



## Weekly Update July 8, 2020

### *Our Vision*

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

#### Discerning Choices

“Faithful God, you gave Jan Hus the courage to confess your truth and recall your Church to the image of Christ...”

These words begin the collect for the feast day or day to remember Jan Hus. Almost everyday of the year our church reminds us of one member of that wonderful cloud of witnesses who have truly built the church. We will remember him tonight at Evening Prayer.

See Jan Hus got on the wrong side of his fellow Czech clerics because he preached to the people in their native language. Very few people at the time, including most priests, could understand Latin. Yet, the mass was only available in Latin and priests were forced to read in Latin for what passed as a sermon.

As a priest serving at the Bethlehem chapel in Prague, he was later exiled. He traveled to the Council of Constance in 1414 to clear his name, but his enemies persisted and he was imprisoned. His timing was particularly bad as there was not just one Pope, but during this time there were up to three Popes all trying to gain legitimacy. The Council attempted to force Hus to recant his reform positions he held plus a few he never held. He would not, and he was burned at the stake. “The principal intention of my preaching and of all my other acts was solely that I might turn men from sin” he wrote before his death.

Throughout the years there have been many risks in being a Christian and standing upright for the teachings of Christ. Not what you want Christ to say, but what Christ truly has given us in scripture. Millions of people have lost their lives because their relationship with Christ and the sacraments of the church formed the single most important priority in their life.

They teach us and inspire us when we are not concerned that because we love our Lord or receive communion, or because we summon the courage to speak truthfully to Power, we could be murdered. Even in this time of the great

pandemic it is important to put all things in perspective.

The pandemic has brought us new ways of understanding what is truly important in life. We are called everyday to make choices and to discern the risks we take. Like Hus, we have to reflect about the primacy of our faith when confronted with so many other alternatives. Each of us must make every choice seriously, freely and independently, thanking God we live in a nation where we can.

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*Please remember your pledge*

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This evening at 7pm via Zoom.

[Click here for Service](#)

Would you like to lead Evening Prayer, or read a lesson during our Wednesday Evening Prayer service? If so, please contact Fr. Don ([rector@christchurch.org](mailto:rector@christchurch.org)).

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### **What can you expect this Sunday**

The doors of Christ Church will be open this Sunday for two services at 9:00 and 11:00. What follows is a little information about what you can expect.

- +Only the big red doors to the older building will be open to enter the building. If you need to enter a different door, please call ahead.
- +Every effort has been made to make the nave as reasonably safe as possible. The room has been sanitized and the pews have been wiped down.
- +Face-coverings are required while in the building. If you forget your own, a face-covering is available for you.
- +Hand sanitizer will be available just inside the door.
- +Your name will be written down as you enter for contact tracing purposes.
- +No more than 30 people will be permitted in the room at one time.
- +There will be no congregational singing, and responses will be said at low-volume.
- +Plexiglass "sneeze-guards" have been placed in front of the lectern and pulpit

so that the preacher and readers can do so without being masked.

+Bulletins and the Alms basin will be pre-placed before the service.

At one service each week the Eucharist will be celebrated. At that service:

+The wine will not be distributed.

+The priest will scrub his hands before setting the table, and sanitize his hands before the distribution. Only the person receiving and the priest will touch the wafer.

+The priest will wear a mask at all times other than when at the pulpit.

+There will be no acolytes or Eucharistic Ministers assisting.

+Social distancing will be observed, and reception will be made standing.

+After receiving the wafer, the individual should turn away and move at least six feet from the person behind before consuming (waiting until you return to your seat is also suggested).

+If there is overflow seating in the parish hall, the priest will distribute communion there as well.

Thank you all for your understanding as we, Christ Church, moves through this unprecedented time. Thank you for your patience and understanding. The doors will be open.

Thanks Be To God.

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## Thrift Shop Reopening

During these unprecedented times, the Thrift Shop will reopen but we are proceeding with caution. Many new procedures need to be in place to protect shoppers and staff, while taking into account government guidelines. Our first stage will be to open on Saturdays only. **Our first day open will be Saturday, July 11, 2020 from 9:30 am to 12 noon, for shopping and donations.** Please note that donations will only be accepted on Saturday mornings until further notice.

Face coverings will be required, and shoppers must practice social distancing, which means there will be a limited number of shoppers allowed in the store. For the protection of children, at this time we only will be allowing adults (16 and over) in the thrift shop.

Thank you for your patience while we keep everyone's health and safety as our top priority.

**Saturday Breakfast has been suspended until further notice!**

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## Intercessory Prayers

To add a name to our weekly intercession list, please send the name to [prayer@christchurch.org](mailto:prayer@christchurch.org).

The intercession list will be available as you enter the church on Sunday mornings.

You are welcome to add a name (first or baptismal name only). There are three areas: 1) for those who are ill or need special prayers 2) for those who have died and 3) for thanksgivings to God.

Let us all remember each other, family members and friends in prayer each week.



### Christ Church Blessing Box

Thanks to all who have been donating.

Popular items include: coffee, tea bags, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, razors, deodorant, pet food, baby food, name brand cereal, laundry detergent.

If donating food, please check expiration dates.

### Plastic Recycling Continues

Christ Church continues to support the Warwick Lions Club initiative to keep more plastic out of landfills.

For every 500 pounds of plastic bags and film packaging recycled in a six-month interval, Trex will donate an environmentally responsible bench that the Lions will place in the community. We can't gather the plastic at church right now, but we as individuals can still support this initiative.

Directly recycle your clean, dry, empty plastic bags and film packaging in 30-gallon or 45-gallon clear plastic recycle bags (30 gallon can be purchased from Shop Rite). When you have a full bag, take it to Price Chopper on Route 94 in Warwick. Go around the right side of the building to get to the rear loading dock. After delivery, contact George McManus with the total that you dropped off at [mcmanus@warwick.net](mailto:mcmanus@warwick.net) or call 986-1681 and leave a message. Each 30 gallon filled bag is eight pounds.

The Lions will only get the bench if we let George know what we recycled, so please don't omit that step.

Thank you very much!

**The Reverend Dr. Donald F. Davidson, Interim Rector**

Articles for Christ Church Eblast newsletter are due by noon on Tuesday before  
Wednesday publication

Fr. Don is available to you if an emergency 24-hours a day.

Outside of regular office hours, the best way to contact him is via email at

[rector@christchurch.org](mailto:rector@christchurch.org)

You can also leave a message on his phone line, as he checks his messages often .

VESTRY: Matthew Mumford - Senior Warden, Mark Arnowitz - Junior Warden

Elena Chavez Carey, Judy Girod, Sharon Kelly, Steve Laico, Chris Loftus, Barbara Mann (Recording Secretary),  
George Mindos, Kristen Neavin, Louise Schultz (Treasurer), Charlotte Trott and Cheryl Walters

Anyone wishing to read the Vestry meeting minutes,  
please contact the parish office for a copy.

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SUNDAYS: 9:00 and 11:00 AM

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