



Christ Episcopal Church

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"For everything there is a season, and a time for every activity under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1. This concept and the concept of seasons of life seem to be playing in the forefront in my mind lately. The hands of time and seasons of change seem to be blowing hard again at home and at church. With so much change and changes to come it leaves me a bit lightheaded feeling at how fast it is changing. However, I am a firm believer in everything happens for a reason even if we don't know that reason immediately.

Our church had been in a season of chugging along and this year due to unforeseen circumstances the leaves changed and we are finding ourselves in a situation not unlike many of the Episcopal Churches in our Diocese and throughout the World. The supply of clergy is diminishing quickly and the aging of our congregations is beginning to make it harder for churches to grow. I am so thankful for the blessing that Rev. Grayce, Rev. Kurt and Rev. Gene were able to be to us after Father Tim left. This is the beginning of a new season and looking towards where do we go from here and how do we get there.

As Christ Church enters this new season of uncertainty, I ask that you continue to be present to your church through Lay led Morning Prayer and the Sundays we have a priest available. I ask that you continue to reach out to one another and help to care for one another. We have always been good at doing that. Also, continue to help our church whether through maintenance tasks, inviting someone to attend or just keeping the church in your prayers. We have done this before and we are still here. I also ask that you share your concerns or ideas with a Vestry member.

The Vestry has put on their thinking caps and are beginning to research how to navigate this season. Recently in teaching Sunday School we learned of the Armor of God and how we can wear that Armor to face each day. I am putting on my belt of truth, my Sword of the spirit with God's word, the helmet of salvation to protect our heads and thoughts, the breastplate of righteousness to protect our hearts and vital organs and the shoes of readiness and peace that are working to move for the Peace of God. May we all put on that armor in this season we are traveling.

May God continue to Bless Christ Episcopal Church and all that attend and those that may attend as we look to the future.

Faithfully in His Service,
Kristi Ross, Senior Warden



My daughter Maggie and I were remembering September 11th, 2001, when she shared a story with me that I thought would be appropriate to include in the newsletter. The following was written by her.

In the wake of the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, we reflect on the lives lost and the sacrifices made during this tragedy. One such sacrifice was that of Father Mychal Judge, Catholic priest and Franciscan friar, who served as a chaplain to the New York City Fire Department. Many do not know that he was the first recorded death on that terrible day. At the time of the attacks, Father Judge was not near the site but chose to enter the path of danger to serve alongside his fellow members of the fire department. He entered the lobby of the North Tower to offer aid and pray over the dead. In doing so, he was fatally struck by a piece of falling debris. The firefighters with whom he served carried his body from the towers prior to collapse and laid him at the altar of the nearby St. Peter's Catholic Church. Father Judge's final repose at the altar signified his servant's heart and willingness to help his fellow man no matter the circumstance.

While our act of altar service may seem small in comparison to Father Judge's sacrifice, we are reminded to serve the Lord by using the abilities he gave us.

1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Sarah Oakes,
Altar Guild Member



Stained glass window at church in remembrance of all who lost their lives on 9-11-2001

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. Oct 10	Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Sun. Oct 11	Vestry Meeting
Tue. Oct 13	Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. - Nonnies
Sun. Oct 18	ECW Meeting
Sat. Oct 24	Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Sat. Nov 7	Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Sun. Nov 8	Vestry Meeting
Tue. Nov 10	Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. - Applebee's
Sun. Nov 15	ECW Meeting
Sat. Nov 21	Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Sun. Nov 22	Giving Sunday
Fri. Dec 4	ECW Christmas Party 5:30 p.m.
Sat. Dec 5	Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Sun. Dec 6	Vestry Meeting
Tue. Dec 8	Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. - Olive Garden
Sat. Dec 19	Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Sun. Dec 20	Bishop Susan Haynes visit
Tue. Dec 22	Church Decorating and Caroling (time TBD).
Thur. Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.
Sat. Jan 2	Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Tue. Jan 12	Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. - Tokyo Grill
Sun. Jan 17	Annual Meeting



On Sunday, August 16th we celebrated Back to School Sunday. The youth present received a back to school bag with supplies and they were given a blessing through

prayer and asperges.

The Don Haney Memorial Scholarship received \$203 from the loose collection this day to continue to help provide scholarship money to our youth.

Please keep our students and teachers in your prayers this school year.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



October

Lu Sullivan	1
Jace Chatin	3
Dinah Anderson	6
Michael & Laura Boyd - Anniversary	11
Brandon Hall	13
Elliot Haney	17
Julia Fifield	19
Anna Ballenger	24
Eddie & Leilani Cochran - Anniversary	25
Laura Boyd	25
Catherine Daniel	25
Elizabeth Daniel	25
Frank Anderson	28
Rev. Gene Anderson	28

November

Porter Sands	1
Nancy Seagle	11
Jackie Wilson	12
Eddie Cochran	13
Joe Northen	15
Cleon & Pauline Ross - Anniversary	15
Wayne Richards	16
Kristi Ross	16
Sydney Brummett	21
Gary Sullivan	26
Dr. Jamie & Angie Daniels - Anniversary	28
Natalie Benz	29

December

Jason Hall	7
Rena Howard	7
Brantley Boyd	10
Allen & Jessie Riley - Anniversary	12
Nancy Cormier	15
Harrison Overly	21
William Adkins	23
Bob & Janis Chenery - Anniversary	24
Noah Marlowe	27
Lucas & Selena Fifield - Anniversary	29
Joe & Kathy Northen - Anniversary	29
Daniel Hoffman	31



BINGO NIGHT!

Friday, August 14th was a night of fun for our Christ Church family. It was BINGO night. We hosted approximately 50+ people to a hot dog dinner complete with all the fixings and two hours of BINGO with prizes. The ECW made over \$800 for this fundraiser which will help with their outreach projects for the year. A big thank you goes out to all that donated prizes and food, setup, cleaned up, cooked, served and organized the event. Thank you to Janis Chenery for organizing such a fun and successful event.



October, November & December 2026 Service Assignments

Date	Reader	Chalice	Elements	Servers	Ushers	Altar	Hostess
October 4 10:00 am HE	Jason Hall	Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield	David & Bonnie Hill	Brantley Boyd	Jerry Oakes	Lu Sullivan	Janis Chenery
October 11 10:00 am HE	Kathy Hoffman	Shaun Anderson & Allen Riley	David & Bonnie Hill	Abigail Ross	David Hill	Marge Fifield	Marge Fifield
October 18 10:00 am HE	Lu Sullivan	Bob & Janis Chenery	Shaun & Dinah Anderson	Brantley Boyd	Shaun Anderson	Sarah Oakes	Bonnie Hill
October 25 10:00 am HE	Shaun Anderson	Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield	Bob & Janis Chenery	Abigail Ross	John Ross	Allen Riley	Rena Howard & Kristi Ross
November 1 10:00 am HE	Bob Chenery	Shaun Anderson & Allen Riley	Michael & Cathy Hyler	Brantley Boyd	David Hill	Lu Sullivan	Pauline Ross
November 8 10:00am HE	Allan Hoffman	Bob & Janis Chenery	Marge Fifield & Sarah Oakes	Abigail Ross	Shaun Anderson	Marge Fifield	Dinah Anderson
November 15 10:00 am HE	Janis Chenery	Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield	David & Bonnie Hill	Brantley Boyd	Jerry Oakes	Allen Riley	Cathy Hyler
November 22 10:00 am HE	Marge Fifield	Shaun Anderson & Allen Riley	Jerry & Sarah Oakes	Abigail Ross	John Ross	Sarah Oakes	Janis Chenery
November 29 10:00 am HE	Sherry Gott	Bob & Janis Chenery	Shaun & Dinah Anderson	Brantley Boyd	Shaun Anderson	Marge Fifield	Marge Fifield
December 6 10:00 am HE	Jason Hall	Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield	Bob & Janis Chenery	Abigail Ross	David Hill	Lu Sullivan	Bonnie Hill
December 13 10:00 am HE	Kathy Hoffman	Shaun Anderson & Allen Riley	Michael & Cathy Hyler	Brantley Boyd	Jerry Oakes	Sarah Oakes	Rena Howard & Kristi Ross
December 20 10:00 am HE	Lu Sullivan	Bob & Janis Chenery	Marge Fifield & Sarah Oakes	Abigail Ross	John Ross	Allen Riley	Reception
December 24 7:00pm HE	Sherry Gott	Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield	John & Kristi Ross	Brantley Boyd	Shaun Anderson	Lu Sullivan	
December 27 10:00 HE	Bob Chenery	Shaun Anderson & Allen Riley	Bob & Janis Chenery	Abigail Ross	David Hill	Marge Fifield	Pauline Ross