

CHRIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2019 CHRONICLE



Bishop Walkabout, January 23

When Fr. Thomas Keating was teaching Centering Prayer to a group of nuns, one sister approached him and said, “I can’t do this because every time I try to pray I am distracted by ten thousand different thoughts.” Thomas Keating responded by saying, “How wonderful! That means ten thousand opportunities to return to God!” The season of Lent is about repenting, which means *returning to God*. Although this season is often characterized by penitence, solemnity and sorrow for our sins, the season can also be marked by joy as we consider all of the wonderful opportunities we have each day (and each moment!) to return to our loving Heavenly Father, who is always waiting patiently for us, with arms wide open. I will confess that I am feeling especially excited and joyful about this upcoming Lenten season, which happens to begin on my birthday this year: March 6th.



In between our 12 PM and 7 PM Ash Wednesday services, the deacons and I are going to haul our vestments and liturgical accoutrements to the Eureka Gazebo Fountain at 3 PM to offer “Ashes To Go” for people downtown who would like to receive a sprinkling of holy ashes. Then, on Saturday March 9th at 11 AM, we will launch our first “Sacred Saunter” service, a brief outdoor Eucharist at Sequoia Park. Whenever I stroll through the redwoods of Sequoia Park, I feel like I’m walking in the *true* “Cathedral of the North Coast,” so it is only natural for us to celebrate Eucharist in it. Worshipping outdoors will be especially appropriate this Lenten season since we will be exploring the ancient wisdom of the Celtic Christians, who possessed a keen awareness of God’s presence in all of creation. During our Tuesday Lenten Soup Suppers (at 5:30 PM), we will be reading through a book titled *Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality* by John Philip Newell, with whom I will be spending a week on the island of Iona in Scotland after Easter (thanks to a generous scholarship I received). After our Soup Supper discussions, we will gather in the chapel for Celtic Compline prayers. And this year, St. Patrick’s Day happens to fall on a Sunday, so we will have a joyful St. Patrick’s feast after our 10:30 worship service. (Remember, Sundays are always feast days, so we can break our fasts for St. Patrick this year!).

Before we know it, we will be marching into the most Holy Week of the year, with palms in our hands, shouting “Hosanna!” on Palm Sunday April 14th. Our Tenebrae, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday services are absolutely stunning here at Christ Church Eureka. Each service oozes with spiritual power and significance. However, **the most sacred feast of the entire liturgical year is the Great Vigil of Easter at 7 PM on April 20th**. The liturgy begins outside with the lighting of the Paschal Candle. We then process into the nave in darkness, led only by the Light of Christ. In the dimly lit church, we listen to the Scriptures recount the story of our salvation and then we break our 40-day fast with the ringing of bells, the bursting of lights and the shouting of “Alleluias!” as we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. This year, I’m thrilled to say that we will be baptizing a new member of the Body of Christ at the Great Vigil. If there is only one worship service you attend all year, let it be this one!

Along with Celtic Compline on Tuesdays, Centering Prayer on Thursdays, Organ concerts on Fridays, and “Sacred Saunters” on Saturdays, Christ Church will be offering many more opportunities to joyfully return to God throughout this Lenten season. So, on my birthday this year, I will invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy (and happy) Lent!



Lent and Holy Week at Christ Episcopal Church

Worship

Eucharist on Sundays at 8 and 10:30 AM
Ash Wednesday 12 PM and 7 PM on March 6
Palm Sunday 8 and 10:30 AM on April 14
Tenebrae 7 PM on April 17 (*in Chapel*)
Maundy Thursday 7 PM on April 18
Stations of the Cross 12 PM on April 19 (*in Chapel*)
Good Friday Solemn Liturgy 7 PM on April 19
Holy Saturday Sacred Saunter 11 AM on April 20
The Great Vigil of Easter 7 PM on April 20
Easter Sunday 8 and 10:30 AM on April 21
followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Discipleship

Tuesday Night Soup Supper Course:
Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality
Soup Suppers in Lewis Hall 5:30 PM on Tuesdays
Celtic Compline in the Chapel 7 PM on Tuesdays
Holy Tuesday Eucharist 7 PM on April 16

Fellowship

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:30 PM on March 5
St. Patrick Sunday 12 PM on March 17

Outreach

Ashes-To-Go at Eureka Gazebo Fountain 3 PM on March 6
Sacred Saunter at Sequoia Park on Saturdays 11 AM
Quilters Plus 9:30 AM on March 6 and April 3
Fresh Produce Sunday 8 and 10:30 AM on March 17

Hospitality

Centering Prayer 12 PM on Thursdays (*in Chapel*)
Organ Concerts at 12 PM on Fridays

What a spectacular Annual Meeting that was!

Today we celebrated the first anniversary of our time with Father Daniel and Ashley and also held our Annual Meeting to wrap-up 2018 and elect our new Vestry Members; Bill, Bev, Jannetje and Kathleen. We thanked many people who have done so much and we got to witness our beloved Peg Gardner get the first annual Rector's Appreciation Award. I can't think of anyone more deserving. Father Daniel spoke wonderful words and to have surprised her, with her daughter in attendance, made it extra special. We actually forgot to award her with her cake because we didn't have her to remind us! We are so happy and blessed that she is going to continue as Clerk of the Vestry.



The Annual Meeting wasn't the only great event this past week. As many of you know and attended, we hosted the Bishop's Candidates Walkabout for our deanery last Wednesday night. Thanks to Thomas, we offered a light dinner of quiches, salads and cold cuts for the candidates and support staff, we opened the chapel to give them some times to prepare and then had them in the Nave answering questions for a packed house.

One of the questions that was posed to them was: What would you do to ensure that parishes encourage the Jesus Movement? As I sat there and listened to the responses, I realized that I didn't really know what the Jesus Movement was. I thought it was something from the 70's back when people would be said to have "found Jesus". A reference was made to our Presiding Bishop Curry so I thought maybe he had mentioned it during the Royal Wedding, of which I watched very little.

It took about 30 seconds of research to find exactly what I was looking for. The Episcopal Church website answers the question very simply. What is the Jesus Movement?:

The Jesus Movement is the ongoing community of people who center their lives on Jesus and following him into loving, liberating and life-giving relationship with God, each other and creation.

Together, we follow Jesus as we love God with our whole heart, soul and mind and love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40), and restore each other and all of creation to unity with God in Christ (BCP, p. 855).

Jesus launched this movement when he welcomed the first disciples to follow his loving, liberating, life-giving Way. Today, we participate in his movement with our whole lives our prayer, worship, teaching, preaching, gathering, healing, action, family, work, play and rest.

In all things, we seek to be loving, liberating and life-giving—just like the God who formed all things in love; liberates us all from prisons of mind, body and spirit; and gives life so we can participate in the resurrection and healing of God's world.

In closing there is a video of our Presiding Bishop Curry, walking through the heart of New York City, explaining the Jesus Movement while people go about their busy days. It is a cool video and it made me hope that Father Daniel will be successful in getting him to come and attend our Sesquicentennial in 2020.

My friends in Christ, please congratulate Father Daniel on his first anniversary of making Humboldt County his home and becoming our rector. Take some time to watch the video montage he put together and revel in all that we have accomplished already. Congratulate Peg Gardner for her special award and find a way to incorporate the Jesus Movement into your life. 2019 is already filled with faith, hope and love.

2019 Concerts at Christ Church

Once again, we have a line-up of wonderful concerts to look forward to throughout the coming year. Here is a taste of what is to come, as well as a bit of information on how these concerts come to be and how you may become involved if you are interested! Concerts at Christ Church are one way to help fulfill our mission statement – through music and hospitality we seek to “glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people.”

With the installation of the Kegg organ in 2008, a “Christ Church Concert Series” was established. A large committee was formed to oversee the concert series and for the first five years the CCCS sponsored several concerts a year; the “Sundays at 4” summertime series was created, a Messiah Sing-Along was held, guest organists were brought in, etc. After five years it was time to reflect on what was working well and to recognize that there was a certain amount of ‘burn-out’ among participants. It was decided to reduce the series to two organ concerts per year and three Sundays at 4 concerts.



Because procedures were well-established for sponsoring concerts, there was less of a need for a large committee to oversee the concert series. As a result, for the past two years, a small group has been meeting every few months to plan and prepare for concerts. Many thanks to these individuals for their time and devotion: Elizabeth Harper-Lawson, Nancy Frey, Steve Cole, Lyn Klay, and Doug Moorehead. In addition to our planning group, there are numerous individuals who volunteer their time to support our concerts, by ushering, collection donations at the door, providing food for receptions. Many thanks to all of those individuals, including: Roni Carlson, Kathy Clague, Heidi Erickson, Paul Gossard, John Hammond, Joe Hawk, Jim & Carrie Hogan, Helen Hui, Earl Morgan, Thomas Swanger, Jill Stover. My sincere apologies for anyone I have failed to mention!

For 2019, Christ Church will sponsor the following concerts – please save the dates!

Friday, March 8, 7:30 pm: Jonathan Dimmock, organist from San Francisco: “Concert organist Jonathan Dimmock has distinguished himself through his dazzling and highly sensitive performances in churches, major concert halls, music festivals, and cathedrals throughout the world. ... Jonathan is considered by many to be one of the leading musicians in his field” (<https://www.jonathandimmock.com/>).

Sundays at 4: June 23, July 28, and August 25 – to be announced soon!

Sunday, October 13, 3:00 pm: Christopher Houlihan, Concert Organist: “Organ phenom who has already been called one of the brightest stars in the new generation of American organists ... rising star of the organ world who already has his own fan club” (<http://www.christopherhoulihan.com/>). Included in that “Houli” fan club are a few of our own parishioners!

In addition to these concerts which are sponsored by Christ Church, there will be many more concerts by groups which request and pay to use our wonderful acoustically vibrant space for concerts. Returning groups for 2019 will be the Ferndale Community Choir, Company of Voices, Chamber Players of the Redwoods, and the Scotia Band. And we may have some new groups as well.

OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT: WE REACH OUT AS A CHURCH WITH HELPING HANDS TO SERVE OTHERS

We at Christ Church share our time, talent and treasure in so many ways! You will read more about some in other reports, and you will be aware of others as well. Following is a partial list for 2018:

- Gathering each week of non-perishables for the Food Bank (Food for People), faithfully delivered by Bev Olson, and each month donations of fresh produce for the St. Vincent de Paul's noon feeding program, delivered by Renee Ross.
- Collecting hygiene items, warm clothing, towels and more for Betty Chinn, delivered by Beth Powell. Support for Betty Chinn's outreach programs: assembling Thanksgiving food baskets, serving Thanksgiving dinner at Town Church, contributing toward a refrigerator for Betty's House, participating in the St. Joseph Hospital food pick-up project, and more.
- Supporting foster children and teens and TFI (The Forgotten Initiative) families throughout the year in varied ways: fleece blankets, stocking stuffers, socks, new underwear for back-to-school, Foster Friday night events, and Music and Arts summer day camp.
- Supporting our Rector's and Deacons' Discretionary Funds to enable them to assist with emergency needs.
- Providing a \$500 scholarship through the Helen Person Memorial Scholarship Fund to one of our graduating seniors.
- Donating funding and supplies to our Deanery summer camp, Camp Living Waters.
- Contributing donations from the Book Project to Episcopal Relief and Development, and \$623 to the United Thank Offering (UTO).
- Sharing our campus facilities with community groups: rehearsal space for the Eureka Symphony Chorus and a Centering Prayer group in the Chapel. Ten 12-Step Groups meet in the Education Building each week at noon or in the evening: AlAnon, AlaTeen, AGA, OA and others.
- Supporting those impacted by devastating fires, especially through Anna and Nick Smithler's gift card project for the Camp Fire victims, which raised over \$3000 for gift cards.
- Participating in HIF, Humboldt Interfaith Fellowship, formerly known as Eureka Interfaith Fellowship, including a community forum on gun violence and the Thanksgiving Community Sing.
- Sponsoring a Bowl for Kids team in support of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Are you involved with one or more of the outreach activities above? Would you like to be? Do you have ideas for Outreach? Please talk with a Vestry member, Deacon, or the Rector if you'd like to find out more. Take part in reaching out and serving others - You will find it a blessing as well!

NOTICES AND LAY MINISTRIES

LAY MINISTRIES

February 2019 – Lent and Easter are just around the corner, a perfect time to join one of the groups of members who make our worship services so inspirational and special. Please consider exercising your personal gifts in one (or more) of these ministries.

Lynne Bean	Coffee Hour	822-6086
Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	Eucharistic Visitors	445-1726
Bob Hines	Contribution Counters	445-8974
Vickie Patton	Story Corner	443-1825
Anne Pierson	Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers	442-2025
Sanford Pyron	Announcers	444-0968
Marty Vega	Lectors and Intercessors	443-9782
Susan Whaley	Ushers and Greeters	445-2924

Marty

FOOD FOR PEOPLE

It is me again, Bev, asking for your continued support for Food for People. The totals for 2018 are 485 of non-perishable items, forty pounds of potatoes, 3 pounds of bread, one pound onions, 5 pounds of cat food, and 5 can openers. This is just GREAT for a total of 539 pounds!

What I am asking for in 2019 is 550 pounds of non-perishables. The perishable items usually go almost straight to the bins and are mostly gone by the end of my Wednesday shift. And to let you know that I am confident that we can make the new goal that I have set you have already given 44 pounds of non-perishables in the month of January along with 8 pounds of oranges and two can openers. We can do this, I know we can.

Thanks again,
Bev

ECW

ECW--It's time to brainstorm! Keeping in mind our mission of glorifying God, following Jesus Christ, and serving all people in the power of the Holy Spirit, at the next ECW meeting, we will put our hearts and minds together to think of great ideas for the upcoming 150th celebration of Christ Church. Plus--we'll take a look at possible ideas for the future of ECW and how we could include more of our parish in our monthly gatherings. Come for the Eucharist, stay for the food, open up to ideas!

Getting to know Jill Stover ...

I was born in Michigan and moved to California in 1959.

In 1968 as a single mom, I started coming to Christ Church with my two sons Ward and Myles. In May of 1969, I was confirmed at Christ Church and my sons grew up to both became acolytes. For 25 years I was active in the choir and I continue to be involved with Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and Quilters Plus Group creating fleece throws for Foster Children.

I worked at College of the Redwoods (CR) in several departments including Physical Education, Creative Arts & Humanities and the Nursing Departments, retiring in 1995 after a 26-year career on campus.

My son Ward is now living in Crescent City where he is a Civil Engineer and we get to visit often. Myles lives in Arizona and I get to travel to see him at least once a year. I have 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

One of my favorite things is being scheduled to be an announcer by Sanford on the first Sunday of each new quarter schedule.



Epiphany, January 6, Chalking of the Doors

THE CYCLES OF PRAYERS FOR OUR DIOCESE AND THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Please pray for the diocese', congregations, and clergy listed below on the Diocesan and Anglican cycles of prayer as well as those prayers requested by our Bishop, Dean and Diocesan Search Committee.

Every Sunday, our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Barry L. Beisner, requests we pray for:

The Diocese of Jerusalem, The Most Rev. Suheil Dawani, Archbishop and Primate for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, the Diocese of Jerusalem, and for the Christians in the Holy Land

Every Sunday, the Diocesan Search Committee requests that we pray:

February 3rd: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

After February 9th: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the newly elected bishop for our Diocese, that they may serve as a faithful pastor, care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Every Sunday, The Very Rev. Sara Potter, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for:

The congregations of our Deanery and especially for the people of St. Francis', Fortuna, in thanksgiving for the new leadings of the Holy Spirit as they seek to minister to their community neighbors in new and expanding ways, and for unity and mutual love.

Specific Sunday Prayers for our diocese and the Anglican Communion:

February 3, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Ferndale, The Rev. Eric Duff, Supply Priest

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

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

February 10, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Trinity Episcopal Church, Folsom, The Rev. Todd Bruce, Rector, The Rev. Charlie Knuth, Associate Rector, The Rev. Dave Rickert, Associate

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

February 17, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, Fort Bragg, The Rev. Randy Knutson, Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Tansy Chapman, Associate

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

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

February 23, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Francis' Episcopal Church, Fortuna, The Rev. Geri Cunningham, Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Mara Arack, Deacon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Rt Revd Samuel Sahu, Diocesan Bishop of Malaita (Melanesia) ,The Revd Rickson George Maomaoru, Assistant Bishop of Tirunelveli (South India), The Rt Revd Jayaraj Christdoss, Diocesan Bishop of Harare (Central Africa), The Rt Revd Chad Nicholas, Diocesan Bishop of Gandiya

March 3, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Luke's, Galt, The Rev. Barbara Elizabeth Nixon, Vicar, The Rev. James Townsend, Associate

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz, Bishop of Santiago & Primate of the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

March 10, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Grass Valley, The Rev. Seth Kellermann, Rector, The Very Rev.

Canon Mary Hauck, Associate, The Rev. Dr. Richard Johnson, Associate, The Rev.

Mark Parker, Associate, The Van. Gary Brown, Deacon, The Rev. Dr. David Davidson-

Methot, Associate, The Rev. Phil Reinheimer, Associate

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda, Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu

If you wish to offer prayers daily for the church in the world, our Anglican Cycle of Prayer has a daily list of diocese and clergy who would benefit from your prayer ministry. This list can be obtained via this website: [amp...2018...full.pdf](#). If you do not have a computer, I would be glad to make a copy of the 2018 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you.

Anne Pierson,
Deacon

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Madeline Musante	February 3	Haley Hogan	February 4
Jannetje Vrieze	February 10	Barbara Walser	February 11
Nathan Frey	February 14	Royal McCarthy	February 15
Catherine & Barratt Mace	February 15	Sara Hines	February 16
Jean Guthrie	February 21	Dan Vega	February 21
Sanford Pyron	February 27	Rohn Selfridge	February 27

Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? Contact the church office 442-1797, or christchurcheureka@gmail.com with the information.

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Presentation in the Temple</i>
3 4 <i>Epiphany</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School	4 Office closed	5 10:00 Worship Committee 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 Compline	6 9:30 Quilters...Plus 5:30 Choir Practice	7 12:00 Centering Prayer Group	8	9 <i>Election of New Bishop</i>
10 5 <i>Epiphany</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School	11 Office closed	12 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 Compline	13 Noon ECW 5:30 Choir Practice	14 12:00 Centering Prayer Group	15	16
17 6 <i>Epiphany</i> <i>Emergency Drill</i> <i>Fresh Produce</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School 12:15 Vestry	18 Office closed	19 7:00 Compline	20 5:30 Choir Practice	21 12:00 Centering Prayer Group	22	23 9:00 Vestry orientation
24 7 <i>Epiphany</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School	25 <i>St. Matthias</i> Office closed	26 7:00 Compline	27 5:30 Choir Practice	28 12:00 Centering Prayer Group		



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