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Dear People of Christ Church,

As we head into the summer months, I have a couple of reminders for the good of our community. First has to do with staff and schedules. The staff have their normal hours through the summer. However, there will be times and situations when they will not be at their desks should you call or come to talk to them. Please be sure to call ahead and make sure they know to expect you or, better yet, to schedule a time to meet with you. When you call the church phone number at 540-662-5843, you will get our phone extensions and select the correct extension. You can also send them an email. If you send an email or a text, please be sure to include your name in the message to help them know who is trying to contact them.

With emails and texts, please remember that my staff nor I ever ask for donations or solicitations of money or gift cards online. If you get a text from me, or probably anyone, saying that they need to speak with you, but are heading into a meeting and can't talk, so send text, that is not one of us. That is what we call a "phishing expedition" to get your information or to draw you in on a con to get money from you by appealing to your kindness. If this warning sounds like a repeat from a few months ago, it is. In fact, some of these fake emails and texts are getting pretty creative either in their messaging or in their layouts, so you need to be careful. Unfortunately, there is a recurring pattern every few weeks of parishioners getting these requests which means that the problem is ongoing.

Also, while this Angelus includes both June and July, the Thursday weekly email update will continue to go out. Any changes or new events throughout the summer can be followed there. To help make sure that you keep up to date, please subscribe on the church website so you know about parish events.

My final appeal to you about the summer is to read what our Pastoral Care Committee has shared about keeping in touch. With HIPAA, changes in hospital structures, and medical systems, I can only emphasize the need for direct communication. I know that people want to think clergy, staff, parish nurses or other members of the parish know when you or others need a visit or are ill. However, so often, this is not the case. To inform the clergy or staff of a hospitalization or medical situation is an additional step for you to take, but that is the only way we can find out what is going on, where people are, and how to reach them. Until laws change, that is the challenge we face. It protects our individual privacy, but it also means direct contact has to happen for us to be able to minister to one another.

Have a safe, enjoyable summer!

Faithfully,



The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector
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Pastoral Care Committee

We can't... if you don't...

The vision of the Pastoral Care Committee is that you, the parishioners of Christ Church, will feel supported and cared for in body, mind and spirit in times of need. We have parishioners working with Pastoral Care ministries to provide that support and care in various ways, but they can't fulfill that mission unless they know there's a need!

Have you received a birthday or anniversary card from Christ Church, or a note of sympathy at a time of bereavement? The Pastoral Care Committee was responsible. You haven't received a card? Hmm. Could it be that you haven't given the dates to the church office? This is an example of what we mean when we say, "We can't...if you don't..."

Here are a few more examples:

We can't include a name in our Prayer List if you don't tell us there's a need. Use the website link to do this quickly and easily.

Clergy can't visit you in hospital if you don't let us know you are there. Make sure clergy are listed if there are other visiting restrictions, such as in care facilities.

We can't provide a few meals when you have a new baby, come home after surgery or at a time of bereavement if you don't let us know of the need. Call the Church Office or let the Parish Nurse know if you need a few meals from The Shepherd's Table.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers can't bring communion to you if you are too poorly to attend church if you don't let the clergy know of your request.

We can't send a prayer shawl to bring comfort at times of stress, such as surgery, illness or bereavement, if you don't let us know you or a family member would appreciate one.

If you are not sure who to ask when you need this kind of support, a call to the Church Office or the Parish Nurse is a good place to start. Sue Jarvis, Chair of the Pastoral Care Committee, can also be reached at 540-247-2155.

Knitters Needed!

Knit Unto Others, our Christ Church prayer shawl ministry is in need of some new knitters! Our prayer shawls and prayer squares have been made by a dedicated group of people and we have been able to give them to parishioners to bring them comfort and remind them that they are wrapped in the prayers of Christ Church. Kay Keely headed this ministry for many years, but is no longer able to continue. We are grateful to Kay for her many years of organizing this ministry.

Shawls and squares can be completed in your own time at home. Shawls do not need to be complicated and beginning knitters are encouraged to join the work of this ministry, as well as more experienced knitters. Prayer squares are even easier! They generally measure three or four inches square and it's possible to make a handful in a short evening of knitting.

Please contact Sue Jarvis 540-247-2155 if you have questions about the shawls or squares, if you would like some simple patterns, or are interested in making and donating to our prayer shawl ministry.

Christian Formation & Worship

Sunday School Wrap Up

Another year of Sunday School has drawn to a close at Christ Church. This was my first year here, and it has been an absolute blast getting to know all of you and to learn more about our faith alongside you! As we wind down for summer, let us take a moment to remember that our Sunday morning education programs would not be possible without the wonderful teachers who take time out of their lives each week to prepare and lead the lessons that guide us all on our faith journeys. To our teachers: thank you for your inspiring and excellent service to the church; our community is enriched by your presence and your tutelage. More personally, thank you for your invaluable assistance as I got my bearings at Christ Church, and for guiding me in navigating the ins and outs of our education programs. I hope that you enjoy this well-deserved break for the summer, and I look forward to working with you again come autumn.

To our families and youth, be on the lookout for announcements and events over the summer! While our Sunday School and regular Youth Group meetings are on hiatus, there will still be opportunities to get together as a community for fellowship and fun. If you have any ideas on events or programming for next year, now would be a great time to reach out, and I would love to hear any suggestions you may have for how Christian Education can better serve you.

I am incredibly grateful to be able to serve as a member of this wonderful community, and can't wait to see the ways in which we will all grow together, as Christians and as friends.

Christ's Peace,

Garth Stevens-Jennings

Choir Finishes Another Fantastic Year

As the Christ Church Choir finishes another year, we'll be reminded in coming weeks of their impact on our worship. Jean Lin, our music director, has worked with a group of almost twenty singers this past year, leading us in hymns and singing prayerful anthems.

Alix Cooper, who has sung in the choir here since 1998, says, "Something essential to my personal faith tradition would be lost without church choir." Cathie Waldie is our longest-serving chorister, starting here during her childhood. The choir was fortunate to add new members this past year, too, and all seem to feel joy and connection to the congregation through their participation. Additionally, they love working with Jean!

Katie Harvard says the choir is a relaxed, happy group these days.

Alix suggests that choir members "sing out among parishioners" on Sundays this summer to encourage us all to sing with more enthusiasm.

When you hear a choir member singing in your pew this summer, please thank them for all they add to worship at Church and for sharing their time and talent as a member of the choir. If you are interested in joining the group next fall, please contact Jean Lin (jyoyulin@gmail.com) or speak with her on an upcoming Sunday.

Church Calendar

Services at Christ Church

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
in the Sanctuary

Holy Eucharist at Westminster-Canterbury
Every 1st & 3rd Thursday at 10:30 am



Look for
Christ Episcopal Church Winchester
and like us to stay up-to-date on the latest news!

The Church Office is open Tuesday—Thursday
from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Call ahead before you visit!

Committee & Group Meetings

Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 6:00 pm (On break for summer)
Bible Study	Wed: 10:30 am via Zoom
Outreach Committee	1st Tues: 6:00 pm
Common Ground Discussion Group	Currently On Hold
Properties Committee	3rd Wed: 7:00 pm
Vestry	2nd Tues: 7:00 pm
Faith Study	2nd & 4th Mon: 10:00 am
Treasure Box	Wed & Fri: 10 am—4 pm Sat: 10 am—1 pm
Women's Book Study	First & Third Thursday at 5:30 pm —Parlors (On break for summer)



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Church Calendar

Birthdays

June

- 1 Jim Taylor
- 2 Nancy Tabaka
- 3 Florence Elwood
- 4 David Bicking
- 5 Gregory Elwood
- 16 Gerald Crowell, Lokie Voight
- 18 Jim Wiedower
- 21 Suzanne Pettit
- 22 Christopher Francis
- 24 Maria Tedesco
- 25 Walter Jagiello
- 26 Bill Wiley



July

- 1 Ann Crocker
- 2 Jordyn Elberson
- 3 Gil Kesser
- 5 Mark Pennypacker, Sr.
- 7 Nick Nerangis, Philip Sargent
- 8 Rae Lennon
- 9 Eve Brown, Bob Mitchell
- 11 Pat Leinbach, Linn Power
- 12 Ginger Elberson
- 15 John Claybrook, Ron Mislowsky, Ron Graves
- 17 Julie Read, Pat Shaner
- 18 Rebekah Wiedower
- 19 Stacy Talbott
- 23 Cathie Russell
- 25 Arthur Sperry
- 30 Doug Thomas
- 31 Tim Whipkey

celebrate!

Anniversaries

June

- 1 Jared & Katlyn Painter
- 8 Bill & Katy Wiley
- 9 Tim & Cathie Waldie
- 9 David & Margery Wingenbach
- 9 Tom & Lori Ellington
- 10 Joe & Caroline Wingenbach
- 12 Jim & Martha Griffin
- 12 Dick & Katie Clarke
- 13 Rob & Susan Ross
- 18 Dan & Pat Shaner
- 19 Bill & Anne Drury
- 19 Nelson & Barbara Keech
- 20 Mark & Judy Pennypacker
- 21 Bruce & Vivian Schower
- 26 Ashley & Betty Futral

July

- 6 Webster & Rebecca Gibson
- 7 George & Tricia Glass
- 9 Gary & Susan Sheppard
- 24 Damian & Nancy Sawle
- 24 Tim & Amy Whipkey
- 30 Roger & Pamela Lamborne

Please Note:

We will publish birthday and anniversary information only with explicit permission. Please contact the Church Office if you wish to be added to or deleted from these lists. Please keep the Church Office informed of any changes to your address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

To submit a prayer request, please visit the website and click on "Add a Name to the Prayer List" in the Quick Links section.

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Ministry Fair Recap

The Stewardship Committee wrapped up its first Ministry Fair and it was a big success thanks to our wonderful bakers (primarily Mary Puttock and Catherine Hylands) and all of you! The fair focused on all of the church's ministries and on breaking bread together at a breakfast held between the two services, which included presentations by the committees. Events were held on March 22, April 12 and 19 and May 17. The focus of the Stewardship Committee is ways for us to be the church through our time, talents, and financial support. We are hoping all parishioners are passionate about sharing Christ's love by participating in our Church's important ministries.

Below is a list of church committees and some of the programs within the purview of each committee. Please reach out to the chair if you would like more information or are interested in volunteering in a specific effort.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: Jillian Kalbaugh, Chair, email: jilliangolas@gmail.com

Programs include Sunday morning adult forum, Daytime faith study, Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study, Women's Book Study, Children's Sunday School, Children's Chapel, Youth Group

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Rev. Webster Gibson, Chair, email: rector@christchurchwinchester.org

Programs include Adult Choir, Alleluia Singers, Cherub Choir, Ushers, Altar Guild, Acolytes, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and Lay readers

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE: Theresa Jacobsen, Chair, email: tjacobsen13@gmail.com

Programs include parish fellowship events, Coffee Hour, funeral and celebration reception coordination

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE: Sue Jarvis, Chair, email: billsuejarvis@yahoo.com

Programs include parish prayer lists, card ministries, Shepherds Table (providing dinners for those in need), prayer shawl ministry, and the Parish Nurse program

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Sally Hovermale, Chair, email: sallyhovermale@gmail.com

Programs include working with community partners providing local outreach including Bright Futures, CCAP, Winchester Rescue Mission, WATTS and the Salvation Army, as well as additional outreach efforts such as Rise Against Hunger

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bob Puttock, Chair, email: bputtock@outlook.com

Programs include budget, risk management, audit, and planned giving

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE: Dan Wall, Chair, email: danwall12@gmail.com

Programs include managing and maintaining the physical assets of the church, livestream and internet connections, security, property decorating and design

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Wilborn Roberson, Chair, email: Wilborn.Roberson@truist.com

Programs include Community Table program, Ministry Fair and annual pledge campaign

If you have any questions and are not sure which committee to contact, please reach out to Noelle in the Church Office at communications@christchurchwinchester.org.

How will you manifest Christ's love? How will you support our church's mission to manifest Christ's love? Do not be afraid to stretch a bit, as we will always support each other in this effort.

Across is a photo of all of the wonderful informative tri-folds prepared by each committee. They will remain in the Tilford Room for a few weeks. We encourage you to check them out!

Stewardship Committee

Community Table Roundup

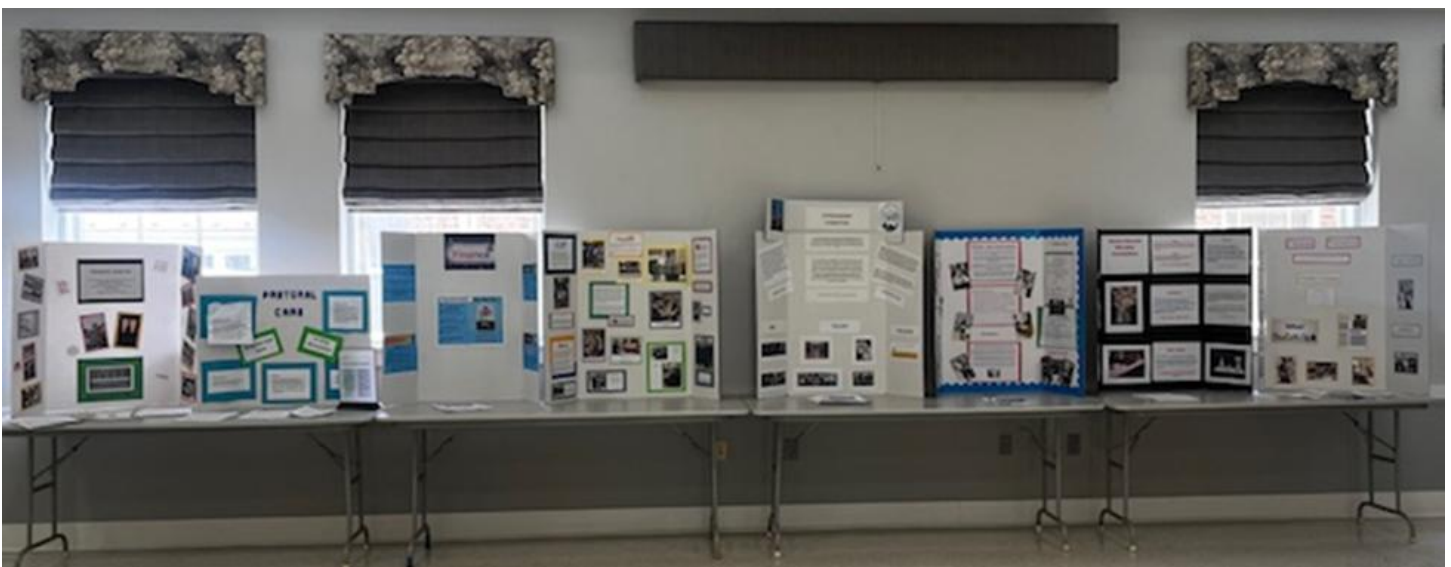
The Community Table was established by the Stewardship Committee in August 2025 as a purely social group that gets together to share food, fun, and fellowship. As new parishioners join our services every month, this is a great way to meet one another. It is designed solely to foster community and form personal bonds amongst parishioners outside of church-wide events.

Last August, vestry members and committee chairs signed up through SignUp Genius and were randomly parsed into five groups. They met once a month for four months. Each month, the group rotated responsibility to host a gathering of their choice. A different member(s) hosted each month. This was a beta test to work out-standing questions and potential kinks. We had lessons learned but most importantly, we had fun.

In November 2025, we started the Community Table process again. This time, opening it up to the entire church. Using Signup Genius again, we had 31 people sign up. Of those 31, 20 were new from fall of 2025. We had participants from both services. We had couples, singles, and youth. It was a wonderful representation of the church.

The feedback from both groups has been so positive, we are having a go again in August. Signups will open June 29 – July 10. Groups will be selected randomly and will receive an email by July 15th. Each group will meet once a month for four months. Each month, the group will rotate responsibility to host a gathering of their choice. A different member(s) will host each month. Each group is self-organizing. The hosting window is August – November 2026.

Mark your calendars and look for reminders in the Sunday bulletin and Thursday's email updates. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Barbara Downs (downsba62@gmail.com).



Parish News

Tip of the Month: Donating Stock to Christ Church

Christ Episcopal Church now uses Wells Fargo Advisors as its brokerage firm.

The Process for Donating Stock:

- **Contact Bookkeeper First:** Theresa Seitz is the bookkeeper (tseitz@christchurchwinchester.org). She will give you current account numbers and transfer routing details.
- **Initiate Share Transfer:** Authorize your personal broker to move shares to Wells Fargo Advisors.
- **Notify the Church:** Inform the Bookkeeper **each and every time** before executing any transaction.
- **Provide Transaction Details:** Share the stock name and number of shares.

Why Prior Notification is Required:

- **Anonymous Deliveries:** We often get inbound electronic transfers without donor names.
- **Accurate Accounting:** Prior notice ensures your contribution is matched to your account.

If you have any questions, please contact Theresa.



Thrift Shop Needs Volunteers!

The Treasure Box Thrift Shop is an institution at Christ Church, reselling donations of clothes and household items to our Winchester community to raise thousands of dollars annually for local charities. They are located in the Smith Building at 114 W. Boscawen Street and open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays.

Being a volunteer at the thrift shop is a great way to participate in this vital ministry, meet new people, and stay busy. Shifts are three hours (10-1 or 1-4) and you can work once a month or more. Schedules are made well in advance so you can plan around your other activities or travel. If you are interested or have questions, please email communications@christchurchwinchester.org or stop in at the shop during business hours.