

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

A Message from
Fr. Torvend

From July 9 through July 21, I will be attending two conferences in Minnesota: one on Christian spirituality at St. John's University, and one on church-sponsored higher education at Augsburg University in Minneapolis. The first conference supports my work in Adult Formation at Christ Church; the second conference supports my work to complete a grant application for PLU's Center for Vocation where I continue to serve as the Director of External Relations.

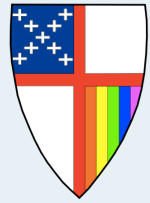
I am delighted to announce that **Fr. Evan Clendenin**, who was with us in Fall 2021, will be at Christ Church, presiding and preaching on July 10 and July 17. Please give him a warm Christ Church welcome. Fr. Clendenin also hosts a website, newsletter, and blog where he blends spiritual insight with commentary on the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest and working with one's hands. Check it out: boatandtable.org

I am also glad to announce that **Fr. Bob Carver**, regular worshipper at Christ Church with his spouse, Kris, has graciously offered to serve as priest for pastoral care while I am in Minnesota. If you have a medical emergency and seek spiritual assistance, you can email [Fr. Carver](#) during this two week period.

~ Fr. Torvend



Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma



Friday, July 8, 2022

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- Jazz in the Courtyard, July 30
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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:

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 (sister of Liz Schroedel Lansing); Elizabeth Henderson and Lyle Mason.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Puyallup • All Saints, Tacoma

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda

“Join the Summer Choir if you love to sing...”

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.



Naomi Shiga is a frequent performer of organ recitals, most recently playing in Switzerland at the historic Bellelay Abbey and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Bern. She has served on the faculty of North Harris College where she taught music theory and class piano, has worked at a num-

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

ber of churches across the country, including St. John the Evangelist, Boston, the Old West Church, Boston, and First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Houston. In addition to performing and teaching, she is also a translator of books on music and is active as a composer. Her most recent commission was for Hymn Accompaniments for the Hymnal of Nippon Sei Ko Kai published for

the Anglican Church in Japan by the St. Paul University Institute of Sacred Music Press. Ms. Shiga began her organ studies at Ferris Women's University, Yokohama before moving to the United States where she received her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Organ Performance with the award of Disting-

guished Performance from the New England Con-

servatory of Music in Boston. She also undertook post-graduate studies in organ at the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston. Ms. Shiga is a former Dean of the Tacoma Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and is Music Director and Organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Tacoma. Donations gratefully accepted at the door.

Third Friday Concerts 2022

Upcoming Concert:

Friday, July 15, at 12:10pm,
featuring Naomi Shiga, organist at
St. Andrews, with works by
Froberger, Böhm, Bach and more.

Friday, August 19, artist TBA



Jazz in the Courtyard: Cara Francis

There is an inimitable charm to vocalist Cara Francis. She graces the stage with an easy sense of swing, a quick wit and a lyrical feel that is both playful and heartfelt. Her snappy blonde bob and vintage couture create a striking visual, and her eclectic repertoire—a tasteful mix of classics from the Great American Songbook and jazz-infused pop tunes from the 60's and 70's—delights audi-

ences wherever she plays.

Cara's approach is intentional and specific. "People did not stop writing music in 1955," she says, "and there is an un-

ary love song you listened to in your 20's takes on a whole different hue when you're 50. And music is interactive. The band and I bring the song, but the meaning blooms in the listener."

"The band and I bring the song, but the meaning blooms in the listener." ~ Cara Francis



mined catalog of songs that can be reinterpreted through a jazz lens and presented in an entirely new way." Her goal is to give the listener a new experience of each song, be it Burt Bacharach's "One Less Bell to Answer" or Duke Ellington's "Satin Doll," while also touching a familiar emotional place. She explains, "Stories change as we change. The caution-

Cara started taking piano lessons when she was in grade school. One of her earliest musical memories was when her teacher, a strident and humorless sort, proclaimed that Elton John was "not a genius." Devastated by this information yet undeterred, the young Cara soldiered on, methodically working her way through all the John Thompson piano books. She ultimately quit lessons but continued playing. She sang in the high school choir and occasionally served as accompanist. Cara's musical pursuits led her to a brief career in radio. After high school, she received her broadcasting license and worked as a DJ at several different radio stations, including Green River Community college station KGRG, known as the "Rock of the Valley" and country station KJUN.

Although she grew up listening to iconic vocalists such as Chris Connor and Blossom Dearie,

Jazz in the Courtyard

Hear Cara Francis, Jazz Vocalist on **Saturday, July 30, at 7:30pm** in the Christ Church Courtyard.

Suggested donation of \$10 (cash or check).

Next up in the Courtyard:

David Joyner, **Saturday, August 27, at 7:30pm**

Cara's own immersion into jazz came much later, after seeing Greta Matassa perform with a big band at the Tacoma night-spot Jazzbones. She was struck by the improvisational and collaborative nature of the music. "It was like having a good conversation with someone smart," she recalls. She started listening to jazz recordings, everything from Ella Fitzgerald and Carmen McRae to Dave Brubeck and Ahmad Jamal. She also began studying with Matassa and hanging out at jam sessions in Seattle and Tacoma. "I became a jazz sponge," she says I just wanted to listen to it, absorb it, sweat it, eat it." Cara began singing professionally in 2008. In addition to her ongoing lessons with Greta Matassa, whom she cheerfully refers to as "sensei," Cara also studies piano and music theory with tenor saxophonist Kareem Kandi. She makes her home in Tacoma, WA,

where she lives with her husband Larry and a feline posse of three.

We are happy to announce that **Cara Francis** will perform in the parish courtyard at **7:30pm on Saturday evening, July 30**. Suggested donation: \$10 (but if your budget is tight, be sure to come: a good many parishioners are doubling their donations). [Visit Cara's Website](#). Invite work colleagues, friends, and family for an hour of delightful music under the summer sky. Thanks to Dr. Paul Tegels for his work in securing our first summer performer!



Tacoma Pride Parade

Saturday, July 9

12:00pm—6:00pm

Christ Church is joining with **St. Matthew's Brown's Point** in hosting a booth for the Pride event on Saturday. You are welcome to join us as we let festival participants know that we welcome and respect LGBTQ-identified people.

Enjoy all-day entertainment from the main stage, as well as a Makers Market and food trucks.

Visit the [Tacoma Pride Festival website](#), or the [Rainbow Center](#).

Location: Downtown Tacoma, 9th and Pacific Avenue.



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 more info.

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](#).

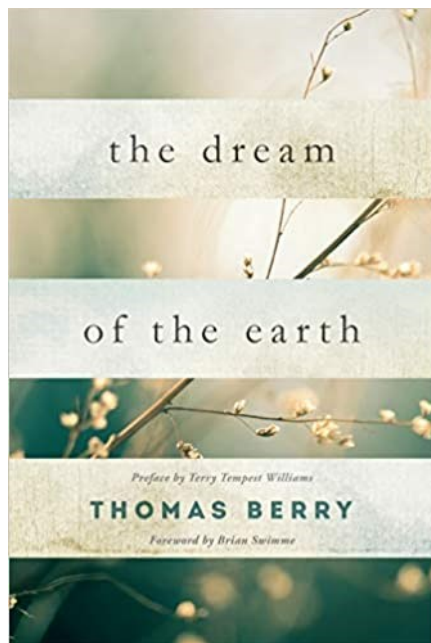
Need a good summer read?

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

We will meet in person on August 7 at 6:30pm, with masks and social distancing, at the home of **Mary Marshall** to discuss *The Dream of the Earth* by Father Thomas Berry. 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! Questions? [Contact Don Johnson](#).



Junior Warden June Report

Wells Hall, Trinity House, the Courtyard, and the Sanctuary make up the footprint of the Christ Church campus. Each one presents its own set of challenges.

- ♦ One of the peskier issues at this time of the year is keeping the Courtyard looking welcoming. It is so easy to grow weeds and so hard to get rid of them! It takes a concerted effort on the part of our **Sexton, Tim**, and multiple volunteers to make this happen. If you would like to help with this ongoing project, please contact [Linda Johnson](#).
- ♦ The Sanctuary window that was mysteriously broken has been replaced.
- ♦ Livestreaming is happening and being “tweaked” each week. We will all be excited when we can finally add hearing assistance to the system. Thanks to **Winfield Giddings** for continuing to work on this awesome project!
- ♦ One of the air handling ducts decided that it did not want to be attached to the ceiling anymore earlier this year. It has now been supported so it will not fall any further. The other duct appears to be happy hugging the ceiling.
- ♦ Trinity House is benefitting from the “new” heating/cooling system and stays at a comfortable temperature. The “main office” is now being used by office volunteers. Deborah has moved into one of the offices “in back” and has created a lovely space closer to the Rector’s office.
- ♦ While Wells Hall has many problems, one the most urgent is heating/cooling. All the equipment for a temporary solution has been ordered. We have a bid for the electrical work to support the new units, and now we are simply waiting on the supply chain! The doors from the Courtyard continue to be troublesome in that they do not lock consistently. Tim, Deborah, and I are working on a solution that may involve new hardware, new doors, or both.



If you have not toured our spaces and would like to, please let me know as I am happy to arrange a time to do so. And, if you have any questions, please contact me by [email](#) or by phone at 253.318.8372.

~ **Nancy Gow Knudsen**,
Junior Warden

Daily Office Schedule:

Morning Prayer:

Mondays 9:00am (zoom)

Lectio Devina:

Tuesdays 7:30am (zoom)

Conversation & Compline

Wednesdays 7:00pm (zoom)

Morning Prayer:

Thursdays 7:30am (zoom)

Morning

Prayer:

Saturdays

9:00am (in

person)

[Click here
for zoom
links.](#)

Morning Prayer Meets In Person

As we have been talking in Vestry about groups/activities in the parish and how to expand/promote/encourage them, I thought I would share this picture with you. It was taken one Saturday in June after in-person Morning Prayer at church. The photo was taken in front of Barbara Williams house. We held a breakfast after prayer because Irene (center of

the picture) joined us in person. Irene lives in San Francisco Bay area and usually joins us each Thursday morning on Zoom. Her being with us in person was therefore a wonderful celebration, since we had never met in person.

~ Robert Hicker



**Back row l to r: Doug Dahlgren, Barbara Williams, Rodney Blackburn, Robert Hicker, Nancy Gow Knudsen, Teresa Enslin;
front row l to r: Mary Hanneman, Katherine Adams, and Irene Ralston.**

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Senior Warden Updates

July 7, 2022

We are indeed moving forward with intention, purpose, and a renewed energy. I can feel the momentum and pride building in our parish.

Worship

We welcome back **Fr. Evan Clendenin** who will preside and preach (8:30 & 10:30) on July 10 & 17. Fr. Torvend will be attending a conference on Christian spirituality and a second conference on the vocation of higher education, returning to Tacoma on July 21st.

Pastoral Care

Fr. Bob Carver has graciously volunteered to serve as priest for pastoral care during **Fr. Torvend's** absence.

Music

Borrowing from our website: *"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."* We are truly reengaging with the community and showcasing our strengths.

Our Music Director, **Dr. Paul Tegels**, has been hard at work reestablishing our Third Friday Concerts and a new offering dubbed, "Jazz in the Courtyard." Naomi Shiga, organist for St. Andrews will be showcased at the next Third Friday on July 15. The first "Jazz in the Courtyard" event is scheduled for July 30th (7:30 pm) and will feature Cara Francis. The second one is scheduled for August 27th, featuring jazz pianist David Joyner. More information to follow.

Our Parish Administrator, Deborah Breneman, is proactively seeking out and scheduling choral and other music groups who may be interested in using our wonderful sanctuary space. Deborah is currently speaking with four different choral groups, having already scheduled the Wellspring Ensemble for Sunday, August 21st at 4pm. In Deborah's words, "We are going to have a full schedule of varied musical experiences at our church."

Community Engagement

Our Parish Life Committee is busy creating monthly activities and events in collaboration with the Worship Committee. Two upcoming events have



[View the May Budget Report](#)



2nd Quarter State-

You should be receiving your 2nd Quarter State-ments by the end of next week.

Please contact the [Parish Office](#) if we need to make any corrections.

Our new accounting program does not include your pledged amount. If you need a reminder, just let us know.



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been scheduled. The first is our participation in the Tacoma Pride Festival from 12-6pm, at 9th and Pacific Avenue. We are joining St. Matthews Brown's Point in hosting a booth and letting participants know that we welcome and respect LGBT identified people.

Next Month, I will speak more about groups that are forming to develop Small Group Dinners, Outreach to the Veteran's Encampment, and to reestablish our Prayer Group. The dinners are intended to build relationships, develop community and provide a means to welcome Newcomer's. If you have an interest in participating in any of the ministries described above, please [contact me](#).

"God is lurking everywhere. Right down the street, right around the corner, there is God." ~ Andrew Greeley

God's Blessings,

~ Christi McCarren, Senior Warden

News Re-Views

Summer Choir at Christ Church

If you play an instrument and would like to share your musical gifts with the congregation, please email [Paul Tegels](#), 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](#).

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.

Searching for a used iPad

We are seeking a used iPad for use with our Livestream equipment. Once we have an iPad OR approximately \$375 for the purchase of a new iPad, we can finish the microphone set up, and then, at last, finish setting up the hearing assist program. Please contact the [Parish Office](#) if you can help.

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH PRESENTS

Jazz in the *Courtyard*

featuring Cara Francis, Jazz Vocalist

Saturday, July 30

7:30 PM

Christ Church Courtyard

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10 (CASH/CHECK)

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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

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 for weekday Morning Prayer, Lectio Divina, and Conversation & Compline Service

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