

Klee House

The Center of Community for the Town of Guilford

Every December the Klee House hosts a Christmas party with Carol Singing, good food provided by the community and an opportunity to visit with neighbors. As I was looking around the room last Christmas, I was thinking that the house looked as it must have looked in its early years as the rectory of Christ Church. In my mind I could see the youth group gathered there on a Sunday night, drinking hot chocolate and planning activities. Things have not changed so much. It is still a very welcoming place for the community to gather.

The Klee House is operated as a not for profit incorporation to provide a meeting place for social, educational and recreational programs and for the general use of the public. The Guilford Historical Society met at the Klee House while they still fit, until they found a home of their own. There are offices upstairs housing the local 4H group and the Chenango County Habitat for Humanity. In the summer the swim program uses Klee House on rainy days for arts and crafts projects. During the Guilford Days celebration, the Klee House was open and selling ice cream on the front porch.

Klee House can be rented for private events. Classes and workshops have been held there. Individuals have rented the space for birthday parties, graduation parties, family gatherings for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Klee House has three large rooms on the main floor, all open to each other. There is a large, fully equipped kitchen. The building is wheelchair accessible with a ramp along the side of the building that enters in the back through the kitchen. The building can be rented for a

full day (up to 8 hours) for \$50, or \$25 for 4 hours or less. If you are interested in renting the Klee House contact Rita Kane at 895-6024 or Kathie Smith at 895-9927.