



## News from Christ Church September 8, 2021

Dear all,

Last week, we had our final needed volunteer say "yes" to teaching Sunday school. When next you see Elena and Joe Chavez Carey, Kara Greh, Chris Harrison, Steve Laico, Danielle and Brien Milbauer, and Noelle Smith, thank them for stepping up into this role for our children. Meanwhile, Melissa Wilkinson, Amy Patino, Jeanne Storckman, and Chris Loftus have said yes to leading the youth (ages 6th grade and up.) Finally, Rachel Loftus and Robin O'Neill have taken up administrative roles to help these ministries run smoothly.

It really does take a village. In difficult times and after a long time away, we're getting back to being church for all our members.

Speaking of a long time away: Robin and Rachel will be leading a **classroom clean-up for our kids' rooms on Saturday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m.** You're invited to come lend an organizational hand.

Then on **Sunday, September 19 during coffee hour we'll have a parent Open House.** Come see the newly snazzy rooms, meet the volunteers, learn about the program, and register your child for this year's activities.

When considering Jesus' admonition that we must become like children or never enter the kingdom of heaven, educator Jerome Berryman responds, "You can't become child-like if you never welcome children." Thank you again for being the sort of community who knows this at your heart.

faithfully,

Amber

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### **This Sunday! Worship and Picnic in the Park**

*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. Please 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](#).

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### **Book club**

*Fourth Wednesdays of the month, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall*

Our next gathering will be September 22. We'll chat about Francis Spufford's *Unapologetic: Why, Despite Everything, Christianity Can Still Make Surprising Emotional Sense*. Bring your own beverage and snack!

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### **Evening prayer on Zoom**

*Wednesdays, 7:00 - 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](#).

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### **Community Breakfast**

*Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.*

Christ Church continues to serve a free breakfast to anyone who wants or needs it. If you are interested in learning more, or in helping to prepare or serve, [contact Liz Houlton](#).

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*getting ready for sweater weather*

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



### **Feed your family and support your church**

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.

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### **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.

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## 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.

**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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### *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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