

# DIAMOND POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH

## FALL NEWSLETTER . OCTOBER 2022



HAPPY FALL EVERYONE! IF YOU HAVE ALREADY LEFT THE AREA YOU ARE MISSING ALL THE BEAUTIFUL COLOR THE LORD HAS BLESSED US WITH WHILE WE CLOSE OUR 2022 SEASON AND START PREPARING FOR 2023. SPEAKING OF THE 2022 SEASON IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!! WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT AND THANK EVERYONE INVOLVED IN MAKING OUR "COMMUNITY CHURCH BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD" A WONDERFUL PLACE TO GATHER AND CELEBRATE OUR LORD. TOGETHER WE MAKE OUR CHURCH SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE TO WORSHIP FOR EVERYONE.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2022 SEASON:

- \* WE HAD OUR FIRST SPRING CLEAN UP! IT WAS A GREAT TIME TO CATCH UP AND RECONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER WHILE PREPARING THE GROUNDS, PARSONAGE AND CHURCH FOR THE NEW SEASON. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO HELP! LOOK FOR ANOTHER CLEAN UP DAY IN 2023!
- \* THE TASTE OF DIAMOND POINT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS RAISING THE CHURCH JUST OVER \$7,000. IT TAKES A TON OF PLANNING, EXTRA HANDS & TIME TO PULL IT ALL OFF BUT IN THE END; IT'S A FAVORITE DAY FOR MUCH OF THE COMMUNITY AND PARISHIONERS. WE THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR HELP AS WELL AS THE LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT DONATE MERCHANDISE, GIFT CERTIFICATES AND FOOD. PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET THE BUSINESSES KNOW YOU ARE WITH OUR CHURCH AS YOU GIVE BACK TO THEM. SHOWING OUR APPRECIATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT REALLY MEANS A LOT TO THEM (EVEN WITH POOR ECONOMIC TIMES, THEY CAME THROUGH).
- \* WE WERE BLESSED AGAIN BY A FAMILY OFFERING US A CHALLENGE FOR "THE TASTE". THEY WOULD MATCH IF WE RAISED \$4000! WE NOT ONLY

MET THE CHALLENGE, BUT EXCEEDED IT. THE TOTAL RAISED WAS \$13,000 FOR THE CHURCH. THANK YOU TO THIS GENEROUS FAMILY AS WELL AS EVERYONE WHO STEPPED UP AND MADE A DONATION TOWARD THIS. TOGETHER "THE TASTE" AND THIS CHALLENGE RAISED \$20,000. SEE THE 2023 SECTION FOR "A TASTE OF DIAMOND POINT" UPDATE.

- \* INSTALLATION OF A NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM AND LEECH FIELD WAS COMPLETED SO WE ARE NOW UP TO CODE AND DOING OUR PART IN KEEPING OUR BEAUTIFUL LAKE CLEAN.
- \* INSTALLATION OF THE BOULDERS AND PLANTS THAT ARE NOW PROTECTING THE SEPTIC SYSTEM AND LEECH FIELD. NO CARS OR HEAVY MACHINERY CAN BE ON OR OVER THE NEW SYSTEM, SO THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO KEEP IT SAFE FROM HARM AS WELL AS LOOKING AMAZING!
- \* PARSONAGE UPDATES: COMPLETE REMODEL OF THE PARSONAGE DOWN STAIRS BATHROOM MAKING IT NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL AND UPDATED, BUT ALSO UP TO CODE AND NO LONGER UNSAFE FOR VISITORS. WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL TO THE ANONYMOUS DONOR WHO CONTRIBUTED 2 BEAUTIFUL RUGS ONE FOR DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PARSONAGE AND THE OTHER IN THE CHURCH SACRISTY. THEY LOOK SO NICE IN BOTH ROOMS.
- \* REMOVAL OF SOME TREES THAT WERE VERY DAMAGED OVER THE YEARS MAKING THEM A HAZARD. DAVE'S TREE SERVICE COMPLETED THE CUTTING WORK AND REMOVAL OF TREES. FONES TREE SERVICE WILL BE RETURNING SOON TO GRIND DOWN THE STUMPS LEFT AND HAUL AWAY FOR US. FONES HAS A SPECIAL SMALL GRINDER THAT WILL NOT DAMAGE THE SEPTIC OR LEECH FIELD. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR GREAT TREE SERVICES, ASK THEM AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO TELL THEM YOU ARE PART OF OUR CHURCH AND WE SUPPORT THEM.
- \* NEW DIMENSIONS LANDSCAPE COMPANY, OUT OF GANSEVOORT, CAME TO DO SOME END OF THE SEASON LANDSCAPE TRIMMING, CLEAN UP, AND EVEN SHAPED UP THE BUSHES AND LILACS. THEY ENDED UP LOVING OUR CHURCH SO MUCH THEY **DONATED** IT ALL TO US! SO IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THEM AND LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE WITH OUR CHURCH AND APPRECIATE THEM MAKING OUR CHURCH LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL.

### MOVING ON TO OUR 2023 SEASON WHICH WE ARE ALREADY BUSY PREPARING FOR:

- \* WE WILL CONTINUE OUR PARSONAGE UPDATE BY WORKING ON THE UPSTAIRS BATHROOM. WE WILL FIRST AND FOREMOST REMOVE THE OLD SHOWER ENCLOSURE FRAME (THE GLASS FROM IT WAS REMOVED YEARS AGO) MAKING IT A HUGE SAFETY HAZARD FOR ANYONE TRYING TO SHOWER. WE ARE LEAVING JUST THE SHOWER ROD AND CURTAIN IN ITS PLACE. WE WILL ALSO BE UPDATING THE VANITY, MIRROR, LIGHTING AND TOWEL BARS AS IT

IS PAST TIME FOR THIS. ALL OF THESE UPDATES WILL MAKE THIS AREA NOT ONLY SAFER FOR OUR VISITORS BUT A MUCH NICER BATHROOM TO USE.

\* WE ARE LOOKING TO HOLD OUR ONLY FUNDRAISER, "A TASTE OF DIAMOND POINT 2023", ON JULY 22, 2023. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! KIM KADEL DID A FABULOUS JOB LAST YEAR BUT CANNOT LEAD THE EFFORT IN THE SPRING, IT'S HER BUSY SEASON. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION WE DECIDED WE CAN HOLD "THE TASTE" IF WE HAVE LEADERS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS - HEALTH PERMIT ACQUISITION (OPEN); VOLUNTEERS (JAN HEIDEN); FOOD VENDORS (OPEN); RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION (OPEN); PUBLICITY (BUZZ LAMB); SETUP & CLEANUP (OPEN). WE'RE LOOKING TO MEET ONCE A MONTH VIA ZOOM MARCH THRU JUNE. IF YOU FEEL LIKE STEEPING UP PLEASE EMAIL CHRIS MCKENNA:

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\*A BIG RESTORATION PROJECT! RESTORATION ON OUR BEAUTIFUL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS THAT ARE NEARLY 150 YEARS OLD!! THE REASON FOR RESTORATION VERSES REPAIR IS ... THESE WINDOWS HAVE STARTED TO SHOW CONCERNING DAMAGE. ON MANY WINDOWS THE LEAD IS JUST FALLING OUT, HAVE BREAKS IN THE GLASS, CRACKING , DISCOLORATION, ROTTEN WOOD ON FRAMES AND WINDOWSILLS (INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR), AS WELL AS FALLING HARDWARE THAT NO LONGER KEEPS THE WINDOWS CLOSED AND THE WIND BLOWS THEM OPEN ALLOWING WEATHER TO GET INSIDE WHEN NO ONE IS THERE. IF JUST REPAIRED, IT WILL ONLY BE A COSTLY TEMPORARY PATCH AND THEY WILL BECOME MORE DAMAGE AT A FASTER RATE. WE HAVE A LOCAL FAMILY OWNED RESTORATION COMPANY OUT OF BALLSTON SPA THAT OVER THEIR MANY GENERATIONS HAS REPAIRED AND FIXED FOR US DATING BACK THREE GENERATIONS. WE FEEL CONFIDENT KNOWING THAT THIS WILL ALL BE HANDLED BY THIS ONE COMPANY MAKING IT SAFER FOR THE WINDOWS AND LESS PULLING THEM IN AND OUT. IT IS A BIG EXPENSE FOR THE CHURCH BUT ONE THAT FOR ANOTHER 150 YEARS SHOULD NOT NEED ANYTHING BUT OCCASIONAL CLEANINGS. WITH THIS SAID, WE HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE THIS RESTORATION AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES TO BE PART OF THE CHURCHES HISTORY. PARISHIONERS MAY SPONSOR RESTORATION OF 1 OF THE 8 SIDE WINDOWS AND THIS WILL ALSO HELP THE CHURCH RECOUP THE MONEY SPENT. THE COST FOR SPONSORSHIP PER WINDOW IS \$8000.00 AND COMES WITH A BRASS INSCRIBED PLATE WITH SPONSOR/ FAMILIES NAME AND DATE OF RESTORATION AND WILL BE MOUNTED ON THE WINDOWSILL. THESE WILL BE OFFERED ON A FIRST COME BASIS AS WE ONLY HAVE THE 8 SIDE WINDOWS. THIS IS A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION FOR YOU AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A TAX DONATION LETTER. THE RESTORATION WORK WILL BEGIN SOON AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY OUR 2023 OPENING. IF YOU OR

SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN A SPONSORSHIP PLEASE CONTACT: JANIE SCHREINER @ PHONE (239)243-4402 OR EMAIL [DEJAMO3@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DEJAMO3@GMAIL.COM) .

\*WE ARE SEARCHING FOR SOMEONE(S) WHO LIKES OR IS INTERESTED IN HELPING THE CHURCH RESEARCH, APPLY AND SECURE GRANTS TO HELP WITH ANY RESTORATION PROJECTS. WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS MONEY OUT THERE FOR HISTORIC CHURCHES BUT NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE THIS TASK AND FIND ANY AVAILABLE FOR US. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD OR IS JUST INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THIS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO TEIDI COUNTS: [TEIDIC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TEIDIC@GMAIL.COM).

### 2023 WISH LIST:

WE HAVE MANY ITEMS THAT THE PARSONAGE IS IN NEED OF OR NEEDS REPLACEMENT OF. WITH OUR WISH LIST, WE ARE OFFERING ANOTHER WAY THAT OUR PARISHIONER'S CAN HELP. IF YOU SEE ANYTHING ON THIS LIST YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE OR DONATE TOWARDS THE PURCHASING OF, PLEASE MAKE DONATIONS TO DIAMOND POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH, PO BOX 25, DIAMOND POINT, NY 12824, AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS.

- 1) SLATE ROOF REPAIR
- 2) PORCH REPAIR
- 3) NEW SMALL OUTDOOR FIRE PIT
- 4) NEW ADIRONDACK CHAIRS (2 TOTAL) FOR AROUND THE FIRE PIT
- 5) NEW PICNIC TABLE FOR OUTDOOR DINNING/ VISITING
- 6) NEW STANDARD SIZE PILLOWS FOR THE BEDS THAT NEED THEM

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A WONDERFUL FALL AND THANKSGIVING! PLEASE KNOW WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER WONDERFUL SEASON IN 2023 BUT UNTIL THEN "GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN".

