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“We who are many...”

What does it mean to share life in Jesus Christ across profound difference?

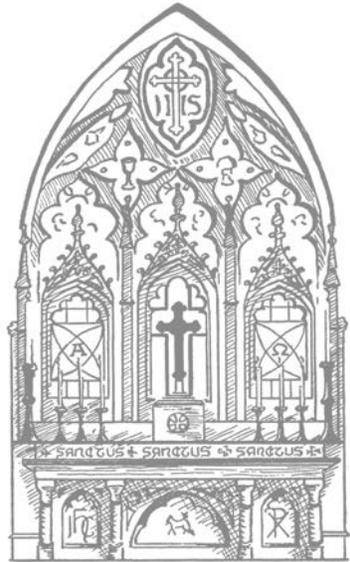
This is the central question of St. Paul's ministry to the Gentiles. It is a major theme of all his Epistles and the key to understanding his theology. What did it mean that the God of Israel now sought relationship with Gentiles in Jesus Christ? How was it possible that Jews could remain Jews, and Gentiles remain Gentiles, and yet, at the same time, could be members of one body through baptism, whether Jew or Greek, slave or free (1 Cor. 12:13)? How could differences be respected and not erased, while at the same time ensuring that differences didn't constitute a division or distinction in the Church?

Over the last several months, this has also been the central question of the ad hoc Committee on Latino Ministry at Christ Church. Established by the Vestry in May, this committee has sought to advise “the Vestry on the viability, scope, and plan for Christ Church's Latino Ministry, including but not limited to the Spanish-language Service.” The committee, chaired by the Rector, is made up of Bob Gross, Olin Mittan, Janice Morris, Rita Paez, Kathy Roth, Miriam Spade, and Marge Yanalavage. Over the summer, members have engaged in prayer, Bible study, conversation, research, and interviews to learn about best practices of other parishes with thriving Latino ministries and to discern what recommendations could be made to the Vestry that reflect the greatest possible consensus on a way forward.

An early consensus emerged that the goal of outreach to the Latino/Hispanic population should be to draw them fully into the parish at every level as participant members and leaders of Christ Church. This would extend beyond Sunday worship and to all educational, outreach, social, and liturgical ministries of the parish.

While much work remains before the Committee's final report and recommendations to the Vestry in November, a provisional report was made last month. It suggested increasing the use of the Spanish language in our print materials, on our website, and on our signage and advertising. Likewise, the report recommends a sustained effort to reach out to and include Latino members of the parish in ministries that extend beyond Sunday morning worship. Finally, the Committee has provisionally recommended that, over the next year or more, the parish seek to incorporate more of the Spanish language and Latino culture in our 10:30 Eucharist. There are cont. p3...





Christ Episcopal Church
Pottstown, Pennsylvania



**The Wardens, Vestry, and People of
Christ Episcopal Church
invite you to join us for
A Celebration of New Ministry
and the Installation of
The Rev. Joshua Caler
as it's 27th Rector**

3 October, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

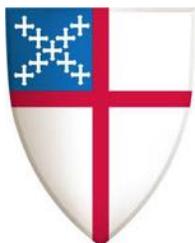
By The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez

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Reception following the service



...from p. 1 currently several options being considered for how this could unfold. The clear aim, however, would be to move toward a practice in the next 12-18 months where the Spanish-speaking community and the English-speaking community worship together with greater regularity and come to see each other as integral parts of the whole congregation worshipping at Christ Church. In the meantime, the 1:00 PM Spanish Eucharist would continue as the main worship service for our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters.

Pray for the unfolding work of this Committee. Share with the members your thoughts, hopes, and concerns. Thank them for their tireless effort and pray for our unity across difference.

Rev. Joshua M. Caler†
Rector



Blessing of the Animals

In anticipation of the Feast of St. Francis, Fr. Caler blessed animals of the parish, including dogs, a cat, a rooster, and stuffed pets.



PARISH PICNIC Towpath Park

We had a great Eucharist and picnic in Towpath Park Sunday, Sep. 20



Photos can be seen and downloaded from our website under Media

Address Updates

Philip & Sharon DeFranco
1851 Harmonyville Rd.
Pottstown, PA 19465
(716) 741-2602

Megan Frattarola
341 Beech St. #403
(484) 366-6205
maggie047@icloud.com

Installation Service - Need a Ride?

Call Kathy Roth, Vern's Vision, to make arrangements.
(610) 970-2453 (H)(610) 310-0666 (C)
KathyIrishGirl@verizon.net

YOU ARE INVITED

13 October, 2018, 5:00pm

**Second Saturday Neighborhood Night
Pizza, Bunco, and Joy**

**Pizza Pizza Pizza
Pizza Pizza Pizza**



**Pizza Pizza Pizza
Pizza Pizza Pizza**

Don't know how to play Bunco? No Problem - we'll teach you in 5 minutes.

**Enjoy a fun evening!
Bring your family & friends!**

All are Welcome!

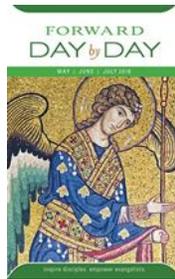
Christ Episcopal Church, 316 East High Street, Pottstown, PA 19465, 610-323-2895
Entrance in rear off Queen Street parking lot.



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 parishhioners at no charge, which can be found on the tables outside the

Upcoming Second Saturdays - All at 5pm

13 Oct. Pizza, Bunco, and Joy - Learn to play Bunco



10 Nov. Hoagies and Heros - Italian, Irish, Texan, Mongolian(?), and many others

8 Dec. Soup and Song - Christmas Joy and Soup



12 Jan. Mac and a Movie - How many different Mac and Cheeses are there?



9 Feb. 5th Annual Chili Cook-off and Basket Raffle



9 Mar. Tacos and Dominoes



13 April Baked Potatoes and Pineapple Bingo



For parents, college is the opposite of kidnapping. They demand one hundred thousand dollars from you, or they will send your kid back.

Let Your Grandpa Tell You a Story:

Trust me: he has a limited amount of time to tell them to you, and if you hear him out, chances are good that it'll be a better story than you ever thought.

Besides: whatever you wanted to watch on TV can be recorded to watch later if you want.

RandyRandom.com





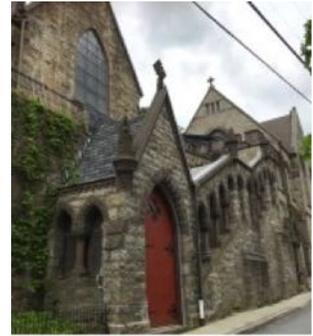
Our Gang Activities In 2018

Fall Events For Our Gang

We are sponsoring a trip to Jim Thorpe, PA on Thursday, October 11th. 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



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 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 on the next page.

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➡ 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](#)



Friday Bible Study

The Friday Bible study group is reading and discussing 1 Corinthians. Come join us - 9 am Friday mornings. Very informal, no homework!

Automated Giving

Before the end of the year, we will begin offering you the ability to automate your giving, via the website or our Facebook page, from your computer, phone, or tablet.

The mechanism is set up with the highest standardized security mechanisms and is simple to use. You can do any or all of the following:

- Schedule payment from a bank account on a regular basis
- Schedule a one-time payment from your bank or credit card
- Change a schedule
- Donate to specific needs
- Submit a pledge online

Numerous studies have show than online giving significantly aids parishes' cash flow and consistency. We'll have full details shortly.

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 or
call the church: 610-323-2895



Sacrificial Giving - A Catechism

Q: What is sacrificial giving?

A: Sacrificial giving is the Christian's response of joy and love to God's abounding grace. Just as God has given us his best and first fruits in his Son Jesus Christ, so the Christian is moved to respond in thanksgiving and gladness by giving of the best and first fruits of his or her household to God.

Q: Why do Christians give sacrificially?

A: Christians give sacrificially as an integral part of their commitment to Christian discipleship; training their hearts to love God more fully in acknowledgement of Jesus' teaching that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Q: What is the standard of sacrificial giving?

A: The Episcopal Church teaches and continues to uphold the biblical pattern of the tithe as the minimum standard of Christian giving. The church's canons require all Rectors and Priests-in-charge to teach and instruct periodically on sacrificial giving, including "the biblical standard of the tithe for financial stewardship."

Q: How do Christians give sacrificially?

A: Christians give sacrificially to God and for the benefit of his Church through commitments of their treasure, time, and talents.

Q: Why is giving called stewardship?

A: Giving is called stewardship in acknowledgement that all we are and have is a gift from God and that we are merely stewards of his gifts entrusted to us. The Christian household that practice sacrificial giving recognizes their gifts as the free and glad return to God of a portion of all that has been entrusted to them.

Q: What is a pledge?

A: A pledge is a commitment of the Christian household to their parish church to establish a predictable, anticipated pattern of sacrificial giving over the course of a year.

Q: Why do Christians pledge?

A: Christians pledge, not only for the sake of accountability to their primary community, the parish church, but also as a commitment of faith to rely on God for their provision for the year ahead and return to him the first fruits of all He will entrust to them.

Q: Is a pledge binding?

A: A pledge is a promise that the Christian anticipates she or he will be able to keep; yet circumstances arise where that becomes impossible. If, in the course of a year, a Christian is unable to keep a pledge, she or he should be in contact with the Rector to revise the anticipated pattern of sacrificial giving for the remainder of the year.



DOK High Tea Luncheon

The Daughters of the King hosted a formal Tea for the Chapter and Ladies of the Parish. Jane McKinney, Diocesan President spoke on the status and future of the Daughters organization.

For proper appearance and decorum, the attendees all wore fascinators, a British formal headware worn at formal afternoon or evening functions.



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 below the choir.



Prayer Chain

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.

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

prayers@christpottstown.org



How come the waitress gets 15% and God only gets 10%?



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

Alpha www.alphausa.org

Anglican Communion

www.anglicancommunion.org/

Anglican Communion News Service

www.anglicannews.org/

Anglicans Online anglicansonline.org

Anglicans Online USA anglicansonline.org/usa

Bible Gateway www.biblegateway.com/

Bishop's Bible Challenge

www.diopa.org/bishops-bible-challenge/

Christ Church, Pottstown

www.christpottstown.org

Church of England www.churchofengland.org

Daily Prayer and Worship Resources Online

oremus.org/index.html

Diocese of PA www.diopa.org

Diocese of PA Parish Events

www.diopa.org/parish-events

Episcopal Church Foundation

www.episcopalfoundation.org/

Episcopal Church in the US

www.episcopalchurch.org/

Episcopal News Service

episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens

Episcopal Questions and Answers

stgeorges.wordpress.com/seekers-andvisitors/episcopal-q-a/

Generous Orthodoxy www.generousorthodoxy.org/

Glossaries www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/
and www.epicenter.org/church-terminology/

Habitat for Humanity www.habitatmontco.org/

Liturgical Calendar

www.lectionarypage.net

Online Book of Common Prayer

www.bcponline.org/

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

Project Canterbury (Anglican History)

anglicanhistory.org

SAMS—Society of Anglican Missionaries and

Sender www.sams-usa.org

Society of Archbishop Justus (Anglican information and documents)

justus.anglican.org

SPCK—Society for Promoting Christian

Knowledge spckusa.org/

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

Rookie Anglican www.anglicanpastor.com

Anglicans for Life 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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