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Dear People of Christ Church,

Thank you so much for all of the help to pack food and eat food on our first Stewardship Day event! We successfully packed 20,000 meals which will be sent internationally to feed primarily children in Central or South America. Rise Against Hunger (RAH) will let me know the exact location once they ship it. RAH was also both appreciative and impressed by our efforts. I did not realize it, but the events typically pack 10,000 meals. We were a nice boost for the RAH food supply and the RAH team leader had to scramble to keep up with our packing so we actually went about 400 meals over. Well done.

The Stewardship Dinner also had food and fun as we ate the bratwurst and had the opportunity to learn some German dance. Please thank the Stewardship Committee for their fine cooking and willingness to host.

While I do not think we will do both of those events on the same day next year, it is helpful on occasion to challenge ourselves to face a challenge as disciples to get up and see what we can do. Case in point, we got so good at packing 10,000 meals that it only took an hour and fewer people showed up. However, with 20,000 meals and 50 people to pack as well as the dinner with over 70 in attendance (plus an afternoon nap several people told me about), maybe we can challenge ourselves to do more.

As the committee has talked before about time, talent and treasure, we have the opportunity to do more as disciples of Jesus. We discuss doing more: more with outreach, more with music, more with formation for all, more with fellowship. The treasure helps provide the resources. The time and hands present make the work possible. When we are all present with our full selves, God can do amazing things. This offering talk is not just about one part of how we give. It is not only about each person's favorite program. It is about a community offering ourselves as if we could present ourselves at the offertory in a HUGE offering plate.

Why do we do this? Yes, it is to serve Jesus and to give offering to God. It also gives us the training ground to practice with one another serving our Lord, greeting the stranger, working together, studying and praying with God's word and worship So that we can be formed as disciples to serve in the world around us. I hope we never forget that ministry is not done away from the world, but rather through engaging with the world. Practicing discipleship as a part of the church helps us to be more effective volunteers in local organizations, or better leaders in the community because we know the importance of respecting the dignity in other people. The world does not and never has taught discipleship of Jesus. That is the work of the Church. We have different ways we learn it, but the only way is through participating as members of the body of Christ seeking to make Christ known in the world. And all of our ministries are both our training ground, and our calling to serve.

On November 15, we will highlight a moment during our service to offer our pledge cards by placing them in a basket at the altar. It is a moment to imagine that you are putting your whole self into that offering basket. Pledges can still be made online, via mail or in the offering plate. But the committee wants to allow the congregation the chance to physically come forward with your pledge. All pledges will be sealed and confidential. The practice of going forward in serving and offering is real.

Thank you again for all that you have made happen out of your love and service of our Lord Jesus. Please continue to prayerfully consider your pledge and how each of us can seek to do more as we all show up at the Lord's table.

Faithfully,



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Worship & Formation

Children and Youth Programs

As we approach Advent, there is a lot happening with our children and youth programs! First, Sunday School is in full swing: we have three classes for k-2, 3rd-5th grade, and 6th+ youth at 9:30AM each Sunday. We have been exploring Jesus' teachings during his ministry in Jerusalem leading up to Christ the King Sunday, and as we enter into the Advent season our younger classes will learn about the events and prophecies leading up to Christ's incarnation. On the older side, we have several youth who have shown interest in baptism, and so will be learning about the theology and context of this ritual, interspersed with lessons drawn from a list of theological questions that our youth have provided. We are currently in need of volunteers to add to our Sunday school teacher rotation, so if you have a background in education or youth ministry and would like to help out, please contact the Church.

Later in November we will have our Advent Wreath Making Brunch, followed by Gingerbread House-making in early December. Be on the lookout for more details for these events in your bulletins in the coming weeks!

Youth Group has also resumed and is meeting twice a month on Saturdays or Sundays, according to when schedules align. Last year we began a Dungeons and Dragons campaign, which will continue alongside other games, movie viewings, service projects, community outings, and creative projects that have been proposed by the youth themselves. At the time you read this we will have recently adventured to a local farm for a hay ride, corn maze, and pumpkin-picking. If you know of a youth (6th-12th grade) who may be interested in joining us, please email Garth to be added to the youth newsletter.

Our Advent season for children and youth will culminate in the annual children's Christmas Pageant at the 10:30 service during the last weeks of Advent. We look forward to hearing our congregation's children sing, as well as to seeing angels, shepherds, wise men, camels, and all the chaos that is sure to accompany this treasured Advent tradition.

Our priorities for this Advent season, as with every season, are twofold: First, to educate our children and youth in developing a greater love and understanding of God and neighbor. Second, to have fun! Children naturally learn through play, and our aim for these programs is to provide our children and youth a safe space to be their authentic selves, to act silly on purpose, to explore what it means to be a community, and to learn about the Love of God in the process. If you have any ideas for events that could further these goals, do not hesitate to let us know!

New Adult Formation Offering for Advent

In response to requests for an evening Bible study option, we will offer an Advent Season Bible Study. It will be hybrid on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm until 7:55 pm to prepare ourselves for Christmas in a busy season. We will meet December 3, 10, and 17. If you want to participate and can commit to at least two of the three classes, please email the church office by November 25th. We will let you know by December 1st if we have enough response to hold the program.

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Campaign Underway

Let all that you do be done in love. (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Time, talent, and treasure. By now, you likely have been introduced to the three foundational pillars of stewardship. Your time. Your talents. Your treasure. Over the summer, the Stewardship Committee focused on promoting stewardship through the giving of your time and talents, both within our church and with the larger community. Please continue to support those ministries with your time and talents! However, the time has come to focus on the treasure aspect of stewardship, on the need to financially strengthen Christ Church in its mission and ministry to promote Christ's love.

The stewardship annual pledge campaign for 2027, *Upholding One Another in Love*, officially kicks off on November 1. This year's stewardship pledge campaign is somewhat abbreviated compared to prior years. While the campaign runs through November 30, we will celebrate the giving of your treasure to nourish Christ Church on Pledge Sunday, November 15. We encourage you to complete and to submit your pledge forms on or before Pledge Sunday. During the two Pledge Sunday services, we will be presenting your pledges at the alter and praying for God's blessing and guidance for 2027.

Should you pledge? If so, how much? In the September Angelus, we asked that you prayerfully consider how to respond as Christ's disciple to the annual pledge campaign for 2027. To support your prayerful reflection, we offered several crucial questions for your consideration: What do you have to give? What are the church's needs? How can we promote Christ's ministry? How can we strengthen and grow Christ's church? What is your vision for your future, and does it involve Christ Church? How important is Christ Church to you as you continue your journey as a disciple? Now we add another: How can you use your financial resources to uphold one another in love?

As noted in the letter each of you should have received, when you make a pledge to Christ Church you are empowering yourself as Jesus' disciple to help care for one another and to strengthen the church's mission and ministry. Simply put, your financial support empowers the church's ministry. Your generosity ensures that our worship continues to inspire, our ministries continue to serve, and our parish remains a place of welcome, hope, healing, and belonging for all who enter.

Please help make our annual pledge campaign for 2027 a success! Be the Church!

Find more information about stewardship at Christ Church and pledge cards online at www.christchurchwinchester.com/stewardship.



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

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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
Bible Study	Wed: 10:30 am via Zoom
Outreach Committee	1st Tues: 6:00 pm
Properties Committee	3rd Wed: 7:00 pm
Stewardship Committee	2nd 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

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Church Calendar

November Birthdays

3 Teri Bellows
6 Laura Button-Cain
10 Bill Jarvis, Scott Arthur
11 Katie Clarke
14 Kim Pifer
16 Ann Taylor, Jimmy Downs
18 Steven Martin, Koy Mislowsky, Wendy Breslin
19 Steven “Tuffy” Whitacre
21 Joy Nesselrodt, Mark Baker
23 Arlene Hill
25 Dottie Gibson
26 Sally O'Neil
27 Dennis Shows



November Anniversaries

10 Christopher & Adelaide Turnbull
30 Robb & Cathie Russell



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.



Please join us for a service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II on the morning of Thanksgiving at 10:00 am. It is a simple service with no music, perhaps the only Holy Eucharist service in town on the holiday, and a wonderful chance to give thanks before your celebration at home. Bring family and friends and start the day with your church family!

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

Outreach Committee

Outreach Committee Updates

During the month of October, the Outreach Committee engaged in a variety of initiatives to fulfill its mission to "experience and embody God's love for His creation through acts of service outside the congregation."

- Allocated $1,200 to Bright Futures to provide food for families with school age children experiencing food insecurity
- Prepared and served a meal to 70+ residents of the Winchester Rescue Mission
- Collected and delivered non-perishable foods to CCAP for upcoming holiday meals
- Supported congregational packing of 20,000+ food packets for international distribution through Rise Against Hunger

In November, we will:

- Continue to collect and deliver non-perishable foods to CCAP for holiday meals
- Prepare and serve dinner at the Winchester Rescue Mission on November 9
- Provide Bright Futures $1,200 for their food distribution
- Participate in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program

Thank you to the many volunteers supporting Christ Church Outreach programs!

Donations to CCAP for Holiday Food Baskets Continue

In November, we continue to collect canned yams, green beans, and mixed vegetables for CCAP's Holiday food basket drive.

CCAP provides meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas for hundreds of families in our local area each holiday season. CCAP is a local nonprofit founded some 50 years ago by Winchester area congregations to help residents of Winchester and Frederick County who struggle to meet basic needs.

You can bring donations to church on Sundays in November or drop off at the Church office at 114 W. Boscawen Street on Wednesdays from 10-2.

CCAP Volunteer Opportunity for Thanksgiving

CCAP needs **25** volunteers to pack and distribute boxes for Thanksgiving dinners on Saturday morning, November 21st. There are two shifts, 8:30 to 10:00 and 10:00 to noon. If you would like to volunteer, please email Jessica Leonard, their Volunteer Coordinator, at volcoordinator@ccapwinchester.com, or Betsy Young at betsyyoung336@gmail.com, by Monday, November 16th. They are located at 112 S. Kent Street in Winchester.



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Committed to helping our neighbors

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Time for Angel Tree 2026

Christ Church will partner with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree again this year to help local families in need by providing gifts to enhance every child's joy on Christmas morning.

You can adopt an angel on Sunday, November 22, or Sunday, November 29, in the Tilford Room after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Sunday services. Each angel ornament represents an individual child and will have his or her name, age, and suggested gifts. There will be volunteers on hand to help you with your selection and answer any questions. Once you select your angel, you will receive instructions and a bag for your gifts.

If you are not able to attend services, but want to take an angel, please contact Sally Hovermale (shmegeath@gmail.com or 540-327-1733). She will arrange to get an angel to you.

Bring the gifts to the Tilford Room on Sunday, November 29, or Sunday, December 6, after the 8:00 am service or before or after the 10:30 am service.

If you would like to participate but cannot get out to shop, please send a check to Christ Church and mark it for "Angel Tree." For any questions, call Sally Hovermale. Thank you for your anticipated participation in this worthy program!

WRM Monthly Dinner Still Needs Volunteers



Do you have an hour or two to spare once a month? Christ Episcopal Church prepares and serves dinner at the Winchester Rescue Mission on the second Monday of each month (except February and July).

Experienced parishioners guide volunteers who prepare the meal on Sundays after the 10:30 am service, and then help others who transport, cook, and serve the meal the following Monday.

Questions? Contact Betsy Young at betsykyleyoung@comcast.net, and/or sign up to help through the church website at www.christchurchwinchester.org.

Properties Committee

Baden Center Parking Lot Renovation

The Properties Committee is excited to share that the Baden Center parking lot renovation project should be complete in November! Vestry has approved a contract which will have Warfel Construction (a local company who is also renovating our neighbor church, Grace Lutheran) re-pave the parking lot. There will be some grading to direct water flow out to the alley and new curb installed for a clean look. We will also restripe the parking lot. Once the work is done, we have plans to install attractive landscaping at the east and west side of the lot.

The project is scheduled to begin November 10 and should be completed November 18, barring any unforeseen problems or weather interruptions. Please note that while the work is taking place, there will be no parking spaces available.

In addition to being a treacherous lot to walk in, if you've tried to park recently, you've noticed we lose a space to vegetation (pic). And the concrete is disturbed in this one (pic) on the same side of the lot. The improvements will provide a safer, even terrain for cars and people; we'll regain spaces with good pavement and proper markings; we'll improve the layout. The end result will be more and safer parking and it will look better too!







