



## News from Christ Church September 14, 2022

Dear friends,

I'm not exactly sure where September has gone, but if anyone finds it, let me know. It's been a happy blur of activity around Christ Church.

In only a matter of a week, we held vestry and wardens' meetings. Wednesday saw the return of our Healing Eucharist, a quiet time to pray in the stillness our (often blessedly busy) nave. Bible study followed with a group of folks in our conference room, which grows comfier by the day thanks to care from Barbara Burke and our thrift shop.

This Sunday morning, we kicked off our formation year with a bang: we had over 160 people in attendance between our two services and three full classes of children, youth, and teachers ready for Sunday school -- not to mention the return of our phenomenal choir at 11:00 a.m. Last night, our EYC teens and leaders met at my house for their inaugural meeting for a great evening of food, games, and discussion about what they wanted in their youth group.

Tuesday's mindful movement and meditation class continues create a quiet space for reflection and stretching on Tuesdays. Book club meets this Tuesday. Our breakfast and thrift shop bustle with activity and dedication every week. Spiritual direction groups have formed and will be getting together before September ends, too.

All of this and more is now happening with the tantalizing smell of cooking apple butter and pulled pork in the air, as so many prepare us for Applefest next weekend, October 2 (don't forget that we don't have services that morning.)

One day, I'll write to you about staying grounded in busy times. But for now, I'm just pausing in the whirlwind to give thanks for the life of grace being renewed and extended all around us. See you Sunday, if not sooner for one of the multitude of good reasons to be in the church in the coming days.

God bless you all.

Amber

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## **Men's group at Dubtoberfest**

*Saturday, September 24 at 4:30 p.m.*

The guys of the parish are meeting up at Dubco Acres on Saturday for fellowship and a couple brews. To join in and to hear about more upcoming men's group events, let Joe Chavez Carey know at [mensgroupinfo@christchurch.org](mailto:mensgroupinfo@christchurch.org).

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## **Christ Church book club**

*Tuesday, September 27, 6:30 p.m., Christ Church parish hall*

Our September selection is a work by James Cone entitled *The Spirituals and the Blues*. Cone tells the captivating story of how slaves and the children of slaves used this music to affirm their essential humanity in the face of oppression.

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## **St. Francis' Day Animal blessing**

*Saturday, October 1 at 5:00 p.m. on the parish lawn*

Bring your pets for a celebration of St. Francis' Day, with holy Eucharist and blessing of the animals. This will be our primary worship service of Applefest weekend.

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## **Applefest**

*Sunday, October 2*

There will be no services or formation classes held on Sunday, October 2 due to Applefest. Please consider volunteering in some capacity for this event, which has historically been our largest fundraiser of the church year.

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## **Raffle tickets**

Active members of our parish have been mailed ten raffle tickets to be sold for a \$1,000 ShopRite gift card. Please submit the ticket stubs and proceeds to the office or on Sunday mornings (clearly marked and delineated from your Sunday offering.) If you haven't received your tickets or can sell more, let the church know!

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## **Healing Eucharist**

*Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in the nave*

Ready for a mid-week reset? Join us for a service of Holy Eucharist with prayers and laying on of hands for healing. Come rest in the silence of our holy space and find renewal in this spoken, contemplative service.

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## **Exodus Bible study**

*Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.*

The Exodus from Egypt is the central metaphor for understanding the Scripture. Every week, we'll make our way through this familiar story and see how God might be speaking to us now.

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## The 3 M's: mindful movement & meditation

*Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall, led by Nancy Kern*

All levels of fitness are invited to this class designed to restore and reinvigorate your body and calm and strengthen your mind. If you have them, bring a yoga mat, blocks, and strap. To RSVP or for more information, [contact our instructor, Nancy Kern.](#)

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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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## Pastoral care

Our pastoral care team for September is led by Charlotte Trott. [Feel free to email her](#) or call (845) 550-3010 with any pastoral care needs you might have.

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*getting ready for sweater weather*

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



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

Elena Chavez Carey, Billie Gallo, Linda Garcia, Steven Greh, Elizabeth Houlton, Sharon Kelly, Gaye Murphy, Erick Storckman, Simon Turner, 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



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