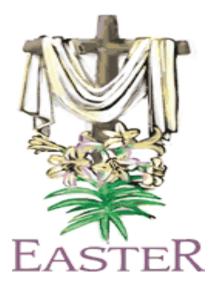
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CHRIST CHURCH CHRONICLE

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

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From Your Rector

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Parish,

Have you been doing your Lenten work? That is... are you really looking at yourself, your decisions, times you've turned away from God, times you've put yourself before others in need? Lent is the season to do this self-examination. You still have time. It's not until Saturday evening April 8th that we make a transition. Although we are still in Lent on that date, this begins Holy Week (April 9-16th). This is the week of all weeks in the Church year. We walk with Jesus through this most painful and most Holy of weeks. You could show up on Palm Sunday, waving palms and then return again on Easter morning to shout Alleluias. If that's the case, you've missed the gift of the entire week. I invite you this year to walk with Jesus throughout the week, up to and including the crucifixion, through the desolation of Holy Saturday, and then into the joy of the resurrection. I pray for you on your Lenten journey and for your Easter celebration. May God be praised!

Blessings, **Joan**+



Holy Week & Easter 2017

Palm Sunday Vigil — Saturday April 8th 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II Palm Sunday — Sunday April 9th 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (with Choir) 10:15AM Church School children and families participate in Procession followed by Class Time. All children are welcome. Monday in Holy Week — April 10th 7:30 PM Evensong (with Choir) Tuesday in Holy Week — April 11th 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross Wednesday in Holy Week — April 12th 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Healing Service 7:30 PM Tenebrae (bring small flashlight) Maundy Thursday — April 13th 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Liturgy (and Stripping of the Altar) Good Friday — April 14th 7:00 AM Good Friday Liturgy 10:00 AM Good Friday Liturgy 12:00 P.M. Viernes Santo Liturgia 7:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy (with Choir) Holy Saturday — April 15th 9:00 AM Holy Saturday Liturgy followed by optional confession Easter Vigil — Saturday April 15th 6:30 PM Santa Eucaristia 7:30 PM The Great Vigil of Easter (with Incense) Please remember to bring a noisemaker (bells, whistles, chimes etc.) Easter Day — Sunday April 16th 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (with Organ) 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (with Choir & Special Music)

Children release The "Alleluia"

Invite someone to come with you to Holy Week and Easter Worship

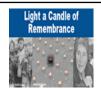
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We Celebrate SATURDAYS 5:00 pm and SUNDAYS 8:00 am & 10:15 am. Santa Eucaristía en Español SÁBADOS 6:30pm

Easter Flowers & Special Easter Music Those who wish to make a contribution towards the sanctuary flowers and/or special music may do so by filling out the form below and returning it to the church office <u>NO LATER THAN</u> Palm Sunday (April 9, 2017)				
<i>For:</i>	Flowers	Special Music		
In Thanksgive	ing for:			
For: In Memory of	Flowers	Special Music		
Given by (nan	ne)			
Flowers/Music Please submit	ayable to Christ Ch c" in the Memo. form to the Office S	urch and mark "Easter taff mail box OR mail it to: . Toms River, NJ 08753		

LENTEN HOPE BOXES

If you took a box home to fill during Lent, please bring your box to Church any time Holy Week and no later than Easter Day. All proceeds will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development.



We burn the yellow candle in our homes to remember the <u>Holocaust</u>. The date for the Holocaust remembrance is April 23rd-24th. We will have yellow candles available for you to pick up beginning April 1st. We ask for a \$1 donation to offset our costs.

A Going-Away Party for Deacon Emily

Save the date! Saturday April 22nd at 6pm. We will have a goodbye party for Deacon Emily. Her last day at Christ Church is Sunday April 23rd before she moves to Maryland. Deacon Emily has been with us as Deacon since the year 2000 (17 years!) and before that as a parishioner. More details about this party will be coming as we get closer. For now save the date!

Happening is a Diocesan event for High School Youth on April 28-30th. Happening is a spiritual renewal weekend run by Youth and Young Adults with adult supervision. Mother Joan is the Spiritual Director for Happening. Many of our High School Youth will be attending Happening this year in preparation for their Confirmation. Please keep Happening in your prayers.

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UNITED THANK OFFERING

Sharing Blessings with Thanksgiving and Love.

The mission of the UTO is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings. Your United Thank Offering supports grants for ministries at home and overseas |as an outreach of the Episcopal Church. You will receive a letter by mail with a UTO envelope which you can bring to church on April 29th or 30th.



The Next NOISY WEEKEND OFFERING is May 6th & 7th at all services!

What is a Noisy Offering? It is a collection of loose change, offered on a designated day, for a very specific purpose, and to make a joyful sound as the coins and paper money are collected and the sounds fill the air and the collection cans!

Designation: To support the New Jersey Diocesan Missionary to the Dominican Republic - Charlie Nakash

How Will the Donation be Used?

- Financial support for the mission work of the Missionary
- Education for clergy, seminarians and laity
- Assistance with indigenous people of the DR and refugees
- Financial aid where needed

We hope you have been saving your loose change! Bring it to church on May 6th & 7th!

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Healing Mission

On Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8AM to 3PM, a Healing Mission will be held at Christ Church. This is a joint collaboration of the chapters of OSL (Order of St. Luke, a healing ministry) with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Whiting.

The guest speaker is Reverend Gretchen Zimmerman whose message is "All Shall Be Well". Praise music will be provided by Celebrate.

Registration is \$10. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Program fliers are available in the Narthex and on the table outside the Chapel. For further information contact Donna Perry at (732) 349-2705.

All are welcome for a day of inspirational messages, uplifting music, healing prayers and fellowship.

AFRICAN CRAFTS SALE

The Women of Christ Church will be selling a variety of African Crafts, including jewelry, sculptures, and scarves made by African artisans after each of the services the weekends of April 29-30 and May 6-7. These unique pieces make wonderful gifts for Mother's Day or any other special occasion. All proceeds go to the African Team Ministries to help the poor and under privilege in East Africa. Come take a look.

Becker Scholarship Applications

Attention High School Students: Applications for the Becker Scholarship are currently available on the bulletin board located across from the chapel. <u>Completed</u> <u>applications must be submitted by May 7^h</u>.

> If you have any questions, please email Jessica DeRiggi at jessderiggi@gmail.com or 732-330-9092

<u>Confirmation – The Bishop is Coming!</u> Hold the date. Sunday June 4th. Bishop Chip Stokes will be conducting two Confirmation services that day: One in English at 10:15AM and one in Spanish at 1:00PM. Come and greet your Bishop.

Calling All Men Who Like to Sing!

As you must have noticed, the choir is very short of men right now due to illness. If you have ever thought of joining the choir, now would be a great time! Also, if you used to sing in your high school or college chorus, you are a great candidate. Both the voice and the ability to pick up songs comes back very quickly. No need to make a commitment right away... Just come to a rehearsal and give it a try. We have a very warm bunch of singers... And we laugh a lot! If you talk to any of the choir members, they can tell you what a joy it is to worship as a choir member.

We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6:30 until 8 PM. You can talk to me or any choir member about it... Or just come. \bigcirc

Polly Moore Music Director

Undoing Racism May 11-13th

This training is a very high priority for leaders and members of our Parish. Please consider attending. Following is the information from the Diocese about this training.

<u>Undoing Racism: Come Help Us Build the Beloved</u> <u>Community</u> a 2 1/2 day introductory workshop retreat, instructed by "The Peoples Institute for Survival and Beyond" (*They are competent, entertaining, excellent trainers, the best in my opinion*), and assisted by members of the Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission Team. (*Deacon Ted is one of the co-chairs*). The workshop's systemic approach emphasizes understanding racism, learning from history, developing leadership, maintaining accountability to communities, undoing internalized racial oppression, and understanding the role of organizational gate-keeping as a mechanism to perpetuate institutional racism.

The training is usually only offered once a year by the Diocese. The next training is Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon **May 11-13, 2017**. This is a residential retreat beginning with dinner at 6apm on Thursday followed by training until 9pm. Instruction begins after breakfast (provided) at 8:30am on Friday and Saturday, and ends on Saturday at 4pm. The training will take place at **Grace-St**. **Paul's Merciville NJ** with hotel lodging at Clarion Hotel Palmer Inn Princeton NJ. Participants only pay a \$50 fee which reserves your place and offsets tuition and workshop costs (non-members of the diocese pay \$450). Double occupancy hotel rooms shared with one other person are provided by the Commission's diocesan budget. Participants may choose to commute. All meals are provided for participants.

Registration is by April 27th via email mclisham@dioceseofnj.org or by calling 609-394-5281<u>x10</u>. Please talk with Deacon Ted or me if you have any questions. Thank you. Mother Joan



THE BISHOP'S SPRING CONFERENCE MAY 6, 2017 TRINITY CATHEDRAL **Register TODAY** www.DioceseofNJ.org/Formation

ENGAGE LEARN GROW

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

DISCOVER TOOLS YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD!

COME AND LEARN—LEAVE WITH REAL RESOURCES & TOOLS IN-HAND!

Registration includes: Program, Materials & Lunch \$20 per person Early Bird Special! \$12 per person if you register by April 7th! Presented by The Committee on Lifelong Christian Formation

The Women of Christ Church

Mother's Day Tribute

ANNOUNCEMENT The WCC is planning a Mother's Day Tribute for May 8th, with a special bulletin with the names of any Mother, Grandmother, Step-Mother, Step-Grandmother, God-Mother, or Special woman 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 April 22nd thru May 7th. <u>The Deadline is Monday May 8th, 2017.</u> You may also send a check made <u>payable to "W.C.C."</u>, addressed to Christ Episcopal Church , 415 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ 08753 ATTN: Mother's Day Tribute or place in the <u>Office Staff Box</u> in the hallway.

Thank You for Your Support

Jhe Women of Christ Church

Mother 's Day Tribute

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS is Monday May 8, 2017

Please include the following names in the 2017 Mother'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

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.

Do You Wish to be Confirmed, Received or Reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church?

The Bishop is Coming June 4th for Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation. Do any of these apply to you in your faith journey?

Confirmation - You are ready to make a commitment to Christ through the Episcopal Church as you reaffirm your Baptismal vows in the presence of the Bishop. You need to speak to one of the clergy immediately as there is a preparation period for Confirmation.

Reception - Have you been confirmed by a Bishop in another denomination and are now ready to be received into the Episcopal Church? Please speak with one of the clergy now.

Reaffirmation - Have you already been confirmed in the Episcopal Church and desire to reaffirm your faith this year in the presence of the Bishop? Some people choose to do this on a regular basis; or if this has been a significant year for you in your faith journey. Please speak with one of the clergy now.



February Financial Update			
Revenue for the month of February 2017	\$ 35,515.92		
Expenses for the month of February 2017	<u>\$ (41,975.42)</u>		
Net Shortage	\$ (6,459.50)		

Birthday Club News

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

> Ken Kukfa Ian Kukfa Robert Kukfa Joanne Gwin

The total contributions were \$133.

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.

Was your birthday in January, February or March and you missed your opportunity to become a member in 2017? 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 January, February or March 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.

Spring 2017 Rummage Sale

Christ Church, Toms River Sponsored by the Women of Christ Church (WCC)

May 11th (10am—3pm) & 12th (9am –12pm)

We need good CLEAN, gently worn clothing and household items in GOOD CONDITION and in WORKING ORDER as well as toys and attic treasures. Start your Spring cleaning and unearth these items you no longer use. Please NO TV's.

PLEASE <u>DO NOT</u> BRING DONATED ITEMS UNTIL MAY 8th & 9th (9am – 4pm) and 10th (9am – 12pm)

We need both male and female help. Please save brown grocery paper bags for the sale!

Only with your help and rummage can we have another successful Rummage Sale!

All proceeds raised from the Rummage Sale will be used by WCC to support the various projects and ministries of Christ Church.

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IMPORTANT CHRIST CHURCH INFORMATION

<u>Rushed to the ER?</u> 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.

<u>Thank you to all the Office Volunteers</u> who have helped out during the month of February 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!

<u>Are You Interested in Baptism?</u> Or do you know someone who is not baptized? Please contact the Office for the paperwork.

Lenten Worship Schedule

Morning Prayer - In Person or Over the Phone (Until April13) During Lent, Morning Prayer is being said in the Chapel at 8 -8:30, Monday - Thursday. You are welcome to join us in person or over the phone. To join by phone please call 641-715-3580 a few minutes before 8 AM and input 189853 when prompted. Once you announce yourself, please put your phone on mute to minimize background noise. We look forward to your joining us.

Stations of The Cross (Until April 11th) Tuesdays at 7:30PM in the church

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service Wednesdays 10:00AM in the Chapel

Holy Eucharist Fridays at 7:00AM in the Chapel



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Apr 1st – Betty Peigelbeck Apr 1st – Pam Quatse Apr 2nd – Jenna Schilling Apr 5th – Elizabeth Lane Apr 5th – Emily Siciliano Apr 6th – Judy Beck Apr 6th - Sophia Estevez Apr 6th - Paul Gerhauser Apr 7th – Janet Crane Apr 7th - Kate Wienke Apr 7th – Maude Voigt Apr 8th – Susan Adams Apr 8th – Anne Bingmann Apr 8th – Andrea Pizzulo Apr 9th - Declan Sennick Apr 10th – Briella Bruckner Apr 10th – Thomas Farrell Apr 11th – Karen Kunz Apr 11th - John (Jeb) Wofford Apr 12th – Gladis Pastrana Apr 13th – Tom Chant Apr 13th – Eileen Smithies Apr 14th - Carol Bell

Apr 16th - Katie Kern Apr 16th – Dakota Oesvkoic Apr 16th – Donna Perry Apr 17th – Corey Flohs Apr 17th – John Halleran Apr 17th – Colleen Jowett Apr 18th - Kamsi Amaechina Apr 18th – Caitlyn Berry Apr 18th – Elizabeth Kartikis Apr 19th – Irene Bauman Apr 20th - Samantha Belfiore Apr 20th – Lorraine Buss Apr 20th - Susan Dell Apr 20th – Nikki Vernachio Apr 21st- Nnaemeka Amaechina Apr 22nd – Nancy Borsuk Apr 24th - John Picard Apr 25th – Doris Arzt Apr 26th - Cheryl Fox Apr 26th - Kathy Higgins Apr 26th - David Jones Apr 28th - Anita Lackey Apr 29th – Barbara Powell

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*





APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



April 4th - Christen and Rachel Clayton Happy 3rd Anniversary (2014)

April 8th - Remsen and Hillary Meyer Happy 12th Anniversary (2005)

April 12th – Jerry and MaryAnn Catanese Happy 3rd Anniversary (2014)

April 12th - George and Terry Ann Schwarz Happy 2nd Anniversary (2015)

April 18th – Joseph and Allison Bryk Happy 19th Anniversary (1998)

April 20th – John and Kathy Boland Happy 26th Anniversary (1991)

April 25th - Kenneth Malagiere & Jonathan Petro Happy 3rd Ann. (2014)

April 27th - Michael and Brenda Schillari Happy 15th Anniversary(2002)

April 27th – Will and Kate Wiencke Happy 4th Anniversary (2013)

April 28th – Jeff and Joan Mason Happy 5th Anniversary (2012)

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.*

What Does Your Vestry Do?

The vestry of the Episcopal Church is responsible for overseeing parish finances, the buildings and being leaders of the commissions: evangelism, education, pastoral care, communications, stewardship, outreach, justice, worship, buildings and ground and fellowship. Any member from the parish wishing to join one of these commissions is welcome to do so.

The vestry meets (except during Lent) on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:00PM until often 9:00PM until all issues on the agenda are covered. These meetings are open to the parish to attend.

One of the goals of our vestry in 2017 is to improve communication between the vestry and the parish. Please take advantage of Ask the Vestry Sundays or Saturdays and feel free to speak to vestry members with any concerns you might have.

Outreach Commission Highlight

One of the Vestry Commissions is Outreach. Outreach falls under the leadership of Kathy Kilfara. Here is a brief overview of what each of the Outreach ministries are currently involved in:

IHN

We have 2 family's moving to their new homes, they are in need of household items to set setup their house. If you have anything you would like to donate please let Kathy Kilfara know and she will send you the list of items they need.

Christ Church Café

Our monthly meal was served on March 5th. We had, a full room of 76 guests. They enjoyed their Pasta dinner. We were blessed to have our Spanish Confirmation class and several teenagers from the community volunteer as servers this month. Many volunteers make this ministry work.

Food Pantry

The pantry is busy and open on Tuesday & Friday mornings. We were able to help 125 people, 90 were adult s and 35 children. The donations are coming in, but the demand is high. We are always in need of donations to keep our shelves stocked. We are in need of more volunteers for shopping and running the pantry.

Your Grandmother's Cupboard

IHN families were able to go in and get the clothes they needed. 24 visitors came in this month, 10 were new to us. Nancy Borsuk was able to connect with St. Lukes and they donated about 20 boxes of bath supplies to help us. St. Luke's receives a lot of their supplies from the hotel s in the area.

Giving tree

We are going to have a Easter giving tree, Mother Joan will give the gift card's to those who need help. The date to return the card's to the office is Palm Sunday.

Fresh vegetable garden

Our fresh vegetable garden is going to start up in the spring, they are in need of a fence. Any ideas on how to get the fence would be appreciated!

If you are interested in leaning more about or volunteering in one of these ministries, please see Kathy Kilfara.



CHRIST CHURCH CALENDAR



APRIL

2nd – Café 9th – Palm Sunday 9th-15th – Holy Week Services (Pg.4) 10th - Evensong 7:30pm 11th - Stations of the Cross 7:30pm 12th - Tenebrae 7:30pm 13th - Maundy Thursday Liturgy 7:30pm 14th - Good Friday Liturgy 7:00am,10:00am & 7:30pm 15th - Holy Saturday Liturgy with Confession 9:00am 15th - Easter Vigil 7:30pm 16th - Easter 22nd – Going Away Dinner for Deacon Emily (Pg.6) 29th & 30th - UTO Weekend (Pg.7) 29th & 30th - African Craft Sale (Pg.8)

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5^h & 7th-Noisy Weekend (Pg.7) 5th & 6th-Bishops Spring Conference (Pg.11) 7th- Cafe 29th & 30th-African Craft Sale (Pg.8) 11th & 13th-Anti Racism Training (Pg.10) 11^h & 12th-Rummage Sale (Pg.16)





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