



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



OCTOBER 2026 - CHRONICLE

Steadfast and growing since 1870

Where we seek to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit, as a community of companions walking together in the Way of Christ's Love for all.

From the Rector ...



WALKING IN THE WAY



Dear Parish Family,

Our stewardship theme this year is “Walking in the Way,” a phrase culled from our parish vision to be *a community of companions walking in the way of Christ's love for all*. The phrase also resonates with the creation of our new Peace Labyrinth, which I invite you to walk prayerfully and frequently. I was reflecting on our theme while reading a chapter from a book titled *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*, which describes two friends *walking* together in Northern California, engaged in thoughtful conversation, as one friend tells the other,

Evangelicals have lost sight of the good news of the gospel, the possibility that in Jesus we see God's suffering for all of us. He turns our sin and violence against Him...and declares His mercy—unlimited, free mercy—to all of us. We can now live in a kind of thankfulness and freedom, accepting that mercy.¹

These words were spoken by Doug Frank, who was a founder and faculty member of the Oregon Extension (OE), a Christian educational extension program near Ashland that I attended in 2003. I sometimes describe my experience at the OE as a “second conversion” which put my feet firmly on the path that led me to the Episcopal Church. Doug Frank's conversation partner is Randall Balmer, a graduate of the OE, an American church historian, and the book's narrator.

Years later, Doug Frank ended up writing a blurb for my first book; and Randall Balmer ended up becoming an Episcopal priest, after teaching at prestigious institutions such as Columbia, Yale, and Dartmouth. Balmer recently moved to Gualala CA, which is in our diocese, and I am so thrilled that he will be our special guest preacher on the day of our Pledge Ingathering: Sunday November 15. So, please mark your calendars!²

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¹ Randall Balmer, *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: A Journey into the Evangelical Subculture in America* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), 276.

² Check out the three-part PBS documentary *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: A Journey into the Evangelical Subculture in America*, which Balmer hosted. It's available on YouTube. Also, check out Balmer's *New York Times* bestseller *America's Best Idea: The Separation of Church and State* (Lebanon NH: Steerforth, 2025).

The words above that Doug Frank spoke, and which Randall Balmer recorded, are words that can help inspire and guide us as we strive to *walk in the way* of Christ's love for all, living in "thankfulness and freedom," accepting God's mercy. One reason I love stewardship season is because it's a season that always reminds us to live in thankfulness and to express our thankfulness freely through generosity. Someone who recently donated to our Solar Project Capital Campaign said, in reference to Christ Church: **"I know of no other organization that does so much for the community and world."** I continue to be in awe of all that we, as a parish, do for our wider community and for the world, including the new gift of our Peace Labyrinth, now available for anyone to walk 24/7! I'm also moved by the joyful hope that we give generously, not out of guilt, but out of thankfulness for God's unlimited mercy revealed in Christ. So, let's continue walking together in the way of Christ's love as we prayerfully discern how much God is calling us to pledge this year, remembering that everything we have has been given to us by God, who declares his "unlimited, free mercy" to us all.

Peace,

Fr. Daniel +



WALKING IN THE WAY



Fr. Daniel and the Rev. Randall Balmer at
Diocesan Convention in Redding (Nov 2025)



The Rev. Randall Balmer
Shepherd by the Sea Episcopal/Lutheran Mission



Christ Church Peace Labyrinth



WALKING IN THE WAY

2027 Pledge Campaign

Our 2027 Pledge Campaign theme celebrates our new outdoor labyrinth, and flows from our church's Vision Statement: **"A community of companions walking together in The Way of Christ's love for all."**

God calls each one of us to be good stewards. Stewardship is simply the effective management of the resources committed by someone into the steward's care. The scriptures tell us that all that we have, and all that we are, are gifts of God, and that our gifted time, talents, and treasure are for the benefit of the Commonwealth of God on earth.

On Sundays, October 4th and October 11th, members of the Stewardship Committee will staff a table in the Heritage Room after both services, to distribute Pledge Packets for current givers-of-record and those who would like to consider pledging their financial support of the ministry of Christ Church in 2027. Pledges provide a reliable way of budgeting for the new year.

In the simplified pledge packet is a letter from our Rector, Fr. Daniel D. London, a pledge card, and a return envelope. During October and November, you are invited to prayerfully consider how you can support Christ Church financially in 2027, and to mail your pledge card or place it in the offering plate at any service.

On **Ingathering Sunday**, November 15th, at both services, we will gather all of the pledge cards for blessing, as we hear from our special guest preacher, the **Rev. Randall Balmer**, John Phillips Professor in Religion, Dartmouth College, who is also a CNN Contributor and *New York Times* Bestselling Author of *America's Best Idea: The Separation of Church and State*. Rev. Balmer will also lead an Adult Forum at 9:15 that morning.

We will conclude our Ingathering Sunday with a special **Celebration Luncheon** catered by C&C Market (last year's wonderful caterer).

Steven D. Preston
Stewardship Committee Chair

Autumn, Change, and the Church

The Rev. Jeri Gray-Reneberg, Associate Priest



I have always appreciated the experience of autumn – the increasing chill in the air, the shorter days, and especially the turning of the leaves to all variations of the colors yellow and red. Autumn is the season of change. It is also the season of my birthday, Perry's, and Linden's.

This time of year is probably the time I most miss worship with a Lutheran community. Reformation Day, October 31, or Reformation Sunday, the closest Sunday to that day, is widely observed among Lutherans throughout the world. It commemorates the day in 1517 that Martin Luther publicly aired his grievances with Pope Leo X regarding the sale of indulgences, which the Roman Catholic Church was selling to help finance the building of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Indulgences were promised to provide reduced time in purgatory for the faithful. To Martin Luther, they were the equivalent of buying salvation, which the historic church acknowledged was the work only of Christ's sacrifice on the cross and subsequent resurrection. Luther didn't intend to start a new church, or a group of new churches under the new banner of Protestantism. Lutheranism, like Anglicanism, didn't fall far from the Roman Catholic tree.

But Anglicanism and Lutheranism had different origins. The Act of Supremacy, passed by the English Parliament on November 3, 1534, didn't engender much protest at the time because it happened after several years of back and forth with the papacy. Henry VIII was a king, with a king's powers, and he was now titular head of the Church of England. And all existing English bishops of the time had been consecrated within the Apostolic Succession, the supposed unbroken line of ordination/consecration that started with the original apostles. In contrast, Luther held a doctorate in theology and taught at the University of Wittenberg, but he was not politically powerful. He was made to defend his beliefs and writings, refused to recant them, and in 1521 was made an outlaw by Emperor Charles V. Nevertheless, his ideas spread, especially throughout the independent regions which would become Germany, as well as in Scandinavia. And Protestant thought also began to have an impact on England with the development of the Book of Common Prayer, culminating in the authorized version of 1662. Both the ELCA and Episcopal churches observe Luther's Feast Day on February 18, the day of his death, but the Church of England observes it on October 31, Reformation Day.

The Episcopal Church (also known as the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America from 1789), and the Lutheran Church (specifically the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – or ELCA – from the merger of predecessor churches in 1988), have much in common. Here is a smattering: bishops (Diocesan and Synodical); belief in the "real presence" of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist; the lectionary, and sermons based on those texts; the order of service; the use of vestments, paraments, processional crosses, Paschal candles, the same ancient chants; and music during worship, including rousing hymns. The Anglican/Episcopal statement, "All may, some should, none must," regarding private confession, would also resonate in Lutheran hearts.

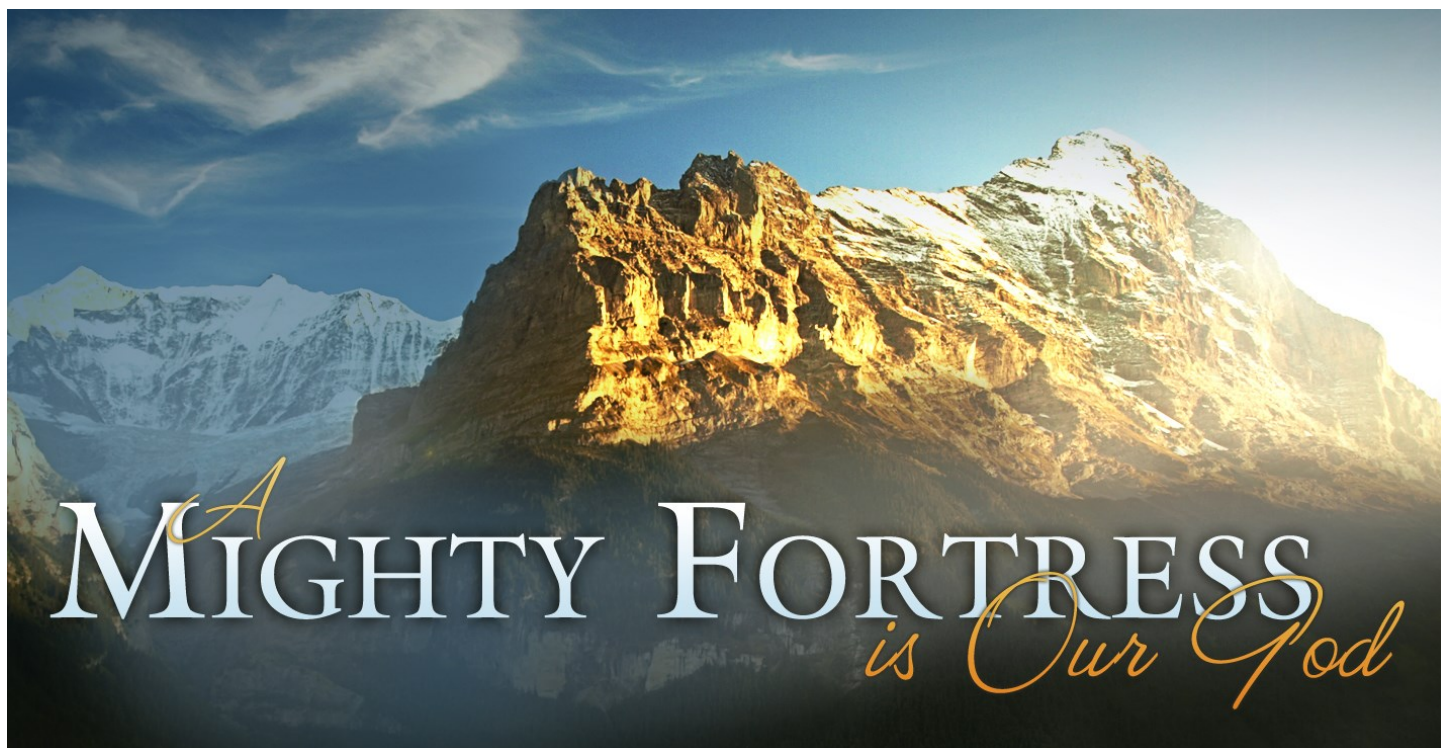
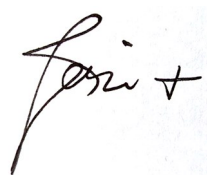
As I think about what defines us, I propose this. The Anglican church became about the ancient form of common prayer, as practiced in community, and the meal of thanksgiving, the Eucharist. The Lutheran church became about worship centered on "the means of grace": the sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist, the Word which is Christ and the word as revealed in scripture and preached in community.

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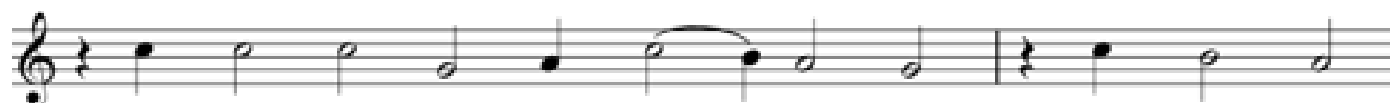
And it occurs to me that worship in both The Episcopal Church and the ELCA is about wideness of welcome – the former through its welcome of all who are invited to gather at Christ’s table and engage in common prayer and, and the latter through the wideness of welcome emphasized through God’s grace. Both churches believe that we are impelled into our larger community by the Holy Spirit, to do God’s work wherever we are, and to “seek and serve all persons, loving [our] neighbor as [ourselves].” In a sense, we complement each other.

I have served in Episcopal contexts throughout all but two years of my ordained ministry as an ELCA pastor. It is a blessing, and I thank Fr. Daniel (Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer), and all of you, for your ongoing welcome as we live out what it means to be in Full Communion. Even if I do miss singing “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” on or near October 31!



The Christian Life

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to



nev - er fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
would be los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
to un - do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
them, a - bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours



of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
the man of God's own choos - ing; dost ask who that may be?
his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
through him who with us sid - eth; let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:



and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46. Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612), alt.

Your youth group has been busy! We held a garage sale to raise money for a trip to Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. We are planning that trip for next month – November. Trips are a great experience for youth to get out of Humboldt County and see a bit of the world in a safe and fun way with their friends. We were able to raise almost \$2000 from our garage sale – thank you everyone that supported our efforts and donated or helped! If you are going through your house and find items you would like to donate, please contact Jenny Harris (707.479.8243) and we would love to take those items off your hands!

September was a month of GRATITUDE. Our lessons were all about gratitude and learning to be thankful for the little things and the big things. We even talked about being grateful in every circumstance (1Thes 5:18). Not grateful for the circumstance but instead, while we are in each situation, we can be assured that God is with us in that situation therefore we can be thankful He is so faithful! The youth spent a few minutes each morning before they got out of bed thinking about 5 things they could be grateful for.

Another exciting change in the youth group is that we will begin meeting on Monday evenings from 6:00– 7:30 pm,. This seems to be a better time for several groups of people and will give the youth Sunday evenings to be with their families and get prepared for school the next day.

If you are interested in being a part of our youth group by being a leader, praying, sponsoring our activities or in any other way, we would encourage you to reach out to me and let's talk. Or if you know of any Jr. or Sr. High students interested in being a part of a fun welcoming group, reach out to me or bring them on Monday nights at 6:00 pm.



Jenny Harris
Youth Minister





2026 Solar Project Capital Campaign

Christ Episcopal Church, Eureka, CA

Capital Campaign Progress Report to Parish

Thanks to generous Christ Church parishioners and through grants, we have raised \$70,001.00, as of the end of September:

- \$1,105 from the Silent Auction
- \$28,896 from 34 individuals (including one pledge)
- \$40,000 from grants.

It is clear that we will not make our goal of \$150,000 by the end of this month. But we are able to pay back a good portion to the church (contingency funds) used to pay for the Solar/Battery Project. We are taking a pause in the capital campaign during the upcoming season of stewardship and will re-evaluate the church's needs and consider how we move forward.

I'm sorry to report that we did not receive a grant from the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California, which was disappointing but not surprising. They were flooded with grant proposals this year after having very few last year and telling everyone to apply.

Byrd Lochtie is following-up with the Berg grant (HAF) and re-submitting a proposal as they have changed their guidelines and which may make our proposal a better fit.

The Silent Auction not only generated donations, but I think also helped to generate good will toward the project. Many thanks to Lyn Klay, Barbara Walser, and all who donated items to the auction and helped with it. The Adult Forum on August 23 provided more information to the parish and I hope answered some questions for parishioners.

Our last big push for donations is the email letter which was sent to the entire parish via the weekly email updates in September. While we were hoping for a bigger response, we are very grateful to each of you who did respond – thank you! And we've appreciated receiving messages of support, such as this one:

It is a pleasure to send this check. I know of no other organization that does so much for the community and world and this will help a little ... from our friend Sandy Schulz (Sandy of Honduras)

Merry Phillips, on behalf of the Creation Care Committee: Michael Moore, Beth Haynes, Lyn Klay, Barbara Walser, Byrd Lochtie, Steve Preston, and Perry Gray-Reneberg.

EUREKA CHINATOWN MONUMENT CELEBRATION



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SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 11, 2026

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Old Town Eureka
on E and First Street

SPEAKERS, PERFORMANCES,
FOOD, INFORMATION TABLES

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Vestry Highlights ...from September 22, 2026

Next Vestry meeting: Oct. 27, 5:30 pm, Pierson Room

- The Treasurer reported that year-to-date income exceeded the budget while year-to-date expenses have remained well controlled. There was a brief discussion about creating a 'missional' budget (based on programmatic budgeting).
- Archdeacon Pam shared that this is a transitional time in the Deanery. With Cindy Woods retirement as Deacon at St. Alban's, Pam and Anne Pierson are the only two deacons remaining in our Deanery. She asked that we be thinking about and looking for possible candidates for the diaconate and to let her know of anyone who may feel called to serve.
- Regularly scheduled Vestry meetings will be on the last Tuesday of the month (rather than the fourth Tuesday) from now on.
- Cynthia Savage (guest) presented a proposal from the local Transfiguration Associates for a Diocesan Congregational Development Grant. She was given the green light to proceed, with thanks from the Vestry.
- There was a conversation around the Christ Church land acknowledgement. In general, Vestry members felt the current statement is serving us well. It was not clear if there was a call to revise the statement.
- Royal Mc. reported that the campus has changed from using Optimum to using Vero and that internet speeds are much better. This should help with the quality of our livestream.
- The Vestry voted on three options for a new welcome sign. Option #3 won by a narrow margin. Watch for the new sign!
- There was discussion of re-visiting the ICE signage currently posted – the signage no longer reflects what EPD will do. Further conversation is needed and may be part of the Vestry Retreat.
- A Vestry Retreat will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, 10-1:00 at Christ Church with lunch to follow at the Marina.

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

Respectfully submitted, Merry Phillips, Senior Warden

The Anglican Rosaries

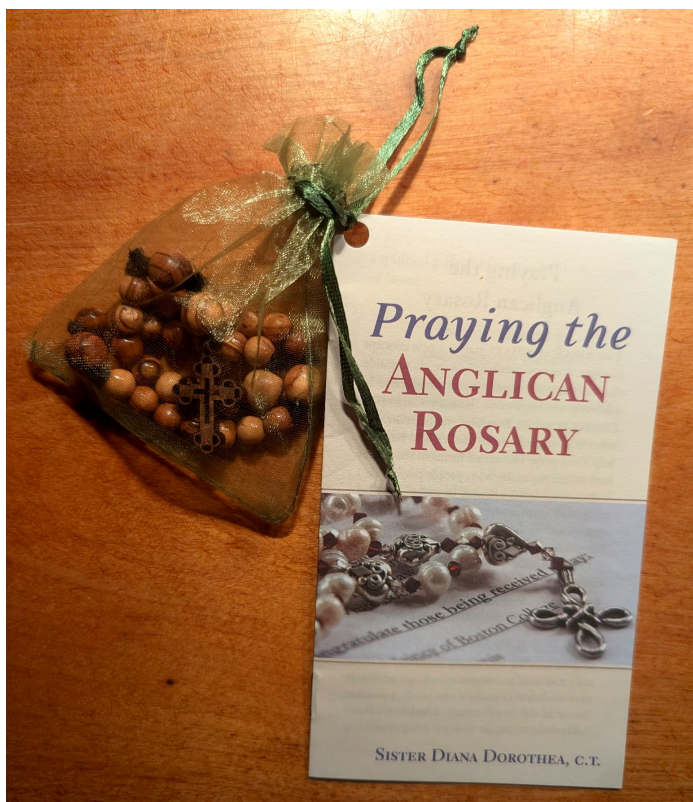
SOLAR PROJECT FUND RAISER

Support Christ Church's Solar Project with your purchase of an Anglican Rosary.

Beads and crosses crafted by Christian artisan families in Bethlehem. The beads and crosses have been used by our parish crafters to make our special rosaries. Included with your rosary will be a copy of Sr. Diana's pamphlet *Praying the Anglican Rosary* offering advice on how to use it along with suggested prayers.

Your purchase will support both our solar project and families in the Holy Land.

Watch for future updates from Lynne Bean.



FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY FOR ST.VINCENT DE PAUL'S ON OCTOBER 18

Fresh Produce Sunday is October 18. 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....





Quilters+, Knitters, Crafters

Meets on Wednesday, October 14

We will meet at 9:30 am in Lewis Hall. Newcomers always welcome to join in making easy fleece throws for foster children and prayer quilts for parishioners. We have knitters who work on projects and help available when needed. This is also a time for working on personal projects if you'd like to bring yours. And we provide coffee and snacks and a chance to visit as we work. Hope you will join us!



Hope to see you on Wednesday, October 14!

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

Hearts and Harvest Brunch and Auction

ABOUT

Brunch and silent auction. Each year we have a major fundraiser held this year on Saturday, October 10th. This fundraiser helps to enable our mission of community outreach services, support for those in need, affirming ministries to those often left behind, and opportunities for spiritual growth and connection.

DATE

Saturday October 10 2026 10:00 - 11:30 AM

LOCATION

UCCC Social Hall
900 Hodgson Street, Eureka California

Tickets available online @
unitedeureka.org, or at the door.



You're invited to Germany this fall!

**OKTOBERFEST 2026
AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF ARCATA: October 24th!**

The Lutheran Church of Arcata would like to invite you and your family to celebrate the fall season with us at an authentic German Oktoberfest feast on Saturday, October 24th, 2026! The traditional German menu includes: *Sauerbraten* roasts that have been marinated for seven days and seven nights in a most amazing wine-spice-vinegar brine; rich gingersnap gravy; homemade *Spätzle* (German pasta sautéed in butter); sweet-and-sour red cabbage (*Suss-saures Rotkraut*); crisp and tangy Deutsch-style green salad, dressed with sharp German vinaigrette; garden-fresh bacon-pear green beans (*Birnen, Bohnen, und Speck*); and fresh-baked (that morning!) German breads prepared especially for the meal by Beck's Bakery and crafted from locally grown and ground grains. Desserts will not disappoint – true German *Apfelstrudel* and *Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte* (Black Forest Cake) highlight the dessert offerings. To drink, an outstanding selection of imported German beers and German wines will be available, as well as local fresh-pressed apple cider, Kaffe, Tee, and lemon-kissed ice water. The meal is served tableside, family-style. All this, and live accordion music too! The cost of the dinner is \$25/adults; \$15 Kinder & Studenten. There will be three seatings: 3, 4:30, and 6 p.m. This meal does sell out, so please reserve your seats at your earliest convenience by going to our website: www.lutheranchurcharcata.org



Funds raised at The Lutheran Church of Arcata's Oktoberfest will be used to support the ministries of Arcata House Partnership. Hope to see you at Oktoberfest 2026!

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, November 1**. We "fall back" one hour. Remember to change your clocks and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.



Centering Prayer

Tuesdays | 6:30 pm

Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour
corner of 15th and G streets



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH EUREKA

625 15TH STREET AT H STREET

The Bereavement Support Group meets on **Mondays, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm** in the Heritage Room. **Future dates are Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 9 & 30, and Dec. 14.** The **Blue Christmas Service will be Fri., Dec. 18, at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.**

Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome to join us. We will pray together and discuss what's on our minds and hearts. All conversation is confidential, sharing as much or as little as is comfortable. Co-facilitators are The Rev. Jeri Gray-Reneberg and retired LCSW Jenny Coleman.

October 2026

Christ Episcopal Church | Wednesday Chapel Services
Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour | 9:30 am

October 7 — Morning Prayer

Commemorating Birgitta of Sweden, *Mystic*, 1373

Birgitta Birgersdotter came from a noble Swedish family and was born in 1303. Early in her life she discerned a religious vocation, but was married against her will at the age of 13 to a member of the Swedish nobility. The couple had eight children. Birgitta sought to live a holy, religious life. When her husband was absent, she openly practiced a strict asceticism, and when he was home, she did so secretly. Both she and her husband became members of the Franciscan Third Order, which admitted laypeople.



October 14 — Morning Prayer

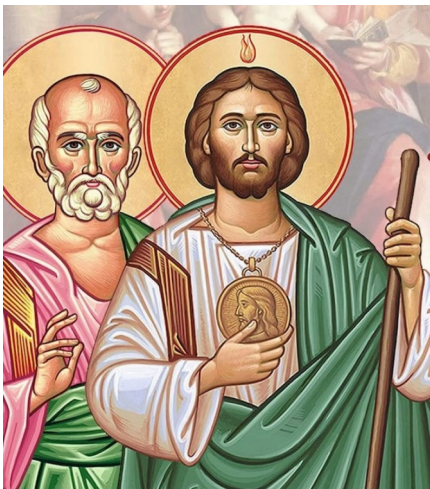
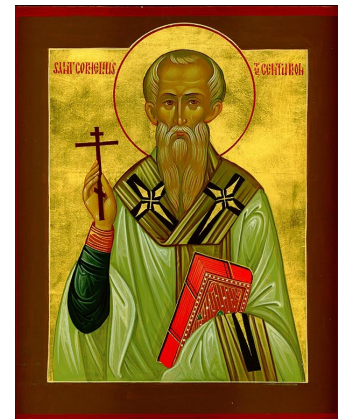
Commemorating Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky
Bishop and Missionary, 1906

Joseph Schereschewsky was born on May 6, 1831, of Jewish parents, in the Lithuanian town of Tauroggen. His early education was directed toward the rabbinate but, during graduate studies in Germany, he became interested in Christianity, both through contact with missionaries and through his own reading of a Hebrew translation of the New Testament. In 1854, Schereschewsky immigrated to America and entered the Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh to train for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. After two years, he decided to become an Episcopalian and to finish his theological studies at the General Theological Seminary in New York City, from which he graduated in 1859.

October 21— Morning Prayer

Commemorating Cornelius the Centurion (*transferred*)

All that we know about Cornelius is contained in the Acts of the Apostles (chapters 10-11). He was the first Gentile converted to the Christian faith, along with his household. A centurion was commander of a company of one hundred men in the Roman army, responsible for their discipline, both on the field of battle and in camp. A centurion was a Roman citizen, a military career man, well paid, and generally noted for courage and competence. Some centurions, such as Cornelius and those whom we know about from the gospel narratives, were men of deep religious piety.



October 28 — Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Commemorating St. Simon and St. Jude, *Apostles*

Little is known about Simon and Jude, both named in New Testament lists of the twelve disciples, but tradition has consistently associated both apostles with one another, and with missionary work in Persia and Armenia. According to most ancient authorities they were martyred together, possibly in Beirut, but accounts vary. There are other scholarly questions about both men. One involves Simon's appellation "Zelotes" or "the Zealot." Whether in fact he had been a member before his conversion of one of the several Jewish factions called "Zealots," or whether this title refers to his zeal for the Jewish law, is not known, but he has consistently been identified by it. Jude has long been regarded in popular devotion as the patron of desperate or lost causes.

From the Junior Warden Elizabeth Harper-Lawson



Junior Warden Report for October 2026

Outdoor Lighting: Bright LED lights above our front doors make it easier to see when entering and exiting the building.

Labyrinth: Completed! Parishioners were invited to place their bricks in the outer rim on September 29 (with assistance from the labyrinth team). Any engraved bricks not placed on the 29th were placed by the labyrinth team on September 30th.

Smullin House: Mike St. John and team completed Smullin House painting.

Church Garden and Lawn: Vickie, John, Jacqueline, and David are hard at work. Have you seen the Courtyard? (Any plants/trees that outgrew the courtyard space, have found another spot on campus.) Have you seen the new re-seeded lawn areas? (Vickie and John were able to use some left over top soil from the labyrinth project.) Thomas is watering the parking lot Magnolia. Jackie has been hand watering the rest of the lawn and garden.

Carpet Cleaning: Jeremy from Carpet Wizard has cleaned the carpets in the Office, Education Building and Zander Building.

Fire Safety for the Sanctuary: Two Knox boxes, soon to be installed, will allow any damage to our Christ Church Campus caused by fire to be minimized by allowing the fire department speedy access to our building and avoiding damage caused by our doors having to be broken down.

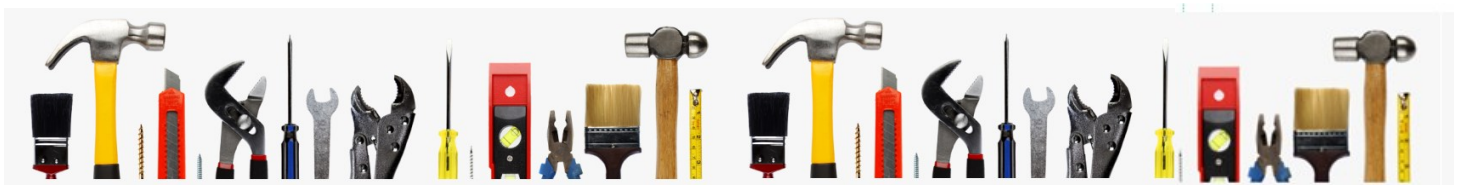
Solar Project: Perry has produced a detailed, accessible YouTube channel dedicated to the work and learning around our solar energy and battery storage system

<https://www.youtube.com/@ChristChurchEurekaSolar>

Gutter Cleaning: John and Vickie Patton are planning a gutter cleaning day on Saturday October 17th. If you would be able to assist, please contact them.

Thank you to all who are helping to make these good things happen!

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Christ Episcopal Church

Green Team

Tip of the Month

Psalm 90:6. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

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.

Working Towards Carbon Neutrality —

Bulletins: Beginning in October, we will try reducing the numbers of printed bulletins by half—you'll be able to follow the service in the prayer books that are already in the pews. Or download it to your smartphone or tablet. Don't worry we'll have bulletins on hand for those who are unfamiliar with our services or can't use a smartphone or tablet. This will significantly reduce the size of our carbon footprint, because even after going solar, printing 80 8-sheet bulletins per week will continue to produce upwards of 18,000 kg/year of carbon—that's about the same as the carbon footprint of the average American according to decarb blog.

Electricity update: As we explained last month, our electricity bills probably won't go to zero now that we are "fully solar". But we continue to see significant decreases in the number of kilowatt hours (kWh) we are billed for. We reported last month that our August charges (the bill for July 4-August 3) were for just 247 kWh of electricity. On our bill for August 4-September 2 we were charged for just 185 kWh as compared to 1287 kWh for the same period last year. You gotta love the power of the sun!!

Creation Care—Greener Groceries

Looking for greener shopping? Good Energy's Ultimate 20 Step Guide to Eco-friendly Living (<https://www.goodenergy.co.uk/blog/the-ultimate-20-step-guide-to-eco-friendly-living/>) offers some common and not so common suggestions.

Among the more common eco-friendly tips for shopping are:

- Increase plant based items in your diet. Substituting plant based foods for meats, dairy and eggs just 2 or 3 days/week can make a significant impact.
- Reduce Food Waste
- Compost food waste and garden scraps.
- Try to cut out plastics--it's everywhere from the microbeads in body washes and tooth-pastes to water bottles and packaging
- Shop Local

Surprisingly, Good Energy also suggests having your groceries delivered as an eco-friendly alternative. "Home delivery is like the public transport of groceries. Instead of having 20 odd cars make their way to the supermarket—one van drives around delivering to everyone in the area". And they note that home delivery also reduces impulse buying, which can, in turn, reduce food waste. Now that's a win-win!

Labyrinth Quest... *Christ Church Peace Labyrinth*

Our Labyrinth Vision Journey

Kathryne DeLorme, Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator



After a four-year journey of exploring options, gathering information, consulting professional labyrinth builders, and careful planning, the *Christ Church Peace Labyrinth* has become a reality!

A little history...

During my first labyrinth walk at Grace Cathedral in 1994, I felt deeply that this spiritual practice would be an enduring part of my life. Their labyrinth is considered the first installed in a church during the resurgence of interest in labyrinths in the 1990s. Rev. Dr. Lauren Artress, Canon of Special Ministries at Grace, is credited with launching the Labyrinth Revival which sparked the profusion of labyrinth building across the country in churches, hospitals, retreat centers, parks, schools, and private lands. Lauren+ Artress also founded the organization, *Veriditas*, as a center for education and training of Labyrinth Facilitators. *Veriditas* online programs are a rich source of information on all things related to labyrinths.

(“*Veriditas*” is derived from the teachings of Hildegard of Bingen and essentially means “The Greening Power of God.” The labyrinth offers an experience of healing and renewal, thus *Veriditas* is truly appropriate.) After I trained as a Certified Labyrinth Educator and Walk Facilitator, I wanted to offer the labyrinth experience to as many others as possible in our community. I discussed this desire with Fr. Daniel and he heartfully agreed as he was already a labyrinth enthusiast, having been married on the labyrinth at Grace Cathedral.

In October of 2022, a Labyrinth Committee was formed to meet monthly with the goal of planning and building an outdoor labyrinth. We began by discussing various options for the type and size of the labyrinth and possible building materials. We evaluated the best way to utilize the lawn area for the installation of our labyrinth. I presented examples of numerous labyrinths around the country, focusing on church labyrinths.

In November and December of 2022, I gave four presentations at our Advent Soup Suppers on titled, “*History and Mystery of the Labyrinth*,” in order to create more awareness of the many benefits that having a labyrinth would bring to Christ Church as well as the wider Humboldt community.

(The final presentation was postponed to February of 2023 due to the December 20th earthquake.)

After I visited 13 labyrinths in surrounding counties and reported to the Committee, we discussed the options for what size and materials would be suit our space, the McCarthy Meadow. It was decided to consult with a professional Labyrinth Designer and Builder, Lars Howlett, for input and guidance on our project. Lars created a design based on our site specifications. I also consulted with Kevin Hawkins, a parishioner at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Woodland, who oversaw the construction of their labyrinth which was also created with bricks in the grass.

Our Portable Labyrinth and Chapel Labyrinth Events

Our planning process evolved into the decision to purchase the portable labyrinth in order to give more people the actual experience of a labyrinth walk. The first walk in the Heritage Room was during the Diocesan Revival in April 2024. Fr. Daniel offered a Blessing of that labyrinth and I gave a brief talk about how we hoped it would serve all who come for a walk.

For over two years, we offered monthly walks on the portable labyrinth in addition to making our Chapel Labyrinth available. Music, snacks, labyrinth art activities, and handouts about labyrinths were offered. Many people from the Humboldt community read about these walks in local media Calendar Listings and have become regular walkers at our events. All are eager to experience our outdoor Peace Labyrinth.

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The Preparation and Construction Process

Last winter the McCarthy Meadow was refurbished in preparation for our construction in the summer. The lawn was leveled and tilled and our volunteers laid fresh sod. When the new grass was well-rooted, our crew prepared to break ground. Cynthia Packard led a Blessing of the Land on July 18th. She is gifted with math skills beyond the rest of us and her miraculous, meticulous measurements were the starting point for our project. Dale Maples and Royal McCarthy calculated the needed amounts of the bricks and sand.

On August 19th, the work began. A dozen volunteers contributed their skilled labor as Cynthia guided each stage of the process.

Last month's *Labyrinth Quest* provided a description of the stages of the work and names of the dedicated volunteers, those who hands were in the soil and sand and those who provided the snacks and lunches.

The final phase of the construction was completed by the skilled brick cutter, Josh Hiscox. His fine work finished the *labrys* shapes at the labyrinth turns and created the rosettes shapes in the center of the labyrinth. He performed this precision work on Labor Day!

Engraved Bricks

Cynthia Packard has been in charge of our Fundraising Campaign of engraved bricks, a monumental task of organizing and serving as liaison between Christ Church and the brick company. On September 29th, donors gathered to place their engraved bricks around the outer border of the labyrinth, each one replacing a plain brick laid in the construction process. It was a joyful, celebratory gathering! Unfortunately, when the shipment of bricks arrived, a number of them were broken or chipped. We will be requesting that the Bricks R Us company replace these.

Temporary Signage

The Labyrinth Committee agreed to officially name our labyrinth the *Christ Church Peace Labyrinth*. We will be ordering a brass plaque with this name and information about the labyrinth to be mounted on a boulder placed near the labyrinth entrance. This will take at least six weeks from the time the plaque is ordered, so we created temporary signs and have posted them in windows of the Education Building overlooking the labyrinth.

Dedication and Blessing of Christ Church Peace Labyrinth

The Dedication/Blessing is planned for Saturday, October 3rd by Bishop Megan following the Confirmation Service and will be repeated by Fr. Daniel on Sunday, October 4th at 12:30.

The Future of Our Peace Labyrinth

My Forum presentations in November will provide a survey of labyrinths throughout history and a review of the creation of our Peace Labyrinth from conception to birth. Come and learn lots more about labyrinths!

Our Peace Labyrinth is a gift to the entire community and its availability at any hour of any day will be a blessing to all who desire a peaceful, prayerful experience.

So many have contributed their time, energy, skills, and dedication to our Labyrinth Project. We will be forever grateful to all who participated in this endeavor!

Wishing you all Peace on your Path!

Photos from brick placement gathering—September 29





Food for People

The Food Bank for Humboldt County

Your Support Changes Lives.

Our monthly non-perishable food donation amounted to **57 lbs.** in

September. Our year-to-date donation total is **917 lbs.**

Be on the lookout for the 2026 year-end goal & tracker by artist Leslie Allen. Coming soon to the Heritage Room!

Imagine

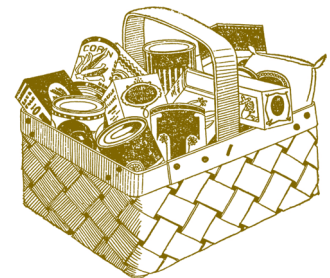
... a world without hunger

Our parishioners support Food for People as a calling to share love and hope with others in our community.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Canned tuna/chicken/beans
- Canned tomatoes, tomato sauce/paste
- Easy-to-prepare foods: soups/stew/chili
- Pasta
- Rice
- Dried beans
- Nuts and nut butters
- Dried fruit
- Baking mixes
- Coffee
- Alternative milks (almond/oat milk)



PLEASE NO GLASS OR HOMEMADE FOODS!

If you would like to make a monetary contribution you can make a check to Christ Episcopal Church and enter "Food for People" in the memo section and place in the offering plate.



Called to *Serve*

LAY MINISTRY by Marty Vega

Our new Lay Ministry Directory, *Walking in the Way* is now available; pick up your copy today. We're excited to include two new ministries aimed at younger members: Camp Living Waters and Story Corner.

Camp Living Waters is a week-long summer camp for ages 9-15, featuring outdoor adventures, Bible study, and campfires. For more information, please contact Rev. Sara Potter at St. Alban's or Jenny Harris (listed below). Story Corner takes place in Lewis Hall right after the first hymn and wraps up when the youth rejoin their families during the Peace. Activities include storytelling, small crafts, and puzzles. Reach out to Vicky Patton at [707-498-4538] for details.

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Altar Guild	Kathy Clague	→ kjc7001@humboldt.edu
Associates & Oblates of the Sisters of the Transfiguration	Stephanie Schultz	→ 707-498-1058
Choir	David Powell	→ davidbpowell@gmail.com
Christ Church Concert Series	Steve Cole	→ 707-845-4767 (text)
Coffee Hour 8am	Peg Gardner	→ 707-443-9627
Coffee Hour 10:30am	Lynne Bean	→ 707-822-6086
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Eucharistic Visitors	Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	→ eaharperlawson@suddenlink.net
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October Birthday Wishes



Watch over your child, 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.**

Lucien Eddisford	10/01	G. Barrett Mace	10/15
Catherine Mace	10/02	Karen Childers	10/15
Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	10/04	Pastor Jeri Gray-Reneberg	10/21
Felix Cardona	10/09	Michael Tipton	10/21
Cindy Denbo	10/12	Earl Morgan	10/28
Patricia Malcolm	10/13	Bob Hines	10/28
		Richard Baker	10/28



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.**

Fred and Jackie Moore	10/01
David Powell & Alex Blouin	10/10
Merry & Dan Phillips	10/25



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 September 2026

Cycle of Prayers

for our Diocese and the Anglican Communion

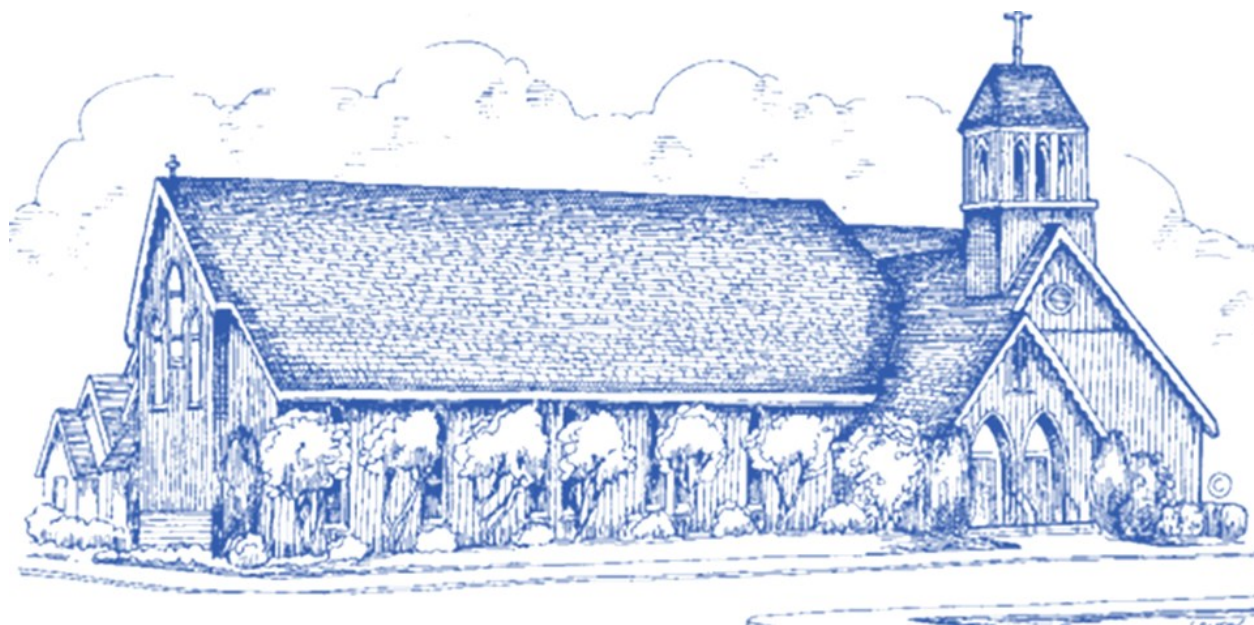
Please pray for the diocese, congregations, and clergy listed below on the Diocesan and Anglican cycles of prayer as well as those prayers requested by our Bishop, Dean and Diocesan Search & Transition Committees.

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

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

Intercessor: We pray for our own parish community of Christ Church Eureka as we give thanks for our new confirmands, solar panels (and overhead fans), St. Francis statue, and outdoor Peace Labyrinth. May we continue to walk in the way of the Cross, holding with love the tension and coincidence of opposites.

People: Hear our prayer.



October 4

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Trinity Episcopal Church, Sonoma
The Rev. Cindy Beck, Interim Priest

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
The Most Rev. Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bas-
sotto
Primate of Brazil and Bishop of Amazônia

October 11

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. George's Episcopal Church, Carmichael
The Rev. Ray Hess, Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Bob Olsen, Deacon

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of Burundi
The Most Rev. Eraste Bigirimana
Archbishop and Bishop of Bujumbura

October 18

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. James of Jerusalem Episcopal Church, Yuba City
The Rev. Richard Laughman, Priest-in-Charge

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of Canada
The Most Rev. Shane Parker
Primate and Archbishop of Canada

October 25

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. James Episcopal Church, Lincoln
The Rev. Anne Slakey, Long-Term Supply

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of the Province of Central Africa
The Most Rev. Albert Chama
Archbishop and Bishop of Lusaka

November 1

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. John the Evangelist, Chico
The Rev. Tammy Smith-Firestone, Rector
The Rev. Annie Ryder, Associate

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
The Most Rev. Ramón Ovalle
Primate and Bishop of Guatemala

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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The Fifth Sunday of Creation FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 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 JUST ONE CAN SUNDAY Creation Care Fundraising Committee 12:30 pm	4 5 PEO Lunch 10 AM Lewis Hall Bereavement Support Group 3 PM Heritage Room YOUTH GROUP 6 PM Chapel	6 Writers' Group 12:30 pm Lewis Hall Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	7 Morning Prayer 9:30 AM Chapel Calendar / Events Scheduling Meeting 10:30 AM Lewis Hall Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room	1 8 Foster Parents Association 9:30 AM Lewis Hall	2 Stewardship Committee 3 PM Lewis Hall Empowering Faith Leaders Clinton Foundation 10 AM Lewis Hall	3 Feast of St. Francis and Rite of Confirmation 11 AM Main Church Blessing of Solar Panels and Peace Labyrinth
The 20th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II No Adult Forum Today 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	11 12 YOUTH GROUP 6 PM Chapel	13 Thomas Merton Redwoods 5:00 PM Chapel Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	14 Morning Prayer 9:30 AM Chapel Quilters + 9:30 AM Lewis Hall Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room	15 Dinner Set-up / Dinner All day Author Festival	16 Labyrinth Committee Meeting 4 PM Lewis Hall	17 Altar Guild 10 AM
The 21st Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II No Adult Forum Today 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	18 19 Bereavement Support Group 3 PM Heritage Room YOUTH GROUP 6 PM Chapel	20 Writers' Group 12:30 pm Lewis Hall GREEN TEAM 5:15 PM Pierson Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	21 Morning Prayer 9:30 AM Chapel Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room	22 Finance Committee 5:30 PM ZOOM	23 Associates of the Transfiguration 11 AM Chapel 12 noon Lewis Hall	24 Altar Guild 10 AM DIOCESAN CONVENTION 9 AM Online
Fresh Produce Sunday	25 26 YOUTH GROUP 6 PM Chapel	27 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel VESTRY Meeting 5:30 PM Pierson	28 Holy Eucharist: Rite II 9:30 AM Chapel Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room	29	30	31 All Hallows Eve
The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 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 Pastor Karen Stanley 45th Pastoral Anniversary	25 26 YOUTH GROUP 6 PM Chapel	27 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel VESTRY Meeting 5:30 PM Pierson	28 Holy Eucharist: Rite II 9:30 AM Chapel Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room	29	30	31 All Hallows Eve



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