

# Christ Church Weekly

*A newsletter for members and friends*

Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma



Friday, July 1, 2022

## A Message from Fr. Torvend

### A pioneer among us

It is Friday, July 1, an auspicious date among Episcopalians as on this day the Rev. Anna Pauline Murray entered eternal life. “Pauli,” as she was known by her friends, was the first Black woman to be ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church. Prior to her entrance into public ministry, she served the people of God as a civil rights and gender equity lawyer and law professor. In 1940, she sat with a friend in a “whites-only” section of a bus in Virginia and was promptly arrested. Her arrest and her involvement with the Socialist Workers’ Defense League prompted her to enter law school at Howard University: the only woman in her class and its valedictorian. She went on to earn a doctorate in jurisprudence from Yale. In 1977, she was ordained to the order of priest after having studied at General Theological Seminary in New York. She entered public ministry because, in her words, she was inspired by the work of Episcopal lay women who worked tirelessly for women’s rights and civil



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## The Sacrament of Healing

For those who seek the assurance of God's healing presence in body, mind, or spirit, the Sacrament of Healing with laying on of hands and anointing will be offered immediately after the 10:30 Eucharist on **Sunday, July 3**. Simply come to the altar railing where **Fr. Torvend** will welcome you.

**Did you miss our trip to England?** If you weren't able to join us for a deep dive into Anglican spirituality, the handouts from our trip are available on our [website](#).

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### Upcoming Events

- Parish Office Closed July 4
- Tacoma Pride Parade, July 9
- Third Friday Concert, July 15
- Music in the Courtyard, July 30
- Mediterranean Uncorked, August 13
- Wellspring Ensemble, August 21
- Music in the Courtyard, August 27



With increasing infection rates in the county, we strongly encourage masking during worship, mindful that we worship among people who need added protection. Masking not only protects us but also our neighbors.

Thank you for your understanding.

# Christ Church Prayer List

## Need Help??

To add to our prayer list, email the [Parish Administrator](#). If submitting a name other than your own, please ask permission from that person first. Names remain on the list for **four weeks**, unless renewed by the one who submitted them.

In a pastoral emergency, please contact [Fr. Torvend](#).

**Parish Help Team:** Errands run, groceries, meals provided, medication pickup, vaccination transportation, etc., contact [Deacon Gen Grewell](#) or call her cellphone at 360.280.5593. You may speak with a deacon on Sunday at the **10:30am Holy Eucharist**.

*Our baptismal commitment calls us to pray for the world and the needs of our community, including those who are experiencing any sort of trouble, illness, or grief.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

### Members and Friends of our Community:

Christinna Olsson; Melissa Glick, Pat Trytten; Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Leslie Brooks and her children; Bryon and Carrie Epp and their daughters Carly, Breanna, and Po; Debbie and Doug Oakman; Jim Pierson; and Joanne Chemin.

### Those who have died in Christ, who holds us in life and death, and all who grieve for them:

Elizabeth Henderson and Lyle Mason

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Joseph-St. John, Lakewood; St. Mary's, Lakewood

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Tanzania

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*"Join the Summer Choir if you love to sing..."*

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To submit an article to the *Christ church Weekly*, contact the [Parish Administrator](#). Articles must be submitted by Wednesdays to be included in the Friday edition, and may be edited. We never share your information outside the church family.

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., or by appointment

### Sexton Hours:

Sunday - Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Tim Williams (x103) **before Friday** if you need access to the Church Friday/Saturday.

***We look forward to visiting with you!***

--Deborah (x 101), Tim (x 103), Pam, Cynthia, (x102) and Susan (x105)



### Land Acknowledgement

**We gather at 310 North K Street.** Let us give thanks to the Creator for the Puyallup and Nisqually people on whose ancestral land this church and many of our homes stand. Their descendants live among us still. For their wise stewardship of the creation, we offer our gratitude. May we never forget that their land was taken by force and broken treaty.

## Summer Choir at Christ Church

For the Sundays through September 11, I'm hoping to provide musical leadership with instrumentalists from the congregation and with a pick-up "Summer Choir" for each Sunday. If you play an instrument and would like to share your musical gifts with the congregation, please [email me](#), and we can set up a meeting to look at options. If you'd like to participate in the Summer Choir, there is a sign-up where you can put your name for the Sunday(s) that you can participate. The sign-up is available in hard-copy in the narthex, and is [available online](#).

I ask that you sign up at the latest by the Friday before the Sunday(s) that you'd like to participate, so that I can plan for the people that

will be there that Sunday. We will have a quick rehearsal at 9:30am prior to the service on Sundays.

So please sign up if: 1) you're a regular choir member and would like to keep singing; 2) you don't want to commit to an entire choir season, but love to sing occasionally; 3) you were never sure whether you would like singing, so want to try it out; 4) you can think of any other reason to sign up!! Thanks!  
—Paul Tegels



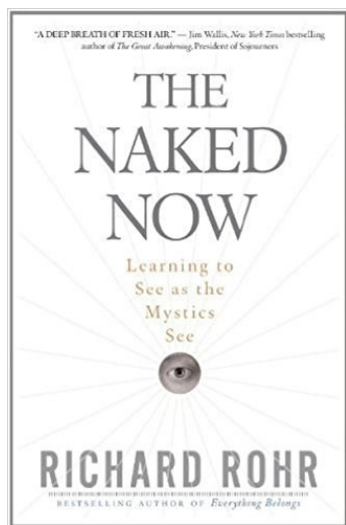
The popular Friday lunch-time concert series' next concert: **Friday, July 15**, with organist **Naomi Shiga** at 12:10pm.

### Third Friday Concerts

In 2020 our Interim Music Director, Paul Tegels, performed a concert of Bach, Buxtehude, and Mendelssohn, just before the corona virus set in. We were then silent until Friday, June 17 of this year, when Dr. Tegels returned with a welcome-back repeat performance of that same concert.

**Next Concert: July 15**, featuring Naomi Shiga, organist at St. Andrews, with works by Froberger, Böhm, Bach and more.

## Monthly Reading Group



**See** by Richard Rohr.

Each month, members and friends of Christ Church gather to discuss a book they have chosen to read the previous month. This appreciative and open discussion of an ancient or a very modern text expands one's thinking about faith and life and complements our commitment to welcome questions and new insights as we discern what it means to be Christian. Consider reading together.

**Newcomers are welcome!**

We will meet in person on **July 3 at 6:30pm**, with masks and social distancing, at the home of **Deb Hammond** to discuss ***The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics***



## [View the May Budget Report](#)





# Wellspring Ensemble

**I**n 2013, **Wellspring Ensemble director Evan Norberg** was approached by music colleagues to form a choir because of his known, deep commitment to creating great choral music. Evan began selection among music majors, music educators, and musicians from his long experience of singing throughout Western and Central Washing-

ton, pieces were selected and rehearsals began.

Since then, Wellspring Ensemble has stationed itself firmly in the Seattle choral scene. As a group, Wellspring Ensemble quickly realized that they were so much more than singers with outstanding musicianship; its members are carpenters, lawyers, web and graphic designers, and more.

The multifaceted talents of its

## Christ Church Concert Series

The [Wellspring Ensemble](#) performs in the Christ Church Sanctuary on **Sunday, August 21st at 4:00pm**. Tickets: \$20 advance, \$25 at the door.

Enjoy selections from Wellspring's recordings on their [website](#).

We look forward to returning to our series this 2022-23 season both return and new performances to be finalized soon!



***"Music plays a vital role in the life of Christ church, both in worship and in the congregation's outreach to the greater Tacoma community."—Christ Church Website***

## Wellspring Continued

membership were the building blocks Wellspring Ensemble needed to grow to more than the sum of its parts. A font of knowledge, a shared love for bringing excellence in choral music to life, and a familial connection to one another give Wellspring Ensemble a dynamic all its own; you will truly enjoy this unique, connected experience! Ticket info in the blue box to the left.



### Pauli Murray (from page 1)

rights, women who rarely made the front page of church publications and city newspapers. After ordination she served at St. Stephen Incarnation Church and the Episcopal Church of the Atonement in Washington, DC. She died in 1985, a friend of Thurgood Marshall, Lady Bird Johnson, and Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Let us give thanks to God for our sister in Christ who persisted in her commitment to God's justice and peace. —*Fr. Torvend*

## Parish Profile Report

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in the CAT survey. While the results of the survey are being analyzed by our diocesan consultant, Parish Profile Committee members will be busy researching and preparing the other essays required for the completed document. We will continue to keep you informed of our activities and will alert you to the schedule for sharing and discussing the survey results as well as other concerns you may have.

**We are: Vikke Pierson (Co-Chair), Anne Avery (Co-Chair), Brianne Knudson, Don Johnson, Sue Stibbe and Ron Fields.**

### *We have plans!*

Upcoming events for this **summer** include the Tacoma Pride Parade (see page 6), Jazz in the Courtyard, a concert by the [Wellspring Ensemble](#) (see left) in the church, and a picnic in the park.

If you are interested in creating more activities and events, please join our newly-formed Parish Life Committee. Contact [Nancy Gow Knudsen](#) and let her know you would like to join us!

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# June Equals Pride Month

*Tacoma Pride Parade Takes Place July 9—Come Join!*

## Christ Church Joins the Pride Parade

The Tacoma Pride festival, honoring LGBT people and their allies in Tacoma and Pierce County will take place on **Saturday, July 9, from 12 Noon to 6 PM**. Christ Church is joining St. Matthew's Brown's Point in hosting a booth, letting festival participants know that we welcome and respect LGBT identified people. If you can spend one hour greeting people and handing out a flyer promoting our worship, please email

[Fr. Torvond](mailto:Fr.Torvond@christchurch.org).

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*There is one Body and one Spirit; There is one hope in God's call to us; One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; One God of all. (BCP p. 299)*

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# Greening Parish Report

On Thursday, June 23, our Greening Parish group met for a lively discussion of why we care for the earth and how we might take effective steps to diminish our role in global warming. We agreed to read what one participant called the most important spiritual commentary ever written on this pressing issue, *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*, by Pope Francis (2105). *Laudato Si* means "Praise be to you (O LORD)," the beginning of the Canticum of Creation composed by St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th century. The hymn version of the canticum is found in Hymnal 1982, 400. If you couldn't make our June 23 gathering, why not join us in a summer read of *Laudato Si*? [You'll find it here, for free.](#)



## Greening Parish

***Laudato Si*** means "Praise be to you (O LORD)"...



*Searching for an iPad—  
do you have one you are not using?*

## Livestream Update

program that vMix has for Houses of Worship. Our free version options made some video control changes necessary. Working on that delayed moving the control of the mics. When the mics get moved, it would be really good to have an iPad to use as a control device. If anyone has an extra one that was bought after 2017 we would be interested.

Otherwise, a donation of \$375 for us to get one would be great. Only after we move the mics can we get the hearing assist system installed. --**Winfield Giddings**

We have been getting between five and ten people watching live on Sunday mornings. Many more watch later through the week. We did get our streaming software for free through a



### Daily Office at Christ Church

- ◇ Monday 9:00am\*  
[Morning Prayer](#)
  - ◇ Tuesday 7:30am\*  
[Lectio Divina](#)
  - ◇ Wednesday 7:00pm\*  
[Conversation and Compline](#)
  - ◇ Thursday 7:30am\*  
[Morning Prayer](#)
  - ◇ Saturday 9:00am  
**Morning Prayer**
- \*zoom link available at  
[christchurchtacoma.org/calendar](http://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar)

## Worship at Christ Church

**Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma**  
**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 10, 2022:**

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel  
10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

Visit [Christchurchtacoma.org/calendar](http://Christchurchtacoma.org/calendar) for weekday Morning Prayer, Lectio Divina, and Conversation & Compline Service

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