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IN MEMORIAM OF CHRIST CHURCH MEMBERS

Suzanne L. Pohl, 77, passed away on September 21, 2022. She was an active Altar Guild member.

Anne Gower 79, passed away on September 26, 2022.

Fred Sober, Sr. 89, passed away on October 10, 2022



CHRIST CHURCH

November/December 2022

Dear Friends,

The Forward Day by Day had a study a few months ago about a father who went to his Rabbi asking for help for his son. “What can I do about my son? He ignores the Jewish ways. He does not eat kosher. He is dating a Gentile. He no longer observes the Sabbath. I must bring him back. What can I do?” The Rabbi looked at the man and said, “Love him more than ever.”

We so easily focus on the wrong we see in others. Such judgment rarely produces health. The way of Jesus, is to love them more than ever. As we approach the Christmas season is that what the message of Christmas is about? Despite our own failings and wayward ways, God loved us so much that He came amongst us. A gift of grace. Unconditional love given even when it’s not in our mind, deserved. We need to accept that gift and then in return, share that gift of grace with others. Struggling with someone? Love him more than ever.

In His Name

Father Derik Roy

CHRIST CHURCH
15 West High Street
Ballston Spa, NY 12020



December 24 (Saturday)

Christmas Eve Services

4:30PM

8:00PM

11:00PM

Christmas Day Service December 25 at 9am (Sunday)

Calendar

NOVEMBER 10,11,12 - Noah’s Attic Christmas Sale
9:30AM-4:00PM

NOVEMBER 13 - COFFEE HOUR RESUMES

NOVEMBER 20 -Deliver Ecumenical Thanksgiving
Bags to Presbyterian Church. Info page 3

NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 25 - Food Pantry Reverse
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DECEMBER 2-3 - Advent Retreat - info on page 4

DECEMBER 10 AT 10:30AM Prayer Walk . Begin in
Parish Hall

DECEMBER 11 & 12 - LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 15 Missions Toy Giveaway

DECEMBER 18 - Deadline for Christmas Flowers

10:00AM Children’s Christmas Pageant

Greening of the Church -following our 10:00am
worship, we will join the Altar Guild in decorating the
church for Christmas.

December 24 (Saturday) Christmas Eve Services

4:30PM 8:00PM 11:00PM

December 25 at 9am Christmas Day Service

ONGOING

Wednesday Mornings - Holy Eucharist 9:15am

Wednesday Mornings - Study Group 10:00am

Wednesday Evenings - Men’s Zoom Bible Study
7:00pm

COFFEE HOUR TO RESUME - WHAT A GREAT
WAY TO RECONNECT OR MEET NEW PEOPLE.

On November 13, after the 10am Worship Service,
we will resume coffee hour. Julie Rohr has
graciously agreed to lead this ministry. **Volunteers
are needed to help.** If this ministry is something
you can help with, please see Julie or contact church
office.



Christmas Pageant

We will be preparing for
our annual Christmas
Pageant in the next few
weeks! This year we will
have a combination of

videos that are pre-recorded like we’ve been doing
the last few years. and we will also be adding a live
pageant element as well on Sunday, December 18th
at the 10:00 service. We will be working on the
recordings throughout November and December
during Sunday School. If you have any questions
about how your child can be involved, please
contact Kristin McCabe at
mccabepianostudio@gmail.com.

Sunday School

Sunday School is back in session! Thank you to all
the children who have attended our Sunday School
program and thank you to all the families who allow
us to teach your children every Sunday. Our teachers
are so happy to be back!

Our High School kids meet Sundays at 9 am and our
Middle School Kids meet at 9:15 am. Kids PreK to
Grade 5 will be dismissed to their Sunday School
lesson during the 10 am service.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email
Katie Skanes at mkcb.skanes@gmail.com.



We will be having our Thanksgiving
celebration the week of November
21st. This year the children will be
able to shop the Noah’s attic
Christmas sale to get their parents
gifts. This is a wonderful way for the families to be
able to see how great this sale is. We will be doing
Christmas decorations for the children and
Christmas cards for the local nursing home. We are
currently doing well but still looking for some
teachers to fill in those spots that are
needed. We are looking forward to
2023 and wishing everyone a most
blessed holiday season.



November Birthdays

- 1 Sheri Popkoski
Chris Lehmann
- 2 Caleb LaRue
Luke Demling
Brandon Ruiz
- 3 Michelle Mattice
- 4 Marcus Vary
- 5 Jan Bornheim
Aaron Bogue
Alexandria Aquirre
Allison Ott
- 6 Suzanne Newton
Wendy Schmidt
Jacob Goertz
- 7 Justin Miner
- 8 Christine Martin
- 9 Brianna Collins
- 10 Taylor Russell
- 12 Donna Lanning
Lily Jorgensen
Zachary Greenspan
- 15 Olivia Iannon
Kristin McCabe
- 17 Joseph Koster
- 18 Abigail Doud
- 19 Theresa Polson
- 21 Dawn Davis Marks
Andy Kitzman
Don Rohr
- 23 Lynne Crimi
Dorothy Quick
Donna Christensen
- 24 Donna Travis
Jeff Smith
- 27 Melayna Robinson
- 28 Joe King
Christine Osgood

December Birthdays

- 2 Ethan Dumovitz
- 3 Barbara Wood
- 4 Cheryl Bloomer
- 5 Joyce Reed
Daniel D’Amico
- 6 Katie Barno
- 9 Aiden Campbell
- 10 Jeanne Speer
Paula Ruiz
Mark Skanes
- 11 Garry Campbell
Amelia D’Amico
- 12 Molly Favour
Lori Peer
Jake Baker
- 14 Lily Livingston
- 16 Tim Russell
- 17 Mariella D’Amico
Charlotte Skanes
- 19 Kaleigh Lanning
- 20 Sam Martin
Dominic Garrant
- 21 Kaleigh Izzo
- 22 Elizabeth Byrnes
Oliver McCabe
- 23 Donna Sausville
- 24 Hannah Cook
- 29 Sarah Thomas
Susan Olszewski
- 30 Margaret Cook
Amanda Luger-Ivey
- 31 Adam Bonanno
Elaine Iannon
Amy Aguda-Tanah

Anniversaries

November

- 4 Ryan and Molly Favour
- 15 Rachel and Chris Montalbaro
- 18 Ryan and Elizabeth Odasz
- 20 Alan and Carla Greenspan
- 23 Al and Peg Moser
- 29 Chip and Sue Ann Dubois

December

- 18 Mike and Desiree Drindak
- 23 Sheri & Ted Popkoski
- 27 Curtis & Joanne Niemeyer

Keep in Your Prayers

Janice Baird
Garry Campbell
Margaret Cook
Judy Covey
Erin Dumovitz
Barbara Grandin
Bert Grandin
Linda Hendricks
Tim Iannon
Deacon Bill Pearson
Curtis Niemeyer
Mabel Siler
Nancy Wemple

**PARISH PRAYER WALK
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Dec. 10th at 10:30am

Please join us as we pray for our parish properties and ministries. We will gather in the Parish Hall and move through the various ministry spaces inside and throughout the properties (walking outside will depend on the weather). Cookies and coffee will be provided by the Daughters of the King upon completion of the prayer walk.

Altar Guild

Julia Duchesne, who has been our Altar Guild Ministry leader for over 30 years, will be away for several months. Barb Wood has agreed to step into that leaders role while Julia is away. We are very thankful for all Julia has done and she will be missed.

We are very thankful for Barb for stepping into that leadership position. She comes with enthusiasm and wonderful new ideas.

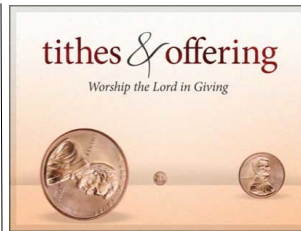
The Altar Guild Ministry is in need of volunteers. If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Barb or call Jeanne in the church office

Bishop Search Update

The Profile and Search Committee of the Diocese has completed the Diocesan Profile. This is available for all. With this complete, the next step is to begin sharing this with potential nominees. It is a long process but hopefully by next year at this time, we will have a new Bishop.

Help at Noah's Attic

Do you sometimes have free time on a Saturday? Want to help the church and the community? Come help at Noah's Attic! We need help putting clothes on hangers, bringing them upstairs, and putting them on racks for sale. Please consider helping. For questions, call Noah's at (518) 885-9455.



Offering envelopes will be available in the welcome center in December. If you are new to the church and do not have envelopes, please email Jeanne (jspeercec@msn.com) in the office with your name,

address and phone number and envelopes will be provided for you.

People have been asking how to make financial contributions to the church. There are a number of ways you can do this:

Check – Send your check to:
Christ Episcopal Church
15 West High St
Ballston Spa, New York 12020

Use your **Giving Envelopes** and place contribution in the plate on Sunday.

Bill Payment – Set up a Bill Payment through your bank using the above address as the vendor. It would also be helpful if you include your envelope number. This option should be free for the donor and allows us to identify where the contribution comes from.

Give on-line. Locate the “pledge, donations and gifts” at the top of the webpage. Click on that and follow the directions given. Please note that a small percentage of your giving goes to pay the on-line fee.



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 -
Deadline for Christmas Flowers**

We will have beautiful flowers to ornament our sanctuary during the Christmas season. You may make a donation for Christmas flowers and designate your gift in

memory of or in thanksgiving for someone. The Christmas flower donation envelopes will be in the Welcome Center or you may mail your donation and information to the church office:

Christ Church
15 West High Street
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Our Ninth Church Work Day Was A Success!

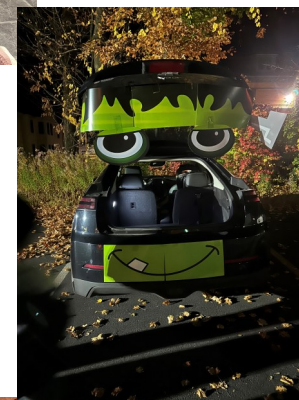
On Sept 24th, about 25 volunteers helped the church. It was great! We deep cleaned the church, took down the Noah's Attic tent, repaired the concrete welcome center steps, trimmed bushes and raked the lawn, removed grass from sidewalks, added shelving to the audio-visual counter in church, distributed winter salt to all the church buildings, removed the window AC units, prepared Sunday school classrooms, replaced a section of siding outside the chapel, painted the shed by Kid's First, and also the outside wall by the handicap entrance to the Parish Hall. Other stuff too, I'm sure. Donuts, bagels and pizza were enjoyed!

Thanks everyone for the help. It's great to work together for a common cause.

I'm planning another work day on Saturday, March 25th, so we're ready for Palm Sunday. Come join us!

Mike Luger

Fall at Christ Church



**Ecumenical
Thanksgiving Bags**

Organized by the First Presbyterian Church of Ballston Spa. Last year we provided over 100 dinners to families in need. Families sign up through our local food pantries:

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

FILL A BAG with items needed for a basic and healthy Thanksgiving meal. You can find the list in the Bulletin or on our website.

DELIVER the bag and turkey to the First Presbyterian Church on SUNDAY, November 20 from 11:30am—2 pm

22 West High St., Ballston Spa

THANK YOU for your help as we seek to be a blessing to those in need this Thanksgiving!



**Noah's Attic Annual
Christmas Sale
Thursday-Friday-
Saturday
November 10-11-12**

9:30am ~ 4:00pm

Noah's Attic will be having the annual Christmas sale again this year in the Parish Hall at church. The dates will be Thursday, Nov 10, through Saturday, Nov 12. We have more items than ever this year! The sale is an excellent time to donate your old Christmas items and pick out some sale items for yourself.

If you can help clean up, we'll be doing that after the sale ends Saturday afternoon. The Noah's staff will appreciate all the help we can get. Starting on Monday, we organize all the items which are stored in banana boxes in the attic, and we will be tired by the end of the week. Please contribute an hour or two if you can and help us get the Parish Hall ready for the following week.

Advent Retreat December 2-3

Opening The Door Of Your Heart In Advent

Lead By: Deacon Lynne Crimi and Deacon Lynne Curtis

Time: Begins at 3:00pm on Friday and ends at 3:00pm on Saturday.

Where: Christ The King Center
575 Burton Rd.
Greenwich, NY 12834

REGISTER: www.ctkcenter.org
Phone: 518-692-9550
For more info, please speak to Deacon Lynne Crimi

LESSONS AND CAROLS



DECEMBER 11 & 12
Ballston Spa’s beloved “Festival of Lessons and Carols” will be held December 11 and 12. The musical event, featuring carols of Advent and Christmas from Celtic, African American, and Shape Note traditions, will take place on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. and Monday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m., at Christ Episcopal Church, 15 West High Street. Anchored since its 1994 inception by Greenfield residents John Kirk and Trish Miller. The event is free and open to the public.

TOY GIVE AWAY
December Mission offering will be dedicated to our annual Toy give-away. This year we, along with support from Toys for Tots and our local community, will once again distribute toys to those families struggling financially. If you would like to help, these are the ways:

- Contribute money via mail, offering plate or online giving (under Missions) with your gift clearly designated for the Toy give-away.
- Bring toys to the church
- Volunteer your time to help the day of the distribution.

If interested, please contact Jeanne at the church office 518-885-1031

Food Pantry

We are so excited to share that Christ Church Food Pantry has been selected to benefit from Hannaford’s Community Bag Program, which makes it easy for customers to contribute to their local communities. For the month of December, whenever a \$2.50 Hannaford Community Bag is purchased at the Hannaford located at 3 Via Rossi Way Ballston Spa, \$1 will be donated to Christ Church Food Pantry. This is a great way to broaden awareness and help our cause. Let’s get started! Share the news with friends and family. Call, send emails and post on social media. The more people who purchase the Hannaford Community Bag in December, the more we can raise! To learn more about this program, please visit hannaford.2givelocal.com.
God Bless,
Cathy Roy, Alex & Megan Guilmette

This Advent season the Food Pantry is encouraging participation in a reverse Advent calendar. A donation box will be available within the Welcome Center starting November 27th through Christmas weekend. You can bring items as you collect them throughout the season. All assistance is appreciated.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR:

- NOVEMBER 27TH - PEANUT BUTTER
- 28TH - CRACKERS
- 29TH - CAN OF TOMATO SOUP
- 30TH - CEREAL
- DECEMBER 1ST - STUFFING
- 2ND- BOX OF POTATOES
- 3RD - MAC AND CHEESE
- 4TH - CAN OF FRUIT
- 5TH - CAN OF TUNA
- 6TH - CAN OF TOMATOES
- 7TH - PACKAGE OF OATMEAL
- 8TH - CANNED SWEET POTATOES
- 9TH - CRANBERRY SAUCE
- 10TH - CANNED BEANS
- 11TH - SPAGHETTI
- 12TH - CANNED VEGETABLES
- 13TH - PACKAGE OF RICE
- 14TH - APPLESAUCE
- 15TH - CAN OF MUSHROOM SOUP
- 16TH - BOX OF ELBOW MACARONI
- 17TH - EGG NOODLES
- 18TH – CAN OF GREEN BEANS
- 19TH - CAN OF BEEF SOUP
- 20TH - SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- 21ST - JELLY
- 22ND - CAN OF CHICKEN SOUP
- 23RD - SPAGHETTI O'S
- 24TH - DESSERT MIX
- 25TH - TOILET PAPER

Recovery Information

Hi friends! My name is Cathy and I’m a family member in recovery. What that means is, I work a program that gives me the tools and support I need to live with/love a family member that suffers from the disease of addiction. By the grace of God and from recovery services, my loved ones are working on their recovery and doing well! But the sad truth is, addiction to drugs and alcohol are more prominent than ever in our society. Families are suffering from either loss of loved ones or seeing their hopes and dreams for their loved ones swept away by the darkness and evil of addiction. It is my hope that by providing information about recovery at our church, people will take the step to seek out help and not suffer alone. Specific info for different substance use issues as well as family support will be located on the wall to the right of the Sanctuary entrance. There will also be a calendar of monthly events being held at Healing Springs, a community recovery center on 125 High Rock Ave in Saratoga Springs. Healing Springs offers peer services for family members and individuals impacted by addiction. It is a wonderful place to go for support! Stigma and shame will fade as we bring this darkness to light. Recovery is real and it is possible!

Please feel free to email me at hughsiegrl58@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns for yourself or a loved one. I will do my best to help.

Cathy Hughes

DOK

As one of the original 12 members of the reinstated St. Agnes Chapter of Christ Church in 2004, how do I, Andrea Breslin, regard the Order of the Daughters of the King?
Well, for starters, the Order provides an

opportunity to strengthen our walk with God through prayers, through service and through evangelism.
For me, personally, it's sharing my spiritual life with other women of faith, discovering that many of us face the same struggles in our spiritual journey and can support each other along the way.
It's working in a community of God's children in a variety of fun service projects, providing opportunities to be of service to others, while, at the

same time, growing our own sense of what God wants us to do as His disciples during our brief stay here on earth.
Most importantly, however, DOK is a means to further explore who I really am as a child of God and what He expects of me, another path in my journey to seek God as the child of our Heavenly Father. And to that endeavor, I truly say "Amen"!.

Prayer Quilt Ministry
The prayer quilt ministry is up and running, making quilts from donated material. Our quilts are made with loving care and our mission is to wrap those in need in prayers and comfort when they need it most. Requests for prayer quilts are submitted by members of the congregation who give them to family, friends, and co-workers. Our quilts have provided love and warmth to many of our parishioners plus those who are hurting throughout the United States and several other countries. Each quilt is prayed over by clergy and the congregation at one of the worship services before it is given to the person for whom it was requested. Each quilt has a label on the back which contains a Bible verse, bringing God’s word to all who receive one. All quilts are provided free of charge to the parishioners who request them. If you would like to request a prayer quilt, please complete a form that can be found on our display table in the welcome center. Simply place the form in the box on the table and one of the ministry leaders will promptly contact you. If you have an interest in learning more about the quilting ministry, we welcome you to come to one of our monthly meetings. You do not need to have any experience with quilting to join with us. The quilting ministry meets every third Saturday of the month in the church parish hall from 10 AM until 12 PM. If you have any questions or need more information, call Joyce Reed at 518-369-7928.