



Weekly Update October 14, 2020

Our Vision

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

Dear Friends,

Beneath this message is a video message from Bishop Shin. He would have been here in person this Sunday for his Episcopal Visitation, but of course cannot, due to COVID 19 and what I call the "pandemic paralysis." So he sends this video message instead. In it is the wonderful Episcopal Blessing we always expect and always get from these Shepherds of our Church. In it is a wonderful reflection that we also expect from these Teachers of our Church.

Bishop Shin teaches here in a wonderful way about the Image of God in which we were created, as opposed to the images of Caesar and other men found on coins. The image of God is the image of Love. It is the love of which we are capable when we gather in community - like this one. The image of God is not an individual image, of this person or that person. It is the image of community

In our little community, in the way we are reinventing it and celebrating it in new ways, and continuing old ones - we have been meeting outside at 11. We will continue in November, with shorter services. We have gained 15 people, many of them children, by being outside. I do not want to say goodbye to them!

Wear your beautiful sweaters that are too warm to wear inside. Maybe bring an attractive blanket. Cuddle with your family! Come to your larger Christ Church Family - and love. That is how we are the image of God, not separately but together, not just for us but for everyone in our larger community - who need it.

Peace,
Fr. Steve

[Bishop Shin Video - https://vimeo.com/468260730](https://vimeo.com/468260730)

Church Open for Silence & Prayer

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12 – 1 pm

Fr. Steve available for conversation

Evening Prayer

Please join us this evening at 7pm

[Click here for link](#)

If you are interested in leading the service, or reading the lessons, please email Charlotte Trott at ctrott50@gmail.com

FALL CLEANUP

November date to be announced soon!

BREAKFAST IS BACK!

Breakfast hours are 10 to 11 a.m. every Saturday. If you are interested in learning more about the breakfast, or helping to prepare or serve, call or email Liz Houlton: 845-325-1276 or eahoulton@gmail.com.

APPLE BUTTER SEASON IS HERE!

Get your apple butter while we have it. It's time to stock up on Christ Church's famous apple butter, which makes a great holiday gift for family, friends and neighbors – or even for yourself. Our supply is smaller than most years, so be sure to get yours before all the jars are gone.



The cost is \$5 for a 4-ounce jar, \$7 for 8 ounces and \$12 for 16 ounces. If you'd like to pick some up on the weekend, see Eileen Janovsky, Liz Houlton, Gaye Murphy or Cheryl Walters. Or if you'd prefer, you can order online: <https://christchurch.org/applebutter>

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

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.

READERS SUNDAY MORNING - OPEN THE WORD FOR YOUR FRIENDS

We need volunteers for the 9 am or 11 am Service. You get a heavenly script, a lectern to hang onto if you're worried, and a friendly audience! The key to being a good reader is just to read a little louder and a little slower than you would normally . . . then we and God really will be blessed by your presence.

Please email Barbara in the Parish Office at office@christchurch.org.

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, 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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SUNDAY IN-PERSON SERVICES:
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM (11am outdoors)

Find Us On Social Media:

thru November, weather permitting)
(9am is also livestream)

