



# The Eagle's Voice

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## *A Message from*

*Father Bill*

Late last Spring, our children completed the Sunday School series Holy Moly. This Fall we welcome them back with a new curriculum from the same publishing house - **Whirl All Kids**

The program is designed for multiage classrooms featuring built-in opportunities for older kids to mentor younger kids.

The classes help kids learn key Bible themes and stories. We relate to kids through entertaining and theology-targeted Bible stories, which are also relevant to their lives.

Short videos show kids what it's like to go through their faith journey with animated characters who offer them a visual of how to live out their faith.

Each Sunday families will be provided with take-home learner leaflets that offer weekly opportunities

to learn about how kids can put faith into action.

All children preschool and up are invited to participate in the Sunday School that takes place during the sermon.

**Bill +**

### **Beaver Cross**

Thanks to your generosity we were able to send five children to Beaver Cross this year.

Julia and Micah attended overnight camp. They both enjoyed their time at camp and look forward to next year.

Three of our First Communion girls went to the day camp. Addison, Mia and Mila all enjoyed fishing, high ropes and arts and crafts. And not to be outdone by the older kids they were able to do the sleep-over on Thursday night. Ask the girls if they saw any cows.

## Sr. Wardens Letter

*by Ed Tremblay*

It has been a very hot and wet summer. In spite of the heat we have had good attendance during the summer.

Lets hope for some cool and pleasant Sundays during September.

Sunday September 8th will be our first Friendship Sunday. (see enclosed letter). This was an idea that came from our Vestry retreat back in the spring. Please be sure to invite someone you know to attend.

That day will also be our Annual Picnic. Burgers and hot dogs will be cooking on the grill. Linda will be making her chowder. Look for a sign up sheet and bring your favorite side or dessert.

We have invested in repairs and resealing of the driveway. Hopefully this will make our paving last a

few more years.

I also want to thank Kathy Potter and Marty Knowlton for their work on our planters. I was starting to worry that someone would get lost in the planters from Hades.

There are plenty of other areas that need some tender loving care. If you would like to give of your time let me know and we will find a project for you.

### **Beaver Cross Ministries**

Beaver Cross Ministries is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany and Christ the King Center with whom they share a facility and staff.

Christ the King Center's mission is to equip disciples to make disciples for God's Kingdom by ministering to the heart, mind, body, and soul of people of all ages, through Christ-centered prayer, Biblical teaching, and genuine hospitality, sharing Jesus' love and healing grace in a beautiful, Holy Spirit filled setting.

As part of Christ the King Center, Beaver Cross Ministries embraces this same vision. In addition, their mission as a youth ministry is to minister to the heart and soul of children and youth by helping them build community in Christ.

Located in Greenwich, NY Beaver Cross Ministries is a year round youth ministry program. Their focus is to be an active youth ministry with youth retreats and break camps during the school year and summer.

Across their ministries, they provide youth and young adults opportunities to explore and deepen their faith. Through dynamic Biblical teaching, fellowship in a Christian community, and awesome camp activities, new friendships are created and old ones rekindled as Beaver Cross Campers laugh and learn together in an environment devoted to faith, friendship and fun!

While they officially launched in 1964 as Beaver Cross, its legacy goes back into the 1950's, then called Episcopal Young

People. In the 1960's, children of all ages came to the Beaver Cross where it was held in Cooperstown. The camp continued to be held in Cooperstown until 2004 when it moved to the Christ the King Center campus in Greenwich, NY after the Diocese acquired and renovated the property.

In 2014, Beaver Cross became Beaver Cross Ministries officially absorbing Beaver Cross Camps, as well as the year long youth ministry of the Diocese of Albany.

## **Important Dates**

### **August 25**

Dedication of the Memorial bench for Ned Davey  
Following the 9:30 Eucharist

### **Friendship Sunday**

#### **September 8**

Holy Eucharist  
9:30

Followed by  
Church Picnic

Everyone is welcome!