

CHRIST CHURCH WEEKLY

A Newsletter for Members and Friends of
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Tacoma, Washington

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THIS SUNDAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings: Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; II Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

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

THIS WEEK OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Those in any kind of need, especially: Leslie; Kevin; Ethan; Natasha; Lindsay; Don; Charlie, 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: Kurt K.; 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. 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 extreme weather and natural disasters, especially volcano eruptions in Hawaii and Guatemala. For all affected by gun violence, for effective gun control and for safety in our schools, public places and homes.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. John, Gig Harbor; Faith, Poulsbo; St. Swithin, Forks.

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

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.

YARDWORK AND BBQ AT AHAT (Affordable Housing and Healthcare) – Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Come help our neighbors at 3-Cedars Home for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Lend a hand with yardwork and general cleanup and then enjoy a BBQ. 3-Cedars is at 301 North L Street (just across the alley from Wells Hall). Please bring gloves, yard tools, your positive energy and smiling faces for this work/fun day. There is a sign-up sheet on the glass table in the church entryway or contact Amelia Carroll: ameliac@wavecable.com

CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL BEGINNING OF SUMMER BBQ – SUNDAY, JUNE 17, courtyard, 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, all are invited to bring side dishes beans, salads, maybe even casseroles. Put your thinking caps on. I know the results will be delicious and look forward to seeing (and tasting) them. 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. There have been no issues of concern. We'd just like to keep it that way. Thanks for your care for everyone's safety.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK – THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – We give thanks this week for the ministry of our Finance Committee, which helps monitor the financial status of the parish, prepares the annual budget for the Vestry's review and approval, provides financial advice to the Vestry, organizes the yearly business practices review required by the church, and directs the work of the Sunday offering counters. This behind-the-scenes ministry is essential to our careful stewardship of all that God has entrusted to us at Christ Church. The group meets monthly. Interested in learning more? Contact Mother Campbell: janet@ccptacoma.org.

OUR LIFE OF FORMATION AND STUDY

ADULT FORMATION

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m., Library. The subject for the next few weeks is the Paul’s Letter to the Philippians. Join us for good conversation and more than the occasional outburst of laughter.

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.

THE RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP – is on summer break and will resume in the fall – watch here for our next selection.

CHILDREN’S FORMATION

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

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 p.m., there is a gathering on the Capitol steps in Olympia 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 11 it will be Everybody’s Got a Right to Live: Jobs, Income, the Right to Organize, Education, and Housing. Fran Blair will be glad to organize carpools.

Also on the near horizon: Faith Action Network (FAN) will hold its Spring Summit at First United Methodist Church in Bellevue on June 10 (2 – 4 PM) to share opportunities for advocacy and to strategize for the upcoming year about economic justice, healthcare, criminal justice, and the environment.

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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 LBGTQ 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 and three other Pierce

County Episcopal Churches will share a booth at the Tacoma Pride Festival. 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. The whole congregation is invited to join the fun.

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

THANKS TO DR. THOMAS CLARK for serving as guest organist. Kathryn Nichols and Mark Brombaugh are on study leave, attending an ecumenical conference at the Yale University Institute of Sacred Music, reflecting on one of the most urgent concerns of our time—the sustainability of our planet home in the face of environmental damage, led by some of the foremost theologians and musicians from throughout the country. The focus will be on *how worship, music, and art draw congregations into faithful relationship with God and creation*. Preceding the conference they have arranged to visit several Episcopal churches in New York City, with opportunity to hear and play significant recently-installed pipe organs, as well as holding conversations with church music colleagues.

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR IS ON SUMMER BREAK. 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.

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

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 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 – 11:15 a.m. Sunday School on summer recess until Gathering Sunday, September 16

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Church

7:00 p.m. Esoterics Concert

Monday, June 11

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Library

Wednesday, June 13

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

4:00 p.m. Vestry Leadership Team Meeting, Library

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, Library

Friday, June 15

12:10 p.m. Third Friday Concert, Church

Sunday, June 17 THE FOURTH 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 Annual Beginning of Summer BBQ, Courtyard and 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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