

CHRIST CHURCH CONNECTIONS



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Father Tim's Meditation

This winter, the weather doesn't seem able to make up its mind. One week in February it was in the 50s and 60s. The following week it snowed twice. It's as if the groundhog saw his shadow but also didn't: three more weeks of winter, three weeks of early spring!

It's hard to get the kids ready for school in the morning when the weather can change so quickly. And what about our gardens? Should we be planting or waiting? I'm both surprised and not surprised that daffodils aren't blooming. But beyond our normal, daily routines, it's also hard to know where to put our hearts. We really do wait for the winter to be over. We really do wait for the spring to come. These aren't trivial things. Waiting on the seasons, in part, makes up the ebb and flow of our lives.

It's hard to find stability in a world like ours. Be it the seasons, society, economics, politics, even where our friends and family live or work, it can feel like everything is in flux. On the one hand, it's good to learn to live within that flux, to "go with the flow", and to learn the wisdom of living within a changing world. At the end of the day, though, most of us really just want some stability in life. We want at least *some* things to stay the same, *some* place of a sure foundation.

The Church reminds us that our true foundation, our sure mainstay, is God. Jesus is our rock. We may know this in our heads, but what does it look like, for you, in your life? What stability is God giving you in your life, and what stability is God giving you in our community together as Christ Church?

The liturgy. The Sacraments. Big events like the Fish Fry and small groups like our book groups, the crafters' guild, and the mah jong group (which isn't so small anymore!). The beauty of our worship space and our choir. Our continued service work with, and donations to the community. When our lives become destabilized, we find that these things are (and indeed always have been) our sure foundations. Take some time this month to give thanks for those things and other gifts of stability that God has given you in your life.

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

March 1: Lenten Fish Fry

March 3: Estate Planning Presentation

March 3: Worship Committee Meeting

March 3: Taizé Service

March 5: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild

March 8: Lenten Fish Fry

March 10: Taizé Service

March 14: ABC House Board Meeting

March 15: Newsletter Deadline

March 15: Lenten Fish Fry

March 17: Taizé Service

March 19: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild

March 20: Afternoon Book Group

March 20: Lenten Fish Fry

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 26: Vestry Meeting

March 28: Maundy Thursday Service

March 29: Good Friday Service

March 29: Lenten Fish Fry

March 31: Easter Sundy

Christ Church Lenten Fish Frydays!



4-7 PM
CALL FRIDAY
682-5795
TAKE OUT ONLY



The Christ Church Lenten Fish Fries will continue through Good Friday, March 29. This take-out only meal includes fish, French fries, coleslaw and a roll. Call 315-682-5795 beginning at 11 a.m. to place your order. Please share this information with your friends and family!

March Church School Calendar

MARCH 3	Regular Classes PK-8
MARCH 10	Regular Classes PK-8
MARCH 17	Regular Classes PK-8
MARCH 24	Palm Sunday Children's Chapel PK-8
MARCH 31	EASTER! No Church School Children Attend Service With Family

Please join us for a presentation on ***Basic Estate and Asset Preservation Planning***

A One Hour program and discussion hosted by the Christ Church Stewardship Committee and presented by Jaime J. Hunsicker, Esq. Estate Planning Attorney, Sunday, March 3 after church in the Christ Church Community Room after coffee hour.

This informative presentation will provide an awareness of the need for proper estate planning including basic estate planning documents, trusts, long term care planning, Medicaid eligibility for payment of nursing home care, and the SECURE Act.



About our Presenter: ***Jaime Hunsicker, Esq.***, is an attorney with Hancock Estabrook law firm practicing in Trusts & Estates Law. Ms. Hunsicker counsels and assists clients with a wide range of estate planning matters including wills, different types of trusts, Medicaid planning, powers of attorney, health care proxies and living wills.

<https://www.hancocklaw.com/people/jaime-j-hunsicker/>

Taizé Worship Services: February 18-March 17



During Lent we will hold a Taizé worship service on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Taizé is a style of worship that is quiet, meditative and prayerful. Simple music, scripture readings, prayers, and candlelight set a thoughtful tone. Taizé is an ecumenical community in France which draws people from all over the world for shared worship and work while living in community. Taizé services begin on February 18, and will be offered through Sunday, March 17. They are wonderful as a Lenten discipline or as a time to invite people who might not be comfortable with more structured, formal church services, or for whom Sunday mornings do not work.

Non-Fiction Book Group: *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* February 18-March 24

From February 18th to March 24th, our non-fiction book club will be discussing *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, a book of what's called "liberation theology." In his book, author James H. Cone makes the connection between Jesus' crucifixion on the cross to lynching of blacks in US history as two of the most important symbols in Africa-American communities. Cone argues that the cross and the lynching tree represent both the worst aspects of human evil but, at the same time, the same thirst for life among oppressed peoples. The group meets to discuss this important book after our 10:15 services (generally at 11:40) in the parlor, just off Crosby Hall.

From the Rector's Desk

Official and otherwise important notes

This past month, Rebecca Russell informed me that she will be stepping down from her role as Christian Education Director come this summer. Rebecca has been doing a tremendous job, but she is interested in moving on to other ministries here at Christ Church. As noted, she'll be finishing out the school year (which is a gift and a blessing) as we look for a new Education Director.

There are a few notes about hiring someone for the position, but I wanted to say something about Rebecca first. Back in early 2020, Pastor Rick (the interim pastor at the time) called upon to develop our youth ministries. Rebecca heard the call and was hired just one week before the covid shut-down. During the pandemic and coming out of it, she has been creative, dynamic, planted firmly in the Anglican tradition, and just over-all a tremendous person to work with. When you see her on Sunday mornings, please give her a hearty thanks. Whoever comes in to fill her position has a firm foundation to stand on.

We will be opening a search for a new director soon, but there will be a few changes. First, we'll be looking for a **Children's** Education Director, not a general education director. This is in recognition of the importance that children's ministry has now in our church. Once the vestry and wardens meet with me to discuss any other changes, we'll be posting the job details. If you know anyone who might be interested in the position, please let me or the wardens know!

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Episcopal Church Basics **Feb. 11th to March 17th at 11:30**

Beginning February 11th after our 10:15 service, we'll begin a class on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican tradition. For some, this class will lead to confirmation, reception into the Episcopal Church, or a reaffirmation of one's baptismal vows, but the class is open to everyone. We'll be talking about what makes the liturgy so wonderful, what binds us together with other Anglicans around the world, and how to discern our calls from God in this time and this place. All are welcome, and feel free to come to some or all of the classes.

The class will meet February 11, 18, and 25; and March 10 and 17.

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Adult Forum: Psalms of Penance and Comfort **Beginning on February 18**

The Psalms are an important part of our tradition, but how do we use them? Sometimes they seem to be full of anger, and other times they're all about peace and concord. Join us between the two services on Sunday mornings, starting at 9:10, for a look at some of the best-loved psalms and hidden gems of one of the longest books in the Bible!

On Being Anglican

Confirmation

a column on Anglican identity and tradition by Father Tim

During Lent, Christ Church is holding a class for Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Reception. That's a big title, but generally it is a class in which we study the various ideas and practices that Episcopalians hold as part of their identity. Unlike most classes or study groups in a church, this class looks forward to a specific goal: a *confirmation* of our mature, adult faith as Christians.

Confirmation itself has a pretty interesting history. Originally, the blessing of a person that happens in the Sacrament of Confirmation was simply one of the many parts of Baptism, along with baptismal promises and exorcisms. Confirmation can only be done, however, by a bishop, and when the Church grew to include far more churches than there were bishops, parish priests baptized infants and just held off on when bishops were in town to "complete" the Sacrament of Baptism. As time went on, the rite of Confirmation required more education (called catechism) that was directed towards not infants and their parents but young adults.

While the Episcopal Church continues to focus on the educational and ritual aspects of Confirmation, we've also grown to see the importance of an "adult affirmation of faith" in other parts of the Church. Anyone who has made a public affirmation of their Christian belief is considered "confirmed" in the eyes of the Episcopal Church. This could be anything from standing in front of a congregation and claiming Jesus as your savior or receiving the Eucharist before a group of Christians. Lots of things are considered "confirmation" and nowadays not all of them need to be blessed by the hands of a bishop.

So does that mean that our rituals and the presence of a bishop aren't important? Definitely not! Rituals help us organize our lives and our hearts towards a certain way of life: a life lived in unity to God and in service to those in need. Further, bishops are important in that they are the descendants of the apostles, so that the grace given through them has roots and branches all throughout Christian history. Bishops and our rituals are the glue that binds us all together, both of them through and founded on the Holy Spirit.

No adult, mature Christian from a different tradition is required to be confirmed under the hands of an Episcopal bishop, but it's not a bad idea to consider doing so. Being received into the Episcopal Church helps us understand our identity in a particular way of life. Even reaffirming our identity as Episcopalians, even if we've been in this part of the Church since we were children, can help refound us in our denomination, particularly after important life events. In the end, the choice is up to you, and the Church is here to guide, teach, and 'confirm' your relationship with God in the Holy Spirit and through the Spirit and into the world.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION FORM



To dedicate flowers for Easter, please return this form to the Parish Office by **Sunday, March 24** (Palm Sunday). Donations by check should be made payable to the Christ Church Flower Fund.
Thank you!

Your Name (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Flowers in *memory of* (PLEASE PRINT) _____

or

Flowers in *thanksgiving for* (PLEASE PRINT) _____



EASTER MUSIC DONATION FORM



To dedicate music for Easter, please return this form to the Parish Office by **Sunday, March 24** (Palm Sunday). Donations by check should be made payable to the Christ Church Music Fund.
Thank you!

Your Name (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Music in *memory of* (PLEASE PRINT) _____

or

Music in *thanksgiving for* (PLEASE PRINT) _____

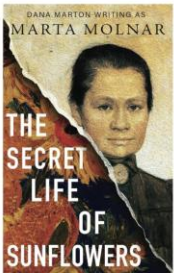
New Coffee Hour Scheduling

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.

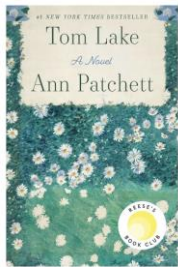
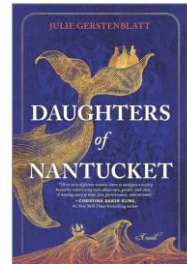
Hosts are needed beginning on March 10 and openings run through the end of June. Please visit this link to sign up or call the office.

<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!



March 20: *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar
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 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 March 2024

25 Holy Eucharist 8 am Adult Ed. 9:10 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Taizé Service 7 pm	26 COHI Meeting 1-3 pm Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	27 Rector's Office Hours 10 am – 12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am	28 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 2-3 p.m. at Café Kubal	29 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm AA Mtg – PH 7:45 pm	1 Lenten Fish Fry 4-7 pm Office Closed on Fridays	2 7:45 pm AA Mtg. - PH
3 Holy Eucharist 8 am Adult Ed. 9:10 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Estate Planning Seminar 11:45 am Worship Comte 11:45 am Taizé Service 7 pm	4 COHI Meeting 1-3 pm Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	5 Rector's Office Hours 10 am – 12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am	6 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 2-3 p.m. at Café Kubal	7 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Outreach Comm. – CR 7 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm AA Mtg – PH 7:45 pm	8 Lenten Fish Fry 4-7 pm Office Closed on Fridays	9 7:45 pm AA Mtg. - PH
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24 Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 am Adult Ed. 9:10 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am	25 COHI Meeting 1-3 pm Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	26 Rector's Office Hours 10 am – 12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am	27 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 2-3 p.m. at Café Kubal	28 Maundy Thursday Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm AA Mtg – PH 7:45 pm	29 Good Friday Lenten Fish Fry 4-7 pm Office Closed on Fridays	30 7:45 pm AA Mtg. - PH
31 Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am	1 COHI Meeting 1-3 pm Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	2 Rector's Office Hours 10 am – 12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am St. Margaret's Craft Guild 1:30-4 pm	3 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 2-3 p.m. at Café Kubal	4 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm AA Mtg – PH 7:45 pm	5 Office Closed on Fridays	6

CHANCEL SCHEDULE – March 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
March 3, 3rd Sun. in Lent Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Peter Geiskopf	Linda Albanese	Lynne Couse	Doug Allen Carla Allen	Shyanne Hesler (+)	Anne Whyte Travis Newton
March 10, 4th Sun. in Lent Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Marjorie Torelli	Deirdre Popp	Candy Willhite	Chris Denny Ed Russell	Addie Davies (+)	Jean Regan John Stephenson
March 17, 5th Sun. in Lent Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-13 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	Peter Winkler	Mollie Mills	Shawn Hebert	Chris Denny Lori Gibson	Shyanne Hesler (+)	Anne Whyte Rob Hughes
March 24, Palm Sunday <i>Liturgy of the Word (8:00 only)</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 15:1-47	Carmen Denny	Wally Merriam	Chris Denny	Jean Regan John Davies	Gilly Davies (+)	Deb Tifft Jim Tifft
March 31, Easter Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18	Peter Geiskopf	Craig Byrum	Lynne Couse	Carla Allen Doug Allen	John Henry Davies (+)	Carol Recker- Hughes Travis Newton

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 MARCH 2024

Ministry	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24 Palm Sunday	3/31 Easter Sunday
Counters	Travis Newton and Susan	Rob Hughes and David Holder	Chris Denny and Jim Hughes	David Hughes and Jeff Amack	Kathy Byrum and Lori Gibson
Altar Guild	Melissa Spicer and Candy Willhite	Marjorie Torelli and Susan Orr	Suzanne Mitchell and Julia Walker	Deb Tift and Linda Albanese	All Altar Guild
Communion Bread	Candy Willhite	Cathie Swanson	Sarah Elliott	Marge Edwards	Jim Willhite
Coffee Hour 8:00	Peter Winkler	Host Needed	Carmen Denny	Laurel Mulvihill	No coffee hour
Coffee Hour 10:15	Anne Whyte	Host Needed	Nancy and Tom Winiecki	Host Needed	No coffee hour

Saturday, March 16: Altar Guild Polishing Brass Day

Maundy Thursday:

Altar Guild: Linda Albanese and Suzanne Ball

Good Friday:

Altar Guild: Candy Willhite

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.



March Celebrations

Birthdays

Jonathan Brodock	March 1
Nick Albanese	March 2
Rebecca Russell	March 3
Kevin Walters	March 4
Pat Wong	March 10
Baden Holder	March 11
Chris Winkler	March 14
Travis Newton	March 16
John Davies	March 19
Lydia Wasik	March 23
Joan Randall	March 29
Lori Gibson	March 30
Kim Jeffery	March 30
Helene Hannon	March 31
David Stegemann	March 31

Anniversaries

Danielle and Mike Medbury	March 10
Julie and David Holder	March 12
Jeanne and Tom Kaufmann	March 17



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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
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Parish Administrator: Deirdre Popp
Phone: (315) 682-5795
Office Hours: Mon-Wed 8:00-1:00
Thursday 8:00-12:00
Friday closed
Email:
church.office@christchurchmanlius.org

Visit our web site at: <http://www.christchurchmanlius.org/>

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
The deadline for the next issue is
Friday, March 15.

The next issue will cover the
month of April.

Please send articles to
newsletter@christchurchmanlius.org.