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## Being Consumed

Over the last five Sundays, I have been preaching through the lectionary's Gospel sequence of readings from Jesus' "Bread of Life" discourse in the sixth chapter of John. It is a central place that Christians look to understand the Holy Eucharist and Jesus' promise to share himself with us in our sharing of bread and wine together in his name. Throughout, I have been arguing the Holy Eucharist is not only a means of grace for us — not just something we do on Sundays — but also is meant to form our imagination, commitments, and practices in everyday life. The sacrament is meant to shape us as much as to save us. Of course, this doesn't happen automatically or by magic; it is a slow process that requires our attention, reflection, prayer, courage, and practice.

During this season, William Cavanaugh's wonderful little book *Being Consumed: Economics and Christian Desire* has never been far from my mind or desk. I encourage you to read it in the coming weeks. In just under 100 pages, Cavanaugh takes theological stock of some of the most fundamental aspects of economic life: "the free market, consumerism, globalization, and scarcity." In particular, Cavanaugh makes the case that the Eucharist is the Christian's model for showing and cultivating "alternative practices that open up a different kind of economic spaces — the space marked by the body of Christ." I want to quote here from the opening paragraphs:

"Some Christians may be tempted to assume that economics is a discipline autonomous from theology. Many Christians, however, intuit that what we do with our money and our stuff should be directly informed by how we related to God. God and Mammon are somehow contestants on the same playing field. Nevertheless, Christians of the latter kind tend to remain in a reactive posture. That is, we tend to take current economic realities as givens and then wonder what our stance should be when confronted by these givens. Are we for or against the free market? Should we not think of ourselves as consumers? Are we for or against globalization? How do we live in a world of scarce resources?"

But what alternative is there? Well, Cavanaugh suggests, "Christians who are called to witness to a different kind of economics have no choice but simply to enact this economics now, in history, beginning in the concrete, local experience of the church."

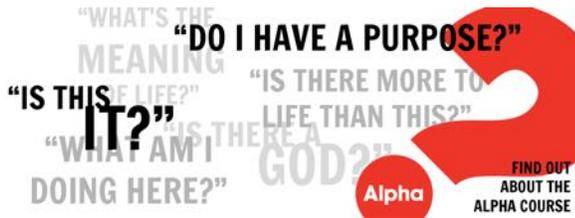
As autumn approaches and we begin stewardship conversations as a parish, I am hopeful these kinds of theological, spiritual reflections will inform our shared commitment to and practices of giving. What are we to do with our money and stuff? Is our commitment to joyful, sacrificial giving merely a way to keep the lights on at Christ Church or is it about something more fundamental? Is our giving and sharing a concrete way for us to enact a different kind of economics? Could that different economics be essential for the salvation and flourishing of our souls? Let's find out.



William T. Cavanaugh



The Rev. Joshua M. Caler†  
Rector



Come and see what it's all about. Bring a friend who may be struggling with the tough questions of life, or simply looking for some stimulating conversation. **The main program begins on September 25th and will continue on Tuesday nights, 6:45-8:30 pm, with Hors d'oeuvres included.** There is never any pressure to do, say, or join anything, and the entire program is completely free of charge. There's nothing to lose, and everything to gain. Come and see.

Join us, and bring a friend for Alpha this fall. The Alpha program is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each 30 minute talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to spark conversation. It's an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together, without any pressure, follow up, or cost. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. We will be offering our Alpha program again this year in both English and Spanish, using the new Alpha Film Series videos which are very well done and engaging. The new videos and the bi-lingual format were very well received last year. If you've experience the program before, please bring a friend who might enjoy the discussions. If you've never attended an Alpha session, no matter what your feelings are about religion, we believe you will enjoy the program and conversation, and may just discover some life changing information.

Previews of the program are currently scheduled, in the church parish hall on:

**Sunday, September 9th at 9:15am** (between services during Adult Forum)

**Tuesday, September 11th at 6:45 pm** for anyone to attend. ALL ARE WELCOME

Or Check it out on-line at [www.alphausa.org/try](http://www.alphausa.org/try)

More information, contact Olin Mittan – [omittan1@gmail.com](mailto:omittan1@gmail.com)



## Blessing of the Animals



**When: Saturday 29 Sep.**  
**Time: 10am**  
**Where: Christ Church Front Lawn**



**When: Sunday, 30 September**  
**Where: Towpath Park**  
**Time: Eucharist 10am, picnic to follow**

**Burgers and Dogs provided**  
**Bring a guest (or several)**



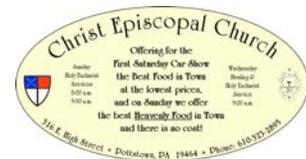
### Address Updates

Stephanie Laidig  
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 17 E. 3rd St.  
 Pottstown, PA 19464  
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### Don't Forget - Pottstown Classics Car Show September 1 5-9pm Christ Church Food Sales

Hot Dogs, Burgers, Hot/Regular Sausage and  
 Other Goodies  
 Come join us - we need the help - **3pm**



**YOU ARE INVITED**

**Sept 8, 2018, 6:00pm**

**to Second Saturday Neighborhood Night  
Movie and Popcorn**



### Little Manhattan

Little Manhattan is a 2005 American romantic comedy film directed by Mark Levin and written by Jennifer Flackett, starring Josh Hutcherson and Charlie Ray. The film is set in Manhattan and follows a ten-year-old boy as he discovers he is in love with his old kindergarten classmate who is now his new karate classmate.

**Enjoy a fun evening!  
Bring your family & friends!  
All are Welcome!**



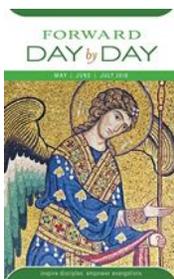
**Christ Episcopal Church, 316 East High Street, Pottstown, PA 19465, 610-323-2895**

Entrance in rear off Queen Street parking lot.

### Forward Day by Day

*Forward Day by Day* is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations, published quarterly, reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the *Revised Common Lectionary* or the *Daily Office* from the *Book of Common Prayer*.

It's available in several formats, including



- Regular Print (3.5" x 5.5"), English and Spanish (*Día a Día*)
- Large Print (7.5" x 10.75")
- Daily email
- E-book on Kindle, Nook, and iTunes
- Daily podcast
- App for your smartphone: iOS or Android
- Braille
- Facebook and Twitter

A regular print subscription is only \$11/year, and Christ Church has a bulk subscription to the English and Spanish versions, available to parishioners at no charge, which can be found on the tables outside the

### National Make-a-Will Month

Actually, it was in August, but it's never too late. Hmmm, not a true statement. Remember, if you don't have a valid will, the State of PA, in conjunction with costly lawyers, will be happy to handle it for you, although they don't promise satisfaction.

If you are a bit laggardly in this, the Episcopal Church Foundation has some help - [Planning for the End of Life](#) booklet, available in English or Spanish.

The booklet includes information on:

- Draft Medical Directive
- Other Forms and Health Care Proxy
- Planning Your Funeral Service
- A Way to Express Your Values
- Preparing to Write Your Will
- An Estate Plan That Reflects Your Values
- Preparing to Write Your Will
- Including a Christian Preamble
- Sample Forms of Bequest
- Information Needed for Making a Will



Hyphenated  
Non-hyphenated  
That's irony.

## Our Gang Activities In 2018

### Fall Events For Our Gang



Our Gang attended a carillon concert in August at Valley Forge Memorial Chapel. Wonderful!!

We are sponsoring a trip to Jim Thorpe, PA on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We have transportation, agenda, and cost but we still need PEOPLE!! We need at least 15 but could handle more. So if interested, please contact Sue Rhoads ASAP. The cost of the trip is \$30 per person. **Money is due by 9/10.** All are welcome so invite friends, family, neighbors.



What are we doing in Jim Thorpe?

We plan to visit St. Mark and John Episcopal Church, ride the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway as a group, and other places can be seen on an individual basis including the ASA Packer Museum, Old Jail Cell, and a Walking Tour of #9 Coal Mine and much more. More on website: <https://www.jimthorpe.org>



Sign up sheet for Jim Thorpe trip is in the church corridor. Any questions, please contact Sue Rhoads. 484-791-3555 or [susan\\_rhoads@yahoo.com](mailto:susan_rhoads@yahoo.com)



### FUTURE EVENTS to put on your calendar.

**November – Bazaar - Our Gang members help as they are able.**

**December – Steel River (to be decided)**

All our events are open to everyone – parishioners, family, and friends of parishioners. We'd like you to sign-up, so we know who is coming.

Warmly, Sue Rhoads and Barbara Ackerman



### Introducing Shopping with Scrips - Fundraising without Buying Anything Extra!

We will kick-off our Shopping with Scrips program in September. This fundraising opportunity does not require you to buy anything extra. Rather, you purchase gifts cards and use them to buy all the things that you normally buy - groceries, drug store purchases, most major retailer, restaurants, hotels, and travel related businesses. You will have 3 ways to purchase certificates for this ongoing fundraiser:

1. We will have certificates available for the favorite businesses that were identified on our survey - Bath and Body Works, Boscov's, CVS, Giant, Home Depot, Applebees, Staples, and TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Homegoods.
2. Give Deb Metz or me your order and payment on a Sunday and your certificates will generally be available the next Sunday, 2 weeks at the most.
3. Order online at [ShopWithScrip](http://ShopWithScrip) using our password and prestopay (the scrips equivalent of paypal) and your certificates will be mailed the next day. Many are even available as e-certificates. Organizations (p. 5)

(p. 4) that utilize this method have been shown to increase their sales by over 40% than through option two. I will share our password and electronic ordering instructions as soon as they are available. Start planning for how you can take advantage of this convenient opportunity to buy the things that you already buy routinely. We will earn anywhere from 1-17% on your purchases. The list of participating retailers is posted in the Narthex corridor. The ones selected as favorites are below.

Thank you for supporting the various ministries at Christ Church, Lisa Baro

<u>Store</u>	<u>Card Type</u>	<u>Rebate</u>
Bath & Body Works	(\$10, \$25, RN, S)	12%
Boscov's	(\$25, S)	8%
CVS Pharmacy	(\$25, \$100, RN, S)	6%
Giant Food Stores	(\$25, \$50, \$100)	4%
Home Depot	(\$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000, S)	4%
Applebee's	(\$25, \$50, S)	8%
Staples	(\$25, \$100, S)	5%
T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods	(\$25, \$100, S)	7%

S = ScripNow eCards,  
 R = Reloadable,  
 RN = ReloadNow

[Shop With Scrip Website](#)

### Intercessions

At each Eucharist we include an intercessory prayer. The BCP has seven, all of which are tailorable to fit the season and need.

Among other things, they include prayers for church wide needs and programs, for our companion diocese, and for diocesan deaneries and parishes.

If you wonder where we get all those, they are found in the Diocesan Calendar of Intercessions, available at

[www.diopa.org](http://www.diopa.org).

Scroll to the bottom and look under Calendars.



## Follow Diocesan Activity on Twitter

[Follow the Diocese Here](#)



# Children's Music Program



## With Phyllis Mitchell

**Instruments and Music Provided  
 Every Tuesday @ 4 p.m.-5 p.m**

Christ Episcopal Church

316 East High St., Pottstown, PA 19464  
 (Entrance and Parking on Queen St.)

**Free for AM Kids K-12**

Contact: Edie Shean-Hammond @  
[esheanhammond@gmail.com](mailto:esheanhammond@gmail.com) or  
 call the church: 610-323-2895



## 3rd Latin Festival

Saturday, September 22, 2018



12:00pm - 5:00pm

Riverfront Park

140 College Drive Pottstown, PA  
19464



### Live music



*Bachata, Merengue,  
Cumbia and more!*



### Authentic cuisine

*from Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, El Salvador,  
Puerto Rico and Guatemala*

### Activities for children and family

*Kung Fu, soccer, Zumba, and other games*

### Merchandise vendors

### Winner of writing contest to be announced

### Beer Available for sale by SLY FOX

### FREE Admission!

There is space for vendors and  
opportunities to sponsor.

Contact CCLU for more information

*We are a nonprofit organization. CCLU is a  
bilingual, bridge building organization,  
committed to enriching the lives of Latinos  
and others by embracing diversity through  
cultural, educational, and recreational  
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Centro Cultural Latinos Unidos, Inc.  
301 King Street Pottstown, PA 19464

610-705-0566

610-310-3451

[www.cclu-pottst.org](http://www.cclu-pottst.org)



*Invites all  
interested women  
to...  
A High Tea  
Luncheon*

*Saturday, September 15, 2018*

*11:30 am to 2 pm*

*Christ Church*

*Learn more about the Daughters of the  
King*

*Enjoy fellowship*

*Fascinators will be provided*

*RSVP to Church Office by*

*September 9th*

*610-323-2895*

*or sign up on the clipboard in  
hallway.*



## Our Commitment Box and Stewardship

We offer Commitment Cards in the pews, to be used by parishioners at any time, year round, to confidentially offer their own personal promises of prayer, service and/or resources to God. The cards may also be used as pledge cards if desired. The Stewardship team feels that the fact that giving normally exceeds pledges supports the concept that planning should be based instead on known and projected expenses versus an estimated income that reflects actual income of recent years.

You can put your Commitment Card in the box at the bottom of the steps



## Prayer Chain

[prayers@christpottstown.org](mailto:prayers@christpottstown.org)

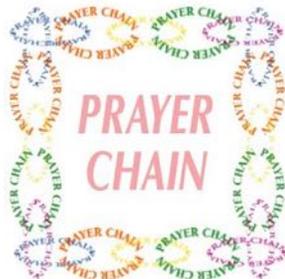
We need you on the Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is a voluntary email set in motion as soon as a request is received. The request goes out to a large number of people from Christ Church who have signed up to receive prayer chain requests. Prayer chains get their name from the idea of a phone chain or phone tree. The advent of e-mail and other forms of messaging has caused us to adopt an easier method of an e-mail chain.

You can ask for prayers for whatever you need. Some people ask for guidance, others ask for healing for an ailing loved one. At Christ Church, we believe the prayer chain is another way to be of service to others and fulfill one of our core values experiencing God's love and grace.

To join, send an email to Stephanie Laidig at [stephanielaidig@aol.com](mailto:stephanielaidig@aol.com).

We have a new email address dedicated solely to the Prayer Chain:

[prayers@christpottstown.org](mailto:prayers@christpottstown.org)



"One mother can achieve more than a hundred teachers."--- **Jewish proverb**



## Nursery Help Needed

*We are in need of added nursery help. For the time being we are looking for volunteers.*

*We would like more than one volunteer to rotate duties. Please contact Georgine Takach if you are willing to help.*



## Service Hours / Adult Forum

Sunday, 9 September

Service hours move to 8am, 10:30am, and 1pm.

The Adult Forum and Coffee Hour will resume in the Parish Hall on the 9th. This year's Forum is an exploration of the Eucharistic service.

### September

- 9th Introduction and Rationale
- 16th Concerning the Service of the Church (BCP 13)
- 23rd The Calendar of the Church Year (BCP 15)
- 30th Parish Eucharist & Picnic, no forum

### October

- 7th An Exhortation (BCP 315) & Abbreviated Parish Forum
- 14th A Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving: Eucharist and Sacrificial Giving
- 21st Concerning the Celebration (BCP 354)
- 28th Introductory Rites (BCP 355)

### November

- 4th The Stones Would Cry Out: Concerning Church Architecture
- 11th The Lessons (BCP 357)
- 18th Do the Red, Say the Black: Concerning Rubrics
- 25th The Gospel (BCP 357)

### December

- 2nd Praying Twice: Concerning Church Music
- 9th Response to the Lessons: The Sermon (BCP 358)
- 16th Response to the Lessons: The Nicene Creed (BCP 358)
- 23rd and 30th no forum

## Useful Links

### Affirming Catholicism

[www.affirmingcatholicism.org.uk](http://www.affirmingcatholicism.org.uk)

**Alpha** [www.alphausa.org](http://www.alphausa.org)

### Anglican Communion

[www.anglicancommunion.org/](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/)

### Anglican Communion News Service

[www.anglicannews.org/](http://www.anglicannews.org/)

**Anglicans Online** [anglicansonline.org](http://anglicansonline.org)

**Anglicans Online USA** [anglicansonline.org/usa](http://anglicansonline.org/usa)

**Bible Gateway** [www.biblegateway.com/](http://www.biblegateway.com/)

### Bishop's Bible Challenge

[www.diopa.org/bishops-bible-challenge/](http://www.diopa.org/bishops-bible-challenge/)

### Christ Church, Pottstown

[www.christpottstown.org](http://www.christpottstown.org)

**Church of England** [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)

### Daily Prayer and Worship Resources Online

[oremus.org/index.html](http://oremus.org/index.html)

**Diocese of PA** [www.diopa.org](http://www.diopa.org)

### Diocese of PA Parish Events

[www.diopa.org/parish-events](http://www.diopa.org/parish-events)

### Episcopal Church Foundation

[www.episcopalfoundation.org/](http://www.episcopalfoundation.org/)

### Episcopal Church in the US

[www.episcopalchurch.org/](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/)

### Episcopal News Service

[episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens](http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens)

### Episcopal Questions and Answers

[stgeorges.wordpress.com/seekers-andvisitors/episcopal-q-a/](http://stgeorges.wordpress.com/seekers-andvisitors/episcopal-q-a/)

**Generous Orthodoxy** [www.generousorthodoxy.org/](http://www.generousorthodoxy.org/)

**Glossaries** [www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary)  
and [www.epicenter.org/church-terminology/](http://www.epicenter.org/church-terminology/)

**Habitat for Humanity** [www.habitatmontco.org/](http://www.habitatmontco.org/)

### Liturgical Calendar

[www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)

### Online Book of Common Prayer

[www.bcponline.org/](http://www.bcponline.org/)

**Oremus** (Liturgical resources) <http://www.oremus.org/>

### Project Canterbury (Anglican History)

[anglicanhistory.org](http://anglicanhistory.org)

**SAMS—Society of Anglican Missionaries and Sender** [www.sams-usa.org](http://www.sams-usa.org)

**Society of Archbishop Justus (Anglican information and documents)**

[justus.anglican.org](http://justus.anglican.org)

**SPCK—Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge** [spckusa.org/](http://spckusa.org/)

**Recycling in Montgomery County** (incl.hazardous waste) [www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?NID=637](http://www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?NID=637)

**Rookie Anglican** [www.anglicanpastor.com](http://www.anglicanpastor.com)

**Anglicans for Life** [www.anglicansforlife.org](http://www.anglicansforlife.org)

## Effortless Fundraising

We continue to offer two ongoing effortless fundraisers - the **Redner's Receipt Program** and **AmazonSmile**. Thanks to Erma Magee, Debby Metz, and Jean Davidheiser for their commitment to these programs.



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