



Weekly Update January 13, 2021

Our Vision

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

Dear Friends,

We have all been through a lot as a country, this past week or more. We have seen the Capitol stormed, and people die. We have seen people who claim to stand for us - not stand for us. We have seen people who claim to stand for liberty - not stand for it; but rather try to take away the life and liberty of others.

Yet this coming weekend we observe the birthday of a great American, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Not far from the Capitol he gave his greatest speech, "I have a Dream." In this speech he speaks with reverence of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. They were, he said,:

"a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

(Later he continues)

Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy.

Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice.

Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood

Now is the time to make justice a reality to all of God's children."

To show just how deeply rooted this Dream is in all of our hearts, and in the very heart and history of our country, let me also quote George Washington, who wrote these words to the Touro Synagogue after the Revolution:

It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural

rights, for, happily, the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.

(Then since he writes to a synagogue, though these words are for all)

May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants - while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid.

And there you have it - the statements of these founders and inheritors of America. Doubtless you know of others. Doubtless you have defended this Dream in your own life. Now we all know, however, that there are many who do not work for this Dream. It then stands to us, as Dr King said, to continue to make real those promises, to rise from that quicksand of injustice to that solid rock of brotherhood - to which all fall heir and all are invited.

Once we stand on that rock, we have one more obligation. That is to stretch out our hands - what Evangelicals call "the right hand of fellowship" - to all who might be "drifting away." If there is anyone who does not stand there, who might have been against this Dream, and yet at any time wants to stand there out of fatigue for their own journey or out of a new desire to join us on ours, why then we "throw out the lifeline," and pull them up, and rejoice in our unity.

Blessings,
Fr. Steve

**Our Sunday services are suspended until February (tba)
Sunday Devotions at Home - are emailed on Saturday.**

When in person church resumes:
9:00 am - Sanctuary and Livestream
11:00 am - Sanctuary

Daily Devotions Remain:
12-1, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday;
Church Open for Silence and Prayers

Outdoor Chapel remains open

Church Open for Silence & Prayer

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12 - 1 pm

Fr. Steve available for conversation

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 1/14 and Friday, 1/15 (vacation).
The office will also be closed on Monday, 1/18 in observance of the Martin



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

2021 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2021 can be picked up outside the parish office.
Please contact the office to coordinate a pickup time.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Christ Church continues to serve breakfast to anyone who wants or needs it every Saturday – takeout only, for now. **Please note the hours have changed, breakfast will be served from 9 to 10:30.** 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

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

DON'T FORGET APPLE BUTTER!

Get your apple butter while we have it. 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>

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.

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-4:30pm

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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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