



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

8:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 8:30 Nursery Care,
 Choir Practice
 9:00 Church School
 10:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 11:15 Hospitality Hour

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Vestry Votes to Call Fa. Tyo as Rector

Fa. Charlie Tyo is staying with us as our full-time rector for upwards of the next five years.

The Vestry, acting in special session, made that decision on Dec. 4, following a recommendation from the Search Committee, and pending endorsement by Bishop Singh.

Fa. Tyo initially came to us in July as a supply priest for Sunday services only, a role that was recently expanded to 20 hours per week – with the expectation that this enlarged ministry would be temporary, extending perhaps until year-end. In the last two weeks, however, a number of factors seemed to coalesce around a proposition that Fa. Charlie should stay with us for a much longer length of time.

Those factors included a number of encouraging comments from individual parishioners, a growing feeling that “things are going much better here,” and some observations from Fa. Tyo himself.

Perhaps the most trenchant comment came from his own family’s Thanksgiving dinner table. As Fa. Charlie relates it:

“I find serving Christ Church to be an absolute joy. You people have been so welcoming and affirming. This was validated by my oldest daughter when she said to the rest of the family at our Thanksgiving gathering, ‘I can tell dad enjoys his job because he smiles all the time he is talking about it. He hasn’t done that in a long time.’”

Subsequently, the Vestry at its regular meeting on Dec. 12 approved a formal Letter of Agreement, outlining terms of employment. Fa. Tyo’s tenure could be

anywhere from three to five years, but the expectation is that the longer term will prevail. Should that happen, the parish would then expect to be heading into a new rector search process somewhere in the neighborhood of 2016 – about the time that Fa. Tyo normally would be required to retire under church canons.

Many churches are experiencing lower attendances, lower income. Some are closing their doors, some parishes are consolidating with others. Christ Church feels a degree of that pain, but its leadership is now focusing on a strategic plan for the next decade. Fa. Tyo is pivotal, along with strong lay participation, to beginning the job of attaining our goals.

“I believe,” he says, “that I have skills that meet some of your specific needs,” in the areas of:

- Lowering anxiety levels so that we can focus our efforts in positive and constructive directions
- Helping to see the “doughnut around the hole” instead of seeing only

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A Message From Father Charlie Tyo



Dear Sisters and
Brothers in Christ,

At this nativity of
our Lord, I share
with you some
words that others
have used to
express what the
birth of Jesus
meant to them.
May you take time
to pause...to read
them...and to enjoy

the true meaning of the season.

*Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others,
Is the joy that comes back to you.
And the more you spend in blessing,
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing,
Returns to you glad.*

– John Greenleaf Whittier

Christmas is not a date...It is a state of mind.

– Mary Ellen Chase

*What is Christmas?
It is tenderness for the past, courage for the*

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The deadline for submitting articles for the February issue of Comment is Tuesday, January 17.

*present,
hope for the future.*

*It is a fervent wish that every cup
may overflow with blessings rich and eternal,
and that every path may lead to peace.*

– Agnes M. Pharo

*Are you willing to believe that love is the
strongest thing in the world - stronger than
hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death -
and that the blessed life which began in
Bethlehem two thousand years ago is the image
and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you
can keep Christmas.*

– Henry Van Dyke

*It comes every year and will go on forever. And
along with Christmas belong the keepsakes and
the customs. Those humble, everyday things a
mother clings to, and ponders, like Mary in the
secret spaces of her heart.*

– Marjorie Holmes

My love goes out to you at this season and
remains with you all the year.

Father Charlie+

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the "hole in the doughnut"

- Facing the reality of "who we really are instead of "who we used to be" so that we can become "who God intends us to be"
- Recognizing that we have to live within our financial means and that simply adding more people in the pews is not the solution to our money needs
- Not taking ourselves so seriously that we forget to enjoy the ability to laugh with, and occasionally at, one another
- Modeling the need to reach out with love and compassion to those who are hurting, and
- Remembering that God loves us – and that is the Good News!

Please join us in welcoming Charlie into this expanded, longer-term role!



Here Comes a Brand New Year! *Annual Meeting Information*

In accordance with the parish's By-Laws, the Annual Meeting of Christ Church will be held Sunday, January 29, 2012, beginning at 10am with a service of Holy Eucharist. (Note: No 8am service that day.)

A large assortment of refreshments will be available in the lower parish hall immediately following our worship on the 29th. The business portion of the meeting will get underway as soon as everyone has had a chance to get some food and find a seat. We strongly encourage everyone to stay and listen to presentations on the 2011 finances, 2012 budget, 2010 audit and the Endowment Fund.

Vestry Nominations Accepted

The following nominations have been accepted for positions on the Vestry. Harold (Rug) Altmansberger, Dr. Robert Cole and Janet Farnsworth are seeking election to a two-year term as junior warden. Nominated for Vestry were: Bill Davis, Ed Fairbrother, Howard Farnsworth, Anne Galvin, Neal Pritchard and Jane Spillman. There will be three, three-year terms and one two-year term to fill. Susan Boland is seeking re-election to a three-year term as a diocesan delegate. This year's Nominating Committee consisted of those persons whose terms are expiring: Howard Farnsworth, Paula Gullo, Scott McCarthy, and Robert Reed. The Vestry accepted the above nominations at their December 12 meeting.

Our By-Laws state that "for a period of 14 days following notification to the parish, members of the congregation may make nominations through the church office." ***The deadline for additional nominations is Tuesday, January 3, 2012.*** If there are no new nominations, ballots will be typed.

A picture and short bio is needed from each Vestry nominee by Tuesday, January 17. Articles will be included in the next issue of this newsletter to be sent January 24 (in plenty of time to review before the Annual Meeting vote.)

In addition to the nominations above, we will also nominate the following board members for Stewart Park Housing: Sara Altmansberger and Captain John Merchant (Salvation Army.)

Absentee ballots will be printed and available from the church office beginning Friday, January 13. Weekdays they may be picked up during regular hours, Monday – Friday, 9-4 p.m. Deadline to return a ballot is noon, Saturday, January 28 (the Cedar Street door will be open at 9:30am to drop off ballots while the Altar Guild is working).

At least two tellers will be appointed by the presiding officer of the annual meeting to collect and count the votes cast.

The balloting procedure for the Annual Meeting, as stated in the By-laws, will be as follows:

- (a) Election of members of the Vestry shall be by plurality vote of the qualified voters present, including voters represented by absentee ballot.
- (b) If two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes, and the number of candidates receiving an equal number of votes is greater than the number of vacancies remaining, then an additional ballot will be cast to select from among the tied candidates the number equal to the number of vacancies.
- (c) Absentee ballots shall be made available at least fourteen days prior to the day scheduled for the annual meeting for those parishioners unable to attend the annual meeting. We are making them available sooner on January 13. Such absentee ballots are to be returned to the church office no later than 12 noon on the day immediately preceding the annual meeting.
- (d) Parishioners must vote for the same number of candidates as there are vacancies or the ballot is invalid.

A typed list of eligible voters has been posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge. Eligible to vote are those persons 18 years of age or older, who have, for at least one year, supported the

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Christmas & Epiphany Schedule

Thursday, December 22

Noon Intercessions & Eucharist, Library

Friday, December 23

9:30 a.m. Greening of Church & Setting of the Creche

Saturday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Family Service with Nursery Coverage

10:30 p.m. Carols & Anthems Singing with Handbell Accompaniment

11:00 p.m. Festive Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist — No Nursery Coverage

December 26 & 27 Office Closed

Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day No Choir or Church School

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m. Nursery Care

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II and Lessons & Carols

11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time

Sunday, January 8 – Epiphany I – The Baptism of Our Lord

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal & Nursery Care

9:00 a.m. Church School children prepare King Cake for Coffee Hour

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time

Sunday, January 15 & 22 – Epiphany II & III

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal & Nursery Care

9:00 a.m. Church School classes

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time

Sunday, January 29 – Epiphany IV & Annual Meeting

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal & Nursery Care

9:00 a.m. Church School classes

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:15 a.m. Refreshments in Lower Parish Hall

11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting

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parish through regular attendance and through financial support in a way known by the Treasurer.

Expectations of All Vestry Members and Delegates

- To attend all regularly scheduled Vestry meetings (second Monday of each month)
- To participate fully on at least one parish committee
- To attend the Annual Meeting, The Bishop's Visit, the Vestry Retreat, and the Bishop/Vestries Evening for the Southeast District
- To participate in the stewardship training of the parish
- To commit to a personal stewardship plan with tithing as its goal
- To worship regularly, support the church financially and participate in the general parish life in order to develop a clear sense of the scope of all our programs

Committee Reports Needed

All committee chairpersons are asked to prepare a typewritten report for 2011 that includes: 1) names of the members; 2) a description of the function or purpose of their committee; 3) highlights or accomplishments; and 4) goals for the New Year. Reports need to be in the office (mailed or e-mailed) no later than Thursday, January 26 so they can be photocopied for the Annual Meeting packet.

Proposed Annual Meeting Business Agenda

- Refreshments in Lower Parish Hall
- Opening Prayer & Introductions – The Rev. Charles Tyo
- Call to Order:
- Review of Agenda; Appointment of Secretary; Appointment of Tellers
- Report on Nominations – Paula Gullo, Chair of Nominating
- Review of Balloting Procedure
- First Ballot
- Reviews:
- 2011 Treasurer's Report; 2012 Budget; Endowment Fund; Assets, Liabilities, & Net Assets
- 2010 Audit; and 2011 Committee Reports
- Election Results – Second Ballot if necessary
- New Business
- Courtesy Resolutions & Adjournment

2011 Christ Church Operating Fund Budget

This budget was recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Vestry at its December 14 meeting. It will be presented to the parish for approval at the Annual Meeting on January 31, 2010. The Vestry and Finance Committee noted the significant projected deficit and are hopeful that persons who have not yet responded to our stewardship appeal will do so and help reduce that amount.

INCOME

Congregational Offerings

Plate Offerings	2,000
Unpledged Givings	5,000
Pledge Payments	195,000
LR Houghton Endow. Pledge	<u>21,800</u>
	\$223,800

Building Income

Rental Income	\$11,412
Building Use Income	<u>600</u>
	\$12,012

Special Offerings

Ash Wed/Holy Week	\$50
Easter	1,500
Christmas	<u>2,500</u>
	\$4,050

Interest Earned **\$150**

NET DISPOSABLE INCOME **\$240,012**

Endowment Fund

Music	\$6,700
Education	1,100
Building Fund Reserve	16,700
Outreach/Missions	<u>16,700</u>
From Endowment*	\$41,200

TOTAL INCOME **\$281,212**

NOTE: In this section, the line "Net Disposable Income" means cash income available for operating use.

*The line "From Endowment" means monies that come from the Endowment in two categories:
 (a) money that is restricted by the donors for specific use in Education and Music,
 (b) money that has been designated by the Vestry for use in Building Fund Reserve and Outreach/Missions.

EXPENSES

Administrative Support

Salary: Clergy	38,150
Housing Allowance	18,000
Travel Allowance	500

Continuing Education **500**

Professional Expenses	1,500
SECA Reimbursement	7,468
Supply Clergy Stipend	1,000
Salary: Secretary	35,268
Salary: Sexton	31,585

Salary: Choir Director **19,000**

Choir Director: Travel Reimb.	250
Choir Dir: Cont. Education.	300

Supply Organist Stipend	600
Salary: Nursery Caregivers	3,500

Medicare Paid for Staff	1,296
FICA Paid for Staff	<u>5,540</u>

\$164,457

Buildings & Grounds

Cleaning Supplies	\$600
Landscaping	500
Preventive Maintenance Contr.	3,600
Equipment & Property Repairs	3,500
Hardware/Plumbing/Electrical	250

Major Improvements **16,700**

Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	200
Special Services/Snow Removal	<u>300</u>

\$25,650

Congregational Development

Stewardship	\$500
Communications/Advertising	2,500
Special Events	500
Fellowship Events	200
Vestry Retreat	250
Convention Expenses	600
Paper Products	400
Hospitality and Food	<u>700</u>

\$5,650

Education

Adult Formation **\$100**

Christian Formation/Youth **700**

Archives/Library	100
Pastoral Aids	100
Prayer Group/Prayer Chain	<u>50</u>

\$1,050

Insurance

Property/Liability	\$17,500
Compensation	2,500

Disability	400
Unemployment	200
Secretary's Ins. Subsidy	1,200
Clergy's Medical Insurance	5,520
Sexton's Medical Insurance	<u>5,520</u>

\$32,840

Missions

Diocesan Pledge	\$51,679
Corning Vicinity Faith Comm.	220
Missions' Programs	50
Home Devotions	400

Outreach Grants **16,700**

\$69,049

Music

Family Choir \$200

Music Supplies 500

Organ/Piano Maintenance 1,500

Instrumentalists 1,000

\$3,200

Office Expenses

Office Postage	\$800
Office Copier	1,600
Office Computer	1,000
General Office Supplies	400
Internet/TV Services	<u>900</u>

\$4,700

Retirement Expenses

Rector's Pension Premium	\$11,451
Lay Pension Premiums	<u>6,125</u>

\$17,576

Utilities

Telephone	\$1,800
Electric	3,000
Gas	12,000
Water/ Sewer/Softener	1,400
Trash Removal	<u>775</u>

\$18,975

Worship Expenses

Acolytes	\$100
Altar/Sacristy Supplies	750
Worship Aids	<u>500</u>

\$1,350

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$344,389**

PROJECTED DEFICIT **\$63,285**

Note: Monies "From Endowment" (**\$41,200** in **bold italics**) in the Income Section are applicable to offset only those items shown in **bold italics** in the Expense section.

An Invitation to Dinner—Join a Foyers Supper Club

With a new year just around the corner, there's no better time to stay connected with your church family. The Foyers Supper Club is going to regroup in January and this is your personal invitation to dinner and to register early to become a part of one of those dinner groups. Whether you're married, widowed, divorced or single – we've got a place for you! If you're looking for a way to build relationships, meet new friends, and enjoy an evening out, give this fun-filled event a try! If you cannot commit to a club regularly but would like to participate, sign up to be called in the event a substitute is needed.

Supper Clubs offer fun, food and fellowship for everyone. This is one of our most enjoyable activities and one that many look forward to with anticipation. The clubs are small social gatherings of six to eight persons that provide an excellent opportunity to get to know other members of your community and form new friendships. We especially want to encourage those who are relatively new to Christ Church to participate. Each group meets once a month – on a night chosen by the host(s), usually Friday or Saturday, until each member has taken a turn at hosting an evening. Take as many months as you need to complete the rotation of hosts.

You can sign up early using the form below or wait until January when sign-up sheets will be posted on the Lounge bulletin board. Because we are heading into the busy holiday season and everyone has so much on his or her mind right now, we felt it was best to wait and start up again after the New Year. Below are a few of the logistics:

You will be randomly assigned to a club. Each household will take a turn at hosting a dinner. Everyone will be furnished with a listing of each club's members including addresses and telephone numbers as well as a list of those available to substitute. Group members generally meet in the home of the host(s) for dinner. However, we ask you to be creative and not limit the possibilities for places to get together.

The host(s) will telephone each member prior to dinner to confirm the date, time and dish to bring if the host has chosen to do a dish-to-pass dinner theme for the evening. The evening can be as elegant or casual as you'd like. If illness or unforeseen problems arise to change your plans, you should notify the host so he or she can try to replace you with a substitute, friend, neighbor or relative. Club members are not limited just to Christ Church parishioners!

If it's your turn to host, consider some of these options: a pot-luck dinner, a fondue party, backyard barbecue, tour a local winery, a candlelight dinner, or order in pizza and wings and rent a video!

Foyer Group Sign-Up Form

Name(s)

Address

Phone

Email

I (We) prefer:
____ Friday nights
____ Saturday nights
____ to substitute only
Please return completed form to the Church Office by January 27. You may mail, drop off or place in the alms basin any Sunday before then.
<i>Thank you!</i>



Community News You Can Use

The Corning Community Food Pantry



Chicken noodle, tomato and cream of mushroom soup as well as baby food and diapers are needed by the Corning Community Food Pantry. During the month of November 878 households with 3164 individuals were served.

WETM-TV Holiday Heroes Blood Drive

Kick up the heat and help save lives this holiday season by participating in any one of these three local blood drives being held on Wednesday, December 21, from 11:30am to 6:30pm at these locations: Corning YMCA, Centerway, Corning; Holiday Inn Express, Miracle Mile, Horseheads; and the Holiday Inn Elmira Riverview, 760 E. Water Street, Elmira. All presenting donors will receive a free t-shirt, Jackals ticket and six free wings from Buffalo Wild Wings in Horseheads.

Southeast Steuben County Library



This year's Books Sandwiched in Series to be held at the Southeast Steuben County Library will feature Attorney Bob Cole reviewing John Grisham's *The Confession* on Wednesday, February 1.

Mark your calendars early!

Peeks at the Past: A Look Back at History-Making News By Nancy Doutt

January 1912—100 years ago: The Vestry abolished pew rents, which had been the main source of church revenue. The more desirable pews were in the middle of the church, with several rows in the back reserved for "strangers." The first pledge canvass was very successful, bringing in \$6200 - more than \$3000 over the old system.

January 1937—75 years ago: A thank-you letter was received from a college student who was very appreciative of receiving the Parish Bulletin each week.

January 7, 1962—50 years ago: The Bronze Relief of the Holy Family, a memorial to Edwin Stewart Underhill, Jr., and made possible by a generous bequest in his will, was dedicated on this date. It was designed by the Carl Moser Studios, New York City, and cast in Italy.

January 11, 1987—25 years ago: A farewell party was held for outgoing church secretary, Shirley Baldwin and her family. We also welcomed new secretary Deb Townsend, who had been training with Shirley and would be on her own after Shirley's last day on January 15th. (Congratulations on your 25th anniversary, Deb!)

January 6, 2002—10 years ago: The Rev. Dr. Norman Rimmel died on this date. Norm served a long rectorship in Geneva, NY. He was a nominee for Bishop of Rochester, but was outvoted by Robert Spears on the third ballot. Norm lived in Corning for several years and officiated many times at Christ Church. RIP.

Visitors to Christ Church came from Greenville, OH, and Big Flats, Corning, and Elmira, all in NY.

Christ Church parishioners worshipped at Knox Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS.

Announcements, Updates & Reminders

THE RESULTS OF OUR BELL RINGING for the Salvation Army on Friday, December 2, totaled \$307.93. The following parishioners rang the bell in front of the Christmas tree at Centerway Square from 10am until 5pm: Marcia Adamy, Laura Campbell, Barbara Clark, Patty Davis, Nancy Doutt, Cliff & Donna Ellison, Rob Shaw, Gail O'Neill-Merchant, Susan and John Peck, Katie Van Zanten, Amanda and Cameron Mase, and Dan, Andrea, Amanda and Danielle Cohen. are Spillman, Pam McCarthy, Brock Morey, Penny O'Sullivan, Meg Scheidweiler and Paula Gullo. In spite of the windy, frigid temperature, everyone stood their ground to help raise funds for the needy in our community.

MORE THAN 250 PERSONS enjoyed the concert performed here on Sunday, December 4, by the Youth Orchestra of the Southern Tier. Parishioner Michael Reed played oboe. The orchestra has already been extended an invitation to return next year.

THIS YEAR'S APPEAL for food to fill the Salvation Army's Christmas baskets was a great success. Twelve of the most frequently requested items were collected for six Sundays in November and December. As of December 12, 21 boxes of non-perishable food items had been delivered to the Denison Parkway site for sorting and distribution.

WE HAD SO MANY DONATIONS OF HATS, GLOVES AND SCARVES this year that we were able to give one of each to all 26 children on this year's Giving Tree, as well as Head Start and the Salvation Army. Home-made items were made by Jan Farnsworth, Zandi Crowl and Anne Price.

THIS YEAR'S GIVING TREE PROJECT will be completed December 22 when 10 families (with 26 children) from Stewart Park Apartments arrive to pick up their gifts. In addition to three gifts, each child will receive a brand new pair of mittens, a hat and scarf. Each family will also receive candy, cookies, a turkey, and a Wal-Mart gift card.

EACH CHRISTMAS WE DECORATE THE CHURCH with red and white poinsettias and greens in thanksgiving and/or in memory of loved ones. To help the Altar Guild offset the cost of these decorations we sell the plants used on the chancel wall. All the plants were sold this year, and we want to thank you for helping the Guild offset this expenditure. If you have not paid for your plant, please send \$10 to the Church Office this week. You

may take your plant home after church on Christmas Day.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH SANCTUARY gets underway Friday, December 23, at 9:30am. Come bring your work gloves and pruning clippers to help decorate the chancel wall with pine boughs, lights, and poinsettias. Larger plants will be placed on the altars, memorials and entrance shelf. The crèche will also be put in place. Lighted trees will once again be placed near the high altar. Everyone is welcome to come and lend a hand.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, January

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January Reminders

Birthdays

1/1 Rich Grzybowski
1/3 Brad Kapral
1/4 Marie McKee
1/6 Mary Volpe
Sharon Campbell
1/7 Jim Smith
1/8 Mark Mase
1/9 Amanda Stephens*
1/10 Jim Scouten
1/11 Lee O'Brien
1/12 Nancy Grant
Jacob Tober
1/14 Jane Dillon
Heather Artuso
Vincent Artuso*
1/15 William Howles*
1/18 Eugene Saunders
Jim Kirk
1/20 Dan Minster
Bill Plummer
1/21 Mike Sellers
1/22 Sheila McLean
1/24 Paula Gullo
Gwen Zimmermann*
1/25 Dan Cohen
Kyle Zahradka
1/26 Ryan Shaffer
1/27 Emily Franklin
1/30 Eric Sweet
1/31 Jolene Tomlinson
Ben Whedon

**indicates children in our parish*

Hospitality Hosts

1/8 King Cake
1/29 Annual Meeting



Church Family News & Those We Remember

Birth Announcement

Judy and Rick Bliss are pleased to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Lynn Kathryn, born November 9 in Columbus, OH to their daughter and son-in-law Katie and Greg DiPalma.

Deaths

Jeannine R. Minster, 80, sister of Dan Minster, died Thursday, November 24, in Elmira.

Joseph Rothermel, 92, died December 3, in Troy, PA. A service will be held Saturday, January 7, at 11am at the First Baptist Church of Corning.

Worshipping With Us

Cindy & Mike Rosplock
194 Beartown Road, Painted Post
962-8929

Michael Price
2841 Forest Hill Drive, Corning
329-7024

Received by Transfer

Verna & Richard Freer
Pine Hill Road, Corning
from Grace Church, Elmira

Remembering Those Who are Ill or Recovering

Mary Farrell, Hermine Shapiro, Beth DiLauro, Dean Zimmerman, Victor DeLiso, Helen Peterson, Hariette Bobbitt, Lance Parker, Julie Maslin, Ron Hitchens, Sylvia Huber, Sheley & John Healy and Scott Young.

From the Mailbag

Dear Rev. Tyo, Thank you for your confidence and commitment to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and the \$2,000 grant for the acquisition and distribution of food. Each week, approximately 11,000 persons rely upon our emergency food services of which 38% are children and 25% are elderly. —*Natasha Thompson, CEO*

Dear Rev. Tyo, Family Service Society is grateful to have received \$500 to meet the emergency needs of local impoverished families with small children. —*Robin Foster, Executive Director*

Dear Rev. Tyo, The Corning Area Youth Center is thankful for the \$500 grant to be used in purchasing recreational equipment and materials that children enjoy so much. Please extend our gratitude to the

congregation.—*Robin Foster*

Dear Rev. Tyo, First United Methodist Church and Jerry Wright would like to thank you and the people of Christ Church for the \$1,000 Missions grant awarded to the Mattress Ministry. The benefits of this ministry are countless.—*Rev. Constance Seifert*

Dear Rev. Tyo, On behalf of the Trustees and staff of the Rockwell Museum of Western Art, thank you, for the \$800 grant to fund the *Identity and the Artist Program* and our work with students from the High School Learning Center.—*Kristin Swain, Executive Director*

Dear Sir, On behalf of the Board of Directors I wish to extend our warmest appreciation for your donation to the Bob Rockwell Memorial Fund. This fund was created as a continuation of Bob's charitable giving.—*Randi Hewit, President*

Dear Christ Church, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your recent grant of \$6,000 to the Salvation Army. Above all, I want you to know just how much you mean to us and to all those who are suffering in our community.—*Captain John Merchant, Salvation Army*

Dear Mr. Saunders, I take this opportunity to thank again all of you at Christ Church for your donation to the Creation Week Camp Scholarship Fund. We are always delighted to make presentations about camp because we know what a difference camp can make in the lives of the campers.—*Pat Selwood, Creation Week Board*

Honor Roll

Horseheads High: Sean Drost, Devin Caruso, Nick Hess, Michael Reed, Megan Kapral, and Sarah Franklin; **Horseheads Intermediate:** Serena Drost and David Lucht; **Horseheads Middle:** Lauren Lucht; **Corning Free Academy:** Molly Behan; **West High School:** Anna Ellison, David & Allison McLaud, Jack Galvin, Rebecca & Karrie Neurauter, and Misha Zigas; **Northside Blodgett Middle:** Jake Tober, Amanda Cohen, Erin Vargo, and Mason Galvin

Other News

Michael Reed, a junior at Horseheads High, was chosen to play oboe at the Zone 15 Senior Area All State Music Festival at Haverling High School in Bath, NY on November 18 and 19. He also played oboe at the Youth Orchestra's concert here on Sunday, December 4.

Whit Smith and Jane Spillman are the newest members of the Finance Committee.

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1, there will be two services -- at 8am, Rite I, and a service of **Lessons and Carols** will take place at 10am with our young people doing the readings.

SCHEDULES for the Altar Guild, Greeters and Ushers have been e-mailed or mailed via the postal service to those without computer access. Please review them carefully and note the dates you are assigned to serve.

THE 2012 CALENDARS for altar flowers and communion elements have been posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Feel free to make any additions or corrections.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup from the back of the church any time. If you forgot to check off on your annual giving card that you wanted to use them in 2012, notify the office.

FINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS for 2011 must be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Friday, December 30. Contributions received after that date will be postmarked to your 2012 statements. If you need to know your current standing, give Deb a call.

THE 2012 EPISCOPAL LITURGICAL CALENDARS have arrived from the diocesan bookstore. Supply is limited. Cost is \$2.

Recipe of the Month

Company Breakfast Casserole

16-oz. shredded frozen hash browns, thawed and divided
 1 onion, chopped and divided
 1 lb. ground pork sausage, browned and drained
 1 green pepper, chopped
 4 oz. can sliced mushrooms, drained
 ½ to 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
 1 doz. eggs, beaten
 1 ½ cups milk
 Salt and pepper

Spread half of the hash browns in a lightly greased 13'by 9' baking pan. Layer ingredients as follows: half the onion, sausage, remaining onion, green pepper, mushrooms and half the cheese. In a separate bowl, whisk eggs, milk and seasonings. Pour egg mixture over casserole; top with remaining hash browns and remaining cheese. Cover with aluminum foil and refrigerate overnight.

Bake, covered, at 350 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes. Uncover and bake an additional 20 minutes or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean. Serves 8 to 10

December Recap

Worship Attendance

11/20: 86 **11/24:** 18 **11/27:** 91
12/4: 116 **12/11:** 103

Financial Report

ITEM	YTD ACTUAL 11/18	YTD BUDGET 11/18	2011 Total Operating Budget
Total Income	287,851	288,826	297,172
Total Expense	344,540	387,775	412,272
Difference	(56,689)	(108,949)	(115,100)

Thanksgiving Offering: \$1,188

For the Rector's Discretionary Fund

Christmas: \$160.00

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Verna Freer is the newest member of Altar Guild Team #1.

Rebecca and Karrie Neurauter are our newest acolytes-in-training.

The Hill family, Gordon Smith family, and Amy Rogoski are the newest members of the Ushers Corps. Joan Kirk has agreed to continue as a substitute. Thanks!



January 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 NEW YEAR'S No Church School 8am Rite I 9:30am Nursery 10am Lessons & Carols 11:15am Hospitality	2 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm AA	3 DEADLINE FOR VESTRY NOMINATIONS 5pm Finance & LPCT 8pm AA & Al-Anon	4 Noon Clergy Lunch 6pm AIDS Care 7pm NA	5 9am Archives 7pm Boy Scouts	6	7
8 8am Rite I 8:30am Choir 9am King Cake Prep 9:15am B&G 10am Rite II 11:15am Hospitality	9 7pm Vestry 7:30pm AA	10 8pm AA & Al-Anon Father Charlie to Clergy Retreat	11 7pm NA Father Charlie to Clergy Retreat	12 9am Archives 7pm Boy Scouts	13 Absentee Ballots Available	14
15 8am Rite I 8:30am Choir & Nursery 9am Church School 10am Rite II 11:15am Hospitality	16 OFFICE CLOSED Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 7:30pm AA	17 Deadline for Vestry Nominee Pics & Bios 8pm AA & Al-Anon	18 7pm NA	19 9am Archives 7pm Boy Scouts	20	21
22 8am Rite I 8:30am Choir & Nursery 9am Church School 10am Rite II 11:15am Hospitality 11:30am Christian Formation	23 7:30pm AA	24 9am Comment Prep	25 7pm NA	26 Deadline for 2011 Committee Reports 9am Archives 7pm Boy Scouts	27 Reports & Annual Mtg. packets prepared	28 Deadline for returning absentee ballots
29 ANNUAL MEETING 8:30am Choir & Nursery 9am Church School 10am Rite II 11:15am Refreshments 11:30am Annual Mtg. begins	30 7:30pm AA	31 8pm AA & Al-Anon				

Important Reminders!

Have you made an Estimate of Annual Giving? We have heard from about 90 individuals and families regarding an Estimate of Annual Giving to support our church. The offerings we make are in celebration of all that God has provided to each of us. Your financial contributions will be used to support the ministries of our church. The support of everyone in our church family is important as we grow together. If you have not yet responded with an estimate, there are response forms at the back of the church. You can fill one out and drop it in the alms basin during the offertory on Sunday or drop it off at the church office during the week.

There are no Church School classes on December 25 or January 1. There will be no nursery coverage or choral singing on December 25 as well.

Please note: Our mid-week service is going to continue into the New Year with one minor change. We are moving the service day from Thursday to Tuesday at 12 noon effective January 3, 2012. Names of those being prayed for will be listed in the Weekly Update. If you'll miss worship on Sunday mornings, consider this alternative. Folks will gather with Father Charlie for Intercessions and the Eucharist in the Parish House Library.

Our Christmas Day service at 10am takes place in the Chapel.

The Church Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27. Therefore, a Weekly Update will not be sent that week.

The deadline for submitting news for the January issue of our newsletter is Tuesday, January 17. The Annual Meeting issue will be distributed on January 24.

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