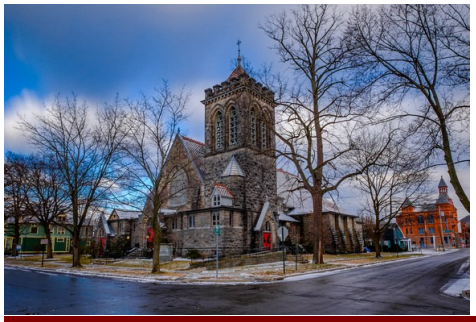

COMMENT

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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Dear Christ Church Family,

Very Troy

In this time of change and uncertainty, the teachings of Jesus Christ continue to inspire us to stand up for justice, love, and truth. Our faith calls us to recognize the light of Christ, to carry that light into the world, and to shine it brightly even in the face of adversity. This fervent request has been an ever-present reminder throughout the season of Epiphany. The Blessing, *May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world* and the Dismissal, *Go in peace, knowing that the light of Christ shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall never overcome it*, are just two expressions, from our liturgy, of the power of Christ's light and the important role we play in relationship.

As members of the Church, we are called to act with courage and compassion. We are reminded of the words of the prophet Micah, *He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?* (Micah 6:8).

Speaking truth to power is not just a phrase; it is a mandate rooted in our faith. It means advocating for what is right, standing up for those who cannot speak for themselves, and challenging systems of injustice and oppression. However, let us remember that speaking truth to power is not strictly about confrontation but about conviction. It is about standing firm in our beliefs and working towards a world that reflects the love and justice of Jesus Christ. As we move forward, let each of us, in our own way, and in our daily life, speak truth to power. Let us pray, stay informed, advocate for the marginalized, and strive for love, compassion, and justice. Believe me, each will help pierce the darkness and illuminate the shadows.

I leave you now with a prayer by John D. Rayner that I have come to appreciate and pray often. For me, it expresses my heartful desire for each and every one of us.

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! That we may find serenity in Your presence, and purpose in doing Your will.

Thank you for your faith, your courage, your compassion, and your dedication. May God bless and guide us each day of Lent and beyond.

With love,

NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

If you wish to have a pastoral visit please call the church office. Father Troy would be delighted.

Don't forget to stop and see the bulletin board in the education hallway on your way to coffee hour. Maybe you will know someone in the **Jazz Sunday pictures from 2017**. Nancy Doutt did a wonderful job.

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.

Christ Episcopal Church, I wanted to take a moment to express my **heartfelt gratitude for your incredible kindness.** Your thoughtful act of generosity has truly touched my heart and made a lasting impact on my life. Because of your blessing, I was able to see 4 beautiful smiles on Christmas morning. You truly blessed my family and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Tara, Avi, Isabella, Shawn, Jason

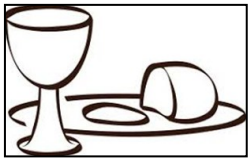
Townsend Lalonde, age 89, formerly of Corning, died on January 16 in Richmond, VA. A graveside service was held on February 12 with Father Troy officiating. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Wade Irmisher died on February 5, 2025. The 8 a.m. services at Christ Church were always enriched by his presence. Please keep Sharon in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Sharon Arnold, Connect 55, 110 Creekside Dr., Apt 103, Painted Post, NY 14870.

Bible Study will be on March 18, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Library at Christ Church.

Sunday In-Person Attendance Report	
January 19	103
January 26	70
February 2	82
February 9 (snow)	64
February 16 (ice)	51
February 23	85

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



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

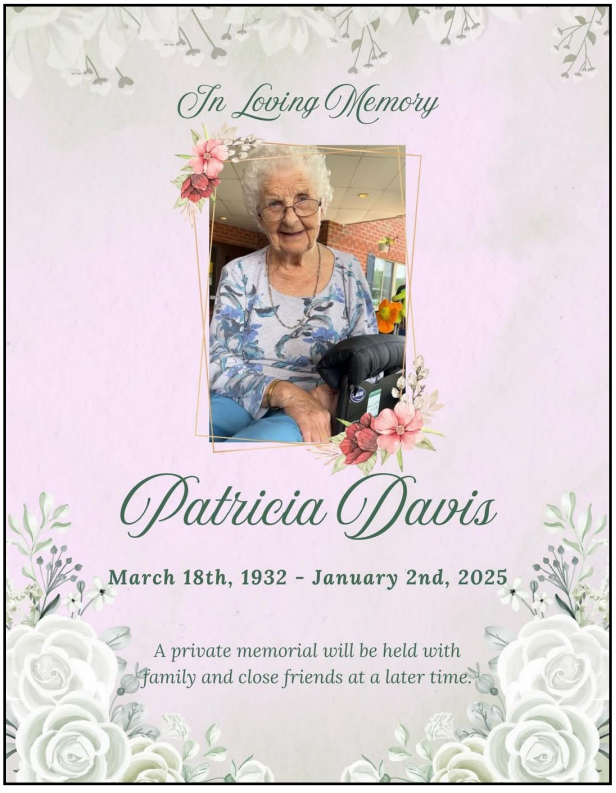
Pay Your Pledge With PayPal Donate Now

Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 4:30 - 7:00pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church
149 West William Street, Corning
www.emanuelcorning.org

Suggested donation:
$5/person, $15/family under 6 free!
Proceeds benefit Corning Salvation Army & Steuben Habitat for Humanity



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ecumenical Worship Service
with Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

All are welcome.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

171 West Pulteney Street, Corning, NY

www.corningucc.org

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES at Christ Church, Corning

8 a.m. (In-person & Online)
12Noon —1 p.m. (Ashes to Go)

You've probably seen the sermon by the **Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde** at the Washington National Cathedral service, but did you know she graduated from the University of Rochester?

Congratulations to Brooke! January 26 was her first time being an acolyte! We appreciate her willingness to be a part of the worship service. Thank you, Brooke!

In Holy Baptism we have joyfully welcomed Jim Coots, into the Body of Christ—the Church.

Congratulations and Blessings, Jim!

Pictured: Michelle and Jim Coots

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDY

"The Hardest Part: Hurt We Carry, Hope We Find"

Thursdays, March 13th - April 10th

Soup Supper at 6 p.m., Study & Discussion at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Community Mennonite Fellowship Church
290 Park Avenue, Corning, NY
(entrance on Hammond Street)

Life is a strange, tender mix. Joy and sorrow. Love and loss. Wins and failures.
Lent is a season that invites us to acknowledge and explore
the heaviness of this tension.

Our Lenten Study offers an opportunity to practice honesty, and acknowledge how heavy the world can feel, but where, bit by bit, we might also hold out hope for what might still be possible and let God meet us in the hardest parts of our lives - a program designed by Kate Bowler, four-time New York Times bestselling author, award-winning podcast host, and Professor of Religious History at Duke University.

All are welcome to join us as we pause, reflect, and find the courage to stay with the hard part, trusting that the good part is still coming.

Mission Project 2024: $12,000.00 for Save Ukraine.

We are pleased to announce that the former "Southeast District" of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester raised a total of $12,000.00 for Save Ukraine.

Among other things, Save Ukraine provides LifePacks as part of their efforts to aid families and children affected by war. LifePacks provide the basic necessities for a child who is displaced by war. Thousands of Ukrainian children are suffering from the war and hiding in dark basements from constant shelling. Every day the Save Ukraine teams evacuate them away from hot spots to their centers in safe areas, providing maximum support for children on their way to a new place.

The situation in Ukraine remains dire. These funds will truly make a difference during this very difficult time. Thank you for your support and continued prayers.

Participating:
Church of the Good Shepherd, Savona
Church of the Redeemer, Addison
Saint Mark's, Penn Yan
St. James, Hammondsport
Saint James', Watkins Glen
St. Thomas', Bath
St. Luke's, Branchport
St. John's ,Odessa
Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
Christ Church, Corning

Christ Church, Corning raised $3,506 for Save Ukraine

Many thanks to Jim Brennan, Loretta Preston, Max Young, and Rob Shaw for helping Father Troy clear the sidewalks for the services on February 9. It truly was an answer to a prayer.

Dear Christ Church family,

Thank you all so much for my surprise retirement recognition as Christ Church Treasurer. The Coffee Hour from the Finance Committee and Kevin Hillman, the gorgeous bouquet of flowers, the certificate of recognition from the Bishop, and the lovely Bible and letter from Father Troy and the congregation were all wonderfully unexpected and exciting. Again, many thanks to everyone.

Barbara Cook

February 2 we **thanked and celebrated Barbara Cook** for being our treasurer for twenty years. Her work helping to keep us financially sound is greatly appreciated. The Finance Committee shared treats at Coffee Hour as we shared in the blessing of her service. Thank you, Barb!

Annual Meeting Elections

Congratulations to the parish leaders elected at our 184th Annual Meeting held on Sunday, January 26, 2025.

Anne Galvin, elected to a two-year term as Warden.

Ashley Scott, Richard Murray, and David Blouin, all elected to three-year Vestry terms.

Candice Hill, elected to a three-year term as diocesan delegate.

Chris Walters decided not to seek re-election to the Vestry. We thank Chris for his six years of dedicated service on the Vestry. We hope he will run again in the future.

Pictured are some of those recently elected. (L-R) Candice Hill, David Blouin, and Anne Galvin.

Radical Hospitality Challenge

And Jesus said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."
(Matthew 13:52)

I have visited almost all the churches in our diocese (thirty-one so far!), and while each community is unique and gifted in its own way, there are some common themes. You all have great lay leaders, you all love and care for each other like a family, you all faithfully follow Jesus and serve others, and you all have great coffee hours. Keep up the great work!

Another theme I've encountered, and which I remember from 19 years in a parish, is that over time our spaces tend to accumulate things that no longer serve us and no longer represent our community. I believe facing our accumulations (physical, emotional, and spiritual!) may help us move forward as individuals and communities.

As we approach Lent, I suggest this as an excellent Lenten discipline for individuals, vestries, building and grounds teams, and/or rectors to adapt—the Radical Hospitality Challenge!

What story does your space tell?

Open a cupboard in your church, look at the entryway to your building, the sexton's closet, the space under the stairs, even the area around the altar in the church—is there extra stuff that you don't use cluttering it up? Are pictures and posters outdated? Are signs and directions accurate? Does this clutter matter? I think so. Our spaces send signals to our brains, especially to people visiting for the first time. What might these things signal to a visitor?

You may have curious people showing up to your worship service for the first time. What does it mean to show radical hospitality? We know there is a balance to be achieved when greeting a first-time visitor—something between "Welcome! Would you like to join the vestry/altar guild/be a pledger/run Sunday school?" and "We are a wonderful, close community and everyone pitches in. If you think, act, and speak like us you will fit right in." Clutter in our spaces, outdated signs, and insider language are unwelcoming. Radical hospitality is not only about welcoming and inclusion but also being willing to change and be changed by new members to our communities.

What are your treasures?

Jesus encourages his disciples to take out of their "treasure what is new and what is old" just after he has told several parables. I think he is suggesting that we must listen to his parables again and again, pick them up, put them down, and pick them up again, in order to understand their meaning in our life now. As communities, our shared stuff—the items we have used in worship and ministry, engagement, and learning—are the parables of our community life.

These are things we have used to make the world make sense to us and to work for us. These are the treasures I am encouraging you to bring out—what is old and what is new—to discern what is needed for our ministry together now.

Example: "We use this pledge card every year!" That is a treasure to discern—does it still reflect who we are and what we're doing? Is it working well, or could it use a refresh?

My challenge to you, parishes, is to do some literal clean-up to help you discern your treasures, who you are, and how your space reflects that. Like any tidying-up project, there will be piles. How you decide together what goes in which pile is a discernment process. Do we keep it? Should it be fixed, refurbished, organized, or used? Should it be donated, or thrown away?

Sorting through our possessions is also a way of revisiting our past and paving the way for radical hospitality. The items in our churches were used and saved for a reason; they teach us about the people, ministry, and missions from our past. They remind us of things that went wrong—have we remembered those lessons? Other items remind us of good times, occasions to celebrate and remember, but maybe not repeat. We also might find items that still have life in them, just waiting to be rediscovered.

I remember finding an old handmade fish fry poster from the early 90s and framing it for our newly renovated church kitchen. Suddenly, a team was inspired to fry fish again. The restart became a successful new fundraiser (raising fun and funds!). On another occasion, a dive into our archives unearthed a vote by our vestry in the early 1960s in which they rejected integration of the neighborhood, prompting an important discussion of why our parish and neighborhood were still predominantly white. We started to tell the truth of our history.

A Personal Radical Hospitality Challenge

This Radical Hospitality Challenge isn't just for our churches; it can be a powerful metaphor for our own personal spiritual discipline for Lent. You might give something up for Lent, or perhaps start a new good habit, or you might take time this Lent to do a spiritual inventory of your spiritual space and time.

Ask yourself:

- How do I spend my time alone/with family/with friends/in the community?
- Is this feeding my soul?
- What are my eating, drinking, and exercise habits?
- Are they supporting my health?
- How am I praying, and where and when?

This Lent, take time to reflect on the treasures of your life—things old and new. Take each treasure out and ask, "Is this feeding/changing/strengthening my Christian life?" "Is this practice making my heart a place of radical hospitality?" Keep what is working, throw away what is pulling you down, practice what you want to get better at, and spend your time, treasure, and talents wisely. Practice saying no to the things you need to say no to, and yes to the things you are called to.

This Lent, take up the Radical Hospitality Challenge as a community and on your own. Lay before God the treasure that is you and ask Jesus to walk with you into the resurrection. Get ready to show a resurrected people and a spruced-up space to those who will join you on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the one whose act of radical hospitality saves us.

The Rt. Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer—Episcopal Bishop in Rochester

Episcopal Church joins religious freedom lawsuit challenging ICE enforcement actions in churches

The Episcopal Church is among dozens of multifaith plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging the U.S. government's recent rescission of guidelines that limited immigration enforcement in sensitive areas such as churches, schools, and hospitals. The suit was filed this morning in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia by Georgetown Law's Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection.

Faith groups joining this lawsuit claim that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) actions in and around places of worship without a judicial warrant burden religious exercise in violation of the First Amendment and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The complaint, filed against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, argues that these enforcement actions interfere with the plaintiffs' ability to fulfill the religious mandate to welcome and serve immigrants. Referring to this lawsuit, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe said that in God's kingdom, immigrants and refugees are not at the edges, fearful and alone, but are the very center of God's story.

"We believe their struggles reveal the heart of God, and we cannot worship freely if some among us live in fear," he said. "We are seeking the ability to fully gather and follow Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves."

As alleged in the complaint, there are Episcopal congregations across the United States that have already seen decreased attendance at worship services and social service ministries due to fears of ICE actions. In some places, even congregants with documented legal status are choosing to stay home for fear they may be mistakenly arrested based on their appearance.

"Welcoming the stranger is not a political act—it's a sacred obligation. When immigrants walk through our church doors, they're not entering as outsiders; they are stepping into the heart of our faith, where their dignity and stories are embraced as reflections of God's love," said Julia Ayala Harris, president of The Episcopal Church's House of Deputies. "This lawsuit is about protecting our ability to live out the Gospel without fear or interference."

Co-plaintiffs in the suit include representatives from many Christian and Jewish traditions, including Baptists, Brethren, Disciples, Evangelicals, Lutherans, Mennonites, Methodists, Quakers, Presbyterians, Unitarian Universalists, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Kehilla Community Synagogue, Reconstructing Judaism, and the Union for Reform Judaism.

"We are told by the rulers of our day that the rich shall be first; that compassion is a weakness; that we should regard the migrants and strangers among us with fear and contempt," Bishop Rowe said. "But I ask us all to see that our true citizenship is in God's kingdom, where the meek shall inherit the earth, the merciful shall receive mercy, and the captives shall go free."

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe unpacks vision behind church staff realignment

On the day I was elected presiding bishop in June 2024, I told the General Convention: It's time to reorient our churchwide structures—budgets and staffs—to support dioceses and congregations on the ground where ministry happens. To build on what dioceses and diocesan partnerships already do better than the churchwide structure, to use churchwide resources to strengthen those ministries. We must reform our structure and governance so that our essential polity, in which laypeople, clergy, and bishops—all of us together—share authority, doesn't collapse under its own weight.

It's been about four months since I took office, and I want to tell you a little bit more about the progress we're making toward this goal.

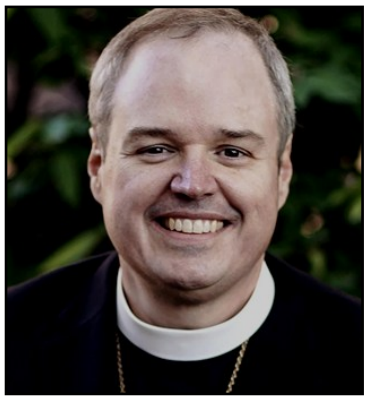
First of all, I want to tell you something about the vision we're moving. I believe that The Episcopal Church has the capacity to be a strong, adaptive church that communicates and embodies the depth of Christian spirituality and works toward our vision of God's kingdom by supporting ministry on the ground in dioceses. Our spiritual tradition tells us that God is calling us into an ever-deepening relationship with God and Jesus Christ and with our fellow human beings. This spiritual wisdom is essential to our ability to lead through the seismic structural, demographic, and institutional changes that lie ahead for The Episcopal Church. It is also one of our greatest gifts to the world, and I believe one of the things that gives us the ability to reach new people in our congregations and communities. Strengthening our institution matters because it is the means by which we ensure that The Episcopal Church can make a strong and effective witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We need to become one church, one church in Jesus Christ.

Now, we lack the capacity in too many places. We have committed leaders who are eager to participate more effectively in God's mission across the church, in all orders of ministry; we hear and see that leaders are ready for a season of significant change in how we work toward our vision of God's kingdom. But over the course of the last generation, the landscape of The Episcopal Church has shifted dramatically. The increasing secularization of the United States, open access to information, increasing speed of change, internal and external culture wars, and a variety of other variables contribute to this shift. The result is that the church, which has for centuries been accustomed to a place of privilege, is struggling to redefine its engagement in God's mission.

I believe that by understanding that we are one church in Jesus Christ, we can strengthen the institution to support the congregations and institutions where ministry is taking place—in places where faithful Episcopalians gather day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, to worship God, to celebrate, to mourn, and to care for God's people. That's the vision driving the realignment of the church center staff that's now underway.

As you know, this realignment was directed by the Executive Council in 2023 and incorporated in the 2025-2027 General Convention budget and requires us to reduce staff by $3.6 million over the course of a triennium. Our goal with the realignment, however, is not solely financial. By identifying priorities for our work as a staff and restructuring the staff to support dioceses more fully, we believe that we can help The Episcopal Church make an even stronger and more effective witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To realize this vision, we will have to change some of our core staff priorities significantly. In some areas, we will pivot to focusing on investing in strong diocesan programs and initiatives and making them available to the entire church. In other areas, we'll be trying some experiments to see what might work in today's church, learning from what we try, and building on what succeeds.



On any journey, there are hard stretches and easy paths, and I'm glad we're traveling this road together.

May God bless you now and always.

MARCH CELEBRATIONS & INFORMATION

Birthdays

3/3 Troy Preston
3/5 Anne Hulme
3/6 Sara Altmansberger
3/11 Marilyn Abbott
3/12 Kathy Miller
Paul Castilone
3/14 James Spangenberg
3/16 Grace Kutka
Jerry Richards
3/17 Tatiana Balthazor
3/22 Ben Herrmann
3/24 Joyce Clark
3/28 Sam Gullo

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

Altar Flower Donors

3/2 T. Preston / L. Preston
3/9 NO FLOWERS—Lent
3/16 NO FLOWERS—Lent
3/23 NO FLOWERS—Lent
3/30 NO FLOWERS—Lent

Communion Elements

3/2 T. Preston
3/9 Perchik
3/16 Castilone
3/23 Peck
3/30 **NEED VOLUNTEER**

Coffee Hour

3/2 Christ Church
3/9 Campbell / Galvin / Hill
3/16 Berg
3/23 Judd/Richards/Craig
3/30 Hertl / Beykirch / Krumbholz

The following parishioners, families and committees will be prayed for at our Tuesday noon-time services in March:

March 4: Bill Scheidweiler, Marion Ivy, Jane Dillon; Andrew & Diana Macko, Michael & Joni Makowiec, Dan & Pat Nolan; the Crowl, Young, and Yehl families; Prayer Chain.

March 11: Christine Smith, Lizz Jones, Connie Judd; Troy Preston & Kevin Hillman, Michael & Pam McCarthy, Michael Dickey & Peggy Bowen; the Curran, Yoganathan/Rajaratnam, and Underwood families; Imagination Library Volunteers.

March 18: Nancy Doutt, Joyce Clark, Linda Bates; Bob & Jo Ann Cole, Michael & Christine Sellers, Jim & Michelle Coots; the Herrmann, Kutka/Balthazor, and Wentzel families; Acolytes.

March 25: Judith Bischoff, Beth DiLauro, Gretchen Wood; Dan & Barb Larson, Serge Minko & Jane E Brown, Stephanie & Deke Miller; the Koenig, Scheidweiler, and Blouin families; Finance.

Continue to remember in your prayers: Chuck Tober, Ted Heagle, Marilyn Nehring, Jan Farnsworth, Sandy Young, Beth DiLauro, Lizz Jones, 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 host **coffee hour**!
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MARCH ONLINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR CHRIST CHURCH

Sundays at 10 a.m. & Ash Wednesday at 8 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:
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The deadline for submitting articles for the next issue of *Comment* is March 19.

MARCH PARTICIPANT SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 2 at 10 a.m.
Marie Blouin - Reader
Adrian, Ben, and Simon Blouin - Acolytes

Wednesday, March 5 at 8 a.m.
Rob Shaw - Reader/Prayers/Chalice

Sunday, March 9 at 8 a.m.
Katherine Perchik - Reader/Prayers/Chalice

Sunday, March 9 at 10 a.m.
Joni Makowiec - Reader/Chalice
Bonnie Tyo - Reader/Chalice
Cathy Hubbard - PA
Nancy Doutt - Prayers of the People

Sunday, March 16 at 8 a.m.
Rob Shaw - Reader/Prayers/Chalice

Sunday, March 16 at 10 a.m.
Brendan Hammond - Reader/Chalice
Richard Grzybowski - Reader/Chalice
Loretta Preston - PA
Anne Galvin - Prayers of the People

Sunday, March 30 at 8 a.m.
Richard Franklin - Reader/Prayers/Chalice

Sunday, March 30 at 10 a.m.
Bill Scheidweiler - Reader/Chalice
Jessica Hood - Reader/Chalice
Brendan Hammond - PA
Nancy Doutt - Prayers of the People

There will not be an 8 a.m. service.

A festive coffee hour in Houghton Lounge following the service.

Sunday, February 2, was **the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, also known as Candlemas**. It's one of the oldest feasts of the Christian church. As a continuation of a long-held tradition, candles were blessed and given to those present for use in prayer and personal devotions at home. The candlelight is an outward and visible sign of Christ who illumines hearts and whose light continues to shine in the world.

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