

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

On September 18, we will celebrate *Moving Forward Sunday* as we enter into Autumn. Such a day can alert us to those whose labor makes our common life possible. I hope you will join me in giving thanks in whatever way you can to the many people who often work behind the scenes and throughout the week in service to the life and mission of Christ Church Parish: to Deborah Breneman, parish administrator; to our office volunteers, Cynthia Anthony, Susan Manning, Debra Nastaj, and Pam Vidan; to Tim Williams, sexton and supervisor of our buildings and grounds; to our wardens, Christi McCarren and Nancy Gow Knudsen; to our treasurer and livestream guru, Winfield Giddings; to our accountant, Gordon Craig; to our vestry members, Ciara Aylsworth, Mary Hanneman, Robert Hicker, and Teresa Gutierrez; to Paul Tegels, director of music; to members of the Christ Church Choir and our choral scholars; to our deacons, Donna Arellano and Gen Grewell; to our Children's Formation leaders, Christi McCarren and David Pierce; to our Daily Prayer Team leaders, Rod Blackburn, Mary Hanneman, Robert Hicker, and Barbara Williams; to Lee MacClellan and the Literary Arts Group; and to the many volunteers who faithfully serve as ushers, lectors, acolytes, eucharistic ministers, members of the altar guild, coffee hour providers, liturgical artists, gardeners, parish life and hospitality ministers, and Community Service members. And let us give thanks to the members of our Parish Profile Team: Anne Avery, Ron Fields, Don Johnson, Brianne Knudson, Vikki Pierson, and Sue Stibbe.

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Christ Church Parish



Friday, September 16, 2022

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Upcoming Events

- ***Moving Forward Sunday, September 18***
- Godly Play begins, September 18
- Sign up for Small Group Dinners, September 18 & 25
- Adult Formation, September 19
- Jazz in the Courtyard, September 24
- Sounds Wonderful Drum Circle, September 25
- Coffee with the Wardens, September 25
- Resisting an Ancient Hatred Today, September 29
- Christ Church Underground, October 2
- Blessing of the Animals, October 2

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.

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**.

Christ Church Prayer List

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:

Christi McCarren; Stephen Behr; Doug Dahlgren; Christinna Olsson; Pat Trytten; Melissa Glick, Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Elin Gratton; Leslie Brooks and her children; 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:

Elizabeth II; David Burton Grimes; Fred A. Heyn and Jan Shoop.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Christopher's, Olympia • St. John's/San Juan, Olympia

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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[Christ Church Calendar](#) • [Next Week at Christ Church](#)

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

There will be **only one Eucharist** celebrated on **Sunday, September 18, Moving Forward Sunday, at 10:30 AM**. The 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist will resume the following Sunday, September 25.

New Liturgical Music and Return of Regular Choir

In the service at 10:30am this Sunday you will notice several changes from previous weeks. One of those changes is a new musical setting of the liturgy: gone are the familiar tunes of "Allein Gott" for the Hymn of Praise, and the "Land of Rest" for the Sanctus. Instead, we're moving forward with a new musical setting for the "Glory to God," "Holy Holy," and the Fraction Anthem, written by Peter Crisafulli. It is a very lively and singable setting.

Peter Crisafulli is organist and choir-master at All Saints Church in Chevy Chase, MD. Many of his compositions have been published and are in widespread use throughout the USA.

This Sunday we welcome back the choir (who will lead the congregation in the singing of the new liturgy). With the choir, we also welcome the Choral Scholars: a welcome back to **Larissa Gaulke, soprano**, student at University of Puget Sound; **Rae Hyra, alto**, student at Pacific Lutheran University; **Jack Burrows, bass**, recent graduate of Tacoma Community College, and currently a student at PLU; and a new welcome to **TJ Wheeler, tenor**, a recent graduate of PLU. Together with myself at the organ or piano, I hope that all together we can be a meaningful part of the worship service.

~ Paul Tegels

Spiritual Gifts Inventory

The United Methodists have produced a helpful inventory that allows one to see a bit more clearly what one's gifts or abilities are within a Christian context. Answer the questions asked and then wait for a moment: a report on your spiritual gifts will appear. Our only regret: there are no questions that can help one discern the gift of ironing altar linens! Here's the link: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en> Why not take the inventory before our Ministry Fair on **Sunday, October 8?**

Adult Formation



Thursday, September 29

Antisemitism in Church and Society

The alarming increase in hate speech and hate crimes directed at Jewish communities in the U.S. has prompted the PLU Religion Department to select this theme for its annual Fall conference. **Fr. Torvend** has been organizing the conference since April 2022. You are welcome to register and join any or all of the conference on **Thursday, September 29**, beginning at 1:00 PM in PLU's Scandinavian Cultural Center or watching online. The conference is free and open to the public. **Fr. Torvend** will be speaking at 1:00 PM on "How congregations can resist antisemitism." Here's the link: <https://www.plu.edu/lutheran-studies-conference/>

Adult Formation

Mondays, October 10, 17, and 24

Seeing Jesus: Sacred Art as a Dimension of Faith

7 PM on Zoom with **Don Johnson**

Over the centuries the story of Jesus has been told in words -- and in pictures. How do we "read" this rich visual part of our heritage? Join together in exploring the meaning and value of selected images of Jesus for the life of faith. Information on registration will appear in an upcoming edition of *The Weekly*.

Thursday, October 13

Christian Faith and Animal Rights

7 PM in the Parish Library with **Dustin Crummert**

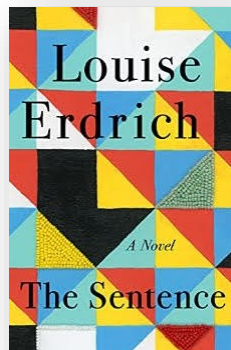
On Sunday, October 2, we will celebrate the Blessing of Animals in the courtyard. Flowing from that blessing, we are glad to announce that Dr. Dustin Crummert, Christ Church worshipper and professor of philosophy at UWT, will lead a discussion on October 13 concerning Christian faith and animal rights. Dustin says: *Some influential schools of Christian thought have held that we have no, or only very minimal, obligations to animals. But if we consult sources like reason, the Bible, or Jesus, this turns out to be false, and the result is that we should often treat animals differently than we currently do. Save the date for what will be a fascinating and enlightening discussion.*



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

Sunday School meets from **September 18** through early June. We use the **Godly Play** curriculum to develop and nurture faith formation in our children.

Please meet Children's Formation Leaders **Christi McCarren** and **David Pierce** in the Narthex at 10:30 am on the 18th so that we can head to the Wells Hall Sunday

School rooms together.

What's Godly Play? A Virtual Introduction 10/22/22

A Virtual Introduction to Godly Play will take place on **Saturday, October 22**, from 12:00noon to 1:30pm. We have purchased registrations for two individuals to attend. Please contact [Christi McCarren](#) by email or 253.677.8227 if you are interested.

Service

Little Food Pantry

Do you know anyone named Hope? A beautiful name – first used by the English Puritans (along with the names Faith and Charity). Hope is great name, despite there being a TV character named Hope who is anything but hopeful. The Spanish name Esperanza, hope, is equally sonorous. If you look at the word Esperanza you might see a connection to the word *desperate*, which really means without hope. Desperate, despair, desperados! We Christians are a people of hope, but we know there are countless

desperate people in the world and plenty around the corner. We can help the homeless in many ways, but specifically we can help with some food in the Little Pantry. Food brings relief, perhaps a sense of hope to those going through tough times. Non-perishable, nutritious food helps!

~ **The Little Pantry Team**

Veterans' Village FOB Hope Meal

Christ Church will again be providing a meal for the veterans living in the Veterans' Village FOB Hope in Tacoma, on Monday, September 26th. This time, we will be cooking a BBQ dinner for them! Burgers, potato salad, baked beans, and all the fixin's.

On **Sunday, September 25**, we will be doing some prep after the 10:30 service. We'll need a few pairs of helping hands to slice tomatoes, onions, and lettuce. Please join us in the kitchen!

On **Monday, September 26**, we'll head over to the Village to cook and serve. We can use one or two people to join us there as well. If you'd like to participate, let [Deacon Donna](#) or [Deacon Gen](#) know.

FOB Hope provides a safe place for previously homeless veterans to live while providing them with case management for the purpose of getting them into more permanent housing.

Community

Sunday, October 8

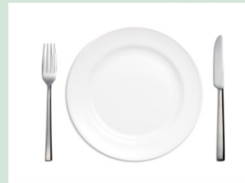
Ministry Fair

11:45 AM in Wells Hall

Prior to the pandemic, we held a Ministry Fair during coffee hour in Wells Hall and - guess what? - we're doing it again as we move forward into Autumn! If your group or ministry would like to host a table where you present visually what your ministry is about, kindly send an email to parish administrator, [Deborah Breneman](#) no later than Wednesday, October 4. Your table will need to be ready to go before the 10:30 Holy Eucharist ends on October 8. We have many newcomers and visitors who just might be interested in your particular ministry.

SMALL GROUP DINNERS

There's a place set for you.



If you're interested in being a part of Small Group Dinners this fall, please sign up at the glass table in the entry way or at a designated table at coffee hour. Sign up will occur September 11, 18, or 25. Questions? Call or text Sandy Johanson, 253.905.1051.

Community

Jazz in the Courtyard (Wells Hall) continues this next **Saturday, September 24, at 7:30pm**, featuring **Cassio Vianna**, Jazz Piano, and **Jeff Chang**, Saxophone. Suggested \$10 donation will be gratefully accepted at the door.

The PNW is fortunate to have a thriving jazz community, of which Christ Church's concerts are just one small part. "...We residents of the Pacific Northwest are very lucky. The ecosystem is everything, and all the interconnected activity is what makes any art form vibrant and alive. Many people, when they think of jazz and modern creative music,



Jeff Chang, saxophonist

might think of New York, but our area has one of the most fertile and active communities in the country." (Luthringer, Andrew. [**"Alive and Well: Jazz & Community in the PNW."**](#) Earshot Jazz, 31 Oct. 2017) Indeed, the world-renowned [**Earshot Jazz Festival**](#), which takes place all around Seattle this year from October 8 through November 6, features artists from a wide variety of jazz genres, including big band music, gospel,

and even today's hip hop.

[**Cassio Vianna**](#), who is the Director of Jazz Studies at PLU, is not only a jazz pianist, he is also an award-winning composer, music educator and jazz scholar. His most recent album, the CD *Infância* (Cassio Vianna Jazz Orchestra 2017) features his recent compositions for jazz big band. He performs regularly with the PLU Regency Jazz Ensemble, the Tom Bergeron Brasil Band, the Vianna Bergeron Brazilian Jazz, and as an accompanist with singer Sherry Alves.

In addition to being a freelance saxophonist all around the PNW, **Jeff Chang** is a frequent clinician and master class teacher, and is the band director at Decatur High School in Federal Way, along with acting as the Jazz Curriculum Officer for the Washington Music Educator Association.

Please join us for this outstanding presentation of Jazz. If the weather is not cooperating, we will be in Wells Hall.



Cassio Vianna, jazz pianist



JAZZ IN THE COURTYARD

with Cassio Vianna, piano
and Jeff Chang, Sax

24 SEPTEMBER 2022

7:30PM

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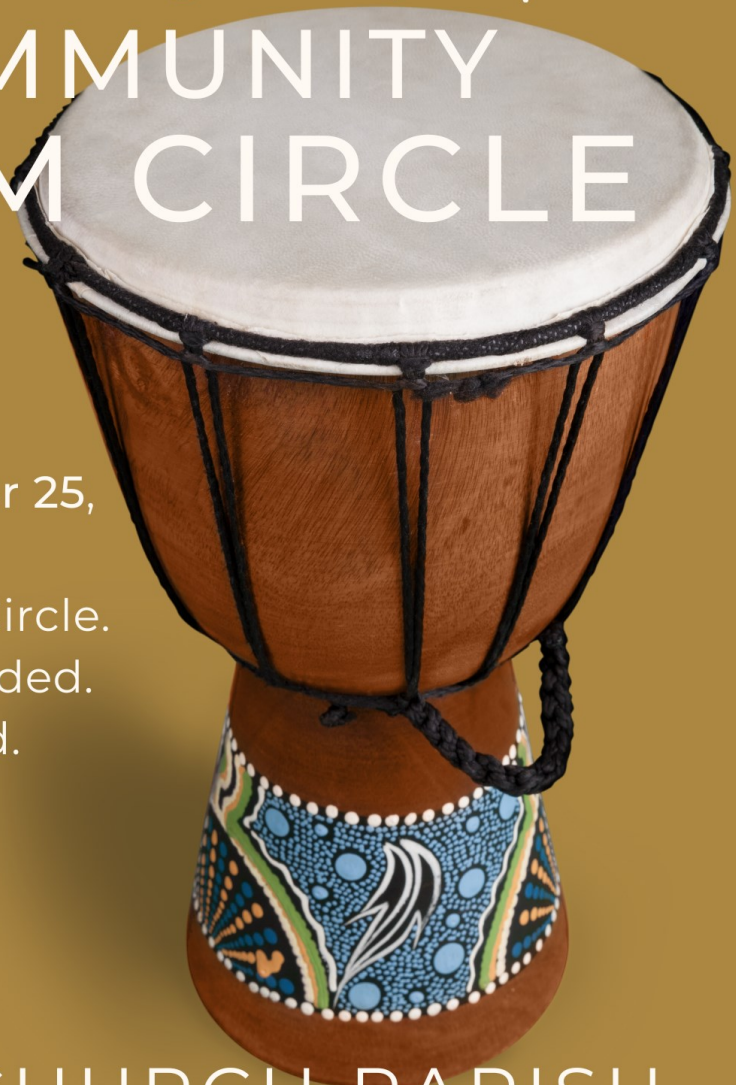
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\$10 Suggested Donation
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Sounds Wonderful
COMMUNITY
DRUM CIRCLE

Join us
Sunday, September 25,
at noon
for our next Drum Circle.
No experience needed.
Drums provided.



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Coffee

with the Wardens



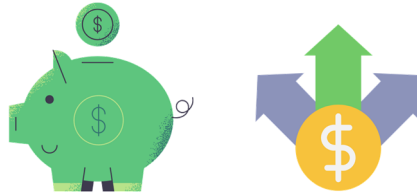
Last Sunday of each Month

Join us for coffee, tea, and conversation
with

Christi McCarren, Sr. Warden, and/or
Nancy Gow Knudsen, Jr. Warden

MEET IN THE CHURCH

[View the August Budget Report](#)



Christ Church

Under ground

Meet Sr. Warden Christi McCarren outside Wells Hall for a fun, fact-filled tour of the Christ Church campus.



Sunday, October 2,
following the 10:30 am
Eucharist

Blessing of the ANIMALS

*You are welcome to bring your pet to the
courtyard. Treats for humans
and pets provided.*

Sunday, October 2
4:00pm

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Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 18, 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

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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