

Coming Events

Services

Sunday Services.....9:30 AM
Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Services.....9:30 AM
Feb 14, Ash Wednesday Service.....5:30 PM
March 29, Maundy Thursday Service.....5:30 PM
March 30, Good Friday, Stations of the Cross.....5:30 PM

Feb 13, Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.....5:30 PM
Feb 21,28; March 7,14,21 Lenten service & supper.5:30 PM

Other Events

ECW, 1st Sunday of the month.....after coffee hour
Vestry meeting, 2nd Wednesday of the month.7:00 PM
Free Community Supper,last Wednesday of the month
.....4:30 to 6:00 PM

AA Meeting, parish hall, Thursdays..... 8:00 PM



"Bringing people to a deeper relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:

Friends in Christ:

As we approach the month of February and the Advent calendar in the Church I pray for all of you as we prepare to celebrate one of the most precious of all Seasons in the church. This being Lent and the wondrous celebration of Easter.

We are after all Easter people because the Resurrection of Christ brings the hope of eternal life to all. However, Lent precedes and sometimes is not as purposeful as it should be in our lives. In the church this is usually viewed as time we sacrifice something for Lent or reflect on our lives as they pertain to our faith.

I say we should look upon Lent as a time we can look to make our walk with the Lord ever closer. Our time to draw ever nearer to our Saviour and Lord.

We have more church services to go to as we do our Lenten dinners and services in preparation for the Holy Week climax. During this time, we can read more about everything concerning our faith. Read, pray and meditate. All these things will bring us closer to God and to Jesus.

I urge all of you to take this time to dedicate yourselves to special time with your Lord. Use this Lenten Season as a time to not only read and meditate on his word but to draw ourselves ever closer in prayer.

Make up or minds to communicate with the God of the universe by basically just talking to him more. After all that is basically what prayer is. Just conversing with our best friend. What better way to know him better. What better way to learn what he wants for us. In doing this you will find that you love him more than you have before. The benefits will be even greater.

So, as we approach this Lenten Season let us take this opportunity as a church family to deepen our faith and spend more time with our Lord!!

CHRIST CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2017



Christ Church again had a good year financially in 2017 with all areas of general purpose income slightly over budget for a second year in a row, totaling just under \$48,000 and more than a \$1,000 over budget. Expenses increased significantly compared with 2016 with the hiring of Deacon Bill; the payment of our full diocesan assessment for the first time in many years; and the increase in maintenance and repairs. This resulted in Net General Purpose Income of over \$7,000.

Through its Mission Fund the church continued support of the Walton Food Bank in 2017 with a \$250 contribution to help it provide badly needed holiday meals.

The balance sheet is strong and the church has good reserves for upcoming capital projects.

Thank you all for your continued financial support of Christ Church.

In Christ,

Jim Bell
Treasurer

LENT & EASTER: Dinners, Services & Meetings:

Feb 13th-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:30 pm

Feb 14th-Ash Wednesday service 5:30 pm-
Vestry meeting immediately following

Feb 21-Lent Supper-Vestry-Chili 5:30 pm

Feb 28-ECW-(same night as community dinner) 5:30 pm

March 7th- Altar Guild 5:30 pm

March 14th-Sunday School/Youth Group-Spaghetti 5:30 pm

March 21- Pot Luck 5:30 pm

March 25th-Palm Sunday 9:30 am

March 29th-Maundy Thursday Service 5:30 pm

March 30-Good Friday-Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm

April 1st- Easter Service 9:30am

February ***Birthdays***

Feb 9	Melanie Hill
Feb 20	Ray Haywood
Feb 21	Michelle Somers
Feb 23	Kathy Harby
Feb 24	Emma Harby
Feb 26	Morgan Harby

Baptismal Anniversaries

Feb 23	Aron Burr
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March ***Birthdays***

Mar 3	Ryan Somers
Mar 4	Elizabeth Cole
Mar 6	Carol Decker Ashleigh Murphy Richard A. Harby
Mar 10	Deacon Bill Wright
Mar 18	Nathan Williams
Mar 27	Abigail Wright

Baptismal Anniversaries

Mar 10	Megan Morrison
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Heat

Many thanks to Paul White for working with Suburban Propane to get our new furnaces installed. Church services are now warm and comfortable.

Also Paul and Jim Haywood have been working to get the rectory back in shape. Thanks so much.

Eucharistic Minister

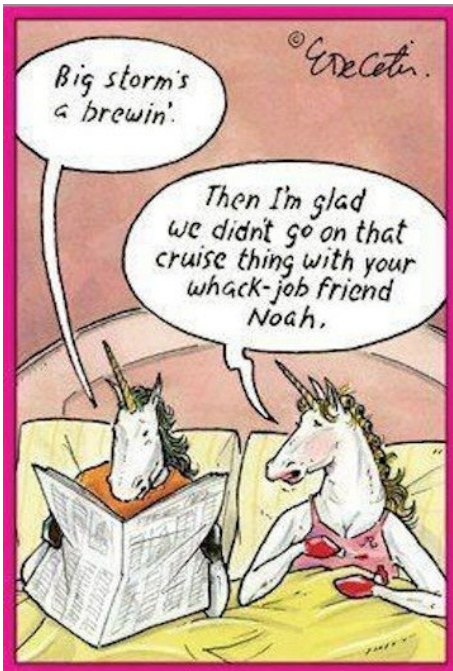
Jim Haywood is now an Eucharistic minister. He is also a chalice bearer and is assisting Deacon Bill by taking the Eucharist to shut-ins and parishioners in hospitals.

Convention

This year is the 150th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Albany to be held on June 8-10, 2018 at the Camp of the Woods in Speculator, New York.

If anyone has an interest in attending, please let Deacon Bill know. It is open to everyone. We select two delegates each year for whom the church pays the registration fees. Let Deacon Bill or a Vestry member know if you would like to be a delegate.

It is a wonderful experience and a beautiful place.



The nicest place to be is in
someone's thoughts,
The safest place to be is in
someone's prayers,
and the Very best place to
be
is...in the hands of God.

ECW Annual Report Summary of 2017 Events

Christ Church ECW had another excellent fund raising year in 2017.

We continued with our usual tried and true events.

There were two rummage sales that brought in \$883.74 including a purse sale on e-bay.

We participated in the Wilson BBQ earning \$130.

The Peanut Brittle and Rada knives were sold at the following events w/totals for the event.

Harvest Festival	\$1,161.00
Congregational Church	\$772.00
The Grange Hall	\$281.00

As always the Roast Pork dinner was a great fund raiser for Christ Church general fund and produced \$168 in ECW peanut brittle sales

Speaking of Peanut Brittle, once again the top prize for fund-raising goes to the sale of peanut brittle that netted \$2,156.75.

We returned to two newer events this year; Bakesale and peanut brittle at Giffords and a table at the New Hope Church Craft Show. NH brought in \$114 in PB sales. The bake sale resulted in \$286 from donated pies, cakes and cookies and PB sales of \$80.

The Christmas Bazaar collected \$195 in table space rental, \$109 in kitchen sales, \$14 in Christmas item sales, Rada knives \$154 and PB sales of \$263 for a total deposit of \$735 and a great holiday event.

Beyond fundraising the monthly free dinners continue to be a huge success.

ECW sent \$500 to the Episcopal Flood Relief fund.

In 2017 we added a new event flag and a banner to hang behind us for our events dressing up our look even more.

Total 2017 Income:	\$4,896.79
Total 2017 Expenses:	\$2,424.60
The ECW income after expenses for 2017	\$2,472.16

Financially the ECW is in good shape and the account balances are listed below:

Checking	\$5,044.24
Savings	\$9,367.05
CD	\$1,327.86

Monthly meetings continue to be well attended. New ideas for future projects and events will be included in the Grapevine and in the announcements. Anyone with ideas or a desire to join the ECW should contact Mary Cullen.

We extend a big thank you to all of the volunteers that make our fundraising possible. Special Thank You to Mary Cullen (ECW Chairperson) for organizing the dinners and to Marjorie Schreier and Sue Esposito for organizing the making and selling of the Peanut Brittle.

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Sunday Service 9:30 AM

41 Gardiner Place, Walton, NY 13856

(off Route 10 in the village of Walton, across from the William B. Ogden Library)

Wardens: *Lynda Hitt, Paul White*

ECW President, *Mary Cullen, Vice President, Sue Esposito*

Directresses, Altar Guild, *Kathy Harby, Barb White*

Organist, *Patrick Meredith*

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