



As we begin a new year
One chapter of your life has just finished
and another chapter has just begun
Let us always be blessed
with the warmth of God's love

THE CHRIST CHURCH TIMES



MISSION STATEMENT: We pray "that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know" God to the knowledge and love of Him. Thus, it is the purpose of Christ Church to gather together for worship, Christian education and fellowship; to develop and maintain loving and caring Christian community; to scatter, going forth into the world in the power of the Spirit; and to witness to others Christ's redeeming love, respecting "the dignity of every human being."

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RECONCILIATION, HEALING & EVANGELISM

JANUARY 2017

These are the focal points for the 3-day Pittsburgh pilgrimage of the Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael Curry. It will be the first of five Jesus Movement Revivals he is planning in different cities around the country. His visit to southwestern Pennsylvania on February 3rd, 4th, & 5th will incorporate our Diocesan celebration of Absalom Jones Day—the first African American priest of the Episcopal Church—with a sort of revival including services, celebrations, conversations, and calls to commitment to do this work of the Jesus Movement, particularly as we live it in the Episcopal Church.

Bishop Curry has a passion and enthusiasm for evangelism—each Christian learning to share the joy of Jesus in his or her life—and for the healing and reconciling of divisions, particularly racial divisions, in the Church and the wider culture. The two are deeply intertwined, because we cannot begin to be effective agents for healing of human relationships until we each recognize the brokenness of our own relationship with God, and profoundly experience the reconciliation that comes from the deep, deep love of Jesus. The sharp divisions that are present in our country, and the inadequacy before God that we probably all feel from time to time, are clear evidence of our need for healing both without and within. If you, like me, have a longing to experience that reconciliation with God and neighbor more deeply, yet feel at times underqualified or ill-prepared to be the sort of ambassador for reconciliation that St. Paul writes about, the Presiding Bishop's preaching and other events of the weekend might help bring the encouragement you need—we need—to get back to the business of the Jesus Movement in our own cities, towns, workplaces, neighborhoods and homes.

Members of the diocese are welcome to attend any or all of the events of the weekend, and even bring friends, though the emphasis and primary audience will be slightly different for each:

Friday, February 3rd at 7:00pm the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS) will host an event for church leaders from different traditions & denominations, focusing on the unity of the Church.

Saturday, February 4th will begin with the Absalom Jones Day celebration at Holy Cross, Homewood, with a "Breakfast with the Bishops" for youth at 9:30am, and Eucharist at 11:00am.

Saturday at 3:00pm the program returns to PTS with a focus on bridging racial and denominational divides, emphasizing the work we must embrace together, battling addictions & poverty and renewing the hope Jesus brings the world.

Sunday morning February 5th will begin with a 9:00am service at Calvary Episcopal Church in East Liberty, followed by a 11:00am service at St. Stephen's, McKeesport, with a challenge and commissioning for our work together, particularly lifting up the efforts of the new "Mon Valley Mission" in that distressed community.

That we all might have the opportunity to share in this exciting event with our fellow Episcopalians and other Christians in the Pittsburgh area, we are planning our own "Christ Church Pilgrimage" to participate in the closing event of the weekend. The Sunday, February 5th *10:30am service here in Indiana will be cancelled* so we can all travel together to McKeesport—I am hoping we get enough people to sign up that we can hire a small bus, so we don't even have to worry about the drive! We'll plan to have lunch on the way back—either stopping somewhere en route, or bringing nice sandwiches to eat on the bus—and will have everyone back in plenty of time for the Super Bowl pre-game shows that afternoon (for those who are concerned about such things). If you would like to travel to Pittsburgh together on Sunday, please let me know ASAP—speak to me, call me (724-422-5038) or e-mail me (RoodRunner324@gmail.com)—so we can make the necessary transit plans.

If you'd like a few more details about the Presiding Bishop's visit, I encourage you to view the schedule of events at www.episcopalpgh.org/pbvisit, or pick up a brochure at the church. If you are interested in any of the weekend's other events in addition to Sunday morning, you are encouraged to register on the diocesan webpage; also contact me if you are interested in carpooling to Friday or Saturday events.

I hope you'll sign up so we can share in this great opportunity together, for Christ's sake.

The Rev. William L. Geiger, Rector



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE
of CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
— Gary Armbrust (chair), Joyce Magee,
J Evans, Brian Petersen, Celinda Scott—
will meet Sunday, January 22th, 2017 at 9:10am in the Parish office
to establish a slate of nominees for the two Vestry seats to be elected at the**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING on
Sunday, January 29th, 2017 at 9:10am.**

ROOF FUND: Thank-you all for your considerable gifts & commitments to the project to replace the roof on our church, community room, and parish house. A more detailed report will be provided at the Annual Parish Meeting and in the February newsletter, but the bottom line is that with gifts already given, pledges committed, building maintenance accounts and some undesignated funds, we are very close to our goal of \$100,210.00. If you haven't yet made a gift or pledge but have been intending to, don't delay; your gift is very important to the project—the less we have to draw from existing accounts the more we'll have for future needs and projects.

Your Christ Church staff—Father Bill Geiger, Marilyn Herbruck, Nancy Steffy, Arlene Schweitzer and Susan Bauer—thank you once again for your support, and especially for the generous Christmas gifts! You are all so kind, and we are so grateful to be able to serve you all throughout the year.

2017 Altar Flower Schedule - The 2017 Altar flower scheduled has been posted on the board in the community room. If there are any changes, please contact Nancy in the parish office (724(465-6129).



2017 FAMILY PROMISE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Christ Church has been exemplary in helping to provide volunteers for the homeless families in the Indiana County Family Promise program. Volunteers will be needed to prepare meals, socialize in the evening, or spend the night at Covenant Way. Christ Church has been assigned the following dates as hosts for 2016: January 1 - 8, March 5-12, May 7-14 and October 29-November 5. Sign up sheets will be posted prior to each week of hosting.

THANK YOU to all the Christ Church volunteers for again making “Our Family Promise Hospitality Week” in January a success by preparing meals, socializing, and sharing your special gifts.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER - If you would like a story/snippet or announcement in the February Newsletter, please give the information to Nancy in the parish office by Thursday, January 26th.

Dear Friends of Christ Church. Thank you so much for your kind words and generous gift at the holiday season. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all your support throughout the year, I am so happy to serve as your parish secretary and look forward to another great year at Christ Church. Again thank you and may God Bless you and bring much happiness and good health to you in the coming New Year. Nancy

\$\$\$\$ BUDGET \$\$\$\$

Income/Expenses:	NOVEMBER	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Income	\$12,695.97	\$14,798.21
Expenses	-\$12,310.38	-\$12,822.80
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$385.59	\$1,975.41
<u>YEAR TO DATE:</u>		
Income	\$163,147.92	\$155,567.90
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Expenses	\$158,548.52	\$159,452.99
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,599.40	-\$3,885.09

REMEMBERING IN PRAYERS

THIS MONTH YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

THE CHURCH:

The Most Rev. Justin Welby; Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell; Bishop of Pittsburgh
Priests and Pastors: Arthur Dilg, Dick Stinson, Walter Moreau, Arlene Schweitzer, Bill Geiger
St. Thomas' Church, Northern Cambria; Deacon Ann Staples, Our Diocesan Cathedral, The Rev. Scott Quinn

THOSE IN CIVIL AUTHORITY – BARACK OBAMA, President; DONALD TRUMP, President-elect; TOM WOLF, Governor; DON WHITE, Senator

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND UNIFORMED SERVICES, ESPECIALLY: Jason Evans, Nathan Bauer, Stephen Russell (Susan Bauer), John Scott (Barry & Celinda Scott), Morgan Brumbley (Catherine Ondo), Steven Cole (David & Phyllis Eckelman), Zack (Tanja Petersen)

THE SICK OR TROUBLED, especially past & present members of our parish family; Kathryn Athey, a daughter, Dave & Phyllis Eckelman, Nora Lantzy, Al Murtha, Emory Scott, Ron Dixon, Pat Carone, Marissa Flagg, Karrie Conrad Tipton, Diane Duntley, Alan Haycock, Sue Welsh, Arlene Schweitzer, Delores Wagner, Judy Davis, Jean Bates

REPOSE OF THE SOUL: Lois Bergey, Shibley Zuraikat, Georgette Syster, Ashley Guindon (Susan Bauer), Ruth Murtha, Rob Fleeger, Emmy Trainer, John Herbruck, James Conrath, Sam Scott, Shirley Houck, Tom Kenney, Raymond and Shannon Stumpf, Anna-Hughes Carone, Marie Bahn, Melissa Novak DeTrude, Gwen Santiago, Myrna Jack, Kevin Hanlon

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK WE BID YOUR PRAYER FOR THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE, AS WELL AS Daryl Payne (Susan Bauer), Karen, Evelyn Williams, Cindy Leap, Collene Super (Susan Bauer), Mariam Zuraikat (Nashat), Jake Ishman (Catherine Ondo), Jennifer Krentz (Obermuller), Diane Marron (Tanja Petersen), Marisa Turchiano (Mark Baurer), Mark Dillner (Mark Bauer), Jenny, Deanna Kissell (Judi Radell), the Huber family, Fred Wassam, Clarke Enid, Cheri Widzowski (Tanja Petersen)

ALL IN THE FAMILY



JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan. 1 – in grateful appreciation of our many blessings by Mr. & Mrs. David Eckelman

January 8 - in loving memory of John M. Harmon III by Susan and Mark Bauer

January 15 - in loving memory of Althea and Frank Saville by Joan Paskowski

January 22 – In celebration for the ordination of David C. Meyers into the Episcopal priesthood and the birthday of Tom Robertson by the Robertson family

January 29 – in loving memory of Barbara Rose by Mr. & Mrs. J. Evans and family



HOSPITALITY

January 1 Judi Radell and Tanja Petersen
 January 8 Karen Conrad and Shari Robertson
 January 15 Esther Hilliard and Lynn Rinkus
 January 22 Mary Lu Tucker and Kate Geiger
 January 29 Ann White and Gladys Hilton

ALTAR GUILD



December 31 – January 6 – Team 3
 January 7 – January 13 – Team 4
 January 14 – January 20 – Team 1
 January 21 – January 27 – Team 2
 January 28 – February 3 - Team 3



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Leanne Pearce
- 4 Krista Conrad
 Pat Petersen
- 9 Isaac Evans
- 15 Robert Conrad
- 19 Nora Lantz
- 20 Clinton Hilliard
 William Radell
- 26 Tom Robertson
- 29 Linus Petersen

LECTORS:

- January 1
- January 8
- January 15
- January 22
- January 29



- Andrew Welsh
- Mark Bauer
- Judith Radell
- Priscilla Coles
- Lionel Deimel

LEM:

- January 1 - John Henry Steelman and Celinda Scott
- January 8 - J. Evans and Kate Geiger
- January 14 - Brian Petersen and Catherine Ondo
- January 22 - Kate Geiger and John Henry Steelman
- January 29 - Catherine Ondo and J Evans




LEV:

- January 1 - J Evans
- January 8 - Catherine Ondo
- January 14 - John Henry Steelman
- January 22 - Celinda Scott
- January 29 - Kate Geiger

USHERS AND GREETERS: Sydney and Gladys

It's the beginning of a new year, it is a time to reflect back on the memories of 2016. In the new year, 2017, we can think about how old we are going to be, about the new people we will meet, about all the new things we will see and do and most important how we are going to include Jesus in our life in the new year. Complete the activity below to learn about some important people in the Bible and the ages they reached.



Just for KIDS

"Who Am I?"

It's a new year and you may be thinking about time, birthdays and how old you'll be this year. Below are some people from the Bible and the ages they reached.


First, fill in the name of each person. If you need help, look up the verses in the Bible. Next, find the age of each person by matching the number under the blanks to the sum of the digits in the ages listed. For example, if the number under the line is 11, it could be 290 (2+9+0=11) or 47 (4+7=11).

Names: Abraham Joseph Adam Moses Isaac Noah Jesus Sarah
Ages: 33 110 120 127 175 180 930 950


1. I was God's first man. I lived to be _____ years old.
Who am I? _____ (Genesis 5:5) (12)
2. I built an ark when God flooded the earth. I lived to be _____ years old.
Who am I? _____ (Genesis 9:29) (14)
3. God said that my offspring would be as many as the stars in the heavens. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Genesis 25:7) (13)
4. I was close to 90-years-old when God said that I would have a son. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Genesis 23:1) (10)
5. My parents were Abraham and Sarah. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Genesis 35:28) (9)
6. My brothers left me in a pit in the wilderness. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Genesis 50:26) (2)
7. When I was 3-months-old, I was placed in a basket in the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Deuteronomy 34:7) (3)
8. I began my life in a barn with animals. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Luke 2:7). (6)


Answers: 1. 930, Adam; 2. 950, Noah; 3. 175, Abraham; 4. 127, Sarah; 5. 180, Isaac; 6. 110, Joseph; 7. 120, Moses; 8. 33, Jesus


Print the book mark below. Read the poem and Color the pictures. Cut the book mark out and use it in your Bible to mark special verses that you want to remember and live by in the coming year.





As the new year begins, think about what may be ahead for you!!


January's  fall from above;

February finds us with  full of love.

In March comes spring with  breaking through;


April's showers make the  green and new.

We honor our  on a day in May;


In June we remember  on his day.


July brings picnics,  and fun;


The "dog days" of August bring hot, hot .

September  take us back to school;

October  turn gold and the air turns cool.

 Day comes in November each year,

And in December we're filled with  cheer.

 A year full of new days is given to you....

Thank God and remember him in each thing you do.



JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HOLY NAME 8am & 10:30am H.E. No Christian Ed.,	2 <u>Office Closed</u>	3 10am-12pm Drop-in	4 12:10pm H.E. and Healing Prayer 1pm Bible Study 2pm-4pm Drop-in	5 10am-12pm Drop-in 11am Oremus	6 EPIPHANY Rector's Day off	7 9:30am D.O.K.
FAMILY PROMISE WEEK 1-8						
8 EPIPHANY observed 8am H.E. 9:30am Christian Ed. 10:30 Lessons & Carols, H.E.	9 10am-12pm Drop-in	10 10am-12pm Drop-in	11 12:10pm H.E. and Healing Prayer 1pm Bible Study 2pm-4pm Drop-in	12 10am-12pm Drop-in 11am Oremus	13 Rector's Day off	14 10:30am Indiana County Freedom March
FAMILY PROMISE						
15 EPIPHANY 2 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8am & 10:30am H.E. 9:30am Christian Ed.	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 10am-12pm Drop-in	17 10am-12pm Drop-in	18 St PETER 12:10pm H.E. and Healing Prayer 1pm Bible Study 2pm-4pm Drop-in 6:30pm - VESTRY	19 10am-12pm Drop-in 11am Oremus	20 Rector's Day off	21 8:30am – Women's Prayer Day
22 EPIPHANY 3 8am & 10:30am H.E. 9:30am Christian Ed. 9:15am – Vestry Nominating Committee	23 10am-12pm Drop-in	24 10am-12pm Drop-in	25 St. PAUL 12:10pm H.E. and Healing Prayer 1pm Bible Study 2pm-4pm Drop-in	26 10am-12pm Drop-in 11am Oremus	27 Rector's Day off	28
29 EPIPHANY 4 8am & 10:30am H.E. 9:10am Annual Parish Meeting	30 10am-12pm Drop-in	31 10am-12pm Drop-in				Page 7