

THE RED DOOR CHRONICLES

Christ Church Episcopal
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“...And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord,
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.”



Christ Church Episcopal February 2018



		FEB 4 Epiphany 5	FEB 11 Last Epiphany	FEB 18 Lent 1	FEB 25 Lent 2
Officiant:		Fr. O'Flynn	Fr. O'Flynn	Fr. O'Flynn	Fr. O'Flynn
Readings:		Isaiah 40:21-31 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39 Psalm 147:1-12, 21c	2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9 Psalm 50:1-6	Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15 Psalm 25:1-9	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38 Psalm 22:22-30
Lay-Reader:	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	JT Taylor Peggy Stout	Marilyn Eberly John Faure	Barb Myers Cathy Walston	Ed Myers Barbara Bridges
Lector:	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Jeanie Fischer Larry Taylor	Kathy Rose Larson Janelle Fuller	Volunteer Sharyn Curtis	Volunteer Julie Crandell
Prayer Leader:	10:00 a.m.	Marilyn Eberly	Peggy Stout	John Faure	Patty Basko
Acolyte:	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	JT Taylor Cathy Walston	Marilyn Eberly Doris Warrant	Ed Myers Jackson Reese	Barb Myers Holly Ward
Ushers:	10:00 a.m.	Doris Warrant Pat Sylvia	Tom Carlson Larry Taylor	John Faure Barbara Bridges	Bill Basko Larry Taylor
Counters:	10:00 a.m.	Doris Warrant Pat Sylvia	Don Amundson MB Bertram	Cathy Walston Marilyn Eberly	Holly Ward Jeanie Fischer

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Lent, Drawing Closer to God

It is snowing gently as I write. Not surprising for Kalispell at the end of January, but a beautiful scene nonetheless—at least as long as you are not trying to drive in it! For people in a hurry, snow is a bother. But for someone who sits back and just enjoys the vista, snowfall is calm, quiet, and refreshing.

I think the same can be said for Lent. What we get from this season of spiritual focus depends on our attitude while we go through it. Those who resist it and just charge ahead regardless can find Lent annoying. But if we relax a little, stop trying to accomplish so many things,

and go with a different focus for a while, it can be restorative.

At Christ Church we will slow down a little in our worship by using the traditional language of Rite I for Sunday Eucharist. The gentle rhythms of language first penned by Thomas Cranmer in the 16th century have a timeless quality to them. We will also be using traditional service music, and introducing a sung version of the Lord's Prayer. It is melodic and easy to pick up, and singing Jesus' words together will give them special power.

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Lent, Drawing Closer to God

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We are invited to change our focus also by making use of the Lenten coupon books, for giving to the Episcopal Development and Relief Agency. Each day makes us stop and think. For example: *Wednesday, March 14: God made all creatures great and small to complete joy in the world. For every pet you have or have loved, place a dime in the Hope Chest.* The rest are equally thought provoking. Totals for all the days of Lent are to be brought in on Easter Day.

There are extra opportunities for study and prayer. The Bible study between the services on Sunday will examine the Old Testament prophets. The Thursday evening soup and supper discussions will consider Mary Magdalene as an example for all Christians: one who became whole and healthy by following Jesus, and learned to serve God with a glad heart. Fridays at noon there will be a midweek celebration of Holy Eucharist in the chapel.

These are things we do together. They are meant to support, not replace, what we do on our own through prayer, almsgiving, and self-control. The point is not to obsess about details or beat ourselves up in self-mortification, but rather to employ time-tested means of drawing closer to God. I recommend these means; after all they come from Jesus himself.

Snowfall is like Lent in another way: it lasts for a season and then spring comes. The springtime which follows Lent is called Easter! Easter is the greatest and loveliest Christian idea. As flowers are appreciated most when snow has come and gone, Easter is never more meaningful than after a good Lent. May your season of spiritual growth be relaxed but attentive, and fruitful too.

All best wishes,

(Rev) Donnel O'Flynn

Weekly Schedule for Special Lenten Observances

Sundays 9:00 a.m. Bible study w/ Fr O'Flynn: Old Testament prophets

Thursdays 5:30 p.m. Lenten soup supper & discussion: *"Healed, How Mary-Magdalene Was Made Well"*

Fridays 10:30 a.m. Weekly Bible study

Fridays 12:00 Noon Lenten midweek Eucharist

FEBRUARY EVENTS



Nightcap for the Soul

Sunday, Feb 11th

9:00 pm

Christ Church
Episcopal



Pancake Supper

Feb 13th

Time to be
Announced

Mark your calendars!

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

Feb 4 - Jeanne Fischer

Feb 6 - Donovan Koski

Feb 7 - Nancy Faure

Feb 17 - Julie Pierrottet

Feb 23 - Fran Sommers

Feb 27 - Greg Scarff

Feb 28 - Lillian David



Anniversaries:

Feb 4 - Kurt & Carol Larson

Feb 14 - Tom & Kris Carlson

February 2018 Special Events

Feb 4

World Mission Sunday, David Curtis guest preacher

Feb 11

Nightcap For The Soul, 9:00 p.m.

Feb 13

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, time TBA

Feb 14

Ash Wednesday, Services with ashes are at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Feb 18

ERD Sunday

February 4th 2018



BURNING DRY PALMS

February 11, on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, please bring in any dry palms from last Palm Sunday to be burned in our new portable fire-pit after 10:00 a.m. services. (The palm ashes are used on Ash Wednesday.)

LENTEN SOUP DISCUSSION

Beginning Thursday, February 15th, CCE's Lenten Soup and Discussion Series will occur this year. We will read and discuss a new book entitled "Healed-- How Mary Magdalene Was Made Well."

Piano Matching-Grant

We are pleased to announce that a matching grant of \$500 has been offered for completing the purchase of the new piano.

The offer is from an anonymous member who, "Likes to hear Meghan play."

Checks written to Christ Church and marked "Piano Matching Grant," will help us take advantage of this



VESTRY MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2018

Present: John Bertram, David Reese, Jeanie Fischer, Deb Hodges, Jesse Newby, Nancy Faure, Colby Wood, Fr. Donnell O'Flynn, treasurer Sam Detwiler

Absent: Barbara Bridges, Barb Myers, Don Amundson,

The meeting began at 5:30 pm with prayer led by Fr. O'Flynn and a reflection given by Jeanie.

Minutes:

Minutes from the December meeting were read and approved by all, with one name spelling to be corrected. Deb will follow through on that.

Financial Report:

2017 – Sam noted that the 2017 financial report needs a few minor “clean-up” changes, but that it will be ready for the Annual Meeting, January 28th.

John made suggestions for reconciling a few funds that were over budget in 2017 by moving amounts from funds that had a surplus balance:

- Apply the first Credit Union dividend payment to Pledge & Plate, and the second dividend payment to the Music fund
- Move surplus from the Fundraiser fund to the Music fund
- Cover the remainder of the Music fund deficit by drawing from the Memorial fund
- Bring the General Operating fund to zero from the Savings Account, with additional from the Altar Guild fund – up to \$1000, and any remaining deficit covered by the Memorial fund.

After discussion the above was presented as a motion, seconded, and approved by all.

2018 – John reported that we have a balanced budget projected for 2018 and are “on solid ground.” Pledges received amount to \$61,804 – an increase of almost \$3000 – and more families are contributing overall. A motion was made by Jeanie to approve the 2018 budget, seconded by Colby, and approved by all.

Fr. O'Flynn expressed gratitude to those who contribute various needed items and make in-kind donations. John noted that the process for in-kind donations needs to be clarified for our parish and that the Diocese is looking at it as well. Our finance committee will look at this to be certain that our process for recording in-kind donations results in an accurate reflection of budgeted needs.

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Old Business:

- The piano fund-matching grant will be presented at Annual Meeting.
- Junior Warden: David reported that the lift repairman failed to come as scheduled so the lift is still disabled. Colby and Deb noted that this puts us out of compliance with the ADA, and David was asked to contact the same company or another one if necessary to have the lift repaired as soon as possible. John will ask the architecture committee to investigate other options since there have been numerous problems with the current lift.
- Carson Bros. performed a minor repair to the boiler inflow (approx. \$300)

New Business:

- Vestry meetings in 2018 will occur on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30.
 - Vestry orientation will be held Saturday, March 3rd, from 10:00-3:00.
 - “Valentine” social-fundraiser: David reported that this would need to happen later than mid-Feb. A Flathead HS choir and the Crown of the Continent Choir,

have agreed to participate as a fundraiser for Sparrow’s Nest. There was considerable discussion regarding the date so as not to interfere with the observance of Lent, as well as the need to keep CCE and Sparrow’s Nest fundraising separate this time since that was the understanding of the outside choirs. The Sparrow’s Nest fundraiser (tentatively called “Spring Sing”) will take place on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17th. A separate fundraiser for our piano will be planned for another date.

- David would like to see a focus on finding new sources of revenue for CCE. Fr. O’Flynn suggested that the new vestry consider this.
- New/old vestry potluck & meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 21st, at 5:30.
 - Cornerstone series: Homelessness overview on Tues., Jan. 30th, 6:30 pm with coffee & tea. Speakers will be from Sunburst Foundation, CAP, Sparrow’s Nest and Samaritan House. David made a flier and will send a press release.
 - Shrove Tuesday pancake supper: Fr. O’Flynn will contact Bill Basko about this.

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Worship Committee Minutes January 11, 2018

Attending: Jeanie Fischer, Nancy Faure, Marilyn Eberly, Father O'Flynn, Barb Myers

Review of Advent and Christmas

services: Overall, it was felt that services went well with good attendance and participation. Keeping the Advent Spirit and waiting for Christmas decorating after the third Sunday of Advent will be continued in 2018. The Fourth Sunday of Advent is Mary's Sunday and Christmas ambience fits for that service. Salvation Army tree donations went well. The Christmas Godly Play Pageant also went well at the 4:30 time. One change for the Christmas Eve service will be at the end and the singing of Silent Night. We will light candles and stay in pews while singing. Father O'Flynn will then have chance to greet congregants and visitors. There will be an Epiphany Day noon service again in the coming year.

Future Planning: The Bishop's final visit will be at the end of October and we will celebrate the feast of All Saint's on that Sunday.

The Annual meeting will be a pot luck after the 10am service on Jan. 28, and

will be a time to discuss the match challenge to defray costs for the piano.

Feb. 4 will focus on World Mission Day and St. Nicholas School. A second collection will be taken to help fund St. Nicholas School in Haiti.

Feb. 11 is Transfiguration Sunday and white vestments and incense will be used. Palms will be burned after the service for use on Ash Wednesday.

Feb. 14 is Ash Wednesday and Noon and 7pm services will be offered.

Feb. 18 is the first Sunday of Lent.

Lenten Soup Supper and discussion will be held mid-week. Discussion will focus on the book "Healed" by Very Rev. Kate Moorhead, about Mary Magdelene.

Friday Eucharist will be offered at noon during Lent, after Bible Study at 10:30.

Lenten Giving Coupons will be available.

Father O'Flynn will be working Thursday, Friday and Sunday from now on.

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- Purchase of decorative lanterns: Barb Myers had asked that the vestry consider purchasing the lanterns that were loaned to us for Christmas by Peggy Stout. Nancy requested that we have a storage plan for them prior to purchasing so that they would be accessible yet safe, and she agreed to the use of Altar Guild funds for purchasing lanterns and a storage shelf. Motion by David, seconded by John, approved by all to authorize Nancy to purchase the lanterns for \$250 and shelving up to \$100. They will be stored downstairs where choir robes used to be kept.

- Fr. O'Flynn expressed thanks and personal appreciation to Vestry members whose terms have been completed including; Barb Myers, Don Amundson, Jeanie Fischer and Deb Hodges. Jeanie presented each of this year's vestry members with a handmade beaded and silver bookmark, with thanks for their service.

Jeanie gave a brief reflection and the meeting was closed with prayer at 7:00.

Submitted by Deb Hodges

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Holy Week: is March 25-31. Maundy Thursday Agape Meal will be planned, with hopes for good attendance. Patty Basko will be asked to make the soup.

Good Friday's noon Mass will be the main service of the day, with 4:30 stations of the Cross, if Godly Play will continue to offer this.

Easter Vigil: will be at 7:30pm on Saturday, March 31. We may have a Baptism that day. We hope to improve last years service with more congregational response singing and the entrance and the Lighting of the Pascal needs to move smoother.

Easter Day services will be at 8 and 10am. There will be a sign-up for lesson readers and ministers for these services.

Next Healing Service will be on March 11 after the Sunday services and quarterly thereafter.

Training for Lay Readers, Acolytes will be held on January 13. Training for Lectors will be held on St. Patrick's Day-March 17 from 10-12. New Lectors are welcome to let Father O'Flynn know of your interest.

Worship Committee's next meeting is April 12 at 5pm. All are welcome.

Submitted by Barb Myers



YOU CAN HEAL A HURTING WORLD

From Barb Hagen, Canon for Finance and Administration, Episcopal Diocese of Montana

I have served as the Diocesan Coordinator for Episcopal Relief & Development many years and I have enjoyed every moment of my work, even when I have been stretched beyond my comfort zone. One of the most helpful aspects to me is attending the network meeting and having a chance to visit sites where our donations have been used to help heal a hurting world.

One year we went to Belize. That trip was my first trip to Central America and was a really eye opening/^{Type to enter text}heart opening experience. I was struck by the fact that when a disaster happens in a developing country there are additional challenges because they are often already in a difficult situation and don't have the resources to take care of some of the day to day items that we take for granted. I got to visit a farm and a school. At the school we were able to observe a class of deaf children learn about HIV/AIDS prevention. It was age appropriate for them and it was very interesting to see how it was handled. Having a chance to see our money in action is a powerful experience.

One year I was not able to attend the network meeting and asked for volunteers from the parish reps. Dale Smith from Holy Trinity, Troy was able to attend when the meeting was held in New Orleans, just after Hurricane Katrina.

Here is Dale's story:

Relating my experience working with ERD, standing in for Barb Hagen at a meeting in

New Orleans, LA shortly after hurricane Katrina devastated the area.

During the Winter I leave Montana and head to Florida where I attend St. Francis Episcopal Church in Lake Placid, Fl. One Sunday there was an appeal in the church bulletin to donate to ERD, with a short description of what is does. I asked the Minister if I could speak to the congregation about my experience working with ERD at the meeting I had attended in New Orleans. She was more than happy to allow me to do that during the announcements.

I was proud to relate the story of my experience, representing the Diocese of Montana at the ERD meeting in New Orleans. I told the congregation about the great folks of ERD around the country that work together to help those in need recover from devastating events like those in the aftermath of Katrina. I talked about being shown all the new homes that were being rebuilt and families that were helped with their day to day needs. I could tell that having a personal touch talking about what ERD does and more specifically relating to an actual event, meant a lot more to the congregation than just reading the short statement in the church bulletin.

I am thankful to Dale for sharing his story. Telling our stories helps us to connect with each other and with our sisters and brothers around the world. The Episcopal Relief & Development website has stories about many of the places we partner with to help heal a hurting world. Please visit the website for stories and videos and to learn more. <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

Why Do We “Pass the Peace”?

The passing of the peace is a liturgical exchange of greeting through word and gesture. It is a sign of reconciliation, love, and renewed relationships in the Christian community. Initiated by the celebrant saying, "The peace of the Lord be always with you." and followed by the people responding, "And also with you." the ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord (BCP, pp. 332, 360). Any appropriate words of greeting may be used in the exchange of peace that follows between individuals (BCP, p. 407). The gesture of greeting has been expressed in a variety of ways, including a kiss on the cheek, an embrace, a handclasp, or a bow. The peace is also known as the kiss of peace and the Pax (from the Latin, "peace").

The peace is an ancient Christian practice. It has been associated with Rom 16:16, "Greet one another with a holy kiss," and similar passages such as 1 Cor 16:20, 2 Cor 13:12, 1 Thes 5:26, and 1 Pt 5:14. The earliest references to the peace may be found in writings concerning the baptismal liturgies. After the baptism and the laying on of hands and anointing by the bishop, the newly baptized were included in the exchange of the peace for the first time. Justin Martyr indicates that during the second century the peace took place before the presentation of the gifts at the Eucharist.

"The 1979 BCP restored the peace at the Eucharist to its ancient position at the end of the liturgy of the word."

LENTEN “COUPON BOOKS”

Once again, the Lake Missoula Clericus, in partnership with the Diocese of Utah, will be producing the Lenten “Coupon Books” that are designed to help people give to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund out of the abundance of blessings which shower down upon all of us.

Using these coupons, many of which have been revised and updated, is not only fun but for forty days you will be reminded of simple blessings that might



otherwise go unnoticed.

Watch for the little Lenten coupon books to appear in the narthex. Pick one up and follow the unique suggestions found on each page. You will discover interesting facts about the abundance of blessings which shower down upon all of us while also helping our brothers and sisters in Christ through ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development). It is a WIN WIN for all of us!

Christ Church Episcopal, Kalispell, MT. Annual Meeting Minutes, January 28, 2018

The 111th Annual Meeting began at 11:45 with an opening prayer by Father Donnel O'Flynn, Rector. There were 46 voting members present, and four children.

A motion to approve the minutes of last year's meeting was made by JT Taylor, seconded by Peg Stout and approved by all. The agenda was approved by all after a motion from Romy Loran, and seconded by Don Amundson.

Elections: Nominations for new Vestry members included: Kathy Larson, Julie Crandell, David Curtis and Holly Ward for three 3 year terms, and one 2 year term. Having no further nominations, John Bertram moved that we approve the slate by acclimation; seconded by Peg Stout and approved by all. The Vestry will determine the length of terms at their next meeting. Nominations for delegates to the Diocesan Convention to be held in Polson this year included: John Bertram, MB Bertram, Don Amundson, and Pat Sylvia. After a motion to approve the slate by acclimation was made by Jeanne

Fischer; seconded by Carol Larson and approved by all.

Off-going Vestry members Deb Hodges, Jeanie Fischer, Don Amundson and Barb Myers were acknowledged for their work in the past years.

Budget: Treasurer Sam Detwiler was unable to attend, but submitted the report, which was reviewed by John Bertram. Acknowledgment was given to Jamey Loran who has acted as Treasurer and will now do the audit. John explained the cycles of budget surplus and deficit in recent years, driven by transitions in Rectors. During 2017, we remained on anticipated budget with income and expenses, despite additional costs for needed building improvements. However, the anticipated 20K deficit required use of savings and restricted funds, because it did not come in with pledge and plate offerings.

The budget for the coming 2018 year has been approved by the Vestry, with no operating deficit. Father O'Flynn has agreed to reduce his

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hours and priest package to balance the budget. The expense budget for 2018 is \$108,225, resulting in an anticipated 2K surplus.

Reports: Father O’Flynn reported that Colby Wood has been selected to be Senior Warden. Father O’Flynn’s hours will be reduced to three days per week (Thursday, Friday and Sunday), and he will be available for any pastoral emergencies. Goals for the coming year include: reviewing the tasks of the Wardens, opening discussion again about the repair/replacement of our organ, and managing the budget. He acknowledged many members in his written and verbal report for their good effort and willingness to support the work of Christ Church.

Other reports included: Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, Ministers, Worship Committee, Music, Prayer Team, Red Door Pantry, Godly Play.

The Foundation Report was given by John Bertram, who explained the changes made in our strategy of investing to a funds-based approach, managed by DA Davidson, with the

approval of the Foundation Committee. As the largest contributor to our income from interest paid, this safer investment approach should help to sustain Christ Church financially for years to come.

Kathy Larson has agreed to act as Clerk of the Vestry for the coming year. Colby Wood asked that someone volunteer to take over publishing of the weekly bulletin, as she steps into the Senior Warden role.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43pm, after a motion was offered by Don Amundson, seconded by Holly Spangler and approved by all.

The 112th annual meeting of Christ Church Episcopal will be held on **Sunday, January 27, 2019**, after the 10am service.

Submitted by: Barbara Myers

After the meeting, there was a short gathering of the Vestry, who set the date for their next meeting on **Wednesday, February 21** at 5:30 to begin with a pot luck gathering of outgoing and new Vestry members.