



News from Christ Church November 23, 2022

Dear friends,

News sites can't stop talking about the death of social media, and I'm here for it. There's a certain poetic justice in the latest unfolding disaster of the world's richest man buying Twitter (an app that has only served to make us worse humans) and then ramming it headfirst into the median.

There's a small book entitled *Ten Arguments for Deleting Your Social Media Accounts Right Now* by Silicon Valley pioneer Jaron Lanier, who (you might have guessed from the title) argues that you should delete your social media accounts. Why? Because social media:

1. Takes away your free will.
2. Contributes to the insanity of our world.
3. Turns you into a jerk.
4. Manipulates truth.
5. Is destroying the meaning in every word you say.
6. Annihilates your ability to be empathetic.
7. Makes you miserable.
8. Takes away your economic dignity.
9. Is the reason politics are so awful and impossible.
10. Hates you.

I grew up in the generation where social media was promised to promote peace, love, and understanding -- when of course, they were always simply ad sales companies whose sole goal and source of revenue was manipulating users into buying things. Tom Hodgkinson writes about using Twitter: "You are hoping to get noticed, and also hoping to outwit people in a dialogue. And therefore you work for Twitter, providing them content and entertainment, for free. But the spats on Twitter get you nowhere at all. The only people they benefit are the owners of Twitter. And you are dragged into their ad sales scheme. Simply put, when you tweet, you become an unpaid marketer for Coca Cola."

So this Advent, stop being a tool for the world's richest ad salesmen and leave social media behind. This is your Advent preparation service announcement.

only half-jokingly,
Amber

Women's group art project

Monday, December 5, 6:00 p.m.

A couple women from the church are beginning to organize opportunities to be present in each other's lives with a Christ Church women's group! The first planned event is a "weathered board holiday art project." Bring a snack and/or beverage to share. The cost for supplies is \$15, and the number of registrations will be capped at 15. Text or call Louise Schultz to save your space at (845) 641-4482.

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.

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 to find historical context, learn methods of interpretation, and see how God might be speaking to us now.

Community Breakfast

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

Christ Church continues to serve breakfast to anyone who wants or needs it. [You can volunteer for the coming weeks by signing up here!](#) **This week, the team needs a pancake maker and servers.**

EYC stocks the Blessing Box!

Sunday, November 27 during coffee hour

Our youth are making a blessing snack mix to support the Blessing Box. You're invited to bring shelf-stable food or sundries (nothing liquid due to freezing weather) or make a cash donation in exchange for a blessing mix.

Holiday season services

Sunday, December 4, 5:00 p.m. - Advent Jazz Vespers

Sunday, December 18, 4:00 p.m. - Christmas Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 24, 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve services

Sunday, December 25: one service at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 1: one service at 10:00 a.m.

Advent wreath festival

November 27, 10:10 a.m., Christ Church parish hall

On the first Sunday of Advent, all are invited to join our children's formation group in the parish hall for an advent wreath craft project.

Jazz vespers

Sunday, December 4, 5:00 p.m.

We're excited for the first occasion of a new Jazz Vespers service here at Christ Church. Join us for an innovative take on an ancient service of evening prayers. All are welcome. For more information, [contact Erick Storckman](#).

Cookie swap

December 18, 10:00 a.m., Christ Church parish hall

To participate, bring five dozen of your favorite cookies to swap with others -- and bring your own container to bring your goodies home! [Click here to sign up](#) or [email Sabrina Jennings](#) for more information.

Christ Church book club

December 20, 6:30 p.m., Christ Church parish hall

Our December selection is the memoir *Hallelujah, Anyhow!* by the late Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris, first woman elected bishop in the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church.

Christmas Altar Flowers

For a donation of \$50, you may purchase Christmas altar flowers and poinsettias in memory of or in thanksgiving for the ones you love. Envelopes to order flowers can be found in the church pews.

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](#).

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 November is led by Gail Graf. Feel free to call her at 917-972-4180 with any pastoral care needs that might arise.



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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