

# Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

A Message from  
Fr. Torvend

I am pleased to announce that **Fr. Evan Clendenin** will serve as presider and preacher on Sundays, August 14 and 21. I trust that Christ Church members and friends will give him a warm welcome. He is serving these two Sundays while I take professional time without pay in order to complete a book manuscript that is under contract: the manuscript is due at the end of August. I will be available for pastoral care emergencies and will participate in staff meetings during this two week period but otherwise will be at the computer typing away. The book concerns the relevance of monastic environmental practices for contemporary Christian communities. I look forward to being with you on Sunday, August 28.

~ Fr. Samuel Torvend



Fr. Clendenin will be at Christ Church on Sundays August 14 and 21.

MOVING  
*forward*

Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma



Friday, August 12,  
2022

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## Upcoming Events

- CSLT Lunch Prep, August 14/15
- Third Friday Concert, August 19
- Drum Circle, August 21
- Wellspring Ensemble, August 21
- Jazz in the Courtyard, August 27
- Wyatt Smith, Harpsichord, September 9
- Mediterranean Uncorked, September 17
- **Moving Forward Sunday, September 18**

# 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:

Megan McCarren; Leslie Brooks and her children; Michael Peterson; Al Buck; Doug Dahlgren; Christinna Olsson; Melissa Glick, Pat Trytten; Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Bryon and Carrie Epp and their daughters Carly, Breanna, and Po; Debbie and Doug Oakman; Jim Pierson.

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

Darren Hamby; Patty Smith; Mary Lynn Morgan; Lyle Mason, Elizabeth Henderson.

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Hilda St. Patrick, Edmonds • Trinity, Everett

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Extra-Provincial Churches

## Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma *Weekly Newsletter*

The Rev. Samuel Torvend, Priest for Worship, Adult Formation, and Pastoral Care

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Please visit our website at [Christchurchtacoma.org](http://Christchurchtacoma.org) to connect to newsletter links and previous editions.

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.

### 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.

[Episcopal News Service](#) • [Episcopal Church on Facebook](#) • [Diocese of Olympia Bishop Rickel's Blog](#)

# Worship and Adult Formation Information

## Sunday Holy Eucharist

As we prepare for Moving Forward Sunday, September 18, we eagerly await a new musical setting of the liturgy, seasonal modifications in our pattern of worship, and the return of Eucharistic Visitors who bring holy communion to those who are absent from worship: at home, in skilled nursing, or hospital.

## Eucharistic Visitor Training

If you have served as a Eucharistic Visitor (EV) or would like to serve as one, save this date—**Saturday, September 24, 12 Noon to 1:30 PM** - for required training and certification at the church. The diocese rightly asks that EVs receive training and online completion of Safeguarding God's People. Should you have any questions about this training, send an email to [Fr. Torvend](#).

## Looking Ahead

The Blessing of Animals will take place on **Sunday, October 2, at 4:00 PM** in the courtyard. We'll have flyers for Christ Church members to share with friends and neighbors.

## Christ Church in the Anglican Theological Review

During the first year and a half of the pandemic, **Fr. Torvend** produced a worship service for use in the household—an order of worship with the Christ Church imprint that came to be used in other dioceses. Based on the popularity and quality of the service, he was then asked to write an article for the international Anglican Theological Review. [You can read it here](#)—look for the reference to Christ Church!

## Adult Formation in Fall 2022

We are looking forward to a full schedule of offerings this coming Fall including the continuation of EXPLORE for those who want to affiliate with Christ Church, classes, workshops, a public lecture on animal rights and Christian faith, coffee hours with newcomers, the chance for all Christ Church members to take a Spiritual Gifts Inventory, a ministry fair, and a special Advent Quiet Morning.

## Welcoming Newcomers

Speaking of EXPLORE (our gatherings in Episcopal formation), we are glad to announce that nine adults have recently indicated their desire to affiliate with Christ Church. And did you know that since 2015, every new member of Christ Church - baptized, confirmed, or received - has been an adult who has found a welcome home in our midst? Newcomers find out about Christ Church through our website, our musical offerings, a flyer, and - guess what? - through a member who invited them to join us for worship or an adult formation gathering. *Continued on page 4*

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### Sounds Wonderful—A Joyful Drum Circle on August 21st

We will be in the courtyard or Wells Hall from 12:00 noon-12:45pm, listen for the joyful noises! Please join us again for a musical experience with hand drums and percussion instruments. Percussion instruments will be provided or you can bring your own. All ages and musical abilities welcome. No musical experience is required. All are welcome—invite a friend or bring a guest. For more information contact [Sherina](#).

### In Memory of Patty Smith

Friends of Patty Smith, Christ Church member who recently died, are invited to make donations in her memory to the following: Tacoma Community College Foundation; NARAL Pro-Choice America Foundation; or Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington.

## Children's Formation: Godly Play

**Senior Warden and Children's Formation Leader Christi McCarren** recently completed training for leaders of **Godly Play**, a children's formation program.



### What is Godly Play?

Godly Play has a foundation of 40+ years of research and practice steeped in Montessori principles. Children have an innate sense of the presence of God. The Godly Play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Godly Play allows children to make meaning for themselves by inviting them into stories and providing space to connect Scripture with personal experience and open-ended response.

### Why would Christ Church consider adopting Godly Play as our approach to Children's Faith Formation?

In our recent congregational assessment survey, drawing in children and families was cited as the top priority of this parish. Godly Play is one means to attract children and families. But that is not the only reason. The best explanation for why we should do this is in a piece written by Emily Mullens in 2011.

*"In an age where we feel we need to meet children in their high-tech world, Godly Play is a unique way to present the beautiful and eloquent truths of the Bible in a very simple, natural form with no bells or whistles. In most religious education, children are told who God is. In Godly Play, children discover who God is. Using the principles of learning in*

To view a pdf of the **Godly Play Wish List**, [please click here](#) or contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your donation to **Children's Formation and Godly Play**.

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the Montessori method, we respond to the child's request to 'help me do it by myself.' It shares spiritual education in a beautiful, peaceful, intimate manner, demonstrating the power and richness of God through meaningful and intentional presentations of His Word. This puts the teacher in the role of spiritual supporter or guide who fully accepts that each child has his or her own relationship with God already. Godly Play Bible stories are told gracefully and beautifully using simple hands-on figures, made of natural and meticulously designed materials. The storyteller, serves as a "guide" to the truth being told. Then, sits back and asks, "I wonder ...?" allowing the children to find their own way. Children are encouraged to explore their

Examples of materials that are available on our Wish List.



**Ark and the Flood**  
**\$341.95**

thoughts, ideas and feelings about the story through expressive art following the presentation..."



**People of God**  
**\$53.95**  
~~**\$58.90**~~

### How do we get started?

Simply put, we need teachers and supplies. By September 2022, I will be a certified teacher of Godly Play and intend to begin in the Fall. Over the next several months, it is my hope others in the parish will join me and we can offer Godly Play every Sunday. Training in Godly Play is available online, but we will also offer in-person practice sessions. The curriculum is divided into seasons: Biblical stories in the Fall, Advent and The Parables in the Winter and Easter in the Spring. Each section is roughly 3 months long. Join me for a season with a limited commitment of 6-7 Sundays (every other week).

Supplies and materials are an important component of this program. We hope you will prayerfully consider purchasing a few of the items on our "Wish List." Please note "Godly Play" when you submit your donation to the Parish Office.

~ Christi McCarren



## Service: Little Pantry Update

A recent column by David Brooks looks deeply at those who seek status as their reason for being, hoping that they can figure out a way, no matter what, to present themselves so they will get ahead in life. “Immature,” Brooks calls them. Mature people love truth and learning and find pleasure in good work. Brooks says at the end, “The desire for a good and meaningful life inspires people to commit daily acts of generosity.” Don’t you love that? “Commit daily acts of generosity.” When we drop off

food for the Little Pantry we are being generous, a wonderful Godly trait.

Food, non-perishable. Keep it coming.

**Hunger keeps on coming.**



## Community Service Leadership Team Lunch Prep

You are invited to join the Community Service Leadership Team (CSLT) and **Deacon Donna** on **Sunday, August 14** in Wells Hall following the 10:30am Eucharist to assist with packing lunches.

These lunches will be delivered to the residents of the Veteran’s Village located at 82nd and Pacific on **Monday, August 15. Deacon Gen Grewell** and any who would like to join will deliver the lunches. We will plan to leave Christ Church at approximately 11:30am on the 15th.

No skills are needed. We will be making sandwiches and adding other items to their lunch bags to make a hearty, healthy lunch.

Food handling gloves will be provided. Plan to also wear a mask. If you are not to help in this way or are unable to stay to help, think about writing a note or two to be placed in the bags as a greeting from Christ Church. You may give those to **Deacon Donna** on Sunday.

An example of a note might be: “This lunch is being provided for you from Christ Episcopal Church – Tacoma. We welcome you and offer prayers for you. May you be nourished and know the lunch is provided in love.”

If you have any questions, feel free to contact **Deacon Donna** or **Deacon Gen. ~ The Ven. Gen Grewell, Archdeacon**

## Final Call for Diocesan Convention Candidates

To prepare for elections at Diocesan Convention (October 21-22, 2022), the [Nominations Committee](#) is sending out a **final call for candidates** to represent our diocese in four areas: Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry, and at General Convention 2024.

If you’d like to propose someone for con-

sideration to serve on any of these groups, **please contact Sherina James or email the Committee Chair, [The Rev. Nic Mather](#) as soon as possible**, as the committee will meet to finalize their slate of candidates on **Monday August 22.**

To see complete information regarding the nominations, [click here.](#)

## Community: Concerts at Christ Church



### Upcoming Third Friday Performers

*All at 12:10pm:*

August 19: Dana Robinson

September 16: Marc Fitze

October 21: Andrew Koch

November 18: Cheryl Drewes

*third friday*  
concerts @ Christ Church

Organist **Dana Robinson** performs J.C. Bach, Mozart, Schumann, Mendelssohn and more, on **Friday, August 19**, at **12:10pm**. Donations gratefully accepted at the door.

## Wellspring Ensemble Appears August 21st at 4:00pm

**Leslie Nielsen, Wellspring Ensemble member, describes her love of choral singing.**

**T**here is something magical about choir. It sounds so basic when you say it out loud, but anyone who has ever been part of this kind of community knows what I am talking about.

One of the hardest parts of becoming an adult was graduating out of school programs and seasons of your life where a choral community is accessible and often encouraged as part of a well-rounded education. Somehow, many of us found ourselves in the midst of an all too common transition

where our day-to-day lives are consumed by



Wellspring Ensemble appears at Christ Church **August 21 at 4:00pm**. For tickets, [visit their website](#). \$20 advance/\$25 at the door.

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work and formal choir experiences, especially for people who are not professional musicians, are few and far between.

And for those who became music educators, you create incredible spaces for young musicians to learn and grow, but it can be so hard to find that space for yourself where you can focus on the pure joy and love of making music with peers.

**Wellspring** has been that safe haven for so many of us over the years. Even during the height of the pandemic, Evan [Norberg, Music Director] and the rest of the board were able to help us pivot and stay connected through experimental virtual choir and hybrid options. Music continued to be a light in the darkness and a lifeline back to where we truly want to be: together.

As always, “Sing when the seams burst. Sing when the traps ensnare. Sing when your body breaks, and the light flees — Sing then! For then, your soul is song.”

- Jake Runestad.

~ Wellspring Ensemble Member

**Leslie Nielsen**



[Wellspring Ensemble](#) Music Director **Evan Norberg**

### Upcoming Performers

August 21: Wellspring Ensemble

September 9: Wyatt Smith, Harpsichord

December 4: Wellspring Ensemble

December 17/18: Northwest Repertory Singers

### Join the Summer Choir at Christ Church:

The Summer Choir continues to support our services on Sundays. Please sign-up [here](#) to sing when you can.

All are welcome! ~ **Paul Tegels**





*third friday*  
concerts @ Christ Church

**August 19, 2022 @ 12:10pm**  
**Dana Robinson,**  
**organ and piano**

*featuring works by*  
J. C. Bach, Mozart, Schumann, Mendelssohn, and Saint-Saëns  
*donations gladly accepted at the door*

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If you have some free time,  
we have flyers available for  
distribution in the Parish  
Office. Please drop by to pick  
some up—and tell your  
friends!

For tickets to the 4:00pm  
August 21 Wellspring Ensemble  
performance here at Christ  
Church, visit their [website](#), (\$20)  
or purchase at the door (\$25).

*All are welcome.*



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## Music Reorganization

**W**hat could be more fun than taking everything out of old file

cabinets, reorganizing the contents, and placing them in in at least 10 new (used) 4-drawer file cabinets? Well, you will have to ask **Anne Avery** and **Sue Beer**! They have been hard at work all summer on this

incredible project. Anne and Sue have added a logical se-

quencing of music with labels both inside and outside of file cabinets. They are getting close to being done after many, many hours of filing. They have literally touched every piece of music in the choir room. The large open cabinets are gone, and everything is protected in metal file cabinets except one old wooden cabinet. Eventually that will also be gone. And, of course, all this work needs to be labeled appropriately

on each drawer. Thanks to Van Hardison for providing the labels.



Music Organizers **Anne Avery** and **Sue Beer** in the Choir Room

You may be wondering why this is so important. Think about 25-30 choir members needing as many as 5 pieces of music for each service. Each piece needs to be found, distributed, and then refiled after the service. When the work is complete, you will be invited to come and look at our newly organized choir room.

~ **Junior Warden and choir member**  
**Nancy Gow Knudsen**

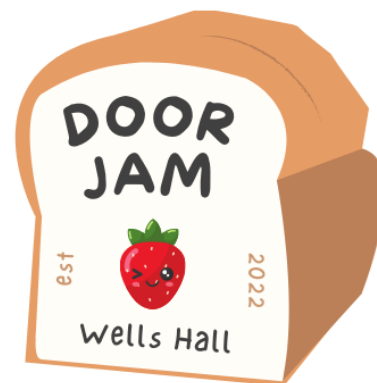
## News Re-Views

### Door Jam Update

Thanks to the efforts of Jam Makers **Rodney Blackburn**, **Mary Hanneman**, and **Robert Hicker**, the Wells Hall door repair/replacement fund total is now at **\$1,818**.

If you haven't picked up a jar of delicious Henrietta's Kitchen Strawberry Jam, there

are still a few jars available on Sunday mornings.





## Who's Got the Keys?

The Parish Office will be conducting an Inventory of **ALL** Parish keys beginning now through **September 16, 2022**. So that we can keep track of **who** has **which** key, **please bring your key(s) to the Parish Office by the 16th**, and we will make sure your key is in our records. We do need to see the key in person. Office Staff is available Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm.

Please contact the [Parish Office](#) (email) or 253.383.1569 x 101 with any questions.



**Building Community Through Fellowship and Conversation** The Christ Church vestry is sponsoring the inauguration of small group, simple, potluck dinners scheduled to start in the fall. In early September, you will have the chance to sign up to participate. These dinners will be held throughout the year at the homes of parishioners. Be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet in the narthex come September! For more information, please feel free to click to contact [Sandy Johanson](#) or by phone at **253.905.1051**. ~ **Sandy Johanson**

**Seeking Volunteer Office Help** We are still looking for a few folks who have interest in joining us in the office Mondays-Fridays. No skills necessary. We come up with fun projects AND we have air conditioning. Please contact the [Parish Office](#) if you are available.

**New Church Directory: Beginning on September 18**, Parish members will have the opportunity to change church directory information on Sunday mornings. Be sure to review your information in September.



[View the July Budget](#)





# Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma  
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 14, 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

## Daily Office at Christ Church

◇ Monday 9:00am\*

[Morning Prayer](#)

◇ Tuesday 7:30am\*

[Lectio Divina](#)

◇ Thursday 7:30am\*

[Morning Prayer](#)

◇ Saturday 9:00am

[Morning Prayer](#)

\*zoom link available at  
[christchurchtacoma.org/calendar](http://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar)

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