying Gods Word with them, always. This is not an accomplishment of my own efforts; I give so much, if not all, to the glory to God.



Ok, moving on ... God has directed me to continue as catechist, for baptism, confirmation, and Sunday School classes. Terry Colf is such a great co/instructor and I enjoy learning from him as he enlightens us all with his knowledge. So, thank you Terry and looking forward to Confirmation classes to begin soon.

In August I was licensed as a lay preacher at Christ Church by the Diocese of Albany. After an interview with the one of the deans of the Albany diocese, and recommendation by Father Bill, the standing committee issued me a license for lay ministry and preaching. I am beyond words, excited and thankful. I hope I will make you guys proud. No one ever knows the plans God has for any of us in this life. Thank you, God for the blessings. We, being of one church, and each one of us, as a stone, builds an altar with Christ as the cornerstone. I hope that my stone helps to cement this foundation. I want to thank you all for holding all our rocks strongly together with your love, strong faith, and fellowship.



*Thank you, Jesus and my family at Christ Church,
Susan Beach, licensed lay preacher*

God Is Active

In My Life

Written by Gail Ashley



In a person's day-to-day life, it is easy to "forget" about God and how he is working in our lives. We get busy with family and our jobs. I would be the first one to admit I am guilty of this too. It is not that I do not have a strong love for the Lord, but I am human and have human faults. God loves me no matter what.

I was shown just how much God loves me and my family this past month when I received a call from Greg Talbot from Certified Auto. He had been chatting with Zach at NBT. Zach works with my son, Shawn at NBT. Zach told Greg that Shawn had not signed in to work and that was not like him. Zach was worried. So, Greg wanted to call me, but he did not have my number. Greg knew that his brother Nate knew my number so Greg reached out to Nate and got my number. Greg, then called me and let me know. I tried to reach out to Shawn with no luck. All sort of bad scenarios started to go through my head. I began to pray that my son was ok. Something told me to get in my car and head to my son's house.

It was a long drive and all the way, I continued with my prayers. The Lord's Prayer just kept running through my head. I arrived at my son's home to find my keys would not open the door. I started knocking and at last Shawn called me letting me know that he was sick. He was able to get to the door and let me in and I was shocked at how sick he looked. I took him to first an urgent care center. They directed us to go immediately to the Emergency Department. At the Emergency department, they diagnosed Shawn with bilateral pneumonia and admitted him to the hospital.

Shawn was very sick, and I shudder to think of what could have happened if Zach and Greg had not contacted me. I know that God put all the pieces in place. He always looks out for us but there are times when his interventions shine more brightly.

Psalm 28:7, NLT The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

I am so thankful to report that my son is well on his way to recovery.



MONTHLY MISSION OFFERINGS

Beginning in September 2022

the weekly undesignated loose plate offering will be directed to the following mission projects:

1st Sunday: *Discretionary Fund*

The discretionary fund is used by Fr. Bill to provide emergency assistance and to quickly answer other needs in the parish and the community.

2nd Sunday: *Building Restoration*

The restoration and upkeep of our historic buildings is an important part of our mission both spiritually and socially. These funds will be primarily directed to special projects.

3rd Sunday: *Butternut Valley Youth*

The Butternut Valley Youth Fund is used to help fund projects for children and youth in the parish and offers grants to youth organizations in the Gilbertsville area.

4th Sunday:



Episcopal
Relief & Development
Working Together for Lasting Change

Episcopal Relief and Development provides emergency response to disasters in the United States and throughout the world, as well as funding projects in developing countries in partnership with our sister churches throughout the Anglican Communion.

5th Sunday: *Altar Guild*

All mission begins in worship. Altar guild funds are used to provide the materials that make our worship possible. They are also needed for the longterm upkeep of historic vessels, vestments, linens and furniture, and when necessary to replace worn-out items.

THIS SUMMER AT BEAVER CROSS

THIS SUMMER CHRIST CHURCH SENT EIGHT CAMPERS TO BEAVER CROSS ON FULL SCHOLARSHIPS. (WE HOPED TO SEND TO TEN, BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT DIDN'T WORK OUT FOR TWO OF OUR CAMPERS THIS TIME.) ENJOY THESE PHOTOS OF THE CHRIST CHURCH CREW AT BEAVER CROSS!



BEAVER BOUND



BEAVER CROSS MINISTRIES
WE ARE HIRING

AFTER SCHOOL COUNSELOR
 Christ The King Center
 CTTKCENTER.ORG
 DHVDE@CTRCENTER.ORG

Day ONLY
 You register.

Information go to
 kcenter.org

Christ The King Center

BEAVER CROSS MINISTRIES

AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
 ing children K-8th
 from Greenwich
 School.

Day ONLY
 You register.

Keep an eye out for familiar faces in Beaver Cross advertising this year!

DISCOVERERS



ADVENTURERS & PIONEERS

UNFORTUNATELY, AT TIME OF PRESS BEAVER CROSS HAD NOT YET PUBLISHED THE PICTURES OF OUR JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOLERS AT CAMP. AS SOON AS THEY DO, WE'LL SHARE THEM IN THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS!



THEY DID ENJOY SOME PIZZA ON THE WAY HOME, THOUGH (WITH A COUPLE HANGERS-ON...)

REPORT FROM CAMP BY C. LYTLE:

BEAVER CROSS WAS FUN AS ALWAYS. WE HAD AN EVENTFUL WEEK OF PLAYING GAMES, LEARNING ABOUT JESUS, AND EATING AMAZING FOOD. THE LESSON FOR THE WEEK WAS SACRIFICE OVER SELFISHNESS. OUR CHAPLAIN WAS FATHER SCOTT GARNO, WITH HELP FROM FATHER DARIUS MOJALLALI. THEY DID A WONDERFUL JOB SHOWING US THAT WE ARE CALLED BY GOD TO BE LIVING SACRIFICES IN HIM, AND TO SPREAD HIS WORD. THE THEME FOR THE REST OF CAMP WAS FIRE AND ICE. THE CAMP WAS SEPARATED INTO TWO TEAMS WITH TWO GROUPS EACH SENIOR ICE, JUNIOR ICE, SENIOR FIRE AND JUNIOR FIRE, BECAUSE OF THE EXTRA MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP PRESENT BECAUSE OF COVID. WE HAD SEVERAL CHALLENGES INCLUDING CAPTURE THE FLAG, MUD PIT TUG-OF-WAR, AND CUP STACKING DURING THE TALENT SHOW. SPEAKING OF THE TALENT SHOW, ALL THE CAMPERS (AND COUNSELORS) HAD TONS OF FUN SINGING, DANCING AND MANY OTHER HILARIOUS THINGS. WE ALSO DID THE ROPES COURSE, PLAYED ARCHERY TAG, HAD CULINARY CLASSES, AND MORE. WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME AND CAN'T WAIT TO GO BACK NEXT YEAR!

Life at Christ Church

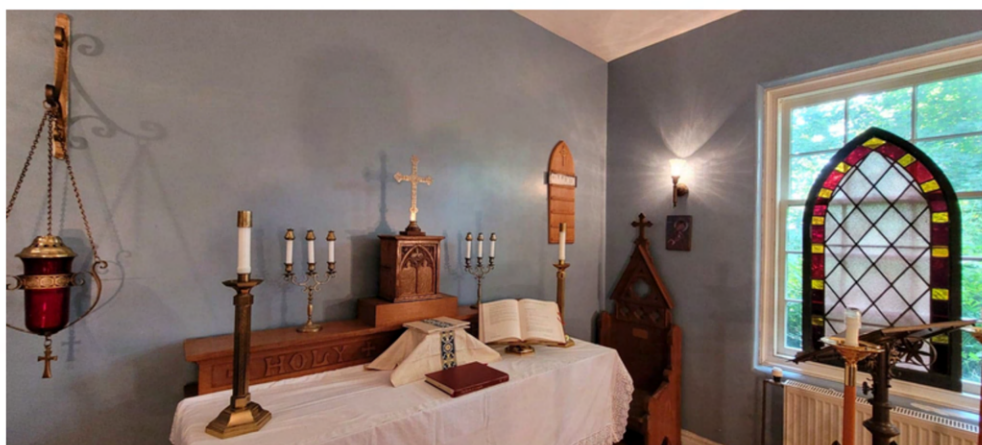




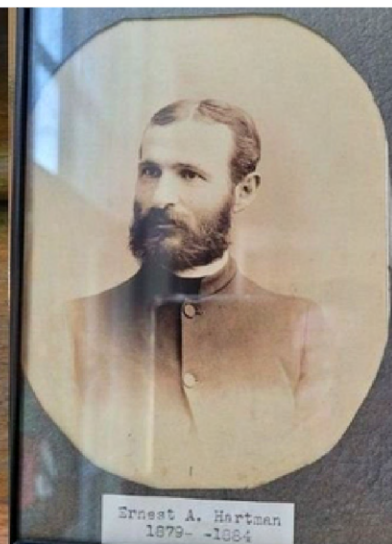
On March 25, our Choral Evensong for the Annunciation, featured our choir, brass and Caleb Vandewerker at the organ. We raised \$876 for Ukraine aid through Episcopal Relief and Development.



After decades on loan to the Hyde Hall Museum in Cooperstown a historic altar, and celebrant's and bishop's chairs were returned to Christ Church in May.



The altar, chairs, lectern, and stain glass windows of our chapel all come from the 1883 renovation of Christ Church lead by the Rev'd Ernest Hartmann. The altar was later dedicated to the beloved Fr. Hartmann when he died unexpectedly while serving a parish in California.



Christ Church now has a small lending library in the Undercroft Study. Books on a variety of theological, Biblical and spiritual topic can be signed out. There is also a wide selection of current periodicals covering news and issues from the Episcopal and Anglican world.



This spring, Fr. Bill received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Nashotah House Theological Seminary, an historic Episcopal institution in Wisconsin.

He later presented his research, The House of God and the Gate of Heaven: The Church Building in the Anglican Tradition, at a special dessert gathering following our Ascension Day Service.



On the Feast of Pentecost, we joyfully welcomed Sophia Colette Dewolf into the household of God by baptism!



Sophia is growing fast and slowly forgiving Fr. Bill for getting her wet in church. He does have such a grabbable face after all!

On July 31 we commemorated the 189th anniversary of the first gathering of the Christ Church congregation on July 28, 1833. We had a joyful procession into the church, a festive Eucharist and a delicious picnic luncheon!





CPR/AED CERTIFICATION COURSE

A free Health Safety Institute CPR and AED certification course will be held at Christ Church on October 15th from 9 am-12:30 pm. Adult, Child and Infant CPR will be covered. The course is open to any parish member aged 12 years or older. Class size is limited to 10 participants at a time and additional classes will be schedule if there is interest. To sign up, please contact Gail Ashley via email at christchurchville@gmail.com or via phone at 607-222-7769.

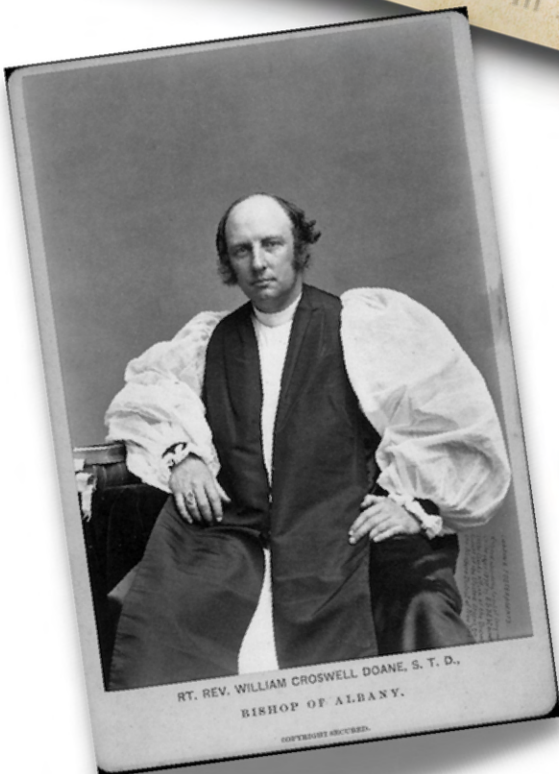
Unusual Tokens of Life

*From the Bishop's address to the Tenth Annual
Convention of the Diocese of Albany,
January 15, 1878*

In the afternoon, in St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, I preached and confirmed seven persons.

June 1. In Christ Church, Butternuts, I preached, confirmed eleven persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion. The Class was exceptionally large, and the tokens of life here, unusual; and both are due to the energy and labors of the Rev. Hobart Cooke, whom good Mr. Hughes had called to assist him. Since Mr. Hughes' death, the Vestry have made a permanent arrangement with Mr. Cooke, who has charge, with an assistant, of this, and several Mission Stations. I have spoken elsewhere of the remarkable life and work of Mr. Hughes, whose characteristic conversation with me, that day, I never shall forget. I only wish the pattern had not been broken, in which were cast the men of such humble, vigorous, untiring, originating purpose, and power.

In the afternoon, I preached in All Saints Memorial Chapel, Morris.



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