



Christ Church Chronicles

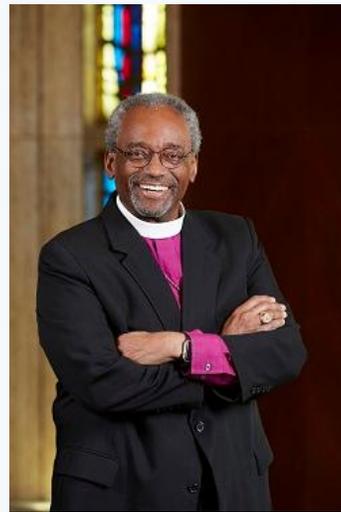
The Good Book Club

Start 2020 with a renewed commitment to the Word of God. The Good Book Club returns for a third year with the Gospel of John. We'll read the compelling account—inspired by “the disciple whom Jesus loved”—during the time from Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday.

Of course, we are familiar with the most famous verse of John 3:16, but our Good Book Club focus gives us an opportunity to read the extraordinary gospel from start to finish. We'll hear stories only heard in John: Jesus turns water into wine at the wedding of Cana, encounters the woman at the well, and raises Lazarus from the dead.

We will meet every Sunday at 10:30 AM through February 23 in the Parish Hall. Each Sunday we will discuss the scheduled readings from the previous week. All are invited, please join us!

[View the full reading schedule HERE.](#)



To watch a video introduction on The Good Book Club from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Annual Parish Meeting

On Sunday, February 2, there will be a single, 9:30 AM service followed by the annual parish meeting and luncheon.

We will also elect three delegates to the Diocesan convention as well as three new vestry members. The Vestry is composed of lay leaders who are elected to three-year terms by members in good standing, who together work with the Rector to lead the parish's mission and ministry. The qualifications to stand for Vestry are outlined in the Parish Bylaws, Article 2 (see below). If you feel called by God to this ministry, please speak to Fr. Joshua or



[Parish Bylaws, Article 2.](#)

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

At the December Vestry meeting, two changes were proposed for the bylaws: change in voting rules for the annual meeting and change in the size of the Vestry.

[CLICK HERE](#) to review the proposed changes.

If you have any comments, disagreements, or other input, please see a Vestry member (a list can be found in the document above) or send an email to church@christpottstown.org.



Tuesday Evening Book/Bible Study

The Tuesday evening group, which meets at 7:30 PM, will gather together over the next six weeks for a Bible study on Ephesians. Then, as we enter into the Lenten season, the group will be discussing "The Art of Lent: A Painting a Day from Ash Wednesday to Easter," by Sister Wendy Beckett. This beautiful book takes the reader on a journey through Lent, exploring the timeless wisdom that can be found in some of the world's greatest paintings. Please join the discussion; new members are always welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Candace Woessner at cjwwjw2@verizon.net.



Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Hill School will host the annual community Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on Sunday, January 19 at 3:30 PM in their chapel. The guest speaker is the Reverend Brandon C. Harris, M.DIV - Protestant Chaplain at Georgetown University. Refreshments will immediately follow the celebration.



Parish Prayer List

Beginning Sunday, January 19, Christ Church will begin listing those in need of our corporate prayers for a thirty day period. If you would like to have a name

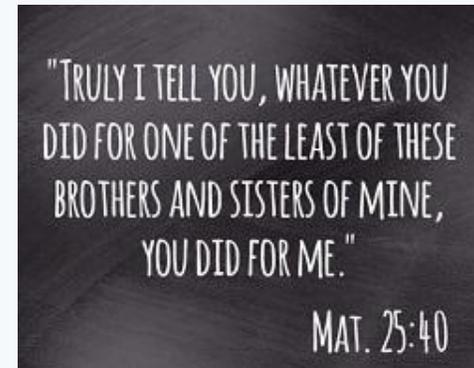
added to our parish prayers (or to remain on the list for another thirty days), email Megan at mrriefer@christpottstown.org by Wednesday, January 15.



Shelter Ministry

Thank you to all of you who provided a meal, donated a Walmart gift card, gave cash, came to sing, donated paper goods, shared the evening with our guests, and for those who prayed. We could not continue this important ministry without the generosity of all of you. Thank you and bless you.

– *Ginny Slichter, Shelter Coordinator*



6th Annual Chili Cook-off

Do you have a chili recipe you think is award winning? Let's find out if you're right!

The annual chili cook-off and basket raffle will be held on Saturday, February 15 at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Show off your cooking skills and participate in the contest, or just join us for the festivities. Sign-up sheets can be found on the church bulletin board.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The last day before the beginning of Lent is called Shrove Tuesday and our tradition at Christ Church is to offer a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Join us on February 26 from 5:00-7:00 PM as we enjoy a delicious meal of fresh-made pancakes (original, blueberry, or chocolate chip), sausage, fruit salad, and a wide variety of beverages. Donations will be accepted, no tickets needed.



Altar Flowers

Sunday, January 26 is an open date to sponsor flowers for the altar. Sponsoring flowers is a wonderful way to honor a loved one, glorify God, and beautify the altar. If interested, contact Megan at

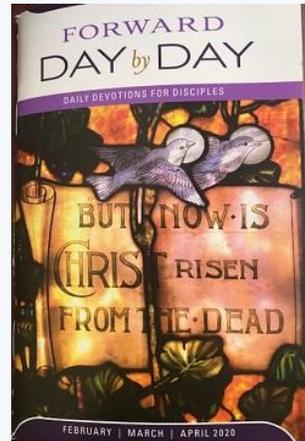
mhriefer@christpottstown.org or (610) 323-2895.



Forward Day by Day

The latest edition (February, March, April) of the Forward Day by Day booklet is available to parishioners at no charge. Booklets can be found on the tables outside the office and before entering the church. Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations, reflecting on a specific Bible passage.

English and Spanish versions are available.



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