

# Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

## A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

**W**e continue to meet visitors and returning newcomers each Sunday at Christ Church. And our attendance at worship nudges up a bit each week. As we mentioned in our adult formation gathering this past Monday evening, *the Spirit is drawing people to Christ Church*. Is this not a good reason for giving thanks - making Eucharist - each Sunday? The question is: are we showing long-timers and newcomers how they might become engaged in our common life?

On Sunday, October 9, we will hold a Ministry Fair in Wells Hall after the 10:30 Holy Eucharist. Yes, there will be refreshments but seating will more than likely be around the circumference of the hall as individual tables will be reserved for groups who are eager to display and discuss their particular ministry at Christ Church. If you and your group would like to reserve a table, 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 9. We have newcomers, visitors, and long-timers who just might be interested in joining your particular form of service at Christ Church or in the city.

MOVING  
*forward*

## Christ Church Parish



Friday, September 23, 2022

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### Upcoming Events

- Eucharistic Minister/Visitor Training, September 24
- Jazz in the Courtyard, September 24
- Sign up for Small Group Dinners, September 25
- Coffee with the Wardens, September 25
- Sounds Wonderful Drum Circle, September 25
- Veterans' Village Food Prep, September 25
- Veterans' Village Food Service, September 26
- Resisting an Ancient Hatred Today, September 29
- Christ Church Underground, October 2
- Blessing of the Animals October 2
- Ministry Fair October 9
- Secular Book Club, October 14

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:

Mark Nassutti; Christi McCarren; Stephen Behr; Doug Dahlgren; Christinna Olsson; Pat Trytten; Melissa Glick, Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Elin Gratton; Leslie Brooks and her children; 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; and Fred A. Heyn.

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. David of Wales/San David de Gales, Shelton

Chaplains on the Harbor, Westport

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

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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

### 8:30am Holy Eucharist 9/25

The 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist will resume this Sunday.

### Blessing of Teachers

If you are a teacher or professor, a substitute teacher or school administrator, a leader of Godly Play or leading an Adult Formation class, please know that we will offer a blessing after the Peace at this Sunday's 10:30 AM Eucharist.

### Announcements

We have moved short notices to the end of the liturgy. This slight change was made in order to maintain the flow of the liturgy and its transforming presence in our lives (if you seek the science on flow and transformation, just ask **Fr. Torvend**). At the same time, we tend to remember a short announcement at the end of the liturgy as we leave the church. If, however, you have an announcement of *one or two sentences* and *if there is room in the worship program*, please write it up and send it in an [email to Deborah Breneman](#), Parish Administrator, no later than Wednesday for inclusion in Sunday's worship bulletin.

### Eucharistic Minister and Visitor Training

*Eucharistic Ministers* are asked to come to the Parish Library on Saturday, September 24, from 10 to 11:30 AM for training with **Fr. Torvend** and **Ms. Sue Tait** from the diocesan office. *Eucharistic Visitors* are asked to come to the Parish Library on the 24th from 12 NOON to 1:30 PM for training. Keep in mind that *these two ministries need to be certified by the diocese*. Both those who are new to these ministries and those who have served in them previously are asked to attend.

### A good practice

For those who remain in the church to listen to the postlude: to offer thanks for the postlude played at the end of the 10:30 liturgy, our practice has been to offer a hearty spoken AMEN, rather than clapping, once the organist has finished.

## Adult Formation

### 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) <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en> Why not take the inventory before our Ministry Fair on **Sunday, October 9**?



# 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



# 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/) <https://www.plu.edu/lutheran-studies-conference/>

## 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. Register for this engaging conversation by sending an [email to Fr. Torvend](#) no later than Thursday, October 6.

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**

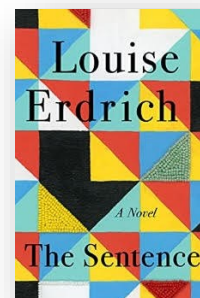
**6:30pm**, at the home of

**Sandy and Ronn Johanson**

to discuss *The Sen-*

*tence: A Novel* by Louise Erdrich. Newcomers are welcome!

Questions? [Contact Don Johnson.](#)



## Children's Formation

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 miss things you have given away? It's a funny thing, isn't it. Some things we have had for years which we give away carry memories for a long time. But most of the time we give and never miss it - or them. Somehow we adjust and usually the gift is forgotten. Giving is part of our heritage as followers of Jesus Christ. You know, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son." Loving-kindness. Charity. That's the principle behind the Little Pantry and a myriad of other causes.

Giving: it doesn't hurt. It 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 9**

### 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 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 9. We have many newcomers and visitors who just might be interested in your particular ministry.

## Community

### Jazz in the Courtyard (Wells Hall)

Tomorrow, Saturday, September 24, at 7:30 pm, **Jazz in Courtyard** - but given cooler days, probably Jazz in Wells Hall - will feature **Cassio Vianna**, pianist and head of the jazz program at PLU, and **Jeff Chang** on the saxophone. Suggested donation in check or cash of \$10. If you're dealing with budget constraints, no worries: be sure join us for an evening of great music.

### Blessing of the Animals

You are most welcome to bring your pet to the church courtyard on **Sunday, October 2, at 4:00 pm**. Each pet will receive its own blessing and you'll receive a certificate that acknowledges the blessing to take home. Our terrific Parish Life Team will have refreshments for humans and pets. Consider inviting neighbors, friends, and work colleagues to bring their pets to Christ Church.



**JAZZ IN THE COURTYARD**  
with Cassio Vianna, piano  
and Jeff Chang, Sax

**24 SEPTEMBER 2022**  
7:30PM

**Christ Church Parish**  
310 North K Street  
Tacoma, WA 98403

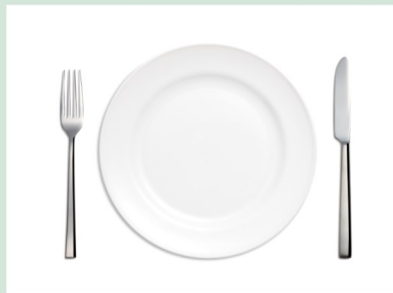
253.383.1569  
[christchurchtacoma.org](http://christchurchtacoma.org)  
[info@christchurchtacoma](mailto:info@christchurchtacoma)

\$10 Suggested Donation  
cash/check

**Last  
Sunday!**

## 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.

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH PRESENTS

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# FALL MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, October 9 | 11:45 am

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*Find your calling at Christ Church.*

Coffee, tea, and treats for all.

**Christ Church Wells Hall**

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## Mysteries of the Columbarium

The Christ Church Columbarium, located below the chapel in Trinity House has been in use since 1958. It is a quiet and peaceful place where our loved ones are honored. There are 180 niches, with many holding the ashes of multiple people. We have a map/directory of who is interred in each niche, as well as which niches are reserved.

As with any institution with a long history, there is sometimes missing information. While updating the Columbarium Map, we discovered a few gaps. There are people with reserved spaces listed on the map for whom we have no current knowledge.

So we are turning to collective knowledge and memory of the parish to see if we can fill those gaps.

In the oldest portion of the columbarium we have empty niches reserved for people who are no longer in our parish list. Assuming that these people have already died and been interred somewhere else, we would like to free up those empty niches to allow interment of new people. But first we would like to know if anyone has information about these former members of our family.

Rev Bryan Fry

Meredith Doran

Mary Cooke - the last information in our records dates from 1989

Olga Whitewall

ashes of one or more people and the map/directory indicates reservations for additional people. Some of these people are not in our current directory, so we wonder if they may have died and been interred elsewhere. If you have any information about these people, please help us update records

Catherine Brooks

J Crumby

Danny Hermosillo

Helen Newland

Dick Turbak

We are looking forward to learning about these people who were once a part of our family.

~ Cynthia Anthony

**Note: If you have information on any of these people, please see Cynthia Anthony on a Sunday or contact the Parish Administrator [by email](#) or phone at 253.383.1569, ext. 101.**



If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.

~ Margaret Fuller

AZ QUOTES

We have a number of niches which hold the

## 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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### Inviting Friends and Family to Christ Church Events—

If you would like mini posters to hand out to your family and friends, feel free to take some from the glass table in the Church entry, or drop by the Parish Office to pick some up. You are welcome to have as many as you need!



*What is our Christian obligation to animals?*

# CHRISTIAN FAITH AND ANIMAL RIGHTS

A discussion with  
Dr. Dustin Crummert, PhD

Thursday, October 13  
7:00pm



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# Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma  
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 25, 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](http://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar)

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 Schedule

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