



## News from Christ Church May 18, 2022

Dear friends,

On Wednesday, June 1, I'll be holding a training for those who have expressed interest in becoming Eucharistic Visitors.

One of the many unique aspects of the Episcopal Church is that there is actually very little that one cannot do before confirmation. I often say that the way you become a member is by simply showing up and getting involved -- there are no bars to participation for nearly any ministry.

The two caveats to this generalization are serving on the vestry and Eucharistic ministry (serving the bread and wine.) The first has to do with the importance of personal commitment to institution when considering the stewardship of the parish. Eucharistic ministry, though, has to do with the utter seriousness with which we view the sacraments -- beyond institutional commitment, those who are confirmed are making a mature statement of faith and their willingness to devote time and effort to the growth of their spiritual lives.

Once our Eucharistic visitors are trained and ready, it's my hope that we'll be able to have a rotation of folks able to bring communion to the home-bound on a weekly basis. If you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry, be sure and let me know.

Faithfully,  
Amber

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### **Rogation Sunday**

*Sunday, 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. You're also invited to bring your garden tools, gloves, seeds, starters, or other gardening paraphernalia to church for a blessing in the parking lot at 10:10 a.m.

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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 tonight

*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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*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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sermons Podcast here!