

## FROM THE RECTOR:

*Jesus asked,  
"Which of these three, do you think,  
proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell  
among the robbers?"*

*The lawyer said,  
"The one who showed him mercy."*

*And Jesus said to him,  
"You go, and do likewise."*

Luke 10.36-37

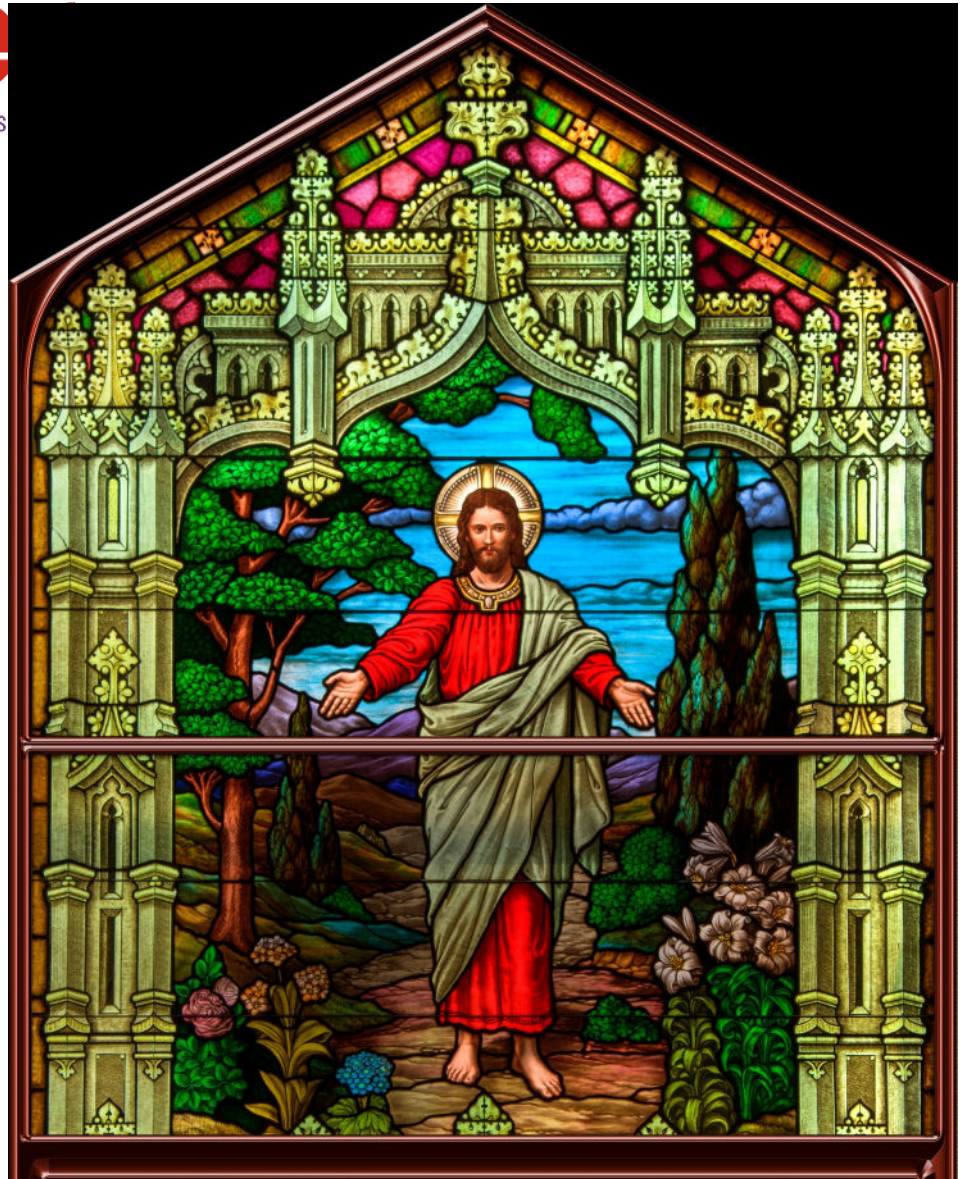
The essential teaching of God is to love the Lord and to love your neighbor. The parable of the Good Samaritan, recorded in Luke 10, is the 'therefore' response to what love for a neighbor looks like.

Just over three years ago, our church encountered a family in grave trouble. The disabled mother and 12-year-old sister of Yeva Kononovynch, a TJC tennis player from Ukraine, were, like hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians, in great danger. This family, though, was not on television. Their sister was in Tyler, asking for help.

Of course we said 'yes'.

Within two months, scores of Christ Church families made generous financial gifts to help Iryna and Nora escape the war zone of Eastern Ukraine and receive the shelter, food, and education they needed. They have thrived in Tyler. Later this month, Nora will begin her sophomore year at Tyler Legacy High School.

I thank God for the generosity of those whose gifts enable Christ Church to provide the essential necessities for this



vulnerable family. There is no government support for them. Their home and hometown have been devastated. The Russians destroyed Norah's school in Ukraine.

Iryna and Nora completely depend on members of Christ Church for food, shelter, and clothing.

Our Ukrainian Support fund is running low. Like the Good Samaritan, please help us to continue to support this vulnerable family. Edward Everett Hale famously wrote, "I am only one, but still, I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something."

Please contact our Parish Administrator, Michaelae (mardoin@christchurchtyler.org) at the church office to help us support Iryna and Nora.

Gratefully in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David T." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Labor Day weekend is coming up in a couple of weeks marking the unofficial end of summer. When I was growing up, I dreaded Labor Day because school started the next day, and I hated school. For most of us Labor Day is a three-day weekend marking the end of summer and our celebration of the day doesn't go much beyond that.

Labor Day was intended to be an annual celebration of workers and their achievements and originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories, and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages.

People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities, and breaks. As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous Haymarket Riot of 1886, in which several Chicago policemen and workers were killed. Others gave rise to longstanding traditions: On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history.

The idea of a "workingmen's holiday," celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American

labor history brought workers' rights squarely into the public's view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives.

On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by Eugene V. Debs, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the Pullman strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894 when President Grover Cleveland signed the legislation into law, largely to reconcile with organized labor following the deadly Pullman strike. But over the years, particularly as the influence of unions waned, the significance of Labor Day in the United States changed. For many people it became an end-of-summer celebration and a long weekend for family get-togethers. We still should be thankful on Labor Day for workers, and celebrate them, especially those who make life better for us even though they may sometimes be underpaid, over-worked, and in unpleasant jobs.

Here at Christ Church, the Sunday after Labor Day is significant because it is the Sunday when we have the annual Ministry Fair. This is when we kick off another church year with an opportunity to look at the different Christ Church ministries and see where you might want to jump in. Please join us for **Faith in Action – Ministry Sunday** on Sunday, September 7, at 9:00 Downtown and 10:00 South.

Blessings in Christ,

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Church office closed Labor Day—Monday 9/1

**REGULAR SERVICE TIMES RESUME Downtown**  
 Sunday, September 14th  
 7:30am / 9:00am / 11:00am  
 10:00am Christian Formation



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR-What's the Point??

Susie Fergus, *Children's Choir Director*

Whether in business, in education, or in our own spiritual journey, knowing our “WHY” gives a deeper meaning to everything we do in that arena of our lives. WHY would it be important for a church to have a children’s choir?

There are many reasons that I believe a children’s choir is at the heart of the Church’s mission. Here are a few:

- Singing is the language of the soul. Singing (and music in general) is a universal language understood across cultures and across time. When the noise of the world can be deafening and incessant at times, singing can help anyone (especially children) center themselves and find peace within.
- The theology of the Bible and the Church can be found in its music. Whether that music is hymns, liturgy, or composed pieces specific to a group (children’s anthems, for example), children learn about God in the music of the church. At Christ Church, we play children’s singing games to develop musical skills; we also learn hymns and how to use a hymn book. We sing Psalms and talk about the poetry of the Psalms. A typical weekly rehearsal is jam-packed with lots of music-making that aims to grow seeds of faith and a lifelong love of music-making in every child.
- In a time when schools are stretched thin to offer everything to meet children’s educational needs, a church choir can fill the gaps when public funding falls short. Offering a children’s music program is similar to Loaves & Fishes in this way: it meets a need or amplifies something good to benefit the greater community.
- At Christ Church we are all about training up leaders. Singing in church is a way that children can more fully participate in worship -- in song! Perhaps you have noticed in the past year that our children in worship are singing with an open hymnal, or following along with the service leaflet -- and of course, joyfully singing in front of the congregation. Children who lead in worship learn to take ownership in their church, the home of their faith. They learn that leadership in worship is an act of SERVICE that is to be done excellently and intentionally. Music helps make the faith “stick” deep down inside of a child.

When you greet a child who sings in Children’s Choir, please express your appreciation for their hard work and excellent service to our Church as they grow in God’s grace. And if you have a child in grades K-5th grade, or know of a family friend whose children might enjoy this activity, please invite them to join us this coming year. Our Children’s Choirs are growing, providing a setting where children from various schools can find friends who share their spiritual growth journey through singing. Children’s choirs resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 20. Their first musical offering in worship will be on Sunday, September 7.

**Director: SUSIE FERGUS**

**Who:** Children K – 5th grade

**When:** Wednesday Rehearsals starting Aug. 20th  
5:15-6:00pm [3rd - 5th grade]  
6:00-6:45pm [K-2nd grade]

**Where:** Christ Church Downtown



**REGISTER TODAY:**  
[christchurchtyler.org/childrens-choirs](http://christchurchtyler.org/childrens-choirs)



## Fall 2025 Calendar

### August

10- Blessing of  
the Backpacks  
17- Fifth Gear  
24- Baptism  
Sunday

### September

7- Stained  
Glass  
Dedication  
14- Fifth Gear  
21, 28- First  
Communion  
Downtown

### October

5- First  
Communion  
Reception  
12- Fifth Gear  
19- Brick Street  
Block Party

### November

1- Fall Festival  
16- Fifth Gear



5th Gear is for 5th GRADERS, it will meet one Sunday a month from 12:30-2 pm at the South Campus. It will be organized similarly to youth EYC, where we will gather for lunch, have a time of fun and fellowship, and a period for formation. Our theme this year will be the Fruits of the Spirit. Each meeting, we will highlight that month's assigned fruit of the spirit and have some activities that show how to recognize it and implement it into daily life. We will also have a time of discussion to answer questions that the kids themselves have asked.

### CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

8/12 Sullivan Shilling, 8/17 Charlotte Mercer, 8/21 Zara Pippin, 8/22 Katie Fletcher,  
8/23 Eliza Dos Santos, 8/23 Katie Luckenbach  
8/25 Elijah Pogue, 8/25 Gabriel Pogue, 8/26 Tegan Patterson

student ministry  
**Sarah Jones,**  
Director of Student Ministries

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August is here and school is right around the corner. EYC will be starting back up on 08/20 and we have some fun changes for this year. We will be having **two EYC groups**, a *middle school group (6th-8th)* and a *high school group (9th-12th)*. Both groups will meet on **Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm** on the fourth floor of the downtown campus. We will all **share a meal** and then **split into our separate groups**. McKinley and I are really excited about the opportunity to offer more curated activities and lessons to both of our age groups.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

08/17: 12:30-2pm South Campus **5th Gear** meeting

08/20: 6:00pm 4th Floor Downtown **First HS & MS EYC** of the year



BRICK STREET BLOCK PARTY is Sunday, October 19 from 5-7pm

This is a community outreach we are putting on with Marvin and First Baptist. This family friendly event features carnival rides, kids and youth games, community resources, and food. Please come and bring family and friends! We will be providing the food for this year's event and volunteers are still needed. Please reach out to Sarah Jones if you can help.





Please join September 7th

## **FAITH IN ACTION, our MINISTRY SUNDAY**

*Come peruse information about our various ministries.*

DOWNTOWN 9am in the Parish Hall

SOUTH CAMPUS 10:00am

followed by:

11:15 **DEDICATION** of  
*our beautiful new Children's Chapel*

**STAINED GLASS WINDOWS** | DOWNTOWN



## thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

### *In Our Prayers*

**Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:**

Luba, Maria, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Lisa, Anna Marie, Joshua, Pam, AJ, Jim, Gail, Willie, Ashley, Jeanene, Frank, Angela, Ben, Artimus, WF, Christian, SW, Lauren, Maggie, Jennifer, Carmen, Carolyn, Casey, Linda, Chris, Dalton, Mike, Mark, Marian, Ann, Naomi, Desiree, Matthew, Frank

**The Anglican Communion:** *The Diocese of Central New York*

**The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of Southern Ohio & Southern Virginia*

**Diocese of Texas:** *Sana Maria Virgen, Lord of the Streets—Houston*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine if you'd like to keep or add someone to the prayer list 903.530.8168 or [sssti@tjc.edu](mailto:sssti@tjc.edu).

### upcoming

**SUNDAY | August 17**

**5th Gear** [5th Grade Program]

12:30pm | CCS

**THURSDAY | returns in the Fall**

**Theology Study Group**

3:00pm | ~~CCD Guild Hall~~

**WEDNESDAY | August 20**

**Women's Depth Group Social**

6:00pm | @ the Lollis'

**SUNDAY | September 7**

**Faith in Action | Ministry Sunday**

9:00am | CCD & 10:00am | CCS

**Stained Glass Window Dedication**

11:15am | CCD Children's Chapel

**TUES & THURS | September 9 & 11**

**Bible Study with the Rector Resumes**

**SUNDAY | September 14**

**Regular Service Times resume**

7:30am | 9:00am | 11:00am CCD

Christian Formation 10:00am

**SUNDAY | September 21 & 28**

**First Communion Class (2nd—5th grade)**

10:00am Downtown

**SUNDAY | October 5**

**Blessing of the Pets**

3:00pm Bergfeld Park

**SUNDAY | October 19**

**Brick Street Block Party**

(more info to come)





## THE VESTRY

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### Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year C BCP 1979 Lectionary

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 15  
Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82  
Hebrews 12:1-7 [8-10] 11-14, Luke 12:49-56

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 16  
Isaiah 28:14-22, Psalm 46  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-29, Luke 13:22-30

## Holy Baptism



The next scheduled dates for baptism is Sunday, Aug 24 & Nov 2. If interested in baptism on this date, please contact the church office, 903-597-9854 or office@christchurchtyler.org.

**Christ Church**  
E P I S C O P A L  
**GIFT SHOP**

### OPEN HOURS:

**Sunday**  
9am—10am & 11am—11:30am

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
11:00am—12:00pm

giftshop@christchurchtyler.org

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## ***Worship Schedule***

### **Summer Sunday Worship Services** *through September 7*

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

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

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

*~live-streamed [christchurchtyler.org](http://christchurchtyler.org)*

### **CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES**

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spirit-filled community of  
apostles reaching out and  
transforming lives for Christ.*