



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Christian Unity Based on a Question



The week of January 18 to January 25 was the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a week bookended by the Feast of the Confession of St. Peter (Jan 18) and the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan 25). The week was established in 1908 by Episcopal priest and Franciscan friar Father Paul Wattson, who felt that the friendship between Peter and Paul was an ideal symbol of Christian unity, not because they agreed on everything but precisely because they disagreed—sometimes vehemently—and yet remained committed to their partnership. At Christ Church, we are blessed with preachers from the Lutheran, Presbyterian, Disciples of Christ, Baptist, and Anglo-Catholic traditions; and we celebrated the week with teachings led by different leaders: a teaching on St. Peter led by an Episcopal priest, a teaching on St. Paul led by a Lutheran pastor, and a Bible Study led by a pastor from the Disciples of Christ.

While reflecting on these two saints who are known as the Holy Foremost Apostles, I was reminded of the writings of a French philosopher named René Girard, who wrote about the poignant question that connects them both. After Peter denied Jesus three times following his arrest, the Gospel of Luke says that Jesus turned and looked at Peter, who then wept bitterly (Luke 22:62). According to Girard, this look pierces Peter's heart because Peter reads in the look the following question: "Why do you persecute me?" This is the same question that Paul hears from Jesus's mouth when he travels to Damascus to violently detain Jewish followers of Jesus, a question that knocks Paul to the ground (Acts 9:4).

The great transformation in the life of the first pope (Peter) and in the life of the first Christian theologian (Paul) is the humbling realization that their behavior was, in fact, violently oppressive to Christ. Paul initially believed that his murderous persecution of the early Christians was sanctioned by God; and he felt certain he was doing God's work when he was "breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples" (Acts 9:1). It was not until he was knocked off his high horse that he realized he was, in fact, working in direct opposition to God. Paul's conversion calls all Christians to seriously check ourselves whenever we think we are doing God's work by oppressing a vulnerable group of people. According to the foundational story of Paul's life, we are working in direct opposition to the God revealed in Christ whenever we persecute the vulnerable. The sad irony is that so many churches who preach Paul completely fail to see this truth at the heart of Paul's Christian identity.

"Christian conversion," Girard says, "is always this question that Christ himself asks": Why do you persecute me?¹ It is a question that should always prevent Christians from creating false unity built upon the oppression of vulnerable victims and scapegoats and one that can propel us towards true Christian unity in our common striving for peace and justice among all people.

¹René Girard, *I See Satan Fall Like Lightning*, translated by James G. Williams (Maryknoll NY: Orbis Books, 2001), 191.



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2026

THE SEASON OF LENT



Ash Wednesday | February 18

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

9:00 AM | Chapel of our Merciful Saviour

12 noon | Main Church

6:00 PM *(with choir)* | Main Church

Sundays in Lent

Holy Eucharist | 8 & 10:30 AM | Main Church

Youth Group | 5:00 PM | Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour

THOMAS MERTON READING GROUP

TUESDAY—March 17 | 5:00 PM | Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour

CENTERING PRAYER

TUESDAYS (during Lent—February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, Holy Week—March 31)

6:30 PM | Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour

MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAYS — February 25, March 4, 11, 18,
25 (Holy Eucharist— Feast of the Annunciation), Holy Week—April 1

9:00 AM | Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour

BIBLE STUDY | THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

THURSDAYS—12:30-2:00 | February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26 | Lewis Hall

LECTIO DIVINA

FRIDAYS—noon-1:15 | February 20, 27, March 6, 11, 20, 27 | Chapel

LENTEN QUIET DAY

SATURDAY—February 28 | 9:30-4:00 PM | Lewis Hall

LABYRINTH WALK DAYS

SATURDAY—February 21 | 2:00-5:00 PM | Heritage Room

SATURDAY—March 21 | 2:00-5:00 PM | Heritage Room



Holy Week

Sunday, March 29 through Saturday, April 4

(Watch your weekly Email updates for more information)

Palm Sunday, Tenebrae, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

From the Senior Warden Merry Phillips

Signage Regarding ICE to be posted on Christ Church Campus

At its January 27th meeting, the Vestry heard a proposal to post signage on campus regarding possible future ICE activity. The proposal, presented by Ashley Bacchi, was discussed and all concerns carefully considered before it was approved. Before any signage is posted, we will have the wording approved by the Eureka Police Department. Bacchi was thanked for bringing this to our attention. If you have concerns or questions, please contact a member of the Vestry or Ashley (see below).

Here is the background and context for the proposal from Ashley, in her own words:

I am working with [True North Community Organizing Network](#), we have been conducting research meetings with local law enforcement to gather information about what they can and can't do if/when ICE comes to Humboldt County.

A group of us from True North met with Sheriff Honsal on Friday January 23rd to discuss best strategies in preparation for ICE coming to the county. ICE has not come to Humboldt County as of now, but they have had a presence in various area of California and they may come here. He said that houses of worship can post a sign at the entrances that states "ICE/DHS is not permitted entry without a signed judicial warrant. Local police will be called to verify the warrant before entry." If ICE shows up then any of the ushers or clergy inside should call 911 stating that ICE has shown up and they need the police to come over and verify that they have a signed judicial warrant before permitting entry.

By posting this sign, if ICE follows the law, they will wait for the police to arrive to verify the warrant. This may not be a deterrent as ICE has been violating the law and entering spaces without signed warrants. But, by posting such a sign it allows local police to be the mediators with ICE and the police can intervene and turn them away if the warrant is not signed. The police cannot interfere if the warrant is signed. I brought a request that signs be posted to the vestry. Doing this signals to people that Christ Church is a safe place. The sign is asking ICE to comply by the law, and Christ Church is complying with the law by asking for local law enforcement to verify the warrant. If ICE were to push through without waiting for the local police to check the warrant, that should be recorded so they could be held liable for breaking the law. You can also call the police to ask for verification of warrants if you ever see ICE in your neighborhood trying to enter homes.

I am happy to answer questions from the congregation.

*Best wishes,
Bacchi*

Merry Phillips

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Vestry Highlights ...from the meeting on January 27, 2026

Next Vestry meeting: February 24, 5:30 pm, Pierson Room

- The 2026 Budget, prepared by the Finance Committee and the Treasurer, was reviewed and approved.
- Notes from a meeting with Humboldt Bay Fire Assistant Chief Billy Reynolds (w/Heidi Erickson and Bill Walser) were presented and reviewed. Steve Cole (guest) shared concerns and information specifically on fire safety and protection for the church.
- Suggested signage concerning ICE activity was presented by Ashley Bacchi (guest) and discussed. The Vestry approved posting signage after wording is approved by EPD. Note: there will be a separate article in the *Chronicle* about the signage.
- The Annual Meeting will be February 8, 2026. A brunch (coordinated by Lyn Hendry) will be offered during the meeting, immediately following the worship service. Note: the meeting begins during the worship service and there will be only one service at 9:30 am.
- The Nominating Committee (outgoing Vestry members (Roni Carlson, Lin Chase, and Heidi Erickson) reported on nominations for Vestry and Convention Delegates.
- Two proposals for major tree work on the Smullin House property were approved.
- Outgoing Vestry members (Lin Chase and Roni Carlson) and Junior Warden, Heidi Erickson, were thanked for their three years of service on the Vestry and for all of their contributions to the church.

Vestry minutes, treasurer's reports, and other documents are posted by the Clerk of the Vestry, Peg Gardner, on the bulletin board in Lewis Hall.

If you have questions or concerns about parish activities, please contact a member of the Vestry!

Please prayerfully consider running for an elected Vestry or Convention Delegate position at the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Merry Phillips, Senior Warden



February 2026

Christ Episcopal Church

Wednesday Chapel Services

Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour | 9 am

February 4 — Morning Prayer

Commemorating Manche Masemola, Martyr, 1928

Manche was born in Marishane, a small village near Jane Furse, in South Africa. She lived with her parents, two older brothers, a sister, and a cousin. German and then English missionaries had worked in the Transvaal Colony for several decades and by the early twentieth century there was a small Christian community among the Pedi people which was widely viewed with distrust by the remainder of the tribe who still practiced the traditional religion. By 1919, an Anglican Community of the Resurrection mission was established by Fr. Augustine Moeka in Marishane. Masemola attended classes in preparation for baptism with her cousin Lucia, against the wishes of her parents. Her parents took her to a sangoma (African traditional healer), claiming that she had been bewitched. She was prescribed a traditional remedy, which her parents made her consume by beating her. Relations worsened, and the mother hid the girl's clothes so she could not attend Christian instructional classes. On February 4, 1928, her parents led the teenager to a lonely place, where they killed her, burying her by a granite rock on a remote hillside.



Manche had said that she would be baptized in her own blood. She died without having been baptized. Although she was not yet baptized, the church has historically recognized catechumens who died before they could be baptized as being baptized by their desire for baptism. Manche's mother converted to Christianity and was baptized forty years later in 1969.

February 11 — Morning Prayer

Commemorating The Consecration of Barbara Clementine Harris,
First Woman Bishop in the Anglican Communion, 1989



Although General Convention included the provision for electing and consecrating women to be bishops in 1976, no woman became a bishop until Barbara Harris was elected as bishop suffragan for the Diocese of Massachusetts on September 24, 1988. Her election and subsequent consecration were not without controversy, including threats on her life by those opposed to the inclusion of women in the House of Bishops. Despite these threats, she was consecrated bishop on February 11, 1989. Sixty bishops served as co-consecrators before a congregation of eight thousand people.

Bishop Harris served the people of the Diocese of Massachusetts as their suffragan bishop for thirteen years, until her retirement in 2002. After her retirement, she served from 2003 to 2007 as an assisting bishop in the Diocese of Washington, D.C. and she continued to be in demand worldwide as a preacher until the end of her life. The first woman ordained as a bishop in the Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion, Barbara Harris has been joined by more than fifty women in the episcopate. She died on March 13, 2020.



February 18 — Ash Wednesday

Holy Eucharist: Rite II and Disposition of Ashes

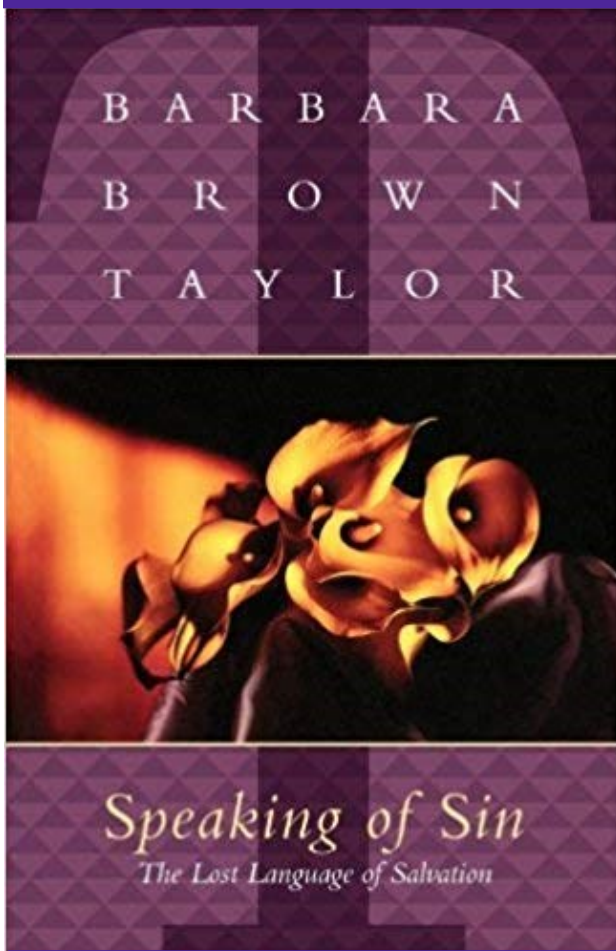


February 25 — Morning Prayer

Commemorating Emily Malbone Morgan, Lay Leader and Contemplative, 1937

Emily Malbone Morgan, with the support of Harriet Hastings, was the founder of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross (SCHC), in 1884. Begun as a community of Episcopal laywomen rooted in disciplined devotion, the society became both a faithful community of discipleship and prayer, and a strong force for social justice reform during the social gospel era around the turn of the twentieth century.





Lenten Book Study

Sunday Adult Forum

9:15 – 10:15 am in
Lewis Hall

March 1: Introduction
March 8: Chapter 1
March 15: Chapter 2
March 22: Chapter 3 &
Postlude

Pass the syrup — it's Shrove Sunday!

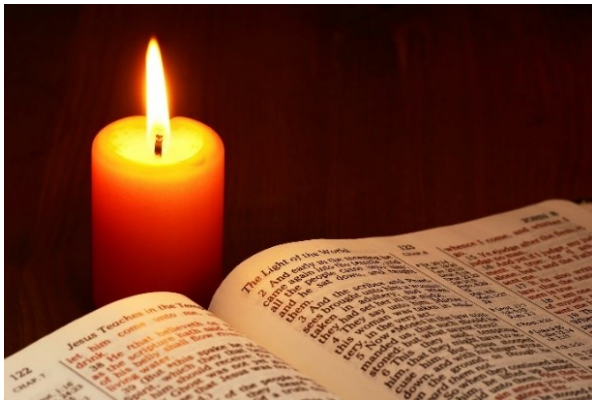


Pancake Supper

"Shrove" Sunday

February 15, 2026

Lewis Hall | 5:30-7:30 PM



Lectio Divina in Lent w/ Mother Nancy

Fridays 12 Noon – 1:15 pm
Chapel of Our Merciful Savior
Lectionary Year A Gospel Stories

On the Fridays in Lent at 12 noon, I invite you to join me in the practice of “divine reading” of the Sunday lectionary when we read the Gospel stories in a variant rooted in Lectio Divina called the “Lambeth” or “African” method that was introduced in 1998 by the African Delegation to the Lambeth Conference (an assembly of Anglican bishops convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury every 10 years or so). We will meet in the Chapel of Our Merciful Savior and begin with Noontday Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. **Bring your favorite Bible translation.** No preparation is necessary; in fact, it is better to experience the Scripture readings in the moment!

February 20: Matthew 4:1-11
February 27: John 3:1-17
March 6: John 4:5-42
March 13: John 9:1-41
March 20: John 11:1-45
March 27: Matthew 21:1-11

CAMP LIVING WATERS REUNION!

Join us for the weekend overnight **Camp Living Waters Reunion** at **St. Albans**, from **February 20th at 6 p.m. to February 21st at noon!** **Registration opens February 1st** for all campers on the Camp Living Waters website.



Whether you're a returning camper or brand new, everyone **ages 9 and up** is welcome! This fun-filled reunion is the perfect way for new campers to get a taste of what summer camp is like - and for returning campers to reconnect with old friends and make new ones! We have tons of exciting activities planned and can't wait to see you there!

If you have any questions feel free to email clwhumboldt@gmail.com.
CLW website- camplivingwatershumboldt.org

LENT QUIET DAY

Sponsored by local Associates, Aspirants, and Oblate of the Community of the Transfiguration

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Christ Church Eureka
625 15th St (15th & H St), Eureka, CA 95501

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:

A chance to slow down and reflect during the Season of Lent

The Sanctuary and Labyrinth will be available

Art table, supplies will be provided

Borrow a book for the day

Walk the Labyrinth

Go for a stroll

Meditate

Ponder

Journal

Pray

Rest

9:30 am HOSPITALITY: Coffee, tea, and muffins.

10:00 am OPENING: Begin with a short reflection.

10:00 am to 3:00 pm QUIET TIME: Spend the day in silence.

Come and go as you please.

12:30 pm LUNCH: A simple soup lunch will be provided.

3:00 pm CLOSING: Regather to share your experience.

SIGN-UP

Please sign up on sheet located in the Heritage Room

*All Genders Invited



CENTERING PRAYER

Tuesdays | 6:30 pm | Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour



Quilters + Knitters

Inviting all crafters, stitchers, knitters, and quilters!

The day: Wednesday, February 11

The time: 9:30 AM

The place: Lewis Hall

All are welcome. Newcomers, come check us out! We also have coffee, snacks and enjoy visiting with each other.

Questions? Call Peg Gardner 443-9627 or Belinda Zander 442-4222.





SUNDAY ADULT FORUMS 2026

Sundays | 9:15 am | Lewis Hall
(between services)

Please join us on Sundays
at 9:15 am in Lewis Hall
(between services)
for discipleship
and conversation on
a variety of
topics in 2026.

February 1 – Candlemas – Mtr. Nancy

February 8 – Annual Meeting - Forum Break

February 15 – Transfiguration Community presentation by Stephanie Schultz and Associates –
advertise Lenten Quiet Day – Saturday February 28

February 22 – Gospel of John and the Five Senses – Fr. Daniel

March 1 – Lenten Book Series – *Speaking of Sin* by Barbara Taylor
Mtr Nancy – Introduction – Ch 1

March 8 – Lenten Book Series – *Speaking of Sin* by Barbara Taylor – Mtr Nancy – Ch 2

March 15 – Lenten Book Series - *Speaking of Sin* by Barbara Taylor – Mtr Nancy – Ch 3

March 22 – Lenten Book Series - *Speaking of Sin* by Barbara Taylor – Mtr Nancy – Postlude

March 29 – Palm Sunday – Forum Break

April 5 – Easter Sunday – Forum Break

April 12 – Low Sunday – Forum Break

April 19 – St. Anselm – Fr. Daniel

April 26 – Good Shepherd - David Lochtie and the Lamb

May 3 – Recovery Sunday

May 10 – Julian of Norwich – Fr. Daniel

May 17 – Forum Break

May 24 - Pentecost





Christ Episcopal Church Green Team Tip of the Month

Promoting Creation Care & Reducing our Carbon Footprint

The Green Team Tip of the Month is written by Elizabeth Haynes. If you have a tip to share, you can forward it to her at ehaynes@mnsi.net.

What Are Microplastics and Why Do We Care?

This article is adapted from Yale Experts Explain Microplastics <https://sustainability.yale.edu/explainers/yale-experts-explain-microplastics>

Dr. Leigh Shemitz, President of SoundWaters explains that microplastics “are tiny plastic particles less than five millimeters in size.” Microplastics range in size from the diameter of a grain of rice to microscopic. Sources of microplastics are landfills, residential households and personal items, construction projects, factories, agriculture and more. In fact, since the 1950’s 8 billion tons of plastic have been produced, while only 10% is recycled.

There are both primary and secondary microplastics—What does that even mean? Well, primary microplastics are small by design with a specific function while secondary microplastics are bits of larger plastics that have been worn down over time. Think of the way plastic yard furniture degrades over time or the plastic bags we find on the sides of roads or blowing across the beaches. Even washing synthetic clothing puts microplastics into our waste water.

Paul Anastas, the Director of the Center For Green Chemistry and Green Engineering says microplastics “are being found almost anywhere we’re looking.” They can be found in oceans, lakes, waterways, soil, air and even our food. Microplastics are found from the Arctic to the Antarctic and everywhere in between.

So, why do we care? Microplastics do have significant environmental impacts. Most of the studies to date have focused on the effect on marine ecosystems. Once released, microplastics end up in ecosystems for a wide range of marine life, from algae to fish, crabs, sea turtles and birds. We have all heard of the danger to marine life from larger plastics like fishing line and soda pop rings. Microplastics are dangerous because they are so easily ingested. When fish or other sea life eat the microplastics they seriously disrupt the digestive tract and can be fatal. And, other pollutants from the water collect on the surface of the microplastics. Not only is the fish ingesting the microplastic, its also ingesting toxic chemicals which make their way up the food chain.

Research indicates that humans are ingesting more than 100,000 microplastic particles a year. We don’t know yet what effect that will have on us. But if the marine life is any indication, it isn’t good.

What can we do? Avoid single use plastic bottles and containers whenever possible. Avoid cosmetics that are made with microbeads. Look for greener plastics like plant-based biodegradable products. Choose clothing made from natural fibers whenever possible. And look for other ways to reduce our own plastic consumption.

Labyrinth Quest...

“Walk in Love”

Kathryne DeLorme, Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator



Lynne Bean's Heartful Testimonial...

Every month I hear some truly profound comments and reflections from our labyrinth walkers. Many write briefly about their walk experience in our *Christ Church Labyrinth Reflection Journal* which is stationed next to the labyrinth, and others tell me of the insights and sense of deep peace they feel during and following their walk.

Lynne Bean is one of our parishioners who regularly comes for a walk on our portable labyrinth in the Heritage Room. This month I received an email from Lynne expressing her thoughts and feelings about her walks and the benefits she hopes others will discover for themselves. She writes:



“I have been reflecting on my wonderful experience while walking the labyrinth at Christ Church. Kathryne is there to welcome me and has tables full of resources. The music and quiet space for the labyrinth is peaceful. I realize what I like about this style of meditation is that by walking, it engages both sides of the brain, and my whole being is involved. I also find it spiritually refreshing as I move into the circle and back out again. What a wonderful way to connect with God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit!”

Lynne found a simple spiritual practice that resonates with her desire to commune with God. Contemplative practices such as sitting meditation or Centering Prayer may not be the right fit for so many who aren't inclined to sit in stillness and silence.

The labyrinth walk is a form of “moving prayer,” “prayer in motion,” or “whole body prayer.” The path leading to the Center is a meander which turns in all directions and lends a sense of trust in the path. This trust is akin to our trust in God to lead us in the perfect directions for our life.

Some think of the center of the labyrinth as the heart of God from which all love, peace, and joy radiate. Standing on the “Holy Ground” of the labyrinth center is a blessing that comes with the commitment to walk the path.

Lynne says, “You are literally changed. I wish more people would come and experience this gift of walking the labyrinth every month. It only takes about 15 minutes to receive the benefits that I have come to look forward to.”

It's rewarding to me to see many “regulars” who come month after month. They have discovered that a brief stop at Christ Church for a labyrinth walk provides a “reset” of their minds and hearts. They breathe a bit deeper and feel more able to meet these challenging times. They have established a pattern of gifting themselves with this brief time of spiritual nourishment the third Saturday of each month.

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Of course, Lynne generally stays for tea or to work her magic on the Labyrinth Puzzle at the art table. Many make an afternoon of sharing snacks and their reflections on the labyrinth walk, coloring a labyrinth print, catching up with friends--or meeting new ones.

Others simply drop-in for their monthly walk and then quietly head back out into their world. But, as Lynne says, they are “changed.”

All are welcome to join us Saturday February 21st for whatever length of time you choose for a walk and communing with others on the path. If you’ve never walked a labyrinth, no worries. In a few minutes I can share with you some simple ways to approach the walk. But there’s no *right* way. Only your own way that comes naturally as you step onto the path.

Drop by! Be changed...as you *walk in love*!



Youth group
Christ Episcopal Church Eureka
SUNDAYS @ 5PM
MEET IN THE CHAPEL
15TH & G STREETS, EUREKA
(PARKING LOT AT 14TH & G STREETS)
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL AGES WELCOME!
Questions? Contact: christchurcheureka@gmail.com (707) 442-1797



Food for People

The Food Bank for Humboldt County

Your Support Changes Lives.

Start a “Holy Habit” of Giving this Lent!

We started 2026 by continuing our longtime support of Food for People. Our congregation donated 154 lbs of non-perishable food in January.

The 1st Sunday of each month is designed for bringing cans of food and non-perishable food items. Donations are also gratefully accepted throughout the month. Please no glass jars or bottles.

As we look forward to the fast approaching season of Lent we reflect on the invitation to practice the "holy habit" of looking beyond ourselves to recognize the Christ present in our hungry neighbors. The first Sunday of the month, please join us, bringing your donations of cans and non-perishable food for Food for People, the food bank of Humboldt County, as a tangible offering of our Lenten discipline. When we fill our Food for People baskets we join in a gift culture of grace and reciprocity engaging with our community that we all may flourish together.



FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S ON FEBRUARY 15



Fresh Produce Sunday is February 15. Baskets will be placed at the back of the nave to collect donations of fresh produce which will be blessed and then taken to St. Vincent de Paul's dining facility on Monday morning. Thank you parishioners for remembering to help each month with your gifts of potatoes, carrots, apples, oranges, bananas, lettuce, onions, cabbage, kale, avocados, peaches, kiwis, and, and, and....

Absalom Jones was born enslaved to Abraham Wynkoop, a wealthy Anglican planter, in 1746 in Delaware. He was working in the fields when Abraham recognized that he was an intelligent child and ordered that he be trained to work in the house. Absalom eagerly accepted instruction in reading. He also saved money he was given and bought books (among them a primer, a spelling book, and a bible). Abraham Wynkoop died in 1753, and by 1755 his younger son Benjamin had inherited the plantation. When Absalom was sixteen, Benjamin Wynkoop sold the plantation and Absalom's mother, sister, and five brothers. Wynkoop brought Absalom to Philadelphia, where he opened a store and joined St. Peter's Church. In Philadelphia, Benjamin Wynkoop permitted Absalom to attend a night school for Black people operated by Quakers following the tradition established by abolitionist teacher Anthony Benezet.

At twenty, with the permission of their masters, Absalom married Mary Thomas, who was enslaved to Sarah King, who also worshipped at St. Peter's. The Rev. Jacob Duche performed the wedding at Christ Church. Absalom and his father-in-law, John Thomas, used their savings and sought donations and loans primarily from prominent Quakers, in order to purchase Mary's freedom. Absalom and Mary worked very hard to repay the money borrowed to buy her freedom. They saved enough money to purchase property and to buy Absalom's freedom. Although he repeatedly asked Benjamin Wynkoop to allow him to buy his freedom, Wynkoop refused. Absalom persisted because as long as he was enslaved, Wynkoop could take his property and his money. Finally, in 1784 Benjamin Wynkoop freed Absalom by granting him a manumission. Absalom continued to work in Wynkoop's store as a paid employee.

Absalom left St. Peter's Church and began worshipping at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church. He met Richard Allen, who had been engaged to preach at St. George's, and the two became lifelong friends. Together, in 1787, they founded the Free African Society, a mutual aid benevolent organization that was the first of its kind organized by and for Black people. Members of the Society paid monthly dues for the benefit of those in need. At St. George's, Absalom and Richard served as lay ministers for the Black membership. The active evangelism of Jones and Allen significantly increased Black membership at St. George's. The Black members worked hard to raise money to build an upstairs gallery intended to enlarge the church. The church leadership decided to segregate the Black worshippers in the gallery without notifying them. During a Sunday morning service, a dispute arose over the seats Black members had been instructed to take in the gallery. The ushers attempted to physically remove them by first accosting Absalom Jones. Most of the Black members present indignantly walked out of St. George's in a body.

Prior to the incident at St. George's, the Free African Society had initiated religious services. Some of these services were presided over by the Rev. Joseph Pilmore, an assistant at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Society established communication with similar Black groups in other cities. In 1792 the Society began to build the African Church of Philadelphia. The church membership took a denominational vote and decided to affiliate with the Episcopal Church. Richard Allen withdrew from the effort as he favored affiliation with the Methodist Church. Absalom Jones was asked to provide pastoral leadership, and after prayer and reflection, he accepted the call.

The African Church was dedicated on July 17, 1794. The Rev. Dr. Samuel Magaw, rector of St. Paul's Church, preached the dedicatory address. Dr. Magaw was assisted at the service by the Rev. James Abercrombie, assistant minister at Christ Church. Soon thereafter, the congregation applied for membership in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania on the following conditions: 1) that they would be received as an organized body; 2) that they would have control over their local affairs; 3) that Absalom Jones would be licensed as lay reader, and, if qualified, be ordained as a minister. In October 1794, it was admitted as the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. The church was incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1796. Bishop William White ordained Jones as deacon in 1795 and as priest on September 21, 1802.

Jones was an earnest preacher. He denounced slavery and warned the oppressors to "clean their hands of slaves." To him, God was the Father, who always acted on "behalf of the oppressed and distressed." But it was his constant visiting and mild manner that made him beloved by his congregation and by the community. St. Thomas Church grew to over 500 members during its first year. The congregants formed a day school and were active in moral uplift, self-empowerment, and antislavery activities. Known as "the Black Bishop of the Episcopal Church," Jones was an example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God's instrument. Jones died on this day in 1818.



February Birthday Wishes



Watch over your children, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Haley Hogan	2/04	Sara Hines	2/16
Jannetje Vrieze	2/10	Stephen Lewis	2/17
Barbara Walser	2/11	Dave Tschoepe	2/18
Luke Harris	2/13	Paige Harris	2/27
Royal McCarthy	2/15	Sanford Pyron	2/27
Steven Preston	2/15	Rohn Selfridge	2/27
Alexandra Blouin	2/16		



Happy Anniversary



O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Catherine & G. Barrett Mace 2/15



Did we miss your special day? The staff apologizes for our time perception disorder with any omissions of birthdays and anniversaries. Send your special day information to:
christchurcheureka@gmail.com
 We want to acknowledge and celebrate your special day next year!



The February 2026

Cycle of Prayers

for our Diocese and the Anglican Communion

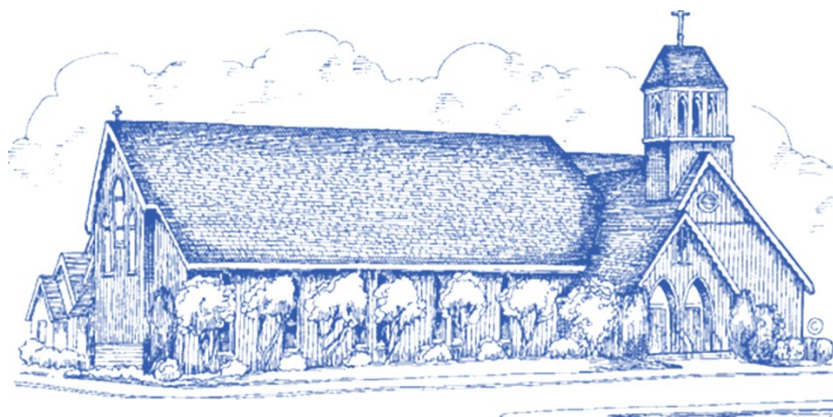
Please pray for the diocese, congregations, and clergy listed below on the Diocesan and Anglican cycles of prayer as well as those prayers requested by our Bishop, Dean and Diocesan Search & Transition Committees.

Every Sunday, the Diocesan Transition Committee requests that we pray for our bishop.

Every Sunday in February The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for the people of Christ Episcopal Church, Eureka.

Intercessor: We pray for the congregations of our Deanery. This month, we pray for our own parish, Christ Church, Eureka that during this time of division and despair we may be a symbol of unity and hope in Jesus Christ as we strive for peace and justice among all people and respect the dignity of every human being.

People: Hear our prayer.



February 1

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Christ the King Episcopal Church, Quincy

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of England

February 8

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Church of Our Saviour, Placerville
The Rev. Debra Warwick-Sabino, Priest-in-Charge

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
The Most Rev. Andrew Chan
Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
& Bishop of Western Kowloon

February 15

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Church of the Ascension, Vallejo
The Rev. Stephen Hassett, Priest-in-Charge

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
The Most Rev. Dr. Gilbert Rateloson Rakotondravelo
Primate of the Church of the Province of the Indian
Ocean & Bishop of Fianarantsoa

February 22

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Church of the Epiphany, Vacaville
The Rev. John Heidel, Priest-in-Charge

St. Michael & All Angels, Fort Bragg
The Rev. Randy Knutson, Priest-in-Charge

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of Ireland
The Most Rev. John McDowell
Archbishop of Armagh & Primate of All Ireland &
Metropolitan

March 1

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Emmanuel Church, Grass Valley
The Rev. Seth Kellerman, Rector
The Rev. Karen Hoida, Deacon

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
The Most Rev. David Eisho Uehara
Primate of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai
& Bishop of Okinawa

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: <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer/download-the-acp.aspx>. If you do not have a computer, I would be glad to make a copy of the 2023-2026 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you. Deacon Anne.



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SUN	M	T	W	Th	F	SAT
The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany 1 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II Adult Forum—9:15-10:15 AM 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka 5:00 PM—Youth Group 6:00 PM—Candlemas Eve Evensong JUST ONE CAN	2	3 Writers' Group 12:30 PM Lewis Hall Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	4 MORNING PRAYER 9 AM Chapel Staff Meeting 10:AM Lewis Hall Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room	5	6	7 Altar Guild 10 AM
The 5th Sunday after the Epiphany 8 9:30AM—Eucharist: Rite II ANNUAL MEETING ONE SERVICE https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka 5:00 PM—Youth Group	9	10 Green Team Pierson Room 5:15 pm Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	11 MORNING PRAYER 9 AM Chapel Quilters + Knitters 9:30 AM Lewis Hall Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room	12 Bible Study: Book of Acts 12:30 PM Lewis Hall	13	14 Altar Guild 10 AM
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany 15 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II Adult Forum—9:15-10:15 AM 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka 5:00 PM—Youth Group Shrove Pancake Dinner FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY	16	17 Writers' Group 12:30 PM Lewis Hall Thomas Merton Redwoods 5:00 PM Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	ASH WEDNESDAY 18 Holy Eucharist 9 AM Chapel Holy Eucharist Noon Main Church Holy Eucharist 6 PM Main Church	19 Bible Study: Book of Acts 12:30 PM Lewis Hall	20 Lectio Divina Noon Chapel Labyrinth Committee 4:00 PM Lewis Hall	21 Altar Guild 10 AM Labyrinth Walk Day 2-5 PM Heritage Room
The First Sunday in Lent 22 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II Adult Forum—9:15-10:15 AM 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka 5:00 PM—Youth Group	23	24 Vestry 5:30 PM Lewis Hall Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	25 MORNING PRAYER 9 AM Chapel Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room	26 Bible Study: Book of Acts 12:30 PM Lewis Hall	27 Lectio Divina Noon Chapel Stewardship Committee 3:00 PM Lewis Hall	28 Lent Quiet Day 9 AM Altar Guild 10 AM
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