

CHRIST CHURCH CONNECTIONS



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Father Tim's Meditation

This summer my family went abroad, and while coming back through customs, one of my kids asked, "Daddy, what's the rat race?" I laughed and asked her where she heard it. "Someone just said, 'Well, I guess it's back to the rat race, huh?' Do they make rats race each other?" I laughed, but then I started listening, too: back to the grind; back to reality. It was a bit sad to hear, and I wondered whether we need a better spirituality of return.

Around this time, we return from vacations or from visiting family. Our church is beginning its "program year," where all our ministries start up, we return to two services on Sunday, and when church school and our adult forum begin again. We have, however, changed over the summer. Our vacations, be they good or bad, have planted seeds inside of our hearts and minds. We come to the end of summer with heavier grief on our shoulders from caring for aging parents and friends, or we've been able to let it all go. Whatever the case, part of returning is integrating these new experiences, ideas, and emotions back into how we tend to live throughout the rest of the year. Otherwise, it all gets lost in our past, and we can feel split apart, disconnected, or simply just "lost."

The best place to start is, as with everything, with God. Take your memories and emotions into prayer. Tell God about your vacation, even if it feels kinda weird. Go through your pictures and think about where God was while you were overseas or while visiting your folks. What was God teaching you? How was the Holy Spirit guiding you? What died and was reborn in Jesus Christ? Or what simply died? Take these things into prayer, talk to your brothers, sisters, and siblings at coffee hour, or journal about it all. This is the first, but most important, step in living a fully integrated life.

Service Times

Sundays

Summer schedule:
one service at 9:00 a.m.
We return to two services at 8:00 and
10:15 am on September 20
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
Julia Walker
Sexton John Davies

Vestry

Members

Julie Holder (*Hospitality*)
Alyssa Newton (*Outreach*)
Oxana Panol (*Christian Education*)
Ed Russell (*Stewardship*)
Ted Walker (*Worship*)
Sharon Wisbey (*Resource Development*)

Wardens

Nancy Winiecki
Rob Hughes

Treasurer

Pete Geiskopf

Financial Secretary

Lori Gibson

Clerk

Suzanne Ball

General Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

8 am to 1 pm

Thursday

8 am to 12 pm

Fr. Tim's Office Hours

Monday 1 to 2 pm at Manlius Starbucks,
406 Fayette Street

Tuesday in his office, 10-12

And by appointment (please contact
Father Tim to set up appointments)

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

Eucharistic Visitors

Rebecca Russell and John Stephenson

Upcoming Events

September 1: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild
September 4: First Friday Dinner
September 7: Labor Day – office closed
September 8: Vestry Meeting
September 9: Coffee and Theology
September 9: Alleluia Bells rehearsals begin
September 10: Stewardship Committee meeting
September 10: Adult Choir rehearsals begin
September 13: Fall Festival following 9 a.m.
service
September 14: Christmas Mart planning
meeting via Zoom
September 15: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild
September 15: Finance Committee Meeting
September 16: Fiction Book Group
September 18: Newsletter Deadline
September 20: Return to two services at 8 and
10:15 a.m.
September 23: Coffee and Theology
September 28: COHI Circle of Hope Meeting

Vestry Voice

What is Christ Church? A place you visit on Sunday mornings or is it more than that? I think it's both! As we've often heard, Christ Church is not the four walls, but rather the people who worship here.

If you are in a season of life that makes it difficult to be more involved than Sunday services and Coffee Hour, I totally get it. There have been times when simply getting everyone to church on Sunday felt like an accomplishment.

You may also be in a place that offers you more time to become more involved in all that we offer. Have you thought about serving on the Altar Guild? Maybe, but you aren't sure what you would have to do. Have you chatted with Linda Albanese to see what serving in that capacity really looks like or how often you would need to commit? Do you want to help occasionally? I highly recommend answering the call for volunteers for the Christmas Mart, the Fish Fry or the Rummage Sale.

Those events are especially fun as we welcome in people from the community and just have fun working (not that hard) shoulder to shoulder with fellow parishioners. I've seen people I haven't seen in years when I've helped at these wonderful events. There's something special about reconnecting with old friends while making new memories.

There are also the Fiction Book Group, Craft Groups, and the Mahjong Group for those looking for comradery during the week. Would you like to go out one evening a month for some comradery and serve on the vestry or the Finance Committee? You don't need to be an accountant to attend Finance. We all maintain a home and there are really knowledgeable people to do the heavy lifting. Maybe you're intrigued by Outreach which meets bimonthly after church and it fits into your schedule?

We have so many ministries with various levels of time commitment and each group would be so happy to have you see what they are all about. You don't need to commit. Just test the waters by visiting once. You might discover that you've found something you didn't even realize you were missing. I know that the people of Christ Church and the friendships I've developed are invaluable to me and make worshiping here so much more meaningful.

So what is Christ Church? It is a place where we worship together on Sunday mornings, but it is also so much more. It is a community of people, friendships, fellowship, service and faith.

Nancy Winiecki

Are you attending Christ Church with a child? We have a nursery available during our Sunday services for children 3 and under. It is available for parents to stay with their children as needed; we just ask that you put any toys that need to be cleaned into the basket provided.

Nominations for Vestry

The Vestry Nominating Committee is seeking people to serve on the Vestry at Christ Church. The Vestry is composed of the Rector, 2 Wardens and 9 members. There are 4 open positions this year; 1 Warden and 3 Vestry members. Wardens serve 2-year terms, while Vestry members serve three-year terms. Any member of Christ Church 18 years or older and in good standing is eligible for the Vestry. The Vestry functions as the parish council, with members acting as liaisons with the various committees of the church, offering leadership and helping to carry out the mission of the church.

The committee will interview members interested in serving in this leadership role at Christ Church and then prepare a slate of names for election during our Annual Meeting on February 7, 2027. Anyone interested in seeking nomination to the vestry or in nominating an individual for a Vestry position should contact a committee member. Committee members are Julie Holder, Rob Hughes, and Sharon Wisbey.

Save the Date

Christmas Mart

November 21, 2026



First Friday Dinner Returns

Happy days again for First Friday dinners to start!!!! Our first Fall dinner will be on September 4th, with appetizers at 6 PM and dinner at 6:30. You need to sign up in advance, so contact Rene and Ron Hebert by Sept. 2nd to let us know who will attend and if you have any allergies (I sometimes am able to adjust recipes). Cost is \$10.00 per adult, with a family price of \$25.00. If paying by check, please make payable to Irene Hebert.

rhebert694@earthlink.net or 315-632-4388

MENU

Texas Caviar and scoop chips (every time I've made this, I've wished I had tripled the recipe...I will!) • Chicken & Veggie Risotto • Homemade Pumpkin Bread • Roasted Acorn Squash • Autumn Apple Cake

Bring your own plates, silverware and beverage of choice! They are the only things not included. Also, if you are available to help cook, let us know and we'll start about 4 PM. Clean up helpers are also needed at the end of the meal as the cooks tend to be exhausted.



Fall Festival

Sunday, September 13 after one service at 9:00 a.m.

Summer isn't over yet, but September is closing in! The Fall Festival will take place on Sunday, September 13 (that's the Sunday after Labor Day). We'll only have one single service at 9:00, because after Mass we'll have a picnic. Headed by the expert grill team of Michael Bull and Dwayne Wisbey, the church will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, and we ask you parishioners to bring other items in traditional potluck style (that is, alphabetical). If your last name begins with the following letter, please bring:

A-G: breakfast items (donuts, coffee cake, mini quiches) or fruit

H-P: drinks

Q-Z: desserts

Please email the office by Wednesday, September 9, to let the office know if you're coming (and if you have additional family members coming and how many), and what you're going to bring so we can make sure that we have all our bases covered.



Samaritan Center visit on October 24

Because of a recent survey in which a majority of parishioners favored a 9am-12pm volunteer shift on Saturdays for prepping meals vs an early morning meal serving breakfast, a meal prep shift has been arranged for 9am Saturday October 24th. We will need a group of 7 adults to participate. A staff member will meet us in the Samaritan Center kitchen to guide us in the preparation which should last about 3 hours. Anyone interested please contact Peter Winkler at 315-380-5382 or email at winklerpb@windstream.net for more information or to sign up. This should be a good way to support the Center's new effort to have more consistent meal service during the weekends as well as during the week.

Treasurer's Corner

Thank you all for keeping up pledge payments during the summer months. Pledge payments total \$164,246 as of August 16. The total annual pledge is \$229,851 for 2026. We are tracking well this far in the year.

We have reached a milestone in paying off our Mortgage on Crosby Hall & classrooms, the addition built in 2008. The mortgage balance is now under \$100,000! The original loan was for \$600,000.

Pete Geiskopf, Treasurer.



Fiction Book Group



Once again, Eileen has 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. We meet in the parlor from 3:30-5 p.m. on the dates below. Please pass this information along if you know of someone who might be interested. Happy Reading!

September 16	<i>All the Glimmering Stars</i> by Mark Sullivan
October 21	<i>Raising Hare: A Memoir</i> by Chloe Dalton
December 2	<i>My Friends</i> by Fredrik Backman
January 20	<i>The Nightingale</i> by Kristin Hannah
February 17	<i>The Lion Women of Tehran</i> by Marjan Kamali
March 17	<i>Atmosphere</i> by Taylor Jenkins Reid
April 21	<i>The Midnight Library</i> by Matt Haig
May 19	<i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i> by Robin Wall Kimmerer



Bread Bakers Needed

The Bread Bakers at Christ Church are looking for some new members. This group of volunteers bake the Eucharistic bread for our services. Currently we are 5 members and we bake once every 5 weeks. The recipe is a simple one and is provided to you along with details on how to prepare.



If you'd like to become a member of this group just reach out to me and we can talk about the process and how you might contribute. It is a wonderful opportunity to become a significant part of our weekly services.

Candy Willhite—315-247-1297 /candywillhite@gmail.com

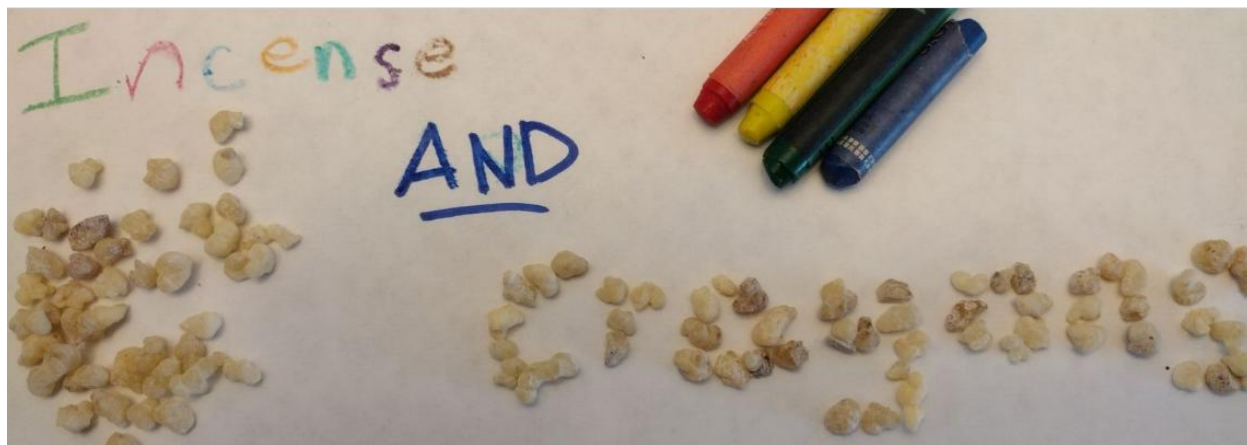


Coffee and Theology

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 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Our topics can be found on our blog.

<https://christchurchmanlius.org/blog%2Fpodcast%2Fnewsletter/f/coffee-and-theology-2025-edition>



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:

<https://incenseandcrayons.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, 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!



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 through 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.





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 <https://www.moweoc.com/volunteer> or call 315-637-5446.



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 www.matthew25farm.com for some ways to help

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 September 2026

August 30 Holy Eucharist 9 am	31 COHI Circle of Hope Meeting 1-3 pm Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	September 1 AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am St. Margaret's Craft Guild 1:30-4 pm	2 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm	3 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm	4 First Friday Dinner Office Closed on Fridays	5 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
6 Holy Eucharist 9 am	7 Labor Day – <i>office closed</i> Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	8 Rector's Office Hours 10 am-12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am Vestry – CR 7 pm	9 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Coffee and Theology 1 pm at Spill the Tea Alleluia Bells 7 pm	10 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Stewardship Committee 7 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	11 Office Closed on Fridays	12 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
13 Holy Eucharist 9 am Fall Festival following the service	14 Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 1-2 pm at Starbuck's Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	15 <i>Father Tim's office hours are cancelled today.</i> AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am St. Margaret's Craft Guild 1:30-4 pm Finance Committee 7 pm	16 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Fiction Book Group 3:30-5:00 pm Alleluia Bells 7 pm	17 Debbie practice – CC 6pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30pm	18 Office Closed on Fridays Newsletter Deadline	19 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
20 Holy Eucharist 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School classes begin 10:15 am	21 Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 1-2 pm at Starbuck's Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	22 Rector's Office Hours 10 am-12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am	23 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Coffee and Theology 1 pm at Spill the Tea Alleluia Bells 7 pm	24 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Jewish and Christian Bible Study 7 pm at Christ Church. <i>Registration required.</i> Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	25 Office Closed on Fridays	26 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
27 Holy Eucharist 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am	28 COHI Circle of Hope Meeting 1-3 pm Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	29 Rector's Office Hours 10 am-12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am	30 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Alleluia Bells 7 pm	October 1 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	2 Office Closed on Fridays	3 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH

CHANCEL SCHEDULE – September 2026						
Date & Lessons	8:00am Chalice	10:15am Lector	10:15am Prayers	10:15am Chalice, 1 st and 2 nd	10:15am Crucifer (+)/Acolyte	10:15am Ushers/Greeters
September 06 15th after Pent. Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20		<i>Summer Schedule, One Service at 9:00am</i>				
		Sandy Hesler	Candy Willhite	Doug Allen Chris Denny	TBD TBD	Kathy Byrum Craig Byrum
September 13 16th after Pent. Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103: 1-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35		<i>Summer Schedule, One Service at 9:00am</i>				
		Carmen Denny	Mollie Mills	Peter Geiskopf John Davies	TBD TBD	Anne Whyte Jeff Amack
September 20 17th after Pent. Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	8:00am Service	<i>Resume 10:15am Service</i>				
	Peter Winkler	Kirsten Panachyda	Shawn Hebert	Jean Regan Ed Russell	TBD TBD	Rob Hughes Chris Denny
September 27 18th after Pent. Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-8 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	Carmen Denny	Ron Hebert	Lynne Couse	Chris Denny Lori Gibson	TBD TBD	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 SEPTEMBER 2026

Ministry	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
Counters	Laurel Mulvihill and Craig Byrum	Travis Newton and Susan Hebert	Rob Hughes and David Holder	Chris Denny and Jim Hughes	David Hughes and Jeff Amack
Altar Guild	Candy Willhite and Linda Albanese Linens: Candy Willhite	Melissa Spicer and Susan Orr Linens: Candy Willhite	Amy Trail and Candy Willhite Linens: Candy Willhite	Suzanne Ball and Deirdre Popp Linens: Candy Willhite	TBD
Communion Bread	Take from freezer	Candy Willhite	Sarah Elliott	Marge Edwards	Cathie Swanson
Coffee Hour 8:00	Iced Tea Hour after 9:00 service Chris and Carmen Denny	Fall Festival following the 9:00 service	Linda Marsden	Marge Edwards	Anne Burghardt
Coffee Hour 10:15			Jim and Candy Willhite	Kristi and Jeff Amack	Becky and Kevin Walters

It's not too late to sign up to host coffee hour! Please visit the link below or call the office.

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

The Parish Hall 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.



September Celebrations

September 1-5

Birthdays

Jessie Chin, Tricia Stegemann, Nancy Geiskopf, and Alex Walker.

September 6-12

Birthdays

Jeffrey Howe, Ruby Amack, Heidi Sullivan, Gregory Clarke, and Aimee MacBlane.

Anniversaries

Tricia and Pete Stegemann; and Laurel and Gene Mulvihill

September 13-19

Birthdays

Anna Jolly, Addie Davies, Connor Ball, Pete Stegemann, and Deirdre Popp

Anniversaries

Melissa and David Spicer

September 20-26

Birthdays

Danielle Medbury, Craig Plew, and Brian Hebert

Anniversaries

DeAnne and Bob Will

September 27-30

Birthdays

Vera Hughes and Stephen Trail



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407 East Seneca Street
Manlius, NY 13104

Change Service Requested

Our summer schedule of one service at 9 a.m. continues through September 13.
Beginning on September 20: 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 for parents to use with their children during the services.

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

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Thursday 8:00-12:00
Friday closed
Email:
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Visit our web site at: <http://www.christchurchmanlius.org/>

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
The deadline for the next issue is
Friday, September 18.

The next issue will cover the
month of October.

Please send articles to [**newsletter@christchurchmanlius.org**](mailto:newsletter@christchurchmanlius.org).