

CHRIST CHURCH
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HIGHLIGHTS

January 1
New Year's Day

January 4
First Friday Chili Cookoff

January 6
Epiphany

January 15
Vestry Meeting

January 21
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 26
Samaritan Center Visit

February 3
Annual Meeting
One service at 9:00 a.m.
with brunch following

Rector's Reflection

I am convinced that one of the reasons we persist in making New Year's resolutions is that we want to believe that there is such a thing as a fresh start, a clean slate, a new beginning. So we come to the first day of the first month of a new year and ponder how it, and we, could be different. Emily Dickinson captures this sense of what might be in the opening of one of my favorite poems:

**I dwell in Possibility—
A fairer House than Prose—
More numerous of Windows—
Superior— for Doors—**

While these lovely words convey the sense of openness that comes with all we can imagine a new year might be, most of us know that it is good to have more than possibility as our foundation. As Christians what we have is hope, and our hope has been embodied in the person of Jesus. Jesus came to us as God Incarnate, the child born of God and Mary so that we might experience God's love. In Jesus God's life and love became known so

that our lives can have a fresh start, a clean slate, a new beginning. More powerful than any resolution, what God promises us in Jesus is new life. This transformation is not of our making, though it will require change on our part, for as we learn in the Gospel of John, **"But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become**

children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.”

This New Year, as we move from Christmas to Epiphany to celebrating two baptisms on the feast of The Baptism of Our Lord, the opportunities to be reminded of our hope are numerous. On January 13th you will be asked to renew your own baptismal vows as Annie and Henry are baptized. Ask yourself, in preparation for recommitting yourself to following Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, what that might look like in this New Year. Then I invite you to offer yourself to God anew, and to see what possibilities God has in mind for you.

Mother Dena+

Samaritan Center Visit

Our next visit to the Samaritan Center will be Saturday, January 26. Once again we will be helping to prepare the early afternoon meal, serving it and cleaning up. An early crew of four people will go at 11:00 am to assist in the meal preparation and a larger group will go at 1:00 pm to serve the meal and clean up. Adults and youth 12 years of age and older are welcome to participate.

We also will be taking cookies to serve at the meal. Participants as well as those who are unable to go may bake cookies. Any type of cookie, homemade or store bought, not containing nuts, is appropriate, bagged two cookies to a small snack bag.

We have visited the Samaritan Center several times before. Those who have gone before have found this a good “hands on” outreach opportunity that enables us to experience and interact with people whom we may not encounter in our normal daily activities, as well as providing them a worthwhile service. Although some of our members have been involved in this activity multiple times, we always welcome new people. Two hours of your time can make a real difference in someone’s life and maybe your own! Anyone interested in participating can call Peter Winkler at 682-9489 or email at winklerpb@windstream.net.



**Eucharistic Visitors:
Coming to Visit When
Needed**

Christ Church is fortunate to have two people who are licensed as Eucharistic Visitors. A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person who brings the consecrated bread and wine from the Holy Eucharist to people who are not able to attend the service on Sunday. Eucharistic Visitors bring communion to people who are in the hospital, rehabilitation centers, assisted living facilities, nursing homes and those who are at home. If you are not able to attend church and would like to request that communion be brought to you, please contact the office and one of our Eucharistic Visitors can arrange to bring it to you.



Christ Church Prayer Chain

Mother Dena Cleaver- Bartholomew 315-682-5795	rector@christchurchmanlius.org
Michael Bull 315-682-2855	mwbull@syr.edu
Anne Burghardt 315-682-9588	aburghar@hotmail.com
Kathy Byrum 315-682-7274	kathleendbyrum@gmail.com after 3 p.m.
Jim Willhite 315-247-4792 (cell)	jimwillhite@ieee.org
Marjorie Edwards 315-247-0027	ed8845@gmail.com

Christ Church Vestry Members

2018-2019 Wardens

Catherine Montes
Dwayne Wisbey

2018-2019 Vestry Members

Linda Albanese
Suzanne Ball
Chris Denny
Stu Eddy
Peter Geiskopf
Jeff Mitchell
Sue Padjen
Deirdre Popp
Amy Trail
Mike Montes, Clerk
Anne Whyte, Treasurer

Vestry Voices

The Nominating Committee for the Vestry is comprised of one church member, the outgoing Vestry members and Warden. This year, Peter Winkler, Jeff Mitchell, Linda Albanese, Deirdre Popp and Warden Dwayne Wisbey have been giving time and thought to who might be called to serve on the Vestry. There are four open positions: one Warden, which is a two year term renewable for up to three terms; three regular Vestry members, each elected for a single three year term. We are pleased to announce that so far the Nominating Committee has had three people accept their request to be on the slate for election. They are: Dwayne Wisbey, Warden; Candy Willhite and Ron Hebert, Vestry members. Thank you! If you feel called to serve or would like to have the Committee consider someone, please speak with Dwayne Wisbey or Mother Dena.

Dwayne Wisbey
Warden

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ATTENTION ALL CHILI LOVERS!



For January's First Friday we'll have a CHILI COOK-OFF! Anyone who wishes can enter their chili anonymously and all will be tasted by the attendees! Score cards will be tallied and winners will receive prizes! If you make a chili, you and one guest will come to dinner for free. If you don't wish to cook, but just eat at this fabulously fun meal, it will only be \$5 per person.

In addition to the chilis there will be corn bread and a tossed salad. Dessert will be ice cream sundaes!!!!

A different sort of meal with some of the usual... bring your own place setting and beverage, and make reservations, including whether you will be bringing a chili, by January 2: rhebert694@earthlink or call the church!

Worship Notes

The first Sunday in January is the sixth, the day of The Epiphany, when we celebrate the arrival of the Wise Men to acknowledge the birth of Jesus as The King of the Jews. We are blessed to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord with two baptisms at the 10:15 a.m. service on January 13. Annie and Henry will become the newest members of the Body of Christ that day and we will rejoice with them and their families. For both these Sundays the church will be decorated in white, the color of light and purity, and we will have flowers as signs of praise and thanksgiving. For the final two Sundays of January we will change to green, the color used to indicate growth in life and ministry, because the season of Epiphany is a time of growth for both Jesus and his ministry among us. During the season of Epiphany, other than for the baptisms, we will be using the liturgy from *Enriching Our Worship* to help tune our hearts and ears to listen attentively in this New Year.

Mother Dena+

*Thank
You!*

Dear Christ Church members - Thank you for the generous Christmas purse gift given to me again this year, my seventh Christmas at Christ Church. It is most appreciated and will go directly into my "vacation" fund. Thank you also for the lovely wooden Santa ornament for my tree. I'm thankful for the detail, time, patience, and love that goes into each ornament. It is a pleasure to be here surrounded by such faithful, caring, and fun people. Sincerely, Doris Stoddard



Christian Formation

The Church School and Youth Groups will have regular classes on January 6, The Epiphany, and January 27. Classes will begin as usual on January 13, but everyone will be invited to come into the church for the baptism of Annie and Henry, so class time will be shorter than usual. Since January 20 is Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend we will have a Multi-Age Class for those in Pre-K through fourth grade, while those in fifth grade and up will be in the worship service.

Thank you to the many volunteers who have met with the Youth Group this fall to share their interests and ministries, and to engage in activities. If you have not yet had an opportunity to share your time and passion with the Youth Group, please speak with Sue Padjen (Putelo) or me about doing so this winter or spring. This could be one very easy New Years' resolution to keep. Some of you have suggested a range of wonderful activities and we need to follow up and find a time to make them possible, so please contact Sue and Doris, our Parish Administrator to find a date that works.

Mother Dena+

Excellent Trouble

All the major roles in Excellent Trouble are complete. Don't fret—you have not missed your chance at stardom. The Christ Church Players (with the help of a few parishioners of Jamesville Community Church) will be performing Excellent Trouble on Friday night **February 8** and Sunday afternoon **February 10**. There are still a couple very small roles (3 sentences, maybe 2 rehearsals) and, also several jobs if you do not want to be on stage. We need set pieces (A bed. Yes, a bed. A couple of the scenes start in a bed. Now your interest is piqued, I bet. We also need an end table, some chairs, and a few other items.) There will be flyers to hand out, and PR needed. While we are performing and making it a fundraiser, it really is a great way for the church community to get together and help spread the news of the Bible in a humorous way. There will be an intermission coffee and snack bar. We need folks at the door to collect money. I know you think I'm making this up just to get you to come, but you are going to be pleasantly surprised at some of the talent in this parish. It's funny. It's serious. It's a great way to spend some time with friends hearing stories in a different way than you always have. If you'd like to help in any way, see Doug Allen or call him at 401-644-2348.

A promotional poster for a hockey game between the Syracuse Crunch and the Cleveland Monsters. The background features a Syracuse Crunch player in a blue jersey with the number 27, wearing a blue helmet and crouching on the ice. The text is in blue and white. At the top, it says "EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CENTRAL NEW YORK". Below that, "NIGHT AT THE SYRACUSE CRUNCH". The Crunch logo is on the left, "VS." in the middle, and the Monsters logo on the right. A "25th Anniversary" logo is in the top right corner. The date and time are "FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 | 7 P.M." and the location is "WAR MEMORIAL ARENA". A large blue box contains the text "TICKETS ONLY \$21" and "Includes \$5 Food/Drink Voucher". Below that, it says "Tickets must be preordered by contacting Matt Thompson at 315-473-4444 ext. 134 no later than Monday, January 7th" and "Promotional Code: CNYE". At the bottom, it says "SYRACUSE CRUNCH GROUPS RUN ON DUNKIN' DONUTS" with the Dunkin' Donuts logo. The bottom of the poster has a blue bar with contact information and social media icons.

**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE
OF CENTRAL
NEW YORK**

NIGHT AT THE SYRACUSE CRUNCH

CRUNCH VS. **MONSTERS**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 | 7 P.M.
VS. CLEVELAND MONSTERS
WAR MEMORIAL ARENA

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Includes \$5 Food/Drink Voucher

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SYRACUSE CRUNCH
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DONUTS**

315-473-4444 | www.syracusecrunch.com | @SyracuseCrunch | #5yrCrunch

Join Episcopalians for a night out with Syracuse Crunch hockey!

Friday, January 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Oncenter War Memorial Arena

515 Montgomery Street, Syracuse

Youth registered for the skating event the following day will have the option to stay overnight at St. Paul's Episcopal Church after the game. (Details on next page.) Tickets: Tickets are just \$21 and include a \$5 food and drink voucher. Tickets must be pre-ordered by contacting Matt Thompson at (315) 473-4444 x134 no later than Monday, January 7th. Mention promotion code CNYE



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

Upcoming Diocesan Youth Events

January 12th-13th - Youth Skating Overnight



The Diocesan Youth Ministry invites youth in grades 6-12 to enjoy a FREE weekend of winter fun. We'll volunteer at a local community outreach program, enjoy an evening of skating at the Clinton Square Ice Rink in downtown Syracuse, and spend the night at St. Paul's Episcopal Church before Sunday morning worship. Anyone interested in attending the hockey game the night before can also stay overnight at St. Paul's Friday night leading into the skating event.

Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-skating-overnight-registration-53612235640> by Saturday, January 5th. In addition to registering, each participant must bring a completed [medical release form](#) (available at [cnyepiscopal.org/medical release](http://cnyepiscopal.org/medical-release)) to the event.

Save the Date: More Details to Come

February 21st-23rd - Winter Retreat @ St. Margaret's House (details to come)

April 5th-7th - Happening @ Casowasco

May 17th-18th - Nightwatch @ St. John the Divine in New York City

This will be our first time trying this event as a diocese in many years and we only have a limited number of spaces available. just trying to see at this point who is interested so please let me know.

June 1st-2nd - Bishop's Ball @ St. Peter's in Cazenovia



Worship and Welcoming

As part of our *Conversations* on Welcoming we have come up with some specific suggestions that **everyone** can implement for our worship services. Thank you for your awareness of others, and for your thoughtfulness in creating a welcoming environment.

- Greeting people in the parking lot- Say hello to anyone you do not know and introduce yourself. Guide guests to Church School classrooms, the nursery, bathrooms, and coat closets as needed.
- Creating a quiet environment- When approaching the entryway to the church, remember that many people prepare for worship through a time of prayer and quiet reflection. Please keep the entryway a quiet space where we welcome others and then move into silence. If you wish to have a conversation Crosby Hall is always available.
- Welcoming guests at the entrance- Invite visitors to sit where they would like. Make sure they receive a bulletin. Offer crayons, coloring books, and books to children.
- Making room- Christ Church members are encouraged to sit in the front half of the church so that those who are guests and might like to observe how our worship flows, as well as those with small children, may sit further back. When you sit in a pew, please move in unless you are saving a seat for someone so that others may sit next to you.
- Being aware- Notice guests and be ready to assist anyone who might have difficulty following the service. Help with finding the right book and page for psalms, service music, and hymns.
- Passing the Peace- In addition to wishing the Peace, also welcome newcomers.
- Helping children- Assist children coming in from Church School who may be looking for their family.
- Invite guests to Coffee Hour- introduce yourself to anyone you do not know, invite guests to Coffee Hour, then go with them and introduce them to others, especially people with whom they may have things in common.

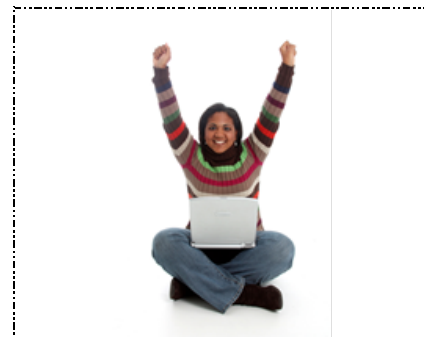
Announcements and Reminders

Thank You!

Thank you very much for the generous Christmas Purse given to me and to all of the Christ Church staff members. It is a joy and privilege to serve at Christ Church, and the experience is even more of a blessing because I have the opportunity to work with such wonderful people. Doris, Shawn, Debbie, Peter, and Pat are blessings to us all, and they help make Christ Church a place where the love of Christ is made visible. Thank you for greathearted love and support for each of us as we seek to love and serve God together.

Mother Dena+

The Rector's Discretionary Fund is a special account that is financed by the loose cash offering gathered one Sunday each month and by additional donations from parishioners and others. At Christ Church the **loose plate offering from the first Sunday of each month** is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Many churches also include a line item in the budget. The purpose of the Rector's Discretionary Fund is described in the Episcopal Church Canons as *"to be applied to such pious and charitable uses as the Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall determine."* Money from this fund is used to assist those in financial need, to support ministry, and to contribute to the work of the wider Church.



Good News

Please continue to share your good news! We often share our prayer requests and concerns but sometimes forget to let others celebrate with us. Please feel free to pin up news of awards, births, school and community plays or musicals in which Christ Church people are participating, articles from the paper which feature Christ Church people, sports team successes, and other happy events.

Delta Sonic Gift Certificates

We have Delta Sonic car wash gift certificates available for purchase in the church office. The \$10. certificate provides a *Super Kiss Wash* with complimentary second wash within 5 days (a \$16.20 value) and a portion of the purchase stays with Christ Church as a fundraiser.





Please remember our furry friends when providing your food pantry donations! All pet food donations will be given to the FM Food Pantry and are much appreciated.

Thank you -

to all who have donated shoes to WaterStep through the Pompey Lions Club. This project provides shoes for adults and children and clean water for people around the world. Please continue to bring in gently used shoes, that are good for walking, and place them in the barrel in Crosby Hall. Pat Barlow is also collecting used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Pompey Lions Club. There is a collection box in Crosby Hall.





Please continue to use caution when parking in the church's side lot! A barrier is in place to protect the new siding. The barrier consists of steel posts with pressure-treated lumber. It is sturdy enough to stop a slow-moving vehicle before it damages the new siding. However, we know the space to back out in the side

parking lot is still tight and therefore ***we encourage drivers with larger sized vehicles, SUVs and vans to park beyond the building or around the back of Crosby Hall.*** Please exercise caution when backing up toward the building. We want our siding to stay pretty and your vehicle to remain dent free too. Thank you!

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Mother Dena away 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Christian Form.	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed	1 Office Closed New Year's Day 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Will)-CSR	2 8:30 AM Centering Prayer-CC 4:00 PM Baptism preparation-CC	3 6:30 PM Cherub Choir-PH 7:30 PM Choir-CC	4 Office closed on Fridays 6:00 PM First Friday Dinner-CH	5 9:00 AM Excellent Trouble rehearsals-CH
6 Epiphany 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Christian Form. 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Junior Choir-CC 12:00 PM Euch Minister training-CC 6:00 PM Excellent Trouble rehearsals-CH	7	8 7:00 PM Finance-counter's room	9 8:30 AM Centering Prayer-CC	10 6:30 PM Cherub Choir-PH 7:00 PM ABC House-CR 7:30 PM Choir-CC	11 Office closed on Fridays	12
13 Newton/Sullivan Baptisms 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Christian Form. 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:40 AM Junior Choir-CC 12:00 PM Worship Meeting-Jr. YG 6:00 PM Excellent Trouble rehearsals-CH	14 Annual Reports due to office	15 1:00 PM MD Diocesan Board 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting-CR	16 8:30 AM Centering Prayer-CC 1:00 PM MD Comm. on Ministry	17 6:30 PM Cherub Choir-PH 7:30 PM Choir-CC 7:30 PM ABC Board Meeting-CR	18 Office closed on Fridays 12:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	19
20 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Christian Form. 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:40 AM No Junior Choir 6:00 PM Excellent Trouble rehearsals-CH	21 Office Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22 9:00 AM New Event	23 8:30 AM Centering Prayer-CC 5:30 PM FM Food Pantry Board-CR	24 6:30 PM Cherub Choir-PH 7:30 PM Choir-CC	25 Office closed on Fridays	26 Samaritan Center
27 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Christian Form. 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:40 AM Junior Choir-CC 6:00 PM Excellent Trouble rehearsals-CH	28	29	30 8:30 AM Centering Prayer-CC 7:00 PM Whyte District meeting-CH or CR	31 6:30 PM Cherub Choir-PH 7:30 PM Choir-CC	1 Office closed on Fridays 6:00 PM First Friday Dinner-CH	2

Chancel Schedule—JANUARY 2019

Date & Lessons	8:00am Eucharistic Minister	10:15am Lector	10:15am Prayers	10:15am Eucharistic Ministers	10:15am Crucifer (+)/Acolyte	10:15am Ushers/Greeters
January 6, Epiphany of the Lord Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Marjorie Torelli	Kathy Byrum	Lynne Couse	Chris Denny Lynne Couse (2)	Austin Hebert (+) Megan Elliott	Carol Recker-Hughes John Stephenson
January 13, Baptism of the Lord, 1st Sun. after Epiphany Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Peter Winkler	Eddie Elliott	Chris Denny	Marjorie Torelli Chris Denny (2)	Lindsay Hebert (+) Connor Ball	Kathy Byrum Craig Byrum
January 20 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Stu Eddy	Craig Byrum	Candy Willhite	David Whyte Marjorie Torelli (2)	Emily Cook (+) Addie Davies	Jean Regan Chris Denny
January 27 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21	Joan Randall	David Reed	Peter Winkler	Lynne Couse Peter Winkler (2)	Baden Holder (+) Evie Holder	Kathy Byrum Mike Montes
February 3 4th Sunday after Epiphany Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30		Annual Parish Meeting, One Service at 9:00am Only				
		Lizzie Putelo	Shawn Hebert	David Whyte Chris Denny (2)	Daniel Popp(+) Gilly Davies	Suzanne Ball John Ball

(1) = 1st Chalice/ Robed Lector; (2) = 2nd Chalice

If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and notify the office by Wednesday morning.

315-682-5795

MINISTRIES SCHEDULES JANUARY 2019

Ministry	1/6	1/13	1/20	1/27	2/3
Bread Bakers	Marge Edwards	Candy Willhite	Jim Willhite	Cathy Swanson	Sarah Elliott
Counters	Becky Walters and David Holder	Chris Denny and Jim Hughes	David Hughes and Jeff Amack	Kathy Byrum and Lori Gibson	John Stephenson and David Holder
Altar Guild	Marjorie Torelli, Robyn Visser, Susan Orr Linens: Candy Willhite	Beth Hughes and Suzanne Ball Linens: Linda Albanese	Amy Trail and Deb Tifft Linens: Candy Willhite	Candy Willhite and Kathy Kurtz Linens: Candy Willhite	Linda Albanese, Susan Orr, and Deb Tifft Linens: Linda Albanese
8:00 AM Coffee Hour	Walt Norris	Beth and Rob Hughes	Linda Albanese	Sharon and Dwayne Wisbey	One service at 9:00 a.m.
10:15 AM Coffee Hour	Jean and Paul Regan	Deb and Jim Tifft	Tricia and Pete Stegemann	Sarah and Stephen Elliott, Betsy and Wally Merriam	Brunch and Annual Meeting

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

Tuesday 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Wednesday 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Thursday 7:45-9:45 pm

Saturday 7:45-9:45 pm

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



January Celebrations

Birthdays

Sandy Cline	January 2
Ed Cook	January 4
Jim Tift	January 6
Vincent Sorrentino	January 8
Candy Willhite	January 11
Tom Winiecki	January 13
Ben Swanson	January 17
Koa Wong	January 18
Mya Walters	January 20
Carla Fischer Allen	January 21
Caroline Jolly	January 23

Anniversaries

Jonathon Brodock and Beecher Graham	January 26
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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.
Childcare is available during the 10:15 service.

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Thursday 8:00-12:00
Friday closed
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
The deadline for the next issue is
Friday, January 18.

The next issue will cover the
month of February.

Please send articles to
Deirdre Popp at newsletter@christchurchmanlius.org.