COMMENT

Christ Episcopal Church CORNING, NY

The Mission of Christ Church is to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Sunday Worship
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. In-person
Tuesday Worship
12:00 Noonday Prayer via Zoom

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Finding Joy in New Beginnings

Later this month we make our annual transition from spring into summer. As we embrace this change of season, we are reminded of the countless ways joy finds its way into our lives; sometimes in the most beautiful and even unexpected ways. For our family, this current season has been one of immense gratitude and celebration as we officially welcomed James, our 13-year-old son, through adoption.

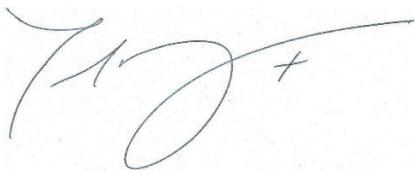
The journey to this moment has been filled with trepidation, love, hope, and faith. James, or Jimmy as I like to call him, has already brought so much light into our lives with his energy, resolve, humor, and infectious smile. Watching him grow and thrive within our family and our church community has been a blessing beyond words. We are thankful for the unwavering support of Christ Church, for the prayers, the encouragement, and the shared excitement in welcoming Jimmy into our hearts and home.

As we celebrate the joys of the spring and summer seasons, renewal, growth, and the promise of brighter days ahead, our congregation continues to be a reflection of love in action. Spring brings new life, summer reminds us to slow down and cherish each moment, and together we rejoice in God's abundant grace.

This time of reflection also leads into my upcoming sabbatical, a sacred pause, a season for renewal and spiritual deepening. I look forward to stepping away briefly to rest, to listen, to connect, and to return refreshed, ready to continue the work we share. Sabbaticals are not only a time for individual renewal but an opportunity for the entire congregation to grow in new ways, to explore fresh perspectives, and to lean into the strength of our shared ministry.

May this upcoming season be one of joy for each of us, whether in the embrace of family, the warmth of community, or the quiet moments of reflection. Thank you for your love and support and for walking this journey together.

Joy & Blessings,



God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places: May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and offer our lives in gratitude for our redemption. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, p. 135.

Very Troy

NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

If you wish to have a pastoral visit by telephone, in-person, or through Zoom, please call the church office. Father Troy would be delighted.

Mark your calendars —June 1: Pride Sunday; June 8: Pentecost with the Baptism of James Preston; June 15: Dads & Grads Sunday; June 22: Lift Dedication.

Reminder: When giving altar flowers and communion elements, please pay for them in a timely manner. Altar flowers are $50 per week, $25 if shared between two donors, and communion elements are $10 per week.

Dear Rev. Preston, On behalf of the Refugee Welcome Project, which is being sponsored by First Congregational UCC, I would like to thank **you for your contribution** to this very worthy cause. The entirety of your gift will be held in a special account and used exclusively for the Corning Refugee Welcome Project. Sincerely, Jill Palmer, Member, UCC Church and Refugee Welcome Project committee

Dear Rev. Preston, **Congratulations on receiving the volunteer award** at last week's United Way annual dinner! Your dedication & commitment to our community is inspiring. Sincerely, Cindy Lewis, Director, Community Impact, CareFirstNY

Father Troy will be on sabbatical from approximately June 29 until September 28.

Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, June 17, at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Library at Christ Church. ALL are welcome.

Congratulations to the following Christ Church Kids on reaching **High Honor Roll** for the 3rd Quarter: Adrian Blouin, Ethan Wentzel, Maeve Hill, Ben Herrmann, and Tessa Underwood. Great job!!

Dear People of Christ Church, **Thank you so much** for your generous support of our new Episcopal Summer Camp. We are so excited to launch it! God's Blessings, +Kara

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Please note that a 2.59% + $0.49 fee does get applied to the church.

Pay Your Pledge With

On May 1, Father Troy Preston accepted an **award from the United Way of the Southern Tier** for his and our support of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Congratulations to our own Chris Walters! After 12+ years as the grants manager and gallery curator, Chris is now the Executive Director for The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.

Sunday In-person Attendance Report	
May 4	110
May 11	87
May 18	70
May 25	74

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

GUNS TO
GARDEN TOOLS
Presentation by RAWtools followed by
a blacksmith demonstration where
participants can assist in transforming
a gun into a garden tool
SATURDAY MAY 31, 2025
10AM-NOON
COMMUNITY MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP
290 PARK AVENUE, CORNING, NY, 14830
(ENTRANCE ON HAMMOND ST.)
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In Baptism, on May 4, we welcomed Eleanor into the Body of Christ – the Church. May she receive the light of Christ and go forth as a child of that light.

We marked **Mother's Day 2025** in a special way, using our beautiful rose-colored vestments and paraments—a color that symbolize joy, hope, and renewal. Though not typically used on Mother's Day, they remind us that Christ's love transcends tradition, offering healing and assurance to all.

Raiden from Troop 2 at Christ Church, has earned his Eagle rank! Well earned through hard work and dedication.

We are bursting with pride to announce that our very own **Nancy Doutt has been recognized and awarded by the New York State Office for the Aging** for her incredible over 40 years of dedicated volunteer and community service!

At the remarkable age of 93, Nancy continues to inspire us all with her unwavering commitment and the positive impact she makes in our community. Her tireless efforts and selfless contributions have touched countless lives.

JUNE CELEBRATIONS & INFORMATION

Birthdays
6/6 Earle Gillis
6/10 Cynthia Kopcsay
6/13 John Ward
6/18 Rob Shaw
6/20 Joseph Soper
6/22 Verna Freer
6/27 Marie Blouin
6/29 Finn Curran
6/30 Jennifer Zimmermann

Anniversaries
6/1 Rug & Sara Altmansberger
6/10 Carlo & Ashley Scott
6/16 Howard & Jan Farnsworth
6/19 Troy Preston & Kevin Hillman
6/28 Richard & Linda Franklin

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the office.

Don't forget to **like us on Facebook!**

Altar Flower Donors
6/1 T. Preston
6/8 Doutt / Cook
6/15 Hillman / T. Preston
6/22 T. Preston
6/29 Gangeme

Communion Elements
6/1 Arnold
6/8 Rajaratnam
6/15 T. Preston
6/22 T. Preston
6/29 Rajaratnam

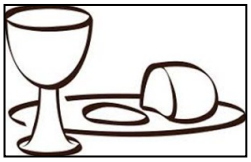
Coffee Hour
6/1 Murray
6/8 Wentzel
6/15 Women of Christ Church
6/22 Walters
6/29 Rajaratnam

The following parishioners, families and committees will be prayed for at our Tuesday noontime services in June:

June 3: Nancy Grant, Sam Gullo, Charles Jones; Barb Clark & Rob Shaw, Michael & Cynthia Rosplock, Andrew & Diana Macko; the Desrochers/Brown, Fairbrother, and Hill families; Bell Choir.
June 10: Sheila Laughlin, Linda Reimer, Sharon Arnold; Michael & Joni Makowiec, Dan & Pat Nolan; the Preston/Hillman, Jones, Galvin, and Hood families; Missions.
June 17: Margaret Faber, Esther Hauber, Lee Kent; Michael & Pam McCarthy, Michael Dickey & Peggy Bowen, Bob & Jo Ann Cole; the Walters, Scott, and Soper families; Ushers.
June 24: Penny O'Sullivan, Lisa Orlandini, Marcia Adamy; Michael & Christine Sellers, Jim & Michelle Coots, Dan & Barb Larson; the Castilone, Yorio, and Hulme families; Vestry.
Continue to remember those who are ill or recovering: Chuck Tober, Ted Heagle, Marilyn Nehring, Jan Farnsworth, Beth DiLauro, Mary Volpe, Janet Hallahan, and those on our Prayer Chain.

Don't forget to sign up to donate **altar flowers**!
Link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845A5A928A1F4C43-52885290-2025/158963393#/

Don't forget to sign up to donate **communion elements**! Link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845A5A928A1F4C43-52885588-2025/158963393#/



JUNE ONLINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR CHRIST CHURCH

Sundays at 10 a.m.

Subscribe to us on YouTube for all our broadcasted services. You may also look for the link posted on our Facebook page before each service.

YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEPDBaceNux_FzdUi1bRpZA

Tuesdays at Noon

Zoom Service:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82804939353?pwd=c0ZwUFVHaWxzVVg0MFh1cUt6OGhkQT09

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The deadline for submitting articles for the next issue of *Comment* is June 17.

JUNE PARTICIPANT SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 1 at 8 a.m.
Rob Shaw - Reader & Prayers

Sunday, June 1 at 10 a.m.
Carol Drake - Reader/Chalice
Pam McCarthy - Reader/Chalice
Bonnie Tyo - PA
Juan Jones - Prayers of the People

Sunday, June 8 at 8 a.m.
Brent Underwood - Reader & Prayers

Sunday, June 8 at 10 a.m.
Richard Grzybowski - Reader/Chalice
Joni Makowiec - Reader/Chalice
Loretta Preston - PA
Nancy Doutt - Prayers of the People

Sunday, June 15 at 8 a.m.
Katherine Perchik - Reader & Prayers

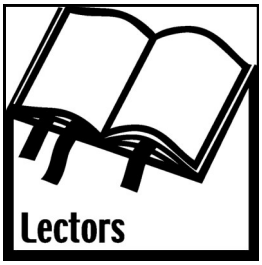
Sunday, June 15 at 10 a.m.
Marion Ivy- Reader/Chalice
Jan Farnsworth - Reader/Chalice
Brendan Hammond - PA
Anne Galvin - Prayers of the People

Sunday, June 22 at 8 a.m.
Richard Franklin- Reader & Prayers

Sunday, June 22 at 10 a.m.
Barbara Larson - Reader/Chalice
Chris Desrochers - Reader/Chalice
Don Desrochers - PA
Barbara Cook - Prayers of the People

Sunday, June 29 at 8 a.m.
Rob Shaw - Reader & Prayers

Sunday, June 29 at 10 a.m.
Bill Scheidweiler - Reader/Chalice
Lisa Orlandini - Reader/Chalice
Parker Grayson - PA
Pam McCarthy - Prayers of the People



Lift Project

Dear Friends of Christ Church Corning,

We are filled with gratitude and excitement as we approach the completion of the **Lift Project**—an initiative that will enhance accessibility to our parish house through a new lift and automatic handicap door. These improvements will ensure that all members of our community can easily and comfortably access our shared spaces, including **Ready Set Grow Child Care, the Lower Parish Hall, Houghton Lounge, the Parish Office, and the Education Wing**. This project reflects our deep commitment to inclusion and hospitality.

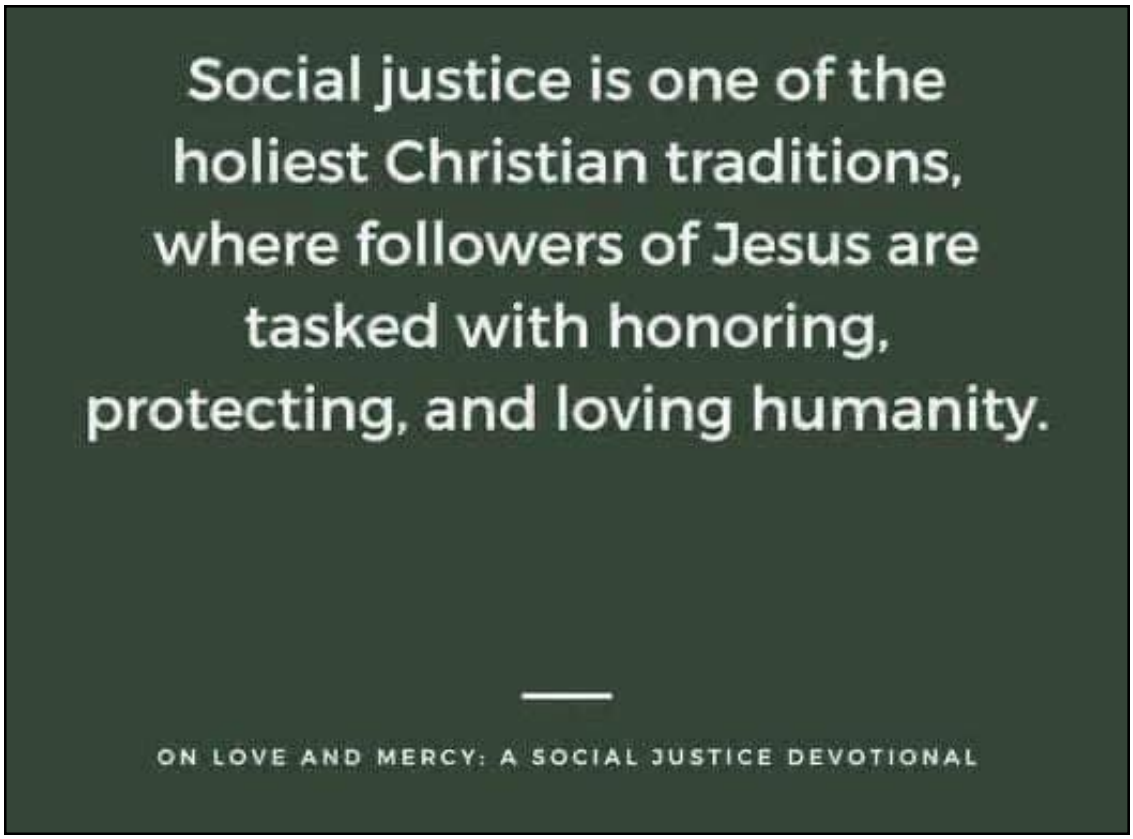
As we are preparing for the **dedication ceremony on June 22**, we invite you to consider supporting this meaningful initiative. Contributions can be made **in honor or memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for a special occasion**. Your generosity will not only help complete this vital addition but will also serve as a lasting tribute to those who have touched your heart.

If you would like to participate, please provide a check to the parish office along with details of your dedication. All gifts will be gratefully acknowledged during the dedication ceremony.

Together, we are creating a more accessible and welcoming space—one that reflects our shared values of love, inclusion, and service. Thank you for your generosity and support in making this vision a reality.

With blessings and gratitude,

Gifts can also be given through the PayPal link on our website: https://christepiscopalcorning.org/



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