

# Good News Brief

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## This Week

### Sunday, May 13th, 2018

8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist  
9:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:10 AM Adult Education  
10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist  
10:00 AM Epic (Youth Group)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Coffee Hour  
11:30 AM Spiritual Quest II

### Tuesday, May 15th, 2018

12:10 PM Chapel Service

### Wednesday, May 16th 2018

10:30 AM Rector's Aid  
9:30 PM Compline, Church

### Thursday, May 17th, 2018

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, May 19th, 2018

10 AM to 7 PM U District Street Fair

### Sunday, May 20th, 2018

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10:00 AM Epic (Youth Group)  
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Do you want to add an event to the church calendar? Contact the church office : [Office@Christchurchseattle.org](mailto:Office@Christchurchseattle.org)

## This Sunday

### Adult Education

The Poor People's Campaign has a deep scriptural root. We will be tapping that root for the next 2 Sundays with bible studies prepared by Kairos the Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice and led by Lou Cabeen.

In this week's study we will compare a portion of sermon by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King with a passage from Isaiah. Ongoing updates about the Campaign are also available. Please join us! A preview of the text for this coming Sunday [is here](#).

### Spiritual Quest II

Spiritual Quest II will meet in the Library on Sunday, May 13th 11:30 am-12:30 pm to discuss chapter 2, "Evocative Presence," of Steve Nolan's *Spiritual Care at the End of Life*, pp. 36-56. Questions? Talk with Owen Ewald, Convenor.

### Street Chaplaincy

This past beautiful Sunday, we walked the neighborhood and met people where they are. As always, the degree of appreciation was great. The interpersonal connection (even just looking someone in the eye) and listening (and respect) is part of what really gets appreciated. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to share.

Thank you everyone who has been walking and donating – we are very well stocked right now due to your generosity!

## Upcoming Events

### U-District Street Fair, May 19th and 20th

Street Fair **Volunteers Wanted!** We are looking for folks to help out at our Street Fair booth on Saturday, May 19th & Sunday, May 20th. Practically, the duties will consist of sitting in the booth and being sociable; passing out swag; running a game; & otherwise being a helpful human. If you are interested please email Sean Hudspeth.

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## Designated Offering for Pentecost, May 20

Our designated offering for Pentecost goes to the Christ Church Discretionary Fund. This is our no-strings emergency slush fund that is used to help people experiencing crisis.

In just the past few weeks, this money has been used to:

- provide gas money for a couple with a 2-year-old who were stranded with their van in Seattle, to return home to Oregon
- buy good work boots for a janitor who just received housing for the first time in years, as he begins a new job
- buy real food for an elderly woman who is mostly homeless, living off Social Security
- prevent eviction by paying the last bit of rent for a low-income resident of the U District
- purchase warm clothing and medicine for a homeless woman who is facing multiple medical diagnoses

It's extremely rare for people in difficult situations to be able to access money for specific needs (rather than a slow and bureaucratic social services process for major needs), and what I hear is tremendous gratitude from people living on the edge that we have this money available. This is our annual Sunday to replenish the fund for the year. Please give generously as you are able.

You can make checks out to Christ Episcopal Church, with "Discretionary Fund" in the memo line. You can also give cash by putting it in one of the small pew envelopes and writing "discretionary" on it. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness to those in need.

### Salish Sea Concert, May 22: The Able Virtuoso

"The Able Virtuoso" on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 PM will feature violinist Carrie Krause from Bozeman, Montana, lutenist John Lenti and baroque flutist Jeffrey Cohan in a program of baroque trio sonatas from France, Italy and Germany for violin and flute with theorbo (a very long-necked lute) and baroque guitar by 18th-century French, Italian and German composers. Johann Mattheson's



The Able Virtuoso, published in Hamburg in 1720, sets the tone for this program of virtuoso trio sonatas inspired by Corelli and the fusion of Italian, French, and German styles, which were quite distinct in the 18th century. Music by Johann Sebastian Bach, Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, Archangelo Corelli, Pietro Locatelli, Antoine Dornel and Joseph Bodin de Boismortier will be featured in this virtuoso survey of the great variety of musical styles of 18th century Europe.

### Courtyard clean up

Thank you to everyone who helped with the courtyard clean up! We were able to disassemble and donate the playground structure to a man with five kids. There was a lot of digging, raking and cutting down, and there is more to do, but we made a lot of inroads in cleaning up the space. The space is now at the beginning of a period of renewal – so it may look a little stark right now, but it is just a clean, bright space ready for a new beginning. We have posted some thoughts in the undercroft and in the coming weeks, we'll be planning and making proposals. If you have thoughts, requests, comments, please reach out to Melissa or Joslin or both.

## 2018 Summer Camps at Camp Huston, Gold Bar

Camp Huston, the Diocese of Olympia's summer camp, will offer multiple sessions this summer. Situated on 70 beautiful acres in the foothills of the Cascade mountains, campers spend the session in age-based "discovery groups", learning more about nature, more about God, and more about themselves. Activities include hiking, swimming, team-building, worship, camping in tents, and lots of games and songs!

Printed copies of camp brochures are available near the Chapel entrance. Or visit <http://huston.org/summer-camp/> for information, including a link to the full print brochure, and to register online.

Campers: Grow into leaders, discover your place in nature, build self esteem, and have fun!

At Camp Huston, campers can expect: games, songs, hikes, team-building, camp outs, archery, swimming, crafts, campfires, variety shows, dances, friends, nature and fun! Specialty sessions such as horse camp, theater camp, international discovery, mini camp, and counselor training are also offered. Every evening closes with a chapel/worship service, planned by a different discovery group each day. An Episcopal priest from the Diocese of Olympia is onsite during every session to provide counsel, help with program activities and plan chapel services. See the brochure for a full list of summer programs.

Join Camp Huston for summer camp Open House on Sunday May 20, 2018 from noon to 3pm. There will be tours of the property and a community BBQ. It's a great opportunity to see the cabins, walk the trails, and meet some of the staff before summer. Bring your friends and family to celebrate the beginning of summer.

Any family affiliated with an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Olympia is eligible for financial assistance, regardless of their circumstance. For "campership" scholarship information contact our parish administrator. NOTE: We cannot arrange camperships until after you register. Check the box indicating you will request a campership from the parish and then provide us with the following information:

- Child's full name; name of family member paying 1/3 of the fee.
- Session/date the child is registered for.

We will then ask for 1/3 the fee from the Bishop's fund and draw 1/3 of the fee from the parish fund. Allow sufficient time to make these arrangements. If you have a question, want to know more about scholarships, or would like to have a conversation about summer camp, call 360-793-0441 or email [info@huston.org](mailto:info@huston.org).

Camp Huston is accredited by the American Camping Association, and a registered nurse is onsite during all program hours.

**Volunteer need to be a First Sunday of the Month Usher for the 10 am service:** contact Susan Folk or Pat Miller for more details.

### Missing Items

The parish projector—an Epson EX model, as well as the church office label maker, has been misplaced. If you remember seeing these items in the past 3 weeks or if you come across them in the coming weeks, please return to the church office.

## Coffee Hour Survey

We are conducting a survey about your experiences with coffee hour after the 10AM service in the undercroft to learn how to improve this part of our welcoming ministry. It includes questions like: do you go to coffee hour, what do you like/dislike, what could be better, etc.

Click this link to take the survey: [Coffee Hour Survey](#) All questions are optional.

We will also be conducting the survey in person in the undercroft the next few Sundays during... coffee hour (of course!)

We are also conducting a second survey of coffee hour *teams*, the crews that organize efforts during coffee hour, so if you get two surveys, now you know why!

## Prayers of the People List Refresh

The prayer list will be reset for Pentecost. If there is anyone that you would like to keep on the list, send an email to Denise at [office@christchurchseattle.org](mailto:office@christchurchseattle.org).

## Elizabeth Gregory Home—Current Needs

The following items are current needs:

- Grocery bags: Plastic, paper, cloth
- Washed to-go food containers with secure lids, all sizes
- Back packs & luggage
- Flip-flops, tennis shoes, and umbrellas
- 33-gallon trash bags
- Panties, sizes small and medium only (must be new)

## UCEF Seeks New Volunteers

United Churches Emergency Funds is looking for new volunteers to assist with client intake. This position will have you working one-on-one with individuals on the verge of eviction. Compassionate listening is key to being successful in the role. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays from 10:20am - 12:15pm. Ideally, we are looking for someone who can commit to covering at least 2 shifts a month. For more information about this opportunity, contact Jo:

[director@uchurchesemergencyfund.org](mailto:director@uchurchesemergencyfund.org)

## Heart Emergency Education

Recently, Christ Church purchased an automated external defibrillator (AED) and it is installed in the hallway between Wilson Hall and the Sanctuary, near the entrance to the library/kitchen. There are a few signs around the church pointing out where it is. An AED, if applied to a person's chest after they have collapsed from a heart arrhythmia, will detect if a shock is needed and deliver that shock to help someone survive until the medics arrive. Mary Lou Hatcher MD is offering education on the AED and what to do in the precious first minutes when someone collapses. This will be presented in small groups, after church for many weeks running.

It is true passing out from a heart arrhythmia is rare but when it happens, after 6 minutes, the event has a dismal survival rate without electrical conversion to a good rhythm. Our Fire and Medic Team on 50<sup>th</sup> support us in having an AED since at best they can promise to be here in 8 minutes. Please email Mary Lou to sign up and which Sunday after church you can attend, starting May 13, not the Sunday of University Street Fair. She will also have a signup sheet with her at coffee hours. Feel free to ask questions. The education involves a 5-minute video on AED use, a short review on a person passing out and working as a team, work with our AED in the training mode, practice with compressions on a simulated model. This should take 30 minutes at the most.