

CHRIST CHURCH WEEKLY

A Newsletter for Members and Friends of
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Tacoma, Washington

Friday, July 13, 2018



THIS SUNDAY, THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings: Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29 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.christchurchtacoma.org and can be accessed from the Worship page and by clicking this link on the homepage: [Sunday Sermon](#)

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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

NEWCOMERS DESSERT GATHERING - Thursday, August 2, 7:00 p.m. If you are a newcomer to Christ Church, you are cordially invited to the Summer Newcomers Dessert gathering on Thursday, August 2 at the home of Ronn and Sandy Johanson 805 North Ainsworth Avenue, not far from Christ Church. Kindly send your RSVP by Monday, July 30, to Mary Kay Kubovec at polmankubie@comcast.net *with a copy* to Fr. Torvend at samuel@christchurchtacoma.org. This is an informal garden party with lovely desserts, drinks, and good conversation about Christ Church and what is coming up in the Fall.

NEW CHRIST CHURCH WEBSITE! – The new Christ Church website launched on Friday, July 5, at the URL www.christchurchtacoma.org. A more flexible design, more extensive use of photos, all-new text more reflective of our ministries and common life, full compatibility with desktop, tablet and mobile devices, and much easier maintenance for our staff are features of the new site.

CHANGE OF CHRIST CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Along with the change of the website domain name, Christ Church email addresses have changed to <name>@christchurchtacoma.org. The names (Janet, Shannon, music, etc.) will stay the same, only the domain name changes. The old website URL (ccptacoma.org) and email addresses will forward to the new domain for some months, so you won't get lost finding the website and your emails will still go through if you use the old domain name. Check out the new website and enjoy our new link to communicating within the Christ Church community and with the wider world. Questions and comments can be addressed to Sarah Hays (sarah@christchurchtacoma.org) or Mark Brombaugh (music@christchurchtacoma.org).

PLAY THE ENVELOPE GAME! – What is it? Find out next Sunday!

SOUNDS WONDERFUL - A JOYFUL DRUM CIRCLE – Sunday, July 29 after coffee hour, Wells Hall, 12:45-1:30 pm. Join us for a musical experience with hand drums and percussion instruments as we make joyful noises. All ages and musical abilities welcome. No experience required. Instruments provided or bring your own. All are welcome, bring a friend. For more information contact Sherina at zumbaworks@yahoo.com or Lourdes at lwusstig@gmail.com

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – We give thanks this week for our Eucharistic Ministers (EMs), lay persons who assist in the liturgy with both Word and Sacrament. In the 10:30 a.m. liturgy, the “Word EM” carries the Gospel Book in procession, holds the Gospel Book for the proclamation of the gospel and assists the presider with the presider book for prayers and blessings. The “Table EM” prepares the altar table to receive the assembly's offering of bread, wine and money and clears the altar table following Communion. Both assist in feeding the assembly, administering the chalices. In the 8 a.m. liturgy the EM serves as both acolyte and Table EM. Eucharistic Ministers are invited to this ministry by the leader of EMs, Robert Hicker, after consultation with Mother Campbell. After training, they are licensed to serve by the Bishop. Questions? Contact Robert at rhicker@Tacoma.K12.wa.us

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 studying the Epistle to the Philippians. St. Paul's letter from jail reveals that he has someone carrying messages to the church in Philippi. What is this about? Join us in the library and find out!

THE MONTHLY READING GROUP – will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 29, at the home of Florence Sandler to finish the discussion of *Sapiens* by Yuval Harari. Everyone interested is welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Don Johnson at 253-566-8747 or weddjohnson@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

INTERFAITH DISCUSSION WITH BISHOP JAECH AND RABBI JAECH - Tuesday, July 24th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church by The Narrows. 6730 North 17th Street, Tacoma. Come join Bishop Rick Jaech and his cousin Rabbi Jennifer Jaech as they discuss the Christian and Jewish faith traditions and the spiritual pilgrimage they have each made. Rabbi Jaech is the senior rabbi of Temple Beth Israel in Northern Westchester County above New York City. Bishop Jaech is bishop of the ELCA Southwestern Washington Synod, and husband of Satya Jaech, member of Christ Church. He preaches occasionally at Christ Church.

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.

A 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." To let the detainees at the Northwest Detention Center (1623 East J Street) know we are here and working for their release, there are daily noise-making rallies at 9 am and at 9 pm. To donate to organizations actively involved in protecting/defending/advocating for children, women, and families, pick up a "Help Keep Families Together" handout. See Fran Blair for Tacoma Community House buttons: We Stand With Immigrants and Refugees.

Associated Ministries, which is working with the City of Tacoma and local religious congregations to create housing solutions for those who are experiencing homelessness, is offering a Car Wash fundraiser. To purchase tickets (\$8 for one, \$20 for three, no expiration date), contact Wendy Morris at 253-426-1501 or wendym@associatedministries.org. Tickets are good at

any member of the Puget Sound Car Wash Association (Elephant, Classy Chassis, Shur-Kleen and others).

Gwich'in Women Speak: Movie Friday, July 13! The Sierra Club is sponsoring a free showing of *Gwich'in Women Speak* at Olympia Unitarian Congregation (2315 Division Street NW, Olympia 98502) at 6:30 pm. Discussion afterwards with the filmmaker Miho Aida and a Gwich'in Nation member about the impact of climate change on the people of the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. RSVP requested: michelle.pinon@sierraclub.org.

Thanks to everyone who signed petitions I-1631 (Clean Air, Clean Energy) and I-1639 (Safe Schools, Safe Communities) which garnered enough signatures to go on the November ballot!

FOOD BANK FOCUS FOR JULY - 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. July Focus: Spaghetti, mac & cheese, boxed pre-made pasta meals.

OUR LIFE CELEBRATING THE ARTS

MUSIC NOTES

Thanks to Dr. Thomas Clark for serving as guest organist while Kathryn Nichols and Mark Brombaugh are on vacation.

Communion Music: The hymn tune by W. H. Doane, *PASS ME NOT*, used as the basis for the improvisation, is associated with the text "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" for which it was written. The author of the text, Fanny J. Crosby, was born in Brewster, New York in 1820. Despite being blind from infancy, she became a prolific poet, librettist, and hymn writer, leaving a legacy of almost 9000 hymns at her death in 1915. Her most widely known hymn today is "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine." Though none of her hymns appear in *The Hymnal 1982*, her legacy is recognized by The Episcopal Church as a feast day on February 11. The prayer appointed for that day includes this: "We give you thanks for your servant Fanny Crosby, who, though blind from infancy, beheld your glory with great clarity of vision and spent her life giving voice to your people's heartfelt praise; and we pray that we, inspired by her words and example, may rejoice to sing of your love, praising our Savior all the day long."

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@christchurchtacoma.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 can have music and seating organized. Email: music@christchurchtacoma.org

THIRD FRIDAYS AT NOON RECITAL - July 20, 2018 at 12:10 p.m. play music by Bach, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn and Mozart. A junior at Science Hill High School in Johnson City, Tennessee, he serves as Interim Organist at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and principal organist at St. Dominic Church, both in Kingsport, TN. Invite your friends to enjoy 40 minutes of delightful music from this rising artist. For more information about this concert [Click Here](#).

ST. ANDREW'S ORGAN ADVENTURE FOR ALL AGES - Friday, July 20th at 10:30am

This year's "Organ Adventure" we will visit Paul Fritts's workshop ([630 121st Street East, Tacoma](#)) where our organ was built, right here in Tacoma! We will see how the process of how organs are made in the actual place where this magic happens, and everything will be revealed by the organ builders themselves. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 20 at the Paul Fritts & Co. workshop, have donuts together with the organ builders, and then they will give us a tour of the wood shop, the metal shop, the pipe shop, the design studio, and the erection space where the next organ to be delivered is being assembled. Kids who attend this event will receive a St. Andrew's Organ tote bag (adults can purchase them at the event for \$30). Please invite your friends. While the "Organ Adventure" is for children, we also welcome adults who are still "kids" at heart. To reserve your space, please e-mail me at naomishiga@me.com.

CHRIST CHURCH INFORMATION

FAQS (Frequently Asked Questions)

THIS WEEK: HOW CAN I FIND OUT WHAT OUR CHURCH IS SAYING IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES? – Stay informed on what leaders and members of the Episcopal Church are saying with these resources:

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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, July 16

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Library

Tuesday, July 17

6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting, Wells Hall

Wednesday, July 18

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

Friday, July 20

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

Sunday, July 22 THE NINTH 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.