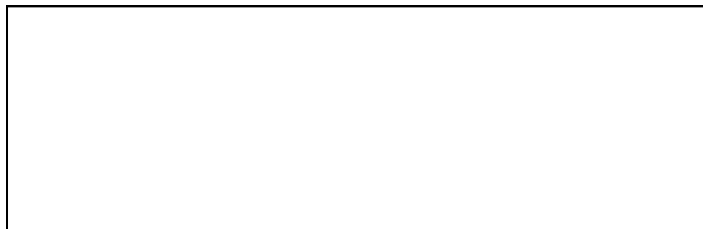


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THE ENLIGHTENER

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2024



January 2024

“Lifelong growth in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ”

The quote above provides a definition of Christian formation, as provided in the Episcopal Church's *Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation*. I suspect that many folks think of 'Christian formation' as synonymous with children's Sunday School. This is one of those places where the phrase 'including but not limited to' would apply. I encourage us to have a broader perspective- one that appreciates our life of faith as a lifelong journey that requires ongoing nurture, input, and reflection. Since Episcopal formation integrates Scripture, Tradition and Reason, we have almost endless possibilities for lifelong formation.

I hope that our upcoming Adult Forums will provide interesting and spiritually sustaining opportunities to you. I want to spend a couple sessions looking at Moral Discernment within the Episcopal/Anglican tradition of the *via media*. The first session will look at resources we draw on for moral decision-making and the second will look possible processes for moral decision-making by using case examples. In Lent, we will look at the theology, spirituality and liturgy of Lent, with Richard Smith's welcome help for some of those sessions. There will be a side journey to Ireland on March 17 to look at early Christianity in Ireland and what it may teach us.

Our Children's formation program has started our pilot project of Children's Chapel on the second Sunday of each month at the 10 AM service of Holy Eucharist. The Gospel of Mark (19:14) describes Jesus telling his disciples "Let the children come to me... because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Our intention is to have the children experience worship with us and to see their family members and other adults valuing and appreciating Episcopal worship and Holy Communion. The Episcopal Church has a *Children's Charter for the Church* which indicates that the church is "called to include children as members and full participants in the Eucharistic community and in the church's common life of prayer, witness, and service." We have delighted in seeing our youth become active lay leaders in worship, serving as lectors, greeters, ushers, and chalice ministers. By sharing our experience of worship with children and youth, we are transmitting our communal life of prayer, music, and communion to them through shared experience. The presence of children and youth at worship is a sign of hope for the future of the church and of the vibrancy of the Holy Spirit's action here at Christ Church.

I am looking forward to Eastertide because we will prepare our first and second graders (older children may participate if desired) for a celebration of Solemn Communion. The children will receive education about the meaning of Holy Communion and then we will have a festive and solemn celebration with them at Sunday worship. It's not technically a first communion because young ones are welcome to receive communion earlier, but this celebration acknowledges they have greater understanding

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FELLOWSHIP

of the significance of Holy Communion. Dressing up for such an occasion is welcome, but not required. Stay tuned for more information.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows when Bishop Steve visits on June 2nd. More information about preparations for that will follow in next month's Enlightener.

We will have an opportunity for Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church, or

Grace and peace in Christ, the light of the world!
-Julianne Buenting+

Women's Retreat

Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 am

Please join us as we focus on Finding Comfort in Uncertainty. Newcomers are always welcome and you (and friends) can join us either in person or via Zoom whose link will follow closer to the time of the retreat. For more information, please contact Nancy Dhurjaty (cell 585-259-7817)

Women's Book Club will meet in February

Look more information in the MailChimp and Announcements.

LIBRARY NEWS

There are new books in the library (actually, at the top of the back stairs near the office!) The titles include 4 recent novels.

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride is the story of the inhabitants of a small town in Pennsylvania, Chicken Hill. They are Black, Jewish, and European immigrants, rich and poor, old and young. They fight, entertain, feed, defend, and shelter one another.

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese is a story of three generations of a family in Southern India. In every generation, of the last seven, at least one family member has drowned, even though they avoid the water. This has resulted in a number of orphans who have become wives, doctors, and artists, and whose stories are interconnected and cover a range of cultural, social, and racial politics.

Tom Lake by Ann Patchett is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart.

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters. A four-year old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a mystery that will haunt the survivors, unravel a family, and remain unsolved for nearly fifty years.

Plus there are 2 nonfiction titles:

Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann. Subtitled The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI, this chronicles the exposure of one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history: the killing of Osage tribe members to obtain their oil rights and wealth.

The Wager by David Grann. This is a tale of shipwreck, mutiny and murder, which culminates in a court martial. But not only are the captain and crew on trial; the very idea of empire is also.

There are also two titles that were referenced in recent forums:

Foundations for Centering Prayer and the Christian Contemplative Life by Thomas Keating. Includes three books: Open Mind, Open Heart; Invitation to Love; and The Mystery of Christ.

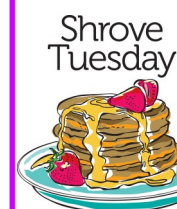
The Cloud of Unknowing by Carmen Acevedo Butcher (translator). Includes The Book of Privy Counsel.

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE PRESENTS PARISH PASTA DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT!

Friday, January 26 at 6:00 pm

Please join us for dinner and a movie.

There will be a separate movie for the children.



Shrove
Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday

February 13

The Parish Life Committee will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It's Mardi Gras, so "laissez les bons temps roulez" with beads, cajun/zydeco music, good food and good company. We'll serve pancakes and sausage (with a vegan alternative provided).

Ash Wednesday

February 14

Two services of Holy Eucharist with the distribution of ashes at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm.



SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP AND NURSERY

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS IN MEMORY OF

Maria and Richard Mischuda
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Julianne Buenting

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Ann Parks
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Chris Wylam

2024 brings an exciting enhancement to our Sunday School program. Exposure to and knowledge of worship and Communion are important parts of a child's participation in Christian life. Our youth have already started to get more involved in church as worship ministers, and that will continue consistently on the second Sunday of the month through May. A sign up will be distributed ahead of time so youth can choose their roles. Training is available for those who would like to try something new.

Extending this to our younger parishioners, we are also holding Children's Chapel for Sunday School children ages 3 through 5th grade on the second Sunday of the month through May. Children will start out in church with their parents, leave with their Children's Chapel leader during the hymn before the Gospel, meet in the Fellowship Room, and return before the Peace. In Children's Chapel, children will hear the Bible story of the day, learn an important prayer from the liturgy, complete a craft or activity, and practice the Children's Chapel song ("This Little Light of Mine"). Note that 4th and 5th graders may choose to attend Children's Chapel or serve as worship ministers alongside the youth (6th – 12th grade).

On other Sunday School days, Pre-K through 2nd graders will explore Bible stories through the Godly Play curriculum, while 2nd-5th graders will follow lessons related to the Lectionary (including Lent). Middle and High School students will continue to discuss Biblical topics as they relate to their own lives.

Volunteers are always needed for Children's Chapel and Sunday School classrooms. The time commitment is minimal, and you don't have to be a parent to lend a hand! We welcome all parishioners and will accommodate your schedule and preferences. Please consider supporting this ministry, which is critical to the future of Christ Church. Contact Liz at sundayschool@christchurchpittsford.com for more information.

ADULT FORUMS

CHRIST CHURCH PITTSFORD ADULT FORUMS EARLY 2024 SUNDAYS 9:00 AM

- January 28** The Anglican Via Media and Moral Discernment: Sources
February 4 The Anglican Via Media and Moral Discernment: Process & cases
(Both January 28 and February 4 presented by Julianne)
February 11 No Forum
February 18 Theological Bases of Lent Lent 1
February 25 Spiritual Practices and Resources for Lent 2
(Both February 18 and February 25 presented by Richard Smith)
March 3 Liturgy in Lent Lent 3
March 10 Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum Lent 4
March 17 Lessons from Early Christianity in Ireland Lent 5 (for St. Patrick's Day)
(March 3, 10 and 17 presented by Julianne)

FELLOWSHIP

Caregivers Luncheon

Tuesdays, February 13 and March 12 at 12:00 pm

Caregivers meets the second Tuesday of the month, right here at Christ Church. All participants must be caring for a loved one in their personal lives. We offer nourishments for the body, mind and soul. This group is lead by two very experienced caregivers: Jamie Hill and Laurie Sorge. This group is not limited to members of Christ Church, that means if you have a friend or relative or even "friend of a friend" in need, they are welcome. Please contact Cindy through the church office at 586-1226 or Laurie Sorge at 703-3503.

Non Fiction BOOK CLUB

February 20 at 3:00 pm

The book is *Rough Sleepers* by Tracy Kidder. Kidder follows the work of Dr. Jim O'Connell as he creates a community of care for the homeless living on the streets. For more information please contact Jim Broody (jimbaroody@gmail.com)

CHRISTMAS SEASON AT CHRIST CHURCH

We had a very successful Christmas pageant on December 17. Many thanks to Julianne for writing this year's script and to the families who participated and volunteered behind the scenes. As always, thank you to sextons Mary Thor, Rick Webster and Tristan Berlet for helping with logistics.

The cast did a wonderful job! This year's thespians included:

Narrators: Henry Alessandria, Helena Dixon, Caitlin Munier, Grace Solomon

Mary: Maggie Judson

Joseph: Kyler Brown

Angel Gabriel: Dorothy Smith

Innkeeper: Colin Smith

Innkeeper's Wife: Emma Judson

Joseph's Angel: Tessa Borden

Lead Angel: Ana Cardina

Cow: Lucas Rightmier

Simeon: Evan Badlu

Angels: Sabrina Borden, Libby Coffin, Mary Kate Coffin, Amelie Reinhard

Shepherds: William Alessandria, Owen Cardina, Will Rightmier, George Schillo

Sheep: Simon Cardina, Audrey Schillo, Freddie Wilmot, Mitchell Wilmot

The Youth Group had a great time decorating gingerbread houses one Sunday during Advent. Their work was displayed throughout December in the Fellowship Room and provided a lovely decoration during events such as the December 17 Afternoon Tea. The Youth Group will plan a winter outing soon, and everyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to attend. Friends are always welcome



OTHER OFFERINGS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE FROM

Libby and David Bakken

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DAN AND JOANNE SUBTELNY

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 PAULINE AND GORHAM PARKS
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 THE WARDENS AND VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH
 MY FAMILY
 OUR WONDERFUL FAMILY
 DAREUS AND NOEMI CONOVER
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 IRIE AND NOELLE PANZER
 FOR OUR GRANDCHILDREN

*Linda Baroody
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 Carol DeBaal
 John and Cindy Kline*

*Nancy Panzer
 Jim and Joyce Porrey*



The Parish Life Committee offered a wonderful tea to compliment the Service of Lessons with Carols!



CALENDAR

Altar Guild meets every Saturday at 9:00 am

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 am Coffee Hour
 9:00 am Adult Forum
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care
 11:15 am Coffee Hour

Monday, January 29

7:00 pm CODA

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 am Stretch and Strengthen Class
 7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

Wednesday, January 31

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Sunday, February 4

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 am Coffee Hour
 9:00 am Adult Forum
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care
 11:15 am Coffee Hour

Monday, February 5

7:00 pm CODA

Tuesday, February 6

9:00 am Stretch and Strengthen
 7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

Wednesday, February 7

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Sunday, February 11 Children's Chapel and Youth in Church

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 am Coffee Hour
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:00 am Nursery Care
 11:15 am Coffee Hour

Monday, February 12

7:00 pm CODA

Tuesday, February 13 Shrove Tuesday

9:00 am Stretch and Strengthen
 12:00 pm Caregiver's Luncheon
 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist with imposition of Ashes
7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with imposition of Ashes

Sunday, February 18

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 am Coffee Hour
 9:00 am Adult Forum
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care
 11:15 am Coffee Hour

Monday, February 19

7:00 pm CODA

Tuesday, February 20

9:00 am Stretch and Strengthen Class
 7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

Wednesday, February 21

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Thursday, February 22

9:30 am Qi Gong

Sunday February 25

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 am Coffee Hour
 9:00 am Adult Forum
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care
 11:15 am Coffee Hour

Tuesday, February 27

9:00 am Stretch and Strengthen
 7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

Wednesday, February 28

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Thursday, February 29

9:30 am Qi Gong

Sunday, March 3

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 am Coffee Hour
 9:00 am Adult Forum
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care
 11:15 am Coffee Hour

Tuesday, March 5

9:00 am Stretch and Strengthen
 7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

Wednesday, March 6

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, March 7

9:30 am Qi Gong

Sunday, March 10 Children's Chapel and Youth in Church

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 am Coffee Hour
 9:00 am Adult Forum
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care
 11:15 am Coffee Hour



Easter Sunday, March 31

Christmas flowers are given in memory of

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