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From the Rector:

Perhaps you have heard of re-entry anxiety?

Even as the public health situation in Smith County has improved dramatically, after fifteen months of pandemic, many Texans, and many millions of people all over the country, are facing re-entry anxiety as they increasingly socialize with other people again.

Jesus calls us to a life together—living with other people in Christian community. Acts 2.42 reminds us that from the beginning of the Church, believers “*devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*” We worship together, pray together, serve together, celebrate together, and mourn together.

The social, spiritual, and psychological consequences of the trial we have endured have made a deep mark on many people. Some cannot wait to shake and hug people by the dozens. Other are much more cautious about interaction with other people, regardless of vaccination. We are all in this together.

Over the coming weeks, as we increasingly interact with others – in church and beyond, out of love, Christ Church will continue to disinfect gathering spaces before and after their use. We will continue to keep some distance between families in worship services. And we will wait until the ‘all clear’ to restore the common cup at Eucharistic services. Christ Church remains a safe, welcoming, vital place for worship and fellowship.

John 13.34-35 records an essential teaching of Christ: “*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*”

Spring has come to Tyler. Masks are no longer required attire.

It's time again for Vacation Bible School. Time for fellowship. Time for laughter. Time for worship. It's time again to experience the love of Christ together at Christ Church. See you Sunday!

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

David



The vision of Christ Church is to be recognized as a joyful, spirit-filled community of apostles reaching out and transforming lives for Christ.

from the associate rector...

The Rev. Ted Welty / Associate Rector of Christina Formation

Third Sunday for the Poor – *Almsgiving Sundays*:

Sunday, March 15, 2020 was the beginning of the “Great Covid-19 Exile” at Christ Church, Tyler. On that Sunday, we did not worship in the church, and services were conducted virtually from both Christ Church Downtown and Christ Church South. After a few weeks, the churches were open again for worship, but on a very limited basis. Social distancing kept the church attendance minimal, and to inhibit the spread of the virus, the collection plate (alms basin) was not passed during the service. The result of this has been that for the past 15 months, some of us have forgotten, but many may not even have been aware of, an old Christ Church tradition – almsgiving Sunday, The Third Sunday for the Poor.

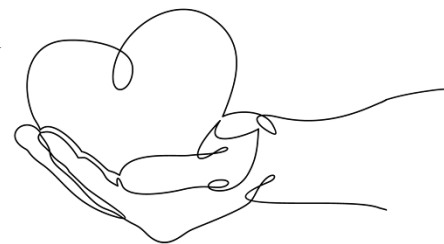
For many years at Christ Church on the third Sunday of each month, the “plate offering,” the cash or checks with the notation “almsgiving” or “Third Sunday for the Poor” dropped into the collection plate has been designated as money that goes to the needy. *The Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms* defines almsgiving as coming from the Greek word *eleēmosynē*, meaning “charity,” “mercy.” The act of giving to those in need is an expression of Christian love. The almsgiving on the third Sunday is to help the needy in our community and is in addition to normal giving. This almsgiving was commanded by Jesus. From Luke 18: ¹⁸ *A certain ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”* ¹⁹ *Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.* ²⁰ *You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.’”* ²¹ *He replied, “I have kept all these since my youth.”* ²² *When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”*

Almsgiving was also practiced by the early church. From Acts 9:36 *Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.* Saint Paul said in Acts 24:17 *Now after some years I came to bring alms to my nation and to offer sacrifices.*

As we reopen Christ Church to normal worship, it is time to renew the tradition of almsgiving on the third Sunday of the month. Thank you to those of you who have continued to send in checks for the needy throughout the pandemic. As a community of faith, we want to be able to help those in need. *Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.*

Blessings in Christ,

Ted+



It is now the time of the year where things become a little more relaxed. Here at Christ Church in the worship service that means that we will be singing some of your favorite hymns that you have suggested in the past. There are forms in the church that you can fill out and return (offering plate, Jeffrey or front desk) to get your favorite hymn on the list.

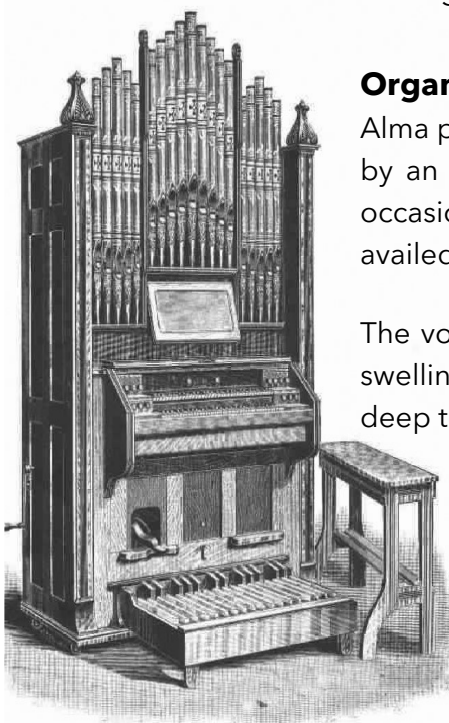
SAVE THE DATE:

July 4

Patriotic Eucharist at the 10:00 Service (CCD) with patriotic music and a bang of a day!

August 1 & 8

Old-Time Religion Sunday



Organ in Literature

Alma played the organ, the primitive kind of organ that had to be supplied with air by an old man operating a pump in a stifling cubicle behind the wall. On one occasion the old man had fallen asleep, and no amount of discreet rapping availed to wake him up.—Tennessee Williams, *The Yellow Bird*, 1967

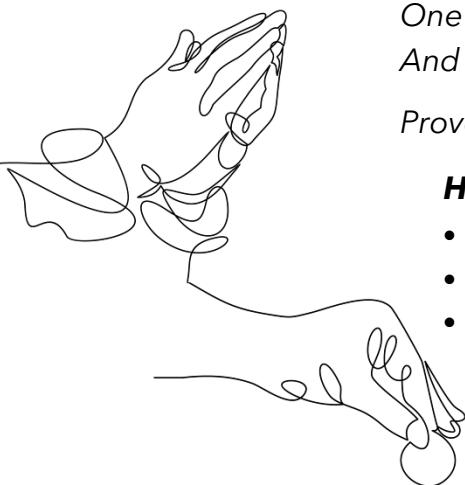
The voices of the choir rose on a mighty wave of harmony from the great organ, swelling louder and echoing amid the arches then dying away softly as the priest's deep tones took up the strain.—Annie T. Colcock, *Behind the Green Door*, 1900

I heard you, solemn-sweet pipes of the organ, as last Sunday morn I pass'd the church... —Walt Whitman, *Leaves of Grass*, 1891

So, my closing thought is don't just pass the church but park and come in and bring a friend!
Jeffrey Ford

music at Christ Church
Jeffrey Ford / Choirmaster & Organist

Third Sunday for the Poor at Christ Church



*One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord,
And He will repay him for his good deed.*

Proverbs 19:17

How do I give?

- All loose offering (cash) in the plates on the 3rd Sunday of each month
- Checks with "alms" or "3rd Sunday" noted in the memo line
- Online giving through the website or app with the category 3rd Sunday Alms selected.

parish administrator
Diana Keesey

July 4th **CELEBRATION** at Christ Church
South starts at 12:00



Tear off and place in offering plate. Or send team information to tmcgee@christchurchtyler.org

Team Registration Form *Christ Church Corn Hole Tournament*
Grand Prize is a brand new Corn Hole set!

Team name _____

Member 1 _____

Member 2 _____



VBS 2021 Adult and Youth Volunteers needed

June 27 to set up at Promise Academy and for VBS June 28-July 2 / 8:30-12:00

Register for VBS Online at christchurchtyler.org - Children's Ministry - VBS.

To sign up to help set up on June 27th please text or email Tina McGee 903.714.0992 tmcgee@christchurchtyler.org

Christ Church Tyler.

one church / two campuses

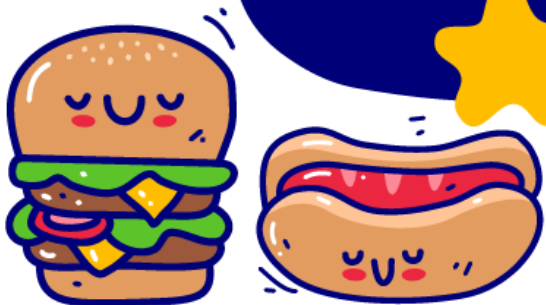


CHRIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN
Scrumptious brunch presented by
ECW after the 10:00am* service!
In the Parish Hall

CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH
Picnic after the 11:05am service!
Corn Hole Tournament
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs on the grill

4th of
JULY

celebrations!



*Summer Service Schedule begins
Sunday the 4th of July at
Christ Church Downtown
9:00am Christian Formation (Sunday School)
7:30am and 10:00am Holy Eucharist



thanksgivings & supplications

Congratulations to ...

Newly Baptized:

Kate & Josh Keenan for the baptism of their children

Gillian, Lula, Philip & Willow

June 6, 2021 at Christ Church South.

&

Michelle & Joshua Hanlon for the baptism of their daughters

Josephine & Beatrice,

granddaughters of Suzanne & Robin Hood Brians.

June 6, 2021 at Christ Church Downtown

Birth:

Jessi & JT Mayes on the birth of their
daughter ***Fiona Mayes*** May 19, 2021

Marriage:

Gabe Clayton & Lindzay Boone on their marriage
May 30, 2021

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family & friends of

“Bud” Raymond Whitney,

husband of Jane Whitney and

father of Clayton Whitney

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Jennifer, Lisa, Drew, Virginia, Chad, Lauren, SC, Nita, Stephanie, Chesley, Christy, Cynthia, Christi,
Charles, John, Jim, Carey, Chesa, Dalton, Kirby, Chris, Austin, Lynn, Jeremy, Barbara

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Chester (England)*

The Episcopal Church: *Diocese of East Tennessee & Diocese of Eastern Michigan*

Diocese of Texas: *Christ Church Cathedral—Houston & St. Christopher's—Houston*

Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine with prayer list changes or additions 903.530.8168

SCHEDULE:

Wednesdays *until Aug 11* | **Men's Summer Depth Group**
5:45pm at Christ Church South

June 21-25 | **Vacation Bible School (full)**
9-12 at All Saints Episcopal School

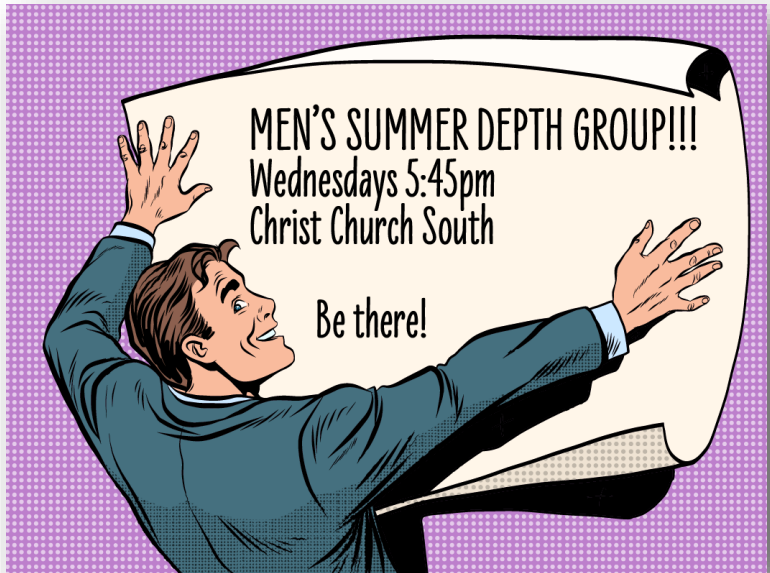
Sunday, June 27 | **Baptisms**
Contact church office if interested

Sunday, June 27 | **Welcome Reception for Laura Albea**
10:00am in the Parish Hall & 12:15pm at CCS

June 28-July 2 | **Vacation Bible School**
8:30-12 at Promise Academy

Sunday, July 4 | **Summer Service Schedule begins**
CCD: 7:30am & 10:00am with Christian Formation at 9:00am
CCS: 11:05am with Christian Formation at 10:00am

Sunday, July 4 | **Independence Day Celebrations**
CCD: After 10:00am Service: Brunch in Parish Hall
CCS: After 11:05am Service: Picnic/Cornhole Tournament



CHRIST CHURCH GIFT SHOP
[We are open again!]

Sundays 8:30 -12:30
Tuesday & Thursdays 10-1
or contact us at
giftshop@christchurchtyler.org.

Virtual Opportunities
still Available:
[www.youtube.com/
christchurchtyler](https://www.youtube.com/christchurchtyler)

SUNDAYS
11:00am
Worship from the Nave
available

11:05am
Christ Church South *live on*
Facebook and YouTube

**CHILDREN'S CORNER
BIRTHDAYS!**

6/9 **Jackson Maness,**
6/20 **Eliot Behrend,**
6/20 **Payton Hernandez,**
6/20 **Rylan Hernandez**



Clergy and Staff

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Class of 2023

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Pastoral Emergency Contacts

In the event of a pastoral emergency,
you may reach The Rev. David Luckenbach, Rector,
at 903-279-8777, The Rev. Matt Boulter, 903-944-8494,
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The Rev. Stephen Stine at 903-530-8168.
*You may also call the church office, 903-597-9854,
during normal business hours.*

Scripture Readings for upcoming Sundays Year B BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, June 13th

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 6

Ezekiel 31:1-6, 10-14

Psalm 92

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 20th

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 7

Job 38:1-11, 16-18

Psalm 107:1-32

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Mark 4:35-41; [5:1-20]

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Schedule

Sunday

7:30 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*

9:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*

11:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*

11:00 am *Virtual* Worship from the Nave | youtube.com/christchurchtyler

11:05 am CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II* {live-streamed on Facebook & YT}

CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES

CCD: Christ Church *Downtown*, 118 S. Bois d' Arc, Tyler, TX 75702 (office address)

CCS: Christ Church *South*, 15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703

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