

Good News Brief

A weekly publication of Christ Episcopal Church.

September 9th, 2018

This Week

Sunday, September 9th 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
11:30 AM Stewardship Committee
1:00 PM Sensory Friendly Eucharist

Tuesday, September 11th 2018

12:10 PM Chapel Service
7:30 PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, September 12th 2018

10:30 AM Rector's Aid
8:30 PM Compline

Thursday, September 13th 2018

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, September 14th 2018

7:00 PM Women's Revival Potluck

Sunday, September 16th 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 Outreach Committee
12:30 AM Coffee Hour Visioning

Do you want to add an event to the church calendar? Contact the church office : Office@Christchurchseattle.org

This Sunday

Blessings of backpacks and tools of work and retirement

This Sunday, September 9, please bring new school backpacks, items that represent your labor at work or in retirement for a special blessing. We will be honoring the ways we carry our Christian love into the fullness of our whole lives.

Rev. Shelly is also happy to come bless your cubicle, classroom, garden, or other workspace this fall - please call or e-mail her.

Clobbering the Clobber Passages

Do you like to talk about the Bible? Do you like to talk about sex? Do you like to dismantle hate? Do you believe that God welcomes all people? Then this adult education offering is for you!

Since the Bible was first written, people have been misusing it for their own gain and as a tool for oppression. But, this is strikingly different from the message that we have received from Jesus. Some of the more well-known passages are the notorious 'clobber passages,' which Bible-believing Christians have used to condemn, ostracize, denigrate and otherwise 'clobber' LGBTQ+ members of society, the church, and their supporters.

In this adult education series over the course of six weeks we will be using societal, cultural, historical, and biblical lenses to look in detail at each of the six clobber passages to see their original intent and message as well as what relevance they might have for us today. In doing so, we will shed light on what the Bible actually says about what it means to be a faithful LGBTQ+ Christian in the world.

Spiritual Quest II

Spiritual Quest II will meet on September 9th, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Christ Church Library. We will discuss chapters 6 and 7 of Steve Nolan's *Spiritual Care at the End of Life*, pages 111-129.

Sensory Friendly Eucharist

Our sensory-friendly service's designed for children with and without disabilities and their families will be held in the chapel on the second Sunday of each month at 1 pm, starting this Sunday, September 9th.

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Upcoming Events

Women's Revival Potluck, Friday September 14, 7pm - Mark your calendar!

Join us at the next Women's Revival Potluck, hosted by Judy Ostrow, on September 14. Note that Judy **has moved**.

This bi-monthly fellowship activity (second Friday evening of odd months) is open to all women of Christ Church and provides an opportunity to "revive" ourselves over good food and conversation. Please bring yourself, something to share for the potluck, and a friend if you'd like. Maps and driving directions will be available at the back of the church this Sunday. If you would like a ride (or are available to give a ride to others), please contact Marilynn McGlashan.

Parking will be available in the Horizon House Garage, entered at the corner of 9th Ave and University St (the door is labeled). Pull up to the garage door and wait; it will eventually open. Tell the attendant you are Judy's guest and he will direct you to the door leading to Judy's floor and apartment.

1st Fall Meeting of Rectors Aid, September 12th

Rectors Aid will start meeting again September 12th. Their meetings run from 10:30 AM to 2 PM every Wednesday from the Fall to the Spring. They've been meeting to work on crafts to benefit the church since the fall of 1955—making this their 63rd year. Their first sale will be Sunday Oct. 14 and anyone needing any items before then is welcome to come by during the weekly meeting.

Coffee Hour Teams: Thank you & Visioning Meeting: September 16th

We will be holding a thank you & visioning meeting for the coffee hour teams on September 16th after coffee hour (of course). The purpose will be to thank everyone involved in coffee hour and to discuss the future of one of our most popular hospitality and fellowship ministries. If you are interested in joining a coffee hour team (those that prepare coffee hour), please join. As homework before the meeting, please come prepared to discuss two things you learned from the [Coffee Hour Survey](#). See you there!

Get involved in our Children and Youth Ministries

Attend one or both of these upcoming trainings. On Saturday, September 15th from 9 AM to 11 AM in the 2nd Floor Lounge there will be a Godly Play Training which will be an introduction to Godly Play Door Person and Storyteller Roles. There are two Safeguarding God's Children Trainings this month—one on Saturday September 29th from 9 AM to 11:30 AM in our 2nd floor lounge and one on Sunday September 30th at St. Stephen's after their 10:30 AM service.

Register with Heidi Hansen via email.

Bach's Lunch Starts October 2nd

Christ Episcopal Church and Pacific MusicWorks present Bach's Lunch, our third season of FREE noontime concerts on the first Tuesday of every month, October through May. Bring your lunch and enjoy these informal concerts in the beautiful historic sanctuary in the heart of the U district. Join us for a 45 minute concert featuring some of the region's finest musicians performing baroque to modern works, including many works by underrepresented composers.

In October, baritone James Dargan and pianist Henry Lebedinsky present Oh Glory! - celebrating Black history through the music of five legendary black singers: Paul Robeson, Roland Hayes, Nina Simone, Billie Holiday, and Robert McFerrin, Sr.

Nuts and Bolts Work Day: Cleaning our Thresholds, September 22nd

The Nuts and Bolts Committee is hosting a work party from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 22. Lunch will be provided.

The priority for the work day will be to clean, paint and freshen up all the various entryways to the church. Major work will be done on the Brooklyn Street entrance to the Parish Hall, but all doorways will be addressed. We have already repaired and painted the entry to the chapel. We hope by the end of the work day all entries will be as attractive.

For more information, contact Peter Strimer, the new coordinator for Nuts and Bolts.

Water and Fire: Discovering Life in Christ

Have you been a lifelong member of a church and desire a deepening of your personal relationship with Christ?

Are you struggling to share your spiritual life and experiences with others?

Are you wondering about what it means to be a true Christian in these unsettling and destabilizing political times?

Are you new to The Episcopal Church and uncertain about why we do what we do?

Have you had an experience that challenged your understanding of God and the universe?

Then! You are invited to participate in Christ Church's catechumenate, a time of learning, praying, and searching in community. The "catechumenate" is the ancient word for the time of soul-searching and investigation in which early Christians engaged as they prepared for baptism into the faith. Our process will involve four pieces. In the fall, we will spend time eating together, praying the Scriptures together, and searching our hearts. If we have been led in that time to seek baptism, reception into The Episcopal Church, confirmation, or reaffirmation of baptismal vows, we will make our commitment in the presence of the bishop at his visit to Christ Church on December 16th. In the winter, we will do an overview of the Bible, church history, liturgy, and sacraments. In Lent, we will have a season of self-searching, where we ask what it truly means for our particular lives what it means to commit to Christ and Christ's Church. In the spring, we will practice, in very plain and concrete ways what it means to live in sacrifice, service, and love.

The catechumenate is a process of love and questions. Please join our fine catechists, Lou Cabeen and Sean Hudspeth, as they journey with you into the heart of the questions at the center of all of our lives.

Logistics

Sunday evenings, 5pm-6:45pm.

Childcare and light supper provided.

Part 1, Inquiry: "*How do my longings and my story connect with God's story?*" October 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 18, Dec 2, 9

Part 2, Learning: "*What is this religion made of?*" Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar 3

Part 3, Intensive Preparation: "*Why me? Why the Church? Why now?*" Mar 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr 7, 14 (and all Holy Week services)

Part 4, Living: "*How do I live in my Christian joy and freedom, in sacrifice and love?*"

Apr 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2

Everyone has something wonderful to learn and to offer to this process. If you have any questions, please contact Lou Cabeen or Sean Hudspeth.

Elizabeth Gregory Home Current Needs

The staff and volunteers at Elizabeth Gregory Home (EGH) extend ongoing appreciation to CEC members who continue to donate supplies for our clients: Homeless women who are able to experience the safe environment of a home. Services include meals, a permanent address to receive mail, a food pantry, home-cooked meals, a safe place to sleep, and every social service imaginable.

Ongoing needs:

- Grocery bags: plastic, paper, cloth
- Washed to-go food containers with secure lids, all sizes
- Back packs & rolling luggage
- Purses and misc. carry-alls
- Body lotion (any size; these can be open and/or previously used)
- Panties (must be new): We are in dire need of sizes small and medium only.

UCEF Needs Snack Packs

The United Churches Emergency Fund, whose chief purpose is to prevent homelessness, also provides its clients with snack packs which are assembled and donated by its supporters. Each snack pack usually contains a non-perishable fruit cup or applesauce, a granola or candy bar, cheese crackers, a small bag of chips, fruit juice or water, a plastic spoon and a napkin. If you would like to assemble up to 50 snack packs for UCEF, please contact Jo Gustafson, executive director, at 206-524-7885 or director@uchurchesemergencyfund.org. Thank you!