

# Father Tim's Meditation

Happy New Year! It feels strange to be writing about 2025, but the year is here! A new year filled with new possibilities. And such new possibilities lead to new freedoms.

The past is always with us, but there is something so very "new" about starting a new year. It may be an arbitrary date, but something changes in our hearts when we think about the beginning of a new year. The bad things that happened in the prior year don't have the same hold on us. Both good and bad can happen in the new year, but we have the freedom to pray for the good to come and be born more fully into this world than the bad. And in that freedom we find some space to breathe, at least for a little while.

I pray that you have time to breathe this month. I pray that you take a nice, deep breath right now and welcome the broadness and depth that is God into your heart. I pray that the new year brings more good than bad. And I pray that the hopes you have for the future are realized in the fullness that is the presence of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Are you attending Christ Church with a child? We have a nursery and church school at the 10:15 service, though all children are welcome to attend church with you. If the nursery is not staffed, it is still available for parents to stay with their child(ren), and we try to make sure we let parishioners know in advance of planned closures.

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Attention Committee Chairs: The Annual Meeting is February 2 so committee reports are due to Deirdre no later than **January 9**. Thank you.



# **Service Times**

**Sundays** 8:00 and 10:15 am Nursery available at 10:15 service

### **Clergy and Staff**

Rector Tim Hannon Parish Administrator Deirdre Popp Choir Master Shawn Hebert Organist Deborah Cunningham Children's Education Director Helene Hannon Sexton Peter Winkler Nursery Attendant Claudia Byrnes

### **Vestry**

Members Michael Bull (Property) Claudia Byrnes (Outreach) John Davies (Christian Education) Carmen Denny (Pastoral Care) Julie Holder (Hospitality) Rob Hughes (Finance) Carol Recker-Hughes (Parish Development) Jim Tifft (Communications) Nancy Winiecki (Worship)

### 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

Monday 2 to 3 at Spill the Tea, 208 N. Main Street in Minoa Tuesday in his office, 10-12 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**

January 5: Parents' Meeting January 5: Acolyte Training January 7: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild January 8: Coffee and Theology January 12: Non-fiction Book Group January 15: Fiction Book Group January 17: Newsletter Deadline January 19: Crucifer Training January 20: MLK, Jr. Day - office closed January 21: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild January 22: Coffee and Theology January 26: Confirmation Pre-meeting January 27: COHI Circle of Hope Meeting January 28: Vestry Meeting February 2: One service at 9 a.m. following the Annual Meeting.

The office will be closed January 1 and 20.

# **Vestry Voice**

As I find myself considering this Advent time, I am reminded that "Good News" is the theme this year for our church! It is an energetic idea, isn't it?

Good News.... Maybe you are thinking about some down time and dedicated days without work and celebrating with family and friends? I am thinking about all the good news we share each Sunday when we worship together, learn/study together or share delicious treats at our coffee hours.

There is much Good News throughout Christ Church. We find ourselves welcoming new members, baptisms and growing children's church school numbers. These are all worth celebrating and lifting up. There is also good news in the times that are spent outside of our Sundays. If you want to experience this Good News, why not consider the offers outside of our Sunday times together. What is it that you want to take up this coming year? Do you want to give a bit more of your time to our community? If so, consider joining our outreach opportunities. Serving at the Samaritan Center is an amazing experience, or you can join the Outreach committee to help define or develop new interests.

Are you looking for a more social experience? The Fiction Book Club meets once a month, we have fun and enjoy sharing our insights into the books we read. There's a crafters group, sharing their mutual gifts of creativity.

Did you know there is a group of our newer families with children meeting and talking about what might be new ways for making connections and contributing to our ministry work? There is much GOOD NEWS to share within and among each of us, so come and find something new this year as you join in life at Christ Church.

Candy Willhite



# Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who took a tag for the Angel Tree and donated items for families in need! This picture doesn't reflect all the gifts that continued to come in right until they were loaded up to deliver to the Salvation Army.

The generosity of Christ Church is heartwarming, and greatly appreciated!

# **Our Children Are Growing!**

Helene Hannon

Our children's program is robust and full of energy! As director of Children's Education, I get the privilege of seeing this growth from a number of different angles. Here is a brief story. We held children's chapel for the first three Sundays in Advent. During this time, students from Pre-K to Middle School sat together and worshiped in a simplified liturgy. Each week, we adults saw older kids help younger ones find page the right page in our worship book. The youngest were confident enough to ask questions of their elders when readings were confusing. Kids mingled and interacted with others outside their family and friendships were strengthened. And that's what the kids did on their own, while we adults led the liturgy. We are growing and it is beautiful to see.

If your child is involved in Sunday school or is interested in attending a Christ Church event, please take a moment to fill out a registration form. With all of our growth, it is important that we have accurate numbers, contact information, and notes about allergies.

This year, we are continuing with the Holy Moly curriculum readings. We'll still have children's chapel once a month and Sunday school in the classrooms the rest of the time. I'm inviting anyone who is interested in getting involved in the fun to please contact me (christianeducation@christchurchmanlius.org). Or, if you're just curious to see what we're up to, feel free to ask questions or stop by.

Happy new year!

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# Samaritan Center Visit Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

Believe it or not, the time is rapidly approaching for our next visit to the Samaritan Center. We will be serving dinner and cleaning up as usual on the above date. The arrival time will be 12:30 pm and we should wrap up at around 3:00 pm. The numbers of people served has increased lately and we will need around 15 people to volunteer. Veterans and "newbies" are welcome, as are adults and youth 14 and older. Those younger than 16 should be accompanied by an adult.

Be prepared for a hungry and appreciative group of guests of around 200 (or more). Anyone interested can let me know either via email at <u>winklerpb@windstream.net</u>, by phone at 315-380-5382 or personally at church. I'm looking forward to hearing from you and working in January!

Peter Winkler

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# **Caretaker Luncheon Cancelled**

Due to various factors, we're going to cancel our caretaker luncheon. This or similar events may be held in the future, so keep an eye out in the bulletin and newsletter.

# **Ray Caputo Memorial Book Donations**

Helene Hannon

Thanks to a generous donation from the Caputo family, we were able to purchase 17 books on the subject of grieving. The books help open a dialogue between children and adults as the mourn the loss of a loved-one. The emotions and thoughts children experience while grieving are complex and can often feel scary. Naming the conflicting feelings and reinforcing the message of God's love is one way to help.

I'd like to remind everyone of the many resources available at Christ Church: Father Tim, the pastoral care committee, Community of Hope International, the prayer team, and other parishioners who aren't part of formal groups but are available to help.

If you are grieving or if your heart is troubled, there is help.

You are not alone.



# Coffee Hour for 2024-2025



Thank you to everyone who has signed up for coffee hour! If you have not yet signed up, please do so at the link below. Instructions for the signup are right on the page, but if you have any questions or would like help signing up, please contact the office. Hosts are needed on January 5 at 8:00, on January 12 at 8:00 and 10:15, January 19 at 8:00 and 10:15, and throughout 2025.

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# Afternoon Book Group

This year I have coordinated our list with the Manlius Library so that people don't have to buy books. The library will have our book for the month on reserve at the circulation desk. About a month before our discussion date you can go to the desk, ask for the Christ Church book group selection, and check it out with your library card.

Anyone is welcome to join our group. Please pass this information along if you know of someone who might be interested. Happy Reading!

January 15	Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See
February 19	Gather by Kenneth Cadow
March 19	The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
April 16	Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng
May 21	North Woods by Daniel Mason

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January 5 PK-8: Classrooms

January 12 PK-8: Classrooms

January 19 Chapel - Crosby Hall

January 26 PK-8: Classrooms



# <sup>2024 - 2025</sup> Christ Church Sunday School Registration form

ŀ	'ar	ents'/Guardians' Names:
1		Phone Number:
		Alternate Phone Number:
		E-mail Address:
		Alternate E-mail Address:

Please indicate preferred contact method by checking the boxes above.

Are you interested in any of the following?

Helping out with seasonal events (trips, service projects, etc)

Providing support in classes

Substitute teaching during times of need

Helping with children's chapel and liturgies

Leading a Sunday school class (with support)

Child's Name/Nickname	Child's Name/Nickname	Child's Name/Nickname
Birthdate mm/dd/yy:	Birthdate mm/dd/yy:	Birthdate mm/dd/yy:
School/Grade:	School/Grade:	School/Grade:
Allergies/medical:	Allergies/medical:	Allergies/medical:

# **Incense and Crayons - Father Tim's blog**

Did you know that Father Tim has a blog? For the past few months, he has been posting meditations on the life of a priest, a parent, and an author. The posts are a bit more personal than his other writings online and for the parish. You can find his meditations online at: <u>https://incenseandcrayons.com/</u>



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# **Coffee and Theology**

The Christ Church "Coffee and Theology" group meets twice a month at Spill the Tea in Minoa to talk about a wide range of theological topics, from St. Peter's words for love to what kind of body Jesus may have had after the Resurrection. Conversations are open and respectful to all views and questions that might arise. Everyone is welcome to come and talk or just grab a cup of coffee and listen.

We meet from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (exception is the fourth Wednesday of April). Our topics can be found on our blog. https://christchurchmanlius.org/blog%2Fpodcast%2Fnewsletter/f/coffee-and-theology

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Meals on Wheels of Eastern Onondaga County is in need of volunteers to help prepare or deliver meals. Based at Good

Shepherd Lutheran Church on Highbridge Road in Fayetteville, their ministry not only provides nutritious meals, it also provides a wellness check and a bit of chit chat between appreciative clients and the volunteer drivers. For more information, please visit <u>https://www.moweoc.com/volunteer</u> or call 315-637-5446.

# 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, diamond painting, journaling, 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!

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Do you collect your bottles and cans for recycling? Why not "donate" them to Christ Church! Bring them down to Manlius Bottle & Cans, located at 202 W Seneca Street (up the street from the Manlius Tops).

To drop off bottle redemptions though the Christ Church fundraising account you simply bring your cans in. They must be in a disposable

plastic bag that is closed - such as a trash bag that is tied securely. At the counter there is a table with blank labels and a marker - write "Christ Church Manlius" on the label (one label per bag) and leave the bag in the charity area on the opposite wall.

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# **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 (weriseabovethestreets@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 <u>www.matthew25farm.com</u> 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 January 2025**

29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Morning Prayer 9 am Nursery will be closed today	Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	New Year's Eve – office closed AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am	New Year's Day – office closed	Debbie practice – CC 6 pm	Office Closed on Fridays	AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Holy Eucharist 8 am Parents Group 9 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Acolyte Training 11:45 am	Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 2-3 p.m. at Spill the Tea Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	Rector's Office Hours 10 am – 12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am St. Margaret's Craft Guild – CR 1:30-4 pm	Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Coffee and Theology 2 pm at Spill the Tea	Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Cherub Choir – PH 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	Office Closed on Fridays	AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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CHANCEL SCHEDULE – January – February 2025						
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
January 5, Christmas 2 Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 84 Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a Matthew 2:13-15,19-23	Carmen Denny	Laura Davies	Shawn Hebert	Jean Regan (+) Deirdre Popp	John Henry Davies (+) TBD	Jeff Amack Rob Hughes
January 12, Epiphany 1 Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Peter Geiskopf	Wally Merriam	Mollie Mills	Doug Allen (+) Lori Gibson	Shyanne Hesler (+) TBD	Travis Newton John Stephenson
January 19, Epiphany 2 Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5–10 1 Corinthians 12:1–11 John 2:1–11	Peter Winkler	Sandy Hesler	Lynne Couse	Chris Denny (+) Ed Russell	Brian Hebert (+) TBD	Kathy Byrum Craig Byrum
January 26, Epiphany 3 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Marjorie Torelli	Deirdre Popp	Candy Willhite	Craig Plew (+) John Davies	Addie Davies (+) TBD	Jeff Amack Mark Hesler
February 02, Epiphany 4	One Service 9am – Annual Meeting after Service					
Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 84 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40		Craig Byrum	Chris Denny	Carla Allen (+) Jean Regan	Shyanne Hesler (+) Alex Walker	Suzanne Ball John Ball

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 January 2025**

Ministry	1/5	1/12	1/19	1/26	2/2
Counters	Inters Chris Denny and		Kathy Byrum and	Laurel Mulvihill	Travis Newton and
	Jim Hughes	Jeff Amack	John Ball	and Craig Byrum	Susan Hebert
Altar Guild	Marjorie Torelli	Linda Albanese	Suzanne Ball and	Susan Orr and	Deb Tifft and
	and Deb Tifft	and Julia Walker	Melissa Spicer	Candy Willhite	Marjorie Torelli
Communion	Marge Edwards	Sarah Elliott	Candy Willhite	Cathie Swanson	Jim Willhite
Bread					
Coffee Hour 8:00	Host Needed	Host Needed	Host Needed	Carmen Denny	Annual Meeting
					Following one
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	Kathy and Craig	Host Needed	Host Needed	Deb and Jim Tifft	service at 9 a.m.
10:15	Byrum				

The <u>Parish Hall</u> will be in use by outside groups EVERY: Tuesday 11:30 am - 1:30 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

January 5-11 *Birthdays* Jim Tifft and Candy Willhite

January 12-18 *Birthdays* Tom Winiecki, Nancy Brennan, Ben Swanson

January 19-25 *Birthdays* Mya Walters, Carla Allen, Caroline Jolly, Amanda Reeder

> January 26-31 Anniversaries Beecher Graham and Jonathan Brodock



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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. 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.

Rector: Reverend Tim Hannon 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: church.office@christchurchmanlius.org

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The deadline for the next issue is Friday, January 17.

The next issue will cover the month of February. Please send articles to <u>newsletter@christchurchmanlius.org</u>.