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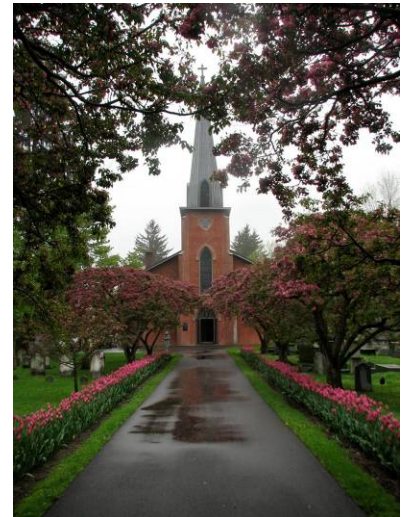
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Spring (Finally) Comes to Christ Church

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After this hard winter, it has been wonderful to enjoy the spray of color in the Churchyard. We are especially grateful to the Clark Foundation for planting the tulips along the walk, to Chris Graham at Tallman's Tree Service for trimming the cherry trees as a donation to the Parish, and to Kathy Lloyd and Janet Rigby for tending the daffodils



From the Rector's Study

"Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression." Isaiah 1:17

"Justice has been done" were the words that President Obama used in announcing the death of Osama Bin Ladin to the nation. They were carefully chosen words, and from all that I know of the case, they were accurate. The President later remarked that he wanted to be careful not to "spike the football." He didn't want to gloat distastefully, or to suggest that the terrorist's killing by Navy Seals was a simple act of revenge.

Osama Bin Ladin admitted direct responsibility for the death of thousands of innocent people. He

continued to plot maneuvers in a self-proclaimed war against the Western world. He was killed deep inside a fortified building, in a room filled with deadly weapons. Despite what some crowds might have chanted, this wasn't a matter of revenge, or even an assassination, (which would have been much more morally complicated). It seems clear that by the rules of just war, the standards Christians have used to reason about the proper use of force for over a millennium and a half, the president was right. Justice was done.

But not complete justice. Osama Bin Ladin has been punished, but his death does not really set right the long trail of destruction he leaves in his wake. Is it disloyal to imagine an-

other kind of way that this sorry tale could have ended: the terrorist taken alive, an international criminal trial, the man forced to face the people whose lives have been broken by his cruelty? If Bin Ladin had shown remorse for his actions, begged for forgiveness, denied the crackpot spin on his own religion that he has popularized: if there could have been some move towards restoration, something more than just retribution: wouldn't it be better to call that justice?

I was struck by how many people interviewed after Bin Ladin's death described hearing the news as a disappointing let-down. They had longed for ten years to hear that the man had been brought to justice, but the news sounded hollow to them. Ending one man's capacity to do evil won't make the world safe again. And

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no soldier's gun or judge's gavel can bring his victims back to life.

Most Christian reflection about justice has started from the reality that our world is deeply scarred by the power of sin. We can't really coerce people to do good. We can't ever even out the scores. We rarely even have the insight to piece together a wrongdoer's motivations, much less certify the sincerity of his remorse. Human legislators, Saint Augustine urged, should aim at "a justly ordered peace"—not perfect peace, which is God's gift alone, but peace within the borders flagged by imperfect human laws.

It's not that doing justice is unimportant. The laws of the Old Covenant laid down strict rules for impartiality for judges. The prophets call us to right the wrongs of a corrupt society. The authorities bear the power of violence, Saint Paul sternly warns, for a reason: they are God's agents to punish wrongdoers. But even the best judges don't see with God's clear insight. Every case has its own mysteries, and most of us are always on the outside, never quite knowing the full story.

In the same week that the President announced that justice had been done, we also heard the news that an agreement had been reached in the case of two young men in our community. I wish I could also say that justice had been done here, but I'm not so sure. An awful crime was

committed when Wesley Lippitt was shot, and it's only right that Anthony Pacherille should be punished for his actions. But a hate-crimes charge, a possible sentence of more than a decade in the state prison system? Can we really call it just to punish a boy barely sixteen, with obvious mental instability is this way?

I have been grateful for the consistently insightful, courageous and humane way that this particular story has been told by Jim Kevlin of the Freeman's Journal. In his editorial that ran after the judicial hearing in Easter Week, Mr. Kevlin urged that Judge Burns show an appropriate leniency in sentencing Anthony Pacherille on July 22. His hope, which is also mine, is that some kind of middle way can be still found: a solution that confines Anthony Pacherille to keep him from doing harm while also providing him with the kind of treatment he needs. It's justice that we need, not revenge. Kevlin also points out that this entire incident has revealed some troubling tensions and problems within our community. Surely the real way to a "justly ordered peace" is to continue to work at addressing these difficult issues, not "closing the case" as soon as Judge Burns passes his sentence next month.

Mr. Kevlin asked that the people of our village's churches pray for insight for the judge as he makes this very difficult decision. Let us also pray also for wisdom for those who want to work together to address the troubling issues that remain, so that we may see deeper healing and restoration: may justice be done in Cooperstown as well.

Vestry Notes: April, May, Annual Meeting

At their Meeting on April 11, 2011, the vestry took the following actions.

Parish Vision and Planning: Vestry members worked on clarifying goals and noting significant progress in becoming a more outward-focused congregation. Three main areas for action had been identified at the March 2010 vestry retreat: sharing the faith with unchurched people, becoming more active in social ministry, and redeveloping our structures and procedures to allow for more flexibility and a focus on mission (the latter includes staffing issues). The Vestry noted significant progress in each area, and the role of our summer seminarian intern in advancing these issues. They identified several new items for action (facebook improvements, mission trip to New York) authorized Mike Miller to share information about the discussion at the Annual Meeting, and will continue to work at clarifying goals for the future.

At their meeting on May 8, 2011, the vestry took the following actions:

- **Reviewed the rector's performance:** Father Mark was commended on his preaching, wide-ranging pastoral care, and new programs that have focused on

evangelism and work to grow the parish. He was encouraged to reduce work hours to free up time for family life and more community activity, to eliminate poorly attended activities and programs, and to reduce written communication.

- **Revised the personnel policy** by adding to the Benefit section that all employees who drive their own vehicles on approved parish business are entitled to **reimbursement at the Standard IRS Business Mileage Rate**
- **Resolved not to meet in June**

At the 200th Annual Meeting, held on May 15, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- **Teri Barown** was elected **Junior Warden**
- **Derek Ratliff, Janet Rigby and JeJe Viek** were elected to **three year vestry terms** (Derek and Janet continue their service on the vestry)
- **Robert Johnson and Ann Eldred** were elected as **delegates to Diocesan Convention**

New Vestry Members Elected



(L to R): Janet Rigby, Je Je Viek, Teri Barown, Derek Ratliff

At our Annual Meeting, Teri Barown was elected as our new junior warden, and Derek Ratliff, Janet Rigby and Je Je Viek were elected to the vestry for three year terms. Bob Johnson and Ann Eldred were also elected as parish delegates to the Diocesan Convention, which will be held June 10-12 at Camp of the Woods in Speculator, New York.

Teri Barown has been a lifelong member of our parish. She lives near Milford, with her children Matthew, Julie and Nicole, and works as the Coopers-town Village Clerk. A former member of the vestry, she continues on the Building and Grounds and Congregational Life Committees, and also serves as an usher and as a substitute Sunday School teacher. As Junior Warden, Teri will also serve as a member of the Financial Planning Committee and as chair of the Stewardship Committee. Her term is one year, and at our 2012 Annual Meeting, she will succeed Michael Miller as the Senior Warden.

Derek Ratliff continues his service on the vestry. An ophthalmologist at Bassett Hospital, he is the husband of Janet and the father of Kristin, Steven and Juliet, and lives on Pioneer Street. In addition to his service on the vestry, Derek also serves as one of our Christian Education Coordinators, and will teach the Middle School Sunday School class in the fall. He is also active in the com-

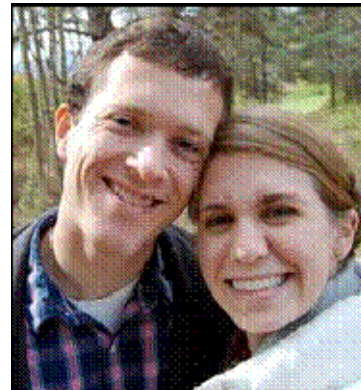
munity as a scout leader and youth sports coach.

Janet Rigby was also elected to a second three year vestry term. She lives with her husband Bill on Elm Street, where they operate an antique hardware business. Her daughter Emilie is a college student and Will serves in the Navy. In addition to her service on the vestry, Janet has been a Sunday School teacher for many years, chairs the Flower Committee, and has used her various talents to create vestments, tend gardens, help in the office and sing in the choir.

Je Je Viek is our newest vestry member. She has been a member of our parish for a few years, and lives on Walnut Street. A retired teacher (who also worked as a Peace Corps volunteer in Malawi in retirement), she sings on the choir, serves on the Altar Guild, and participates in a number of Christian Education classes.

Please contact these new vestry members and others who continue to serve (Roxie Hansel, Ron Johnson, Bob Johnson, Kai Mebust, Monica Stringer, Dennis Tallman) with your questions and concerns about parish life. They try to make their decisions out of a process of spiritual discernment and consultation with as many people as possible.

Seminarian Intern to Arrive June 6



You will get to know her by a new name this summer. Last year's summer seminarian intern, Emily Leonardy, will return to work with us in ministry on June 6. Emily is a member of our Parish and is preparing for ordination to the priesthood through our Diocese (her technical title is "postulant for holy orders").

Just a little more than a week before she arrives here, Father Mark will be officiating at her marriage to Jordan Hylden in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Jordan is also a divinity student at Duke, and is studying for a doctorate in historical theology. A farm boy from North Dakota, Jordan is also a postulant for holy orders in the Episcopal diocese of that state. The Hydleys will be living with the Tim Horvath family, just outside the village along the lake at 5934 County Route 80.

Emily's work here this summer will combine some practical experience for her in pastoral care, preaching and teaching with a series of new initiatives, most of them involving outreach to the wider community. She will be organizing a hospitality booth at the village Fourth of July celebration, several social ministry projects, and an ecumenical mission trip for teenagers to a settlement House in New York. She will also undertake some research and plan-

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Missionary Visits Sunday School



Didi Hegnauer, who has worked as a missionary in Belgium for decades, visited our Sunday School to talk about her ministry with children on May 8. Mrs. Hegnauer and her husband work with Child Evangelism Fellowship in the European nation, running Christian afterschool programs and summer camps for children. They are long time friends of Georgia Meeter's. In a part of the world where regular Christian Education for children is rare, their ministry has helped many to know more about Christ and his love.

Seminarian, cont

ning to improve our Sunday School curriculum and to help develop a hands-on ministry among the needy in our community.

You can greet Emily and her new husband at a social at the Rectory on Saturday night, June 11, beginning at 7:30. She will also try to keep her schedule free for dinner-time invitations, especially in the first few weeks. If you would like to donate some furniture or household items for the Hyldens to use during their summer stay, please call Ann Eldred, who is coordinating this. Ann reports that a dresser is still needed.

We can also use some help to clean up Emily and Jordan's living space at the Horvath's house, which has recently undergone major renovations. A work crew will gather at the Horvath house on Saturday, June 4 at 9:00 to sweep and scrub. See Bob Birch if you have questions.

Ecumenical Youth Study, Mission Trip Planned for Summer

By Emily Leonardy

Meditate on The Lord's Prayer and Christian service with other Cooperstown youth (for students entering the 6th to 12th grades). Seminarian Emily Hylden will lead a program for junior high and high school students, culminating in a trip to New York City and a visit to the Tenement Museum. Youth from all churches—or no church at all!—are welcome to join the group in the Christ Church parish hall on Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. A themed activity will commence the meeting, followed by a discussion of Christian service focused on a phrase of the Lord's Prayer. The prayer that Jesus taught his disciples continues to be fruitful for disciples today; the course will explore how to participate with God in building his kingdom, how to minister to others and spread God's love, and how to foster continued growth in our prayer lives. Each evening will also enrich students' understanding of the history of the Industrial Revolution and its effect

on living conditions in New York City, with an eye to efforts seeking to mitigate the movement's economic, social and cultural strains on human life. The emphasis on Christian service will rely both on the historical example of Christian and charitable efforts in New York City, with reference to Scriven Foundation involvement, and on contemporary service to the poor locally, in New York City, and around the globe.

This program will start Saturday evening, July 2, and will meet for a maximum of two hours per week through August 6. On August 11, Emily, her husband Jordan, and senior warden Bob Birch, along with other chaperones as necessary, will journey with the students to New York City to work on projects at Scriven Foundation supported settlement houses, explore the Tenement Museum and engage with other social ministries led by local Episcopal churches. The group will return on Saturday evening, August 13.

Full Summer for Christ Church Families



School may soon be taking a break for the summer, but the weeks ahead will hold lots of activity for children and families at Christ Church. Be sure to mark your calendars so you won't miss these exciting opportunities to grow in the life of faith

June 5, 10:00: Father Nash Youth Sunday. This Family Service will celebrate the life and witness of Christ Church's founding rector. Patty Van Kampen will offer a sermon, several of our young folks will assist with other parts of the service. Music will be led by the Saint Agnes Choir, our Sunday School children and the Joyful Noise Praise Band will lead worship music, and maybe a few soloists as well. The service will close with a ceremony at the graves of Fr. Daniel and Olive Nash, and we will follow it with a picnic in Cooper Park. Be sure to bring a covered dish, and stay for the wacky games. The church will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. **There will be no 9:00 Service this day.**

June 10-12: Diocesan Youth Rally at Camp of the Woods in Speculator: See Father Mark soon to sign up and receive a scholarship to attend this exciting youth gathering held in coordination with our Diocesan Convention

June 12, 9:45: Even though Sunday School finishes at the end of June, we look forward to welcoming families to worship with us all summer long. **Nursery will be provided, starting at 9:45 each Sunday, and on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, we will aim to include some special activities for preschoolers** who find it difficult to attend the full 10:00 Eucharist. If you would like to help with these activities, see Georgia Meeter.

June 19, 9:00: A **Family Service**, the first in our summer series in the Chapel. **During the summer we will have a family service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 9:00.**

June 25, 9:00: Holy Communion Class for Kids: The official teaching of the Episcopal Church is that all

baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion, but many families find it wise to defer the time when a child receives communion until he or she has been able to receive some instruction. We will be offering a class for kids aged 4-8 and their parents from 9:00-11:00 on Saturday, June 25 in the Church. Learn more about why we share in this Sacrament and how to prepare to receive it faithfully. The course will be a great refresher for those who already receive communion, but would like to know more. First communicants will be recognized at the 10:00 service on June 26.

July 2, 7:00: First Meeting of Our Ecumenical Youth Project, a group of middle schoolers who will be going to New York on August 11-13 to work with settlement house projects. See Emily's article for more information

July 3-8 and 10-15: Elementary School Weeks at Beaver Cross (Grades 3-5): These are the weeks available for younger kids to enjoy the thrills of our Diocesan summer camp. A half scholarship of \$205 is available to all who would like to attend

July 17-22 and 24-29 Middle School Weeks at Beaver Cross: Don't miss out on this chance to have a great time and grow in the faith Half scholarships are available for all

July 18-21: Ecumenical Vacation Bible School: The Presbyterian Church is hosting this annual event from 9-12 each day. This year's theme is "Celebrating God's Good Gifts" and there will a special focus on drama, music and art. Watch for information for volunteers, registrations forms, and be sure to invite your friends.

July 31-August 5: High School Week at Beaver Cross. Also, there is a special Beaver Cross camp for Youth Group members and leaders from August 18-21.

Keep an eye out, as there may be even more to come. Speak with Father Mark or Emily if you have a great suggestion.

Sharing the Ministry: Christ Church Supports Cherry Valley, Westford Churches

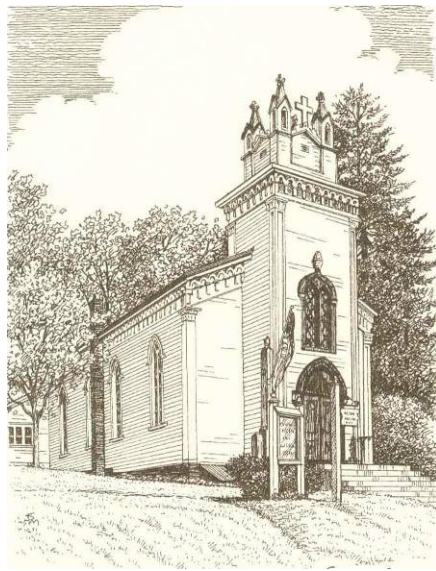
At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, which empowered the apostles to spread the Gospel of Christ throughout the world. We give thanks for the great work that the Spirit has done through the ages, in forming faithful congregations in "all nations." During this month, we are remembering especially our long history of fellowship and support with two local Episcopal churches which share with us in the work of the Spirit and the service of the Gospel.

Grace Church, on Montgomery Street in Cherry Valley and Saint Timothy's Church on Route 34 in Westford both have been engaged in serving Christ in their communities for many generations. Saint Timothy's, founded in 1838, is nearly as old as our own congregation, and Grace Church was organized soon afterwards, in 1846. Both churches are now smaller than they once were and struggling in some ways, but they are working to continue the ministry handed on to them.

Grace Church is now part of a yoked ministry with Saint Mary's Church in Springfield Center. The two congregations have recently called a new rector, Fr. Kyle Grennan, who will begin his service as rector there in June. Grace Church especially treasures its strong musical tradition, and continues to enjoy a strong relationship with the local arts community, hosting a number of concerts and other events throughout the year.

Saint Timothy's Church is led by Deacons Roy and Faye Vandermark. Deacon Faye is especially well known to many in our parish, and led our most recent Lenten Quiet Day. Saint Timothy's has recently received several new members, and has begun a new Bible study program.

Christ Church has a long tradition of involvement with both congregations. An early rector of Christ Church, Alfred Beach, shared with the first rector of Grace Church in laying the cornerstone of the church building



Grace Church, Cherry Valley

in 1846. Our connection to Saint Timothy's is even stronger. For several decades in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, when Christ Church was served by a rector and curate, the curate rode over the hills on horseback to conduct services at Saint Timothy's every Sunday. The Altar at Saint Timothy's was also given by our congregation, and was used here before the construction of our current Altar in 1910.

For over a decade, our Parish has sent an annual contribution from outreach funds to these two congregations to help support their ministry. Our 2011 contribution to each church, sent in April, was \$750.

We are also trying to find other ways to deepen our connection with them. Several members of Grace Church joined us for the Stations of the Cross in Lent, and several members of Saint Timothy's shared the Lenten Quiet Day here, which was led by one of their vicars. We are also hoping to work with these congregations on a Habitat for Humanity workday later in the summer. We will also try to share more information with one another about activities in our parishes which our people may wish to attend or work at together.

Hartwick Institute: Seminary for a Week in Oneonta



Want to grow in your knowledge of the faith this summer? Interested in discovering what a week of seminary would be like? The Hartwick Seminary Institute of Theology will be held from July 24-29 at Hartwick College in Oneonta. Sponsored by the local Conference of the Lutheran Church and organized by Rev. Paul Messner, pastor of the Otsego County Lutheran Parish, the institute offers a full round of week-long courses and one time seminars for lay people on various theological topics.

Courses will be offered in Scripture, doctrine, liturgy, church history, ethics, spirituality and pastoral care. Teaching staff include local pastors as well as visiting teachers. This year's visitors are Richard Carlson, professor of New Testament at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary; Frank Senn, a noted liturgical historian; and Peter Meilaender, professor of political science at Houghton College, an important thinker on Church-State issues. Father Mark will reprise his King James Bible course as a 2.5 hour seminar, and Emily will be teaching a course on the Last Things (death, judgement, heaven and hell).

The week will include a full round of worship services and three meals a day. The cost for a full week for a commuter student is \$190 (including meals), while a single course costs \$40 and a seminar, \$25. Many of the seminars are evening courses, so even those who work can participate. A brochure will soon be available in the Church with more information about courses and details of the program.

Grow in Grace this Summer



Outreach Hospitality Booth at last year's Memorial Day event

Green is the color of the season that begins with Pentecost: the color of growth and vitality, as we trace the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of God's people. The upcoming months will provide several opportunities to grow in knowledge and love of God and his people. Consider participating in one of the following:

June 18: Healing and Eucharistic Ministry Training Day 9:00-noon:

Deacon Faye Vandermark of Saint Timothy's Church, Westford will return to us for some time to learn more about healing prayer. Deacon Faye is certified as a teacher for the School of Healing Prayer led by Father Nigel Mumford at our Diocesan Spiritual Life Center. She will train members for the Prayer Team who intercede for those who have needs at the back of the Church at the Sunday Eucharist and during the monthly Healing Services. Father Mark will also provide training in leading services of Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. The morning will close with a celebration of the Eucharist. Both the Prayer Team and Lay Eucharistic Visitors program are in serious need of new members. Those already engaged in these ministries are urged to come for a "refresher" and to bring others who feel called to join in. If there is additional interest, Deacon Faye is willing to return in the fall to teach the more structured Healing Prayer

School Level One course.

July 2: Outreach at the Coopers-town Fourth of July Celebration, Lakefront Park, time TBA.

We will be organizing a hospitality booth at this annual community event to distribute free refreshments and information about ministries and activities of our parish. Look for more details from Emily Hylden, who will be leading the event.

July 16: Habitat for Humanity Workday. 8:30-4:00

We plan to take a team to work on the Otsego County's current Habitat project, a house that is being rehabilitated on Parish Avenue in Oneonta. Up to 8 adult volunteers can come along to help, and others can prepare lunch for 12 workers. No experience is necessary.

July 30: Food for the Body, Food for the Soul. 9:00-12:00

Help prepare casseroles to freeze for use in our Friends in Need Program, and share in a time of prayer and Bible study in the first of what we hope will become a series of Saturday activities that combine work and prayer, on the model of Saint Benedict's counsel for holiness: "Hands to work, hearts to God." Watch for more details from Emily Hylden about this activity in the weeks to come.



Music Notes

By Roberta Rowland-Raybold

ENJOY "AMERICAN IDOL?" During summer months you may encounter a Christ Church 'scout...' a special invitation may be in store for you!

OUR SPRING CONCERT SERIES was most enjoyable; it is an opportunity for members of our church family and community friends to gather for good music. Our sincere thanks to our angel-sponsors as well as those who were able to attend.

HOW CAN WE THANK OUR CHOIR ENOUGH? They will be singing through June, at which time they have a well-deserved summer break. Special music in July will be presented by Susan Lin, voice; David Gibson, cello, and young artists from Glimmerglass Opera. Don't miss the 10:00 services!

OUR ORGANIST will be giving organ recitals as follows:

June 5, 4:00 p.m. Old Palatine Church, Nelliston (Rt.5), NY

June 26, 5:00 p.m. St. James' Church, Lake Delaware (Delhi), NY

A BACH CONCERT will be offered by our own Bruce Harris on piano and local cellist David Gibson on Sunday, June 19 at 4:00 in the Church. The duo's Beethoven Concert in May was so popular that they are coming together again for this free offering.

OTHER SUMMER MUSIC will include a Community Hymn Sing with musicians from local churches and a repeat performance, "An Evening With Franz Liszt" featuring Craig Morrow at our grand piano. Watch for the dates on our church website and in our bulletins, or talk with our Music Director.

Learning More: Christ Church's Endowment and our Budget

At our Annual Meeting on May 15, several good questions were raised about the way our endowment funds are managed, and how decisions are made about withdrawals to support current ministry. Susan Snell, Chair of the Financial Planning Committee prepared this helpful explanation to address these questions.

Christ Church is blessed to have endowment funds. They are a compilation of hundreds of gifts and bequests. The earliest gift dates back to 1872 and the funds include more recent legacies from Fae Malania and Ed Tipple. The gifts and bequests were given to provide long-term financial support to assist us in doing Christ's work. Some of the gifts were restricted for a particular use by the donor, but the vast majority of the gifts are aggregated and invested in the General Endowment Fund. The General Endowment Fund and several smaller endowment funds support the annual operating budget of the parish, providing 34% of our income in 2011. Because the General Endowment Fund is such a significant source of funding for our operating budget, the Financial Planning Committee and the Vestry have worked hard to structure a long-term strategy for our investments. The majority of our budget expenses each year are regular and ongoing, so it has been important to develop a plan to use the endowment income that is unlikely to fluctuate dramatically from year to year.

With the assistance of our investment advisors, we have developed a policy to withdraw 5% of the value of the General Endowment Fund annually. We have used this strategy for about 20 years and it is part of our Investment Policy. We use a two-year average of the value of the General Endowment Fund to further even out fluctuations in the income we withdraw. The 5% withdrawal rate is projected to allow us to have a relatively stable source of income, while maintaining the overall value of the original gifts adjusted for inflation.

Since the investment strategy is a long-term strategy, in tough economic cycles there are years when our withdrawals exceed the income from that year and the value of our endowment declines. There are also years when the income exceeds the withdrawals and the value grows. Working with the advice of our investment advisors, we continue to monitor the results of our policy and will make adjustments, when necessary. As stewards of our endowment funds, our goal is to maintain these gifts so that they can provide valuable financial support for the work of the parish both now and far into the future.

In Faith,

Susan Snell, Financial Planning Committee Chair

Arts and Theology Class to Begin in July

Even art that is not in a church and does not boast sacred subjects can teach us something about God. We see that the world is not as it should be—our reality is tarnished and broken. Relationships and people are damaged. We know that our world will not be set right until God's kingdom comes, for which we pray every Sunday, but in the meantime, we seek foretastes of the kingdom.

Art, in its many forms, challenges us to see a greater reality, a broader view of what is real. Art is beautiful and full of grace for us because it is expressly non-functional. Music does not fill a hungry stomach and a painting does not replenish our sleep-stores. Because art is excessive, it shows us the grace that we often forget to ask for and to practice ourselves.

Even in the grotesque we are able to see outpourings of grace, as in Flannery O'Connor's short stories. Her famously selfish villains who surprise readers with their transparency and shock readers into remembering their morality, communicate with our humanity, forcing us to live as humans. In art, beauty is revealed—Bach's music transforms not only our mood, but the way we see and hear the world.

Because of its excess, because it is not required for bodily existence, it is required for full, flourishing human existence. The questions of what is beautiful, what makes art "good," how to understand and appreciate art theologically and how to incorporate art into worship will be considered as part of this summer lunchtime series.

Join the Arts & Theology Thursday lunchtime class this summer to explore the intersection of the arts and theology. This course will be offered in cooperation with a new chapter of IAM—the International Arts Movement—a program begun by artist Makoto Fujimura, a Christian and an independent artist who has lived and worked in New York City for more than twenty years (for more information, visit: www.internationalartsmovement.org).

Not limited to word or music, we will explore all aspects of art, prose, poetry, music, visual art, architecture, film and performance art. As part of seminarian Emily Hylden's ministry this summer, she will co-lead sessions with local artists including Marly Miller; together we seek a broader understanding of God's work in the world and his magnificent creation.

This course will begin Thursday, July 7th at 12:15 p.m. and is open to all in the Cooperstown and surrounding communities.

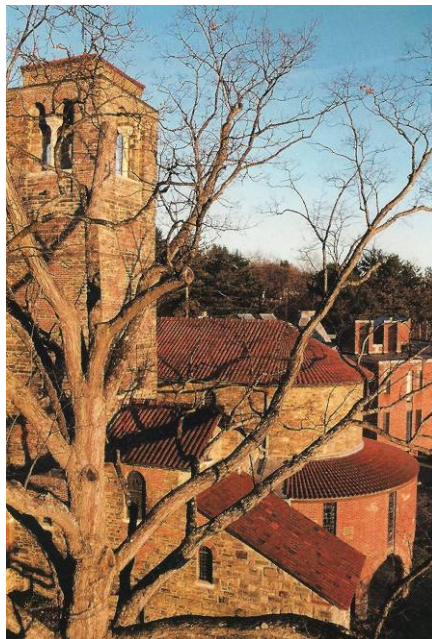
Explore Holy Cross Monastery

By Katharine Lloyd

As I pondered how to start an article about my beloved monastery, the order's newsletter arrived in the mail, and, as always, proved to be a reliable bit of blessing in my life. The current issue is a sampling of writings from many of the brothers on the meaning of vocation, and one of the brothers wrote, responding to a question, that their mission statement is that "Holy Cross [is] a Benedictine community of peace embracing God's world through prayer, love, and work in the healing love of Christ." (Yes, there are indeed a number of vowed communities of monastics in the Episcopal Church. In fact, Sister Julian, who grew up in our parish, joined the Sisters of Saint Margaret, who have houses in Boston and Haiti.)

It was Fae Malania who introduced me to Holy Cross Monastery at West Park, on the Hudson near Kingston, and I was immediately drawn to this wonderful place and its people. Since that first visit fifteen years ago, I have found myself explaining that the love of God is palpable in the air there. I once asked Fae what it is that's so special about the brothers, and she responded, with her typical simplicity, that they are just very clear.

The monastery is a big old building in the Dutch colonial style, nestled into the hillside halfway from the road down to the river. The main work of the dozen or so monks, the *opus Dei* or work of God, is prayer, so five times a day the bell rings to call the community to the offices of matins, Eucharist, diurnum (noontime prayer), vespers, and compline. (My husband used to ask, "How many times have you been to church since I saw you?" "Eleven!") The simple, beautiful chapel has a high ceiling, two rows of carved choir stalls so that the monks face each other as they sing responsively, and wonderfully rich acoustics. Guests are welcome to attend if they wish, and to join quietly in the chanting, listening to the monks. The brothers go through the whole psalter in two weeks, so there is a hearty chunk of psalms at each office. I often



feel the psalms are washing over me like waves of rich language, too quickly for me to ponder each phrase, with occasional verses jumping out in relevance to my life. I've come to understand the concept that these daily offices, rather than interrupting the rhythm of the workday, provide for the sanctification of time, or the bringing of God's presence ever more fully into our lives.

Around 2001, I requested to be received as an Associate of the Order of the Holy Cross. Each Associate writes his/her own personal rule, setting out a plan for personal prayer and for dealing with life's challenges inspired by the Rule of Benedict, with its wisdom, humility, compassionate flexibility, and devotion to the love of God. Associates then promise to support the order both financially and through regular prayer, knowing we are likewise being prayed for, to review our spiritual lives yearly, and to make regular retreats. I have found it a privilege to be able to go on retreats at this holy place, and I always come home feeling nurtured and inspired with new insights into the endlessly fascinating life of the spirit.

If you go to the website, <http://holycrossmonastery.com>, you'll find lots of general information, a schedule

Assistant Priest Search Committee Update

The Assistant Priest Search Advisory Committee has continued to work toward calling an Assistant, whom we hope would begin ministry in the Fall. The Committee, which consists of Fr. Mark, Bob Birch, Jean Johnson, Bob Johnson, Burr Southworth, and Linda Van Cleef have held three meetings over the past two months.

In April, they completed the listing form for Episcopal Church's Office of Transition Ministries webpage, and the posting has appeared there for about six weeks. They have prepared a more detailed Job Description for the assistant, which is currently posted on our Parish Website. The Position Description is based on a study of Father Mark's current activities and time use, as well as insights gained from the surveys. It is understood to be a fairly flexible description, and that the actual responsibilities would probably shift depending on the particular talents and interests of the candidate.

Elizabeth Strickland, the Diocese of Albany's Transition Officer, has passed on information about three candidates interested in the position. We are hoping to gather a few more names of interested candidates, and a short advertisement about the position will run in three issues of the Living Church Magazine in late May and June. Our goal is to begin telephone interviews of candidates in mid-June.



of upcoming retreats, and links to blogs, including most of the recent sermons. I always find these amazingly thoughtful and inspiring.

Christ Church Salutes Our 2011 Graduates

Four members of our Christ Church family will graduate with this year's senior class at Cooperstown Central School. We congratulate them on their achievement and wish them every blessing for the future.



Emily Brown, the daughter of Rich and Ann Brown will be departing in the fall to study at McGill University in Montreal. As a student at CCS, Emily has been part of the prize-winning Envirothon and academic quiz teams, and active in drama and other arts activities. She was one of the directors of the recent fashion show

Cynthia Kent, the daughter of Karen McShane, has been involved in a variety of activities during her high school career. A member of the volleyball, tennis and swimming teams, she also sings in the chorus, performed in "Cats" and as a member of the Leo Club was one of the organizers of the recent Battle of the Bands fundraiser for charitable causes. Cynthia will be headed for Clarkson University in the fall to study business.

Jessica Shelton, the daughter of Marianne Rae, was named one of the four academic standouts of her class. She was a leader of the STAND group, which works to raise awareness about humanitarian issues in Darfur and in other places around the world, and is also an accomplished athlete. She plans to attend Hamilton College in the fall, to study mathematics.

Derek Sloga, the son of Karl and Dawn Siebuhr was a valued member of CCS' football team, and works at the Clark Sports Center. After graduation, he will continue his work there, and hopes to begin college through an ROTC program in the spring.

We will gather to give thanks to God for the entire class of 2011 and to commend them to God's care and guidance at the **Ecumenical Baccalaureate Service**, which will be held at the United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 19 at 7:00. All are welcome to attend the service. Commencement will be the following Sunday, June 26.

SUCO Students Lend a Hand



SUNY-Oneonta students Matthew Panzarino, Eric Collins III, Mike Mason, Brian Machay, Lee Moxley, Jessica Mattson, Amanda Pearson and Kevin Wilbur helped with tasks in the Churchyard and Parish Hall as part of the College's Community Service Day on May 7. We thank them for their generosity and hard work.

Prayer Table: *Can I Pray for You?*



Starting in June, our Prayer Table will again be sharing God's love with those who pass by in our community. The Prayer Table team sits along the street on Saturday mornings for about an hour. Many of those who pass by ask for prayers for various needs. The concerns that are shared are then prayed for at worship services throughout the week. The team also distributes crosses to those who would like them. Consider joining this simple, loving ministry, and speak with Fr. Mark, Anita Born or Roxie Hansel if you have questions.

June-July Birthdays, Anniversaries, Memorials

Birthdays									
BACHANAS, Lillian	06/01	HANFT, Robert	06/13	CASEY, Jane Ann	06/30	JAGELS, Kathy	07/13	TIMMERMAN, Andrew	07/28
CRAIG, Rosemary	06/01	RATLIFF, Steven	06/14	RATLIFF, Christopher	06/30	SMITH, Clark	07/14	COURTER, Luke	07/30
PLEITEZ, Javier	06/01	SMITH, Claire	06/14	ROBINSON, Mandy	07/01	TILLAPAUGH, Bennett	07/14	POLUS, Meghan	07/31
COURTER, Jaclyn	06/03	TOOLEY, Emily	06/16	RICH, Derick	07/03	CARRIER, Pattee	07/14	Anniversaries	
SEGIT, Scott	06/03	CARRIER, Chuck	06/19	ALESSANDRI, Terry	07/03	RUSH, Hanne	07/20	<i>BIRCH, Bob & Marcy</i>	
KEARNS, Gary	06/04	MICHAEL, Mark	06/19	HILL, Eric	07/04	BUSSE, Carly	07/20	<i>CLOW, John & Jeanne</i>	
BORN, Anita	06/05	THORNE, Dakota	06/20	KUKENBERGE R Sr., W.	07/04	CRAIG, Karen	07/21	<i>SPOONER, Daniel & Jacqueline</i>	
BRIDGER, Ida Mae	06/05	WRENCH, Rexford	06/20	TOOLEY, David	07/04	MOWER, Patricia	07/21	<i>WHITE, Alfred & Joy</i>	
SVAHN, Karin	06/05	SNELL, Emily	06/21	OFER, Hans	07/04	SNELL, Susan	07/21	<i>FREEHAFFER, Gail</i>	
BADGLEY, Joan	06/07	RIGBY, Emilie	06/22	BADGLEY, Edgar	07/05	LAMBERSON, Ann	07/21	<i>MC SHANE, Karen</i>	
LOHAN, John	06/07	BALDIC, Jessica	06/23	CROFT, Rebekka	07/07	MILLER, Benjamin	07/22	<i>SANFORD, III, John</i>	
TAFURO, Benjamin	06/07	BALDIC, Niki	06/23	MACMILLAN, William	07/07	MURPHY, Keenan	07/22	<i>COOPER, Shelby & Ashley</i>	
THORNE, Stephanie	06/07	JOHNSON, Robert	06/23	MOOK, Carolyn	07/07	SHELTON, Marianne	07/22	<i>SMITH, Roger & Dorothy</i>	
SEE, Halley	06/08	HUBBELL, Laura	06/24	MOWER, Philip	07/07	SMITH, Katelyn	07/22	<i>STEWART, Milo & Ruth</i>	
				SCHNEIDER, Philip	07/07	SMITH Jr., Raymond	07/22	<i>SPENCER, Matthew & Gillian</i>	

Flower Memorials

6/5 June Hatcher	Peter Hatcher & Paul Southworth
6/22 Tier French	Rev. Cannon George French
7/26 Carrie & Burr Southworth	Fae E. Malania
Jean Johnson & Joan White	Goldie-Brisack Mott, Gertrude B. Worrall, Joseph C. Worrall, Peter L. Worrall, Albin Johnson,
7/31 Family Memorial	Richard E. Johnson, Richard A. White, Sr.,

HYMERS, Peggy	06/01	ROBINSON, Ian	06/27	REISS, Doris	07/10	FREEHAFFER, Gail	07/25	JAGELS, Rick & Kathy	06/24	WALRATH, Douglas & Margaret	07/22
POTRIKUS, Kristen	06/01	CLARK, Vivienne	06/29	JOHANNESSEN, Kate	07/11	KUKENBERGER, E.	07/25	HOCHBRUECKNER, Kevin & Melissa	06/27	COURTER, Stephen & Janice Brenner	07/28
BROWN, Richard	06/02	HOLZ, Philip	06/29	ST. JOHN, JR., Dorothy	07/13	POKORNY, Emily	07/26	BUCK, Frank	06/28	MELCHIOR, Timothy	07/28



Top Left: The Flower Guild poses with their beautiful Easter decorations

Right: Kathy Lloyd performs at the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross



Bottom Left: Palm Sunday Liturgy in the streets

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We Give Thanks!

We thank all who have shared their gifts to enrich our common life, especially at this time:

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 - **Beth See**, for directing our Passion Reading on Palm Sunday.
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 - **John Mason and Burr and Carrie Southworth** for leading Evening Prayer services.
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 - **Ashley Cooper and Ann Eldred**, who provided children's activities during our Annual Meeting
 - **Tim and Elizabeth Horvath**, for hosting Emily and Jordan Hylden in their home this summer.
 - **David Vaules**, for leading Morning Prayer services in Father Mark's absence.

May-June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Rogation 8-Morning Prayer 9-Bible Study 9:45-Children's SS 10-Choral Eucharist 11:30-Pizza Lunch & Hike to Star Field	30 Joan of Arc <i>Church Office Closed</i> 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer	31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin 8-Morning Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class 7-Prayer Group	1 Justin 6- Men's Group 8:30-Morning Prayer 7-Caregivers' Group	2 Ascension 8-Morning Prayer 8:30-Eucharist 12:15- English Bible Class 5:30-Eucharist & Picnic 7-Stephen Ministers	3 Martyrs of Lyon 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class	4 9-Building and Grounds Comm. 9-House Cleanup for the Hyldens
5 Daniel Nash Youth Sunday 7:30- MP 8-Eucharist 10- Family Eucharist & Picnic 4-Healing Service	6 Ini Kopuria 8-Morning Prayer 7- Financial Planning	7 8-Morning Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class 7-Prayer Group	8 Roland Allen 6-Men's Group 8- Morning Prayer 8:30-Eucharist 5:30-Evening Prayer	9 8-Morning Prayer 12:15-English Bible Class 2-Eucharist, Thanksgiving Home 5:30-Confessions 7-Praise Band Rehearsal	10 Ephrem of Edessa Diocesan Convention 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class	11 St. Barnabas Diocesan Convention 10-Prayer Table 7:30-Social for Emily and Jordan, Rectory
12 Pentecost 7:30- MP 8-Eucharist 9- Lectionary Study 9:45-Children's SS 10-Baptism & Choral Eucharist 11:30-Outreach Comm. 6-Youth Group	13 G. K. Chesterton 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer	14 8-Morning Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class 7-Prayer Group	15 Evelyn Underhill 6-Men's Group 8-Morning Prayers 8:30-Eucharist 5:30-Evening Prayer 7-Caregivers' Group	16 8-Morning Prayer 12:15- English Bible Class 7-Stephen Ministers	17 Ember Friday 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class	18 Ember Saturday 8-Morning Prayer 9-Healing Prayer/ Eucharistic Visitors Training 10-Prayer Table
19 Trinity 7:30-Morning Prayer 8- Eucharist 9-Adult Bible Study 10-Choral Eucharist 4-Bach Concert, Church 7-Baccalaureate Service, United Methodist Church	20 8-Morning Prayer 4-Lord's Table	21 8-Morning Prayer 4-Lord's Table 5:45-Zumba Class 7-Prayer Group	22 Alban 6-Men's Group 8-Morning Prayer 8:30 Eucharist 5:30-Evening Prayer	23 8-Morning Prayer 7-Praise Band Rehearsal	24 Nativity of St. John Baptist 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class	25 8-Morning Prayer 9-First Communion Class 10-Prayer Table 11- Tarby Hoes Funeral
26 Body and Blood of Christ 7:30-Morning Prayer 8-Eucharist 10-Choral Eucharist	27 Cornelius Hill 8-Morning Prayer 1-6: Red Cross Blood Drive	28 8-Morning Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class 7-Prayer Group	29 Sts. Peter & Paul 6-Men's Group 8-Morning Prayer 8:30 Eucharist 5:30-Evening Prayer 7-Caregivers' Group	30 8-Morning Prayer	1 Harriet B. Stowe 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class	2 8-Morning Prayer 9-Building & Grounds Comm. 10-Prayer Table 7-Ecumenical Youth

July-August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Pentecost III 7:30– Morning Prayer 8-Eucharist 9-Family Eucharist 10-Baptism & Sung Eucharist 4-Healing Service	4 Independence Day <i>Church Office Closed</i> 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer 7-Financial Planning	5 8-Morning Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class 7-Prayer Group	6 Jan Hus 6-Men’s Group 8-Morning Prayer 8:30- Eucharist 5:30-Evening Prayer	7 8-Morning Prayer 12:15-Arts and Theology Class 7-Stephen Ministers	8 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class	9 8-Morning Prayer 10-Prayer Table 7- Ecumenical Youth Group
10 Dedication Festival 7:30– Morning Prayer 8-Eucharist 9-Adult Bible Study 10-Sung Eucharist 11:30-Outreach Comm.	11 Benedict <i>Chronicle Articles Due</i> 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer 7-Vestry Meeting	12 8-Morning Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class 7-Prayer Group	13 Conrad Weiser 6-Men’s Group 8-Morning Prayer 8:30 Eucharist 5:30-Evening Prayer 7-Caregivers’ Group	14 8-Morning Prayer 12:15-Arts and Theology Class 7-Praise Band Rehearsal	15 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class	16 8-Morning Prayer 10-Prayer Table 10- Habitat for Humanity Workday 11-Toulson Baptism 7-Ecumenical Youth Group
17 Pentecost V 7:30-Morning Prayer 8—Eucharist 9-Family Eucharist 10—Sung Eucharist	18 Bartholome las Casas 8-Morning Prayer 9-12- Ecumenical Vacation Bible School-Presbyterian Church 4-Lord’s Table 5:30-Evening Prayer 7-Christian Ed Meeting	19 VBS 8-Morning Prayer 4-Lord’s Table 5:45-Zumba Class 7-Prayer Group	20 Stanton, Bloomer, Truth VBS 6– Men’s Group 8-Morning Prayer 8:30-Eucharist 5:30-Evening Prayer	21 VBS 8-Morning Prayer 12:15-Arts and Theology Class 2-Eucharist, Woodside Hall 7-Stephen Ministers	22 St. Mary Magdalene 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class	23 8-Morning Prayer 10-Prayer Table 7-Ecumenical Youth Group
24 Pentecost VI 7:30–Morning Prayer 8-Eucharist 9-Adult Bible Study 10-Sung Eucharist 6-Youth Group	25 St. James 8-Morning Prayer 1-6: Red Cross Blood Drive 5:30-Evening Prayer	26 8-Morning Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class 7-Prayer Group	27 William R. Huntington 6– Men’s Group 8-Morning Prayer 8:30 Eucharist 5:30-Evening Prayer 7-Caregivers’ Group	28 8-Morning Prayer 12:15-Arts and Theology Class 7-Praise Band Rehearsal	29 Mary, Martha & Lazarus 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class	30 8-Morning Prayer 9-Food for Comfort, Food for the Soul 10-Prayer Table 4-Day Wedding 7-Ecumenical Youth
31 Pentecost VII 7:30–Morning Prayer 8-Eucharist 9-Adult Bible Study 10-Sung Eucharist	1 Joseph of Aramathea 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer	2 8-Morning Prayer 7-Prayer Group	3 George Bragg 6-Men’s Group 8-Morning Prayer 8:30– Eucharist 5:30-Evening Prayer	4 8-Morning Prayer 12:15-Arts and Theology Class 7-Stephen Ministers	5 Durer, Gruenewald & Cranach 8-Morning Prayer 5:30-Evening Prayer 5:45-Zumba Class	6 Transfiguration 8-Morning Prayer 10-Prayer Table 7-Ecumenical Youth Group