



## News from Christ Church May 11, 2022

Dear friends,

We're winding down to the final two weeks of Sunday school for the academic year with some exciting events ahead.

Rogation Sunday is on May 22. Rogation days are the days preceding the Feast of the Ascension and are especially devoted to asking God's blessing on agriculture. The children are preparing a special song for the 9:00 a.m. service. I also invite you to bring your garden tools, gloves, seeds, or starters to church that Sunday -- we'll say a special blessing over them at coffee hour at 10:10 a.m.

We saw such a faithful response to the need for Sunday school teachers in this year of rebuilding from the pandemic. To celebrate the gifts freely shared to our youngest members, all Sunday school attendees and their families are invited to a potluck cookout on Sunday, June 5 out at Hickory Hill following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Given that every one of our Sunday school volunteers are working folks, there didn't seem to be any way to hold Vacation Bible School this summer in a traditional week-long format. Rachel Loftus and I are planning some weekly, family-focused, intergenerational evening events for July and August. Stay tuned for more information.

For our youth entering 6th grade and above, there is the Summer Youth Conference for the Diocese of New York, held at Incarnation Camp in Ivoryton, CT. The dates are August 14-20 and the theme this year will be "The Way of Love." Check them out on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#). As someone who was shaped indelibly by Christian camp experiences, I can't recommend this enough.

Finally, I've already heard from a couple folks who are excited to plan for what may be possible in the areas of children and youth ministry for the coming year. If you have a heart to serve in this capacity, please let me or Rachel Loftus know.

Faithfully,  
Amber

## Spring Cleanup

*Saturday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m. - breakfast provided.*

It's that time of year again. Let's get together to spruce up Christ Church grounds! Please bring your rakes, leaf blowers, and wheelbarrows to clean up the property and mulch the flower beds. All hands needed; all ages invited. If you are available to help, [please let Bill O'Keefe know.](#)

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## Rector's Scholarship

A special gift has made it possible for Christ Church to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted into a post-secondary program of study. Submission deadline is June 10, 2022. Please [email the office](#) for a copy of the guidelines.

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## Book club

*Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall*

Our final selection for the book club this academic year is *God's Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse* by James Weldon Johnson. Published in 1927, this collection of short, lyrical works reads quickly and moves the soul indelibly.

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## Feast of the Ascension

*Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist with choir*

Ascension Day is a principal feast of our church year, though one often overlooked. It always falls on the Thursday that marks 40 days after Easter and commemorates the moment of Jesus' ascension to the right hand of God. All are invited to this festive Eucharist.

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## Community Breakfast

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

Christ Church continues to serve breakfast to anyone who wants or needs it. Anyone interested in learning more, or helping to prepare or serve, [email Liz Houlton](#) or call her at 845-325-1276.

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## Evening prayer on Zoom

*Thursdays, 7:00 - 7:30 pm*

[Click here for link.](#) If you are interested in leading the service or reading the lessons, please [email Charlotte Trott.](#)

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**Vestry:** Chris Loftus, Senior Warden; Bill O'Keefe, Junior Warden

Elena Chavez Carey, Billie Gallo, Linda Garcia, Steven Greh, Sharon Kelly, Gaye Murphy, Erick Storckman,  
Simon Turner, Diana Van Fossen, Abbie Opper (treasurer)

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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

**10:10 a.m.** - Sunday school

**11:00 a.m.** - Holy Eucharist with choir



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