



From the Rector:

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." Isaiah 6.1-2, 6-8

The bold response of Isaiah to God's remarkable call remains an essential scripture for the Church. For centuries, this passage has inspired missionaries, evangelists, and church outreach efforts. Over the years at Christ Church, this commitment – 'Here am I! Send me' – moved us to create Loaves and Fishes, College Ministry, homeless ministries, PATH, short-term missions, Christ Church South, and more.

Perhaps the most significant response, though, to this inspiring call, is the weekly commitment to serve others in the church. Ushers, altar guild members, greeters, lay readers, church committee and guild members all respond to the call to serve others in the name of Jesus.

For me, few people make more of an impact in the lives of others in the church than Sunday school teachers and youth leaders. Those who give their time and talent to help our children and young adults to grow in their faith make a lasting impact in the lives of others. My meemaw Gladys Parker, for example, served as a third grade Sunday school teacher at First Baptist in Terrell for over thirty years. She impacted the faith and the lives of many hundreds of children through her faithful ministry. When she said to Jesus, 'Send me!' He sent her to teach Sunday school with nine-year olds. What a remarkable legacy!

With the new school year approaching, Christ Church will hold Gear Up Sunday on Sunday September 11. God is calling all of us to follow Christ. One element of our faithful response is serving others in his name.

Please come and sign up to serve on a ministry team at Gear Up Sunday! You too can impact a life for the Lord.

Faithfully in Christ Jesus,

David

from the associate rector...

The Rev. Ted Welty, *Associate Rector*

UNITING FOR UKRAINE

For a number of weeks, two Ukrainian tennis players from Tyler Junior college have been visiting our church with retired TJC professor and Christ Church member, Dr. Charles Johnson. They are Yeva Kononovych and Yeva Kramarova. Because of the war that is raging in the Ukraine, they can't return home and are separated from their families. TJC President Dr. Juan Mejia and his wife Meela, who is a native of Ukraine, have been very supportive of the young ladies.

Yeva Kramarova is from Western Ukraine, so her family is relatively safe, but Yeva Kononovych is from Eastern Ukraine, and her hometown, Nikopol, is under heavy attack by the Russians. Yeva's father has remained in Nikopol to care for aging relatives, but Yeva's mother Iryna and little sister Nora have been refugees in Germany, living in very difficult conditions.

Fr. David met with the two Yevas a couple of weeks ago, and he committed Christ Church to supporting them in any way we can. The immediate need is to bring Yeva Kononovych's mother and sister to Tyler where they will be safe and comfortable. There is a process for doing this called Uniting for Ukraine. The U.S. government has committed to allowing 100,000 Ukrainians to come to the United States, and this process is administered by Homeland Security and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Approval is granted by submitting an I-134 Declaration of Financial Support. The application is complicated and detailed, and an individual must be the named sponsor. Since Christ Church can't be the named sponsor, Dr. Johnson has kindly agreed to be the named sponsor with full Christ Church support.

Christ Church secretary Valerie Huggler has done a great job of getting the I-134 application submitted and approved with help from immigration attorney Daniel Ross who has himself, sponsored a Ukrainian refugee. Iryna and Nora have been approved for the Uniting for Ukraine Program and entry into the U.S, and the Kononovychs' arrived in Tyler on Monday August 8.

Parish administrator, Diana Keesey has been closely working with sponsor, Charles Johnson to find housing and set up a support plan for them.

Through the Uniting for Ukraine program, the family will be able to apply for benefits from the Texas Department of Health & Human Services. Supporting the Kononovychs is a big financial commitment, but I believe that this is a worthwhile and important ministry, and something that Christ Church should take on. Please consider helping support Iryna and Nora Kononovych in Tyler. There are two ways you can help. Neither Mrs. Kononovych nor her daughter Yeva are licensed to legally drive in the United States, so we are setting up a driving pool, like a Christ Church complimentary Uber team, to help them. Please contact Valerie at office@christchurchtyler.org to sign up. Their financial needs are substantial. Please consider a gift to the Ukraine Refugee Fund at Christ Church.

Give electronically [here](#)

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select fund: Ukraine Refugee Fund

or contact Diana Keesey (dkeesey@christchurchtyler.org) to make your gift.

Blessings in Christ,
Ted+



music at Christ Church

Jeffrey Ford / Choirmaster & Organist

A.J. MEALS joins the Music staff as assistant organist at Christ Church beginning September 1, 2022. A.J. received a Bachelor of Science in Music from Texas A&M University-Commerce. He is certified to teach music on all levels. He is currently Music Teacher at Weldon Elementary School in Gladewater where he teaches grades 2-5. He also is the Owner/Piano Instructor of the Gladewater Piano Academy. He comes with the experience of working with both elementary and high school students both as a coach and accompanist. A.J. comes to us with a real heart for the role of the organ as it relates to the congregation through the organ voluntaries as well as the hymn playing.

A.J. is married to Eileen and they have four children, Robbie, James, Evelyn, and Katie.

We welcome him and his family to Christ Church!



Save the Date!
{more info to come}

GEAR UP

CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Service times return to normal:
CCD 7:30am | 9:00am | 11:00am
CCS 11:05am



children's ministry

Tina McGee / Director of Children's Ministries



Children's Family swim party.
It was a great day! Thank you
Kimber & Kevin Short for hosting!

How do we say goodbye to someone as important in all our lives as a priest? I'm sharing my husband's farewell letter in hopes that some of his words capture the big love we all have for Fr. Matt. (Note: A, B, A' refers to beautiful thoughts from Fr. Matt's dissertation.)

youth ministry

Laura Albea / Director of Student Ministries



Fr. Matt,

On an afternoon in December of 2012, the course of my life changed. As is often the case, an everyday moment, which at the time had little significance, became a turning point - a moment in life I cannot soon forget. It is the day I met you, sitting around a table at BJ's Brewhouse, among my coworkers and friends.

Months later in the spring, at the intersection of Grande and Holleytree Drive, after Laura and I had just been rear-ended, you reappeared in my life. The seed planted in the winter was now sprouting and would soon grow in the summer as I joined men's depth group and Laura and I began attending the Epiphany Eucharist.

For nine years we have worshiped together. We have broken bread together, drunk wine together, prayed together, and worked together. When we found out Levi had a heart defect, you anointed Laura with oil and prayed for healing. When he was born, you visited us in the hospital and offered your

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comfort. You baptized our children and loved them as your own. You welcomed us into your home and into your lives. You have been our priest for countless moments in life, and I will never forget.

Serving alongside you - as a lay reader, at the altar, teaching, and helping launch the south campus has been one of my greatest joys. You have been a spiritual father to me and a friend. I learned so much from you about Christ and His Church - and you've shaped how I view the world. I am grateful for how you have helped form my theology.

However, what I am most grateful for is how you have always been yourself. You have led out of weakness, not strength. Out of honesty and transparency, not perfection. You don't claim to be someone you're not—and in doing so, allow those around you to truly be themselves and to meet Christ there.

As you have often said, the Church is not a museum for saints, but a hospital for sinners. You never pretended

to be a saint, and in doing so, helped me come to terms with being a sinner.

Because of you, I now believe the world will be saved by beauty, as will I. Because of you, I now see A, B, A' everywhere, and look forward to the ultimate A'. Because of you, I now see how being weak allows Christ to be strong.

Not so long ago, you left Austin and came here to Tyler, TX. You were just yourself, and that was enough. In fact, it was more than enough. Now you are returning, this time changed. This is your A' in Austin, and I pray your return writes more stories like my own.

Thank you, Father Matt. Thank you for being my father. Thank you for being my friend.

All my love,
Travis Albea

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

8/12 **Sullivan Shilling**, 8/17 **Charlotte Mercer**,
8/23 **Eliza Dos Santos**, 8/23 **Katie Luckenbach**



thanksgivings & supplications

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Lisa, Cynthia, Christi, Charles, John, Jim, Diane, Jennifer, Virginia, Dalton, Kirby, Chris, Sally, Rhonda, Isaiah, John, Gregory, Russell, Mike, Mark, Linda, Marian, Larry, Paul, Frieda, Suzanne, Diane, Ian, Frieda, Betsey, Gates, Wayne, David, Jerry, Etienne, Marie, Will, Duke, Kim, Paul & Lucy, Edward, Brinley, Yeva, Glenda, Anthony, Ricky, Julie, Carl, Phil, Mimi, Sandy, Greg, Kitty, YK, Dave, Ann, Trinity, Tammy, Sandy, Ivette, Larry, Courtney, Max, Charles, Virginia, Colin, Teresa, Anne, Hal, Jeff, Carolyn, Sue

The Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Mbuji-Mayi, de L'Englise Anglicane Du Congo

The Episcopal Church:

Dioceses of Ohio & Oklahoma

Diocese of Texas:

St. Michael & All Angel's—Longview & Trinity Episcopal—Longview

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Congratulations for the birth of:

Morrison Rex Dorman

May 23, 2022

son of

Emily & Josh Dorman

and grandson of **Louise & Jeff Arnold**

UPCOMING:

Sunday, August 14

10 CCD Blessing of the Backpacks

11:05 CCS Blessing of the Backpacks

11 CCD Farewell Reception for the Aipperspach's

Sunday, August 28

12:30pm CCS Newcomer Lunch with Rector

Sunday, September 11

Gear Up Sunday | Return to Normal Service Times

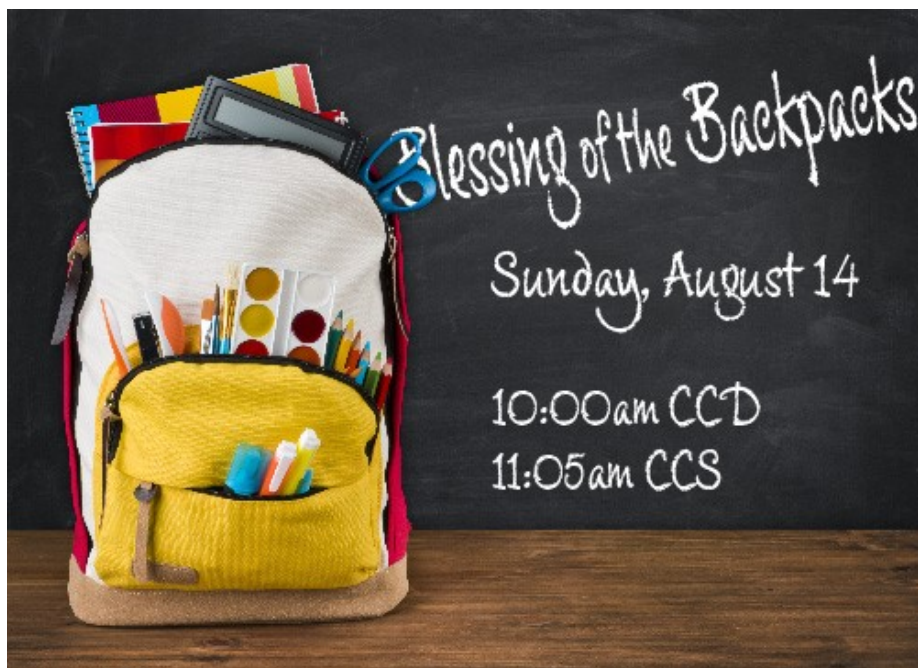
7:30 CCD Rite I Holy Eucharist

9:00 CCD Rite II Holy Eucharist

10:00 CCD & CCS Christian Formation

11:00 CCD Rite I Holy Eucharist

11:05 CCS Rite II Holy Eucharist



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Class of 2024

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Class of 2024

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In the event of a pastoral emergency, you may reach The Rev. David Luckenbach, Rector, at 903-279-8777, 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.

Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year C BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, August 14

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalms 82

Hebrews 12:1-7 [8-10] 11-14

Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 21

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 28:14-22

Psalms 46

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-29

Luke 13:22-30



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Worship Schedule

SUMMER Sunday Schedule (5/29/22-9/4/2022)

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

10:00 am **CCD**: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*

11:05 am **CCS**: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*

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CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES

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transforming lives for Christ.*