

CHRIST CHURCH CONNECTIONS



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Father Tim's Meditation

Happy spring! At least - I hope so! We saw snow on the first day of spring, and during the week thereafter we got about ten inches. As I sit and write this, the snow is melting, but who knows if we'll get more! And while I love snow, I'm looking forward to some warmer weather. Maybe many of you are as well!

The weather here in central New York is fickle, as are most things in life. Spring comes and we think we'll get some sunny days, but we end up with snow. We plan and plan for a vacation and, just at the last minute, some wrench is thrown into the process. We hope and pray for health, but then someone (ourselves or someone close to us) gets sick. What are we to rely on in this world?

There is a short prayer (a "collect") in the Compline liturgy that asks for God's protection for those of us "who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life," that we "may rest in your eternal changelessness." This prayer reminds me that, while there are changes and chances in our lives, there is also our weariness at those changes and chances. The unknown is not the problem, in other words. It is our exhaustion at facing the unknown that really gets to us.

Yet in all of it, no matter what we face outside of ourselves or inside of ourselves, God is the steady, even presence in our lives. We find God's presence when we sit in silence or when we turn our hearts to God in prayer. We find this presence, too, when happiness comes to us even in the changes and chances of the world, or when God calls us into deeper communion with himself within the sorrowful, the exhausting, and the withering.

Our prayer, then, is for sight: to see God's presence, to enter into the joy of that presence, and to live there. We make no houses on sandy shores but on solid rock that cannot be moved. Trust in that rock and do not be moved, come what may.

Service Times

Sundays

8:00 and 10:15 am

Clergy and Staff

Rector Tim Hannon

Parish Administrator

Deirdre Popp

Choir Master Shawn Hebert

Organist Deborah Cunningham

Christian Ed. Director

Rebecca Russel

Sexton Peter Winkler

Nursery Attendant Claudia Byrnes

Vestry

Members

Michael Bull (*Property*)

Claudia Byrnes (*Outreach*)

Craig Byrum (*Hospitality*)

John Davies (*Christian Education*)

Carmen Denny (*Pastoral Care*)

Julie Holder

Rob Hughes

Suzanne Mitchell (*Worship*)

Carol Recker-Hughes (*Parish
Development*)

Jim Tift (*Communications*)

Nancy Winiecki

Wardens

Stu Eddy

Candy Wilhite

Treasurer

Anne Whyte

Clerk

Lori Gibson

General Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

8 am to 1 pm

Thursday

8 am to 12 pm

Fr. Tim's Office Hours

Tuesday 10-12

Wednesday 2 to 3 (at Cafe Kubal)

And by appointment

Prayer Chain

If you need prayer, contact the church office or one of the following members:

The Rev. Tim Hannon, Michael Bull,
Jim Wilhite, Marjorie Edwards,
Rebecca Russell

Upcoming Events

April 2: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild

April 5: First Friday Dinner

April 7: Morning Prayer at 8:00 and 10:15

April 8: Office closed for eclipse viewing
(*weather permitting*)

April 11: ABC House Board Meeting

April 14: Andrew Lunetta, "A Tiny House for
Good" presentation

April 17: Afternoon Book Group

April 18: Office closed

April 19: Newsletter Deadline

April 16: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild

April 23: Vestry Meeting

April 28: Bishop's Visitation with Confirmation
and Reception of New Members

April 30: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild

Vestry Voice

Most of the time for me living according to God's will means doing the right thing in the moment, for the right reason. But I am only human and so living according to God's will also means acknowledging when I've failed to do this and making appropriate amends to repair a relationship that I have damaged. While this may seem like a simple process, it is sometimes very difficult to do.

There are times, however, when discerning God's will is more difficult. Typically, these are the bigger transitional moments in my life. One of these moments for me was about 35 years ago when I graduated from college. At that time my path in life was not clear. I prayed quite a bit for guidance and talked with a number of people about options, but I was very uncertain about what to do. Then two things happened one right after the other. First, I met my wife, Beth. Then about six months after meeting Beth I was offered an opportunity to go to graduate school here in Central New York. Looking back, it seems pretty clear that God's will was for Beth and me to get married and for us to build our life together here in Central New York. What an amazing life God has provided for us so far, filled with opportunities to raise our children in this wonderful community and to work as educators making a positive impact on the lives of others.

Recently I've encountered another big transitional moment. About 18 months ago I retired. This was not an easy decision. On the one hand I felt I still had a lot to contribute in my professional life, and I did not want to say good bye to people I had worked with for years. On the other hand, my job had become quite stressful and was beginning to take a toll on my health. I prayed for guidance and talked with a number of people about what to do before making a final decision. For the first few months of my retirement, I felt ambivalent about whether or not I had made the right choice. But God's will for me seems to always emerge over time. About a year ago my parents experienced a crisis and it became clear that they needed assistance in transitioning to a safer living environment. Then about six months ago the same thing happened with Beth's parents; they experienced a crisis and needed assistance transitioning to a safer living environment. Looking back over the past 18 months, it seems clear that God's will was for me to turn my attention more fully to supporting my family. I am grateful to have this opportunity to help both my parents and my in-laws with a host of practical matters. But more importantly, in these two crisis situations God has allowed us all to redefine long-standing family relationships, which has allowed all of us to grow as human beings.

Rob Hughes

First Friday Dinners return on April 5th!

Spring is in our hearts as we look forward to gathering with lots of you to celebrate another dinner together! We will be having a yummy chicken dish and all the trimmings. Bring your own place setting and a beverage. The rest is prepared for you by our volunteers. Here's the menu:

Roasted Maple & Mustard Chicken ≈ Potatoes ≈ Broccoli ≈
Tossed salad ≈ Lemon Poppysed Cookies

Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for kids. Please make reservations by April 3rd. Contact Ron and Rene Hebert at 315-632-4388 or rhebert694@earthlink.net

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A Guest Speaker on Sunday, April 14th

Some of you may have read an article in the Post Standard regarding St. Paul's church on Montgomery St. and that parish's decision to remodel a vacant portion of their building and create several apartments. These apartments will be made available to homeless men at a very low price.

They have contracted with a young man named Andrew Lunetta proceed with this project. Andrew has committed his life to building "Tiny Houses" in downtown Syracuse for the homeless, and supporting the residents of these houses as they face the challenges of being new property owners. Andrew will be visiting Christ Church during our 10:15 service on April 14th to speak about this project at St. Paul's.

I met Andrew more than 10 years ago when I started volunteering at the Samaritan Center, and this is the second time he has come to speak at Christ Church, the last time to our Youth Group. I am anticipating that he will be inspiring and that your attendance at this service will be well worth it, even if you are usually an 8:00 person (like me!)

For more information about this project, please visit the Diocese of Central New York's webpage for a recent article in the Messenger. https://cnyepiscopal.org/2024/03/open-doors-project-makes-great-progress-at-st-pauls-syracuse/?utm_source=Episcopal+Diocese+of+Central+New+York&utm_campaign=8f35c7eb71-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_05_19_03_35_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0-af5c96aa98-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&mc_cid=8f35c7eb71&mc_eid=dae7641e0e

Peter Winkler

Job Announcement - Director of Children's Education

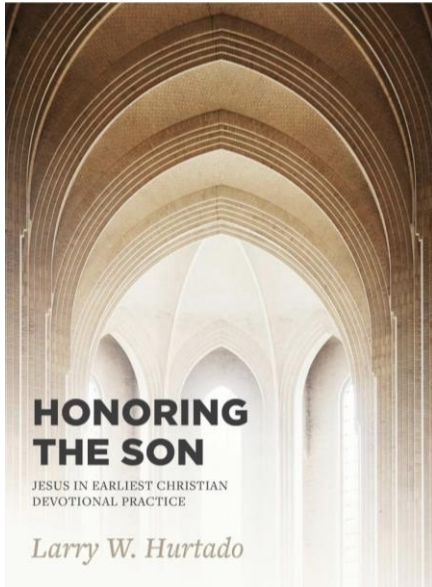
Christ Church in Manlius, New York seeks a nurturing, loving, and dependable director for our children's education program. Responsibilities including care for all children up to the age of eighteen in the following ways:

- Choose and develop curriculum for school-aged children ages five to fourteen
- Organize and recruit teachers for each group of children
- Develop and nurture a loving, Christ-centered environment that welcomes children, teachers, and parents
- Work with the rector and the nursery attendant to organize children's education at Christ Church
- Help make children feel loved, safe, and open to God's loving presence
- Following and being compliant with all Christ Church policies regarding health and safety
- Undergo diocesan training requirements to keep children safe

The Children Education Director will work six hours per week, and these hours are mostly flexible. The Director will need to be present during Sunday worship hours from 9:30 to 11:30 during the autumn, winter, and summer; 8:30 to 10:30 during the summer. Additional hours will be needed during special events or high holy days like Christmas and Easter. Pay is \$5959.86.

Candidates must be experienced in caring for children and infants; be able to adapt to and interact with a variety of children's personalities and needs; and be able to lift 30 pounds. Candidates must be at least 18 years old, complete CPR training for children, pass a background check, provide a record of immunization and TB test results, and provide three references.

Applications must include a cover letter, resume, and three references. Candidates are asked to send this material to Deirdre Popp, our parish administrator, at church.office@christchurchmanlius.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



Non-fiction Book Group *Honoring the Son*, by Larry Hurtado

Have you ever wondered how the early Church prayed? What were their devotional practices, and how did they understand Jesus as being present in their communities? Join us for this short book by biblical scholar Larry Hurtado as we dive into the earliest Christian communities. We'll be reading this book from April 14th to May 5th after our 10:15 service in the parlor.



Adult Forum: *The Image of God in Creation and You*

As we learn from the opening chapters of Genesis, God created humanity in God's own image. But what does that mean? In what image, specifically, are we created? And is any other part of Creation created in the image of God, too? What are our responsibilities towards Creation, God, and one another in being created in the image of God? So many magnificent questions, like a bouquet of wondering! Please join us between services (at 9:10) from April 14th to May 5th for good company and good talk.



Coffee Hour Hosts needed for April-June

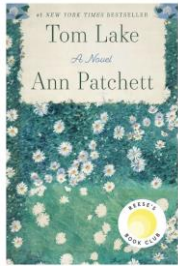
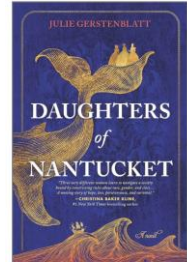
Thank you to everyone who has signed up to host Coffee Hour! We've had a wonderful response so far. We do ask that everyone sign up for at least one date and consider signing up for more than one. Coffee hour is an important ministry at Christ Church (it's sometimes called the Eighth Sacrament of the Episcopal Church!), and we ask that everyone who can, continue to help make it possible.

Most Sundays through the end of the school year have openings. Please visit this link to sign up or call the office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DADAC2FA1FBC70-christ>

Afternoon Book Group

The Afternoon Book Group usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month. Please note that the organizers have stopped asking the library to pull books because the library can't pull recent best sellers for book clubs and take them out of circulation. But individuals can still request books from the library on their own. The group meets in the parlor from 3:30-5:00 p.m. You need not have read, or finished the book to enjoy the conversations. All are welcome!



April 17: *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

May 15: *Daughters of Nantucket* by Julie Gerstenblatt

Donna Cameron-Carter

Text:315-243-5180; email: donnacamcar@gmail.com

Eileen Emerson

Cell: 315-430-5562; email: eileen.e.emerson@gmail.com



St. Margaret's Craft Guild

The St. Margaret's Craft Guild meets on the first, third, and occasionally the fifth Tuesday of the month from 1:30-4:00 in the community room. Attendees bring a handheld craft of some sort, and work and chat during that afternoon. (Not sure what to bring? Previous crafts have included knitting, crochet, hand sewing, and cross stitch.) Anyone is welcome to attend, but we recommend you check in with the office to make sure it's happening—it's a small group of regulars, so if only one person can attend it may be cancelled. We'd love to have you join us!



Outreach Partners and Ongoing Fundraising

Clear Path for Veterans

Seeks people to raise puppies for their service dog program. Contact Melissa Spicer at melissa@clearpathforvets.com or call Casey Eberhardt at 315-687-330 for more information. Applications are available at clearpathforvets.com

FM Food Pantry

Is located at 122 E. Seneca St. in Manlius (behind Pavone's) and open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10am-2pm and 5:30pm-7pm. For more information on how to help, call 315-682-3688 or visit fmfoodpantry.org

We Rise Above the Streets

are always looking for travel-size toiletries. Please leave donations in the basket in the narthex or make financial donations through PayPal (weriseabovestreet@gmail.com) or send a check to

We Rise Above the Streets, 404 Oak St. Suite 111, Syracuse, NY 13203

F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Here)

seeks drivers and dispatchers to get people to their appointments. Call 315-637-8158 for more information

Matthew 25 Farm

seeks volunteers and donations for their food program. Visit them at www.matthew25farm.com for some ways to help

Delta Sonic Tickets

an ongoing fundraiser, we sell car wash certificates for \$12 (an \$18 value). Contact the office to purchase one!

Christ Church Tees and Aprons

show your love for Christ Church with a shirt or apron. Shirts are \$10 for S-XL sizes and \$12 for 2XL. Aprons are \$20. Contact the office for more information

Pompey Lions Glasses Donation

The Pompey Lion club is collecting gently used eyeglasses. Just place them in the collection box by the windows in Crosby Hall

Christ Church Calendar April 2024

31 Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am	1 Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	2 AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am St. Margaret’s Craft Guild 1:30-4 pm	3 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm	4 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	5 First Friday Dinner 6:30 pm Office Closed on Fridays	6 7:45 pm AA Mtg. - PH
7 Morning Prayer 8 am Morning Prayer 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am	8 <i>Office may be closed for eclipse viewing, weather permitting</i> Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	9 Rector’s Office Hours 10 am – 12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am	10 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Rector’s “Out-of-Office Hours” 2-3 p.m. at Café Kubal Alleluia Bells 7:30 pm	11 Debbie practice – CC 6pm ABC House Bd Mtg – CR 7 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30pm	12 Office Closed on Fridays	13 7:45 pm AA Mtg. - PH
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CHANCEL SCHEDULE –April 2024

Date & Lessons	8:00 Chalice	10:15 Lector	10:15 Prayers	10:15 1st and 2nd Chalice	10:15 Crucifer (+)/Acolyte	10:15 Ushers/Greeters
April 7, 2nd Sun. of Easter Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	<i>April 07: Morning Prayer at 8:00 and 10:15</i>					
	Marjorie Torelli <i>Officiant</i>	Laura Davies	Candy Willhite	Chris Denny <i>Officiant</i>	<i>MP</i>	Kathy Byrum Craig Byrum
April 14, 3rd Sun. of Easter Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Carmen Denny	Deirdre Popp	Shawn Hebert	Jean Regan Ed Russell	Cate Davies (+)	Suzanne Ball John Ball
April 21, 4th Sun. of Easter Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	Peter Winkler	Ron Hebert	Chris Denny	Doug Allen Carla Allen	Shyanne Hesler (+)	Jean Regan Suzanne Ball
April 28, 5th Sun. of Easter Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:24-30 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	Peter Geiskopf	Lynne Couse	Lynne Couse	Jean Regan Lori Gibson	Brian Hebert (+)	Carol Recker- Hughes John Stephenson

**PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT SERVE AND CALL THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY,
to let them know of the change. 315-682-5795.**

MINISTRIES SCHEDULES APRIL 2024

Ministry	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28	5/5
Counters	Laurel Mulvihill and Craig Byrum	Travis Newton and Susan	Becky Walters and John Stephenson	Chris Denny and Jim Hughes	David Hughes and Jeff Amack
Altar Guild	Candy Willhite and Julia Walker	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Communion Bread	Morning Prayer	Helene Hannon	Marge Edwards	Cathie Swanson	Sarah Elliott
Coffee Hour 8:00	Sharon Wisbey	Marge Edwards	Stu Eddy	Host Needed	Host Needed
Coffee Hour 10:15	Aimee and Brad MacBlane	Host Needed	Host Needed	Host Needed	Laura and John Davies

The Parish Hall will be in use by outside groups EVERY:

Tuesday 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Saturday 7:45-9:45 pm

Thursday 7:45-9:45 pm

Please consult the office at 315-682-5795 to get approval for all building use. Thank you.



April Celebrations

Birthdays

April 1-6

Emmy Armstrong, Susan Smith, Billy Sullivan, John Yinger

April 7-13

Tim Edwards, David Hughes

April 14-20

Nate Bartkowiak, Fiona Hannon, Carmen Denny

April 21-27

Pat Barlow, Doug Allen, Charlotte Becker, Ellison Hughes, Bob Sudlow

April 28-31

Lynne Couse, Mac Davies, Avery Howe

Anniversaries

Heidi and Billy Sullivan

April 4

Nell and Nate Bartkowiak

April 23

Stu and Adrienne Eddy

April 29



**Christ Church
407 East Seneca Street
Manlius, NY 13104**

Change Service Requested

There are two Sunday services with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at:
8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. with music.
The nursery is available during the 10:15 service.

Links for weekly sermons are posted on the church website and Facebook page and emailed to parishioners.

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Phone: (315) 682-5795
E-mail: rector@christchurchmanlius.org

Parish Administrator: Deirdre Popp
Phone: (315) 682-5795
Office Hours: Mon-Wed 8:00-1:00
Thursday 8:00-12:00
Friday closed
Email:
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
The deadline for the next issue is
Friday, April 19.

The next issue will cover the
month of May.

Please send articles to
newsletter@christchurchmanlius.org.