



Christ Church Chronicles

Letter from the Rector

A wider view of stewardship

This week you will have received a letter from Christ Church asking you to prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year. In many ways, this has become as routine and predictable as Public Television pledge drives or the arrival of Christmas catalogues. At times, it seems as if “stewardship season” is as much a part of The Episcopal Church calendar as Epiphany or Pentecost. This is why, at every turn, I try to remind folks that pledging and giving is not *simply* about the church’s balance sheet nor a way for you to do your part to keep the lights on.



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Update from our Deacon

Even in the time of COVID-19, Christ Church has been able to expand (safely) our ministry to those in need in town. We continue to supply lunch on Monday, and every visitor is logged in for contact tracing. I find it interesting that in the last eight weeks, we have served one hundred and fifty three different people, but the average number of visitors remains around fifty five. People’s needs change, and every week we meet someone new.



[CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

Advent Quiet Day

December 5, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (doors open at 8:30 AM)

The Order of the Daughters of the King

invites you to an Advent Quiet Day, Exploring the Rosary, Part 1. Please bring your Rosary if you have one; extras will be available at registration. This event is open to the entire congregation and community. Space is limited, advanced registration is necessary to ensure adequate materials are available. To register, please email Judy Shelly at judyshelly@comcast.net. A \$10 donation is requested, but not required.



COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed, including face masks and distancing. Due to current restrictions, food will not be served; attendees can bring their own sack lunches and snacks.

Reverse Advent Calendar

The reverse Advent calendar is an amazing way to easily give back this year. It will not only bless those in need in the community, but also keep your family focused on the true meaning of the season. Simply add one non-perishable food item to a box every day in December. After 24 days, you will have a box full of food just in time for Christmas. Then, on Christmas Eve, take the box to a local food pantry.



[CLICK HERE](#) to view the calendar.

Christmas Poinsettias

Orders are being accepted for Christmas poinsettias to benefit the Girls' Friendly Society (GFS). GFS provides a Christian-based support system that focuses on the emotional, physical, and spiritual growth of its members. Order forms can be placed in the alms basin on Sunday, given to Megan in the church office, or mailed to Christ Church, PO Box 252, Pottstown, PA 19464. Payment must accompany the order.



[CLICK HERE](#) to access the order form.

Scrip Cards for Holiday Shopping

Don't forget, you can use Scrip Cards for all your holiday shopping and gift card needs! This program allows you to purchase gift cards and Christ Church receives a percentage for each card ordered. Use the cards as gifts, to purchase your holiday presents, or for your own routine purchases



such as groceries at Giant, prescriptions at CVS, or dinner at Applebee's. There are over 400 participating retailers; the full list can be found [here](#).

For more details, [CLICK HERE](#).

Holiday Candy Sale

Our annual Gertrude Hawk candy fundraiser is here, and this year, it is online! You can order from the comfort of your own home, pay online, and have your order shipped directly to you. It's that easy.



[CLICK HERE](#) to place your order online (you can choose to create an account or checkout as a guest).

Reminder of Weekly Offerings

SUNDAYS

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM in the Nave, with live-streaming on [Facebook](#).

The Rector's Forum immediately follows our celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

WEEKDAYS

Every weekday, 9:00 AM: Daily Morning Prayer live-streamed via [Facebook](#).

Monday, 11:00 AM: Community meals continue with sack lunches provided for our guest to take away.

Tuesday, 7:00 PM: virtual Bible study via Zoom ([email Fr. Joshua](#) if you would like to join the study group).

Wednesday, 9:30 AM: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel.

The church office will be open Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM.

Safety protocols will continue to be followed; details can be found on our website at www.christpottstown.org.

Prayer Request

As the Body of Christ, each of us are called to care and pray for one another, especially in times of sickness and need. To request prayer, send an email with the name (either the full name or just the first name if they want privacy) of the person you are wanting prayers for and a brief description of the reason for prayer to prayers@christpottstown.org. We welcome prayer requests for anyone in or out of the parish.



Staying Grounded in Your Faith

During this time of distancing ourselves from others, it is especially important to find different ways to engage with your spirituality. The following is a list of resources that can be accessed from home:

[Book of Common Prayer](#) – Church Publishing has made a digital, clickable copy

[Daily Lectionary](#) – assigned readings and the collect for each day

[Forward Day by Day](#) – daily meditations. Now also available in audio; podcast is available on all streaming platforms, including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher, and anywhere else you listen to podcasts.

[Tucked In](#) – Bedtime stories and prayers with Episcopalians and others each Monday and Wednesday.

[Three Minute Retreat](#) – take a short prayer break right at your computer; spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage

[d365 Daily Devotional for Youth](#) – inspirational and relevant reflections on scripture for young people

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