



News from Christ Church June 8, 2022

Dear friends,

This past week marked my one-year anniversary as your rector. I'm not planning on a retrospective in this letter -- that's the work we save for our annual meetings in January. But this past week was full of vivid examples of why I find myself so thankful to have been called to be among you as a pastor, preacher, and teacher.

Sunday was the Feast of Pentecost. Our liturgy featured the many languages spoken by our members along with the sharing of musical gifts (one young girl patiently waited for the choir to come down from the loft at 11:00 just so she could figure out the name of offertory song to add to her Spotify playlist.) Between services, we had a magnificent spread at coffee hour to celebrate my anniversary -- some day, I will stop being floored by the culinary talents in our congregation. During coffee hour, I also had a chance to teach a forum on the biblical strands that help us understand Luke's point in telling the story of Pentecost. In the afternoon, Sunday school children and teachers gathered for a cookout to cap off a wonderful year of formation and fellowship.

During the week, our pastoral care leaders met with me for our monthly hand-off meeting for their groups. The next day, we trained our Eucharistic Visitors for taking communion to homes. At the office, we planned two burials for folks in the extended family of our parish. Plans for Warwick Pride, Juneteenth, and summer family activities were all in the works this past week, too.

And of course, there are so many things running on their own steam: the ministry of our thrift shop, the Saturday free breakfast, the Altar Guild that dressed up our liturgy in bright red for the week, the reports trickling in from vestry members as they check in with the multitude of ministries at this church. I watch you look out for, greet, and welcome the visitors who are showing up every Sunday.

I could go on. But I think you get the picture that my life here is overflowing with the kind of ministry that I'm honored to take part in with you. Know that I count this place -- and all of you within it -- in my prayers of thanksgiving every day.

faithfully,
Amber

Warwick Day of Acceptance

Sunday, June 12 - parade begins at 1:30 p.m.

Pride month has begun and Christ Church will be present at Warwick's annual Day of Acceptance. We need your help in representing our church and spreading the good news of the boundless love of God by marching in the parade and/or talking to folks at the Christ Church booth. If you're available, [please let Sharon Kelly know](#).

Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 18 - 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Railroad Green

Christ Church is proud to be a sponsor of the second annual Juneteenth celebration here in Warwick. This day commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans and will be an event filled with prayer, poetry, speech, and song.

Applefest jar donations needed

Applefest – traditionally Christ Church's biggest fund-raiser of the year – is returning this fall, and so will the famous Christ Church apple butter. In preparation for production at the end of the summer, please consider donating canning jars or lids to the cause. We'll need regular and wide-mouth canning lids, plus 4-ounce, 8-ounce, and 16-ounce jars. And stay tuned for more about Applefest over the next weeks.

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.

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.

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](#).



THRIFT SHOP

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

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

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



Check our weekly
sermons Podcast here!