

# Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

Christ Church Parish • Friday, June 30, 2023

## A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

### Royal School of Church Music, Sunday, July 2

If you'd like to support the work of RSCM with young choristers, please bring a check to church on Sunday, made out to RSCM West and place it in a pew envelope. Mark the envelope, RSCM. Or put cash in the envelope and mark it RSCM. Or use the QR code found on the glass table in the entryway and make a digital donation directly to RSCM.

### Christ Church at Tacoma Pride, Saturday, July 8

If you have two (2) hours to sit at our parish booth at the downtown Pride festival - greeting people and handing out our parish postcard - please sign up at the sheet on the glass table in the entryway. We have three shifts: 12 Noon to 2; 2 to 4; and 4 to 6 PM. This is such an easy way to make our parish known in the larger Tacoma community: *thousands of people* come to the Pride Festival each year. Pacific Avenue between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets.

### Thank you, Ron Fields!

A big thank you to Ron Fields for leading the tour of our Christ Church interior on June 25. We had a big crowd and many questions regarding our space. Remember that you are welcome to walk *behind the altar* after the 10:30 Eucharist to get a good view of the stained glass that is frequently hidden from view if sitting toward the church entry.

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## Upcoming Events

- Tacoma Contra Dance, **July 1**
- RSCM at Christ Church, **July 2**
- Evening Prayer and Supper, **July 5**
- Tacoma Pride Festival, **July 8**
- Earth Ministry, **July 9**
- Tacoma Contra Dance, **July 15**
- Food Pack Assembly, **July 16**
- Vestry Meeting, **July 18**
- Third Friday Concert, **July 21**
- Art on the Ave., **July 23**



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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**.

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:

King Schoenfeld; Barbara Pasi; Steve Oakman; Dylan Hays; Greta Johnson; Tammy Hess and Family, Tim Williams; Patty Botkin; Liz Heath; Robert Reeves; Miri Hindes; Christina Amos; Dick Gregory; Stephen Behr; and Danielle Olsson.

**Those who have died in Christ, who holds us in life and death, and all who grieve for them:** Ann Young Simon; Natasha Oakman; Betty Sporrer; and Dori Conklin.

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Aiden's, Camano Island • Transfiguration, Darrington

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil – Province

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### Christ Church Calendar

To submit an article to the *Christ Church Weekly*, contact the **Parish Administrator**. Articles must be submitted by Tuesdays 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.

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# Worship. Formation. and Service

## The Funeral Service for Ann Young Simon, Saturday, August 12

I have been in communication with Ann's dear family. The funeral Eucharist with reception to follow will be on Saturday, August 12. The Eucharist will begin at 10:30 in the morning.

## Worship 101

A parishioner asked me why I don't "begin" the service with a cheery "Good morning, everyone!" The answer is simple, but often overlooked by eager beaver clergy: we don't gather in the name of the priest who announces his or her personal greeting, but rather in the Name of God. It is *not* the priest's liturgy, but the worship of the people of God who have been gathered by God's Spirit. Thus, to signal clearly that we are gathered in the awesome presence of the creator of heaven and earth, we sing, "Blessed be God."

## Sunday, July 9 11:45 am in the Parish Library Earth Ministry

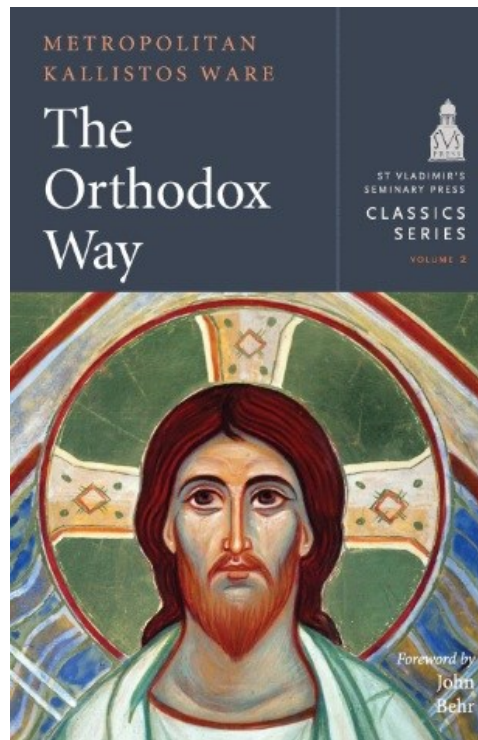
Join Keah Callucie who will discuss the benefits of Christ Church becoming a partner parish with Earth Ministry in our ongoing work to become Green Parish.

## Sunday, July 23

6:30 pm

## Monthly Reading Group

The Monthly Reading Group will meet next at **6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 23**, at the home of Sandy and Ronn Johanson to discuss *The Orthodox Way* by Kallistos Ware. (There will be no meeting in the month of June.) Questions? Contact [Don Johnson](#).



## Summer Choir

If you'd like to participate in the pick-up choir, sign-up [here](#) for the Sunday(s) that you can participate. The sign-up is also available in hard-copy in the narthex. There is a separate sign-up for each Sunday. Contact me with any questions! Thank you, ~[Paul Tegels](#),  
**Interim Director of Music**

## Call for Volunteers!

Are you looking for a once-every-five-weeks job with big impact? Coffee hour teams would benefit from a few extra people! These teams set up for coffee hour, bring goodies to share, and help clean up afterwards. If you would like to join a team, please contact Sandy Johanson by text 252-905-1051 or by [email](#).

## Flower Donations

We have some spots available for altar flower donations in the upcoming weeks. The sign-up list is located in the Narthex. Once you sign up, you will be contacted by the Parish Office for your flower acknowledgement, which will be printed in our weekly bulletin. Thanks so much!

## Community Service Leadership Team (CSLT) needs new members

The CSLT is looking to add a couple of new members. This ministry focuses primarily on hunger and shelter issues of our neighbors. Two current examples of CSLT lead projects are the Little Free Pantry (along K Street) and the monthly meals served at the Veterans Village.

If you are interested in being involved in leading our parish's efforts in these areas, please email [Len Johnson](#) or in person following a Sunday service to learn more. Thanks. ~ **Len Johnson**



# Service and Community

## The Little Pantry

The project is going well: Food is supplied, hungry people help themselves. But the supply often runs out. Your help is needed. How many things in life we would attend to if they were brought to our attention? *Here's an attention-bringer:* After you read this note, go RIGHT NOW and grab something (nourishing, non-perishable) from your food stash and put it in the car to take to church. You will be pleased to see it presented at the altar with other gifts.

## Food Packs Live Again

Remember those quart bags with a can of food and juice and a nutrition bar we used to assemble? Well, as noted, they are back. You will be able to pick up one or two food packs every week to carry in your car or in your backpack, and hand them to people in need on street corners or doorways—anywhere. There is also the joy of assembling the packs. Assemble day is July 16 right after church. Watch for more food pack news in the weeks ahead.



On Monday, we had a fun cook-out at FOB Hope (aka Veteran's Village). Len flipped burgers, while Hector, Linda Johnson, and Deacon Donna served up potato salad and desserts. We all had a good time chatting and mingling with the Vets



Burger Meister Len Johnson at Veterans Village

and staff. Many came back for seconds (and thirds?). We and they look forward to this event each year, where we get to spend a bit more time with the residents.

Speaking of looking forward, we are always seeking more volunteers. This is such a fun ministry – that means so much to the Vets.

Hector Arellano helping serve dinner at Veterans Village (left)

# Service and Community

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We can use some cooks for when we cook in the kitchen on Sundays. Note that the menus are already planned and the ingredients purchased – you would just be cooking. We always enjoy our time in the kitchen – I think kitchens are used as much for socializing as for cooking!

And if you want to see what the Village is like, you can join us when we deliver the dinner on Mondays. Summer is a great time to do this – because the weather (usually!) cooperates, there is more interaction with the residents than during the cold, wet winter months.

Our upcoming meals are on July 24, August 28, September 25, and October 23 (with cooking on the previous Sundays). Please join us as you can!!!

~Deacon Donna



The Wells Hall Work Crew on June 24



The very last of the red chairs is sent on its way.

## Work Party Fun on June 24

A great crew of hearty workers (above) conquered the mound of red chairs one by one until they were all gone last Saturday, June 24. Over 4,100 pounds of the chairs, broken furniture, and trash were taken to the dump. Thank you one and all for all your hard work!

## ONE PARISH ONE PRISONER

***I am thrilled to announce the official launch of the One Parish One Prisoner ministry at Christ Church!!***

This ministry, sponsored by Underground Ministries, is to befriend one person being released from prison into our area. For one year, we will build a relationship with our new friend, and educate ourselves about their journey and how we can (and cannot) help. Then, we will walk with them for the first year of their release, assisting as we can but mostly providing a safe, non-judgmental space for them as they move forward. For more information, you can go to <https://undergroundministries.org/opop>.

We have formed our core team, who are: Barbara Williams, Fran Blair, Sandy Johanson, Vikke Pierson, Elin Gratton, Peach McDouall, Pat Chen, Linda Johnson, and myself. I am immensely grateful for these folks, and am honored to take this journey with you.

I am also humbled by how many of you have contacted me to ask how you can be part of this effort, but not be on the core team. Since one of our first tasks will be to write letters or notes to our releasing friend, we could use donations of stationery or notecards, and stamps. As other needs arise, I will reach out. Of course, we need any and all prayer warriors – both for our team and for our friend.

And a final expression from my heart. This is not a easy ministry, and many churches do not take it on. Being open to embrace someone from prison

can be difficult. But here at Christ Church, I have been met with nothing but support and encouragement from the first time that I mentioned it. First from Father

Sam, then from the Vestry and staff, and from all of you. This is truly a congregation that is full of compassion for all. Thank you!

***~Deacon Donna***

## Search Committee Update

Christ Church Tacoma's Rector Search Committee has completed the following:

- 1) Development of the Job Description, based largely on the Profile, for posting purposes.
- 2) Posting of our opening on the Diocese of Olympia's "Office for Transition Ministries" and the "Episcopal News" websites (both closed as of June 2).
- 3) Development of the evaluation criteria and related scoring approach for the applicant written material we will receive from the diocese following their vetting process.
- 4) Draft of the Applicant Interview Questions and related Scoring approach we will use.

We are now waiting to receive the vetted applicant written information. The timing of receiving this information is dependent on the number of applicants the diocese has received overall and the number that are from outside the Diocese of Olympia (since vetting those takes more time). Once we have the written information, the Search Committee will review it to determine which applicants we will interview.

***~Shelby Clayson,  
Search Committee Reporter***



# Community

## **RSCM West is back!**

RSCM West is an ecumenical, week-long choral course focused on church music. Bringing together children and adults from across the United States, this course is part of the Royal School of Church Music, and has been based in the Pacific Northwest since 2015. You are invited to join us for two liturgies led by the musicians of RSCM West: Vespers on **Friday, June 30, 4:00 pm** at St. James' Cathedral, Seattle, and Choral Eucharist on **Sunday, July 2, 10:30 am** at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma. The music will be led by director Melanie Malinka of The Madeleine Choir School, Salt Lake City, Utah, and organist Susan Jane Matthews of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame, California. All are welcome - join us!



*The Royal School of Church  
Music in America presents*

**JUNE 30, 4:00 PM**  
**CHORAL  
VESPERS**  
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL  
804 9TH AVE, SEATTLE

**JULY 2, 10:30 AM**  
**CHORAL  
EUCCHARIST**  
CHRIST CHURCH  
310 N K ST. TACOMA

[www.rscmwest.org](http://www.rscmwest.org)



# Community

**Welcome back to Tim Williams, our Sexton, who returns this Saturday, July 2. We are INCREDIBLY happy for his return!**

**Please note that your help is needed this Sunday to make sure there are enough tables and chairs set up in Wells Hall for Coffee Hour.  
Thank you!**

Starting this coming week, Tim's "weekends" will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays so that he will be on the premises for events on Fridays and Saturdays.

## Parish Office Hours

Our Parish Office hours are still Monday—Thursday, from 10:00am—1:00pm, and **by appointment**. We are not available from 1:00pm—2:00pm. Please do call ahead if you would like help during non-office hours, as we can't guarantee anyone will be available and we don't wish to miss your visit. Call 253.383.1569 x 101 to make sure we are here!

## KUDOS to Nancy Gow Knudsen

Thank you, Nancy, for cleaning and organizing the Pantry, unpacking dishes, and cleaning each and every corner and niche of the kitchen that hadn't been cleaned in our last work party. Drop by the Pantry to see how beautifully organized everything is!



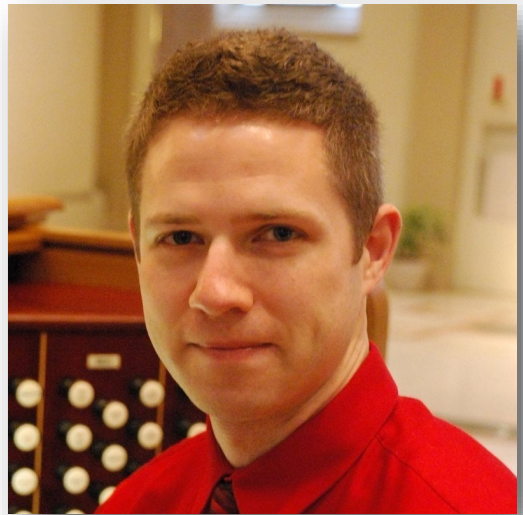
New soup bowls have been unpacked and put perfectly in place, (above) and serving bowls are now all neat and tidy (right).





## *third friday* concerts @ Christ Church

Our next **Third Friday Concert** on **Friday, July 21**, will present organist Jonathan Young. Mr. Young is Director of Music at the Catholic Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in Champaign, Illinois and accompanist for the Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana. Originally from Moses Lake, Washington, Jonathan holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, a Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music, and completed doctoral coursework at the University of Illinois. He will perform music of Tunder, Buxtehude, and Bach. Join us at **12:10pm** for this afternoon concert. Donations gratefully accepted at the door.



Organist Jonathan Young, appearing July 21 at 12:10pm.



I am hopeful that your 2nd Quarter Donation Reports will be emailed this coming week. Those of you who do not have a registered email address will receive a snail-mailed copy. If you did not receive an emailed copy last quarter, be sure we have your email address in our system to save postage. Thank you!  
~Deborah B.

Saturday, July 8

12 Noon to 6 PM

## Tacoma Pride

Christ Church will be present at the Tacoma Pride Festival, letting the public know that we welcome persons who identify as LGBTQ to our parish - as well as their allies. Would you be able to spend one hour greeting people and handing out our parish postcard? If so, **please sign up** at the glass table in the church entry way. This is a very **easy way** to make our presence known to hundreds of people who would not normally walk through our church doors.





## Jam is Back!

**The Daily Office Ministry has fresh strawberry jam made from Duris Farm Strawberriess. We plan to make other flavors later this summer. Jam will soon be available for a donation at Sunday coffee hours.**

**The Daily Office Ministry is earmarking donations this year to re-finish the floors in the Fireplace Room of Wells Hall.**



Nancy Gow Knudsen, Mary Hanneman, and Rodney Blackburn in the midst of berries.



## Worship at Christ Church

### 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](https://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar)

### Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

July 2, 2023

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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