

Christ Church Episcopal Parish

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### First Annual Tom Cummins Memorial Golf Tournament

On Thursday, August 23 we had ten teams of four participate in the First Annual Tom Cummins Memorial Golf Tournament at Langdon Farms Golf Club. Here's some stats from our wonderful day:



- The winning team was the "Fore Falcons," composed of Ryan Windle, Brian Penny, Jon Walker, and Matt Harvey, with a score of 7 under par.
- The winner of our closest-to-the-pin award was Ian Tolleson.
- The winner of the longest-drive award was Rennie Muzii.



## Now for the our Humorous Award Winners!

The Beau Brummel Award for Sartorial Excellence won by Bishop Michael Hanley, on account of his dazzling plus-fours and Argyle socks, which raised the bar for all of us next year.

#### The Golden Divot Award

won by the Rev. Alison Schultz for her energetic handling of a six-iron.

The Most Spectacular Errant Shot Award won by Ethan Bays, on account of an impressive drive that left the tee box at a nearly 90-degree angle and nearly killed our Rector -- being stopped only by a timely prayer and a golf cart.



# Finally, the coveted Finding Nemo Award won by Todd Broadbridge, who lost three balls to water hazards over the course of the game -- Including, remarkably, on holes without water hazards.

The 19th-hole party and awards ceremony was attended by over 65 people, and a great time was

had by all. Check out more photos on our Christ Church Facebook page: www.facebook.com/christchurchparishlakeo



## SAVE THE DATE October 26 6:00 pm

Christ Church Art Gallery Next Opening : Sacred Waters Exhibit

#### WHAT'S INSIDE?

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#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Knitting
Ministry meets the first Saturday
of the month, starting in
October. Our next meeting will
be October 6 from 1 to 3 pm in
the Conference Room.

Any questions please contact Jerri Breene at 503-638-6729 or jerri.breene@gmail.com



### We Need Your Help at Coffee Hour

Please consider hosting one of our hospitality hours by signing-up at <a href="http://ccparish.org/serve">http://ccparish.org/serve</a>. You can also use the sign up sheet found on the welcome

## Baptisms Sunday November 1

table in the entryway.

10 am service

Our next baptisms will be on Sunday, November 1 on The Feast of All Saints. If you or if you have a child you'd like to have baptized, please contact The Rev. Iain Stanford at curate@ccparish.org

## PARISH LIFE ... COME & SEE



#### Farm 2 Table

Another fabulous fundraiser for Christ Church Farm2Table at wonderful Pete's Mountain! Many thanks to Mike Thayer,
Allium, and Moonlight for making this evening such a success!

It was an awesome evening from the fantastic view, the delicious food, the entertainment and sampling of wine, the socializing with others and the raising of funds for the church. It was truly a fabulous night!







#### Congratulations to our Winners!

Winner of the Homecoming Sunday Quilt Raffle!

Kelley Elsea

(Quilt made and generously donated by Julie Graham).

Winner of the Summer Traveler's Card drawing for 2 free nights at Overleaf Lodge & Spa

Cynthia Stenger



#### **Being a Church for Others**

Written by The Reverend Deacon Linda Goertz

In his book *Crazy Christians*, our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry writes, "Jesus calls and challenges those of us who would follow in his footsteps to be a people and a community reaching out above and beyond our own self-interest. Jesus said, 'The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom of many' (Matthew 20:28). Jesus is calling us to follow in his footsteps by being a Church for others."

What can it be like to be "a Church for others"? There are many ways, including prayer and service within the church – and as a deacon, I'm called to remind us of ways we can interact with and learn about and grow to support others out in the world, beyond our doors. To that end, I'm going to post bits of news in this place that you're invited to explore in the attitude of concern for our larger community. Some of these may strike a chord for you; others may not be your cup of tea — and that's OK.

- Issues of immigration, detainment of refugees, and separation of families may be on your heart. I recommend a look at the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice website (<a href="http://imirj.org/">http://imirj.org/</a>), where information on the organization and their planned actions can be found.
- If you are concerned about the proliferation of assault weapons, take a look at Lift Every Voice Oregon, <a href="https://www.lifteveryvoiceoregon.com/">https://www.lifteveryvoiceoregon.com/</a>.
   One upcoming action is a rally in Salem on the Capitol steps September 25th at 11 am to promote policies that reduce assault weapons and large -capacity magazines. Other news and activities can be found at that site.
- Finally, for this entry, The Guardian media's latest "Long Read" article examines "voluntourism" and its sometimes unexpected consequences. A quote: "If the church in the US would simply tithe, with just half that increase in giving, you could feed, clothe and medically treat the entire developing world," says Daryl Fulp, an American missionary who works with disabled children in Guatemala." The entire article is at <a href="mailto:ccparish.org/deacons-corner">ccparish.org/deacons-corner</a>

Feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:deacon@ccparish.org">deacon@ccparish.org</a> if you want to pass along other opportunities to serve the world in Christ's name!



ANNUAL PET BLESSING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ 4PM BRING YOUR PETS! Interfaith Blessing of the Animals

Christ Church invites the public to bring their pets to the annual, free interfaith pet blessing at Christ Church at 4:00 pm on Sunday, October 7, 2018,

front lawn

Please note: All dogs must be on leashes, and all cats and unique pets must be in carriers. Please, no retractable leashes.

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#### October 20 Christ Church together: Showcasing our gifts and talents

A family-friendly event for all ages, with child care for even the really little ones. Come enjoy the evening with a vaude-ville style. stage show, an art and crafts show and a potluck dinner in Cummins Hall.

We hope you will be thinking about arts and crafts that you can share in the Art and Craft show (including items created by your children or grandchildren). Everything from paintings to quilts, jewelry, flower arranging and furniture is welcome.

If you have a "Schtick" that you would like to contribute to the stage show, let us know that, too. Do you have experience with acting, singing, stage management, lighting, or sound? We'd love to hear from you. More details later in the Summer. Our goals are to have fun, to involve as many people as possible, and to build community at Christ Church.

If you have ideas or questions, please contact
Ann Frazier (chair)
at annfrazier41@comcast.net, or any of the members of the steering committee: Sandra Williams, Elaine Johnson, Betsey Cook, Siobhan Passmore and Barbara Davis.



A place of prayer, reconciliation, and action.

#### Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a

**Time of Crisis** Answering Presiding Bishop Curry's call to find new ways to proclaim the love of Jesus. We will use the guide for civil discourse based on the Golden Rule: doing unto others as you would have them do unto you. To follow Jesus means we are called to be the best version of ourselves that we can be. Civil discourse requires we treat people with respect as we seek and serve Christ in each other and strive for respect and dignity of every human being. We do this with scripture as our guide.

**WHEN** 9:00 am & 11:30 am | September 16, 23, 30, October 14, 21, November 11,18,25 and December 9

#### **Pathway to Joy: Discovering Your Strengths**

Do you want to experience more joy in life? Have you ever wondered how you can use your unique talents and strengths to find more fulfillment for yourself and others? Come and join us for a new Wisdom Center adult education class that focuses on finding our strengths as a pathway to joy. If you are interested in connecting deeply with others and learning how to joyfully express your talents and strengths in the world, this class is for you!

WHEN 11:30 am | Sundays, September 16, 23, 30, October 14WHERE Conference Room\$20 (required to take the online StrengthFinder 2.0 evaluation)

**Praying with our Feet** Join us for walks around town where we can experience the joy of creation as we pray for the world and our Creator. Each walk is intended to be prayer through our feet and a perfect chance to get others on the walks. We plan to offer prayer and meditation at each stop along our walk. A kind of visual lectio divina. In October, on the feast of St Francis, we will do a bird walk led by our Deacon, Linda Goertz. Linda is an avid birder and powerful example of prayer in action. Then on November 1, the Feast of All Saints, there is scheduled a sacred walk of our ancestors, as we walk the Pioneer Cemetery and then finish with prayers in our own Memorial Garden.

WHEN 9:15 am - 11:00 am | Thursday, October 6 & Sunday, November 1 WHERE Multiple locations. Each walk begins in the lower parking lot.

**Ageing and Sageing** Each month we will discuss topics of interest to those folks 60+. Using some of the wisdom from Henri Nouwen, Joan Chittister, Angeles Arrien, Richard Rohr and others we will explore the gifts and challenges of the 2nd half of life. The ultimate design of this course will be determined by the participants. Those who wish may stay for lunch.

WHEN 10:00 am - 11:30 am | 2nd Wednesday of each month WHERE Parish Office Conference Room

**Our Faith Our Lives** A combination of learning more about the Episcopal faith and practice. Here is your chance to ask all the questions about what it means to be an Episcopalian. Also, to meet others and listen to stories of faith as together we walk the path of our faith. A perfect place to come if you are interested in receiving the sacrament of baptism or confirmation.

WHEN 9:00 am | Most Sunday mornings WHERE Guild Room

#### Children, Go Where I Send Thee

by The Rev. Alison Schultz

#### Conversation with God # 125,342

[on the topic of obedience]

Me: Seriously ??

God: Yes. you!

**Me:** I'm sure you mean someone smarter, more

articulate, younger, [supply doubt of the hour]

God: You, Alison are smart enough, old enough,

articulate enough,

[supply confirmation of the hour]

**Me:** How about we come back to this tomorrow?

God: Now is the time.

In my ordination vows to the priesthood on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006 I said I would proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and fashion my life in accordance with its precepts. I also agreed to love and serve

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[BCP 535]

the people among whom I work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. I vowed to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform other ministrations as entrusted to me.

I vowed do all these things in order that I might nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen the people to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.[BCP 535]

For many years I understood my obedience to God in those vows to be mostly within the confines of the church's walls. Although there has been for some time a deeper call to serve in ways and in places outside the walls – to understand the people among whom I am called to work to be something different. Something more than I had imagined. Obedience to God is often in direct opposition to the world.

So that, in obedience to God, serving the poor and the weak and the voiceless I expand God's vision for the

church. I have begun to understand church as larger than a single building, in one location. Much as the early church was wherever the Gospel was proclaimed and wherever there was need for mercy and justice.

All this June and July I went every week, obediently, to the capitol in Salem to stand with hundreds of other people who are pushing elected and bureaucratic leadership to consider the policies that effect the poor, especially existing policies that actively keep the poor, poor. These are policies that are not about party politics - these are issues of justice and mercy. So answering the call to be obedient, each week I stood in the rotunda of the Oregon State Capitol and sang songs and made noise and left when asked to by the state police.

Then in August , when increased efforts of national policy to imprison people, including children, among those seeking asylum, clergy leaders, who have long been advocates for immigration justice, were obedient. Obedient to the call to stand with the sojourner and prisoner . That obedience means being physically present in places where those policies are enforced, Sheridan Federal Prison, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and NORCOR [Northern Oregon Corrections] Actively protesting with prayers and songs and stories.

While protesting at the ICE offices on August 30, I did not leave when asked by law enforcement I along with twenty other faith leaders from across the state were arrested [misdemeanors all]. My obedience to God's call to serve became civil disobedience.

Would I do it again?

Each effort, each call, is part of daily prayer. Each day is a chance to say yes to God.

Do I wish I lived in a world where standing alongside people, I'm compelled by my faith and vocation to stand with, means not going to jail or the threat of it? Of course!

That is not this world, it never has been. I pray I can be obedient to my calling to go where God sends me, I pray to hear the call of God in the voices of those for whom the Gospel was written and to nourish Christ's people with all the grace God has for us.

In a small way beloved, I pray that my act of civil disobedience, my obedience to Christ, is a witness for you. A witness to hear God's voice in the cries for mercy and justice in our world. There is an abundance of need.

Maybe, it's not too early for this one Christmas carol ...

#### Children Go Where I Send Thee

5 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=040tPQc8zsg

#### Altar Guild

Have you ever wondered how Sunday services are set up or what the names of those silver pieces are on the credence table? You can find out that information by joining the Altar Guild.

The purpose of the Altar Guild is to reverently care for the Altar and Sanctuary and to prepare the Eucharist. We work under the direction of the Christ Church clergy and both set-up before and clean-up after worship services. We are also responsible for the care and cleaning of all vessels, vestments, and linens which are used for the Eucharist.

Our ministry is currently made up of 16 members who are divided into four teams. Each team has a Team Leader and works a few hours about once a month, generally Saturday morning, Sunday after one of the services, and Monday morning, if available. When necessary, we also assist with weddings, baptisms, and memorial services. We are a dedicated group who enjoy fellowship with each other and working in a quiet, reverent environment.

If this sounds like a ministry you might be interested in or if you would like more information about Altar Guild, please contact Midge Whittaker at 650-208-0302

whittpho@gmail.com



#### St. Catherine's Guild

Are you interested in sharing in the friend-ship and service of St. Catherine's Guild? Guild membership is open to any interested women of the Parish. Guild meetings are held at member's homes on the second Tuesday of the month, October through May of each year, except January. Please contact the Directress Carolyn Muir at 503-636-7505 to answer any questions you may have.

## **Shelter Ministry** (LOTSM) would like to thank YOU! It has been a whirlwind of a year for

been a whirlwind of a year for LOTSM. The two LOTSM shelters in Lake Oswego provided

safe shelter to a record nine families, including twelve children, this past year!



On behalf of LOTSM, we would like to thank our entire parish for your support. Christ Church supports this important ministry in so many ways; by the CCP Outreach Auction, our Food Pantry, and the Giving Tree. Our parish also supports the LOTSM families by providing access to our enrichment programs such as VBS and Spirituality and the Arts Camps.

LOTSM volunteers come alongside our guests to help support their transition to stable housing and self-sufficiency. This volunteer support can look different for each of our guests. Our support begins with providing safe shelter, but may also include life skill mentoring in budgeting, nutrition, parenting and housekeeping; tutoring; facilitating childcare and enrichment experiences for children; and transportation.

#### Ways you can help:

LOTSM has ongoing needs for financial support as well as adhoc volunteers for errands, transportation, and childcare on an occasional basis. Please contact either Lori Dierckes at <a href="ldierckes@yahoo.com">ldierckes@yahoo.com</a> or Vicki Cena at <a href="bvcena@comcast.net">bvcena@comcast.net</a> for more information about LOTSM, or if you can help with our volunteer needs or our financial needs. Thank you!

#### **Vestry "Action" Forum September 23**

Our Vestry "Action" forum will be held after both the 8am and 10 am services that Sunday — so join us to share where your energies can best help our Christ Church community deliver on all your great ideas in order to further sustain and enhance our financial future! Come join your fellow parishioners to learn about the cost saving and new revenue raising ideas which we all contributed during our August forums — and which the Vestry has now prioritized for action this fall! Bring your enthusiasm, your talents and your volunteer energies to our Sunday, September 23 forum when we will together learn where our individual commitments to the creative financial ideas we all created in August can best help bring these valuable opportunities

#### **Ministry Fair**

#### September 30, after the 10 am service

There are A LOT of amazing ministries and activities here at Christ Church. Now you can learn about all of them, and talk to people who



are involved in each of our many vibrant ministries. After the 10 am service you can visit Cummins Hall to sign up to volunteer for service events, find a committee to join, and get informed about what activities, small groups, and other ministries are happening. Questions? Contact Lynn Vannier at events@ccparish.org.

#### **Wisdom Center**

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**Parenting as Spiritual Practice** An opportunity for parents to connect. To connect with each other and to God. To connect our lives as parents to our spiritual lives and help to create space for spiritual growth in you and your children. This class intends to be both practical and supportive.

WHEN 11:30 am | October 14, 21, November 11,18, December 9

WHERE Parish Office Conference Room

**Rector's Forum** Join the Rector and guests for conversations about the intersection of the church and the world, faith and practice and creative ways to be involved in the ongoing kingdom building work of reconciliation and redemption.

WHEN Sundays, 9:00 am & 11:00 am | October 7, November 4, December 2

**WHERE** Cummins Hall

Women in Spirituality meets September to May in the Guild Room from noon to 1:30. Sack lunch is optional, and cookies are frequent. All women are welcome. We are ecumenical, our meetings open and close with prayer. Programs range through current events, Bible study, musical offerings, literature lectures and, fellowship. Many are provided by our members and speakers drawn from and beyond our community. This group is well into its second decade.

Each week, WIS presentations will explore "Living Christ." The Gospel of John presents Jesus as the man who lived God for us, showing us through his actions what God is like. This phrase also suggests that Christ lives in us, members of the body of Christ, animated by Jesus, endowed with spiritual gifts.

#### Topics for this month include:

Monday, Sept. 24: Marilyn Depew. "Practicing the Presence of God."

Monday, Oct. 1: Carol Hull.

"A Presentation on St. Joan of Arc."

Monday, Oct. 8: No meeting. Columbus Day.

Monday, Oct. 15: Carol Hull.

Three weeks of Bible Study to

illustrate the radical inclusiveness of Jesus.

WHEN 12:00 - 1:30 pm | Mondays,

sack lunches welcome

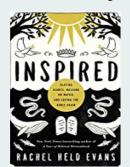
WHERE Guild Room

#### **Book Studies**

WHEN 11:30 am & 6:30 pm 3rd Wednesday of the month

**WHERE** Guild Room

Each month a different book and a different way to engage with the community around us. Some discussion will be on online and through Facebook.



#### **OCTOBER'S BOOK:**

Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again

Rachel Held Evans

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when

they say the Bible is inspired?

When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it will change you too.

Drawing on the best in recent scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay.

Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries.

The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world.

#### THE HERALD

Please submit items in MS Word format by email to publications@ccparish.org or to parishadmin@ccparish.org.

Deadline For October/November 2018 Edition October 10, 2018.

Items will be edited as necessary.

For a complete calendar of events please visit our website at www.ccparish.org



#### **Christmas Pageant Sign-ups!**

Christmas Pageant Sign-Ups will be on October 14 and 21st at 12 noon. We invite kids Pre-School through grade 5 to participate. Practices will be Sundays in November and the performance is Sunday December 9th after the 10 am service.



#### Save the Date for Parent's Night Out!

Parent's Night Out will return in October! We invite kids Kindergarten through Grade 5 for an evening of pizza, games and fun with their church friends while parents take a night to themselves. The next one will be October 20 from 6pm – 9pm. Reservations are required and

can be emailed to scoffman@ccparish.org. This evening can't accommodate drop-ins for staffing and safety reasons.



#### Our 2018-19 Sunday School Teacher Round-Up was a success!

Our 2018-2019 Sunday School Teachers are: Carol Peterson, Leah Wessenberg, Kelley Elsea, Lindsey Lyons, Meg Knopf, Jenna Goodheart, Ellen Dierckes, Gina Allison, Liv Allison, Viviana Stewart, Monica Schneider-Anthony, Barb Randall, Charryse Bigge, Jeff Allison, John

Allison, Sara Childers, Elizabeth Rice, Lee Centrone, Lanie Kelly

**Blessing of the Costumes & Halloween Party** 

and Halloween Party will be Sunday October 28th! Kids get to come to the 10 am service in costume with a party that follows. Start thinking about YOUR costume!





#### **Extreme Carved Pumpkin Raffle!**

You could win an extreme carved pumpkin this Halloween! Once again, Kerry Sisk will be carving a 100 pound pumpkin to be raffled off at our Halloween Party. You get 3 chances to win for \$5 and all proceeds go to the Summer Camp Scholarship Fund. THIS pumpkin will make you the hit of your neighborhood!



#### **Sunday School Class Schedule Nursery through** 5th Grade

- Sunday School for Preschool through Grade 5 is in session all Sundays in September and October.
- Godly Play Pre-School is in a new location downstairs in the Education Wing. If your child attends preschool here during the week, he/she will be in familiar territory!
- Pre-School begins class at 10 am and the Elementary students begin after communion.
- All classes conclude at the end of the 10 am service.

#### **Got Registration?**

Be sure to get your family's registration form completed for the Nursery and Sunday School. A new school year means a new form to complete...it's short and it helps us know your child's needs better. Contact: Susie Coffman Director of Christian Formation scoffman@ccparish.org