



News from Christ Church

August 25, 2021

Because those of us who live outside the Northeast tend to view this area as a shifting jumble of tiny states with an inverse correlation of massive populations, we tend not to understand geographic expanses that you, dear reader, will innately. Driving to the coast last week with some other exiles of the South, all four of us were genuinely surprised to find Rhode Island is, in fact, larger than a football field. It took forty whole minutes to drive across the thing! Granted, it's not as much time as it took to reach a major city with a bookstore and a Starbucks from the tiny Kansas town I grew up in, but still larger than a map would have you believe.

This is probably why folks wrote me with great concern last week as the hurricane approached the Northeast. "Are you hurricaned? Are you okay?" they texted as we watched the storm vacillate through the window panes of the rectory, soft rain whipped into driving sheets before settling again. "I think we just call this rain," I replied -- much to the chagrin of my wife, who had been nervously excited about claiming her first hurricane experience.

We're okay, of course. More than okay, thanks to a weakened Henri who decided on a northern route and the fact that New York state is the length of approximately 5,808 football fields. We even had a good morning at church, our numbers lower as many waited out the storm's progress, but it had that sort of feel that a church gets when you know that the folks who made it really wanted to be there. Those mornings are a quiet treasure to me, different from the ones that (let's be real) actually make the church continue to exist. I waited out the not-hurricane that day full of the quiet holiness of the morning. Let the rain praise him, let the people praise him, let the rain named for people praise him. In all places and all times, praise him. Amen.

- Amber

Sunday service guidelines

Communion is served in one kind, bread only. As always, receiving communion is optional to the person. Masks are recommended for all. Distance is at one's own discretion, but do continue to be mindful of your neighbor's needs. The 9:00 a.m. service is livestreamed to the parish hall for those who would like to remain masked and distanced; the priest will bring communion to those present in the room.

Congregational singing resuming

We are gradually returning to congregational singing at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. The choir will return the end of September. Please remember that the service is always live-streamed to the parish hall at 9:00 a.m. for those who would like more time or distance.

Book club

Third Wednesdays of the month, 6:30 p.m.

Our first gathering will be this evening at 6:30 p.m. in our parish hall. We'll chat about CS Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. Bring your own beverage and snack!

Annual Worship in the Park and Church Picnic

Sunday, September 12 at Warwick County Park (Hickory Hill)

The service starts at 10:00 am with the picnic immediately following. The church will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Potluck items will be self-serve using disposable gloves provided. The pavilion seats 110; there will also be tables set up outside the pavilion for social distancing, but will require you bringing your own chair.

Volunteers are needed to help with grilling, set-up, and cleanup. Please contact Matthew Mumford matthewmumford@optonline.net.

Family & friends welcome! Please continue to be mindful of your neighbor's space and needs.

Evening prayer on Zoom

Wednesdays from 7-7:30 pm

Join us this evening. [Click here for link](#). If you are interested in leading the service or reading the lessons, please email Charlotte Trott at ctrott50@gmail.com.

Saturday Breakfast

Christ Church continues to serve breakfast to anyone who wants or needs it every Saturday from 9:00 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



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open Saturdays
9:30am to noon for
shopping & donations



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You can purchase ShopRite or Price Chopper gift cards every Sunday immediately following worship, or stop by the parish office during business hours Monday through Friday. At no cost to you, Christ Church earns a percentage that goes to supporting church programs.

Vestry: Matthew Mumford, Senior Warden - Bill O'Keefe, Junior Warden

Elena Chavez Carey, Billie Gallo, Linda Garcia, Judy Girod, Sharon Kelly, Steve Laico, Chris Loftus, Louise Schultz
(Treasurer), Charlotte Trott, Diana Van Fossen

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Worship
Schedule

Sundays at Christ Church

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, in-person and
livestreamed to Vimeo and the Parish Hall

10:00 a.m. - Coffee hour in the Parish Hall
and on the lawn

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, in-person

5:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist on the lawn

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