



Christ Episcopal Church

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The central theme for the first quarter of the year at Christ Church has been focused on weather, water and healing/recovery. Snow and ice kept us closed for two Sundays at the end of January and beginning of February. We had to wait to thaw out a bit but were able to re-gather in February just in time to begin Lent. Then the local water supply had a contamination issue and the water was unsafe to use for several days. This came just in time for our Annual Pancake Supper and the start of Lent. Collectively, we all gave up drinking the local water for Lent for a few days. Then we have had Rev. Grayce out for surgery along with other members who have been sick or recuperating from surgeries and illnesses. We have done what we do so well, pivoted, and made the most of these situations.

We may not have celebrated Holy Communion every week during these times, but we have been together just the same. That has made the opportunity for Communion and having a priest with us extra special. Rev. Grayce continues to heal and work on her recovery and we are looking forward to her being able to return soon. I am continuing to work on finding additional supply priests to help cover Sunday services and to fill in on the fourth and fifth Sunday's with the loss of Rev. Gene Anderson.

I appreciate your faithfulness and participation during these last few months. We were able to have Rev. Bob Hamilton with us in February and Rev. Kurt Alsiyao in March allowing us to have at least one Holy Eucharist service each month. We were so blessed to have Father Bob with us to celebrate Holy Communion for the Maundy Thursday service and also on Easter Sunday. God was looking out for us and once again He did provide and I am so grateful.

The Sun is shining, the days are longer and the weather is warmer. We are flying fast through the days of Spring already. Looking ahead we will be celebrating Youth Sunday and our Annual Picnic on May 17th and the ECW is beginning plans for another Bingo Night in August. The Vestry is also looking at other outreach opportunities in the Spring and Summer. Please speak to Marge Fifield if you have any suggestions. Please consider signing up for Safe Church training if you have not done so already. If you need further information please speak to Sherry Gott or Kristi Ross.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue to minister to one another and our community.

Faithfully in His Service, Kristi Ross, Senior Warden

UPCOMING EVENTS



Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Sun. Apr. 19 ECW Meeting
 Sat. Apr. 25 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Sat. May 9 Safe Church Training
 Sat. May 9 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Tue. May 12 Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. - Golden Leaf Bistro
Sun. May 17 Youth Sunday & Church Picnic
 Sat. May 23 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Sat. Jun. 6 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Tue. Jun. 9 Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. - Olive Garden
 Sat. Jun. 20 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Sat. Jul. 4 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Sun. Jul. 12 Vestry Meeting
 Tue. Jul 14 Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. - Outback Steakhouse
 Sat. Jul. 18 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.



Don Haney Memorial Scholarship Fund

This Scholarship has been established through donations to continue Don's youthful spirit by assisting the recipients with their higher education expenses and is intended to be used for books, tuition, fees, and living expenses.

Applications are available in the church office or speak to John Ross for more information.

The applicant must be an "Active Baptized Member" of Christ Episcopal Church, have at least a "B" or 2.75 cumulative GPA, and enrolled full-time at a college or university for the upcoming year.

(a complete list of requirements are included with the application.)

April

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| 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

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

June

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| Cort Oake | 3 |
| Rev. Cleon Ross | 3 |
| Zach & Katie Haney - Anniversary | 4 |
| Kati Hall | 5 |
| Kathy Haney | 7 |
| Sandy Isom | 7 |
| Shaun & Dinah Anderson – Anniversary | 8 |
| Margaret Benz | 10 |
| Doris Barksdale | 13 |
| Alex Brummett | 14 |
| Jason & Kati Hall - Anniversary | 15 |
| Pierre Cormier | 20 |
| Nancy Sands | 20 |
| Janis Chenery | 21 |
| Maggie Oakes | 25 |
| Joel Overly | 26 |
| Claire Hall | 28 |
| Allen Hoffman | 29 |



We hope that you have enjoyed the lovely frontals on the altar during Lent. The many colors of Lent include majestic purple, vibrant red for Palm Sunday, and

ending with white for Easter Sunday to signify the joy of the Resurrection.

The members of the Altar Guild have the responsibility and privilege of tending and setting up the altar each week. Altars are places where people express their needs and devotions. The Altar Guild is a quiet and rewarding service.

In the words of Bishop Curry, "People go to church to refocus, focus on God. The Altar Guild helps us to refocus."

Sarah Oakes, Altar Guild Member



On Sunday, January 18th we held the Annual Meeting following the church service. There were

more than 20 members of the church in attendance for the meeting. The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev. Grayce O'Neill Rowe and there were reports from the Vestry and the heads of the other committees. The Treasurer's report for 2025 was presented and the approved budget for 2026 was reviewed by the members in attendance. The Vestry members who came off the Vestry were Pat Irwin and Angie Daniel. Allen Riley was elected for a 3 year term as well as Lu Sullivan and Karla Brummett for a second term on the Vestry.

Following the Annual Meeting the Vestry met for a short meeting and the slate of officers below was elected: Kristi Ross, Senior Warden, Tom Sadler and Allen Riley, Co-Jr. Wardens, Marge Fifield, Clerk and John Ross, Treasurer (non-vestry position).

Outreach

This year with our Lenten coin cards & special Easter Sunday offering we were able to **raise \$344 for God's Storehouse**. We also collected over **200 pounds of food** during our Lenten Food drive. Thank you to all who donated food and saved their quarters for both of these Lenten outreach opportunities.

They continue to need food and other donation items throughout the year. The lists of requested items are on the bulletin board and a collection basket is in the outreach room for any donations you want to drop off at church. You can also bring them to God's Storehouse, 750 Memorial Drive, Danville, Wed 10:30-2:30 & Thursday 1-5.

Our church has been able to help many in the community through the years with the help and dedication of our members.



◀ SHROVE TUESDAY ▶

PANCAKE SUPPER

The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was held on Tuesday, February 17th. While the crowd started in a little later this year there were many people in attendance and not too much leftover this year. The food and fellowship were fabulous. Thank you to all those who helped make this event a success either by donating food or your time to help cook, serve, setup, and cleanup. The Pancake Supper is our only Fundraiser planned for the year and it was very successful with \$1,312 raised exceeding our \$1,200 goal.





During Lent the symbols of Holy Week, Betrayal, Crucifixion, and Resurrection were placed on the reredos. Each week another symbol was added. Before Palm Sunday, they were moved to Barksdale Hall and set up on a table for closer viewing. See if you know what each symbol represents. You can go to Holy Scripture to find where these symbols are described.

- Palm Trees – John 12:13-15
- Bag of Coins – Matthew 26:14-16
- Cup and Plate – Matthew 26:26-29
- Bowl and Towel – John 13:3-5
- Crown of Thorns – Matthew 27:27-31
- The Whip – John 19:1
- Nails & Cross – John 19:17-18
- Dice and Tunic - John 19:23-25
- The Tomb – Matthew 27:57-60

The **Tuesday Lunch Bunch** is a group of members who meet at different restaurants on the second Tuesday of each month. We welcome anyone to join in this fellowship. This is a good way to break bread and catch up on what is going on in your church family's lives.



The ECW meets once a month after the Church service. We usually have ten or eleven members present. ALL women in our church are members of the ECW, and we encourage you to attend our meetings.

We have kept busy since the Christmas holiday, usually behind the scenes. We voted on new officers for 2026. They are Lu Sullivan, president; Sherry Gott, vice-president; Marge Fifield, secretary; and Sarah Oakes, treasurer. If these names look familiar, they are! Some of you might think about being an officer next year.

As always, we helped with the Pancake Supper on February 17th, helping to set up for the supper, supplying some of the food, serving, taking tickets, and helping to clean up after the supper. We're always happy to help with this annual church fundraiser! We are now making plans for the Bingo fundraiser in August. Both the Pancake Supper and Bingo are popular with the community, and they are always well attended. We are also looking forward to helping with the annual picnic on May 17th.

Lu Sullivan, president, and Sherry Gott, vice-president



Holy Week is always a busy week in the life of the church. It was no different for Christ Church this year. Palm Sunday we began our service in the Fellowship Hall with our blessing of the Palms and Palm parade around the church. The service was a Morning Prayer Service with the youth members and members of the congregation helping to read a narrative version of the Passion of our Lord. Following church many members helped fill Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, set up for the Seder Supper on Maundy Thursday and help the Altar Guild prepare for the Maundy Thursday service.

On Thursday evening the Seder Meal was observed with 19 members in attendance to celebrate the traditional Passover Meal. Following the meal those who could stay attended the Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service with Rev. Bob Hamilton celebrating. The traditional service includes the Foot Washing and the stripping of the altar. After the service was over the Gesethmane Vigil began and was attended by members from 8p.m. - midnight and 6:00 a.m.-noon on Friday.

A Good Friday Stations of the Cross was scheduled, but due to low attendance was not conducted. Saturday morning there were many in attendance to help prepare the church for the Easter celebration by cleaning, polishing and scrubbing areas that needed attention. The hard working Altar Guild along with our flower crew were also busy setting up and bringing items back into church to make the church look beautiful and sparkling for Easter Sunday.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with all the events for Holy Week. Many hands made





*In memory of George & Louise Fraser, Florence Fraser,
Harold & Leonore Brown, Charlie & Jayne Gott,
Alex Mitchell & Barbara Clark
In thanksgiving for my children, Steven & Cullen Libby
and my church family
Given by Sherry Gott*

*In loving memory of Hunt & Dorothy Meadows,
Hunt & Nancy Meadows
and Garland & Algie Oakes
Given by Jerry, Sarah & Maggie Oakes*

*In loving memory of Don Haney, Ann & Bill Burnett
In thanksgiving for my children, grandchildren and friends
Given by Kathy Haney*

*In memory of Elizabeth D. Jones, L
awrence R. Jones and Mr. Hubert & Julia Chenery
Given by Bob & Janis Chenery*

*In memory of our parents & brothers
In thanksgiving for our family
Given by Tom & Rena Howard*

*In thanksgiving for Sampson, Theodore, Jake, Claire,
Jordan, Abby, Brandon and all of our family.
In memory of Baker, Bonnie, Andy, our grandparents &
uncles that have passed
Given by Jason & Kati Hall*

*In memory of, Michael Sullivan, Ryan Buck, Kathleen
Buck, Rev. Walter Laurence Fielding Haylor, Charles &
Helene Humes, and Albert & Frances Sullivan
In thanksgiving for Keith and Sean Buck
Given by Lu & Gary Sullivan*

*In loving memory of James Ian Ballenger
Given by Cathy Hyler*

*In loving memory of Annie "O" Hyler, Robert Giles
Hyler, Vickie Hyler, Maynard Hyler, Doug Neve
and Phillip Stevens
Given by Michael & Cathy Hyler*

*In thanksgiving for the life and the love of Jesus
Christ, and for all my many, many blessings,
especially treasured family, my church and my country
Given by Pam Boor*

*In thanksgiving for our family;
our granddaughters, Mary, Hannah & Abigail
and our great grandson, Noah
In memory of our parents
Given by Cleon & Pauline Ross*

*In thanksgiving for our family
Given by David & Bonnie Hill*

*In loving memory of John Fifield, Peggy & Hersch
Falkovitch, Charles, Ursula, Stephen, Mary Beth
Fifield and Jean Gertler
Given by Marge Fifield*

*In thanksgiving for all parishioners of Christ Church
Given by Allen Riley*

*In loving memory of our
family and friends that have passed
In thanksgiving for Mary, Hannah, Abigail,
Matthew and Noah
In thanksgiving for our loving family and
our church family
Given by John & Kristi Ross*

*In memory of Raymond Johns (Papa) and Laura
Crowell (Granny)
In thanksgiving for Kyle, Blake, Brantley, and Raylin
Given by Laura Boyd*

April-May-June 2026 Service Assignments

| Date | Reader | Chalice | Elements | Servers | Ushers | Altar | Hostess |
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| April 2 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm HE | Lu Sullivan | Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield | Bob & Janis Chenery | Abigail Ross | Jake Howard | Marge Fifield | Seder Supper 5:00 pm |
| April 5 Easter 10:00 am HE | Bob Chenery | Shaun Anderson & Allen Riley | Michael & Cathy Hyler | Brantley Boyd & Abigail Ross | Jerry Oakes | Sarah Oakes | Reception |
| April 12 10:00 am HE | Shaun Anderson | Bob & Janis Chenery | Marge Fifield & Sarah Oakes | Brantley Boyd | John Ross | Allen Riley | Dinah Anderson |
| April 19 10:00 am HE | Janis Chenery | Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield | David & Bonnie Hill | Abigail Ross | Shaun Anderson | Lu Sullivan | Cathy Hyler |
| April 26 10:00 am HE | Marge Fifield | Shaun Anderson & Allen Riley | Jerry & Sarah Oakes | Brantley Boyd | David Hill | Marge Fifield | Janis Chenery |
| May 3 10:00am HE | Sherry Gott | Bob & Janis Chenery | Shaun & Dinah Anderson | Abigail Ross | Jake Howard | Sarah Oakes | Marge Fifield |
| May 10 10:00 am HE | Allan Hoffman | Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield | Bob & Janis Chenery | Brantley Boyd | Jerry Oakes | Allen Riley | Bonnie Hill |
| May 17 Youth Sunday 10:00 am HE | Youth | Shaun Anderson & Allen Riley | Youth | Abigail Ross | Youth | Lu Sullivan | Church Picnic |
| May 24 10:00 am HE | Kathy Hoffman | Bob & Janis Chenery | Marge Fifield & Sarah Oakes | Brantley Boyd | John Ross | Marge Fifield | Rena Howard & Kristi Ross |
| May 31 10:00 am HE | Nancy Sands | Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield | David & Bonnie Hill | Abigail Ross | Shaun Anderson | Sarah Oakes | Pauline Ross |
| June 7 10:00 am HE | Lu Sullivan | Shaun Anderson & Allen Riley | Michael & Cathy Hyler | Brantley Boyd | David Hill | Allen Riley | Dinah Anderson |
| June 14 10:00 am HE | Jason Hall | Bob & Janis Chenery | Shaun & Dinah Anderson | Abigail Ross | Jake Howard | Lu Sullivan | Cathy Hyler |
| June 21 10:00 am HE | Shaun Anderson | Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield | Bob & Janis Chenery | Brantley Boyd | Jerry Oakes | Marge Fifield | Janis Chenery |
| June 28 10:00 am HE | Bob Chenery | Shaun Anderson & Allen Riley | Marge Fifield & Sarah Oakes | Abigail Ross | John Ross | Sarah Oakes | Marge Fifield |