

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

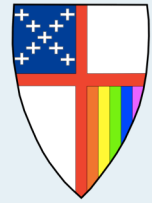
A Message from
Fr. Torvend

If you look up the phrase “an embarrassment of riches” in the dictionary, you’ll find this meaning: “more options or resources than one knows what to do with.” At our recent vestry and staff gathering, we heard of the many musical groups who will be rehearsing and giving performances at Christ Church throughout the Fall; of the workshops, classes, and retreats scheduled for adult formation; of our new initiative in Godly Play - a Montessori-based and engaging form of children’s faith formation; of our *Moving Forward Sunday* on September 18 and of the many volunteer ministries that will be highlighted at our *Ministry Fair* on October 9; of various community events that will enhance our public presence - from the Blessing of Animals to Jazz in the Courtyard to service at the Veterans Tent Village. Good heavens! We seem to have an *embarrassment of riches* - all due to the incredible work of the many who volunteer their time and energy, supported by a dedicated staff and vestry. A year ago we struggled to offer Holy Eucharist in person in the courtyard - and now, a year later, the Parish Profile Committee is hard at work, the Daily Office continues to be prayed throughout the week, we worship together at two Sunday liturgies, with our numbers rising, supported by musicians, liturgical ministers, ushers, lectors, altar guild members, deacons, and artists. I say, thanks be to God for all this life-giving vitality.

~ Fr. Samuel Torvend

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Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma



Friday, August 19,
2022

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Upcoming Events

- Drum Circle, August 21
- Wellspring Ensemble, August 21
- Jazz in the Courtyard, August 27
- Wyatt Smith, Harpsichord, September 9
- Third Friday Concert, September 16, with Marc Fitze
- **Moving Forward Sunday, September 18**

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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.

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:

Jan Shoop; Darren Hamby; Patty Smith; Mary Lynn Morgan.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Augustine's in-the-Woods, Freeland • St. Philip's, Marysville

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

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Please visit our website at 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.

Final Call for Diocesan Convention Candidates

If you'd like to propose someone for consideration to become a candidate for the upcoming Diocesan Convention, **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**.

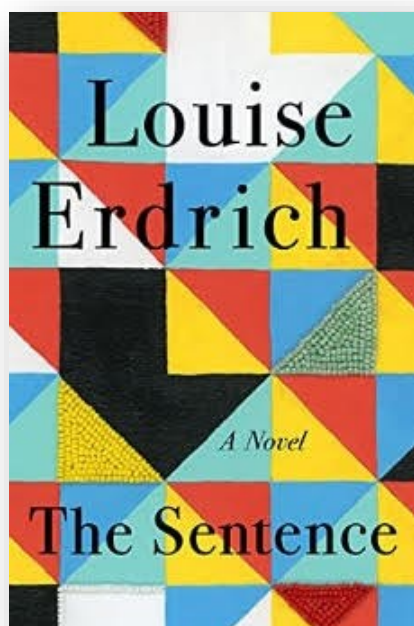
To see complete information regarding the nominations, [click here](#).

Worship and Adult Formation Info

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](#).



Monthly Reading Group, Sunday September 25th at 6:30pm

Meet **September 25 at 6:30pm**, at the home of **Sandy and Ronn Johanson** to discuss *The Sentence: A Novel* by Louise Erdrich. Newcomers are welcome! Questions? [Contact Don Johnson](#).

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.

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, Senior Warden**



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**.

Service: Little Pantry Update

Good old Will Shakespeare wrote in Hamlet “to thine own self be true.” That was Polonius giving advice. It seems to mean don’t do anything that would go against your true nature. Christians find their true nature in God, through Christ. You, know, love, hope and charity. Lots of things, but today please focus your true self on generosity. Think of

the generosity of God in creating life. Good Lord! we may cry. What a gift! Let us BE generous. Let our true selves practice generosity, even with those who are difficult. God will show a way. Let us be generous to the poor and hungry. Let our true selves generously cram that little pantry full to the brim.

~ **The Little Pantry Team**

Garden Ministry Event



I’m hoping you will be able to join us on **Wednesday, August 24, from 10:00am—12:00 noon** to spruce up our

gardens. Our main focus will be the reflection pool area. If we have many hands we may also be able to work a bit in the courtyard in anticipation of our next jazz concert.

~ **Linda Johnson, Buildings and Grounds**

Community: From Your Profile Committee

Attendance at the August 7th Parish Meeting was a powerful sign of the health of the Christ Church Tacoma community. We thank all who reviewed and responded to the C.A.T. both at the meeting and elsewhere. Your comments and insights are invaluable to us in crafting a profile that gives a prospective rector an accurate “portrait” of who we are. It will be a vital tool in our search for a new rector.

Note that it’s not too late to share your thoughts, insights, and ideas about Christ Church with the Profile Committee. If you were unable to attend the meeting on August 7th or otherwise share your ideas, we

still would like to hear from you. And if you attended and have further thoughts that you want to share, those are welcome as well. Please send your comments via email to any of the committee members—our addresses are below.

Even after we have written our profile, it goes through a number of other hands for editing before it can be handed off to the Search Committee. In the interest of time, please give us any further feedback by **August 31**. If you have questions or concerns, please let the [Junior Warden](#), Nancy Gow Knudsen, know, and she will forward your message. ~ **The Profile Committee**

Door Jam Update

The Wells Hall door repair/replacement fund total is now at **\$2,037.60**.

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.

~**DB**



Community: August Senior Warden Report

We are indeed “Moving Forward” with purpose and intention.

Financial Status

Our published July financial summary to the congregation is [here](#).

Rental Update

Deborah continues to secure recurring rentals of our many spaces. So far, we have contractual arrangements with the Contra Dancers, Wellspring, the Esoterics, and the NW Repertory Singers.

Adult Formation

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Newcomers: Nine adults have recently indicated their desire to affiliate with Christ Church. In addition, one former member has indicated their desire to return to our parish. Fr. Torvend and I will be hosting “Newcomer Coffee Hours” in September and November. This, combined with the reinstitution of our Small Group Dinners will provide a means to welcome and incorporate newcomers into our community.

Children’s Faith Formation

We are busy planning for the launch of Godly Play this Fall. One parishioner has expressed interest in joining me in this ministry. We will use the Fall to train and develop the program.

Parish Life

Jazz in the Courtyard (or Wells Hall) has been for August 27 from 7-8pm.

Musical Offering – September 9, 2022 Dr. Wyatt Smith, affiliate artist, organ and harpsichord, at the University of Puget Sound. This concert is in support of the DOOR JAM effort of the Daily Office Ministry. A big note of gratitude for the work this ministry is doing to support our parish.

September 18, 2022 – Moving Forward Sunday

Congregational Development Grant Proposal

To support expansion of *Music at Christ Church*, a Congregational Development Grant application was submitted on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. We expect to hear anytime regarding our success in securing this grant. We requested \$24,750.

John Taylor Engagement:

John Taylor began his work on June 16 with a visit to our grounds. John will present his initial findings in September to a group of Vestry and Finance Committee members.

Parish Profile Committee:

The Parish Survey has been completed. At our well attended Town Hall meeting Sunday, August 7 where the Congregational Assessment was shared, Gordon Craig reminded us that before we make action plans for our future, we need to figure out our “Why”. Gordon is absolutely right.

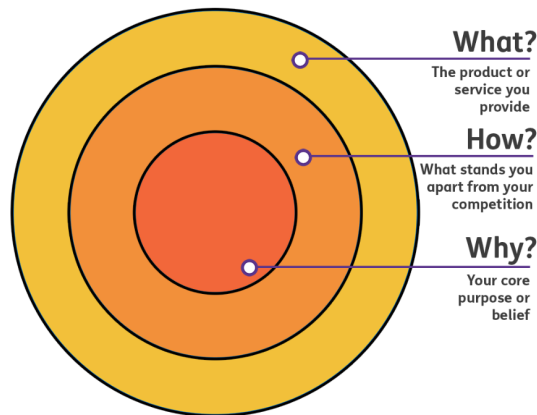
The “Why” for Christ Church Tacoma

Author Simon Sinek explains that the companies or service organizations that survive are those that understand “**why**” they exist. He states, “People don’t buy what you do, they

Senior Warden Report Continued

buy why you do it.”

Sinek has created a model called the Golden Circle (depicted below)



I believe our “**Why**” is contained in our Mission Statement.

We are an accepting Episcopal parish renewing its people as disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, music, the visual arts, formation, service, and acts of justice and peace.

The question at this point is whether we as a parish are still aligned around this statement. I ask you to prayerfully consider the following: Does our mission statement reflect all that we believe about ourselves? What we value? Our purpose in the community? Who we wish to become in the future?

Only when we reaffirm or modify our mission statement (the “**Why**”), can we create meaningful action plans around the “**How**” and the “**What**.”

The **How**: is the means by which *The Why* is made tangible. The “**How**” at Christ Church:

- Budget support for our Ministries of Music, Adult Formation, Service
- Congregational and Leadership support of worship, prayer, the visual arts
- Justice and peace through our outreach efforts

The “**What**” are the tactics or services we provide to make our “**Why**” become a reality.

Current Examples: Third Friday Music Series, Concerts in the Courtyard, Outreach to the Veterans Village.

Sinek makes a strong point that people will not be inspired to join us by “**what**” we do, rather by “**why**” we do it. I urge you all to learn more about Sinek’s model by listening to his short TED Talk at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4ZoJkFVuA&list=WL&index=22>

We will continue to engage in conversation around our Mission Statement. In the meantime, I would love to hear your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

Christi McCarren, Senior Warden

August Junior Warden Report

Sanctuary

- We received a check for just under \$900 from Church Insurance to partially offset the cost of the window repair. Our deductible is \$5,000.
- The reorganization of the choir room is almost complete thanks to the hard work of Anne Avery and Sue Beer. Van Hardison assisted by providing the labels for the drawers.

Trinity House

- Performance Mechanical Group was here on Wednesday August 10th to perform routine maintenance and no problems were found.

Wells Hall

- The doors from the courtyard into Wells Hall no longer lock. As a temporary solution there is a “snake” lock on the inside of the doors.
- Fircrest Door’s representative Brian was here to measure for the new doors on Tuesday August 9th. A bid has not yet been submitted as of today.

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Community: Concerts at Christ Church

Oh my goodness!” and “Wow!” were the phrases I heard over and over as **Wellspring Ensemble** members filed into the church for their rehearsal last Monday night. All but two of the Seattle-based singers had never been inside, and all of them were in awe of the space.

The voices began singing, their appreciation for Christ Church’s acoustics growing as the sounds of lush *legato* and crunchy jazz-inspired chords filled the air.

Wellspring Ensemble is just one of the three outstanding choral groups who will be appearing in Christ Church this season; the **NW Repertory Singers**, a Tacoma choir that has been around since 2001, and the

Esoterics, a Seattle group now in its twenty-ninth season, will also be performing at this venue.

In addition, we have inquiries from another Seattle-based choral group and a Tacoma string quartet who wish to return next season. And, the NW Repertory Singers will be here each week from this coming week all the way through to the spring for their rehearsals on Monday evenings, making Christ Church their main location.

The excellent acoustics of the Christ Church

Sanctuary are just one of the reasons musicians are inquiring about performances here. In addition to its convenient mid-town location, the size of the space itself, and ease of arranging events here, the word is out: **this congregation is filled with music-lovers**. Small music organizations such as these don’t have a lot of resources to pursue advertising, and hope that members of the congregation will wish to attend their concerts, even agreeing to a higher rental fee in exchange for promotion to our church congregation. This means that your attendance at concerts here is a vital part of the performers’ ability to return.

Christ Church is warmly rewarded by these performances: not only will you have wonderful

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musical opportunities in your own church space plus the rent received from the organization, there’s another bonus.

At the end of the rehearsal, a Wellspring singer remarked, “My mother has been planning on coming to a service at this church for a while, but just hasn’t done it. She’s coming to this concert, and I’m going to tell her she should come on Sunday morning as well.”

~ **Deborah Breneman**



Wellspring Ensemble appears at Christ Church

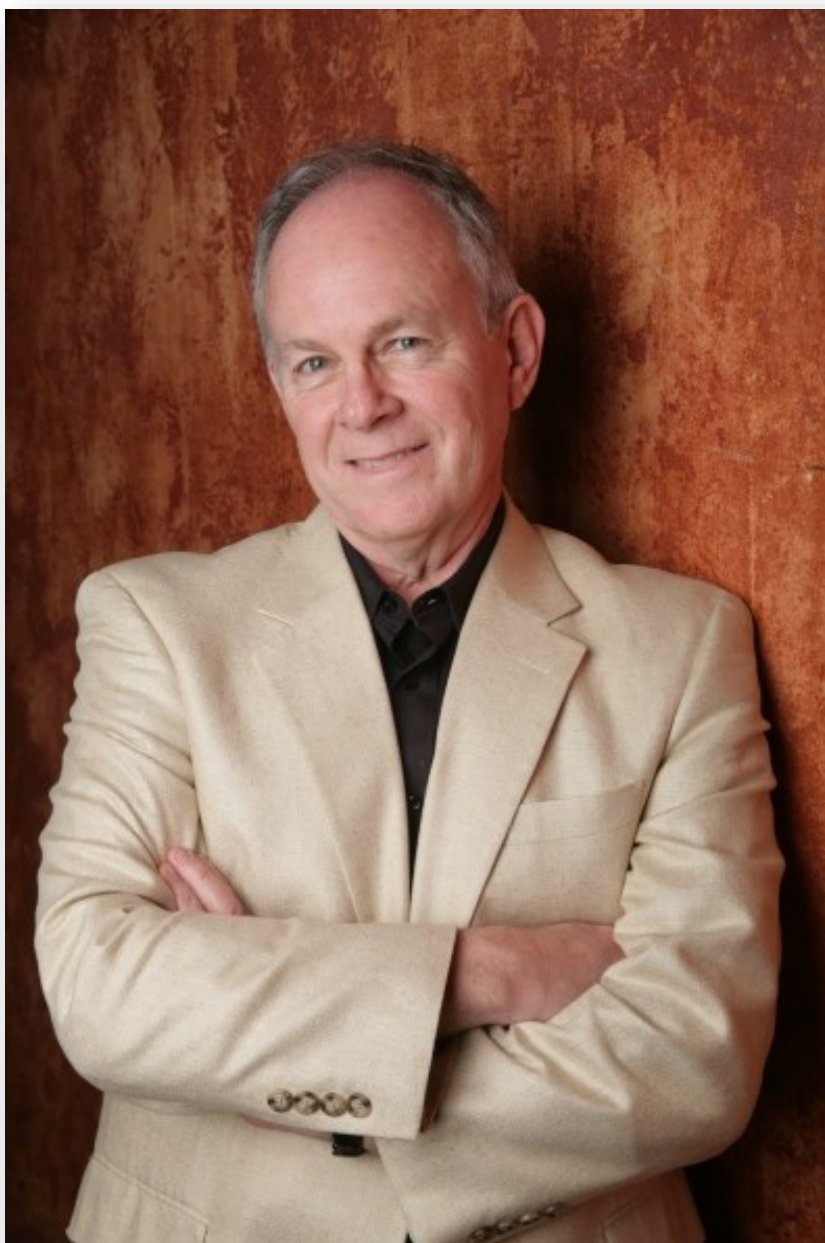
August 21 at 4:00pm. For tickets, [visit their website](#). \$20 advance/\$25 at the door.

Jazz in the Courtyard: David Joyner

David Deacon-Joyner is a pianist, composer, arranger, lecturer, and educator, and owner of DDJ Music Services. He has over thirty years experience as professor of jazz studies at the University of North Texas and Pacific Lutheran University and has adjudicated at jazz festivals all over the United States. He has performed all over the world and has composed and/or arranged music for symphony orchestras and jazz big bands throughout the United States, including collaborations with saxophonist Jeff Coffin (Dave Matthews Band) and Caleb Chapman (president of the Jazz Education Network). His textbook, *American Popular Music* (McGraw-Hill/Cengage, 3rd ed.) has been in print since 1993 and he has just completed a biography of rock 'n' roll founding father Bill Haley. Locally, David performs regularly with Puget Sound area musicians, including his own Tacoma-based Grit City Jazz Octet.

Jazz in the Courtyard welcomes David Joyner on Saturday, August 27, at 7:30pm.

Suggested donation: \$10.



August 27 Jazz in the Courtyard performer David Joyner

Upcoming CCP Performers

August 21: Wellspring Ensemble

September 9: Wyatt Smith, Harpsichord

October 16: Esoterics

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

Wyatt Smith, Harpsichordist, in Concert

Dr. Wyatt Smith, (Affiliate Artist, Organ and Harpsichord, University of Puget Sound)

performs the complete Goldberg Variations (BWV 988) in **Wells Hall. September 9th, at 8:00pm.**

Dr. Wyatt Smith, a native of Rapid City, South Dakota, concertizes extensively, maintaining an active concert schedule throughout the U.S. and Europe. He has presented concerts in 28 states as well as Germany, France, and England. Wyatt is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Music with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance. His Masters of Music is from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music and the Yale School of Music. Wyatt earned the Bachelor of Music degree from

the University of South Dakota.

This performance of the Goldberg Variations will be performed in Wells Hall, to capture a more intimate experience of the music, in keeping with the original intent of its composition. Wyatt and the harpsichord will be in the center of the room; attendees are invited to sit in a 360 degree circle around the performer, or even to listen from the mezzanine.

Please join us for this amazing event. Bach's music—alive to us nearly 300 years after its publication—reminds us that we are the inheritors of a rich legacy, not only in the vast beauty of the tradition of western art music, but also in our own small corner of the

world, maintaining our buildings at 310 North K Street!

This benefit concert is part of the fundraising efforts of Christ Church's Daily Office Ministry in celebration of the rich historical legacy left to us in our beautiful buildings and campus.

**~Rodney Blackburn,
for the Daily Office
Ministry**

DR. WYATT SMITH HARPSICHORD THE GOLDBERG VARIATIONS J.S. BACH



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
8:00pm**

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Junior Warden August Report continued from page 7

- The “Doorjam” fund raiser is going well. Thanks to **Robert Hicker, Rodney Blackburn**, and **Mary Hanneman** for making the jam and spearheading this funding project.
- We have bids from INCA to upgrade both 1st floor bathrooms in Wells Hall. I am in favor of accepting these bids so the work can start. INCA is a trusted contractor who has done excellent work for us in the past.
- The electrical upgrade for the HVAC system is scheduled to start on August 29th.
- The equipment for the HVAC system is expected to be delivered to Performance Mechanical Group by the end of August. Courtyard. No current updates.

Courtyard.

No update currently.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Gow Knudsen, Junior Warden



Host Families Needed ASAP

Private & Public F-1 Exchange (PSE) is looking for host families ASAP within the boundaries of Stadium High School in Tacoma. These three students are Christian and willing to attend church services with their host families.

- Jolina, from Germany, is 16 years old and enjoys soccer, meeting friends, travel, walking, Badminton and reading
 - Marie, from Germany, is 15 years old and enjoys meeting friends, playing field hockey, cooking, baking, and reading books
 - Karl, from Germany, is 15 years old and enjoys tennis, table tennis, sailing, and playing the electric bass guitar
- Hosting experience is for one Semester on-



ly, and PSE offers a \$600/mo. stipend to help with food/gas expenses as well as providing outstanding support! In addition, there is a “Welcome Family” placement option for a family willing to host a student for a short duration at the start of the program until we find a permanent placement (this would normally only last up to one or two months at maximum). So, for families who are not interested in hosting for a full semester, but who are still interested in the experience... it’s a great option! Please email [Flo Webb](mailto:FloWebb) or call at (480) 650-5644.

Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 21, 2022:

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

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



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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