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ST. JOHNS COHOES TO HOLD FREE MARTY WENDELL CONCERT

COHOES—St. John's Episcopal Church will be celebrating its 194th anniversary and 55 years at its location on Vliet Blvd. In honor of its heritage, the parish wants to celebrate with the community by offering a free concert featuring nationally renowned singer, songwriter, and recording artist Marty Wendell. The concert will be held on the church grounds at 405 Vliet Blvd., Cohoes on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 6:00 pm with a rain date of Thursday, August 28.

Marty Wendell grew up in Ticonderoga, New York. In his youth he listened to many genres of music on the radio including rockabilly, folk, country, blues, and gospel. In the latter part of the 1950s, influenced by artists who recorded on Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee, Marty entered a church talent show. His first time singing in front of a live audience cemented his desire to sing and write songs. Marty performed frequently during his college years. He met a talent agent, Jerry Teifer, who was based in New York City, who introduced him to Johnny Cash.

In the mid-1960s, Marty ventured to Greenwich Village with his guitar and was discovered by producer Stanley Rowland, who first took him to the recording studio. This

session resulted in his first record “Hey Hey Mama,” which sold over 10,000 copies.

Marty and his son once opened for Johnny Cash. An ordained Episcopal priest, Father Martin Wendell is also Priest-In-Charge at Trinity Episcopal Church in Watervliet, New York.

St. John’s Church will be selling refreshments to offset the cost of the concert. There will **not** be alcohol sold at the event. Parking will be available in the church parking lot and on Vliet Blvd. The public is encouraged to bring their own lawn chair.

For further information on Marty Wendell, go to his website at <http://www.martywendell.com/>.

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