

THE HARVEST

*Christ Episcopal Church
Together, We are Christ*



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New Year Prayer

***A prayer is offered for you
On New Year's Day –
May God in his unceasing love
Send many gifts your way,
And may he fill your heart with
peace
And be forever near,
Blessing you and guiding you
Throughout the coming year
Happy New Year***

January 2026 Newsletter



*May your day be filled with lots
of love and happiness*

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ronald	Steen	January 01
William	Conley	January 02
Jacob	Lepkkyj	January 12
Martha	Farone	January 14
Cindy	Shaw	January 14
Angela	Sammarco	January 16
Peter	Slobodzian	January 17
Cynthia	Theurer	January 18
Barbara	McHenry	January 21
Laura	Baker	January 22
Deborah	Bronschidle	January 22
Linda	Few	January 29
Robin	Kozlowski	January 29
Marshall	Taylor	January 29
Clifford	Holmes	January 30

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting & Vestry Elections
Sunday, January 18th after 9:00 a.m. Worship
(Potluck luncheon after the meeting – contact Martha Buchanan if you are bringing a dish)

- No Men's Club meeting in January
- January 8th - Mary Hunt Guild Meeting at noon in the parish hall
- January 13th – Finance Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yearly Contribution Reports

The yearly contribution reports will be ready for pick up at the end of January. An email will go out with more information.

200th Anniversary of Christ Episcopal Church

Our 200th anniversary of Christ Episcopal Church will be in 2028 (1828 – 2028). The celebration will take place some time in the Month of September 2028. If you are interested in being on this committee or co-chairing, please let the office know so it can be noted.

Furnace Update

We did not meet our total goal for the furnace, We are \$6,000 short, however, that will be covered from our investment fund. We are still waiting for the replacement panel to be installed.

If you have any changes to your address, email, phone number, birthday, anniversary, or know of anyone that needs to be added to our new database, please contact the office at 716-433-9229.



Cookie Trays

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed so generously to our Christmas Cookie Plates this year for our shut-ins and people who need a "lift". Everyone is so impressed and grateful for the gesture, and it always puts a smile on their faces. They really do appreciate it so much, and to have a delicious taste of good will goes a long way. God Bless you All.

Joan Weet

Stewardship

I would like to thank everyone who has participated even though we haven't totally met our goal, we are getting closer to hitting our projected amount budgeted for the year. We received quite a few volunteers for help throughout the year next year. Thank you everyone for your kind donations.

John Urtel, Sr. Warden



Pictured left to right: Co-Chairs of Christ Episcopal Church Outreach Committee Gloria Bryant; Theresa McCabe; VP of YWCA Programs, Mary Brennan Taylor; YWCA Media Manager/HR Alexis Muntz; and YWCA CEO Kelly DeMatteo

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, December 17th, Gloria Bryant and Theresa McCabe met with our fellow parishioner, Mary Brennan Taylor and her co-workers, to present gifts for six women in the YWCA's Transitional Housing Shelter for Domestic Violence Victims. This often-forgotten population of women often arrive at the shelter with absolutely nothing. Your kindness will be appreciated. On Saturday, December 20th, gifts were presented to our Christmas family. The four members of the family will have a very happy Christmas morning as you have fulfilled their wish list items.

Thank you so much for your participation in this yearly event. Our parishioner, Fay Mrowczynski crocheted 38 hats & mittens sets and 12 individual hats, that were sent to Brothers' Keeper in Lockport, via our friend and Mary Hunt Guild Member, Karen Langdon. Fay would like to thank everyone who donated yarn for these items over the past year. If you have any 4-ply yarn, in any color, that you are not using or have friends with abandoned needlework projects, Fay would love to turn their supplies into more warm items for those in need.

The generosity of our parish was realized once again as you opened your hearts (and wallets) to provide gifts for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Corinthians 9:7 "... for God loves a cheerful giver."

Those We Are Holding in Prayer

Steven Akina, Michelle Baker, Bob Beck, Sr., Lowell Behm, Scott Andrew Behm, Castle, Joanne Conley, Denise Dear Family, Deb Donnelly, Denise Drankhan, Elaine Behm Dunson, John Ernest Family, Philip Faust, Cindy Few, Amy Foley, Michael Formato, Adam Gaskill, Paula Gauthier, Natalie Gennaro, Reenie Gerhardt, Beth Grant, Jeff Green, Janis, Nancy Upthegrove Jaramillo, Melanie Keleher, Barbara Kelley, Rev. Judith Lee, Rachelle M., Pedro Maymi, Patrick O'Sullivan, Thomas R., Kim Ricks, Charles Schrecengost, Peter Smith, Joanna Southard, Carol Stokes, Micah Stoll, Dick Storey, Heather Theurer, Eleanor Villella Family, Richard Witt, Kylie Woods, Nancy Woods, Shane Woods, Barbara Yount, Zelazny Family, St. Mark's, North Tonawanda, families in conflict, the unemployed, and others in need of prayer.

Those Serving in the Armed Forces/First Responders

John Balzer, Bobby Holmes, Devon MacKenzie, Kyle Schreder, Jake Shannon, William Sloan, Ron Steen, John Taylor, Marshall Taylor, Allen Upson, David Upson, Robert Urtel, Shane Woods, Matthew Yount.

Thanks and Blessings,
Thomas+

PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT

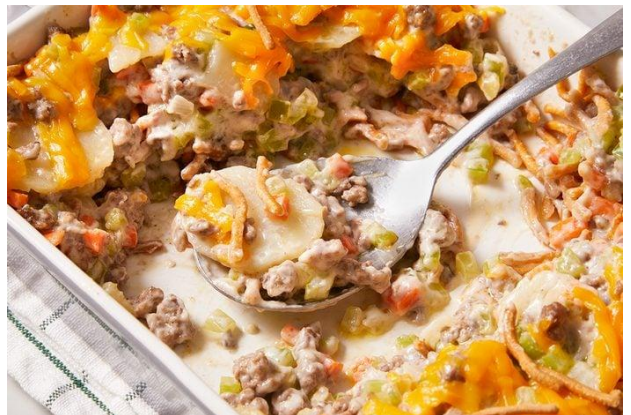
Gracious God, we give thanks for your loving care for the people of the Diocese of Western New York and the members of the Bishop's Search and Transition Committees. Give us wisdom and understanding as we discern your will. We ask for the gifts of honesty, to speak the truth in love; openness to the gifts and ideas of others and to the Holy Spirit; and willingness, to see your Light shining among us and on the path ahead. Prepare for our Diocese a bishop who will be a faithful pastor and equip us for the ministries to which we are called in these changing times. Help us to love and serve your world and one another in the Spirit of Christ, trusting in you to be our steadfast helper and guide. Amen.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 2 cups sliced peeled potatoes
- 2 cups finely chopped celery
- 3/4 cup finely chopped carrots
- 1/4 cup finely chopped bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup water
- 2 cans (10-3/4 ounces each) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1 can (5 ounces) chow mein noodles, divided
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Church Supper Hot Dish



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large skillet, cook and crumble beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain and set aside.
2. In same skillet, sauté potatoes, celery, carrots, green pepper and onion in butter five minutes. Add water; cover and simmer 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir in soup and cooked ground beef until blended.
3. Sprinkle half the chow mein noodles into a greased shallow 2-qt. baking dish. Spoon meat mixture over noodles. Cover and bake 20 minutes. Top with cheese and remaining noodles. Bake, uncovered, 10 minutes longer or until heated through.



You Are Loved!

We, the members of Christ Episcopal Church, recognize all human beings as children of God and as our brothers and sisters in Christ. We invite all people to be a part of our church family, to worship with us, and to join us in Holy Communion. All are welcome here, with no exceptions.



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Office Hours for Father Thomas

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**The office is open Monday
through Thursday**
8:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Available by phone on Fridays

Vestry Members



John Urtel (Warden)
Gloria Bryant (Jr. Warden)
Gwen Gonzalez
John Scott
Robin Schulmeister
Joanne Stanton
Cheryl Urtel
Suzanne Venezia-Waddell
Sheldon Yount