

Christ Church

Weekly Update

May 9, 2018

Our Vision

We are a growing community of believers committed to walking with Christ, welcoming all, and serving God by serving others.

Matthew 23: 37 – 40

Jesus said, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is the response Jesus gave when asked which commandment was the greatest as recorded in Matthew. It is easy to remember thanks to its simplicity and at the same time it is convicting because it is so easy to fail at.

So many people around the world are quick to buy into what is often called the Prosperity Gospel. A belief system based on rewards for good behavior as if we can somehow earn God's Grace. But Jesus has made it clear that nothing we do can buy us that Grace. Instead Jesus tells us parables about foolish planning and hoarding of things. He reminds us in the here and now, that we are to care for our brothers and sisters and treat them as we would want to be treated.

I hear in the news on a regular basis lately of Christians, people I believe to be of deep faith, ignoring this commandment and I can't understand why. Folks, Jesus demands we take care of those he sends to us. Treat them with the same kindness and dignity we hope to be treated with regardless of ANYTHING, no conditions whatsoever. God continues to present to those that have much, people who do not. It is our commandment to help them in whatever way we can; with a free meal, with help navigating the immigration system, to help with language barriers, to help find safe homes, to welcome them into our community of worship, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and what you have found here at Christ Church. I could go on and on, the list of things we are to do is as long as the list of needs of others.

It is not your job to fix all the ills of the world or take care of everyone but at the same time we are not allowed to ignore them all either. My prayer today and every day is that each of us will be presented with an opportunity daily to live into this Great Commandment. And may God bless you in your endeavors.

Go Gently,
Fr. Jim

QUOTE

"Be that one. That one who forgives when deep offense has been committed. That one who loves when no one else does. That one who gives kindness to those who are mean. Be that one who looks past the insult, instead seeing the pain that motivated it. That one who shines light upon those who sit in utter darkness. Because the impact of being that one runs far and wide. It brings healing to the wounded, joy to the sad, and hope to those in despair. Be that one."

-- Sheri Eckert --

PENTECOST SUNDAY May 20

ALL CHURCH POT LUCK BIRTHDAY PARTY!



After the 11:00 AM Service in the Great Hall.
Let us know you are coming: sign up outside the Parish
Office.

Please bring a salad or dish to share,
excluding dessert and join the fun!

Birthday cakes will be provided!



Thrift Shop in Need of Donations!

We have the customers - *we just need more inventory!* Donations have been down and we need to fill our racks/shelves. When doing your spring cleaning please donate any unwanted, unused items to our wonderful Thrift Shop. Needed items include clothing, shoes, pocketbooks, toys, housewares, linens, lamps, smaller furniture, baby items, decorative items - pretty much any good condition items you no longer want or need. If you are not sure about an item please call the office at (845) 986-3440.



Christ Church Thrift Shop

The Christ Church Thrift Shop is open to accept drop off donations on **Wednesday from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** and open for business and also accepts donations on **Saturday from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

2018 Rector's Scholarship Award

A special gift has made it possible for Christ Church to award a \$2,200 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who has been accepted into a post-secondary program of study. Submission deadline is June 1, 2018.

Saturday Morning Breakfast

10:00 AM through 11:00 AM

All are welcome!

Please call the Parish office for
Scholarship guidelines.

(845) 986-3440 or refer to the
christchurch.org. website under the
Resources Tab.

Christ Church New Meeting Rooms

We have many wonderful rooms that can be used for Ministry meetings here at Christ Church. George keeps the master calendar. Please call or email to schedule your meeting.

Gift Card Outreach

Purchase your own and/or donate a
Shop Rite, ACME or Price Chopper Gift Card
(any denomination)
to a family in need.

We do accept credit cards.



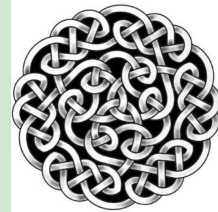
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New Service at Christ Church

A contemplative
Eucharist in the Celtic
Tradition...

Sunday 5:00 PM



Prayer Requests

Parishioners:

Ann, Dorothy, Bruce, Brendan, Carol and Brian, Ken Jr., Kim, Ashlee, Connor, Pat, David, Heather, Blanche, Gail, Joseph, Carol and Amanda.

Friends and Family:

Julia, Scott, David, Sarah, Deirdre, Kevin, AJ, Tom, Mary Fran, Jerry, Jeff, Alan, Antonio, Deborah, Annette, Janell, Michael, Ike, James, Holmes Family, Ramona, Joe, Anna, Chris, Penny, Veronica, Juan, Alex, Michelle, Jeannie, Ginger, Joanne, Lindsay, Diane, Billy, Sydney, Mel, Anthony, Michael, Thomas Greulich, Virginia, Toscano Family, Dennis, Beth, Mikaella, Austin, Marion, Karson Whitesell and the Whitesell/Ransom families, Heidi Healy family, Ketty, Margo, Walt, Scott. Lyle, Michelle, Israel, Katie, Katherine, Julia, AnnaMarie D'Aliso, Marty, Evelyn and Lee.



Read Sunday May 13th's Lessons

Sunday May 13, 2018

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Preacher and Celebrant:
Rev. Jennifer Brown-Lanier

Ministers

Lector:
9:00 - Ed Sattler
11:00 - Judy Girod
Chalicer:
9:00 - Phil McCutcheon
11:00 - Colleen Biavati
Acolytes:
9:00 - Aiden and Jamie
11:00 - Alek Grzegorzewski
Ushers:
9:00 - Linda Ferguson and Debbi Sattler
11:00 - Sara Hock and Bill Fisher
Healing Hands Ministers:
9:00 - Julie Mumford
11:00 - Gail Graf
Altar Guild:
Edda Agosto's Team:
Colleen Biavati, Cathy Johnston and Laurie Knowles
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Kathy Garvey and Cheryl Walters

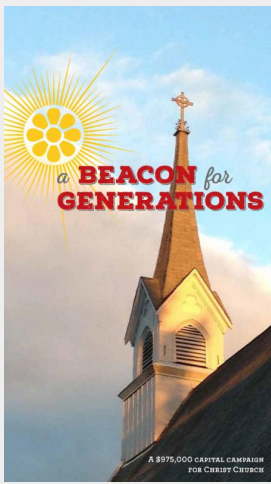
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Pentecost Sunday May 20, 2018

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Preacher: Rev. James Erwin
11:00 AM Celebrant: Mother Deborah Lee

Ministers

Lector:
9:00 - Ed Wiley
11:00 - Ernie Vander Kruiik
Chalicer:
9:00 - Julie Mumford
11:00 - Paul Graf
Acolytes:
9:00 - Alexavier, Patrick and Austin
11:00 - Volunteer Needed
Ushers:
9:00 - Vanessa Mann and Mark Arnowitz
11:00 - Sally and Thom Woglom
Healing Hands Ministers:
9:00 - Liz Houlton
11:00 - Colleen Biavati
Altar Guild:
Kathy McCutcheon's Team:
Abbie Opper, Linda Garcia and Sally Woglom
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Janovsky/Neavin



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Parish Directory

The Parish Directory is now available for you to view, save and/or print. Please click [HERE](#) to view the Directory.

(Password: fatherjim)

If you see any errors in your family's listing or you wish to be removed from the directory, please contact the

[Church Office.](#)

If you cannot open this file, a few paper copies are available in the office.

This directory is to be strictly used for church purposes only!

WAMC Community Dinner

Support the programs of Warwick Area Migrant Committee

Saturday, May 19th 5-7pm



Delicious Farm Fresh Meal//Vegetarian Choices

Meal prepared by area chef Sherry Wykoff using farm fresh produce
(Sherry has prepared these feasts for the last several years!)

RSVP by May 16, 2018

kbrieger@hrhcare.org
or (845) 258-4121

Warwick Methodist Church
135 Forester Avenue, Warwick, NY

Suggested Donation
\$35 per person

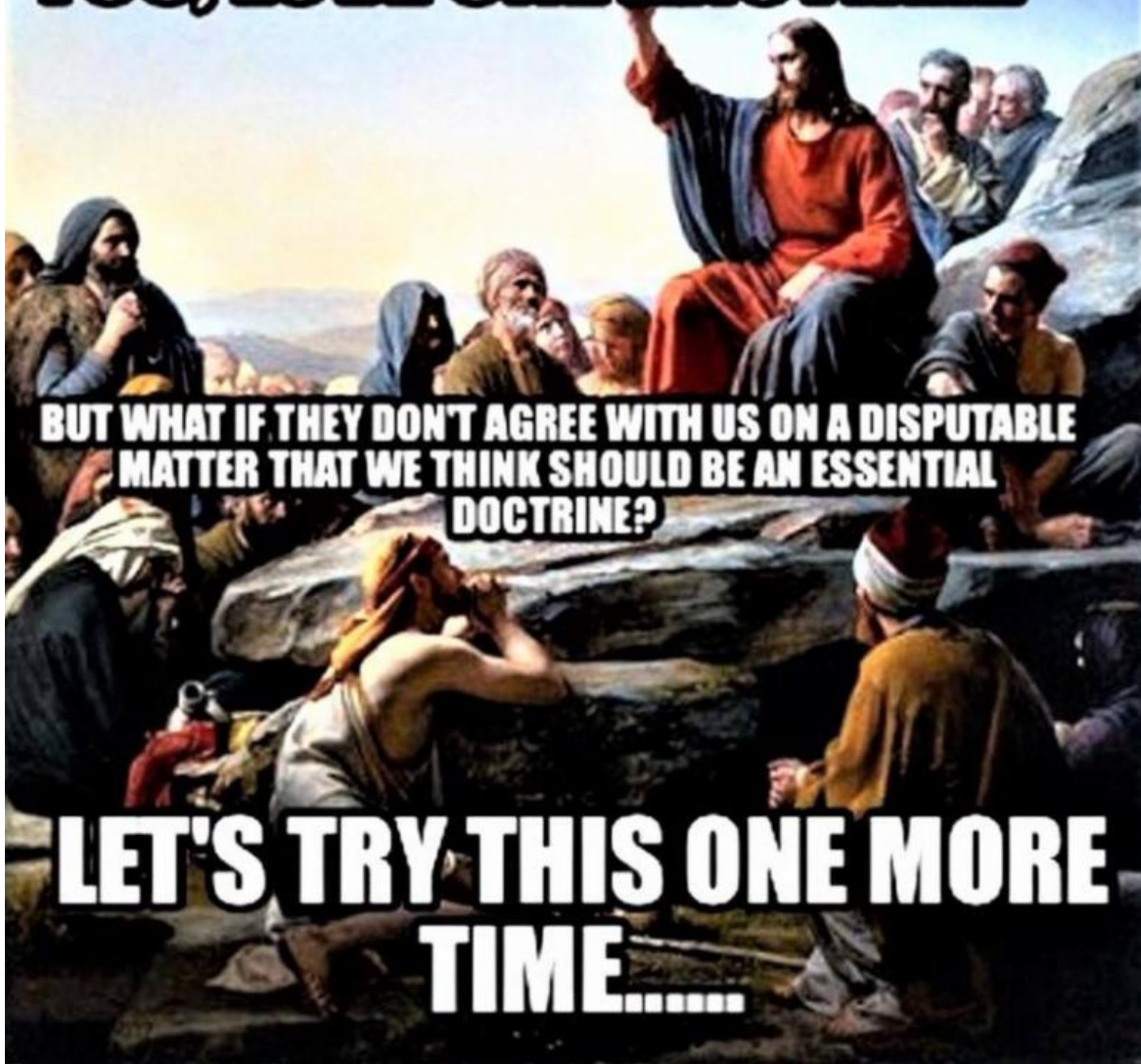
Funds raised will support the WAMC Summer Enrichment Program.

The WAMC summer enrichment program is an 8-week 9a-5p program for farmworker children 6 and older which includes: Art, Writer's Workshop, Reading, Music, Horticulture, Sports, Computers and Robotics, Pottery, Mindfulness, Yoga and Field Trips

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A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU, LOVE ONE ANOTHER.



BUT WHAT IF THEY DON'T AGREE WITH US ON A DISPUTABLE MATTER THAT WE THINK SHOULD BE AN ESSENTIAL DOCTRINE?

LET'S TRY THIS ONE MORE TIME.....

The Reverend James W. Erwin, Jr., Rector
The Reverend Deborah A. Lee, Assisting Priest

VESTRY: Danielle Post - Senior Warden, William O'Keefe - Junior Warden
George Billeci (Recording Secretary), Lucia Crone, Brian Gens, Elizabeth Houlton, John Metzger (Treasurer),
Brien Milbauer, George Mindos, Matthew Mumford, Kristen Neavin, Polly Vander Kruik and Cheryl Walters.

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SUNDAYS: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
CELTIC SERVICE Sunday 5:00 PM

