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From the Rector:

'I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint.' Jeremiah 31.25

Years ago, one man challenged another to an all-day wood chopping contest. The challenger worked very hard, stopping only for a brief lunch break. The other man had a leisurely lunch and took several breaks during the day. At the end of the day, the challenger was surprised to find that the other fellow had chopped substantially more wood than he had.

"I don't get it," he said. "Every time I checked, you were taking a rest, yet you chopped more wood than I did."

"But you didn't notice," said the winning woodsman, "that I was sharpening my ax when I sat down to rest."

God desires for people to rest.

The Lord created people with an inherent and essential need for daily sleep. He established the sabbath, commanding people to observe a day of worship and rest. And the Lord blessed us with summer, a warm season for work, leisure, and rest.

I pray that after a notably long and difficult year, you will enjoy a substantial time of rest these long summer days. May the Lord bless you with a refreshing summer.

Faithfully in Christ,



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 Christian Formation

Siloam in South Florida

In the early morning hours of June 24, a couple staying at a hotel in Surfside, Florida ran to the window of their hotel room after they heard a loud crash. They looked out to see water gushing into the parking garage of the Champlain Towers South Condominium. The couple rushed out into the street to see confused residents of the condominium on their balconies trying to figure out what was going on. Then dust, glass, rock and shortly thereafter a huge pile of rubble. What happened to the people who were standing on their balconies? The couple looked up to see that there were no balconies.

I am sure that most of you have been following this story as I have been. This tragedy is particularly disturbing to me because 252 were sleeping peacefully in their homes when this collapse happened. As of this writing there are 95 people dead and 14 unaccounted for. For these people, home was the place where they could feel safe, and that safe haven came crumbling down around them. The stories of escape are incredible as people found ways to get themselves and their families to safety. The stories of the rescue efforts are heartbreaking as the rescue crews sort through the personal effects they are finding in the rubble. The latest victim to be found was a one-year-old little girl whose parents' bodies were found last week.

My first thought when I heard about this tragedy was the tower of Siloam.

Luke 13:4-5

⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.

In the Old Testament there was a view that tragedies and physical ailments were due to personal sin as with Job's friends. I am not suggesting that is the case with the collapse of Champlain Towers South. The thought of this tragedy being caused by God would never cross the minds of many people in our culture today. Faulty engineering, maintenance, and inspections are the suspected causes. Jesus deflected the speculation of the first century people about God causing the tower of Siloam to punish 18 people. He wanted the people instead, to consider their own sinful state.

There is a lesson here for us today. As we view tragedies like the collapse of Champlain Towers South, what we must face is not the timing or cause of death, but our own mortality. Mortality is evidence of the presence of sin in our world. We live in a fallen world, and tragedies are inevitable. As we think about the tragedy in South Florida, we are reminded that death can come at any time and quite unexpectedly. The message here is that we need to be prepared. Only repentance and belief in Jesus Christ can change death from a tragic end to a path to eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Blessings in Christ,

Ted+



Thank you to **Randy Gilbert** and his team for the glorious sounds of the cannon for our 4th of July service. Think of it as a form of evangelism because there are now people who realize that Christ Church is downtown. Again, thank you to Randy.

Thank you also to...

Holly Marsh,
Dr. Candice Aipperspach,
Chris Raney,
Dr. Gerald Bieritz

for the wonderful music provided on July 4th as well as the past year. The choir is now on a well deserved 6-week break. The Chancel Choir will be back in full in September.



We always happy to have **Dr. Ian Aipperspach** at the organ every Sunday. He has just been promoted to *Visiting Assistant Professor of Music* at ETBU this year teaching Scoring & Arranging, Piano, Theory along with serving as a Collaborative Artist.

parish administrator

Diana Keesey



Also thank you to ECW & Brotherhood of St. Andrew for the amazing hospitality for the 4th of July celebrations at both campuses!



children's ministry

Tina McGee / *Director of Children's Ministries*



Week 2 of VBS is in the books. It was both a very trying week and a very rewarding week. Big thanks to Courtney Dowdy, Pamela Hill, Shannon Teagarden, David Dickerson, Elizabeth Haan and Bonnie Berry - back to back weeks volunteers. Laura Albea & Stacy McKinley joined us at Promise Academy to complete the adult team. So proud of the youth volunteers many of them participated in both weeks as well!

Thank you to every one who made VBS possible!



Eleven teams competed in the cornhole tournament and team Oliver Finney & Jarom Pepple came out on top! Congratulations.



We did not have a prize for the most patriotic attendees at the 4th of July picnic but this group is tops!



youth ministry

Laura Albea / *Director of Student Ministries*

WELCOME
LAURA ALBEA!



Where are you from originally?

I am originally from a suburb of St. Louis, MO called St. Peters.

When did you become Episcopalian & why?

I became an Episcopalian in 2013, when my husband (Travis) and I were looking to join a sacramental and liturgical faith tradition.

What is your favorite part of the liturgy?

We love the services at both campuses. My favorite part of the liturgy is the Eucharist.

When/how did you feel called to ministry?

While I am very imperfect at it, I've always felt called to love God and love others. I feel a lot of gratitude to be able to serve our youth, and, with God's help, to do so with integrity, compassion, prayer, faithfulness, and fun!

What are your hopes for the future of EYC?

After going through last year's pandemic, my hope for EYC is engagement, encouragement, and delight in the person and work of Jesus Christ. My hope is to serve the youth so they can continue sharing the awesome, crazy-Good News of Jesus Christ wherever they go, now and forever.

thanksgivings & supplications

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Jennifer, Lisa, Drew, Virginia, Chad, Lauren, SC, Nita, Stephanie, Christy, Cynthia, Christi, Charles, John, Jim, Dalton, Kirby, Chris, Austin, Lynn, Jeremy, Barbara, Lindsey, Emmi, James, Matthew, Sarah, Betsy, Nina, Steve Cindy, Gregg, Josiah

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Dogura (Papua New Guinea)*

The Episcopal Church: *Diocese of Eau Claire (WI) & Diocese of El Camino Real (CA)*

Diocese of Texas: *St. Francis Episcopal Church—Houston & Grace Episcopal Church—Houston*

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

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family & friends of

Chesley Walters,
wife of Ted Walters

John Wright,
son of David Wright

Clark Hampe
husband of Patricia Hampe

Pearl White Wells

Vada Shaw

Newly Baptized:

Brooks & Nathaniel Danko
for the baptism of their son
Norman "Miller" Danko,
grandson of Sherri & Chad Hanna.
June 27, 2021 at
Christ Church Downtown

Congratulations
to

Newly Married:

Sarah Lane Robinson,
daughter of Ericka Freeman,
& **Carson Clay Kelly.**

July 10, 2021 at
Christ Church Downtown

ADOPT A NEIGHBOR CHURCH PROGRAM

TYLER

Street Team



(903)-253-0301
www.tylerstreetteam.org

OVERVIEW

- Christ Church has adopted one neighbor experiencing homelessness.
- Our team will require 10-15 members to work with one individual. *We need your help!*
- Tyler Street Team advocates will help guide participating churches.

SCHEDULE:

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

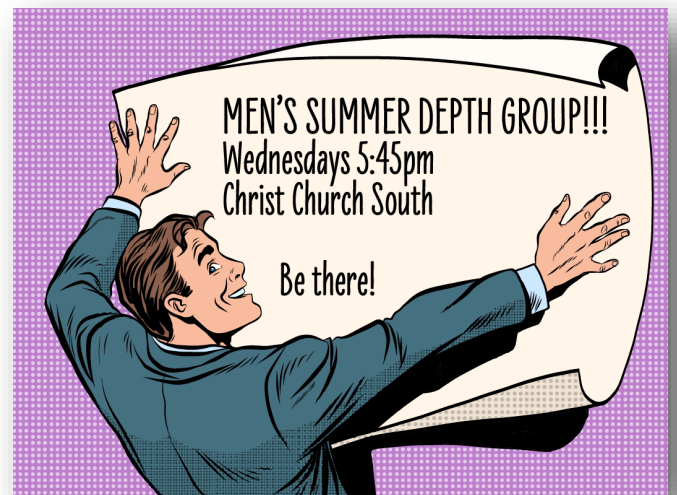
August 2-6 | EYC—Tyler Missions Week
contact Laura Albea lalbea@christchurchtyler.org
for more information

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 12th | Rally Day!
more information to come

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

7/13 Taylor Phillips, 7/17 Evan Birdwell,
7/17 Tripp Noteware, 7/19 Allen Hansen, 7/26 Maryn Davis,
7/26 Jonathan Luckenbach, 7/28 Joss Hennigan,
7/29 Cline Cavender, 7/31 Hunter Martin,
8/1 Harrison Scott, 8/2 Dorothy Mayes, 8/6 Cullen Walker



Virtual Opportunities still Available:
www.youtube.com/christchurchtyler

SUNDAYS

11:45am

Worship from the Nave available

11:05am

Christ Church South *live* on Facebook and YouTube

CHRIST CHURCH GIFT SHOP [We are open again!]

The Gift Shop is a fundraiser for the Christ Church ECW and run by volunteers from the Terra Sancta Guild
Sundays 8:30 -12:30 & Tuesday & Thursdays 10-1 or at giftshop@christchurchtyler.org.

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Ms. Tamarian Britton, Ms. Elizabeth Haan

Nursery

The Vestry

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Mr. Peter Boyd

Asst. Treasurer

Mr. Danny Noteware

Class of 2021

Mr. Clyde Beaty

Class of 2021

Mrs. Susan Bracken

Class of 2021

Mr. Rodney Schroeder

Class of 2021

Mr. Ted Walters, Senior Warden

Class of 2021

Mrs. Lou Ann Berman

Class of 2022

Mr. Steve Hardy

Class of 2022

Mrs. Christi Khalaf, Clerk

Class of 2022

Mr. John Owen, Jr. Warden CCD

Class of 2022

Mr. Tim Quinn, Jr. Warden CCS

Class of 2022

Mr. Stephen Bentley

Class of 2023

Mr. Mark Burton

Class of 2023

Mr. Jerry Sanders

Class of 2023

Mrs. Terri Squyres

Class of 2023

Mr. Bob Westbrook

Class of 2023

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,
The Rev. Ted Welty, 903-714-7052 or
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, July 25th

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 12

2 Kings 2:1-15, Psalm 114

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16, Mark 6:45-52

Sunday, August 1

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 13

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Psalm 78:1-25

Ephesians 4:17-25, John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 8

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 14

Deuteronomy 8:1-10, Psalm 34

Ephesians 4:[25-29] 30—5:2, John 6:37-51

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Schedule

Summer Sunday *Schedule*

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

10:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist

11:45 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

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