

We are Christ Church! Called to Love and Be Loved Know and Be Known and Share God's Love Boldly!

Christ Church A Church for Everyone Join us for a Drive Up Communion on August 30



Pastor Sean L. Forde

• Campus Update

- o CDC Health and Safety protocols still in place on campus.
- o Preschool year started on August 19, 2020; 43 students enrolled.
- o Averaging 30 in worship per Sunday. We are averaging over 200 views weekly on Facebook.
- o Campus Cleaning and Upgrades: Special thanks to Carol and Bruno Zupp, Peter Knebel, Sandy and Joanne Theodore, Linda Colwell, and Steve Holmes for campus projects improving parking lot lighting, gardening, and other property improvement projects.
- Building Inspection had three major items that included gutter repairs and updated sprinkler placards. Special thanks to Steve Holmes for addressing these requirements and providing necessary photos for our Insurance Company.
- o Getting bids for new A/C service.

• Annual Assembly was held on July 26, 2020

- o New Church Council was elected, and the annual budget passed.
- o 52 members voted and many more participated in-person and via Zoom video conferencing. Thank you to all who participated and continue to be part of our ministry.
- o All members were mailed a copy of my new devotional *Pastor's House Call*. Extra copies available in worship or church office.

Vacation Coverage

- Special thanks to John Childrey and Jeff Pontius for covering my vacation, leading worship, and preaching on the Lord's Prayer.
- $\circ\hspace{0.2cm}$ Family vacation was restful and fun as we were in the Florida Keys.

Other Ministry Updates

- $\circ \;\;$ Invited to be part of Racial Justice Think Tank for Florida Bahamas Synod.
- o Held two Food Distribution events in June and July supplying over 1000 bags of groceries to our Coral Springs community. Event planning for Back to School supplies with Life Church.
- o Working on getting a new Website, supplying written content and photos. It is a time-consuming process.
- o Wednesday evening Sweet Hour of Prayer service resumed on August 19, 2020.
- $\circ~$ Drive-Up Holy Communion event on Sunday August 30, 2020 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Thanks to our amazing staff and congregational leaders who make Christ Church and Preschool a vital ministry within our community.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Sean 1. Forde

Christ Preschool Celebrates

- The summer campers had a fun and exciting summer. Now we move on to a new school year of learning, and growing academically and spiritually.
- Enrollment is up to 43 children
- Excited E-learning class enrollment of 5 children
- School uniforms starts September 1, 2020

Letter from the Director's office

Dear Parents,

A hearty welcome to all the boys and girls who are joining us for the very first time at Christ Church Preschool. To those who have been away and returning, welcome back. We missed you, and hope that your summer away was as exciting as it was for those who remained here for camp.

The summer camp children had a rousing time with on campus field trips and lots of activities. Here's to moving on to a new school year.

We count it a privilege to have you on board, and to teach and nurture your children. Our teachers and staff look forward to a joyful and successful year of working together.

Uniform Policy

We are a mandatory uniform school! Children are required to wear a logo uniform t-shirt or polo, khaki bottoms, and closed toe shoes.

Purpose: The learning environment of any school is significantly influenced by student's attire. The purpose of Christ Church Preschool Uniform Policy is to promote school unity and pride, and minimize distractions and disruptions that some clothing may attract while establishing habits of neatness, good grooming and cleanliness.

All students are expected to dress appropriately at all times on school. Enrollment in Christ Church Preschool constitutes acceptance of this Policy, agreement to adhere to it, and acknowledgement of discipline of noncompliance. Polo shirts and T- shits can be purchased from our school office, Khaki bottom may be purchased from any vendor who carries a specific Uniform line.

Preschool Administration

Signing In

Please remember to sign your child in and out each day. At the end of every month, VPK students will have an extra attendance sign in book at the counter. Any new policies we have put in place is for the safety and security of the children.

Pizza Wednesday Is Back Each Wednesday for the cost of \$5 you can purchase a pizza lunch for your child. If you would like your child to participate, please be sure your cash payment is made at the office no later than Tuesday afternoon.

Dates to Remember

September 7, 2020- Labor Day SCHOOL CLOSED September 8, 2020 – Uniforms Enforced September 28, 2020 No VPK

Christ Church Preschool Calendar

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Septe	ember	2020			A DEST	30
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	Pizza Wednes- day \$5	3	4	5
6	Labor Day School Closed	Uniforms Starts 8	Pizza Wednes- day \$5	10	11	12
Grandparents Day	14	15	Pizza Wednes- day \$5	Ms. Maria	18	19
20	21	22	Pizza Wednes- day \$5	24 PHAPPY BARTHAN Elaina	25 Fun Friday No Uniforms	26
27	NO VPK	29	30 Pizza Wednes- day \$5			

Service Team

If you like to garden, we encourage you to join the Service Team as we beautify the Christ Church Campus. We meet once a week and would welcome anyone with an interest in the upkeep gardening needed to keep Christ Church and Preschool looking its best. Christ Church Service Team will be joining forces with the Congregation of Life Church to host a School Supply Give Away which will include a kid friendly snack. Our Goal is to fill 200 bags to distribute to our own immediate community and a few of our surrounding local elementary and middle schools. You can help by donating a few school supplies or snacks. We are asking you to drop off your donations in the Sanctuary or the church office during the week between 9am- 4pm.

We are in need of the following school supplies:

- Pens Pencils &Erasers
- Highlighters
- Scissors
- Folders
- Pencil pouch or case
- Ruler
- Composition or spiral notebooks
- Markers & Crayons
- Color pencils
- Computer mouse (wireless)
- Headphones, ear phones or ear buds
- White board (8.5x11)
- Dry erase markers
- Copy Paper & Sharpeners

We are in need of the following snacks:

- Fruit snacks
- Chips
- Granola bars
- Canned fruits
- Cookies
- Peanut butter & Jelly
- Mac & Cheese
- Ravioli
- Lunchable
- You can also help by joining the team to stuff the bags. We will be sorting and assembling the bags at 2:30 pm on September 21 and 22. On the 22nd we will be hosting a community school supply give away for our immediate neighbors. We invite you to join us to assemble or to hand out the bags. Contact Carol Zupp for more information on any of the listed projects, (czupp@bellsouth.net)

Kids Hope USA/Christ Church Ministry

After successfully mentoring 5 students at Forest Hills Elementary School last year from November thru March, our ministry came to an abrupt end when all schools closed due to the threat of COVID 19. Although several of our mentors were able to maintain some contact with our kids though text messages and phone calls, staying in touch was difficult.

Now with schools starting this school year with online learning only, Kids Hope ministry is still on hold for now. We are exploring some other options for mentoring online and/or communicating though email or pen pal letters. Hopefully, at some point kids will be able to return to their classrooms and we will be able to resume at school mentoring program. If you would like to find out more about the Kids Hope USA mentoring ministry or if you might consider volunteering, please contact Warren Smith (warrensmith1239@comcast.net or 954-650-6018). We would like to have mentors trained and ready, so we will be ready when schools resume normal operating hours.

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together)

Through the summer, the LIFT Gals have kept in touch through e-mails, texts, and phone calls. In July, Melody DeJesus hosted our first Zoom meeting and we discussed selecting a book for Bible Study. The book we chose is called Overcoming Worry by Margaret Feinberg which focuses on trusting God with the "What Ifs" and finding peace in the midst of uncertainty. We will begin our study on Wednesday, August 26 and will continue with discussing a chapter each meeting. Before Covid-19 arrived, we always met once a month in each other's homes, but will now meet every other week on Zoom as we continue this study. Staying connected, studying Scripture, and supporting one another is important especially during these uncertain times.

Linda Rand, Facilitator

Good News @ 8:45 am

Good News @ (The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study and Conversation) continues its mid-week email probes and prompts Bible-based or issue-based newsletter. There is a live conversation at 9 am Sunday mornings. About four to 6 gather to discuss the Bible verses or issues pertinent to the day. Melody DeJesus opens the doors and moderates. To receive the mid-week Biblical probes and prompts, please contact John Childrey at childrey@fau.edu. Contacting John if you plan to attend the Sunday morning conversation allows Melody to expect you.

Facility Update

It certainly has been challenging.... 2020 started with high hopes under our new pastor to revisit our golden years of growth and Covid 19 hit us. The Senior Men's volunteer group lost two key members. The normal 8-member Tuesday morning bible study group, which often stuck around afterwards to work on project onsite, was reduced to 4 of which only 2 were physically healthy and able to work around the church. With social distancing, as the heat and rains approached. My "Faith" and "Love" never wavered for Christ Church since my 1976 Born Again experience here, but the "Hope" Glass was suddenly perhaps only half full.

Then Hope arrived with Carol and Bruno Zupp and the hardworking ladies (Sandy, Joann, Linda, Debbie etc.) of the new Service team. During Covid, they beautified and reworked our Adult Classroom, then they attacked the breezeway and west side landscape. Three big pads of lawn sod followed. The Fellowship Hall Doors got a face lift with a new coat of paint. A bunch of paving stones were re-painted and used for a kiddie hopscotch and snake alphabet assembly in front of the school entry. Be sure to stop by for a look.

Bruno Zupp has been updating the outdoor lighting, creating a brighter and safer campus. Don Curren is the new thermostat guy, reprogramming each to keep the air conditioners running more efficiently.

The sprinkler system computer recently went kaput, a fix is in process. The Service Team Ladies started hand watering to save the day and the new sod. Bruno Zupp became our second handyman besides Steve Holmes, so the three of us combine mostly to do the muscle and techie emergency work needed and much too numerous to mention here.

Finally, the water leak situation is improving. Silicon was spread over the school office and four northern classrooms. No leaks there since the project was complete.

Peter Knebel, Property Team

Did You Know? You can make a contribution to Christ Church with a text!

Simply send a text message to **954-866-4491** with the amount you would like to contribute. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and follow the instructions. Or make gifts on the church website: christchurches.com.



An Advanced Care Planning Program

Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Presentation by
Trustbridge of Broward & Palm Beach Counties

You are invited to a Five Wishes 2020 Learn & Grow Online Educational Series.

To join the Zoom session on Thursday, September 10th, visit http://www.zoom.us/join or call (929) 205-6099 or (301) 715-8592. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID 984 2219 9672 and the Passcode 3146.

Who: All members, pastors, and friends of congregations of the Broward-Bahamas Conference

What: A Five Wishes Presentation

When: Thursday, September 10th at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom

This learning opportunity is for the Broward-Bahamas Conference congregations in partnership with Trustbridge of Broward and Palm Beach Counties and hosted by Zion Lutheran Church. Ms. Ebony Massey from Trustbridge will be our presenter and facilitator.

Five Wishes invites you to consider and discuss:

- The person I want to make care decisions for me when I can't
- The kind of medical treatment I want or don't want
- How comfortable I want to be
- How I want people to treat me
- What I want my loved ones to know

A workbook in English or Spanish will be provided free of charge by Trustbridge that you can work through. It meets Florida state requirements under the law. Contact the Christ Church office to receive your workbook.

Christ Church and Preschool

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