

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

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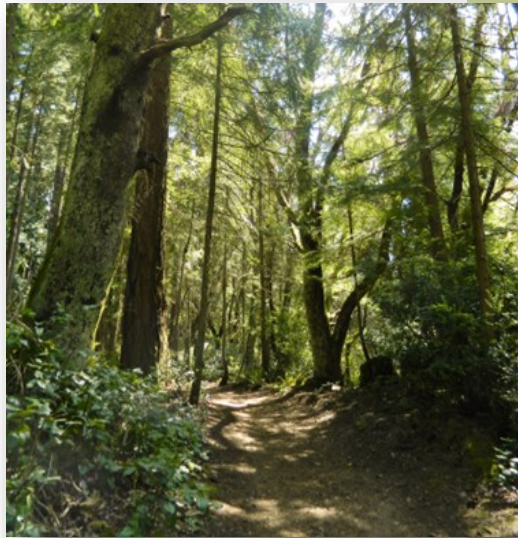
A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

In or out of touch with our local ecology?

I just participated in a week-long conference on worship in the midst of the climate crisis. One of the issues emphasized by a number of presenters bears upon our lives in urban settings: *we tend to have little or no experience of the natural world*. Of course, there are exceptions: some Christ Church members take hikes “into the wild” while others are able to explore those parts of Point Defiance Park that are relatively untouched by human intervention.

Summer is an ideal time to enter into the God’s first gift of grace - our local ecology - and explore its diversity and beauty. I am mindful that my elderly mother, unable to walk through the forest primeval of Point Defiance, was always grateful for the chance, with window down, to take a slow ride through the park (were she alive today, we would do so in an electric vehicle ...).

Would you be interested in joining me for a few hours at Emergency Food Network’s Mother Earth Organic Farm in the Puyallup Valley, working in the soil where vegetables in great variety are grown for free distribution at the many food pantries supplied by EFN? Just let me know. We can organize a work party and have a great time in God’s good creation.

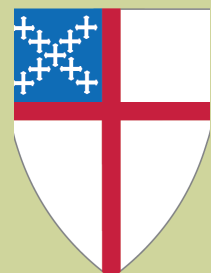


Upcoming Events

- Tacoma Bach Festival, **July 28**
- Jazz in the Courtyard, **July 29**
- Tour of Christ Church, Root Beer Floats!, **July 30**
- Evening Prayer and Supper, **August 2**
- Secular Book Club , **August 10**
- Funeral Service, Ann Simon, **August 12**
- Adult Formation: A Greening Church, **August 13**
- Vestry Meeting, **August 15**
- Tacoma Contra Dance, **August 19**
- Wellspring Ensemble Concert, **August 20**



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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; Tammy Hess and Family, Patty Botkin; Miri Hinds; 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.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Trinity, Everett

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

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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

Evening Prayer and Supper

August 2 at 6:00pm

Join us for the next Evening Prayer this coming **Wednesday at 6:00pm** in either the Library or the Courtyard. Sign up in the Narthex or [contact the office](#) to let us know you will attend.

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

The funeral Eucharist with reception to follow will be on **Saturday, August 12**. The Eucharist will begin at 10:30 in the morning.

Sunday, August 16 12 Noon in the Parish Library Growing a Greening Parish

In light of our July meeting with Keah Callucie from Earth Ministry, we will begin to organize our greening energies in light of our parish model: worship, formation, and service. Join Fr. Torvend as we consider the various ways in which we can actually make a difference in this time of climate change.

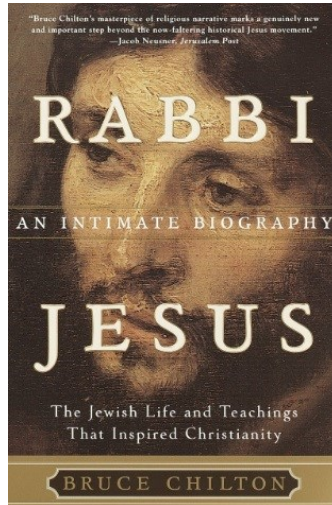
Sunday, September 3 6:30 pm

Monthly Reading Group

The Monthly Reading Group will meet at **6:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 3**, at the home of King and Dee Schoenfeld to discuss *Rabbi Jesus* by Bruce Chilton, New Testament scholar and Episcopal priest.

Note that there will be no meeting in August.

Questions? Contact [Don Johnson](#).



Psalm 8 – Song of Creation Care

Psalm 8 is the first song of praise to God in the Book of Psalms. It is framed by worship of God our Creator (verses 1-2 and 9) and it is built out of the language of the creation story in Genesis (1:1-28). The poet's wonder at the vastness of creation (3-4) leads to a question: why does our Creator "remember" humanity and call us to account like God called out to Adam in the Garden (Genesis 3:9)? The divine answer is that God has "crowned" us with royal responsibility for earth care as God's deputies on earth. That is, God has placed us in the role of exercising dominion (5-6), like the archetypal king celebrated in Psalm 72 for overseeing justice to the lowliest of those in his kingdom.

This is good news: we have been appointed to a royal responsibility before our Maker – to care for the creatures of the earth (6-8).

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

-- A reminder today that the food packs in those quart-sized plastic bag will be found on the stage every week during coffee hour. Feel free to take a couple to have handy when you see someone in need.

The Little Pantry

That little structure on K Street is a sign of love and *actual caring* about those in need if food. We rarely see anyone taking the food, but what does that matter? It's so easy to help. Will you bring something this week?



We cooked and delivered our monthly meal to the vets at FOB Hope (aka Veterans Village) this week. Being summer, we decided to keep it light, so we provided all the fixins for a chicken taco salad:

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lettuce, taco seasoned chicken, black beans tossed with salsa, spanish rice, cheese, sour cream, guac, and chips. Nice cool summer dish. So – of course the temp dropped and it rained! Ah, no problem. They still enjoyed their meal, with desserts (provided by several of you, thank you) and beverages.

This is such an easy and needed ministry. We had a few new folks join us for cooking and delivery. You are always welcome to join us, also. The vets are so appreciative, and we have fun!

~Deacon Donna Arellano



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TACOMA BACH
FESTIVAL

July 28-30

TBF 2023 CONCERTS



THE CHORALE THROUGH THE AGES

Wyatt Smith, organ

Friday, July 28, 7:30 pm

Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

Internationally-acclaimed organist and harpsichordist, Wyatt Smith explores the use of the chorale in music by Bach, Johann Pachelbel, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Brenda Portman, Kristina Langlois, Pamela Ruiter-Feentstra, and Christa Rakich in beautiful Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma...

Admission: \$20 adults/\$15 seniors, children, military. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at www.tacomabachfestival.org.



6th Ave



23rd ANNUAL ART ON THE AVE – July 23, 2023

A festival celebrating local art, artists, music, food, and entertainment, located at 6th Avenue from Alder Street to State Street in Tacoma...and Christ Church was there!!

A big note of thanks to Godly Play teachers, **Ann Welton** and **David Pierce** (above) who joined me to get the word out about Godly Play and Christ Church. I also want to acknowledge the support we received from **Rod** and **Spike Blackburn**. Spike may have been one of our greatest attractions!!
~Christi McCarren



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JAZZ IN THE COURTYARD

DMITRI MATHENY &
BILL ANSHELL DUO

Saturday, July 29
7:30PM

Join us for
**ROOT BEER
FLOATS**

on

Sunday
July 30 • 12:00pm



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Locks and Keys

As our church door locks and keys have grown tired and worn, they have become increasingly difficult for all of us to open. We hope to replace our locks in the near future, but in the meantime, we are not able to provide new keys, nor are we able to replace the locks. Our Sexton, Tim Williams, is available to help you if you need to enter the church. Please contact him 24 hours in advance to arrange access after Parish Office hours. Tim's days off are Tuesday/Wednesday and office staff is able to help on those days. Call Tim at 253.383.1569 x 103 to obtain access anywhere into the church when the office is closed.

Thank you for your understanding.

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New Aprons in the Kitchen—We have new aprons in the kitchen! They have Christ Church and the church logo on the bib. They are stored in a drawer to the right of the coffee maker. Please wear them any time you are catering coffee hour or a reception in the parish hall. We also have eight new dish towels. If they need laundering, leave them in the kitchen after use.

~Pam Vidan

Kickoff for

ONE PARISH  ONE PRISONER

Our new One Parish, One Prisoner Team has commenced with a Kickoff Orientation from the Underground Ministries Coordinator. We are partnered with, and praying for, a young woman named Sunni who will be released sometime next year. This ministry will not be possible without the prayers and support of our whole parish community.

How you can help...We are starting our relationship with her by writing letters. Our first ask: stamps & cheery (blank) greeting cards with envelopes. Drop all donations in the basket in the narthex.

Again, *thanks* from the whole team.

~ Peach McDouall, OPOP Bard

Parking on K Street Sunday Mornings

Beginning Sunday, July 23rd, curb parking in front of the Church Sanctuary will be reserved for parishioners with limited mobility. **Reserved Parking** spaces, on K Street from 4th Street to mid-block, will be designated with orange safety cones as pictured below. The intended purpose of the reserved space is to keep the travel distance short for members and visitors to Christ Church with motor limitations or issues with balance.

~Truman Coggins, Jr. Warden

Search Committee Update

The Search Committee will soon receive the Rector Candidate written applications and will be proceeding with the process of discernment.

~Shelby Clayson,
Search Committee Reporter



Request regarding upcoming Wells Hall Rentals

The Tacoma City Ballet (TCB) will be renting Wells Hall plus several rooms on the second floor (north side) from July 31 - August 18. During that time period, it is critical that we not enter their space when it is in use. If you need access to Wells Hall (ie. Kitchen), it will need to be coordinated with [Deborah](#).

We also ask that you not peer into the windows to watch the dancers practicing as this is very distracting to them. It is actually TCB policy that no one is allowed to view the dancers, including parents.

~Christi McCarren, Sr. Warden



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 30, 2023

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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