



Christ Church

Weekly Update

June 6, 2018

Our Vision

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

'Tis wedding season and we are experiencing quite an intense activity centered around Christ Church. We have just been contacted for the Eleventh wedding that will either be held here at Christ Church or conducted by one of your clergy at an offsite venue. To put this in perspective, eleven ceremonies is nearly triple the number I've ever done in a single year since being ordained.

I do not believe that there are more people getting married than in the past nor do I believe that Mother Deborah and I have suddenly become more popular as wedding officiants and while our new building is quite attractive only two of those weddings are using it for any kind of reception.

I would like to offer a different theory as to why we are seeing more people of all ages come to the church and/or clergy to preside at the Celebration and Blessing of their Marriage.

Throughout time, two people have joined together. They begin as individuals but when they come together in love, they form something new. As a couple they pledge to go through life together recognizing that their own interests alone will be supplanted by the interests of the couple they are forming. But lets face it, being in a couple is not easy. Love waxes and wanes, people are challenged by good times and bad that often tears couples apart. But there is a secret weapon that I think these 11 couples this year and many of you reading this have found and that's God in the form of the Holy Spirit. They and you have recognized that marriage is hard, requires regular maintenance and God can and does help.

It is standard in the Episcopal service for clergy to wrap their stole around the hands of the couple being married. If you've seen me do this, you've also seen me lean in and whisper something to the couple being married. I'll share what I say now with you. I tell the couple that they have invited God into their marriage by asking me to preside at their marriage. This stole is a reminder that God is wrapped around them and they must rely on God during the good times and the

bad. God loves them and blesses their union.

Our church and by extension, your clergy have been welcoming to all who seek to commit themselves to each other before the eyes of God. What a wonderful message to send out to those considering matrimony.

God loves you and blesses you too. Weddings are beautiful and romantic but they are more than that. They remind us of God's love for us all. Next wedding you are invited to, listen to the readings, say the prayers, hear the homily from the minister and experience God's infinite love for all his children.

Blessings, Fr. Jim

QUOTE

"We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it. "

-- Madeleine L'Engle --

Christ Church Youth Ministry

Do **you** have a love for children? Do you feel good and have a desire to teach and learn from children? If so, we encourage you to volunteer for the Christ Church Youth Ministry.

We have *two* opportunities: one for Sunday School and the other for Vacation Bible School.

Sunday School continues every Sunday through June 17th. We have a small yet committed crew of volunteers that teaches every Sunday. As holidays, graduations, vacations and family commitments come up, we are hard pressed to find coverage to provide this critical and vital experience to our youth.



Vacation Bible School starts July 30th and runs through August 3rd. We are

seeking adults who can help out that week from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. We also need adults who can help with planning in the weeks prior to Vacation Bible School. *Please consider signing up.* You can contact Carly Tosh (carly.a.tosh@gmail.com) or the Christ Church office at office@christchurch.org/(845) 986-3440 for more information and to volunteer to help with this wonderful and very special ministry.

*We invite you to be involved in our exciting Christ Church Youth Ministry.
We are forming young Christians!*

Thank you very much!

Carly Tosh
Director
Youth Ministries

Thrift Shop in Need of Donations!

When you stop in the thrift shop to drop off your donations (hint-hint) please check out the new thrift shop sign going down the steps from the parish hall!

Donations are needed...

As members it's easy to donate -- just come down the steps from the parish hall, pass the new thrift shop sign and put your donations in the unpacking room. If you are not sure about an item please call the office at (845) 986-3440. Thank you very much for your continued support of this vital Christ Church Ministry.

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**

**Saturday Morning
Breakfast
10:00 AM through 11:00 AM**

All are welcome!



Volunteers needed for Summer Coffee Hour.



*Summer Chapel Courtyard Service
Sundays at 5:00 PM*

Come as you are —
our founder often wore
sandals.

Summer means more here



The Episcopal Church

New Bible Study Offering!



Mark's Gospel-- Uncovered

Mark is the shortest of the canonical gospels; it can be characterized as a "just the facts, ma'am" style of writing which is why it is such a wonderful Gospel to unpack and uncover. Mark's Gospel in one sense represents the simplest form of the early Christian message, but there is such richness beneath the apparent simplicity.

Join us as we dig deeper into this Gospel's essence through a close examination of Mark's writing style and uncover more profound truths that relate to your everyday life! Led by Mother Deborah. Bring a bag lunch if you would like.

Tuesdays, 12:15 pm-1:15 pm

Read Sunday June 10th's Lessons

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.

Sunday

June 10, 2018

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

Ministers

Lector:

9:00 - David Sadler
11:00 - Lily McLean

Chalicer:

9:00 - George Opper
11:00 - Paul Graf

Acolytes:

9:00 - Alexavier, Ellie and Jamie
11:00 - Alek

Ushers:

9:00 - Mark Arnowitz and
Debbi Sattler
11:00 - Cathy Gubar and
Susan Watson

Healing Hands Ministers:

9:00 - Julie Mumford
11:00 - Gail Graf

Altar Guild:

Edda Agosto's Team:
Colleen Biavati, Laurie Knowles
and Cathy Johnston

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Tulin/Lien Family

Read Sunday June 17th's Lessons

Sunday

June 17, 2018

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Preacher:
Father Jim Erwin. 11:00 AM
Celebrant: Rev. Deborah Lee

Ministers

Lector:

9:00 - Priscilla Caskey
11:00 - Kathy Ginter

Chalicer:

9:00 - Carol Espel
11:00 - Fred Widman

Acolytes:

9:00 - Dawson, Corbett, Cricket
11:00 - Need Volunteer

Ushers:

9:00 - George Opper and
Ed Wiley
11:00 - Sally and Thom Woglom

Healing Hands Ministers:

9:00 - Liz Houlton
11:00 - Martha Frame

Altar Guild:

Kathy McCutcheon's Team:
Abbie Opper, Linda Garcia
and Sally Woglom

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Mumford/Agosto



Christ Church Directory 2017
Parish Directory

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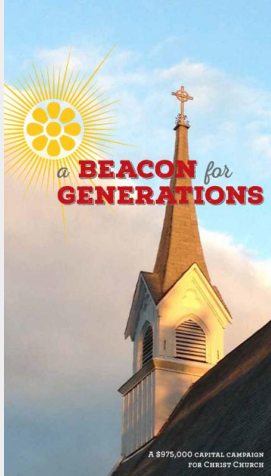
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[Church Office](#).

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Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere



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 and
OUTDOOR SUMMER SERVICE 5:00 PM