



Christ Episcopal Church

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The fruits of the Spirit are Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control *Galatians 5:22-23*. These are easy to say, at least when you hum the catchy tune, but not as

easy to do daily in our lives. We are tested daily on following these 9 character actions. How many of us can say we showed all of them in all we did even in one day? Some or most of them maybe, but all? However, as Christians we are called to strive daily to exemplify these characteristics or behaviors in our daily lives. In our Ash Wednesday Service, Rev. Grayce reminded us that Lent is a time to reflect; "look in the mirror". In our reflection do we see these behaviors looking back at us? If not let us be reminded daily that this is our duty as Christians.

"God works in mysterious ways", so the saying goes. When thinking about the Fruits of the Spirit I thought what if our daily challenges and struggles with the above are a constant test from God. What if God threw these challenges or hard times at us so that we may give our struggles to Him and feel the peace that allows us to deal with the struggles we face. The things that make us scared, angry, or lose control might well be met with the fruits of the Spirit and be easier to handle.

The first quarter of the year for Christ Church has been productive as we had a very successful Pancake Supper thanks to the generosity of all members to donate, serve, cook, decorate and clean up. The Fellowship Hall was busy from 4:45-6:15 and the food was delicious. Thank you to all who helped make this a success for our church. We also began the Lenten season with great attendance at our Ash Wednesday service.

The trees in the parking lot were removed for the potential of repaving the parking lot this year. We also fixed the sidewalk at the Columbarium to allow for a gradual entry for handicapped accessibility as well as removed a trip hazard that was in place. The Vestry will be working towards a decision on when to pave the parking lot and how to finance that endeavor this year if possible. After, the work has been done, we will be looking at how to re-landscape the church grounds to make our area look less "naked".

The Music Committee, consisting of Gary Sullivan, Sherry Gott, Kathy Northen and Will Adkins, was also formed since the Annual Meeting. They are working together monthly to plan the service music as well as coordinate the special music. The Vestry is also looking at sharing the load, and there is someone or a Committee that will be involved with various areas of the church in order to help make it run smoothly. If you are interested in serving on an Outreach Committee or helping in any of the areas of the church please speak to Kristi Ross.

As always, there is no "I" in team, and may we all continue to work together to support and help run this church so that we may succeed. Let us remember in our daily lives the fruits of the Spirit.

Faithfully in His Service,
Kristi Ross, Senior Warden





The color purple on the altar is used each year during Lent and is traditionally associated with both royalty and suffering. It reminds us of Christ's passion and the sovereignty he claimed through his suffering and resurrection. During Lent, purple also symbolizes penance, repentance, and renewal.

Being a member of the Altar Guild is a gratifying experience. I consider it an honor to prepare God's table for the Holy Eucharist. Our altar guild consists of some very dedicated parishioners, and I encourage you to consider becoming a member.

In closing, I would like to share the National Altar Guild prayer with you.

Most gracious Father Who has called me your child to serve in the preparation of Your Altar, so that it may be a suitable place for the offering of Your Body and Blood; Sanctify my life and consecrate my hands so that I may worthily handle Those Sacred Gifts which are being offered to You. As I handle holy things, grant that my whole life may be illuminated and blessed by You, in whose honor I prepare them, and grant that the people who shall be blessed by their use, May find their lives drawn closer to Him Whose Body and Blood is our hope and our strength, Jesus Christ our Lord. -Amen.

Sarah Oakes, Altar Guild Member



As the congregation suggested at the Annual Meeting, a music committee has been formed. It is made up of Will Adkins, Sherry Gott, Kathy Northen, and Gary Sullivan.

We have met twice so far on February 26th and March 20th. We are choosing music that goes with the lectionary, using suggestions from the Episcopal Church and the congregation. We are happy to receive further suggestions from the congregation, so if you have a favorite hymn, let one of the committee members know. For now, music has been planned through April. The committee will meet again on April 24th.

Sherry Gott, Committee Member



The ECW meets once a month after the Church service. We usually have nine or ten members present. ALL women in our church are members of the ECW.

Since January we have been discussing ideas for fundraising to help support our Outreach Projects. Our Bingo Fundraiser will be coming up in August. We also will have a White Elephant table which will be set up after Easter.

Lu Sullivan, President

ECW Prayer

Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in our mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your son, Jesus. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. -Amen

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tue. Apr. 8 Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. - Captain Cook's
- Sat. Apr. 12 Spring Cleaning Day 9:00 a.m.
- Sat. Apr. 12 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
- Sun. Apr. 13 Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m.
- Thu. Apr. 17 Seder Supper 5:00 p.m.**
Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.
Gethsemane Watch
- Fri. Apr. 18 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.
- Sun. Apr. 20 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.**
- Sat. Apr. 26 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
- Sun. Apr. 27 Vestry Meeting following the service
- Sat. May 10 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
- Sun. May 11 Youth Sunday & Church Picnic**
- Tue. May 13 Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. - Village's
- Sat. May 24 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
- Sat. Jun. 7 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
- Tue. Jun. 10 Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. - Santana's
- Sat. Jun. 21 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.



The Prayer Shawl Group meets every other Saturday morning for two hours. Over these past three months we have been busy crocheting and knitting and having lots of conversations. This past Saturday we had eight people present, some working on their shawls and all participating in the Fellowship of each other's company.

Prayer Shawl Coordinators, Lu Sullivan & Pat Irwin



On Saturday, February 8th, a funeral service was held for **Mary Biddlestone** at Christ Church. The service was presided over by Rev. Bob Hamilton, a dear friend of Mary's for many years, with former Rector and friend of Mary, Cleon Ross giving the eulogy. A reception hosted by the

Christ Church ECW followed the service. The service was well attended by family, friends, and fellow church members.

Mary's ashes were scattered in front of the church under the stained glass window above the altar. Mary's husband Robert Biddlestone's ashes were scattered in the same location in May of 1998. There was not a columbarium on church property at the time of Robert's death, and Mary was one of the leading advocates for the establishment of the Holy Spirit Prayer Garden and Columbarium. A stone cross marker was added to the wall of the Prayer Garden, just above the one that was there for her beloved husband.



Don Haney Memorial Scholarship Fund

This Scholarship has been established through donations to continue Don's youthful spirit by assisting the recipients with their higher education expenses and is intended

to be used for books, tuition, fees, and living expenses.

Applications are available in the church office or speak to John Ross for more information.

The applicant must be an "Active Baptized Member" of Christ Episcopal Church, have at least a "B" or 2.75 cumulative GPA, and enrolled full-time at a college or university for the upcoming year.

(a complete list of requirements are included with the application.)

◀ SHROVE TUESDAY ▶
**PANCAKE
SUPPER**

The church held its **Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on March 4th. This year we raised \$1,398 for the church, which exceeded last year's record of \$1,175. The door prize gift basket was won by a community member who said she has been coming to the pancake supper for multiple years with her grandkids.

A big **Thank You** to all those who donated food, set up, cooked, served, and cleaned up this year. This fundraiser would not be possible without the help of the entire church. The food was delicious, and there were so many compliments to the chefs!

Congratulations to Rena Howard who won the ECW 50/50 raffle drawing. She generously donated her half back to the ECW allowing them to raise \$133.00





At the beginning of the year, the youth decided to switch gears for our Sunday School lesson and do a deep dive into Jesus' disciples.

We studied two disciples a week and learned more about who they were and how they came to follow Jesus. In our review, we decided to share what we learned with a quiz for the congregation.

The answers will be given at announcements next Sunday. Let's see if you know the answers to their questions.



1. Which disciple betrayed Jesus?
2. Who was the first disciple?
3. Which disciple was a former tax collector?
4. How many sets of brothers were there among the disciples?
5. How many disciples were there total?
6. Which disciple doubted Jesus?
7. Was Paul a disciple?
8. Who was the youngest disciple?
9. Which disciple did Jesus see under the fig tree?
10. Who was the last disciple?
11. Which disciple brought Bartholomew to Jesus and said, "Come and See"?
12. What was Bartholomew's other name?
13. Who was the money keeper of the disciples?
14. What was the occupation of the first four disciples?
15. What is the difference between a disciple and an apostle?
16. Did any of the disciples write any of the 4 Gospels? If so, how many?
17. Who replaced Judas in the group after he hung himself?
18. Which disciple was a Zealot?
19. How many Simon's are there?
20. What did Jesus call the disciples to be fishers of?



April

Kathy Northen	9
Mary Ross	10
Linda Oake	11
Kayleigh Hall	15
Abigail Ross	18
Darcy Haney	19
John Ross	22
Laura Sadler	26
Sharon Sands	30

May

Haylee Brummett	1
Lorraine Lomatan	1
Lucas Fifield	9
Tom Sadler	10
Becky Scearce	13
Hannah Ross	19
Jerry & Sarah Oakes – Anniversary	23
Janel Smith	24
Michael & Cathy Hyler – Anniversary	24
Jacob Fifield	25
Blake Boyd	26
Katie Haney	26
Bob Chenery	31

June

Cort Oake	3
Rev. Cleon Ross	3
Zach & Katie Haney - Anniversary	4
Kati Hall	5
Kathy Haney	7
Sandy Isom	7
Shaun & Dinah Anderson – Anniversary	8
Margaret Benz	10
Doris Barksdale	13
Alex Brummett	14
Jason & Kati Hall - Anniversary	15
Pierre Cormier	20
Nancy Sands	20
Janis Chenery	21
Maggie Oakes	25
Joel Overly	26
Claire Hall	28
Allen Hoffman	29

April/May/June 2025 Service Assignments

Date	Reader	Chalice	Elements	Servers	Ushers	Altar	Hostess
April 6 10:00 am HE	Kathy Hoffman	Shaun Anderson & John Ross	David & Bonnie Hill	Brantley Boyd	John Benz	Pat Irwin	Janis Chenery
April 13 Palm Sunday 10:00 am HE	Pat Irwin	Bob & Janis Chenery	Sarah Oakes & Pat Irwin	Catherine Daniel	Shaun Anderson	Sarah Oakes	Marge Fifield
April 17 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm HE	Nancy Sands	Sarah Oakes & Pat Irvin	Michael & Cathy Hyler	Abigail Ross	John Ross	Sarah Oakes	
April 20 Easter 10:00 am HE	Lu Sullivan	Shaun Anderson & John Ross	Jerry & Sarah Oakes	Brantley Boyd	David Hill	Sarah Oakes	Reception
April 27 10:00 am HE	Shaun Anderson	Bob & Janis Chenery	Shaun & Dinah Anderson	Catherine Daniel	Jake Howard	Pat Irwin	Bonnie Hill
May 4 10:00am HE	Bob Chenery	Sarah Oakes & Pat Irvin	Bob & Janis Chenery	Abigail Ross	Jerry Oakes	Sarah Oakes	Rena Howard & Kristi Ross
May 11 Youth Sunday 10:00 am HE	Youth	Shaun Anderson & John Ross	Youth	Brantley Boyd	Youth	Lu Sullivan	Picnic
May 18 10:00 am HE	Sherry Gott	Bob & Janis Chenery	Jerry & Sarah Oakes	Catherine Daniel	Shaun Anderson	Marge Fifield	Nancy Sands & Pat Irwin
May 25 10:00 am HE	Janis Chenery	Sarah Oakes & Pat Irvin	Shaun & Dinah Anderson	Abigail Ross	John Ross	Pat Irwin	Pauline Ross
June 1 10:00 am HE	Jason Hall	Shaun Anderson & John Ross	David & Bonnie Hill	Brantley Boyd	John Benz	Sarah Oakes	Dinah Anderson
June 8 10:00 am HE	Allan Hoffman	Bob & Janis Chenery	Michael & Cathy Hyler	Catherine Daniel	David Hill	Lu Sullivan	Cathy Hyler
June 15 10:00 am HE	Kathy Hoffman	Sarah Oakes & Pat Irvin	Bob & Janis Chenery	Abigail Ross	Jake Howard	Marge Fifield	Janis Chenery
June 22 10:00 am HE	Pat Irwin	Shaun Anderson & John Ross	Sarah Oakes & Pat Irvin	Brantley Boyd	Jerry Oakes	Pat Irwin	Marge Fifield
June 29 10:00 am HE	Nancy Sands	Bob & Janis Chenery	Jerry & Sarah Oakes	Catherine Daniel	John Ross	Sarah Oakes	Bonnie Hill