

CHRIST CHURCH WEEKLY

A Newsletter for Members and Friends of
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Tacoma, Washington

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THIS SUNDAY, THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings: Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; II Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

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

Sermon: The rev. Samuel Torvend

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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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

THIS WEEK OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Those in any kind of need, especially: Brian; Pam; Lenora; Cheryl; Leslie; Kevin; Ethan; Natasha; Lindsay; Don; Charlie and John and their family; Steve and Laura Sattler; 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: Roger Wheat; Kay (Kathryn) Wozniak; Kurt K.; Xu Chen; Barbara Gibbs.

For peace in the Middle East, Asia, Africa. For Refugees and Migrants, especially separated families. For a halt to violence between Israelis and Palestinians. For those living with chronic pain. For all working to resist bigotry, racism and violence. For all serving in the military. For all affected by gun violence, for effective gun control and for safety in our schools, public places and homes.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. Antony of Egypt, Silverdale; St. Nicholas, Tahuya; Holy Spirit, Vashon.

Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Most Revd Nicholas Okoh, Metropolitan and Primate of all Nigeria and Bishop of Abuja.

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 included in the list of those who have died. Names stay on the list for one month unless renewed with Shannon.

OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

MOTHER CAMPBELL ON VACATION – from Monday, June 25 – Tuesday, July 10. For immediate pastoral needs, please contact the office during office hours; after office hours, please call the pastoral care phone at 253-279-0189.

SUPPORTING PARISHIONERS IN NEED -- THE CHRIST CHURCH RECTORS' DISCRETIONARY FUND. We support parishioners in need through the Discretionary Fund managed by Mother Campbell, Priest in Charge. If you feel called to help parishioners with financial needs, we do that at Christ Church by donating to the Discretionary Fund. This allows Mother Campbell to coordinate help in the most effective and efficient way. If you become aware of a parishioner in need, please refer that person to Mother Campbell rather than trying to provide assistance yourself. And if you are in need, please speak with Mother Campbell. Contributions to the Fund may be made by check made out to Christ Church and designated Rector's Discretionary Fund on the memo line, or by cash in an envelope designated for the Discretionary Fund, with your name if you wish your contribution to be included in your giving statement. Either can be put in the collection plate or sent by mail.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK – USHERS – We give thanks this week for the ministry of our ushers, who serve at the 10:30 Sunday liturgy, for the liturgies of high Holy days, weddings and funerals, and for special music events. Ushers welcome parishioners and visitors, hand out worship bulletins or programs, help newcomers find their way into the worship space and to open seats. During liturgies, ushers manage the collection of our monetary offerings, and organize the procession of bread, wine and money to the altar. They count attendance for the record keeping required by the Episcopal Church and for our own information. Ushers are also ready to help in case of emergencies or if someone has special needs. Their ministry is essential to the comfort and safety of all as we worship or enjoy a recital or concert. Ushers serve on teams in regular rotation for Sunday liturgies, and as able when requested for special services or events. Interested in the ministry of usher? Contact Len Johnson at lljbrownspt@gmail.com

OUR LIFE OF FORMATION AND STUDY

ADULT FORMATION

FOUNDATIONS COURSES, THE EXPLORE CLASS, AND SUNDAY ADULT FORUMS are on summer break, resuming in the fall.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m., Library. The group is well into Paul’s Letter to the Philippians, thinking about what Paul has to say to the followers of Jesus. Paul, in prison, impresses everyone with his steadfastness to God as revealed in Jesus. Good conversations!

THE MONTHLY READING GROUP – 6:30 p.m., Sunday, July 1 will meet at the home of Doug Dahlgren and Milana McLead 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.

THE RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP – is on summer break, resuming in the fall.

CHILDREN’S FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL is on summer recess and resumes on Gathering Sunday, September 16.

OUR LIFE OF SERVICE AND ADVOCACY IN COMMUNITY AND WORLD

PRIDE PARADE SEATTLE – Sunday, June 24. Join Episcopalians from across the diocese to march in the Seattle LGBTQ Pride Parade. Last year 75 Episcopalians participated, including two from our parish. If you would like information about how to participate in this year’s parade contact Robert Hicker at 253-592-2047. Help show that the Episcopal Church is a church for all people.

TACOMA LGBTQ PRIDE FESTIVAL 2018 - Saturday July 14, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., in the 800 block of Pacific Avenue in downtown Tacoma. This is the fifth year Christ Church has had a booth at the festival, now three other Pierce County Episcopal churches have joined our efforts there. If you would like to help with hospitality at the booth or have any questions, please contact Jim Limerick at 445jrl@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to witness to the Episcopal Church’s affirming welcome to all persons.

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.

Obviously, the most pressing issue today is the separation of children from their parents at our southern border. In the words of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, “It is because we are followers of Jesus, because we follow the way of love, that we must be passionately committed to helping refugees.” In observation of World Refugee Day, June 20, we are invited to support *Episcopal Migration Ministries* with a donation: visit episcopalmigrationministries.org/give

Pick up a “Help Keep Families Together” handout, which lists seven organizations actively involved in protecting/defending/advocating for children, women, and families.

Faith Action Network's Spring Summit held group discussions on gun safety, affordable housing & homelessness, health care, the Poor People's Campaign, environmental justice, criminal justice, human trafficking, immigration & refugee policy, and economic justice. If interested in the notes from these discussions, ask Fran Blair for a copy.

Meaningful movie: *What the Health* at the Grand Cinema, June 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Associated Ministries' Quarterly Meeting on Homelessness: June 21, 5 – 7 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church, 1211 South I Street.

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

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR IS ON SUMMER BREAK. New singers will be warmly welcomed in the fall. Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m; 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.

Schedule:

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. Email: Music@CCPTacoma.org

CHRIST CHURCH INFORMATION

FAQS (Frequently Asked Questions)

THIS WEEK: HOW CAN I FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS AT VESTRY MEETINGS? All members of Christ Church are welcome to attend Vestry meetings, the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in Wells Hall. Meetings are always listed on the Christ Church calendar in the Bulletin, Weekly and on the website. Once the minutes of the preceding meeting have been approved by the Vestry, they are made available in the Vestry Minutes binder on the shelf to the left of the office door and can be read in the library. In addition to Vestry actions, the minutes include monthly financials and reports from the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Finance Committee, various other ministry groups and the Priest in Charge.

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Sunday, June 24 THE FIFTH 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 on summer recess until Gathering Sunday, September 16

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Church, followed by coffee hour in Wells Hall

Monday, June 25

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Library

7:00 p.m. Staff and Vestry Meeting on Congregational Development, Wells Hall

Tuesday, June 26

7:00 p.m. Community Service Leadership Team Meeting, Library

Wednesday, June 27

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

Sunday, July 1 THE SIXTH 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 on summer recess until Gathering Sunday, September 16

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Church, followed by coffee hour in Wells Hall

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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