

Christ Episcopal Church
824 Fairmont Ave

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September 2015

Welcome to our Church

*Happy Labor
Day!!*



Join us
every Sunday
morning

at 10:30 a.m. for
The Holy Eucharist

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SUMMER PLEASURES....and AUTUMN GROWTH

I don't want to start on a legalistic note, since I'm not feeling legalistic, but wanting to share something good. If you don't know or have forgotten, I am employed three-quarters time. This presumably means that every fourth Sunday we would have a visiting priest or Morning Prayer. However, I have tried to avoid the "letter of the law" by picking Sundays in August when I reckoned many would be on vacation. However, every time I predict "There won't be many here today....", I am wrong! Labor Day Sunday (which would seem an obvious choice for a getaway) produced a nice little crowd at mass! Can I just say (as Joan Rivers says) that I am cheered by this support of Christ Church and that I look forward to seeing all of you, in spite of your many obligations and travels. So, looking forward.....

Any early September message from the Rector (or Vicar, or Interim, or Priest-in-Charge, or whatever) is inevitably a "rah rah, it's September, here we go". Well, we hadn't stopped, but I AM glad to report fresh initiatives and the opportunity now to start planning the "next phase" for Christ Church. What do I mean?

The short version appears in CEC notes sent out from Michelle. This coming Sunday, September 13th, we "formally" kick off the autumn season with a very American picnic of hot dogs and hamburgers – on the lawn if it doesn't rain. And YES – Sunday School is being rescheduled and restaffed. We have Janet Jacquez to thank for stepping up to the plate on Sunday School.

Going forward further (if that's barbarous English, please forgive): I propose the autumn (until Christmas) as the first phase of a discernment of "Where do we go from here?". I mean this in the positive sense. The relatively "new" endowment can assure that we shall be here for another 100 years – unless we go on a spending binge. Think of it as securing the substructure and the superstructure so that we have the creative and godly leisure to focus on God's will – and not on whether we can simply keep the doors open (I've been in that kind of church and institution – one of perpetual anxiety, and I've been in the other – where one has the ability to plan without a gun held to one's head). Here are only a FEW of my own personal thoughts and goals, and the I will be soliciting those of the vestry and all of us:

Can we re-establish some weekday masses, e.g., a mass for the sick on Wednesday morning? But if we do, will you come? I'm open to the possibility of a weekday mass in the EVENING also – again, if folks will come. (My home parish, in my little town, and the big parishes in New York, had mass every day, except on the rector's day off, so I do not regard this as unusual or excessive.)

Can we create a better understanding of the theology of the BEAUTY OF HOLINESS? This may sound odd, but “beauty” is every bit as much of the Christian tradition as is proclamation (the True) and good works (the Good). Our worship has become perhaps more stately (for better or ill, but the feedback I get is good), but our sacristy and altar are woefully unequipped in a building that is now first rate. Money spent on worship is not money spent in frivolity and to tickle one's ego. Jesus never spoke against the beautiful Temple as such, but against the “wrong attitudes” of those who used ritual but declined to draw out its conclusions. This spiritual problem cannot be solved either by adding – or throwing out – altar furniture or tinkering with other aspects of worship (for those who like to tinker). It is solved spiritually by prayer. Further, the frequent reaction that this is taking away from the poor will not bear up under critical scrutiny. In my experience, where there is money for beauty, there is money for the poor. I think specifically of my own role in restoring the dilapidated cathedral in Chicago in the 1980s; the donors to that had all the means in the world also to give to outreach (which they did, in many forms). I will say more about all this in the future.

Can we disentangle the often mushy concept of “mission” so that we can squarely focus on “evangelism” as such (making new Christians and reviving the faith of dormant Christians) and “outreach”, meaning sharing our abundance in the face of our multitudinous social problems (and which we are doing already via the Soup Opera, for example), expecting nothing in return.

I could go on and on, in the “September spirit”, but this epistle is quite enough for an opening. YOUR visions for our future are part of this, and I/we welcome reactions and input. This will probably happen formally at some point, but don't hesitate if you find the Spirit prompting you now. In Christ's peace, Fr. John

SENIOR MEMBER OF
THE MONTH

Helen Colburn

Please reach out to Helen by
sending greeting cards to

The Village at Heritage Point
One Heritage Point
Morgantown, WV 26505

RALLY DAY
Sunday, September 13th



After Mass is the Rally Day
PARISH PICNIC good old-
fashioned American picnic food:
hamburgers, hot dogs, potato
chips, and soda.

Christ Church Softball Team

Congratulations on winning the silver chalice!

Great players and a great season.

Thank you to everyone that came out to support our team.



CALLING EVERYONE WHO LOVES TO SING!!!

The choir season will begin on September 13, 2015. Choir rehearsal time has been changed to 9:00 am on Sunday until 10:00 am. I believe the choir will benefit from the additional minutes; and it will help us to start the service at 10:30.

I have just returned from my continuing education experience at the Eastern Carolina Episcopal Diocese on Emerald Isle in North Carolina. It was an exciting and informative time with singers from many different Episcopal Churches. The director of the session was Dr David Flood who is choirmaster/organist at Canterbury Cathedral in Canterbury, England. He was a dynamic, fun loving director, who instilled in the choir that even though we were doing some very difficult music, we were able to succeed. The 170 voice choir made the rafters ring at the Sunday Service at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church.

The choir at Christ Episcopal will enjoy learning some new anthems and repeating some of our favorites from previous years. It is hard to believe that I have been your organist/choirmaster for the past 20 years, but every year I'm always anxious to start a new season of sharing new techniques and music with you all. This year will be no different! I pray you have the same feeling!

If you enjoy praising God through music, please come and join the fun-filled, hard-working folks who raise their voices in song to praise God and help lead others in their worship experience each Sunday morning.

See you September 13th at 9:00 am.

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Liturgical Assistants Calendar for 10:30am Holy Eucharist

(Subject to change)

If you cannot be at church on one of your appointed days, please make arrangements for a replacement yourself. Greeters should be in place at 10:15 to greet and provide assistance to those needing help. Lectors can find their weekly readings at: <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

Date	Greeters	Chalice	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers	Counters
9/6 Pentecost 15	Mike L. Louise L.	Caroline C. Kyle H.	Kyle H. Joyce H.	Abby W.	Team 3 Green	Glenn B. Kent B.	Heather H. Glenn B.
9/13 Pentecost 16	Steve R. Dana R.	Neal H. Barb B.	Barb B. Neal H.	Abby W.	Team 4 Green	Glenn B. Kent B.	John B. Toni B.
9/20 Pentecost 17	Glenn B. Laura B.	Jim K. Jude M.	Kyle H. Joyce H.	Abby W.	Team 1 Green	Glenn B. Kent B.	Jude M. Warren H.
9/27 Pentecost 18	Joe L. Louise L.	Bruce H. Dot H.	Bruce H. Dot H.	Abby W.	Team 2 Green	Glenn B. Kent B.	Toni B. Jim C.

Announcements

Tuesday, September 8th – **Vestry** meeting, 6:30pm, Parish Library.

Sunday, September 13th – Fall **Adult Education**. Father John will lead a class on the History and Beliefs of the Anglican Church from 9:45-10:15.

Sunday, September 13th – **Rally Day Picnic**. After The Worship Service, we will have a Picnic on the front Church Lawn. Tables and chairs will be provided.

Sunday, September 13th – First day of **choir**.

Saturday, September 19th – **Soup Opera**.

Beginning this fall, Janet Jacquez will be holding **Sunday school** once a month. More information to follow.



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