



Christ Episcopal Church

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Fear... "You have nothing to fear, but fear itself." These wise words were once said by Franklin D. Roosevelt in his first inaugural speech in 1933. However, lately I feel like there has been more and more conversations with people about fear and the things we fear.

There are levels to fear. I think many of us have fears of creepy, crawly animals like snakes, spiders, mice, cockroaches, and rats, etc., but then there's fears like choking and drowning and shark attacks. A newer and more terrifying fear that we live with today that consists of public school shootings, mass shootings in public areas, and even shootings in our churches. What about the fears of making the wrong choice, doing the wrong thing, fears of societal pressures and societal opinions. Of course, there is the fear of dying or a loved one dying. They're all real fears or worries that we have had at one time or another.

The saying "why worry if you pray and why pray if you worry," comes to mind when I think of fears. It's way easier to say than to do, though. It's not that we as Christians don't believe in God or the power of prayer, but we are human and it's hard to let go of the control to allow God to work on our fears and our worries. When we were kids and even as adults during team building exercises or just for fun, we tried the Trust Fall. It was easy to trust your friends way more than those that you didn't know as well. I think it is hard for us to trust what we cannot see even when we know it's there. If Jesus or God were standing behind us, we would have no problem doing a trust fall into their arms. However, when we can't see them and they're not standing right there in our sight it feels like we're free falling and we have to do whatever we can not to land on our face.

I can't stand snakes! I don't like the look of them. I don't wanna see them. I don't wanna hear about them and I certainly don't wanna hold one at the fair. My best friend can't stand spiders. She'd rather see a nice snake in her yard than a spider. I told her my theory on spiders is that my foot or my shoe is bigger. I can't say that about snakes! But every time I've told people about my view of spiders and my foot it reminds me that God is bigger, just like my shoe. He's bigger than the mountains. He is bigger than all the fears that we have. He comes to his disciples and he comes to us and says, "Do not be afraid for I am with you" and "Peace I give to you." When we trust fall into the arms of Jesus through prayer, worship and study, we can truly find that inner peace and the knowledge that God holds us in the palm of His hands.

As we approach the scary Halloween season and think about our fears, I ask you to remember FDR's words that we "have nothing to fear but fear itself." And as we approach the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us remember to love one another, to have Grace with one another, and to be kind to one another so that we may carry out God's will for us. Let us show God's peace.

Faithfully in His Service,

Kristi Ross, Senior Warden

UPCOMING EVENTS



Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Sat. Oct. 11 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
- Sun. Oct. 12 ECW Meeting
- Tue. Oct. 14 Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. - Nonni's
- Sat. Oct. 25 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
- Sun. Nov. 2 All Saints Sunday
- Sun. Nov. 9 Vestry Meeting following the service
- Tue. Nov. 11 Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. - Toasted Yolk
- Sat. Nov. 8 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
- Sat. Nov. 22 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
- Sun. Nov. 23 [Giving Sunday & Thanksgiving Dinner](#)
- Sat. Dec. 6 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
- Sun. Dec. 7 Vestry Meeting following the service
- Tue. Dec. 9 Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. - Captain Cook
- Sat. Dec. 20 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
- Sun. Dec. 21 [Christmas pageant and decorating of the church](#)
- Wed. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve service - 7 p.m.

October

Lu Sullivan	1
Jace Chatin	3
Dinah Anderson	6
Michael & Laura Boyd - Anniversary	11
Brandon Hall	13
Elliot Haney	17
Julia Fifield	19
Anna Ballenger	24
Eddie & Leilani Cochran - Anniversary	25
Laura Boyd	25
Catherine Daniel	25
Elizabeth Daniel	25
Frank Anderson	28
Rev. Gene Anderson	28
Wayne & Jennifer Cuff - Anniversary	30

November

Porter Sands	1
Mary Kaye Huecker	6
Chris Smith	8
Nancy Seagle	11
Jackie Wilson	12
Eddie Cochran	13
Joe Northen	15
Cleon & Pauline Ross - Anniversary	15
Wayne Richards	16
Kristi Ross	16
Sydney Brummett	21
Gary Sullivan	26
Dr. Jamie & Angie Daniels – Anniversary	28
Natalie Benz	29

December

Pat Irwin	1
Alex & Melissa Brummett – Anniversary	7
Jason Hall	7
Rena Howard	7
Brantley Boyd	10
Nancy Cormier	15
Harrison Overly	21
Bob & Janis Chenery – Anniversary	24
Noah Marlowe	27
Lucas & Selena Fifield - Anniversary	29
Joe & Kathy Northen - Anniversary	29
Daniel Hoffman	31
Christopher Smith	31



An Altar Guild is at the heart of the parish. Each week, we hope you enjoy the beauty and order of the altar and that it brings you a sense of peace and reverence. The work of the Altar Guild is

often unseen, but our ministry is essential for the smooth flow of worship. The altar would not be complete without the lovely flower arrangements that are provided weekly. Being a member of the Altar Guild is very rewarding and new members are always welcome.

In closing, this is a prayer from the National Altar Guild Association.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for this opportunity to serve in your sanctuary. Grant us a spirit of reverence and faithfulness as we care for your holy things and prepare this place for worship. May our work bring glory to your name and deepen our own spiritual lives, through Christ our Lord.

- Amen

Sarah Oakes, Altar Guild Member



On Sunday, August 17th we honored the youth members of the church who were headed back to school from Pre-K to those in College. Rev. Grayce O'Neill Rowe gave each child and adult teacher as well as the backpacks and bags a blessing. Each of those students were given a small gift of remembrance from the church that God is with them throughout the school year.

In addition to honoring the students, \$166 from the loose collection for that Sunday went into the Don Haney Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please continue to keep our youth members and those in the schools in your daily prayers.



ECW Bingo Game Held on September 12 Was a Huge Success!

We are thrilled to share that the Bingo game held on September 12 was a tremendous success! An estimated eighty people joined us for an evening of fun, laughter, and friendly competition. The atmosphere was lively as participants gathered to play several exciting rounds of Bingo.

Guests were treated to a delicious hotdog meal, which was enjoyed by all. The combination of tasty food and great company made the event especially memorable. Several attendees remarked on the sense of community and camaraderie that permeated the room.

We extend blessings and gratitude to our Christ Church members for their enthusiasm and support with donating the prizes, donating and preparing the food, setting up for the event, and the cleanup afterwards.

Besides generating a great family-like gathering, we raised \$770 bingo dollars and \$150 from the 50/50. Marge Fifield won \$75 and donated it to Christ Church's Youth Fund.

A special thank you goes out to Hannah Ross, Bob Chenery, and John Ross for their outstanding work of calling the Bingo numbers and displaying them on a projector screen.

We are looking forward to next year's Bingo Game and who knows? You might be the lucky winner!

Blessings to all, Janis Chenery





By the end of July, the old parking lot asphalt had been removed and new asphalt laid down and parking spots painted. The parking lot was expanded with 16 additional parking spots along the edge of the field at the end of Barksdale Hall. This project was started in the spring with the removal of the trees along the edge to prevent the roots from undermining the new asphalt and to allow for the expanded footprint of the lot. One of the final steps was completed in September when we landscaped around the parking lot to allow for proper drainage and planted grass seed in those areas. We also took the opportunity to grind three stumps and remove an overly large mulch bed near the driveway entrance on Ridgecrest.

The parking lot replacement cost \$69,750 with an additional \$3,975 spent on Landscaping. The Hile Building Fund began this year with a \$16,198.52 balance. During the first half of 2025 we received a donation of \$25,000 from the estate of Mary Biddlestone and the Vestry approved withdrawing 10% from the 2 McCollum Fund annuities totaling \$24,538.94. Those two large deposits combined with some smaller donations and monthly interest received give us a current balance shortfall of \$-7,155.

By the end of the year the Vestry will decide how much additional money to withdraw from the McCollum Fund. That money will be combined with the current surplus in the Operating Account to bring the Hile Building Fund back up to a balance capable of covering future unexpected maintenance needs. If anyone would like to make a donation specifically to the Hile Building Fund, please speak to Sarah Oakes or John Ross.



October-November-December 2025 Service Assignments

Date	Reader	Chalice	Elements	Servers	Ushers	Altar	Hostess
October 5 10:00 am HE	Bob Chenery	Shaun Anderson & John Ross	Marge Fifield	Brantley Boyd	David Hill	Allen Riley	Rena Howard & Kristi Ross
October 12 10:00 am HE	Janis Chenery	Marge Fifield & Sarah Oakes	Michael & Cathy Hyler	Catherine Daniel	Shaun Anderson	Lu Sullivan	Pauline Ross
October 19 10:00 am HE	Marge Fifield	Bob & Janis Chenery	Jerry & Sarah Oakes	Abigail Ross	Jake Howard	Marge Fifield	Karla Brummett
October 26 10:00 am HE	Sherry Gott	Sarah Oakes & Allen Riley	Shaun & Dinah Anderson	Brantley Boyd	John Ross	Sarah Oakes	Dinah Anderson
November 2 10:00 am HE	Jason Hall	Shaun Anderson & John Ross	David & Bonnie Hill	Catherine Daniel	Jerry Oakes	Allen Riley	Cathy Hyler
November 9 10:00am HE	Allan Hoffman	Marge Fifield & Sarah Oakes	Bob & Janis Chenery	Abigail Ross	Shaun Anderson	Lu Sullivan	Janis Chenery
November 16 10:00 am HE	Kathy Hoffman	Bob & Janis Chenery	Michael & Cathy Hyler	Brantley Boyd	John Benz	Marge Fifield	Marge Fifield
November 23 10:00 am HE	Nancy Sands	Sarah Oakes & Allen Riley	Marge Fifield	Catherine Daniel	David Hill	Sarah Oakes	Thanksgiving Dinner
November 30 10:00 am HE	Lu Sullivan	Shaun Anderson & John Ross	Jerry & Sarah Oakes	Abigail Ross	Jake Howard	Allen Riley	Bonnie Hill
December 7 10:00 am HE	Shaun Anderson	Marge Fifield & Sarah Oakes	David & Bonnie Hill	Brantley Boyd	Jerry Oakes	Lu Sullivan	Rena Howard & Kristi Ross
December 14 10:00 am HE	Marge Fifield	Bob & Janis Chenery	Shaun & Dinah Anderson	Catherine Daniel	John Ross	Marge Fifield	Pauline Ross
December 21 10:00 am HE	Bob Chenery	Sarah Oakes & Allen Riley	Bob & Janis Chenery	Abigail Ross	Shaun Anderson	Sarah Oakes	Karla Brummett
December 24 Christmas Eve 7:00 pm HE	Janis Chenery	Shaun Anderson & John Ross	Marge Fifield	Brantley Boyd	John Benz	Allen Riley	Finger food reception
December 30 10:00 am HE	Sherry Gott	Marge Fifield & Sarah Oakes	Michael & Cathy Hyler	Catherine Daniel	David Hill	Lu Sullivan	Dinah Anderson