The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 16, 2024



David anointed king by Samuel
Dura Europos synagogue painting: Yale Gilman collection

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CHRIST CHURCH

5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901
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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH, an Episcopal parish of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning, and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the communion rail. We invite you to ask questions, explore, and to make yourself known to those around you. Please pick up any other information about the parish located on the table in the back of the church. Tell us more about yourself by filling out one of the cards located in each pew. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES. Changing stations are available in both rest rooms at the Paterson Street entrance; you can get there through the side door of the church.

WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Pentecost season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

COVID-19 Guidelines for Worship Services

Please review our COVID-19 worship guidelines below before the service begins. Ushers are available to respond to any questions you may have.

Worship attendees are not required but are encouraged to wear a mask.

- Restroom at the 5 Paterson St. entrance will be open and available for use.
- We ask that all worship attendees who are not vaccinated maintain a six foot distance from others .
- All worship attendees should sit with their family/safe groups.
- **Communion:** All attendees who choose to take communion must sanitize their hands just prior to taking communion.
- **Parking Vouchers:** If you parked in the garage behind the church, please obtain a parking voucher from one of the ushers.

YOU ARE INVITED to worship with us any Sunday.

Our regular service times are 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

FREE PARKING VOUCHERS

Are available for the Lower Church Street parking deck next to the church grounds. Please see an usher for a voucher and instructions.

INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:

The Sick and Others in Need — *Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Andre, Arnold, Barb, Christine, Danielle, Doreen, Dorothy, Eleanor, Isobel, Jacquline, Jeannine, Jim, Jim, Jonathan, Joy, Karl, Lenora, Linda, Mark F., Mary, Matthew, Matthew S., Sarah, Shawn, Tabby, Timothy, and Vivian.*

Anglican Cycle – *Anglican Church of Chile*

Diocesan Cycle – *The Revs: Steven E. Carroll, Austin B. Murray*

Christ Church Ministry – *Stewardship Committee*

Birthdays this week – *Frances Barksdale, Louise Deis, Liam Dennehy, Ijeoma Egekeze, Henry Fenn, Katherine Fenn, Mark McMahon, Rozann Shackleton, Jeremiah Weston*

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact The Rev. Joanna Hollis — 732.354.1450

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Joanna and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Hollis or Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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June 16, 2024
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE *Violin sonata* in C minor, BWV 1017 Andrii Didorenko, Violin
I. Siciliano.Largo by J.S. Bach

Please stand and sing at the Procession

ENTRANCE HYMN "How Wondrous and Great Thy Works, God of Praise!"
The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #533

The Presider welcomes the people and says
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT
Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your just ice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: *1 Samuel 15:34-16:13*

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 20

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the LORD grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O LORD, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

THE EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 5:6-17*

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who

live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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GRADUAL HYMN "Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus" **RED *LEVAS* HYMNAL #20**

THE GOSPEL *Mark 4:26-34*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."
He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."
With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.
Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON Rev. Joanna Hollis

All who are able please stand

THE NICENE CREED

ALL **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All who are able please stand

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Responding, "Hear our prayer," let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.
After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

ALL **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS
**Please find a QR code for giving on the back of the bulletin.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Light of Love" American Folk Tune
Art. By Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; My words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, spirit, come, our hearts control.

Our spirit long to be made whole.
O come, spirit, come, Let inward love,
Let love guide ev'ry deed.

By this we worship, we are freed.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP, page 361

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Presider continues with the Proper Preface of the Day.

Presider Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

ALL **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider As our brother Christ taught us, we now pray,

ALL **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

ALL **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and Cup are given to the Communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Recipient **Amen.**
Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Recipient **Amen.**

Spiritual Communion Prayer For Those Joining Us Online:

Gracious God, our sustainer and source of all good things in the universe. As we gather in community this day, we are mindful of those who through circumstance or conscience are unable to partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation at this time. You are the source of the food and water which nourishes and sustains us. As we are the product of all we have partaken, we know that we are infused with your life-giving food and drink and that are never separated from you. Though we are many, we are joined in Christ. We are one Body, one Cup in the name of the One God. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #620**

All who are able please stand

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

ALL **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN "O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be"
The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #623

BLESSING & DISMISSAL *From* Feasting on the Word

The Presider will give the blessing.
People **Amen.**

The Deacon will give the dismissal.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE *Violin sonata* in C minor, BWV 1017 Andrii Didorenko, Violin
IV.Allegro by J.S. Bach

PARISH NOTES

PENTECOST 2024

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 16– JUNE 22, 2024

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Monday and Tuesday – 9:00am to 2:30pm

Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Choir Warm Up, Choir Room
	9:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	12:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	St. Alban's Bible Study, Zoom

*JOIN US AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN THE NICHOLAS ROOM

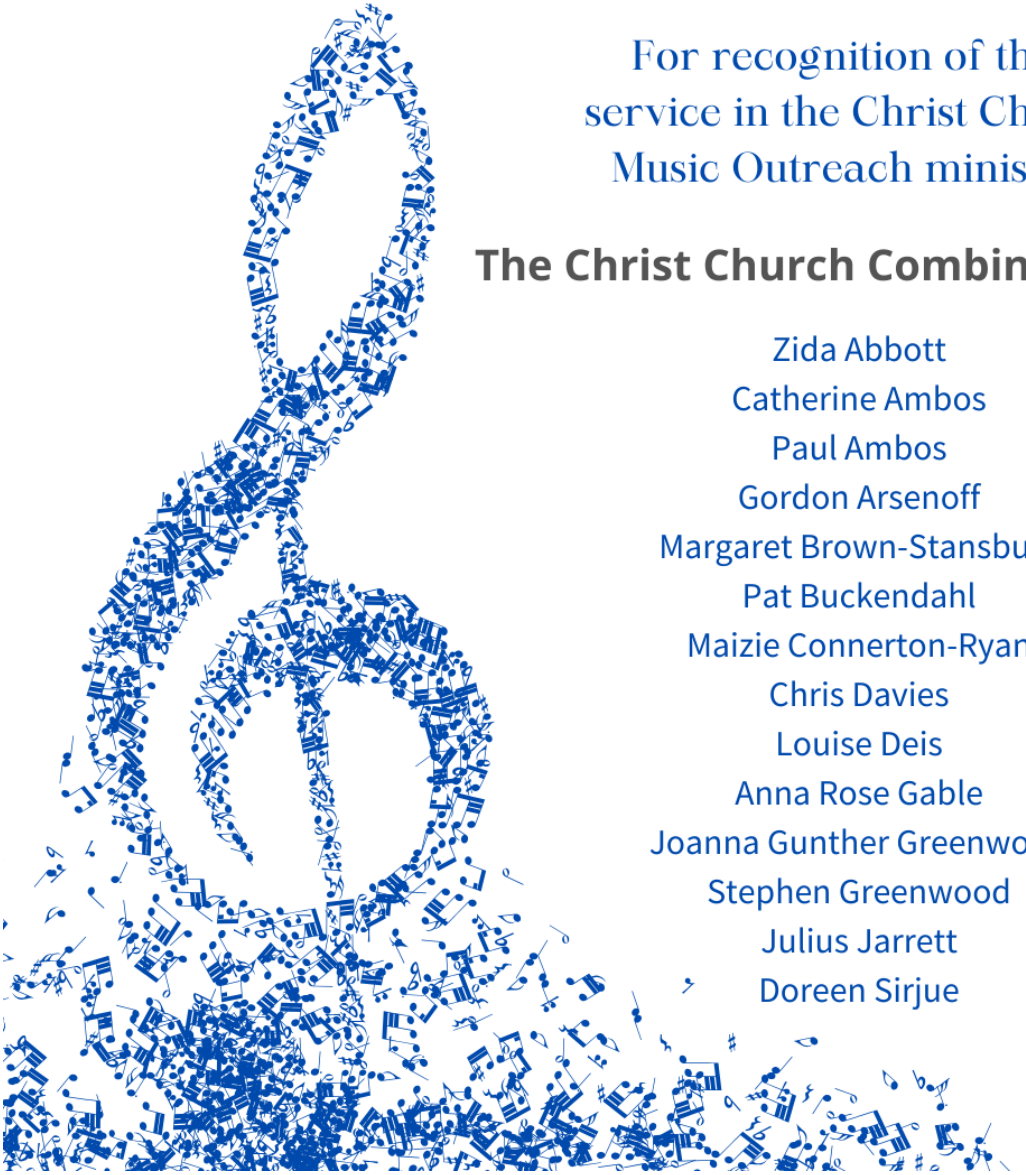


50/50 Raffle Sale

Christ Church is holding a **50/50 SUPER Raffle**-a maximum of 500 tickets to be sold. The cost-$10.00.

Your winning ticket will be drawn on July 4, 2024.

The funds raised are for repairing the Handi-Lift. Get yours before they are all sold out!



For recognition of their service in the Christ Church Music Outreach ministry:

The Christ Church Combined Choir

Zida Abbott
Catherine Ambos
Paul Ambos
Gordon Arsenoff
Margaret Brown-Stansbury
Pat Buckendahl
Maizie Connerton-Ryan
Chris Davies
Louise Deis
Anna Rose Gable
Joanna Gunther Greenwood
Stephen Greenwood
Julius Jarrett
Doreen Sirjue



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

AMISHA NEW is graduating from the school Hatikvah International Academy Charter School. For high school, she will attend Emma Willard's school.

MAIZIE CONNERTON-RYAN is graduating from Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Edison. She is not sure what high school she will be attending because she is moving to Massachusetts with her family over the summer.



Vestry Key Topics

1) At our regular meeting this month, the Vestry approved several resolutions that will streamline check and account signing as well as fund transfers.

2) Vestry Members have 50/50 Raffle tickets for sale. Please see one if you want to get a ticket. Please see Mark or Sheila if you would like to sell some tickets to your family and friends. The drawing is on July 4!

3) There is a request for aid in the form of people to assist in opening/closing the church for rentals. There are several opportunities that we want to commit to, but need assistance. Is this ministry for you? Please see Jim Nichols if it is.

Liturgical Ministers Needed!

The link is in the weekly email for June.

PLEASE consider signing up for one or more Sundays.



THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to
Dr. Katia Kravitz for your
service at Christ Church.
We appreciate the time,
energy, and dedication you
put into the music ministry.

An Awesome Organist
is hard to find
difficult to part with
and impossible to forget!



Choice Food and Resource Center News

Christ Church is actively involved with the Choice Food and Resource Center at Unity Square (CFRC), although much of the involvement is "behind the scenes." Our parishioners and friends help staff the Tuesday appointment-only distributions as well as providing the bulk of the diapers, wipes and sanitary pads for our guests.

May 2024 donations

10 cases of diapers
10 cases of wipes
22 cases of sanitary pads

These necessary items, which are not covered by SNAP benefits, helped
85 babies
6 adults/older special needs children
220 women

Thanks to Meegan Adames, the students at P-TECH who have finished the college-level coursework already have been busy bagging diapers and pads, helping make sure the CFRC has enough to cover through the upcoming summer months.

If you want to join this effort, CFRC gladly accepts donations.

Foods

Peanut butter
Pasta Sauce
Rice
Canned tuna or chicken
Cooking oil

Diapers etc.

Diaper sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Pull-Ups Sz 5-6T
Adult Diapers--all sizes from Women's Small to Men's X-Large
Baby wipes

On Sunday, July 7, we will have a "packing party." Stay after our 9:30 (and only) service to help pack items for the CFRC! You can be a great help, even if you are not available weekdays during the day.

On-Site volunteer opportunities

If you are available during the day, volunteers can help on the following days. Please call Angel Fuentes-Pesquera at Unity Square to volunteer: 732-545-0324, X-4 ("Housing" extension on the menu). Leave a message if necessary.

Food distribution

by appointment on most Tuesdays (exception: Tuesday, July 9, because of long July 4 weekend) and the third Friday between the hours of 9:45 am and 1:30 pm

second and fourth Fridays between 11:15 am and 1: 15 pm for "open distributions" --no registration or appointment required

Truck unloading

Third Wednesday of each month
Truck is scheduled for 9 a.m. delivery. Arrives when it does.
Next delivery date: Wednesday, June 19

Catherine Ambos, Christ Church Coordinator
Choice Food and Resource Center @ Unity Square



Laundry Love May Report (and first 5 months' summary)

In January 2024 New Brunswick Laundry Love @ Handy Street Laundromat changed the procedure for distributing laundry assistance. Figures showed that the average single person used around $10 to $12 to wash and dry their clothes. Anyone who was doing laundry just for one person would be assisted by one of our volunteers who would make sure the guest was using the appropriate size washer, provide the necessary Earth Breeze Liquidless Laundry Detergent for the size load and the amount of soil, then use a "high value" card to start the load. When the washer is finished, the volunteer helps the guest find a warm dryer of the correct size (so it will take less time to dry the clothes) and uses the Laundry Love card to start the dryer. This procedure allows us to best steward our resources and to increase interaction and connection with our guests. Since January, we have saved about $260 over what it would have cost to give each person their own laundry card. In addition, we are creating relationships with these people, which is a main purpose of this ministry. In addition, we have noted a slight decrease in people asking for Laundry Love cards.

Since January, we have served 170 families and 35 single individuals. In all 1,458 loads of laundry provided clean clothes for 582 people. This includes Laundry Love distributed by our partners at University Behavioral Health, Elijah's Promise, Coming Home Middlesex County, and Rutgers' LEED program. Our parish is spreading hope and help through a vibrant social services network, reaching people we otherwise would not be able to assist.

Thanks to our volunteers! The program would not operate without them. Meegan Adames provides translation services for check-in with occasional help from Graciela and Nico. Paul Ambos and Deacon Daphne help with Laundry Love packet management and distribution, as well as assistant guests as necessary. Tony Scimone, a guest who has been using Laundry Love on and off since 2019, is in charge of helping guests doing laundry for just one person. In addition, Mary Lou Taylor has been packing our detergent and dryer sheet packets, taking a huge task off Catherine Ambos' shoulders.

Finally, the main cost of the program is the laundry cards. Parish support of this program allows us to provide this vital service to our New Brunswick area neighbors. Thank you.

Catherine Ambos, Coordinator
New Brunswick Laundry Love

JUNE 16, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

We walk by faith, not by sight.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**Mark 4:26-34**	**Parables of Jesus**
Monday	**Ezekiel 17:22-24**	**Israel to return from exile**
Tuesday	**2 Corinthians 5:6-17**	**The ministry of reconciliation**
Wednesday	**Hebrews 11:1-3**	**The meaning of faith**
Thursday	**Romans 14:1-12**	**Do not judge another**
Friday	**1 Peter 1:3-9**	**A living hope**
Saturday	**Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**	**Song for the sabbath day**
Sunday	**Mark 4:35-41**	**Jesus calms the waters**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. **2 Corinthians 5:6-7 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Creator God, in the midst of things we cannot understand or accept, give us confidence that your goodness and mercy will triumph through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, you bring a harvest full of good things; we thank you for this food and all that you do to guide our lives through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the power and wisdom of God be your strength.

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taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

We Walk by Faith

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something that is happening in your life or world that seems hard to understand?
- What is your understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 4:26-34.

The Gospel of Mark was written around 70 A.D. during a very chaotic period of history in Jerusalem and in the surrounding Jewish lands. Roman soldiers were everywhere and the holy temple, with all its hope and promise for the people, was doomed to destruction. The earliest followers of Jesus were unsure how to be disciples, who was to be included in the community of faith, and how to address Gentiles and ruling powers alike. Mark writes about the kingdom of God that grows like a seed sown by a farmer. The seed grows one stage at a time even while the farmer sleeps. The farmer who planted the seeds is not sure how it is all happening just as the disciples are unsure about growing God's kingdom. Nothing stops the growing seed and nothing stops the kingdom of God. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:7 that *"[W]e walk by faith, not by sight"*. We are part of a kingdom whose standards and powers are not fully understood. Especially when things are confusing, we trust God's work, God's promises, and God's judgments. Faith trusts that God is in control.

Discuss: When you experience confusing times in your life, does faith in God give you confidence?

Pray: **God of the harvest, we thank you for the work of your kingdom that brings hope where there is pain, and confidence where there is uncertainty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone who is struggling with a decision?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This Sunday is Father's Day. It is an opportunity to honor all men who have cared for you and others as well. Take time to talk about, give thanks, and reach out to the men who have parented and cared for you.

Pray: **Dear God, we thank you for fathers and all men who care for us. We especially give thanks for [name/s of men] who have been a blessing to our lives. Amen.**

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	June 16 Recognition Sunday	**June 23**
Presider	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Sussanna Cates
Preacher	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Sussanna Cates
Deacon	Rev. Daphne Roberts	
Organist	Dr. Katia Kravitz	Suzanne McDonald
9:30 AM	**9:30 AM**	**9:30 AM**
Lector & Intercessor	Sheila Cooper	Debra Lowe
LEM	Kevin Stansbury	Elizabeth Clark
Vestry Announcements	Sheila Cooper	
Acolytes (3)		
Ushers	Peggy Smith, Mel Garber	Peggy Smith, Mel Garber
Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Jason Kaelber
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson / Margaret Brown-Stansbury	Nancy Walworth/ Sheila Cooper/ Jennifer Ryan
Coffee Hour		

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