



Christ Episcopal Church

Chronicle for April & May 2024

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Blessings... When we take a look around our church there are so many blessings to be found. We are blessed to have so many dedicated members who are willing to lend a hand to not only make Sunday morning go smoothly, but the day to day operations too. We have so many members who fill different roles in our church and without their help it would be too much of a burden for a few.

We are blessed to be able to worship together and fellowship together as a family. We are also blessed to have a beautiful place to worship in. The foundation and friendships made at Christ Church aren't just on Sundays. So many of us check in on one another throughout the week and offer up prayers and assistance when needed.

We are blessed to have children who attend our church and who take part in our services in many ways. It is a blessing as adults in the church to witness and guide the faith and relationship that our youth have with Jesus.

Our church continues to be blessed to be able to reach out into the community and help organizations in need through the generosity of our members and the work and fundraising done by the ECW. We are small, but there is something about our church that I believe makes us special and we are blessed.

As we journey forward the Vestry is working with the Diocesan office for Transition Ministry to ensure that we are doing what is necessary during this time of vacancy for Priest-in-Charge. We are preparing a document that will allow us to determine what this church may be looking for in a future rector and what we can afford to do as a congregation.

In the meantime, I count my blessings to be a part of this Christ Church Family. I hope we can all take a few minutes to stop and count the blessings and gifts from God that we have been given. I also hope that you count being a part of Christ Church in your blessing too.

Faithfully in His Service, Kristi Ross, Senior Warden



The Sunday Morning Bible Study will continue on April 7th at 9 a.m. in the Smith Meeting Room newcomers are always welcome. The spring study will focus on women of the Bible beginning with Mary Magdalene. All you need to do is to bring your Bible.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday - March 28th

Seder Meal 5:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Service 7 p.m.

March 28th-29th

The Gethsemane Watch:

Maundy Thursday Vigil

8 p.m. -Midnight &

6 a.m. -Noon

Friday - March 29th

Stations of the Cross 6 p.m.

Sunday - March 31st

Easter Service 10 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt &

Reception Following



Our youth members used the Sunday School time during Lent to focus on the Almsgiving piece of Lent. The youth put together 12 larger bags that this church can use to give to people in need of assistance who come to the church looking for help. The youth also put together smaller Gallon size bags that each member of the congregation can put in their car to give to someone they see who is in need of help.

Each of the bags includes water, food and healthy snacks to help nourish a person's body. Included in every bag is a leaflet with several Bible verses to nourish their soul. The leaflet also contains information about other local organizations to contact for further assistance, such as God's Storehouse and House of Hope.

Putting together these bags brought great discussion with the youth about what God calls us to do and how to minister to others. It teaches the youth how to participate in outreach and provide kindness. It also allowed us to talk about how we can love one another and pray for one another even if we don't have the money to hand to someone. The bags were blessed by Rev. Grayce O'Neill Rowe on Sunday, March 10th and are available in the youth room for anyone who would like one to give to someone in need of assistance.

The Youth Sunday/Church Picnic Day will be May 12th and we will be getting the youth ready and planning for that in the coming weeks. Please continue to pray for the youth of our church and their ministry in the world.





Lay Delegate and Alternate needed

The Vestry of Christ Church is seeking 2 volunteers to serve as a Lay Delegate and Alternate to represent Christ Church and vote at the diocesan level. The Vestry-elected delegate and alternate will serve for an entire year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

This term includes eligibility to attend Pre-Council Convocation meetings in January 2025 and attend and vote at Annual Council in February 2025 and any other Special Council or other called meetings that may occur during this period.

Please contact Kristi by April 13th if you would like to submit your name for consideration or would like more information.



Our Fellowship Meal Outreach Group has met three times now and there have been 6 different meals that have been made. These meals are available in the church freezer

to be handed out to any of our members who are sick or in need of meals. They have also been used several times to hand to members of our community who are in need of assistance. If you need a meal or know of someone who does please feel free to take one.

The money from this ministry is coming from our discretionary fund and any donations towards this are welcome. This ministry will continue once every two months and we can always use more help and ideas for different recipes. Our next cooking date is Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Kristi Ross for any further questions.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



April

Kathy Northen	9
Mary Ross	10
Linda Oake	11
Kayleigh Hall	15
Abigail Ross	18
Darcy Haney	19
John Ross	22
Laura Sadler	26
Sharon Sands	30

May

Haylee Brummett	1
Lorraine Lomatan	1
Lucas Fifield	9
Tom Sadler	10
Becky Searce	13
Hannah Ross	19
Jerry & Sarah Oakes – Anniversary	23
Janel Smith	24
Michael & Cathy Hyler — Anniversary	24
Jacob Fifield	25
Blake Boyd	26
Katie Haney	26
Bob Chenery	31





Due to a rainy forecast for Saturday, March 23rd the Mulching day had to be pushed up to Friday, March 22nd.

There were 14 yards of mulch to spread split into two piles and in less than 3 hours it was scooped, spread, and tools put away thanks to the hard working volunteers who came out. The mulch looks great and was much needed around the church.

On Saturday, March 23rd the rain did not stop the group from coming to get things in order inside the church. The Altar Guild worked quickly to prepare the red on the altar for Sunday and make the church look beautiful. A big thank you to our green thumb members who worked to arrange the palms beautifully for the Palm Sunday Service. Several other members took care of the dusting of the high and low spots throughout the church and encourage any extra spider webs to find a new home.

With the church shining on the outside and the inside we will be ready to celebrate Easter and the blessings that come with that day.

Last fall the Vestry approved the removal of the playground equipment. Some of the wood structure had deteriorated, the plastic swings and accessories had become brittle from the sun, and some parts had broken leaving sharp edges.

On Monday March 25th Jerry Oakes and John Ross were able to disassemble the structure with the use of power tools and take it to the dump in less than an hour.

The youth are finalizing ideas for new playground equipment that will be presented to the Vestry for approval.



Tuesday

Fellowship

Lunch Bunch

Fellowship Lunches continue on a month basis.

We have had good turnouts and everyone enjoys the chance to talk and laugh while sharing a meal.

If you are able, please join us on April 9th, at Village's and May 14th, at Tokyo Grill.





Many hands make light work is what the age old saying says. This was evident at the Annual Pancake Supper held on Tuesday, February 13th. The event was well attended by church members and those from the community. We had a lot of help to make the event go smoothly and people stepping in to give others a chance to sit down and eat.

Thanks to the generous donations of food for the event there was a profit of \$1,175 this year. This is our big fundraiser for the year and I'd say it was a success. Thank you to all who set up, cooked, served, cleaned up and donated items as well as those who came and ate and invited a friend!



April/May 2024 Service Assignments

Date	Reader	Chalice	Elements	Servers	Ushers	Altar	Hostess
April 7 10:00 am HE	Sherry Gott	Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield	David & Bonnie Hill	Abigail Ross	John Ross	Lu Sullivan	Cathy Hyler
April 14 10:00 am HE	Jason Hall	Shaun Anderson & Pat Irwin	Jerry & Sarah Oakes	Mary Ross	John Benz	Marge Fifield	Janis Chenery
April 21 10:00 am HE	Kathy Hoffman	John Ross & Mary Ross	Shaun & Dinah Anderson	Brantley Boyd	David Hill	Pat Irwin	Marge Fifield
Apri 28 10:00 am HE	Pat Irwin	Bob & Janis Chenery	Cathy & Michael Hyler	Catherine Daniel	Shaun Anderson	Sarah Oakes	Bonnie Hill
May 5 10:00 am HE	Nancy Sands	Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield	Bob & Janis Chenery	Abigail Ross	Jake Howard	Lu Sullivan	Kristi Ross
May 12 10:00 am Youth Sunday HE	Youth	Jake Howard & Mary Ross	Youth	Youth	Youth	Pat Irwin	Picnic
May 19 10:00 am HE	Lu Sullivan	Shaun Anderson & Pat Irwin	David & Bonnie Hill	Mary Ross	Jerry Oakes	Marge Fifield	Pauline Ross
May 26 10:00 am HE	Shaun Anderson	John Ross & Mary Ross	Jerry & Sarah Oakes	Brantley Boyd	John Benz	Sarah Oakes	Nancy Sands & Pat Irwin

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School Rev. Grayce Rowe Coffee Hour following	8	9 Tuesday Fellowship Lunch Bunch Village's 12:00 p.m.	10	11	12	13 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
14 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School Rev. Kurt Alsiyao Coffee Hour following Vestry Meeting	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School Rev. Gene Anderson Coffee Hour following ECW Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
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			1	2	3	4 Outreach Meal Ministry 10:00 a.m.
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