



News from Christ Church June 29, 2022

Dear friends,

I have mentioned to you many times that what distinguishes Episcopalians from other religions and denominations is that we do not require adherence to a central dogma for one to be considered fully Episcopalian. We are bound together by the creeds and our prayers, not by the uniformity of our thought.

This does not mean, however, that the Episcopal Church does not have clear teachings on theological issues. These positions are given in the form of resolutions adopted democratically by our General Convention, which is held every three years.

"What do Episcopalians believe about abortion?" is a question I'm being asked constantly right now. That answer can vary from person to person, as with any teaching. However, our convention has been making resolutions about the wider church's position since 1967.

[You can find a summary of these teachings and links to specific resolutions here.](#) To summarize from one paragraph in this link: *In a series of statements over the past decades, the Church has declared that 'we emphatically oppose abortion as a means of birth control, family planning, sex selection, or any reason of mere convenience.' At the same time, since 1967, The Episcopal Church has maintained its 'unequivocal opposition to any legislation on the part of the national or state governments which would abridge or deny the right of individuals to reach informed decisions [about the termination of pregnancy] and to act upon them.'*

faithfully,
Amber

First Sunday Forum: the history of Christ Church

Sunday, July 3, 10:10 a.m.

In anticipation of the commemoration of the anniversary of the laying of the church cornerstone in July, all are invited to join us in the parish hall for a presentation on the history of Christ Church by Ivy Tulin, our parish historian.

Children and family nights this summer

This summer, we have some exciting plans for weekly inter-generational family events on Tuesday evenings at Christ Church. Beginning on July 19 at 6:00 p.m., all are invited to join for dinner and and fun!

July 19: Craft night

All ages are invited to join in various crafting projects, from tie-dying to creating nature scrapbooks to origami and more.

July 26: Kickball night

After dinner at the church, we'll take a short walk down to Stanley Deming and play kickball into the night. You're welcome to bring other lawn-style games and chairs to lounge in if kickball isn't your thing.

August 2: VBS night

Our children will learn a couple bible stories and then reenact them as skits. Come join the audience for an evening of biblical intrigue and imagination!

August 9: Board game night

Bring your favorite board game or just come ready to join in with someone else's favorite.

August 16: Movie night

It's the return of a beloved activity among our families -- movies on the lawn! The film is still being decided. Maybe the winning kickball team will choose.

How can you help?

We're looking for groups of volunteers to cook the evening meal every week to allow families to have a night off from the kitchen. Receipts for food can be reimbursed or added to your giving statement for tax deduction. [Please email Amber if you're available to lend a hand one of the above nights.](#)

Applefest

Applefest – traditionally Christ Church's biggest fund-raiser of the year – is returning this fall to Warwick. Here's how you can help!

Chairperson (or co-chairs): the chairperson of Applefest manages the details of this exciting day, like overseeing volunteers, coordinating set-up and take-down, and being on hand to answer questions that come up. If you think you can help in this way, [contact our most recent chair, Gaye Murphy](#), who is ready to walk you through the ins and outs of Applefest.

Canning donations: In preparation for apple butter production at the end of the summer, please consider donating new canning lids to the cause. We'll need regular and wide-mouth canning lids. (We have plenty of jars now, thanks!)

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.](#)

Pastoral care

Our pastoral care team for July is led by Gail Graf. Feel free to reach out to her at (917) 972-4180 with any pastoral care needs you might have.



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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

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



Check our weekly
sermons Podcast here!