



## Weekly Update August 26, 2020

### *Our Vision*

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

#### **FOR OUR CHRIST CHURCH COLLAGE PROFILE**

***Remember to email:***

***A picture of where you Connected to Christ at Christ Church  
Wherever it was—in church, kitchen, parish hall or gardens,  
Where did you felt beauty, strength, insight, love, relief?  
Or tell us where it was and we will take a picture***

***[searchteam@christchurch.org](mailto:searchteam@christchurch.org)***

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Dear Friends,

“Take a deep breath.”

This is essentially what God tells Moses when God sends him back to Egypt. The Divine Name: YHWH, when you say it, is basically a breath in and a breath out, says Rabbi Arthur Waskow of the Shalom Institute, whom I've followed for many years. So, when God gives Moses the Divine Name for his use, God gives him the ability to breathe – anywhere.

“Take a deep breath” - wherever you go, whatever you face. How do we start, if we are used to taking shallow breaths, or if we are bent over by long habit, or if we have no fresh air to start with?

Start in church.

On Sunday mornings, or midweek at noon when the church is open, I get to see people come in, and kneel down, or slump forward. Gradually, over time, as they get the weight of the world off their shoulders and onto God's, they straighten up, they breathe, they leave – shoulders back.

There's something about this space that opens up into God's space. There's something about the breath we breathe, that comes from the breath that God breathes – into our world. Then, like Moses, we can straighten up, breathe

deep, and go do what we need to do, or simply begin what we need to begin.

These days, we need to begin to scope out how we will live, serve, and love in this more relaxed but still vital response to COVID-19. Our response, however, begins with breathing deeply again, with the Lord who is with us everywhere; and then following the Lord's direction into whatever Promised Land awaits.

Go in Peace,  
Fr. Steve

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## Church Open for Silence & Prayer

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12 – 1 pm

Fr. Steve available for conversation

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Please join us this evening 8/26 at 7pm

[Click here for link](#)

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## Faithful Distancing & Sunday Worship

We worship together, in person or virtually, because we are faithful to God's desire and ours to come together. We do so at a distance because we are faithful to the needs and the health of every one of us. These points, below, are how we express that faithfulness in church.

- + Only the red doors of the Church will be open to enter the building. If you need to enter a different door, please call ahead.
- + The nave and pews are sanitized before and between services. Sanitizer is just inside the door for when you come in. We do not use prayer books or hymnals since those are used by others.
- + Your name will be written down for contact tracing purposes.
- + There is no congregational singing, but the organ and piano still bless us with the gifts of music throughout the service.
- + Face coverings are required; and can be made available if you forget yours. Plexiglass shields have been placed in front of the lectern and pew so the readers and preacher can be unmasked.

+ We can safely 'distance' up to 40 people in the nave, and have overflow into the parish hall. Of course, we also have 2 services.

At the Eucharist:

- + Only the bread is distributed – and Christ is present.
  - + The Priest is masked for the prayer. The bread is covered with a linen and off to one side from where the Priest says the prayer.
  - + The Priest washes his hands in soap and water in full view of the congregation before distributing Communion.
  - + When you receive Communion, there will be sanitizer at the head of the aisle to use 6 feet before you receive. Then extend your hands and the Priest will drop the host in, without touching.
  - + Please consume the host when you kneel at your pew, or just before you enter your pew, looking reverently at the altar.
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Dear CC Family,

As the fall season approaches, the need continues for families accessing assistance at the Migrant Community Center. Your generosity over the last several months has helped to feed the hungry and comfort those in need.

As the school year begins, we ask you to consider picking up a few items as you shop. Included in the list of needed supplies are the following:

- Beans (black and pinto are favorites)
- Rice
- Canned vegetables
- Cereal
- Snack bars
- Juice
- Apples/Oranges
- Detergent
- Toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc.)

Please leave donations at Christ Church or in the bed of our truck (8 High Hill Avenue, Warwick). All donations are delivered to the Center each Thursday afternoon. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bill (845-987-2916).

As always, the support of our Christ Church family is a blessing. We are deeply grateful and thank you for your kindness.

~ Joanne & Bill



## Apple butter season is here!

Even though Applefest has been canceled this year, the famous Christ Church apple butter will go on.

To get a better idea of how much apple butter to make, we're inviting pre-orders from now through September 15. Regular orders will be available after that date. Because the cost of jars has risen steeply this year, there will be a modest increase in the price of apple butter: \$5 for a 4-ounce jar, \$7 for 8 ounces and \$12 for 16 ounces. Forms will be available on the church website within days.

For those who would like apple butter right away, we have a small on-hand inventory at 2019 prices: \$4 for a 4-ounce jar, \$6 for 8 ounces and \$10 for 16 ounces.

Also, we're seeking donations of 4-ounce, 8-ounce and 16-ounce canning jars and lids. Donations can be dropped off before or after worship on Sundays, or call the church office at 845-986-3440 on weekdays to schedule a drop-off appointment. \$10 donation will help us purchase a 12-jar case plus sugar.

Thanks so much.  
The apple butter committee

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BARGAINS + RECYCLE/REPURPOSE

CHRIST CHURCH  
THRIFT  
SHOP:



SUMMER 2020  
RE-OPENED  
within guidelines

SHOP & DONATE  
Saturday 9:30am-12noon

- face coverings required
- capacity is limited
- no children under 16
- changing rooms are closed
- no access to bathrooms
- donations are quarantined at least 72 hours
- there are new restrictions on donations:  
due to CDC guidelines & limited capacity, donations  
are screened upon arrival to determine what  
can/cannot be accepted
- thanks for your patience & understanding while we  
keep everyone's health & safety our top priority!

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50 South St, Warwick NY · parish hall basement, door on driveway side

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

The Reverend Stephen C. Holton, Interim Rector

Contact Fr Steve for pastoral care or conversation

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon

rector@christchurch.org

Articles for Christ Church Eblast newsletter are due by 2pm on Tuesday before  
Wednesday publication

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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Worship  
Schedule

SUNDAY IN-PERSON SERVICES:  
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM  
(9am is also livestream)

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