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The Newsletter of Christ Church

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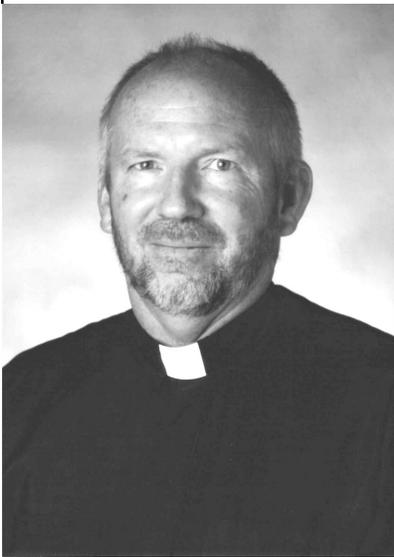
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From Father Robert

My dear Christ Church family.



Epiphany-tide. During Advent we prepared ourselves to welcome the Christ child and our soon coming King. At Christmas, we worshiped Christ in his birth and incarnation. During Epiphany we see this same Christ being revealed to the world. During this season each of our Eucharistic readings will have something to say about the revealing of God. I think you would find it beneficial to ask yourself, "How is God revealing God's self to me? How is God using me to illumine the World with Christ's love?" We pray that you might have a joyous and meaningful February.

Grace and Peace,

Robert+, Evelyn, Jeremiah, Henry, Helen and Richard

Clergy and staff members may be contacted by using the listed extensions and phone numbers. Please follow the prompts on the menu to leave a voice mail.

The Clergy

Father Robert Baker, Priest in Charge
 The Rev. Gretchen M. Platt, Deacon
 The Rev. Micheal Sircy, Deacon

The Vestry

Chuck Howard (Senior Warden)
 Blake Hadley
 Hope Stephenson (Clerk/Secretary)
 Bruce Braithwaite (Treasurer)
 Alan Prather (Chancellor)
 Fred Swetland (SSES Building Project Liaison)
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 Chuck Whitaker
 Richard Kreisel
 Janet Welch
 Anne Castellina
 Sandra Kopp
 Jane Reed

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 Richard Odell – *Facilities Manager*, ext. 105
 Kim Kalaman - *Parish Life Coordinator*, ext. 111
 Pat Fraser - *Christian Education Director* - ext.109
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Music Department

Richard Benedum, D.M.A. *Organist/Choirmaster*
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**Our Parish Mission Statement
 Matthew 28:18-20**

And Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Hospitalization and Other Pastoral Concerns:

As a result of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), parishioners and family members who find themselves hospitalized can no longer expect the hospital authorities to inform the clergy of their pastoral needs. The **clergy depend on you** to call the Parish office (747-3709) with as much information as possible.

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IS FEBRUARY 15TH
DO NOT MISS IT!
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All submissions are welcome, subject to space availability and editing. **Please DO NOT format your article.** We just need the text without graphics or boxes. We still need your name so we can attribute the article to the correct person. The official website for Christ Episcopal Church is: www.christchurchswfla.org

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Newcomer's Welcome

We welcome you to the Christ Episcopal Church. If you are new to Christ Episcopal Church or searching for a new church home, we encourage you to check out our website <http://www.christchurchswfla.org> and the Newcomer's Information you will find there. Please contact us at 941-747-3709 or at cec@christchurchswfla.org if you have any questions.

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

**Church office hours are Monday through Thursday 9 am until 4 pm
and Friday 9 am until 2 pm
Church telephone 941-747-3709
The Church Office will be closed on Monday,
February 18, 2019 for Presidents Day
cec@christchurchswfla.org**

BIBLE STUDY AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

CHECK OUT THE CHOICES BELOW

Bible study of the **Book of Exodus** will meet every Wednesday, from 7:10 – 8:00 p.m. in Meeting Room #1.

All women are invited to the **Parlor at 10:00 a.m.** on Sundays for the group **“WOMEN NEED WOMEN”** led by **Carolyn Howard**. Join together for fellowship, prayer and support.

Sundays at 10:10 - 10:50 am Adult Education Class led by Ken Young on the "Letter of James" will meet in Meeting Room #1. Class begins February 3rd.

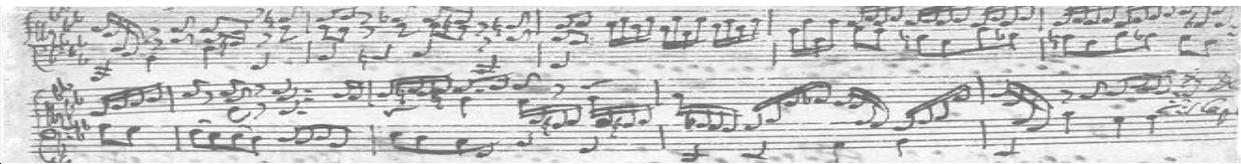
Men's Group Bible Study always welcomes new members. The group is studying "The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations" by Mary Schaller and John Crilly. Come and join us in **Meeting Room 1 at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings**.

The Evening Daughters of the King will hold their next regular meeting on February 14, 2019 in Meeting Room 1 at 7:00 pm.

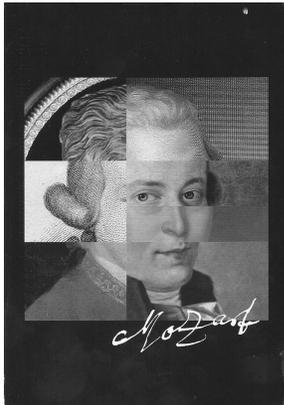
“Women of the Bible” class, led by Kathy Young will resume on Tuesday, February 5th from 10:30 am to Noon for 6 weeks in Meeting Room #1. Please come and join us as we look into the lives of several Old Testament women and see how they speak to us today. Sign up by calling the church office, 747-3709.

Confirmation Classes for Adults & Youth will begin Feb. 3, 2019 at 10:00 am in Classroom D for 6 weeks. Please call the office to sign up, 747-3709.





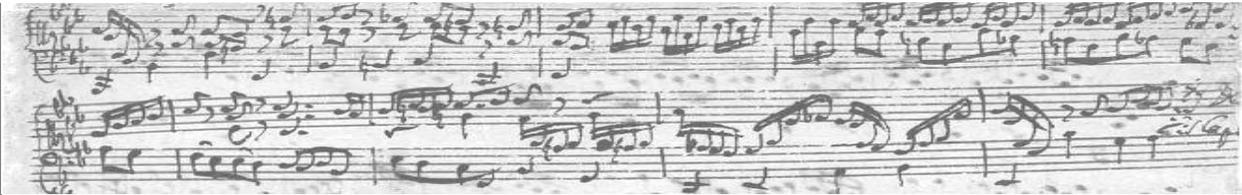
Dear members of Christ Church,



The next special presentation by the music department will be on February 10, 4:00 p.m., when concert organist Stephen Hamilton will present a program of virtuosic 'French Fireworks.'" His program will highlight the best qualities of Christ Church's magnificent Létourneau organ. Admission is free; come, and bring a friend.

Soon after, on March 3 at 11:00 a.m., the Christ Church Chorale, together with soloists and members of the Sarasota Orchestra, present Mozart's joyful Missa in C, K. 257, written for late 1776 or early 1777, as this morning's liturgy. Mozart's setting is relatively short, according to the wishes of Archbishop Colloredo of Salzburg, taking about 25 minutes. For example, Mozart omits the traditional closing fugue for the 'Credo.' This mass is nicknamed the 'Great Credo' mass, however, because Mozart lavished his greatest attention on this central movement—the word 'Credo' is repeated frequently to a simple two-note falling figure, and the movement expressively sets the words central to the Creed (the birth and suffering of Christ) with a slower tempo, sudden off-beat accents, and moving chromaticism. Mozart's usual instrumentation of strings and trumpets is enriched by the addition of oboes.

Mass settings never fail to delight the mind, the senses, and the soul of those who listen; that's why so many community guests mark these special Sundays and attend Christ Church. It is our hope that on this occasion, when you have a chance to participate in the Mass parts by listening and meditating on the familiar texts, they might reach you in a new way—further enhancing your own singing of these texts in our corporate worship in future weeks.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIFTING

- New anthems for Christ Church Chorale \$70 per composition
- Tune one piano (we regularly tune 3) \$75 each
- Guest musicians from Sarasota Orchestra for
November 26 performance of Mozart's Mass in F \$1,250
- Guest musicians from Sarasota Orchestra for
March 3 performance of Mozart's Mass in C \$1,500
- Sponsor organ recital by Stephen Hamilton, February 10 \$1000
- Sponsor organ recital by Gail Archer, March 10 \$1,000
- Guest musicians for Easter \$1,000
- Annual maintenance of organs in church and chapel \$2,500
- Use my gift where it's needed the most

AMOUNT OF GIFT

- Benefactor \$2500 and above
- Sustainer \$1000 - 2499
- Patron \$500 – 999
- Supporter \$250-499
- Friend \$25-249

Name as you would like it to appear _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Call or email either of us if you have any questions. We thank you in advance for your consideration and support, and hope to see many of you at next season's special music events.

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And many thanks in advance for your support!
Richard Benedum and William Holt

MINISTRY NEWS

ALTAR GUILD

The **Christ Church Altar Guild** is looking for a few good women & men to join this important ministry. These are folks in the background who make sure God's "table" is properly set up for each service in the Nave or the Chapel. They work in teams and cover each service on a Sunday. We need volunteers for all services. If you believe you are called to this ministry, please contact Laurie & Gene Zeiner (941)896-6277.

ST. ANNE'S CHAPTER

by Linda Baril

The English Tea and Fashion Show will be held on February 13 at 3 pm in the Parish Hall. See Page Nine for details!

OUR LORD'S PANTRY

The Lord's Pantry is appealing for volunteers to pick up food at the Food Bank of Manatee on Thursday and Friday. Pick up time at the food bank is at noon on both days and an SUV or small truck to hold six to eight banana boxes would be helpful. Also, volunteers to unload and set up the pantry on Thursday from 1pm - 1:45 pm are needed. Please contact: Claudette Belnavis at (813) 654-8359, John Meeks at (941) 757-7569, or the church office at (941) 747-3709. THE LORD'S PANTRY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

THE CHRIST CHURCH THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The inventory is very low, and your donations are needed for gently used adult clothing, house wares, etc. Call ahead (746-4906) for pickup of large donations such as furniture. Thank you.





Christian Formation

January was my first month in my new job here at church! There was some moving in and some moving out! However, all is well and I am busy planning for all the upcoming seasons of the church. The kids will be doing a project for Valentine's Day the Sunday before. Then we are just three short weeks from Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of our Lenten season. The kids will start on March third by making prayer pots. We really encourage the kids to take this season to remember to pray and reflect. Ash Wednesday is the sixth so we will be right on target. Each Sunday after that we will be adding an item to your child's prayer pot that has significance and meaning to help them remember to pray or be kind, show Gods love, be patient, share and remember all that Jesus has done for us. These are all things that make us a better person. Also we will be sending home a little booklet with color sheets that help to explain Lent as well. We want our children to participate in the life of our church and have a good understanding of what we do and why.

Sunday school has grown by four students this year with the addition of Fr. Baker's family. We welcome Jeremiah, Henry, Helen and Richard! I want to take this opportunity to bring you up to date with our 'Teen Rooms.' With Christmas there was a lull in work being done with so many families traveling and busy with the holiday. However, January started a renewed interest and we are getting the rooms painted, some new construction is happening and it won't be long and those rooms are going to be more than a vision but will be a reality! I call them "All the Kings men." There have been several men working diligently to see that these rooms get completed and our youth have a place they can call their own! Our youth are very blessed! I'm excited to be working at Christ Church and with the people of this parish. I'm looking forward to all that God has in store for each of us!

Blessings,
Pat Fraser
Christian Formation

Coming Events

The English Tea and Fashion Show will be held on February 13 at 3 pm in the Parish Hall Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased from members of Saint Anne's group. Proceeds of the Tea and Fashion Show benefit outreach. It's a great event! Bring your friends! We only have the Tea every 2 years! If you have any questions about the Tea, contact Jane Scovanner, (941-794-3445) or Linda Baril (776-0040).



Maryam Whitaker has retired! After 17 years of faithful service to CEC, on February 17th, we will have a **Retirement Reception for Maryam after the 11 am service in the Parish Hall.** Please bring a snack to share and any cards you wish to give her in thanks and appreciation for all she has done. Any questions, please contact the office. Thank you!

The Annual Crop Walk will be on Feb. 24th at 2:00 pm on the Green Bridge. Contact John Bregger, 941-708-3051 to sign up and walk.

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

A graphic of a footprint, with the toes pointing upwards, positioned to the right of the text.

VESTRY MINUTES

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

Members Present: Jane Reed, Sandra Kopp, Bruce Braithwaite, Matthew Donovan (Junior Warden), Claudette Belnavis, Chuck Howard (Senior Warden), Anne Castellina, Don McKelvy, Fred Swetland, Patrick Whelan, Ken Fraser, and Hope Stephenson.

Clergy Present: Father Robert Baker, Deacon Michael Sircy

Others: Alan Prather, Chuck Angulo, Kathleen Fisher

Father Baker opened the December 2018 Vestry meeting at 6:00pm. The Opening Prayer and Bible study was led by Hope Stephenson. The reading was Luke 1: 46-55, focusing on Mary's Song of Praise.

PRIEST'S REPORT: Father Baker stated his first 2 weeks at Christ Episcopal Church have been good and he appreciates the warm welcome to him and his family. He discussed the progress of the land swap with Saint Stephen's Episcopal School. Father Baker reminded everyone the Outreach Dinner is coming up February 5, 2019. He also stated the Annual Meeting will be on January 20, 2019 in the Parish Hall after the 11am service. Finally, Father Baker suggested the whole church focus on building community and showing love for each other, especially in our own church.

SENIOR WARDEN: Chuck Howard attended an update meeting with Bishop Dabney, Canon Richard Norman and Father Robert. The Diocese gave CEC \$2500 to help pay for supply priests during the next six months while Father Baker is still working at St. John's. The money is also earmarked for creating and printing more comprehensive Bulletins for the CEC. There was a meeting with Anne Vickers regarding a church audit. Ms. Vickers suggested CEC put more money in stocks (than bonds) or even a 50/50 ratio.

CEC received the last apportionment check (\$~52,000) from the Garrison Trust. Chuck stated he would like to see that money placed in the Church Trust fund in order to bring the balance back up over \$1,000,000. After discussion, Anne Castellina motioned the Garrison Trust check be placed in the Hancock Bank Trust fund. The motion was seconded by Don McKelvy. The motion passed unanimously. Anne Castellina also motioned the Finance Committee look at the CEC investment portfolio and change the stock/bond ratio to better reflect the current market. Jane Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Our 2018 audit will be conducted in mid-April by and paid for by the Diocese. This should save CEC approximately \$7000. Father Baker's contract with CEC has been signed.

JUNIOR WARDEN: Ian Funtal met with Matt Donovan and discussed his Eagle Scout project installing benches at CEC and at no cost to the church. He is hoping to finish up in January 2019.

OUTREACH: The Outreach Dinner & Auction will be held February 5, 2019 at the Bradenton Yacht Club. Donations are needed. Chuck will be the Master of Ceremonies and the Auctioneer will be Mike O'Connor. It was suggested that tickets to the event be sold in the courtyard between services.



VESTRY MINUTES

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 (continued)

STEWARDSHIP: Patrick Whelan reviewed results from the Cottage Meetings and new pledge card information. He recommended CEC continue to hold Cottage meetings for the next couple of years, increase the communication between all committees and the church staff and for next year's Stewardship Committee to attend the Diocesan Stewardship seminar. As many 2018 pledges have not been turned in yet and we are still low on new 2019 pledges, Patrick agreed to send out an extra letter and a generic pledge card as a reminder. Generic pledges cards will be also be available in the Narthex.

NEW BUSINESS:

Myakka City Property: CEC has closed on the sale of the Myakka City Property and has received \$66,390.22 for that sale.

Annual Meeting: The CEC Annual meeting will be held on January 20, 2019 in the Parish Hall after the 11am service, with a potluck lunch to follow. All 3 regular services will be held that Sunday.

Kitchen in Parlor: Deacon Michael updated on this project for removing the parlor kitchen. Using volunteer labor, the kitchen will be gutted, painted and turned into a storage area. Work should start shortly after the New Year. The only cost appears to be hiring a plumber to cap off the water lines.

Miscellaneous: Deacon Michael stated that the grant request period for The Service Club of Manatee County is starting. He also stated that he is still working with the State of Florida and has signed up 86 people for Medicaid.

OLD BUSINESS:

2019 Vestry Candidates: The Vestry will have a special meeting soon to discuss possible candidates for vestry. Candidates must be a member of CEC, have a good attendance record and be a giver of record. We will need 7 new members for the election process at the Annual meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was a net loss of \$292,434 for November 2018. There was a lengthy discussion on the church finances. The Finance Committee will be working with the church accountant in order to clear up questions. Church Department Chairs will be asked to come up with a budget for 2019. Jane Reed motioned to approve the November 2018 Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Ken Fraser. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of October & November 2018 Vestry Minutes: Fred Swetland motioned to approve, and Hope Stephenson seconded the approval of the October and November 2018 Vestry Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Vestry Meeting is Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6pm in Meeting Room #1.

Father Baker adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 8:50pm.

Congratulations!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Penelope May	13 Mary Buonagura	Jake Miller
3 Dot Carrick	Gary Rodriguez	23 Porter Daniels
Lee Elliott	14 Danielle Fraser	Joan Safford
Julia Forkgen	15 Lee Hooie	25 Jessica Burdette
5 Kristin Mead	17 Emily Brown	Caleb O'Connor
7 Elaine Cottet	Judy Langford	25 Laurie Zeiner
Margaret Lawrence	18 John Perry	26 John Kendzior
8 Marcella Kissick	19 Suzan Eisel	Caroline Turner
Bryanna Knighton	20 Jacob Burdette	27 Kim Herba
10 Madeline Landers	Duncan Isiminger	Coral Sheridan
Bev Prather	Richard Olson	28 Mandy Elmore
Alida Turner	Heather Whelan	Ann Moon
11 Be Be Fink	21 Reba Moeller	Tony Valentine
Kerri Howard	22 Janet Lindsey	29 Mary Braine
Jeff Kalaman	Ike Miller	Ann Staub
12 Brenda Hudson		

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Dennis & Sandy Kezar
17 Andrew & Michelle Sewell
25 Joe & Carolyn Ritchie

8th Annual Outreach Dinner and Auction

Tuesday, February 5, 2019, is the date of the Christ Church Annual Outreach Dinner and Auction held at the Bradenton Yacht Club. This event is always filled with fun, excitement, and fellowship. The crowd is lively, so prepare to have fun. The bidding often gets intense, so prepare for excitement. The parishioners at your table are all wonderful and interesting, so there is a great opportunity for fellowship and for even meeting someone new.

The event will kick off promptly at 6:00 PM with a Welcome by Senior Warden Chuck Howard, the beginning of the silent auction, and the opening of the cash bar. Dinner service begins at 7:00 PM and is preceded by a blessing by Father Robert. During dinner, the Silent Auction will remain open until 7:45 PM to check your bids, increase your bids on desired items, or bid on something new. At the conclusion of dinner, the live auction begins with parishioner/auctioneer Mike O'Connor.

Remember that all proceeds from the Auction go to the Outreach Ministry, and support the Church's Food Pantry. The Auction is a significant once-a-year source of funds for the Ministry.

Please purchase your Dinner tickets no later than Tuesday, January 29, from the Church Office since entrée choices have to be provided to the Yacht Club in advance of the event.

We have a fabulous array of Auction items thanks to the wonderful response and generosity of parishioners. You are certain to see a number of highly desirable Auction items that you want or need. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jim or Lolly Weaver (phone: 941-545-0082 or email: thruthicknthin@gmail.com)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for:

Sunday, 3 February 2019

Pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi

**The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho - Archbishop of Burundi &
Bishop of Makamba**

Sunday, 10 February 2019

Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada

**The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz - Primate of the Anglican Church
of Canada**

Sunday, 17 February 2019

Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa

**The Most Revd Albert Chama - Archbishop of Central Africa &
Bishop of Northern Zambia**

Sunday, 24 February 2019

**Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de
America**

**The Rt Revd Julio Murray Thompson - Primate of IARCA &
Bishop of Panama**



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

These lectionary citations are from the Revised Common Lectionary as used by The Episcopal Church.

We are now in Year C

Celebration

Lesson

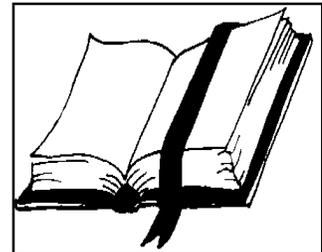
Sunday, February 3, 2019 Jeremiah 1:4-10, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Luke 4:21-30, Psalm 71:1-6

Sunday, February 10, 2019 Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13], 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 138

Sunday, February 17, 2019 Jeremiah 17:5-10, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Luke 6:17-26, Psalm 1

Sunday, February 24, 2019 Genesis 45:3-11, 15, 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50, Luke 6:27-38, Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42
The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture readings can be found on Biblegateway.com





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SUNDAY SERVICES

All Sunday Services are

held in the Nave

7:30 a.m. Rite I

(Traditional Music)

9:00 a.m. Rite II

(Contemporary Music)

11:00 a.m. Rite II

(Traditional Music)

PLEASE JOIN US

FOR WORSHIP

WEEKDAY SERVICES

All Weekday Services are

held in the Chapel of the

Good Shepherd

**Monday, 12:00 p.m.
Holy Communion Rite I**

**Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Holy Communion Rite I**