

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

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A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

Listening to the earth

I write this message from my room in the guesthouse of Saint John's Abbey and University. I am attending the second of three conferences in Minnesota, this second one devoted to monastic spirituality in the modern world. The Rule of Saint Benedict begins with this word, "Listen." What the Rule does not say but implies is this: "Be quiet, be silent so that you can actually hear another voice."



From my guestroom window, I can see Lake Sagatagan through the trees. It is a beautiful sight. Such is not the case in other parts of the nation: flooding in Vermont; catastrophic heat throughout the southern tier of the US; smoke flowing down from Canadian forest fires. Things are actually burning up (take a look at Arizona).

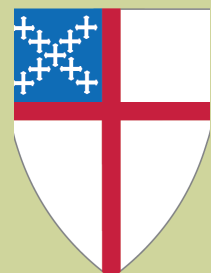
The Rule says, Listen. I encourage us to listen well to what the earth is telling us. And then having listened, let us consider local, state, and federal leaders as we come closer to an election year: are they working vigorously to reduce climate change by ending dependence on fossil fuels? And are we doing whatever we can to reduce our use of fossil fuels that are heating the planet, reducing our dependence so that humans, animals, fish, birds, seas, coral reefs, and glaciers might not only survive but also flourish in the years ahead? The earth is speaking. Let us listen.

Upcoming Events

- Tacoma Contra Dance, **July 15**
- Food Pack Assembly, **July 16**
- Vestry Meeting, **July 18**
- Third Friday Concert, **July 21**
- Art on the Ave.,
Veterans Village Food Prep,
Monthly Reading Group, **July 23**
- Veterans Village Food Delivery,
July 24
- CSLT Meeting, **July 25**
- Tacoma Bach Festival, **July 28**
- Jazz in the Courtyard, **July 29**
- Tour of Christ Church,
Parish BBQ, **July 30**
- Evening Prayer and Supper, **August 2**



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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:

Robyn Potter; Leslie Brooks; Barbara Pasi; Steve Oakman; Tammy Hess and Family, 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; and Betty Sporrer.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of Canada

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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

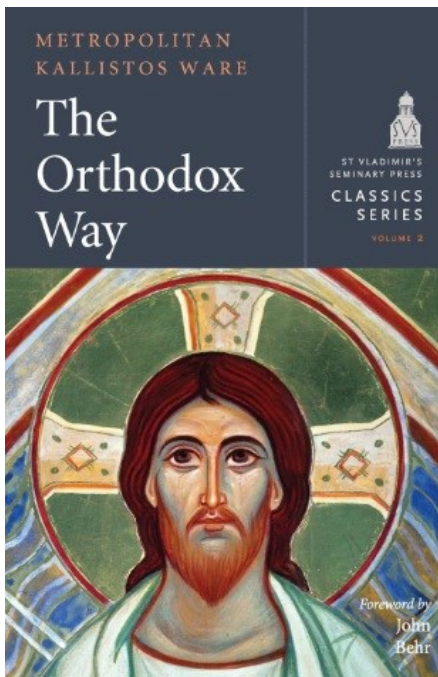
I have been in communication with Ann's dear family. The funeral Eucharist with reception to follow will be on **Saturday, August 12**. The Eucharist will begin at 10:30 in the morning.

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](#) or in the Narthex for the Sunday(s) that you can participate. There is a separate sign-up for each Sunday. Contact me with any questions! Thank you, [~Paul Tegels](#),
Interim Director of Music

Food Packs Live Again

Friends - next **Sunday, July 16** is the day we have been waiting for. The Food Pack program will begin after the long Covid hiatus! Right after church you will find the food pack contents laid out on tables for assembly. First the can of food goes in the zip bag, and so forth! People seem to enjoy the assembly, which to be sure doesn't take long. After that the food packs will be in a basket on the stage in Wells Hall. Pick up some to take in your car or to distribute in whatever manner you wish.

See you at the tables on Sunday!

The Little Pantry

The Little Pantry is another way we at Christ Church show that we care about the community, especially those who are hungry. That food is taken regularly from that little pantry on K Street is surely evidence of need. During the week church volunteers ensure that the pantry is stocked. You can help keep the pantry full. Just bring along an item from your pantry next Sunday - or leave something in the little white box during the week. There is joy in giving.



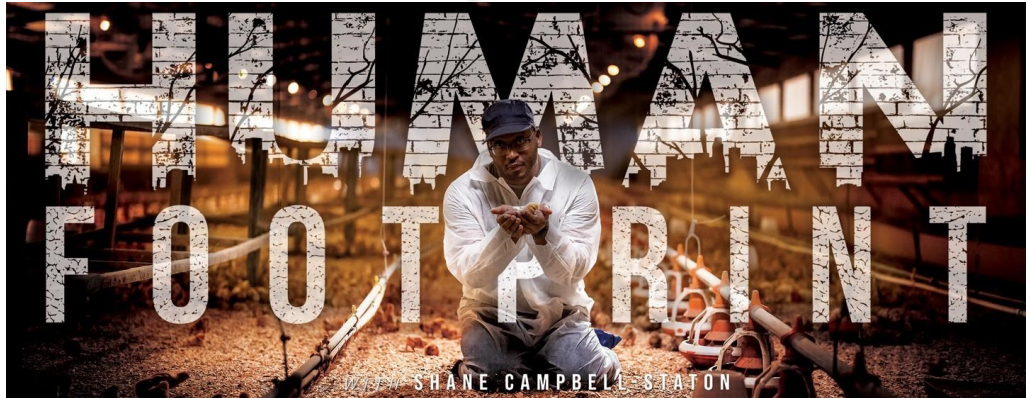
Our next dinner for the veterans living at FOB Hope (aka Veterans Village) is coming up – on **July 24**. Our annual burger cookout is hard to follow. They enjoy it so much! This month we are keeping it light and easy for summer. We'll be serving a chicken taco salad, of course with beverages and desserts. We'll be cooking in the church kitchen on July 23, and delivering the meal on the 24th. You are welcome to join us for either, but if you want to help deliver please let [Deacon Donna](#) know. As always, we need desserts. You can bring them to church on the 23rd. We need to add some folks to our core team for this important and fun ministry. Our core team contributes by planning, cooking, and delivering the meals. You don't have to be available every month, just when you can. Let Deacon Donna know if you'd like to be part of our team!



Community

Our Care for Creation

Our mandate to care for creation is grounded in our worship of God the Creator and includes our taking responsibility to learn about the



natural order and our role in it as stewards of the earth. A current learning resource for this is the PBS documentary series titled *Human Footprint*. This series explores the depth and breadth of human impact on earth as the planet's "top predator." *Human Footprint* is now airing in six one-hour segments on KCTS channel 9 on Wednesdays at 9:00 p.m. The series began on July 5 and runs through August 9. If you miss or want to revisit any of the segments, they are available on demand at PBS Passport.

For more on the series: [New Six-Part Documentary Series HUMAN FOOTPRINT Examines How Humans Have Transformed the Planet \(pbs.org\)](https://www.pbs.org/shows/human-footprint/)

Courtyard

BBQ



you're invited to join us
for our 5th Sunday

Parish BBQ

Sunday, July 30
12:00noon

Please sign up in Narthex to bring a side dish;
we'll provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and
condiments!

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JAZZ IN THE COURTYARD

DMITRI MATHENY &
BILL ANSHELL DUO

Saturday, July 29
7:30PM

Donations gratefully accepted at the door.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH TACOMA, 310 North K Street, Tacoma, WA 98403

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Save the Date! Join Episcopalians from across the Diocese at this exciting new event open to everyone! Gain new resources and support, and spend time learning from and networking with churches from every corner of Western Washington! **Convene 2023** will feature multiple workshop sessions throughout this day-long opportunity for learning and connection, preparing us all for the future of our communi-

ties, helping us discover (and rediscover!) new ideas, and giving us the time and space to share information about programs and ministry opportunities.

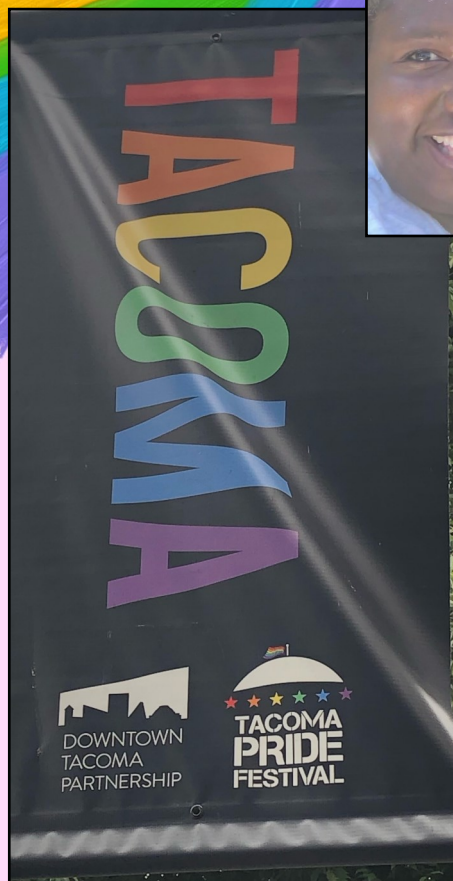


Our next Third Friday concert on **Friday, July 21, at 12:10pm** will feature organist Jonathan Young, with works by Tunder, Buxtehude, and Bach.

Jonathan Young is an organist, choir director, and engineer who lives in Urbana, Illinois. He has degrees in music from Pacific Lutheran University and the Eastman School of Music, finished doctoral coursework at the University of Illinois, and more recently completed an Associate in Engineering Science degree from Parkland College in Champaign. Jon is currently a student in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Illinois, where he anticipates graduating with a second bachelor's degree in 2025.

Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door.





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 16, 2023

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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