

CHRIST CHURCH CONNECTIONS



CHRIST CHURCH

Manlius, New York

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Father Tim's Meditation

Over the summer, I've spent some time praying in the pews. This isn't how I normally pray in our worship space. Normally, I sit where I always sit on Sunday mornings: up front in the chancel, beside the Altar, facing to the right of the nave. I always have the same view, though I have to say that I like that view. I can see one of the stained-glass windows (the one about the wheat growing in the morning and withering in the evening), and I can see the Altar. Two very great parts of our church building.

Sitting in the pews, however, I've been able to see the worship space as you see it. I've sat in the back under the choir loft, I've sat on the side near the piano. I've sat in the waaaaay back corners, and I've sat up front. And one thing I've noticed is just how much of the room you can see. In the pews, you can see so many of the windows and so much of the chancel and sanctuary. All the other pews are around you, and while they're empty, they're also full of memories of who usually sits where and of all of you who are off traveling or visiting family.

The nave is about to fill again. We'll soon be moving back to our normal schedule of an 8:00 and a 10:15 Mass. We'll see not just the room, but those people who we have prayed with for months or years or even decades. Our children and grandchildren will return to church school. The choir will lift their voices again and sing. And we'll remember that our little summer Sabbath, when things slow down and we take a break from meetings and such, that our summer Sabbath is a time of rest and rejuvenation that mirrors the energy of the church's program year.

I look forward to worshipping with you all again. I look forward to seeing you all in the pews, at meetings, volunteering, caring for our youth, and enjoying one another's company. I look forward to the honor of continuing to be your priest in this wonderful community.

Service Times

Sundays

8:00 and 10:15 am

Nursery available at 10:15 service

The summer schedule of one service at 9 a.m. continues through September 7.

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

Claudia Byrnes (*Outreach*)

John Davies (*Christian Education*)

Julie Holder (*Hospitality*)

Rob Hughes (*Finance*)

Paul Jutzeler (*Property*)

Alyssa Newton (*Worship*)

Carol Recker-Hughes (*Parish Development*)

Ed Russell (*Stewardship*)

Sharon Wisbey (*Resource Development*)

Wardens

Stu Eddy

Nancy Winiecki

Treasurer

Pete Geiskopf

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 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

September 1: Labor Day, office closed

September 2: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild

September 4: Adult Choir Rehearsals resume

September 5: First Friday Dinner

September 7: One service at 9 a.m.

September 7: Fall Festival

September 10: Coffee and Theology

September 10: Alleluia Bells rehearsals begin

September 14: Joy Bells rehearsals begin

September 14: Blessing of the Backpacks

September 16: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild

September 17: Afternoon Book Group

September 19: Newsletter Deadline

September 23: Vestry Meeting

September 24: Coffee and Theology

September 29: COHI Circle of Hope Meeting

Vestry Voice

I recently drove with our son, Baden, across most of the country. He dropped me off at the airport in Las Vegas and then continued his journey to his apartment in Hollywood where he will begin a six-month rotation with NBC. I knew I wanted to include some of my thoughts from the trip in this month's Vestry Voice, but couldn't land on just one that demonstrated God's presence in our lives. I had so many, but am only including two.

1. God smiles down on us- We get so lost in our day to day that we forget that God is always with us. Sometimes He sends a gentle reminder of His greatness- a hotel placed exactly where and when you need it after driving in thunderstorms and tornado warnings; hearing the thunder as it rolls and echoes off the Rocky Mountains; seeing plants and animals surviving on the tundra at 12,000 feet. You just have to look closely sometimes to be reminded of His presence.

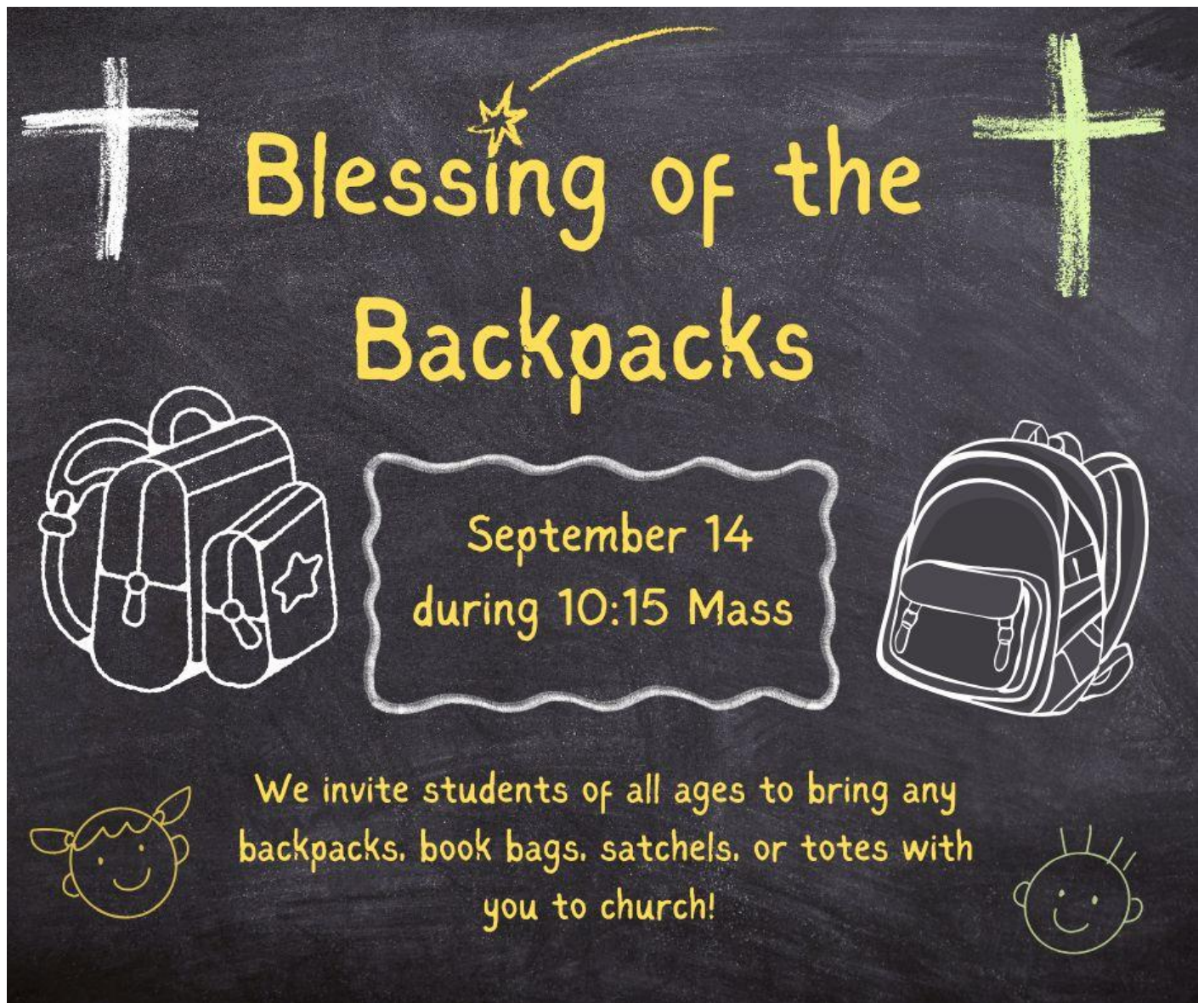
2. Aspen trees- An Aspen grove is actually made up of branches that are connected to a single life-giving root system that is underground. What we see above ground are the "branches.". The Aspen is wildly (no pun intended) useful to both humans and animals. A powder can be wiped from its bark and used for sunscreen. The bark can also be used to make tea to relieve pain. A female elk will chew the bark to alleviate pain associated with birth, and the Native Americans would make a poultice to help with infections. They make excellent homes for wildlife. Aspens are some of the most resilient trees in the world and some root systems are thousands of years old. Every Aspen in a grove has the same genetic makeup, even if there are 800 trees in that grove. As an Aspen tree grows, it sheds lower limbs so that it can produce nutrients more effectively- one less limb that requires care. As the branch is dropped, it leaves a scar that resembles an eye. The Ute and Arapahoe believed these scars were the eyes of their ancestors keeping watch and providing protection for their people. Aspens are truly amazing. I worked for the Forest Service in Colorado during college, so I have a soft spot for Aspens.

As I was standing in an Aspen grove with Baden and learning these facts, I couldn't help but to be reminded of God and how he takes care of us without being outwardly visible. Much like the Aspen grove, we are all God's people connected together to a life-giving support system that cannot be seen. God provides for all of His creations just like the Aspens do. Seeing the Aspen eyes was a true reminder that God is always watching us as he continues to keep us in His care.

Julie Holder



Are you attending Christ Church with a child? We have a nursery available during our Sunday services for children 3 and under. 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. Our Church School program will resume on September 21.



Fall Festival
Sunday, September 7 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 7 (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 3, 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.

September First Friday Dinner

Hi everyone! I'm excited to say a First Friday meal is coming soon. If you're not familiar with the meals, here's a little description. Usually on the first Friday of the Fall and Spring months we have a gathering for parishioners (and their friends). Getting together at 5:30 PM for some before dinner little appetizers gives us a nice social time. Dinner will then be served at around 6 PM. The meal is prepared by anyone wishing to help, starting at 4 PM. Just let us know if you're interested in helping, so we can plan.

For partaking in the meal, there is a charge of \$10 for each adult. Families have a set fee of \$25. (If we have younger kids coming, we will have hotdog offerings or something more interesting, in their eyes.) The menu for Sept. 5th will be:

Ranch Snack Mix • Chicken Scampi • Roasted Broccoli • Garlic Bread •
Angel Hair Pasta with Olive Oil & Garlic • Biscotti Cookies

Please contact Ron & Rene Hebert by Sept 3rd if you'll be coming! 315-632-4388 or rhebert694@earthlink.net



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed



We are gearing up for the new program year, and we are in need of hosts for coffee hour! This is an important ministry for Christ Church, and offers all of us the opportunity to welcome newcomers, and catch up with friends. Signups for September-June are now available at the link below. Instructions for the sign-up are right on the page, but if you have any questions or would like help signing up, please contact the office. **We are in need of hosts for coffee hour after the 8:00 and 10:15 services**

throughout our program year. Please note that these openings are subject to change as people sign up or change the slots they've signed up for, so please be sure to check the link for the latest information!

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

Cherub Choir Begins!

If you have a child in 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade, please consider Cherub Choir. Cherub Choir meets from mid-October through mid-February, with the goal of exploring the Christian faith through musical experiences. We sing, move, play instruments and have fun as we prepare a few songs to share during the worship service. Rehearsals are from 6:00 – 6:45 on Thursday evenings. Please check the Music Ministry Brochure for more details, and/or contact Deborah Cunningham: organist@christchurchmanlius.org



Children's Hand Bell Group Forming

Joy Bells offers hand chime ringing for children ages 5 thru 4th grade. They will rehearse on Sundays at 9:00 AM, beginning on September 14 and running through November 2, when they will play in church.

If your child(ren) is interested in participating, please let Rene know, as she will need to have appropriate music available. Rene Hebert, 315-632-4388 or rhebert694@earthlink.net.



Treasurer's Corner

Good news—We received our final phase 3 Covid Payroll Protection payment at the end of June. The application was made over a year ago. The proceeds are \$14,821, a big help with this year's budget. The Covid Payroll Protection program has now ended.

- Our Rummage sale netted \$7,940 as of today, 8/15, counting some post-sale sales. Great effort by Rene, the entire volunteer team, and all who donated items for this important annual event.
- Our bottle deposit program at FM Returnables has generated \$252 year to date.
- From the Lenten Fish Fries and the Memorial Day Pancake breakfast fundraisers, the church donated \$1658 to the Road to Emmaus Ministry of Syracuse. This is part of our ongoing commitment to donate 10% of the profit from all fund raisers to charities.

Thanks to all who have kept up pledge payments during the summer months when many of us take time away for vacations and relaxation.

Pledges paid year-to-date as of 8/24/25: \$155,059. Total 2025 Pledged income: \$221,781.

Pete Geiskopf



Jesus in the Old Testament

The Hebrew people were waiting for a Messiah, but how did they know what that Messiah would be like? Who were they waiting for? How did they know what it meant to be "God's Son"? Join us at 9:10 on Sunday mornings for a study of Jesus in the Old Testament.

Dates: September 21 ~ October 26



Afternoon 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 17	<i>The Diamond Eye</i> by Kate Quinn
October 15	<i>The Perfumist of Paris</i> by Alka Joshi
December 3	<i>The Book of Longings</i> by Sue Monk Kidd
January 21	<i>This Tender Land</i> by William Kent Krueger
February 18	<i>The Queen's Fortune</i> by Allison Pataki
March 18	<i>The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane</i> by Lisa See
April 15	<i>Moloka'i</i> by Alan Brennert
May 20	<i>The Women</i> by Kristin Hannah





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/>



It Takes a Village to Maintain the Blood Supply

The US is chronically in need of blood donations, and sometimes the need is critical. If you are able to give blood, please consider donating at one of the upcoming blood drives right here in our community. To schedule an appointment for any of these, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org. Information about eligibility to donate is also at this link.

September is both Sickle Cell Awareness Month and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, two important causes that highlight the critical need for blood.

Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited blood disorder with no universal cure. Many patients rely on regular blood transfusions to help manage pain crises and prevent serious complications.

Childhood Cancer Patients often require blood products throughout their treatment journey, including during chemotherapy, surgery, or other intensive care.

Northeast Medical Center, 4000 Medical Center, Drive, Fayetteville

Tuesday, September 2, 8 AM – 1 PM

Friday, September 12, 8 AM – 1 PM

Monday, September 22, 12:30 – 5:30 PM

Friday, September 26, 1:30 – 6:30 PM

Manlius Fire Department, 8200 Cazenovia Road, Manlius

Thursday, September 11, 12 – 6 PM

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. Our topics can be found on our blog.

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



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.



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.

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

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 2025

31 Holy Eucharist 9 am	1 Labor Day, office closed 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 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
7 Holy Eucharist 9 am Fall Festival following 9 am service	8 Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 1-2 pm at Spill the Tea 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 Coffee and Theology 2 pm at Spill the Tea Alleluia Bells 7:30 pm	11 Debbie practice – CC 6pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30pm	12 Office Closed on Fridays	13 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
14 Holy Eucharist 8 am Joy Bells 9 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Blessing of the Backpacks 10:15 am	15 Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 1-2 pm at Spill the Tea Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	16 Rector's Office Hours 10 am-12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am St. Margaret's Craft Guild 1:30-4 pm	17 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Afternoon Book Group 3:30-5:00 pm Alleluia Bells 7:30 pm	18 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	19 Office Closed on Fridays <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	20 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
21 Holy Eucharist 8 am Joy Bells 9 am Bible Study 9:10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am	22 Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 1-2 pm at Spill the Tea Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	23 Rector's Office Hours 10 am-12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am Vestry – CR 7 pm	24 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Coffee and Theology 2 pm at Spill the Tea Alleluia Bells 7:30 pm	25 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	26 Office Closed on Fridays	27 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
28 Holy Eucharist 8 am Joy Bells 9 am Bible Study 9:10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am	29 COHI Meeting 1-3 pm Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	30 Rector's Office Hours 10 am-12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am	1 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Alleluia Bells 7:30 pm	2 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	3 First Friday Dinner 6:30 pm Office Closed on Fridays	4 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH

CHANCEL SCHEDULE – September 2025						
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 07 13th after Pent. Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33		<i>Summer Schedule, One Service at 9:00am</i>				
		Linda Albanese	Candy Willhite	Chris Denny Deirdre Popp	Cate Davies TBD	Suzanne Ball John Ball
September 14 14th after Pent. Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-11 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Peter Winkler	Laura Davies	Chris Denny	Doug Allen Lori Gibson	John Henry Davies TBD	Anne Whyte John Stephenson
September 21 15th after Pent. Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Carmen Denny	Wally Merriam	Lynne Couse	Craig Plew Chris Denny	Shyanne Hesler TBD	Kathy Byrum Craig Byrum
September 28 16th after Pent. Amos 6:1a,4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31	Peter Geiskopf	Deirdre Popp	Mollie Mills	Jean Regan John Davies	Cate Davies TBD	Anne Whyte Jeff Amack
October 05 17th after Pent. Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-10 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	Peter Winkler	Spencer Gervasoni	Shawn Hebert	Chris Denny Deirdre Popp	John Henry Davies TBD	John Stephenson 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 SEPTEMBER 2025

Ministry	9/7	9/14	9/21	9/28	10/5
Counters	Rob Hughes and David Holder	Chris Denny and Jim Hughes	David Hughes and Jeff Amack	Kathy Byrum and John Ball	Laurel Mulvihill and Craig Byrum
Altar Guild	Suzanne Ball and Marjorie Torelli	Linda Albanese and Julia Walker	Melissa Spicer and Candy Willhite	Amy Trail and Deirdre Popp	Julia Walker and Marjorie Torelli
Communion Bread	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Coffee Hour after 8:00 service	<i>Fall Festival after one service at 9 a.m. Please see blurb on page XX and sign up to bring something.</i>	Host Needed	Host Needed	Host Needed	Host Needed
Coffee Hour after 10:15 service		Host Needed	Host Needed	Host Needed	Host Needed

Please note coffee hour hosting needs are subject to change as people sign up or change the slots they've signed up for, so please be sure to check the link for the latest information!

<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 1-6

Birthdays

Jessie Chin, Tricia Stegemann, Nancy Geiskopf, Alex Walker, and Jeffrey Howe

September 7-13

Birthdays

Ruby Amack, Heidi Sullivan, Gregory Clarke, and Aimee MacBlane

Anniversaries

Pete and Tricia Stegemann; and Laurel and Gene Mulvihill

September 14-20

Birthdays

Addie Davies, Connor Ball, Pete Stegemann, Deirdre Popp, and Danielle Medbury

Anniversaries

Melissa and David Spicer

September 21-27

Birthdays

Craig Plew, Brian Hebert, and Vera Hughes

Anniversaries

DeAnne and Robert Will; and Nelson and Pat Wong

September 28-30

Birthdays

Stephen Trail



Christ Church
407 East Seneca Street
Manlius, NY 13104

Change Service Requested

Our Summer schedule of one service at 9 a.m. continues through September 7.
Beginning on September 14: 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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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, September 19.

The next issue will cover the
month of October.

Please send articles to newsletter@christchurchmanlius.org.