

CHRIST CHURCH WEEKLY

A Newsletter for Members and Friends of
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Tacoma, Washington

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THIS SUNDAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings: Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81; II Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

The texts can be found on The Lectionary Page <http://www.lectionarypage.net>

Sermon: The Rev. Janet Campbell

Sermons preached at Christ Church are posted on our website www.ccptacoma.org and can be accessed from the Worship page and by clicking this link on the homepage: [Sunday Sermon](#)

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REPRESENTING CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF WASHINGTON STATE –

Court Appointed Special Advocates/Guardian ad Litem

by Tim Chen

Last year, my wife Pat and I were commissioned as Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers. CASA volunteers represent children who have been removed from their home and placed in the custody of the State of Washington/Pierce County. After selecting a child to represent, the CASA volunteer is responsible for gathering information on the child through visitations, court reports and contacts with those involved. The information becomes the basis of a report to the court that will be used during the child’s Dependency Proceedings. The CASA volunteer represents the child’s interests during the Dependency Proceedings.

As an example, present at my last court proceedings were: the attorney for the State of Washington, the DSHS social worker, myself, attorney for the mother and attorney for the father. Everyone is interested in the welfare of the child, however the CASA volunteer’s *only* interest is the child. The best outcome of this approximately two-year process is the reuniting of the child with a parent. If a parent is not able during that period to demonstrate the ability to offer an appropriate home environment other options are explored.

Pat is representing a newborn boy. I am representing a young girl who is currently in kindergarten. We find the experience both rewarding and heart-wrenching. I am personally struggling with the instinct to jump in and “fix.” However, that is not the role of a CASA. Our role is to seek, with the justice system, to develop a plan for a stable and safe home environment which will support the child over the many years leading to adulthood.

Every child in Child Protective Services is assigned either a CASA volunteer or Guardian ad Litem, a full-time employee of the court. We were told in training that Pierce County has a little over 200 CASA volunteers and approximately 1,500 children in Dependency Proceedings. The math is not very encouraging unless you believe that Pierce County has an enormous number of full-time court employees.

If this is a ministry that you feel called to investigate, further information is available on the Pierce County CASA web site <https://piercecasa.org/>. Pat and I would be happy to discuss our experiences, though our current assignments are still a work in progress!
Peace be with you, Tim and Pat Chen

LINKS TO DIOCESAN NEWS AND INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES:

Episcopal News Service: www.episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens -- electronic newspaper delivered to your inbox with news stories, responses to social and political events, and links to posts from various Episcopal bishops and leaders and from the broader church.

Episcopal Church on Facebook: www.facebook.com/episcopal-news-service-260131260715544/

The Diocese of Olympia: www.ecww.org The Diocesan website.

Bishop Rickel’s Blog: www.bishoprickel.com

OUR LIFE OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Those in any kind of need, especially: Brigitte; Elaine; Terry E.; Roberta and John Sweeny; Ramona; Rosemary C.; Dennis S; Edie; Alice; Jan; Ann S.; Kristin L; Dominic.

Those who have died, especially: Xu Chen; Barbara Gibbs; Bruce Derby, Jr; Myrtle Jaech.

For peace in the Middle East, Asia, Africa. For Refugees and Migrants. For a halt to violence between Israelis and Palestinians. Those living with chronic pain. Those seeking work. For all working to resist bigotry, racism and violence. For all serving in the military. For all affected by extreme weather and natural disasters, especially the volcano eruption in Hawaii. For all affected by gun violence, for effective gun control and for safety in our schools, public places and homes.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. Hugh, Allyn; Grace, Bainbridge; St. Barnabas, Bainbridge.

Anglican Prayer Cycle: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; The Most Revd Francisco Moreno, Presiding Bishop of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico and Bishop of Northern Mexico.

To request prayers in the Prayers of the Assembly, e-mail shannon@ccptacoma.org. If you are submitting a name other than your own, please ask permission from that person first. You must send the full name of the person in order for us to manage the prayer list, but first names only will be in the list of those in need. Last names will be used in the list of those who have died. Names stay on the list for one month unless renewed with Shannon.

OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

SANCTUARY EXTERIOR WALLS REPAIR – At their regular May meeting, the Vestry voted to accept a bid for the repair of cracks in the exterior walls and application of a protective coating. With the approval of the Capital Campaign Steering Committee, the Vestry authorized a withdrawal from the remaining Capital Campaign Fund. Work should begin in June. In order for work to be done

on some parts of the building, trees near those walls will need to be trimmed away from the wall in order for the contractor's crew to have access.

PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY TO VISIT OUR DIOCESE June 14-17 –During his term in office, the Presiding Bishop makes an official visitation to each diocese of the Episcopal Church. His visitation to the Diocese of Olympia will include visits to the Diocese's Refugee Resettlement Office, the College for Congregational Development, and Chaplains on the Harbor in Aberdeen. Presiding Bishop Curry will also preach or speak at the following public events across the diocese: Thursday, June 14, 7:00 p.m. Saint Mark's Cathedral Seattle – preach at Evensong. Friday afternoon, June 15 (TBA) Saint Paul's, Bellingham – speak on The Jesus Movement. Saturday, June 16, 10:30 a.m. Saint John's, Olympia – a conversation between Bishop Rickel and Presiding Bishop Curry followed by a reception. Sunday, June 17, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Saint Luke-San Lucas, Vancouver – preach at both liturgies.

CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER BBQ – SUNDAY, JUNE 17 following the 10:30 liturgy. Each year on Fathers' Day, the Sunday before the Summer Solstice, coffee hour becomes a picnic in the courtyard. Burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and their fixings are provided. Jordan Tribe, scheduled for coffee hour that day, will celebrate by concentrating on desserts. On behalf of the tribe, I invite you all to bring side dishes from beans to salads and maybe even casseroles. Put your thinking caps on. I know the results will be delicious and look forward to seeing (and tasting) the results. Michael Polmanteer – Jordan Tribe

DOOR LOCK SAFETY POLICY – The Vestry requests that any Wells Hall or Trinity House door left unlocked for people to arrive for meetings, classes, etc. be monitored while it is unlocked. Once the meeting or class begins, please relock the door. If you are the one to unlock a door, please be sure it's locked when you leave. Be particularly careful with the office/library door. If you change the push button to un-locked, you must change it back to locked as soon as the door is left unattended. Please check it again when you leave, in case someone else may have unlocked it again. Thanks for your care for everyone's safety.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK – SUNDAY SCHOOL – We give thanks this week for the ministry of our Sunday School students and teachers who support one another's growth in the Christian faith and life through a variety of activities and opportunities for learning and service. After today, Sunday School will be on summer recess, resuming in September.

OUR LIFE OF FORMATION AND STUDY

ADULT FORMATION

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m., Library. The last two or three chapters of Judges. It has been quite a journey through the history of the people of God who are sometimes heroic and sometimes not so nice. Sounds like modern times. One reason to study ancient history. Join us for interesting conversation and discoveries!

THE RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP – Monday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Anne Avery and Jim Elliott to discuss All the Real Indians Died Off: And 20 Other Myths About Native Americans by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and Dina Gilio-Whitaker. Call Anne Avery for details and

directions (253) 301-2461. The group will take a break for the summer and resume in the fall – watch here for our next selection.

THE MONTHLY READING GROUP – will meet at the home of Doug Dahlgren and Milana McLead at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 1, to discuss the first half of *Sapiens: A Brief History* by Yuval Noah Harari. Everyone interested is welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Don Johnson at 253-566-8747 weddjohanson@msn.com.

CHILDREN'S FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCLUDES TODAY and will be on summer recess until September.

OUR LIFE OF SERVICE IN COMMUNITY AND WORLD

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES - Check out the display on the Wells Hall stage during coffee hour! Find information about rallies to attend, issues to write your Congress-people about, meaningful movies to attend, and more. The major focus from now through June 23 is participation in "The Poor People's Campaign—A National Call for Moral Revival," endorsed by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop Rickel and bishops across the country. Every Monday at 2:00, there is a gathering on the Capital steps in Olympia (and in at least 30 other state capitals) to call national attention to the enmeshed evils of systemic racism, systemic poverty, ecological devastation, and the war economy. The theme changes each week: on June 4, it will be Ecological Devastation and Health: Clean Air, Clean Water, and Healthcare for All. Fran Blair will happily coordinate carpools (fblair39@centurylink.net)!

LIFE FOOD PACK ASSEMBLY SUNDAY – during coffee hour in Wells Hall. Join the crowd around the table to prepare the packs we share with those asking for help with food: a can of nutritious food, a nutrition bar, juice, spoons, and even a band aid. It takes 20-30 minutes to assemble about 100 packs. Every Sunday ready-to-go packs can be found in a basket on the stage in Wells Hall. Help yourself to help the hungry.

UNITED THANK OFFERING REPORT - What good news, what an outpouring of thankful generosity. The total for this spring's ingathering is \$1389.50. Your gifts will go around the world, bringing life and healing to many. Keep on using those blue boxes as a way to express your thanks to God. Our coins and dollars add up.

BI-ANNUAL HOSTING OF FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS -- Saturday June 9 – Saturday June 16 Thanks to each of you who have so generously volunteered your time to welcome and serve our Family Housing Network (FHN) guests. We're all set for set-up, meal preparation and serving, evening activities, and take-down.

WE STILL NEED ONE MORE OVERNIGHT HOST FOR EACH NIGHT. An essential part of our hospitality is the overnight presence of two parishioners – people familiar with our buildings and resources in case a guest has a need during the night. Staying overnight on a cot on the Wells Hall stage or a couch in the library, you share most directly in the experience of our guests, who, until they find housing through FHN, must sleep in a new place each week. Arrive by 8 p.m.; lights out for the families is at 10:00 p.m. In the morning, you make coffee and put out the simple, self-serve breakfast items by 6:30 a.m. Families leave for the day by 7:30 am. Please consider offering yourself for this key aspect of our hospitality!

This Sunday is the last day to sign up! If you're not sure about volunteering, we would like to invite you to join us for dinner on one of the evenings that the families are here. Enjoy a meal and fellowship with our guests and discover how much this ministry means to them. (But please let coordinators know if you plan to visit!) Thank you from co-coordinators Noel Hagens [253-752-0857](tel:253-752-0857), Sandy Johanson [253-905-1051](tel:253-905-1051), and Jim Limerick 253-576-8949.

FOOD BANK FOCUS FOR JUNE - Christ Church offers year-round support to the Nourish Food Bank. In addition to each month's focus, cans and boxes of all kinds of food are always welcome, including food for pets. Leave your gift in the baskets in the church entryway. *Donations are not immediately delivered due to the food bank's limited days and hours of operation, so they MUST BE NON-PERISHABLE and in NEVER OPENED boxes or cans.* June Focus: Canned fruit and vegetables.

OUR LIFE CELEBRATING THE ARTS

MUSIC NOTES

GRATITUDE FOR OUR CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR – June 3 marks the end of our season. Many thanks to our singers for their faithful service throughout the year which has greatly enriched our worship life. We appreciate their consistent dedication and energy which have enhanced our liturgical year with splendor and grace. The choir takes a break for the summer but our vibrant worship life continues to flourish with the music of all present.

New singers will be warmly welcomed into the choir in the fall. Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m., and we sing again on September 16. Anyone considering joining is invited to have a conversation with the directors for more information about the nature of this commitment. Email: Music@CCPTacoma.org.

CALLING ALL SINGERS -- At the end of the summer, we will enjoy two Sundays with special choir participation at the 10:30 a.m. service, open to all who can carry a tune and attend one rehearsal. Sunday August 26, Men's Choir, with rehearsal on Thursday Aug. 23, 7:30-9 p.m.

Sunday September 9, Women's Choir, with rehearsal on Thursday Sept. 6, 7:30-9 p.m.

Save these dates and be bold! This is a fun way to have a rich choral experience, gain some new skills with no long-term commitment, and enrich our worship life. Contact our music directors if you can sing with us so we may have music and seating organized: Music@CCPTacoma.org

THIRD FRIDAYS AT NOON RECITAL - June 15, 2018 at 12:10 p.m. Hear Organist Mina Choi, who is University Minister and Chapel Music Director at La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA, and Organist at Doylestown (PA) Presbyterian Church, play music of John Keeble, Henry Purcell, François Couperin, Bert Matter, and J. S. Bach. Currently she is a doctoral candidate in Organ and Harpsichord at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Invite your friends to enjoy 40 minutes of delightful music with you.

THE VISUAL ARTS

BENEDICITE, ART EXHIBITION in the church through June 10 – A series of enamels by parishioner Jean Tudor inspired by the biblical "Song of the Three Young Men," calling on all Creation to praise God.

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Sunday, June 3 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel

9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Childcare for infants and toddlers in the Wells Hall nursery.

10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Church

4:00 p.m. Liturgical Visual Arts Group, off-campus

Monday, June 4

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Library

Wednesday, June 6

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel, followed by light lunch and fellowship, Library

Sunday, June 10 THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel

9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Childcare for infants and toddlers in the Wells Hall nursery.

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Church

7:00 p.m. Esoterics Concert, Church

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CLOSED MONDAYS.

Feel free to share this newsletter with others who may be interested in Christ Church.

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