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The Rector's Report

Written by Father Bill Lytle

As I begin my third year as rector of this parish it is once again my joy to report that the state of our parish is strong. Indeed, I never tire of reporting (some might say bragging) that Christ Church, Gilbertsville is a remarkably healthy parish and one full of life and growth. There are always challenges to reflect upon and look forward to, but in all of it God has more than proven that he is faithful to this parish and has great plans for its future.

Attendance & services

You can consult the charts on page 4 of this report to review our attendance details for 2022. There you will see a significant increase in both the services offered and the number of attendants.

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When compared statistically to the Diocese of Albany and the wider Episcopal Church, you will see that Christ Church is an above or well above average congregation. (*Note: while the average Sunday attendance (ASA) across all American parishes of the Episcopal Church is higher than ours, this number is skewed upward by a handful of parishes with ASA's well over 1,000. Our ASA, however, is nearly double that of 50% of American Episcopal parishes*). Most importantly, while only 6% of Episcopal Churches saw growth of over 10% over the last five years, Christ Church grew 11% in the last year alone!

Parish Life

Numbers are, of course, only one (and by no means the best) way of demonstrating the health of a church. Christ Church has continued over the last year to show itself to be place full of life through our vibrant worship, but also through our celebrations, community events, and missions. This year we, through the generosity of ECW, the Butternut Valley Youth Fund and the Susquehanna Deanery we had the joy of sending ten kids on full scholarships to Beaver Cross Camp! We hosted a wonderful Choral Evensong in March which highlighted the musical blessings that have been bestowed on this parish, including our Youth Brass Choir which also performed at Christmas and Epiphany services. In September we hosted a memorial service for Queen Elizabeth II and were honored to have in attendance Mrs. Newell, who grew up in England and walked 30 miles to be present at the Queen's coronation in 1953. We are also blessed by more than our fair share of medical professionals which have allowed us to host CPR and Naloxone trainings this year. I look forward to more of those events and to opening them to the wider community in the coming year.

Worship is the heart of any church, but there is so much more to being the people of God. At Christ Church we make that clear! From coffee hour to picnics to Apple Fest and Trunk-or-Treat, to hosting the Butternut Valley Food Pantry and other local organizations, Christ Church is not just an important part of its parishioners' lives but also an integral part of its community! You can read more about what we do in the ministry reports!





Rites & Sacraments

The Holy Eucharist was received over 2,200 times at Christ Church in 2022. This year I had the joy of three celebrating three baptisms and first communions. Fr. Nathan Ritter, of Christ Church Cooperstown, celebrated the wedding of Heather & Kyle DeWolf on my behalf while I was in quarantine with COVID-19. We also mourned the passing of our oldest parishioner, Wanda Brannick, 100, with burial rites which I officiated.



Christ Church	2021	2022	National & Diocesan Comparisons	
Total Attendance	2,651	2,937	The Episcopal Church Average Parochial Sunday Attendance	46
Total Sunday Attendance	1,793	2,006	The Episcopal Church Median Parochial Sunday Attendance	21
Average Weekly Attendance	50	56	Diocese of Albany Average Parochial Sunday Attendance	25
Average Sunday Attendance	35	39	Christ Church Average Sunday Attendance	39
Total Communion	2,050	2,242	Percentage of Episcopal Churches which saw any growth since 2017	12%
Eucharistic Services	84	90	Percentage of Episcopal Churches with 10% or more growth since 2017	6%
Daily Offices	82	228	Christ Church growth since 2021	11%



There is much to be excited about in the year ahead for our parish! One of those things is the expanded role that the vestry and I have asked our Licensed Lay Preacher, Susan Beach to take on. Sue already does so much around Christ Church as she continues in her discernment toward diaconal ministry. Beginning this month, she will also be formally tasked with building Christ Church's youth ministry. We are SO blessed to have a great group of young people and we are looking forward to capitalizing on that strength to reach out in new ways (and maybe some old ways too) to the youth of our community. I have given Sue a special charge to develop and implement this year a program or programs specifically targeted at kids ages 5-10 in our village and their families. Because we are asking so much of Sue, the vestry has budgeted a small stipend for her position. I realize that our greatest challenge, by far, is financial, and so I have also charged Sue with developing and implementing ways that the youth can fundraise throughout the year to help defray the cost of the programs and the stipend. Keep an eye on our announcements for ways you can help in this vital ministry for the future of our church.



Of course, funding our youth ministry is not the only financial challenge we face. Rising costs for everyone, including the church, will be an issue we have to deal with this year, and beyond. Because they do such a wonderful job at it, the vestry and I have designated the Episcopal Church Women as the parish "fundraising committee." They already have several events in the works so again, watch the announcements for ways you can help!

This year marks the Centennial of the church building we all know and love. While the exterior of our building has changed little since its original construction in the 1830's the interior was completely gutted in 1922 and 1923. You can read a report from the 1919 Building Committee on page 23 to learn more about what launched that major project.

One hundred years ago, our congregation spent the winter and spring worshiping in the recently closed Gilbertsville Methodist Church (that building is long gone, but once stood near the Baptist Church).



*Christ Church's nave
before & after 1923*



On June 12, 1923, with the work finally finished, a grand reconsecration of our sacred space was celebrated by Bishop Ashton Oldham. We will mark that centennial on June 11, 2023 with a visit from Bishop Michael Smith, who is assisting our diocese as we search for a bishop. Bishop Smith will also, God willing, celebrate confirmations and receptions that day. Of course, we will also have a wonderful celebratory feast! Save the date so you won't miss this joyous occasion!

Christ Church also plans, of course, to continue and expand our ministry in other ways this year. Later this month the parish will be honored by Episcopal Relief and Development as a "Hope Partner Parish." This is a designation only a few churches nationwide hold and is being given to us in recognition of the nearly \$900 we raised for Ukraine relief in March as well as our monthly collection for Episcopal Relief and Development and participation in other programs. We will highlight the work of this important mission of our church with Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday on March 26, 2023.

Two other important new ministries are coming to Christ Church this year as well. You can read more about our designation as a Community of Hope International training center, and our cooperative partnership with the two smaller churches where I serve as long-term supply on pages 20 and 21 of this newsletter. You can also check out all the events and programs coming to Christ Church in the coming months on page 22.

None of the past, present, or future of our parish would be possible without all those who give so much of their lives to serve Christ Church. I do not have space to thank you all by name, and I would surely forget some, but I must give special mention to our outgoing Senior Warden, Terry Colf. Thank you, Terry for your faithful vestry service of many years and, of course for your continuing service in so many capacities, not least as music director. You are a blessing to us all! And to all of the faithful members and friends of this parish, know that your love and dedication does not go unnoticed (on earth or in heaven!), and that I look forward eagerly to continuing to work together for the cause of the Gospel, here in Christ Church, Gilbertsville!

The Rev'd Dr. William Lytle, rector

Ministry Annual Reports

JUNIOR WARDEN – BUILDING & GROUNDS

A year has passed, and I once again thank all who were so capable and willing to either assist or complete the projects needed to keep Christ Church repaired and safe.

2022 Accomplishments:

- Estimate received from Clapper Construction to remove old steps on side entrance of Parish Hall. Approved by Vestry and the work was completed. We now have a safe entrance/ fire exit. The work was completed by competent and friendly workers.
- Estimates received for the wall work of the corner of the Parish Hall. The Vestry approved for the work to be done by Don Jensen. Work was completed; satisfactorily and speedily. The repairs to the Pet Food Pantry's wall taken care of which prevents rodents from entering. The room was also painted.
- Purchase of a new stove for the Parish Hall kitchen was approved by the Vestry. Stove ordered, installed, and hooked up to the gas. It is working well.
- Steeple has been scraped and painted by Chris Sadlocha and it looks fantastic.
- Parish Hall Ramp has been reinforced and repainted by Chris and his helpers.
- Gutters have been cleared of debris (also by Chris Sadlocha).



2023 Projects

- Replacement of the toilets in the downstairs bathrooms.
- Vented exhaust fan over new stove in the Parish Hall Kitchen.
- Fill old oil tank buried between rectory and church.

Once again, I thank all our dedicated volunteers (Gordon Brannick, Chris Sadlocha, Roy Bartoo and Jim Porter. If I missed others, please forgive me) who have completed the work needed in and around our church buildings. You have made my work easier and enjoyable.

*Carol Angelone
Junior Warden*

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

St. Veronica's Chapter at Christ Church in Gilbertsville currently has nine members. Our newest member became a Daughter on Pentecost Sunday in June. That was Marti Edmonds. Our members are active in all aspects of life in our church. We meet monthly to update our prayer list. We are frequently in touch by computer throughout the month adding new and urgent need prayers for people.

This spring we wanted to do an outreach project to help our community. We learned that the local school district had a need for some items to help their students with their education. We worked together to meet this need. I would like to say that these ladies are very special. They are women with strong faith, loving hearts and have giving spirits.

*Barbara Colf, President
St. Veronica's Chapter of DOK*



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

ECW has had a busy year, we helped with many events. Multiple baptisms, several luncheons, church picnic, and most recent Kyle & Heathers wedding celebration. Along with hosting these events we also sent 10 of our youth to Beaver Cross this year.

Christ Church has been approved to become a training center with Community of Hope International. Community of Hope International helps to equip lay people to serve in all forms of pastoral care. Sue Beach and Carol Angelone will be our first trainees. ECW was able to help with the start-up fees to get things rolling.

Our biggest event and fund raiser is of course Applefest, the event went off very well. We raised a total of \$3995.03, the beautiful quilt that was made by Marti Edmonds, was raffled, and raised \$1062.00. We are so blessed to have such talented people in our church family.

We are planning to give our new stove a workout in 2023, we have already started planning a chicken & biscuit dinner for January, and a pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday in February. In March we would like to do another fish fry dinner. This year Christ Church will be hosting the Easter Breakfast. In April we will start our planning for Applefest.

Financial status: Checking \$5094.17 Savings \$6231.05

We could not have done all that we did and plan to do without all the support we received from the whole congregation, thank you so much.

Kathy Caffery, ECW President







APPLE FEST!
 Saturday,
October 1, 2022
 9am-3pm



CAMERA OPERATORS

Since the inception of live streaming our services in January 2021, our camera operators live stream each Sunday's service, when the cybergods allow. The services that are live streamed can then be accessed on an archived basis after the actual live event.

Servers consist of Ellie, age 10, Eli, age 12, our newest, Emma, age 12, Nicholas, age 12, Joseph, age 15 and Chris Sadlocha, age 69.

*Chris Sadlocha,
Coordinator*

VERGERS

There are 8 vergers faithfully conducting their duties; welcoming church-goers in the narthex and presenting our offerings.

Thanks to Jane Porter, Roy Bartoo, Chris Sadlocha, Molly DelGiacco, Joseph, Becky Brannick, Anne Sebeck and our newest, Nicholas.

*Chris Sadlocha,
Coordinator*

ACOLYTES

We are blessed at Christ Church to have one of the most vibrant acolyte ministries around! Our eleven acolytes do everything that is necessary to assist in worship. Five are also trained as thurifers. This year we were blessed to welcome two new acolytes, Emma and Sammy!

Fr. Bill Lytle



ALTAR GUILD

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Each week Altar Guild members set the altar for the appointed service. Candles are filled with oil; linens are ready as well as the Gospel Book and the 8-day candle and offering plate. If Holy Communion, the elements are prepared. Clergy vestments are put out. Bouquets of fresh flowers, greens, fall vegetables or winter wheat are provided by members and adorn the altar. Following the service, the altar is re-set for the week, linens, vestments and vessels are cleaned.

Altar Guild funds provide wine, wafers and oil. Flowers are provided by Altar Guild members weekly. Christmas and Easter flowers cost about \$800. We are most grateful for the generous donations by parishioners to help defray flower expenses. Other expenses include purchase of linens and special cleaning of vestments and supplies for vessels. The Altar Guild welcomes new members. Extra help is needed when preparing the altar at Christmas and Easter.

The support of Father Bill is greatly appreciated in helping to update the duties of preparing the altar. We are especially pleased with the newly found closet for the storage of vestments. The sacristy is now open and workable.

It is a major task to green the church for Christmas. The entire parish comes together and in a few short hours and Christ Church is adorned and ready for the arrival of Christmas.

On bended knee and grateful heart thanks to Jane Porter, Maureen Ahl, Becky Brannick, Sue Beach and Anne Sebeck who serve in this important ministry at Christ Church.



*Submitted by
Anne Sebeck*



*Worship the
Lord in the
beauty of
holiness.*



TREASURER

From the Treasurer's office I would once again like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone for your continued support. 2022 was a busy year at Christ Church, there were a lot of wonderful things that took place some of which had a major effect on our finances. Some the unbudgeted expenses were: purchase of new stove, foundation repairs, steeple repairs, removal and replacement of Parish house steps, and payroll adjustments. With financial support from ECW, The Youth Group as well as pulling funds from our Dedicated and Rectory accounts, we were able to meet this unexpected expense.

The effect of these extra expenses caused us to have a \$8328.60 deficit this year. Below is a breakdown of our Revenues and Expenses for 2022.

2023 looks like it will be another challenging year with the rising cost of most expenses the worst being fuel oil. With God's grace and your continued support, we will be able to meet all our financial obligations.

*Thank you,
Kathy Caffery, Treasurer*



2022	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
INCOME		
Pledge & Plate	\$57,291.52	\$64,060.00
Fitch Gilbert	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
ADIT	\$4,329.42	\$4,000.00
Parish House	\$1,740.00	\$1,500.00
Fund Raising	\$436.25	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Other gifts & Donations	\$2,176.60	
	\$74,973.79	\$83,560.00
EXPENSES		
Diocesan Assessment	\$3,780.00	\$12,000.00
Building & Grounds	\$28,048.90	\$28,670.00
Clergy	\$32,930.24	\$32,968.00
Outreach	\$2,625.71	\$0.00
Program	\$15,917.54	\$20,244.00
	\$83,302.39	\$93,882.00

BUTTERNUT VALLEY PET FOOD PANTRY



A mission of Christ Episcopal Church-Gilbertsville and Zion Episcopal Church-Morris.

556 Client visits in 2022.

The Pet Food Pantry does not receive any government assistance. Zion Church Mission funding is \$50/month (\$600). Christ Church Mission funding is rent waived. 3 Corporate Donors (dog and cat food) are Southern Tier Pet Nutrition-Sherburne, Brandow's Feed and Seed-Otego, and Lutz Feed-Oneonta have assisted mightily.

Local organizations collecting food and money are Morris United Methodist Church, Faithful Friends Pet Crematory-Morris, Susquehanna SPCA, Girl Scout Troops of Gilbertsville and Mt. Upton and their leader Sarah Hauptfleisch, Barbara Murwin of LularoeBarbandTina, DEL-OTSE-NANGO Kennel Club, Otsego County 4-H Dog Program, the Morris Rotary, and our 2 sponsor churches-Christ Church and Zion.

Memorial Donations were received totaling \$775 from: Wanetta Daniels in memory of her daughter Paula, from Tina Utter for "a friend who loved animals", and Marna Dunham in memory of her daughter, Carolee.

We also had donations from 15 individuals totaling \$702.

There were 28 thoughtful and generous neighbors who collected and donated a large assortment of pet food and supplies. The most dedicated of these include Susan Freyermuth, Linda Whitman, Teresa Winchester, Ivy Kuspit, Stevi Morley, Nan Johnston and Laurie Myers.

Fundraisers: On 10/2, Elizabeth's jewelry give-away netted donations of \$319. Our ongoing fundraiser is the sale of the "Fun to Color Alphabet" coloring book, available locally and from Amazon.

I wish to thank my intrepid helpers: Cindi Hall for her handmade thank you cards (including postage) and fundraising expertise, Kathy Hartman for transporting 27 cases of dog food from the Susquehanna SPCA dog food giveaway, and Steve Gayle for helping me move over 6840 lb. of dog and cat food.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Gayle*



*G-MU Girl Scouts
tour the Pet
Food Pantry,
Jan. 5, 2023*

BUTTERNUT VALLEY YOUTH FUND

The Butternut Valley Youth Group account has helped in many areas in 2022.

Money was given to help purchase a kitchen stove at Christ Church. Partial payment was given so nine children could enjoy summer camp at Beaver Cross and one teenager went to Beaver Cross for a fall weekend. Money was given to purchase school supplies for GMU students. These were given to the school by the Daughters of the King. Money given to purchase a Youth Banner. Money given to purchase supplies and scholarships for GMU Little Raiders. Money given for supplies and candy for the Halloween Trunk and Treat. Money was well spent for the area youth.

Jane Porter

YOUTH MINISTRY & EDUCATION

Christ Church's Youth Ministry is a ministry that includes weekly Sunday school instruction and the structured classes for Confirmation preparedness. It is through the weekly meetings that the students learn and grow in the love of God. We experience kindness, peer-based fellowship, learning to loving everyone for who they are and learning Gods Word through Biblical activities. We include the adult members of our congregations, so there is a feeling of familiarity and comfort.

The Sunday School weekly classes are led by Barb Colf and Becky Lytle. Using the StoryMakers curriculum, they are doing instruction with projects in class and reading scripture in a way that reaches the students. It is through play and interaction activities that the kids enjoy, and therefore, retain the lessons being taught.



The Confirmation Class meets weekly and is led by Terry Colf and me. This class of seven students have modified their instructional activities from last year. Beginning in October, we began using multiple learning strategies to keep the students engaged and to show them the many facets of Christian life. As we still study the scriptures, we are also learning Morning Prayer, so that they learn how to pray and worship each day on their own from the Book of Common Prayer. Each month at our Morning Prayer service, the students read the passages of the day. Hopefully, this gives them a sense of familiarity and confidence, sharing Gods Word. The class also studies from their class- instruction textbook, *I Will with Gods Help*. I feel that this is a more interactive text than the previous year, but it also is written for longer class times. This textbook study is done at least once a month and occasionally twice. The kids also do Youth Coffee hour once a month as an ongoing service project. It is so interesting to watch them problem solve, show their skills, and eventually enjoy the food in fellowship. The Youth coffee hour snack is usually donated by adults in our congregation. During the last quarter of 2022, scheduling and the various viruses called for flexibility, and we had to alternate our schedule.

Monthly, we also incorporate a theme of psalms for student's future use. Themes such as Worship, gratitude, the Love of God, and the Holy Trinity are among our monthly themes. It is such a pleasure to work with all the youth of Christ Church. We are so blessed to have them!!



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We enjoyed the gathering of Christ Church's Youth group and the Youth Directors for the Albany Dioceses, Danny and Kait Hyde. They were amazing and enacted a day of youth enjoyment. All students participated in fun activities, laughter, and Christian fellowship. I was so pleased to see everyone just smiling the whole time. On this special day their visit was truly a blessing.

This fall, the youth participated in church activities such as Applefest, Trunk-or-Treat, an Advent puppet show, the decorating of the church for Christmas and more. I am still learning about being a catechism instructor, and hope that this ministry continues to grow and strengthen. I know with the gifts that God gives to each one of us and the continued love and support of the congregation of this church, anything is possible.

I am so blessed to be a Youth Minister at Christ Church. I have a special love for all children and for that I thank the Lord. I feel that this year was a year of learning, not only for the students, but even more so, for me. I have really enjoyed sharing Gods love and promises for life pleasing to God and at the same time, the kids share new spiritual lessons with me. I will continue to share and exemplify Gods Word through biblical study and research of scripture and pray for Gods Wisdom to enrich the students at Christ Church Gilbertsville. I also want to thank all, for the support and help to make Youth Group possible and successful.

*Thank you, Jesus,
Sue Beach
Youth Ministry*

Parish Cooperative Partnership

Our region, like many parts of the church, is currently struggling with a significant clergy shortage. In the five parishes in our western corner of the diocese there are now just one active priest (Fr. Bill) and two active deacons. Working with the diocese, Fr. Bill is assisting as long-term supply in the parishes which were deemed most urgently in need: St. Paul's, Franklin (which had not been served by a priest in over six years) and St. Paul's, Sidney (which lost its priest in August, and its deacon unexpectedly in December).

This arrangement not only benefits those churches, but also serves Christ Church by making Fr. Bill's ministry here more financially sustainable for him and his family.

The model of one priest serving as (part-time) rector of a larger parish, while supplying services at two-smaller parishes was developed by Fr. Bill based on the history of Christ Church from the days when the priest served primarily in Gilbertsville, but also provided services at St. Stephen's Maple Grove and at least one and sometimes as many as three other chapels. The Diocesan Standing Committee commended this model for use in rural areas and we are currently its pilot program. A key part of the model is that the churches remain distinct as parishes and that the priest is only involved in the governance of their own parish, while the others govern themselves.

Another, equally important part of the model, however, is the development of a partnership of cooperation between the three parishes that fosters health in all of them. To that end, Fr. Bill met with the three in-coming Senior Wardens on January 10, 2023, to discuss ways to build fellowship and friendship between Christ Church and the two St. Paul's. This will include some shared services and programs, supporting each other's fundraisers by advertising and, when possible, attending them, and joint ministry projects when the need arises. Please see our upcoming events to learn more about our first attempts to build this relationship coming up in Lent. We very much hope that we will be able to create a healthy "parish co-op" based on Fr. Bill's model that can be an example to the rest of the diocese, but most importantly a blessing to all three parishes!



The Community of Hope comes to Christ Church

Community of Hope International equips lay people to serve in all forms of pastoral care. Pastoral care is when a person is being “present” in a listening, compassionate, non-controlling manner to an individual or group for the purpose of consciously or unconsciously representing God to them and seeking to respond to their spiritual needs.

Through ongoing, spiritual formation and practical lessons on care giving, members learn to match theological insights and spiritual practices with their experiences of ministering to others and giving spiritual guidance. The fourteen modules used in the initial training cover topics both theoretical and practical, ranging from teaching participants the tenants of Benedictine Spirituality to practical instruction to be used while on a pastoral care visit. It is COHI’s goal that this training awaken participants to God’s call on their lives by discovering and understanding their spiritual gifts for ministry.

Providing pastoral care is often a daunting task as the caregiver may be called to walk with the suffering both in prayer and in practical ways for extended periods of time. COHI understands this and provides for the care of the caregivers as well. After the initial training, licensed pastoral caregivers continue to maintain the disciplines of Benedictine spirituality as adapted to their own needs and stage in life and to meet regularly for fellowship and guidance.

Thanks to the generosity of our ECW Christ Church was able to secure the materials and license to become a Community of Hope International training center. We hope to provide lay-pastoral caregivers not only for our own parish, but also for surrounding churches (Episcopal and otherwise) that would benefit from this support. We are only the second COHI training center in our diocese and the only one in our region of the state. Our leadership training will begin soon with Carol Angelone and Sue Beach set to become of first caregivers as well as instructors in future trainings. This spring a training for Christ Church and the two St. Paul’s will be launched, and next fall one open to the wider public will be held. Stay tuned for details!



Upcoming Events

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



FEBRUARY 21, 2023
5:00-7:00PM

CHRIST CHURCH - GILBERTSVILLE
The Episcopal Church Welcomes You!

166 Marion Avenue (Rt. 51), Gilbertsville

Pancakes, sausage & beverage
Free will Donation

Saturday, March 25 Chicken 'n' Biscuits Dinner

A Peek at Holy Week

- Palm Sunday
Eucharist w/ Liturgy of Palms - 10:30am
- Holy Tuesday
Deanery Chrism Mass - 6pm
@ St. James', Oneonta
- Maundy Thursday
Eucharist w/ Stipping of Altar - 6pm
- Good Friday
Community Service - TBD
Prayers - 6pm @ St Paul's, Franklin
- Holy Saturday
Great Vigil of Easter - 7:45pm
- Easter Day
Sunrise Service - TBD @Overlook,
Breakfast @Christ Church
Solemn Eucharist - 10:30am

Lent 2023

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023

8:30am - Office of Ashes

7:00pm - Holy Eucharist with Ashes

(a joint service with St. Paul's Franklin)

Lenten Study Series

Wednesdays, March 1 - April 5

6:30pm - Holy Eucharist w/ healing prayer

7:00pm - Study

(Zoom participation available)

Lenten Friday Fellowship

6:00pm - Evening Prayer & the Stations of the Cross

6:45pm - Lenten Supper

March 3 @ St. Paul's, Sidney

March 10 @ Christ Church

March 17 @ St. Paul's, Franklin

March 24 @ St. Paul's, Sidney

March 31 @ Christ Church

Transportation available as needed!

Save the Dates

April 23 - Deanery Convocation

@St. James Oneonta - 4pm

June 11 - Episcopal Visit, Confirmation & Centennial Celebration

A Worthy Memorial

**From a report of the Building Committee,
c. 1919.**

The old Church has fallen into a serious condition of dilapidation. The wood in the windows, consisting of four large sashes, filled with small panes, is falling to pieces, and it is doubtful if they will remain in their places another winter. The ceiling, also, of plaster, is in very bad condition, and it is proposed to ceil it over with cross timbers and panels of wood.

All the plaster, covered with ancient paper is crumbling and must be either lined with beaver board or ceiled with wood. A fund of \$1,000 to \$1,500 is needed for this purpose. The women of the Parish Guild have been for more than a year working towards this fund, by the usual means. With some gifts by individuals that have come in, the funds in hand may amount by summer's end to \$300. The Congregation is small, and not generally wealthy. It is proposed, with the sanction of the vestry, that a Sunday in August be set apart for an offering to Church repairs, to be known as "Church Repairs Sunday."

In pursuance thereof, Sunday, August 15th is appointed, when the offerings throughout the day will be devoted to this purpose. It is our own duty to give liberally; and then we may hope to have the help of our fellow Churchmen and Churchwomen outside our own parish. There is reason to think that many who have in some way or degree been connected with the old Church at Butternuts, by association or interest, will be glad to have the privilege of contributing to the fund, as a memorial to the fame of the worthies of pioneer days, and their faithful deeds.

The Committee:

*George J. D. Peters, priest-in-charge,
Charles Daniels, Senior Warden, & William Hankey, Vestry Clerk*