



## Weekly Update July 15, 2020

### *Our Vision*

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

### **Thank you!**

My parents were sticklers about writing thank you notes. I had to write thank you notes on Christmas day before I was allowed to play with anything anyone gave me. I have never forgotten how important it is to say thank you. That does not always mean that I have never forgotten to say thank you.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this parish during a pandemic. Without a doubt this five-months has been the most unique time in my life as an ordained person.

My thanks to Lloyd, Lucia and Steve for the wisdom and technical knowledge to make live streaming possible. Christ Church is one of a handful of churches in the Diocese of New York to accomplish full high definition live streaming every Sunday. My thanks to Glenn and Susan for their contribution making that possible.

My thanks to Barbara for putting up with me as we kept the office functioning every day. The church never closed.

My thanks to David and all the soloists for the beauty they added during the shut-down, along with the readers that made our Sunday morning services as normal as possible.

I have too many people to thank, and not enough space so I will stop here and say from my heart to yours, thank you for the honor of serving for a brief time. May God bless each of you as you continue to be Christ Church.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Don and Marcie Davidson

Dear Christ Church Congregation,

A wise clergyman once declared, "*The next stage of our transition would be best served by another Priest*". Yes, that was Father Don, and he was talking about our very own transition, right here at Christ Church Warwick. I can tell you as Senior Warden, I have had but two thoughts entangled in my head since reading these words.

The first surrounds the many reasons Don will be missed; the second focuses on the many reasons I will not be sleeping well.

One can never fully realize the responsibility of overseeing a parish until the Rector tells you he/she will be relinquishing it. But together with the Vestry, all that must be done to keep this parish moving forward will be done. I take comfort in knowing there are so many other spokes turning this wheel; I thank you all in advance for the support I know you'll provide.

This however is about Don, Marcie, and their three 4-legged companions. Their decision to return to The Great Lakes State of Michigan wasn't supposed to happen this soon. I dare say not much of anything that's happened so far this year was supposed to happen! Sadly, they never got the full experience of what we know our church to be, our town to be, our ministries to be, our people to be. The happy part though, is that they will be back in their home, doing only what they want to do, & nothing that they must do. For that part we can all wish them nothing but the best of health, happiness, & prosperity, and thank them for doing so much with so little during their time with us.

Go Army! Go Air Force!

Matthew Mumford, Sr Warden

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### **A Message from our Search Committee Chair**

Hello Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The "search" for our new Rector is underway. The initial onset of COVID did impact our productivity, and the committee was limited on ways that we could meet and interact. Fortunately *Zoom* helped us to get together, and we met over a half a dozen times and divided up tasks that could be completed while we were each in isolation.

One of the first steps on the road to finding our new Rector is to develop a Parish Profile that will detail who we are and what we stand for. The profile is a comprehensive document that provides information about our church as well as the surrounding community and school system. The profile will be available to interested applicants so that they can determine if our church and the community are a good fit for them.

As a member of our church community you play an important role in helping complete the Parish Profile. Tomorrow, you will receive a survey via email from Survey Monkey. The data that we collect from this survey will help us to complete the profile. The survey will not take long to complete, but the data

that we collect will be valuable. **Please complete the survey by Wednesday, July 22.** We thank you for your help in this process.

If you have any questions regarding the survey or our search, please reach out to me at [daniellepost4@gmail.com](mailto:daniellepost4@gmail.com)

God Bless,  
Danielle Post  
Chair of the Search Committee

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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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### **Rectory backyard Prune and Trim Party Saturday, July 25**

Lunch will be served. I will also give summer trim workshop. Mainly bring loppers, pruners. Water bottle. Spread the word and see you then. Any questions, email [mark.arnowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:mark.arnowitz@yahoo.com)

Mark A. The Coffee Potter

### **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

The Thrift Shop is now open on Saturdays only from 9:30 am to Noon for shopping and donations. Face coverings required, limited number of shoppers at a time, no children under the age of 16, changing rooms closed, no access to bathrooms and all donations are quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours.

Due to CDC guidelines and limited capacity, donations will be screened upon arrival to determine what we are allowed to accept. We thank you for your patience and understanding while we keep everyone’s health and safety as our top priority!

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**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.

## 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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