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From the Rector:

In 1905, Anna Jarvis, moved by the inspiring witness of her mother, began a campaign for a new holiday called 'Mother's Day.' After many months of hard work, the first Mother's Day was observed by a hearty group at a Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia in May 1908. Continuous prayer and effort led to the official national adoption of Mother's Day by President Wilson in 1914.

The gift and blessing of our mothers cannot be overstated. We thank God for them every day, and celebrate them all on the second Sunday in May every year. This year, we will celebrate our mothers on Youth Sunday. In thanksgiving to God, our youth will read the lessons from Scripture, serve as greeters, and lead us in prayer at our Mother's Day worship services on May 14. At the 9:00am service there will be special music from the newly formed Children's Choir.

May the Lord bless our mothers with wisdom, joy, and great love,

Faithfully in Christ Jesus,

David +

The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin,
Associate Rector

We are at a stage in our family in which we are house-bound most evenings. Four young kids and with early bedtimes mean we don't get out too much.

It also means we always have laundry to fold.

Lately, we've been folding parked in front the television. We've been on a spy kick, rewatching the older *Bourne* movies and more recently, the newer *The Night Agent* series. Both are lots of fun, filled with labyrinthine plots, tense music, and just enough romance and punchy-punchy to keep both of us interested.

In both *The Night Agent* and the *Bourne* films, there is a recurring motif. Both feature attempts to uncover the truth of the past, whether it is one's own (*Bourne*) or one's family's (*The Night Agent*). In each case the protagonist gets to the bottom of what has happened in years past by revisiting the people and places who were significant all these years ago. The truths that Peter Sutherland (played by Gabriel Basso) and David Webb aka Jason Bourne (played by Matt Damon) discover shed light on their whole lives. Remembering the past doesn't just correct wrong beliefs about what happened 'back then' but transforms their present and future as well.

As we continue in the season of Easter, this is what our Sunday readings and meditations are all about. How did Jesus's resurrection reframe the present, and what did it mean for the future?

I love the passage from Luke 24:13-47, where Jesus is walking with a couple of disciples along to Emmaus. They are perturbed because Jesus has died. They are conflicted about reports of the resurrection. And though Jesus is walking beside them in his resurrected body, they don't recognize him. They just pour out their hearts to this stranger on the road.

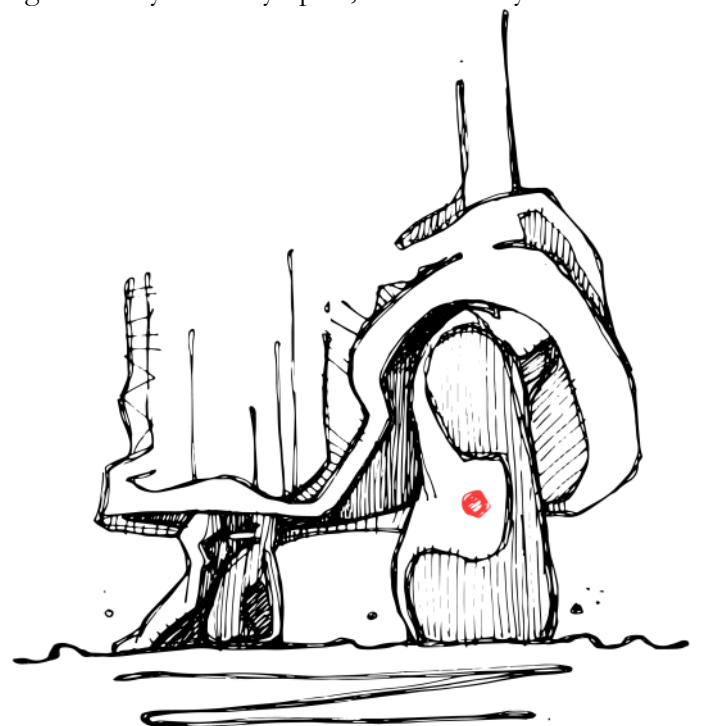
Jesus's response is a little bit of scolding. He tells them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into glory?'

What happens next is even better: Jesus goes through

the Scripture – our Old Testament – with them. He begins with Moses and the prophets and shows them that the Scriptures are all about him. All of the Bible points to Jesus. The lightbulb doesn't really come on for them until he breaks bread and gives it to them (but that is another story).

What Jesus is teaching his disciples here is a way to revisit Scripture – to look back at the past – but to see it all in a new light. Just like some key information about Peter Sutherland or Jason Bourne is enough to change the narrative of their lives, so Jesus is giving his disciples the keys they need to make sense of a jumble of Scripture and experience that until this point they had not been able to add up.

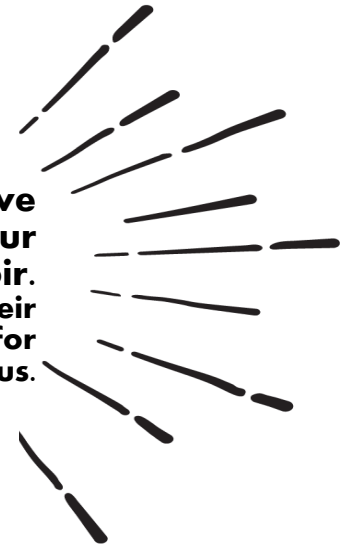
One of the best things we can do as Christians is to memorize passages of Scripture. It's good too to look back at the ways God has been at work with his people and in our lives as individuals. But if we've grown up as Christians or around Christians, we can be lulled into thinking we know the whole story about God in Christ because we get the drift of a handful of Bible stories. Eastertide might be a time for us to revisit all that we think we know. Perhaps we've got all of the facts straight, but we don't see how they fit together. It's only by looking at them again and again through what Jesus has done that varied passages of the Bible become a united story. It's only through Jesus that our fragmented lives can be come integrated. He is teaching us still by his Holy Spirit, we have only to listen.



Jeffrey Ford,
Choirmaster & Organist



We are so glad to have *Susie Fergus* directing our children's choir. Enjoy the pictures from their rehearsals. Thank you for entrusting your children to us.



Thank you to the chancel choir as we get closer to the end of our year. They will sing thru July 2. That will be their last Sunday to sing before they take a six week break.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Missa Brevis in d minor has been moved to the fall rather than May 28.



Come enjoy tails, corn & taters! No charge | BYOB | House Band

Saturday, April 29th

3:00pm

The later you come the spicier it gets - last batch out about 6:00pm.

CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH

15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy.

Kimber Short,
Director of Children's Ministry



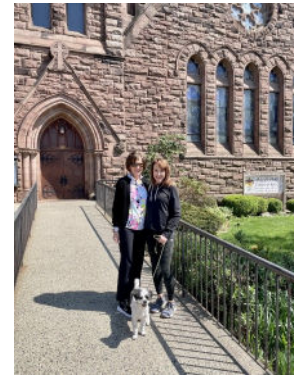
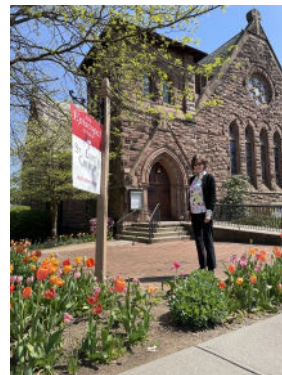
My daughter Cameron works remotely and has been on a solo sojourn since February 1 with her 18 lb. Shih-Poo, Kyle the Monster Dog (bonus points if you caught the "Despicable Me" reference!). She's headed east, sticking to the lower south then took a northeastern turn in Dhlonega, GA, went up through DC, and last week, landed in NJ where my mom and I met her. Mom was born and raised in Montclair but this was the first trip for Cameron and me. Three generations setting out together to visit Mom's past.



So many of our deepest memories are tied not just to our experiences but to our senses and as it turned out, Mom wanted to share some of her favorite food memories with us. We had Crumb Buns from B&W Bakery in Hackensack, NJ-style Sloppy Joes from Millburn Deli in Millburn and homemade ice cream from a farm stand on the way to Hawley, PA where she spent every summer at Camp Teedy-usk-ung. Remembering when and where she'd had these tasty treats brought up many long-forgotten memories that came pouring out as if they'd just happened yesterday.

From the hospital where she was born to the house where she grew up and everything in between, it really was a "This is Your Life" kind of trip. But for me, the most special visit was to St. Luke's Episcopal Church where my mom attended Sunday School, was confirmed and had her first communion. Being there almost 65 years after mom was there last gave me goosebumps! The foundation of her faith was laid here. And that strong foundation has kept her an active member of the Church to this day. I'm grateful for her love of the church because it bred mine. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 As a layperson shepherding some of our youngest learners, this is one of my guiding principles. And with God's help, I will do all in my power to support these children in their life in Christ. See you in Christian Formation!

Kimber



CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

4/26 **Kayla Garvey**, 4/28 **Jane Clare Comte**, 4/29 **Winnie Harbold**, 5/6 **Ivy Wait**,
5/7 **Eleanor Albea**, 5/7 **Jack Bergfeld**, 5/10 **Olivia Crawford**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR HAS STARTED UP!

Director: SUSIE FERGUS

Who: Children 1st – 4th grade

When: REHEARSAL: during the Christian Education hour at 10:00 a.m.

April 16, 23, 30, May 7 (following rehearsal they will be taken on to their Sunday School rooms.)

PERFORM: Mother's Day, May 14 at 9:00 Service.

Where: Christ Church Downtown

Choir Room in the Children's hallway (beside the Children's Chapel)

Contact the church office [903.597.9854 office@christchurchtyler.org] to reserve your spot!



Holy Baptism

The next scheduled date for baptisms is Sunday, May 28. If interested in baptism on this date, please contact the church office, 903-597-9854 or office@christchurchtyler.org.

REGISTER NOW!

Participants & Volunteers

What? VBS June 26-30 Where? All Saints Episcopal School



What? VBS Work Week June 19-23 Where? TBD

www.christchurchtyler.org/vbs

Scan the QR code to register or to volunteer>>>
Questions? Call Kimber 903-530-2580



B I N G O

Primitimers!	End-of-the-Season event			
Friday, 4/28 6:00pm	in the Parish Hall	Mexican enchilada casserole provided	bring a dessert, salad or side dish	donation \$10 per person
		♥	Playing BINGO	
rimetimers	Wonderful evening!			PRIZES!
			[age 50 & above]	Please RSVP

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SUMMER

Schedule @ Christ Church DOWNTOWN*

begins SUNDAY, MAY 28

7:30am Holy Eucharist

9:00am Christian Formation

10:00am Holy Eucharist

*South Campus doesn't change

The Bob Rowlett Memorial Open Golf Tournament

www.christchurchtyler.org/golf-tournament



Friday, May 5, 2023
Pine Springs Golf Club
5630 CR 334 | Tyler, TX 75708

Join us!

Supper Club

Friday, 6:00pm
May 12

For more info & RSVP:
Kim Meyer (903) 530-6186



thanksgivings , supplications
& fellowship

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Lisa, Paul & Lucy, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Rob, Victoria, Chaley, Stacy, Sophie, Chesley, Link, Tom, John, Mike, Mark, Linda, Dalton, Chris, Marian, Carl, Mimi, Phil, Jennifer, MB, Raymond, Arnold, Tommy, George, Pam, Julie, John, Ahmet, Randy, Will, Luke, James, Gregg, Hazel, Cynthia, Lynda, Ann, Frank, HB, Anne, Oleg, Luba, Cris, Lloyd, Ben, Angela, Samuel, Serena

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Sialkot (Pakistan)*
The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of West Tennessee & West Texas*
Diocese of Texas: *St. Francis—Temple & Christ Church—Temple*

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

upcoming

Friday, April 28
6:00 pm **Primetimers**—CCD

Saturday, April 29
3:00 pm **Crawfish Boil**—CCS

Sunday, May 7
10:00 am **Confirmation Reception no Christian Formation**—CCD
11:00 am **Confirmation**—CCD

Sunday, May 14 *Youth Sunday & Mother's Day*
9:00 am **Children's Choir sings**—CCD
10:00 am **Reception for Seniors**—Parish Hall

Saturday, May 20
Bethesda Clinic

Sunday, May 28 Summer service schedule begins through Labor Day
Downtown Schedule *South Schedule*
7:30am **Holy Eucharist** 10:00 am **Christian Formation**
9:00 am **Christian Formation** 11:05 am **Holy Eucharist**
10:00 am **Holy Eucharist**

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

April 16, 2023 at Christ Church Downtown

Katherin Grace,

daughter of Tera & Josh Walker;

&

*Robert William, James Marshall,
Evelyn Anne, and Kathrynn Rebekah,*

children of Eileen & A.J. Meals;

&

*Matthew Glenn, Conner Russell,
Olivia Rose, and Adelaide Faith*

children of Sarah Ford,
grandchildren of Karen & Jeffrey Ford;

also

April 16, 2023 at Christ Church South

Ivy Beatrix

daughter of Kristina & Jeremy Wait.

MEN'S SUMMER DEPTH GROUP

returns **Wednesday, May 31**

Christ Church South

Stay tuned for more info.

School for Spiritual Direction & Formation [FIND]

is accepting applications for the Class of 2026 until June 30. The school, hosted by Middleway Urban Monastery in Bryan, TX, holds monthly Saturday classes for clergy and lay people 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Visit www.schoolforspiritualdirection.org for more information.

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The Vestry

Mr. Peter Boyd Treasurer

Mr. Bill Clawater Asst. Treasurer

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Mr. Jerry Sanders Class of 2023

Mrs. Terri Squyres, Clerk Class of 2023

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Dr. Dan Toney Class of 2024

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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, 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 A BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, April 30

4 Easter

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Nehemiah 9:6-15

Psalms 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Sunday, May 7

5 Easter

Acts 17:1-15

Deuteronomy 6:20-25

Psalms 66:1-11

1 Peter 2:1-10

John 14:1-14



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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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*
11:05 am ~ CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*
~live-streamed christchurchtyler.org

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