

# Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

A Message from  
Fr. Torvend

I write this note close to the shore of Lake Sagatagan, one of the lakes on the land cared for by the monks of Saint John's Abbey in central Minnesota, one of the largest Benedictine abbeys in the world. I am here for a conference on Christian spirituality. On the other side of the guesthouse where I'm staying is one of the largest solar farms in Minnesota if not the Upper Midwest (see photo). The monastic community has made serious commitments to rely on solar energy rather than fossil fuels (coal and gasoline) - the culprits in global warming. Between caring for the lakes and using solar energy to power the abbey and its large university, we find a Christian community asking how their actions in the present will shape the future for those who come to this place for worship, study, and service.

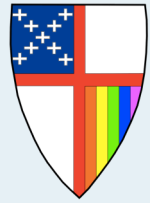


Solar farms in Minnesota, near Lake Sagatagan.

As an Episcopal parish, Christ Church is part of an **international network** committed to "cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation." We support a vigorous effort to diminish the harmful effects of human-produced warming of the planet and the destruction it leaves in its wake: this is the most

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Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma



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## Upcoming Events

- Jazz in the Courtyard, July 30
- Wellspring Ensemble, August 21
- Jazz in the Courtyard, August 27
- Mediterranean Uncorked, September 17

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MOVING  
*forward*

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.

# 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:

Patty Smith; Doug Dahlgren; 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:

Mary Lynn Morgan and Lyle Mason.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Christ Church, Tacoma • Holy Family of Jesus, Tacoma

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

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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.

pressing issue. If you have a moment, take a look at strategies that support care and advocacy for what we know to be God's good earth: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/>

**What can we do?** Given that our faith inspires us to care for God's earth rather than abuse or destroy it for the sake of profit, we can look very carefully at candidates running for local, state, and federal office. Is the candidate "owned" by donations from corporations whose actions harm water, air, and/or land? Does the candidate have a record of supporting actions (not just rhetoric) that conserve and protect the earth - whether that's the Puget Sound, waterways, greenways, and land? Look carefully at those who are asking to represent us in city, state, and federal offices: their decisions and legislation will affect the future of our island home, the earth. ~ **Fr. Torvend**

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## Adult Formation Events

### Did you miss our trip to England?

If you missed our trip to England in June, you can read the three essays created by Fr. Torvend [here](#).

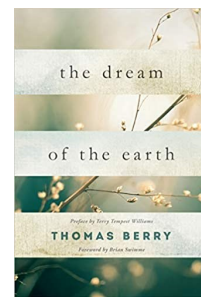
**Need a good summer read?** Our Greening Parish group is reading **Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home** by Pope Francis, a spiritual masterpiece on environmental care. You can find it [here](#).

## Monthly Reading Group

### August Discussion

Meet **August 7 at 6:30pm**, at the home of **Mary Marshall** to discuss *The Dream of the Earth* by Father Thomas Berry.

Newcomers are welcome! Questions? [Contact Don Johnson](#).



## Children's Formation

As we explore a more structured way of offering Children's Formation at Christ Church, we believe that it is important to offer Sunday School every Sunday during the 10:30 Liturgy, beginning this Fall.

I am looking for individuals who will share in this ministry with me. I am willing to continue the planning and gathering of materials, but need assistance on Sunday mornings. If you feel called to support our children through this ministry, please contact [Christi McCarren](#).

## Service

Pride events in the Pacific Northwest, usually part of June's calendar page, have joined in a growing list of Pride Festivals that now happily spread from May through August—and throughout the year—with events all over the country each weekend. Tacoma's Pride Festival took place this past **Saturday, July 9**, and Christ Church members and friends were on site.

Christ Church was well represented by **Tom Bradford** and **Van Hardison** (pictured below), who, along with **Jim Limerick**, **Sue Beer**, and **Lee MacClellan**, helped pass out

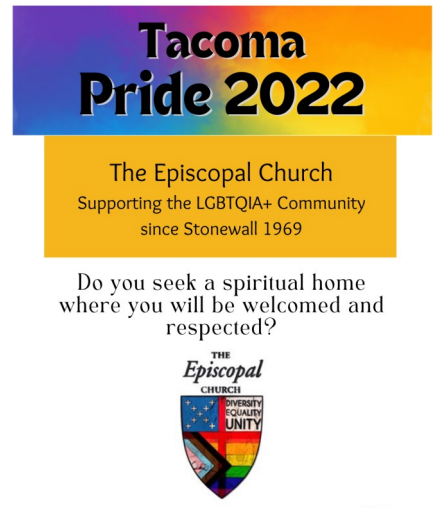
flyers and answer questions at the tent we shared with St. Matthew's Episcopal, Brown's Point.

June has traditionally been

Pride month due to the date of the first LGBTQ event: Early on the morning of Saturday, June 28, 1969, LGBTQ people rioted following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Lower Manhattan, New York City. The Stonewall Inn was a gay bar which catered to an assortment of patrons, but which was popular with the most marginalized people in the gay community: transvestites, transgender people, effeminate young men, hustlers, and homeless youth.<sup>1</sup>

Today's Pride events are a celebration of gay rights, along with a remembrance of the events at the Stonewall Inn, the victims of AIDS, and those who have been victims of anti-LGBT violence.

<sup>1</sup>"Pride Parade." Wikipedia, Wikimedia Foundation, 7.1.2022, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride\\_parade](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride_parade)



Flyers handed to attendees.



Tom Bradford (left) and Van Hardison (right) at the Tacoma Pride Festival.

# Little Food Pantry

Bring your donations to church Sunday

**T**he dean of a cathedral in the Midwest once preached a sermon about giving, in which he stressed that there was a difference between pledging and making offerings to God on Sunday. On Sundays we are always invited to offer something, no matter what, to the glory of God. Now, the preacher is classically said to be preaching to himself or herself, so thereafter the dean was always seen at the altar reaching into his pocket for something to put in the offering plates when they arrived at the altar. What a story of the willingness to give, to share.

Who wants to pass up an opportunity to give? Let's give, let's share what we can with the Little Pantry project, thereby enabling the needy to have food.

Christ Church is grateful to the Little Pantry's caretakers: **Bill Tudor, Jim Limerick, Kristin Carver, and Mary Moran**. The Pantry is supplied with food for those in need, and is refilled several times each week. If you have canned goods (with tabs, please) or other items to donate, please bring them with you on Sunday, or let us know.

## News Re-Views

**NO LONGER Searching for a used iPad.** Thank you to our iPad fund donor! We are now able to purchase a new iPad, which will allow us to continue moving forward with our Livestream and hearing assist programs.

**2nd Quarter Statements arrive this week.** Contact the [Parish Office](#) with any corrections.

**Summer Choir at Christ Church** Thanks to all who have sung in the choir so far this summer; you have been wonderful and it has provided great musical leadership in the music in the service. However, we're a little bit at a lull in the sign-up for the next several weeks, so if you had been meaning to sign up but haven't yet, please do so on the sign-up [here](#) or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**Parish Listening Sessions in July** We hope you can join us for one or all of our upcoming Parish Listening Sessions, which will be held the 4th Tuesdays at 9:30am (**zoom**), 4th Thursdays at 5:30pm (**zoom**), and 4th Sundays (in person following the 10:30am service in the Church). July's sessions will take place Sunday, July 24th, Tuesday, July 26th, and Thursday, July 28th.



[View the June Budget Report](#)



## Secular Book Chat

Interested in joining a fun group of folks to chat about what you have read or watched on TV? This group enjoys sharing fiction and non-fiction, biographies, mysteries, history, and humor—they enjoy it all.

New members are welcome to join at any time.

The **Secular Book Chat Group** meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 10:00am on zoom. Contact [Cynthia Anthony](#) for

## Community

### *Henrietta's Kitchen*



**H**enrietta Bright

**Garretson and Lemuel Henry Wells** met in Walla Walla, Washington, where Henrietta served as the principal of St. Paul's School for Girls, an institution Lemuel had established in the early

1870s while serving as founding rector of St. Paul's church. The two were married in 1880. Lemuel described the couple's

coming to Tacoma in his charming memoir, *A Pioneer Missionary*:

... Bishop Paddock, who in 1880 had come to the State of Washington, visited us... and told us that a beautiful stone church had been built in Tacoma and urged me to [come to Tacoma]. He added that Mr. C.B. Wright had promised to give fifty thousand dollars to endow a girls' boarding school if Bishop Paddock would raise the money to build it and he wished Mrs. Wells to come and organize it and become its first principal.

And so this late-19<sup>th</sup> century "power couple" arrived in Tacoma in 1883. While Lemuel served as rector of St. Luke's church (prior to the merger that resulted in Christ Church) Henrietta took up her post as principal of Annie Wright Seminary, then located at 611 Division Ave (approximately



The strawberries before they become jam.

where Stadium Thriftway now stands).

The kitchen in Wells Hall, an anchor of the Christ Church campus since 1926, has been a source of warm hospitality for nearly 100 years. To honor Henrietta Wells, we've designated the kitchen in Wells Hall as "Henrietta's Kitchen".

Now, in order to keep our Wells Hall secure and functioning into the foreseeable future, we are asking for donations to fund new custom-built doors opening to the courtyard. The doors are estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$10,000. For your



Close up of the finished strawberry jam.



Rodney Blackburn in Henrietta's Kitchen with the finished product.

generous donation – please take a jar of Puyallup Valley strawberry jam, hand-crafted in Henrietta's Kitchen!

The jam will be sampled at coffee hour after the service on **Sunday, July 17**. We'll be ready to take donations and jars of jam will be available to take home at that time.

~Mary Hanneman

*Editor's Note: This delicious strawberry jam is a product of the Daily Office ministry group, whose leaders are **Rodney Blackburn, Robert Hicker, and Mary Hanneman**. We are grateful for their hard work!*



### 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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 17, 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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