

JUNE 2017



**CHRIST CHURCH
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Christ Episcopal Church Mission Statement

Christ Episcopal Church a community continually seeking joyful transformation in Christ by:

- Welcoming and Celebrating all
- Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ
- Teaching, baptizing and nurturing new believers
- Responding to human need by loving service
- Seeking to transform unjust structures of society
- Striving to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth



Directory Changes



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The Rt. Rev. William (Chip) H. Stokes, Bishop of Diocese of New Jersey

The Rev. Joan M. Pettit Mason, Rector

The Rev. Canon Ramon Ubiera, Regional Hispanic Missioner

The Rev. John G. Steed Parish Chaplain

Mary Lou Steed, Ph.D., Parish Chaplain

The Rev. Walter F. Hartt, Rector Emeritus

The Rev. Emily Holman, The Rev. Ted Foley, Deacons

The Rev. Lewis McCrum (Ret.) Deacon

Charlie Nakash, Missionary to Dominican Republic

Polly Moore, Music Director

Andrew Van Buskirk, Organist

Claire Koerner, Bell Choir Director

Arielle Szczerba, Director of Christian Education

Dick Whicker, Cantor

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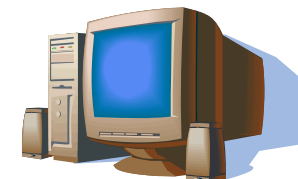
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CHRIST CHURCH CALENDAR



Dear Christ Church Parishioners and Friends,

For 10 days in June, I will be attending a course offered by the Episcopal Church at large. It is called the “*Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency Course*” and will be held at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas beginning the evening of June 18th. I am very excited about this course. Canon Phyllis Jones, the Chief Operating Officer of the Diocese of New Jersey, will also be attending from our Diocese. I will be using my continuing education time to attend this course.

This Course will include the following: The history of Latino Christianity; looking at Latino religious cultures and traditions; learning about the Virgin of Guadalupe in history and practice; experiencing and learning about Latino liturgies, sacraments, ceremonies and music; learning how the Episcopal Spanish Prayer Book is an evangelistic tool; learning about multi-cultural congregational dynamics; making an onsite visit to a border town, Laredo Texas, including dialogue with ICE agents and undocumented persons. All of this is in the context of worship and fellowship with people from all over the country who are interested in learning more about Latino ministry.

Some facts about Latino ministry at Christ Church: We have had a service in Spanish for about 5 years. Fr. Ramon has been with us for 3 years. Our 12:30 Sunday congregation has grown from about 4 people when we started to 67 people last week (written 5/10). That is huge growth. The Sunday School for the 12:30 service now has -21 children registered – all fluent English speakers. There are people from this congregation who serve on the Vestry, the Altar Guild, as Acolytes, Lectors and Ushers. The 12:30 parishioners are seeking a spiritual home and are willing to give of themselves in service to our Lord.

What I hope to Accomplish: As you know, I do not speak Spanish and know little about Latino culture (altho I am learning on both counts). My Sabbatical last year was extremely helpful to me to see that we are on the right track. Two years from now, Fr. Ramon will leave us and move on to his next church plant. His assignment with us is a 5-year Diocesan program. It is assumed that after 5 years we will be able to sustain the ministry that was begun by him with us. That is one of the reasons why I am always a part of the 12:30 service, and why some of our English-speaking parishioners are involved on

JUNE

- 4th – Confirmation Sunday (Pg.5)
- 4th – Pentecost Wear RED (Pg.4)
- 10th – Rock and Roll Dance Party (Pg.8)
- 11th – Baccalaureate Sunday (Pg.6)
- 11th – Book Signing by Scott Wieczorek (Pg.6)
- 18th – Father’s Day
- 21st – WCC Luncheon (Pg. 7)
- 21st – Vestry Meeting 6pm
- 24th – LGBTQ Pride Picnic (Pg. 12)
- 26th - 30th – Vacation Bible School (Pg 5)

JULY

- 1st – Weekend Service Hours Begin (Pg.6)
- 2nd – Christ Church Café
- 4th – Independence Day (Church Office Closed)
- 19th – Vestry Meeting



many levels, including attending the service. I suspect many of you did not know that we have a Sunday School class at 12:30 with a current registration of 21 children. Thank you to Sunday School teachers Dale Chant, Phyllis Long, Ursula Fanelli, Barbara DelaCuesta and Barbara Avallon.

Come Hear my Report after I take this Course: After all services on the weekend of *July 8-9th*, I will report to you about this Course. Please plan to attend to hear and ask questions. If you cannot be present, I would be happy to schedule another time also. Just ask.

Love and blessings,
Joan+

PS. Please see the article about the Bishop coming to Christ Church.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



June 2nd - Steve and Johanna Bruckner
Happy 10th Anniversary (2007)

June 5th - Steve and Joanne Gwin
Happy 35th Anniversary (1982)

June 5th - Kenneth and Diane Zaraza
Happy 41st Anniversary (1976)

June 6th - John and Karen Picard
Happy 25th Anniversary (1992)

June 18th - Steve and Patti Russo
Happy 48th Anniversary (1969)

June 21st - Chris and JoAnn Barrett
Happy 20th Anniversary (1997)

June 21st - John and Ellen Columbus
Happy 48th Anniversary (1969)

June 28th - Matthew and Melissa Baratta
Happy 9th Anniversary (2008)

June 29th - Art and Joyce Delaney
Happy 54th Anniversary (1963)

June 30th - Beverly Schilling & Melissa Briggs
Happy 1st Anniversary (2016)

Pentecost is the weekend of June 3rd & 4th. WEAR RED!!

Pentecost is a major Feast Day of the Church that occurs 50 days after Easter. Jesus promised He would send us the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the day we celebrate the arrival of the Spirit. Red signifies the fire of the Holy Spirit. Vestments are red, so find something red to wear. We celebrate Pentecost at all services that weekend. At the 10:15 service, we plan to fly the Dove kite and the four Flames of Fire Kites. Pentecost is an exciting and fun feast day.

Anniversary Prayer

O Gracious and ever-living God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His church. Send your blessings upon these people as they celebrate their anniversary. Grant them grace to love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to members with birthdays this month!

June 1 st – Kylan Kelly	June 18 th - Anita Hope
June 2 nd – Carson Baratta	June 19 th – Carole Faller
June 4 th - Connie Millikan	June 19 th – Melissa Kalwinsky
June 4 th – Colton Ryker	June 20 th – JoAnn Barrett
June 4 th – Carly Podolak	June 21 st – Dale Chant
June 6 th - Tara Hedinger	June 22 nd - Kene Amaechina
June 6 th - Vanessa Kern	June 22 nd - Helena DeBoer
June 6 th - Emily MacDonald	June 23 rd - Ted Foley
June 6 th – Patricia Rosado	June 23 rd – Ryan Glinka
June 7 th – Rocco Simeone	June 24 th - Michael Schillaci
June 8 th – Mary Lee Batesko	June 24 th - Edward Townsend
June 9 th – Chris Barrett	June 25 th - Justin Civile
June 10 th – Joan Fizer	June 25 th – Mildred Krischik
June 12 th - John Koratzanis	June 25 th – Tommy Szczerba
June 13 th – Carolyn Belvin	June 26 th - Jared Zaraza
June 14 th - Fernando Linhares	June 27 th – Casey Chant
June 14 th – Hope Okusanya	June 27 th - Bill Schmitt
June 15 th – Siobhan Godsil- Lehmann	June 27 th – Leslie Terjesen
June 16 th - Jennifer Autenrieth	June 28 th – Joy Koratzanis
June 16 th - Karen Burke	June 28 th - William Saunders
June 17 th – Greg Borsuk	June 30 th - Chris DeLucca
June 17 th – Claire Koerner	June 30 th – Ron Smithies
June 18 th - Jim Crane	

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*



Do You Speak A Language Other Than English? And will you be present at one of the three weekend services of Pentecost, Sat/Sun May 23/24? The Gospel will be read that day in as many languages as possible, just as it was heard on the first Pentecost day. We will provide the script for you (it's really only one sentence). Please call the Church Office to volunteer or for more information. A sign up sheet will be available on the Name Tag Table as the date gets closer.

Mark Sunday June 4th on Your Calendar

The Bishop of New Jersey, the Rt. Rev. Chip Stokes, will be with us for his once-every-three-years Visitation and Confirmation. He will celebrate and preach at two services that day: 10:15AM in English and 1:00PM in Spanish. Please plan to be at one (or both) of the services to welcome your Bishop and to celebrate with our new Confirmands. Plus it's the Feast Day of the Pentecost, so don't forget to wear RED!! (We will also have our regular Sat 5pm and Sun 8am services that weekend).

St. Elisabeth's, Ortley Beach - Dedication of New Church

Please join the faithful for the dedication of their new church on Sunday June 4th at 4:00pm. As you remember, this church was washed out to sea during Superstorm Sandy. It will be a great celebration with Bishop Chip Stokes presiding. All are welcome to attend.

Vacation Bible School

Christ Church will be partnering with St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Beachwood for the second summer in a row! St. Paul's will be hosting VBS Maker Fun Factory June 26th-30th from 9:00am-12:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mary Leunig christianed@stpaulslutheranchurch.com. Registration forms can be found on the church school bulletin board across from the Chapel.

It's Baccalaureate Weekend!

We will be recognizing our graduates on June 11th at the 10:15 AM service. This service puts the meaning behind the graduation. We celebrate the accomplishments of the graduates, but we also send them out in God's name to continue their education at a new level or to begin new ministries. If you are graduating from College, High School, Intermediate School, or earning an advanced degree or a technical degree, or a certificate of completion for a course of study, please contact the church office and give us your name. We want to list all graduates at Christ Church in our bulletin for that day. Please email names by June 2nd to christchurchtomsriver@verizon.net.

Book Signing by Scott Wieczorek

Church member and local author Scott Wieczorek will be holding a book signing for his book The Plan on June 11, 2017 in Disciple's Hall after the 10:15 service. Books are available now for sale/order \$12.99 plus tax. A portion of each sale will be donated in support of the Outreach Ministries of Christ Church. To purchase a copy, please contact Scott at fictblogsw@gmail.com, or speak to him at church, Payment can be made via cash, check or debit/credit card.

Summer Service Hours

We had such a favorable response to our summer schedule last year that we are going to do the same this year. Sunday morning attendees enjoyed worshipping together for the summer. Beginning July 1st through Labor Day weekend, we will have the following weekend schedule:

Saturdays 5:00pm
Sundays 9:30am
11:30am (in Spanish)

Father's Day Tribute

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS is Monday June 5, 2017

Please include the following names in the 2017 Father's Day Tribute. A donation of five (\$5.00) dollars per name is included. You may attach additional sheets as required.

My gift is given in Memory of :

*(Please list all **deceased names**, print **First & Last Name** as you wish it to appear in the bulletin).*

Title /First Name	Last Name

My gift is given in Honor of :

*(Please list all **names**, print **First & Last Name** as you wish it to appear in the bulletin).*

Title /First Name	Last Name

Total Number of Names Requested _____ X \$5.00 each

Total Donation \$5.00 Per Name \$ _____

Given by: _____

Telephone Number _____

Please make Checks payable to W.C.C.

The Women of Christ Church

Father's Day Tribute

JUNE 18TH 2017

ANNOUNCEMENT

The WCC is planning a Father's Day Tribute for June 18th, with a special bulletin with the names of any Father, Grandfather, Step-Father, Step-Grandfather, God-Father, or Special man you would like to memorialize or honor on this day.

Your gift of five dollars (\$5.00) per name will be used as support for the programs and projects of Christ Church .

A table will be outside Disciple's Hall at each Saturday & Sunday Service May 20th thru June 4th.

The Deadline is Monday June 5th, 2017.

You may also send a check made payable to "W.C.C.", addressed to Christ Episcopal Church , 415 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ 08753 ATTN: Father's Day Tribute or place in the Office Staff Box in the hallway.

Thank You for Your Support

The Women of Christ Church

Spiritual Formation Continues at Christ Church

"Living Prayer" by Robert Benson
Book Study

In our ongoing effort for us to strengthen our collective spiritual grounding, our current book study is "Living Prayer" by Robert Benson. The study continues through late June / early July. I first read this book about 15 years ago and have re-read it three or four times since - whenever I've needed a spiritual lift. We used this book in a discussion group in my former parish in Spotswood, NJ. At the conclusion of the study, I wrote this note in the back of the book. "Listening to myself and listening to others helped me to remember. It helped me remember how quiet time is so important to me. It helped me remember how important it is to be with others. (I realized that it's not in my make-up to be a hermit.)

The discussion helped me remember my desire for God / my desire to heal / my desire to drink from the water-brooks like the deer in the psalm. It helped me remember how God has answered me with the Word. Praise God. Also, this book and discussion helped me remember my long-time desire to live a life that is integrated. A life where prayer and life become one. A life where my life becomes a prayer."

Please join this book study. You can come in and out of any of the 3 groups at any time; Sundays at 9am; Mondays at 3pm or Tuesdays at 7:30pm.—Deacon Ted

WCC Luncheon

The WCC will hold their year-end women's luncheon at Howard Johnson's in Toms River on Wednesday June 21st. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marion Shanbinaw at 732-341-0781 by June 14th.

Your Vestry

Evangelism

Evangelism is showing and sharing God's love for His people with others. Members of this committee make a special effort to greet and welcome newcomers to Christ Church to make them feel comfortable. After the newcomer is ready to become a member, the committee tries to follow their integration into the parish and become involved in a ministry which uses their gifts. New members are introduced to other parish members so they become part of the Christ Church family. At the end of each service a member of Evangelism or Vestry Member tries to be available to greet or answer any questions a visitor may have and then shepherd them to coffee hour. Presently this is a very small committee and we need more volunteers who enjoy welcoming, smiling and being available to help Mother Joan as people leave church and stop to shake her hand. The committee meets once a month to count new members, look over journal pages for visitors and decide how we can connect with our growing congregation.

If interested in becoming part of this ministry please contact Laurie Shelton, sheltown@gmail.com or Cathy O'Neill, omalleyellow@yahoo.com

Rock and Roll Dance Party

Hey Kids! On Saturday night, June 10, we will be having a rock and roll dance party to benefit our food pantry. There will be a DJ and a live band, made up of our members of our church, including singers from our choir. We will be featuring surf music, garage, pop punk, early 60s, and lots of covers from bands over the years. There will be food and prizes and lots of fun. Bring your friends, family neighbors. Watch for further details.

persecution being perpetuated upon them and declare that they were "Proud" of who they were and of their innate God-given dignity. The event and its continued celebration since then has sparked a global "Pride" consciousness worldwide, to countries and regions where persecution, imprisonment, torture and the murder of LGBTQ persons still exists, and civil rights are prohibited.

We often see rainbow flag in the LGBTQ community. The flag symbolizes unity in diversity because God made us out of the rainbow of His one pure light. Every human has his/her own color and the rainbow cannot exist if even one color is left out.

The Episcopal Church believes that "God is Love" and the Scriptures attest to this. That is why we open our doors to diversity, practice marriage equality, and discourage discrimination against the marginalized of our society. We are the Spiritual home and family and we are "Proud" to be so as Christians and members of God's household. Therefore we proudly proclaim that the Pride Picnic is a place for everyone to celebrate God's rainbow of children and all are encouraged to participate.

We will have the usual picnic staples, hot dogs and burgers and salads to eat; games and entertainment throughout the day. All are invited to attend, Volunteers are needed and appreciated too! Your Donations & Support Will Shine Thru! Look for the sign-up sheets on the name tag table. (Event will be held rain or shine)

For more information or to volunteer please contact :Prf. Thomas Farrell Lgbtq Facilitator Email: lgbtqcec@gmail.com

PRIDE

On June 24th, 2017, the LGBTQ Committee (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Questioning) will be hosting a Pride Picnic. You may ask yourself what is a Pride Picnic? June is the month that marks the anniversary of the historic Stonewall event that ignited the LGBTQ Civil Rights movement, on June 28, 1969. After that event, New York City and other major cities held and continue to hold annual celebrations and parades termed “Pride”.

“Pride” is for everyone not just the LGBTQ community. It signifies that God made us all, loves us all, and we should be proud of ourselves and each other. Oftentimes you will see family and friends marching and on the sidelines cheering for Civil LGBTQ Rights. Why so much Pride?

Before that infamous Sunday in 1969 and riots that occurred at Stonewall, “different” or “bent” persons had to live in the shadows of inequality, discrimination, and above all persecution, even to the point of torture and death. Perhaps the best example of this is that during the Holocaust of WWII, the Nazi regime of Germany persecuted LGBTQ persons by sending them to the death camps and forcing them to wear a pink triangle on their uniforms, which symbolically labeled them at the bottom of the humanity, marking them for extinction, even lower than the Jewish population which was forced to wear the star of David on their uniforms marked for extinction.

In the 1960’s and 1970’s police would round up “different” people. LGBTQ persons had no civil rights and were not allowed to socialize in bars or public places. Laws existed against people’s sexuality and often were punishable by imprisonment. LGBTQ people were ostracized from a sacramental life in most houses of worship, leaving them without spiritual nourishment, leaving many with the feeling of being outcasts from their choice of religion.

The Stonewall Riot was the day that the LGBTQ persons and their friends stood publically to the police and society and proclaimed that they as human beings would not tolerate the

IMPORTANT CHRIST CHURCH INFORMATION

Rushed to the ER? Please arrange in advance with a significant person in your life --- Should you ever be taken to the hospital, they need to contact Christ Church as soon as possible. There is no other way for us to know you are in the hospital.

Home Communion: If you are a shut in and cannot get to church, please call the church office so that Holy Communion can be brought to you.

Thank you to all the Office Volunteers who have helped out during the month of April: Amy Rogers, Betty Halleran, Carol Ilick, Barbara Williams, Barbara Connors, Nancy Mayer, Phyllis Long, Cheryl Chapman, Judy Beck and Anita Hope. We couldn’t do it without you!

Are You Interested in Baptism? Or do you know someone who is not baptized? Please contact the Office for the paper-

Holiday Fair Help Needed

Attention! Attention! The WCC needs parishioners who would be willing to help with advertising for the Christmas Fair. Here are some examples of what we need. We need someone to send information to local newspapers and radio stations. We also need several people to go to local businesses and restaurants, asking for ads for our ad book, or other donations. Please call if you are interested, and we will give you the particulars.

Thank you,
Judy Beck (732-477-8860)
JoAnn Meehan (732-240-7543)
Marion Shabinaw (732-341-0781)
Christmas Fair Committee

April Financial Update

Revenue for the month of April 2017	\$ 38,141.23
Expenses for the month of March 2017	\$ <u>(44,701.52)</u>
Net Shortage	\$ (6,560.29)

Birthday Club News

The new "Birthday Club" is up and running. We are gaining new members every week! The members for the month of April were:

Maude Voight
Judy Beck
Betty Halleran

The total contributions were \$251.00

Everyone is invited to join the Birthday Club. You can become a member of the club on your birthday by writing a check in the amount of your age to Christ Church and it will be deposited into the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is invested with the Diocese.

Did you already celebrate your birthday in 2017 and you missed your opportunity to become a member? No problem, you can still join! All you need to do is write a check in the amount of your age, and mark the memo section Birthday Club for the month you were born and then put the check in the offering plate, mail it, or drop it off to Jane's mailbox.

So we can all watch our gifts grow, we will update you on a monthly basis on what we have received.

We look forward to celebrating each of your birthdays.

DEACON'S DEN, by Deacon Emily C. Holman

Dear friends, I have been at Oak Crest just over one week now (at this writing on May 7) and have unpacked and more or less settled everything but my books and pictures. A cable connection needs to be installed in my bookcase wall before I can unpack my books and set up my television. Otherwise, my apartment is beautiful. Everyone here is very nice and welcoming, and open to having me seated with them for dinner. It will take a while before I really know people, but that will come. There are a lot of activities, a mandolin concert this afternoon.

The sign on one of the front pillars of my building is a quotation from Psalm 90:1: "Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations." The Lord is our dwelling place, no matter where we live. The Lord "traces our journeys and our resting places and is acquainted with all our ways." (Psalm 139) God knows me even here at Oak Crest. The gospel reading for today's morning office was from Luke, about "putting new wine in new wineskins". I can perhaps consider myself "new wine" in a "new wineskin". I will always be what you, my Christ Church family, helped me become, and carry that and whatever God makes of me now in my new place into my new life and ministry.

I cannot thank you enough for your faithful love, cards, greetings, wonderful scrapbook of photos, and joyous send-off party. I am overwhelmed and my heart is full.

So thank you again, and remember to go forth in God's peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit." Go on, get up, get out of there. There's work to be done!