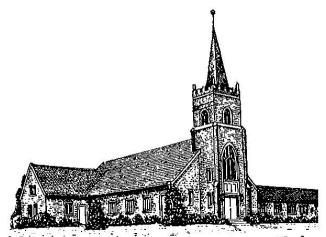


Christ Church Parish News

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Don't Miss Kenya Night!



If you attended our Adult Forum on Sunday October 1st, you learned why Christ Church is having a special event, Kenya Night!

Sister Mary Owens, the Executive Director of Nyumbani, spoke on the changing issues facing AIDS orphans in Kenya. Sister Mary has spent the past 25 years serving AIDS orphans and building a loving home for them at Nyumbani in Kenya.

Nyumbani Village, home to 1000 orphans and 100 grandparents "the left behind generations" from the AIDS pandemic, is located in a parched section of southeast Kenya and desperately needs additional gutters for the buildings as well as new greenhouses with irrigation. Nyumbani



has been highly acclaimed by international agencies for its good works in ministry to these orphan children.

Listening to Sr Mary and hearing her wise and uplifting insights was the perfect way to get in the mood for Kenya Night at Christ Church on October 14th!

For more info on Nyumbani, [visit their website](#), or check out Sr. Mary on Youtube.

Whether you had the opportunity to hear Sr Mary or not, you are all invited to join us for a **Night of Culture Kenyan Style on Saturday, October 14th at 6:00 pm** to benefit the *Nyumbani Programs for Children and Caregivers affected by HIV/AIDS*.

The evening includes dinner, children's crafts, face painting, dancing with a tribal flair, a Kenyan crafts boutique filled with crafts made by the women of Tuko Pamoja, (Swahili "Together We Can") and more!

Reservations are being accepted by Signup Genius now!. Tickets: \$10 per person, \$25 per family (includes dinner, children's crafts, and more!)

Nyumbani Village changes lives. Nyumbani means home.

Proceeds will support education and medical needs. Watch your e-mails for more details! **See you there!**

Youth Group Mission Report

Be sure be there on **October 8th**, as our **Youth Group will preach. Then join us following the 10 AM Service, for a slide show**



Youth Mission Trip

in the undercroft as our Youth Group makes a presentation on this past summer's mission trip to the Rutland, Vermont.

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Alive with Joy!

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Parish Life Ministry



Please help feed our fellowship after the 10am service by volunteering to host coffee hour on Oct 15, 22 or October 29th.

We are also looking for a coffee hour coordinator for November-December.

We are also looking for Celebration Team folks. The Celebration Team will organize a reception for our confirmands on Nov. 12th and the Christmas reception after the Christmas pageant on Dec. 17th.

Please Contact: Gail T Marks gailtroussoff@gmail.com if you'd like would like to share your gifts in ministry to our parish fellowship.

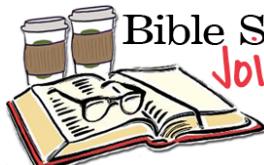
Thank you to everyone who made the End-of-Summer picnic and Bishop's Visit a great success!

Women's Fellowship Tea: Since we do not want to conflict with the Youth's presentation on their service trip, there will NOT be a tea on October 8th. We are searching for a good date and will follow up with that soon. Limerick for brunch after the 10am service on Sunday October 16th. Contact Aime Keith for details akeith1966@verizon.net

The Pastoral Care/Inreach Group met on October 1st in the CCPK library, for their 2nd quarterly meeting. A lite lunch was served and there was a lively discussion on ways to enhance Pastoral Care/Inreach at CCPK.

What is PC/I at CCPK? The various ways we tend to the well-being of all our parishioners, particularly those who are ill and unable to come to services. It includes our Eucharistic visitors who take communion, prayer list organizers, and those with gifts for helping others feel connected to the community. Questions? Contact Yvonne Bryan, bryyvoela@gmail.com.

Sunday Bible Study In the Library



Bible Study! Please join the **Join Us!** 4:00 pm Sunday Bible study. Please feel free to drop-in any week. There is no prior preparation needed. Contact Lee Puricelli at leepuricli@yahoo.com for more information.

Prime Timers

The Prime Timers will meet in the church undercroft on Thursday, October 5th. As usual we will have social time, lunch and enjoy a speaker from 11:30 - 1:30 . The speaker and fellowship is free; the cost of the lunch, if you wish to order it, is \$10.00. Please RSVP to Nora Buckley at [301-564-0689](tel:301-564-0689) or nora-bee@live.com by October 2nd if you wish to order a lunch.

On Oct. 5th we'll hear a presentation by Louise Stewart on the Healing Power of Laughter. Louise is a move in coordinator/church outreach coordinator at Asbury Methodist Village.

In 2005, Louise was approached to write a seminar on the Healing Power of Laughter; how laughter helps us mentally, physically, socially and spiritually. Louise spent a good amount of time doing research on this topic. In the talk, Louise discusses the benefits of laughter and how to have more laughter in your life.



Building our Capacity to Love

What Christ Church means to us:

By Shannon Finn

Co-Chair, Stewardship Committee

As we start our 2017 stewardship campaign, I'd like to share my family's experience of Christ Church.

While we have been members for some time, it's only the past three or four years that we have become "regulars." This year, however, we came to appreciate even more the importance of our church family!

Sydney required surgery in March this year, and then six weeks in a wheelchair, and rehab after. Not an easy request to ask of a nine-year-old with special needs or her family. Quietly, we were terrified, of what could happen, what might, and how we would manage. To say Christ Church rallied around us would be a dramatic understatement. Before Sydney's surgery, Anne, Emily and Liz presented her with a backpack filled with toys, a camera, and gadgets designed to entertain! Maddie and the youth group provided tremendous support and friendship to Aiden who was dealing with all the chaos and upheaval. Emily provided a quiet office and supportive shoulder when I reached my breaking point. The entire church surrounded Duane and I with concern and affection, offers of help and prayers which were appreciated more than we can express. We experienced aspects of the church many don't, like how to manage the elevator, after many comical attempts (hint: check the key alignment)! We also witnessed the stunning power of a prayerful community, when Sydney flew through her expected six weeks of rehab in three days!



Christ Church supported us through an incredibly trying time, with friendship, prayer and love and we will be forever grateful.

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

A Message From the Wardens

Dear Friends,

Like us, you probably feel a special connection to Christ Church. It nurtures your soul! It brings you peace! You feel the love of an open, caring community! You look to Christ Church to teach our children how God wants us to live. You cherish that as a community we reach out to serve our homeless and hungry neighbors, underprivileged school children in Wheaton, victims of natural disasters a thousand miles away, and orphans half way around the world. Together, we are the hands and feet of Jesus trying to create the reign of God here on earth. In so many ways, we are building our capacity to love!

This year we are building on our joy - we are building our capacity to love! You can see and feel that love marching in the Kensington Labor Day Parade, you can feel it when you meet members of the parish at the store or on the street, and especially when we come together in worship.

Once a year we ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge of support to our parish. It's far more than keeping the lights on, the building in good repair, the staff paid and the parking lot clear of snow. It's about your part as a member of our spiritual community.

During this time, we encourage each of you to examine all the gifts with which God has endowed you and consider how you may give back from that bounty. Your support is the lifeblood of our parish. Your pledge, whether large or small, allows Christ Church to establish a budget that reflects our community's commitment to live into Jesus' teachings, and builds our capacity to love.

We believe that our church deserves our support, and we hope you feel the same.

Doug Smith, Senior Warden

Sharon Bartram, Junior Warden

Youth Group



All Middle and High School students are invited to come join Youth Minister Madison Chase in the youth loft for snacks and conversation after the Sunday 10 AM service. Where is the youth loft, you ask? Go to door just to the left of the piano at the front of the church. Go through the door. You'll see the door leading to up to the loft. Feeling new? You're in good company, so is Madi.

CCPK Youth have a lot of exciting things in store this year! The youth have gotten off to a great start with their fall curriculum, "Who Am I Called to Be?" Over the next few months, we'll be looking at what God calls us to be in our work, in our relationships with others, and in service to the world.

Next Sunday (Oct. 8th), the youth will be delivering the sermon as they reflect on their mission trip to Rutland, Vermont.

After the service, please join us in the undercroft for a slide show and Q&A session about the trip.

Doing the work of Christ is its own reward, but the youth are also ready for some fun fellowship. The first youth event of the year will be a **hayride and bonfire at Butler's Orchard!** Join us for s'mores, games of frisbee, and lots of fall fun. We'll meet at the church at **5:30 pm on October 13th** - email Madi if you're interested in going! Want more info? Contact youthminister@ccpk.org. See you Sunday!

Our Children Follow the Cross

Sneak a Peek at Children's Chapel



Our children are a vibrant and inspiring part of our parish family. On Sundays, during the 10 AM Holy Eucharist, our assembled congregation rejoices in seeing the children follow the cross to bring up the bread and the wine. This joyful procession may culminate in a hug for Emily or a cheerful greeting. As the “shepherd” of this group, I am so proud of their eager participation and so heartened by the smiles and murmured admiration coming from the pews.

What goes on before this special Offertory Procession? Well, children gather in the undercroft at 10 AM for an activity, fellowship and worship. **Cindy Winder and Barbara Ferry join Ann Enkiri** in this Chapel Ministry. The adults lead a simple gathering activity that connects to Sunday's First Lesson from the Old Testament. Children and leaders talk together, building friendships with one another.

Then, we proceed to our Chapel space and begin our worship by lighting the People Candle and the Christ Candle before sharing the same greeting exchanged up in the Sanctuary. As we learn about quieting minds and bodies, we say a simple prayer. Ann, Barbara or Cindy shares the Old Testament story. During an interactive homily, we almost always share a Spirit-filled moment when a child's question, insight, comment, or story “gels” the key message of that Sunday's lesson. We are very dedicated to Prayers of the People, “lifting up to the Lord” those in our families and world communities who have special need of God's loving care.

Some Sundays, it is all really quite remarkable! Thanks be to God!

Sunday School Heroes!

Wondering how Sunday School is going?

Thanks to a dedicated corps of adult storyteller-teachers, we are set for a wonderful academic year of exploring Sunday's Gospel message so that we may put it into action during the week ahead.

Dwight Allen, Shannon Finn, Liz Quinn, Kitty Shuler and John Ward are the heroes of this “Living the Good News” endeavor. Each sets aside time to review the scripture lesson and prepare engaging ways to share it with our Grade 1-5 students.

Our youngest learners are being carefully nurtured by three enthusiastic storyteller-teachers in Godly Play: **Andrea Dorf, Stephanie Feller and Aime Keith**. Let the children come! Parents are welcome to drop by!



Who Doesn't Love a Parade and a Picnic?



October Celebrations

Birthdays:

Creed Keith 10/01
Gabriel McLellan 10/01
Michael Parsons 10/03
M. Hill Carter 10/05
Cassie Hart 10/05
Kathy Slack 10/06
Florence Crozier 10/07
Farrand Prindle III 10/07
Frank Shull, III 10/07
Tom Willis 10/07
Corry Hoffeditz 10/08
Carl Falkenstein 10/09
Lisa Albright 10/13
Hannah Haskell 10/13
Susanne Mitchell 10/13
Kailee Cummings 10/14
Ethan Jenny 10/14
Cameron Lett 10/21
Christopher Wykoff 10/23
Raymond Barry 10/26
Owen McLellan 10/28
David Blackman 10/29
Thea Kayne 10/29
Joan Edler 10/31
Ben Haskell 10/31

Anniversaries:

William & Lori Steel 10/02
Stephen & Sallie Buck 10/03
Prescott & Erica Bullard 10/03
Doug Slotten & Elin
Wackernagel-Slotten 10/11
Rob & Kacie Weston 10/12
Peggy Tumey & Robert
Waechter 10/13
Duane Boniface & Shannon
Finn 10/14
Kathleen Duchelle & Doug
Smith 10/17
Linda & Earl Smith III 10/18
Eva Marie Nye & Lee Puricelli
10/19
Kathryn & Thomas McKay
10/20
Robin & Susan Atkinson
10/29
Emily Guthrie & Michael Lind-
ner 10/29

Library News

New books in the library include:

In the Reference Collection – A History of the Protestant Episcopal Church by Raymond W. Albright, grandfather of David Albright.

In our Fiction Collection, we have A Woman in Jerusalem.

In our Non-fiction Collection, new books are The Practice of Kindness, A Pilgrimage in Faith, and God's Little Devotional Book for Women.

In the Children's Library, the new book is The Holy Twins – Benedict and Scholastica.

Columbarium Niches

Our courtyard garden offers a beautiful landscaped area that contains a Columbarium which is a respectful and peaceful place for the urns that hold the deceased's cremated remains. The first phase of our Columbarium is on the east side of the garden's brick wall (no niches remain) and the second phase is contained in the low garden wall that encircles the statue (niches available).



Please contact Kurt Ellison in the office for more information.

Planned Giving

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As a part of your will and estate plan, please consider making a provision for a gift to the Christ Church Endowment Fund. You can designate a specific amount or percentage share to the Fund and your gift principal will grow over time in our invested funds. The Mission & Ministry Grant program uses the fund's annual distribution to provide for 1) capital needs of the parish beyond the scope of the annual budget; 2) outreach ministries beyond the ordinary work of the parish operating budget and current activities; and, 3) seed money for new ministry or special one-time projects. Contact Ted Seale, Chair, or Kurt Ellison in the office for more information.

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