

THE **RED DOOR** CHRONICLES

Christ Church Episcopal

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Kalispell, MT 59901



“...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.”

OCTOBER 2017

WORSHIP SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

		OCT 1 17 Pentecost	OCT 8 18 Pentecost	OCT 15 19 Pentecost	OCT 22 20 Pentecost	OCT 29 21 Pentecost
<i>Celebrant:</i>		Fr. O'Flynn	Fr. John David	Fr. O'Flynn	Fr. O'Flynn	Fr. O'Flynn
<i>Readings:</i>		Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 Psalm 25:1-8 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-14 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13) 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18 Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46
<i>Lay-Reader:</i>	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	9 AM Service Only Marilyn Eberly	Barb Myers Barbara Bridges	Marilyn Eberly Cathy Walston	Ed Myers John Faure	9 AM Service Only Peggy Stout
<i>Lector:</i>	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	9 AM Service Only Tom Carlson	Kathy Rose Bill Basko	Jeanie Fischer David Curtis	Volunteer Larry Taylor	9 AM Service Only Don Amundson
<i>Acolyte:</i>	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	9 AM Service Only Kelly Koski	Ed Myers Jackson Reese	Marilyn Eberly Holly Ward	Barb Myers Cathy Walston	9 AM Service Only Doris Warrant
<i>Prayers</i>	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	9 AM Service Only Don Amundson	TBA Colby Wood	TBA Patty Basko	TBA John Faure	9 AM Service Only Colby Wood
<i>Ushers:</i>	10:00 a.m.	Doris Warrant Pat Sylvia	Bill Basko Volunteer	John Faure Volunteer	Larry Taylor Volunteer	Tom Carlson Barbara Bridges
<i>Counters</i>	10:00 a.m.	Doris Warrant Pat Sylvia	Cathy Walston Marilyn Eberly	Holly Ward Jeanie Fischer	MB Bertram Marilyn Eberly	Don Amundson Holly Ward

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MAKING A PUBLIC AFFIRMATION OF FAITH & COMMITMENT

"It is expected that all adult members of this Church, after appropriate instruction, will have made a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism." (Canons of the Episcopal Church)

I have long understood that these words from the official rulebook of the Episcopal Church impose an obligation on me. As priest-in-charge of a congregation, it has been my responsibility to encourage the making of "mature public affirmations of faith and commitment," and especially by members of the congregation

who have not previously made one.

Such an affirmation usually means going through the rite of Confirmation. In the Episcopal Church, Confirmation consists of standing in front of the Bishop on a Sunday morning, and reaffirming out loud two key points about baptism: the person's renunciation of evil, and their commitment to Jesus Christ. (See the Prayer Book, page 415 for details). It takes only a few minutes, it passes quickly, and usually there are others standing nearby saying the same things, so it doesn't sound so bad on the face of it.

Still, it can be awkward. I well remember a parishioner in a previous parish, whom I invited to make such a public affirmation. He wrote back a very stiff letter stating that he felt no need to undergo any such ceremony! He was offended by my invitation. He was saying (I think) that I had no right to stand in judgment of his relationship with God, or imply that it was somehow incomplete. Our relationship was chilly for some time afterwards. If his wife had not been a committed Sunday school teacher, I think he would have dropped out

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entirely. So I get it that not everyone will be pleased to find out that “it is expected” that they “will have made” a public affirmation of their faith and commitment.

Still, with a date now fixed for the next visit of our diocesan Bishop—December 17—I feel the weight of my responsibility to try to encourage “mature public affirmations of faith and commitment.” It is in the context of such visits, and the possible use of the rite of Confirmation and Reception—which only a Bishop can perform—that Episcopalians make these affirmations. So it is time to start making plans.

Let me begin by saying why I think our church “expects” an adult affirmation of faith and commitment. It goes back to the earliest days of Christianity, and the deepest stratum of following Jesus. During his earthly ministry, Jesus often called upon his followers to say out loud whether they were with him or not. “Who do you say that I am?” he once asked his disciples. Later, in the early church, the saying-out-loud became a central element in baptism. Thus on the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection, Peter was asked by those to whom he preached: “What should we do?” He answered, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ.” (Acts 2: 37-38). Baptism always included a moment in which the person being baptized stated out loud that he or she did indeed turn from evil to Christ.

Thus a mature affirmation of faith and commitment is of the essence of Christianity. Those say it out loud are in a different place than those who never have. They have heard themselves say it, and are less apt to forget it. Their level of engagement is higher, and the

support they receive from others who have also taken the plunge is more personal and warm.

The problem is that over time, baptism usually became a matter for infants, who are not able to speak out loud. This means that unless some other opportunity exists, many adults will never experience the bracing effects that result from saying out loud in public what one deeply believes. The rites of Confirmation developed, in part, in response to the need to create such opportunities. They are the way most adults have, to clearly and firmly sign on to the agenda of Jesus.

If I could talk again to my friend from a previous congregation, I would say that I am not at all standing in judgment on his relationship to God. I simply want to draw to his attention the advantages that millions of Christians have found, by saying out loud what they believe in their hearts, and receiving the blessing of the Church for living out their commitment. It isn't I who is asking him to consider so doing; it isn't the Bishop; it is not the Episcopal Church; ultimately it is Christ who asks each of us that simple question: “Who do you say that I am?” *Confirmation* is the method the Episcopal Church has developed to answer for one's self, as a mature believer.

For those who have already made a mature affirmation in another denomination, but now wish to affiliate at Christ Church, there is a related expectation: that you will be Received by the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church. This is how someone “becomes Episcopal.” Although this commitment to “being Episcopal” is secondary to being a committed Christian, it is still worth doing.

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IMPORTANT OCTOBER EVENTS

October 1

- ONE SERVICE at 9AM, followed by organ discussion.
- Godly Play also meets at 9AM.
- St Francis Day Blessing of the Animals, 11AM. (Special St Francis medals will be given out for every pet who comes to church!)

October 6-8

- Diocese of Montana Convention in Helena. Please keep all the clergy and lay delegates in your prayers, especially CCE's John and MB Bertram, Pat Sylvia, and Don Amundson.
- (Fr. John David is celebrant and preacher at both services at CCE.)

October 8

Nightcap for the Soul, 9PM

October 14

Monthly healing service, Saturday at 4:30 PM

October 18

Holy Day, St Luke. Holy Eucharist at Noon in the chapel.

October 23

Holy Day, St. James of Jerusalem. Holy Eucharist at Noon in the chapel.

October 27

Holy Day, St Simon and St Jude. Holy Eucharist at Noon in the chapel.

October 29

Fifth-Sunday potluck brunch follows ONE SERVICE at 9AM.



BIRTHDAYS

Tony Pierrottet - 1
 Carol Larson - 9
 Patty Basko - 16
 Mayleen Hoover - 18
 Larry Taylor - 18
 Kristine Stanfield - 20
 Kyle Hawley - 20
 Tasha Felton - 20
 Maarten Fischer - 23
 Jeanne Grace - 24
 Lisa Poler - 25
 Issac Bertram - 25
 Kurt Larson - 27

ANNIVERSARY

Greg & Peg Scarf - 6

RED DOOR PANTRY

The Red Door Pantry has been seeing an increase in numbers as Fall sets in. If you would like to help out with this ministry, here are a few suggestions...Chili, Peanut butter, Canned fruit and veggies, Crackers, Money and/or PRAYERS.

The people coming often have such need and gratitude that it continues to be a vital way to share Christ's love. Your participation through donations keeps it all working.



NIGHTCAP

FOR THE

SOUL

Sunday,

Oct 8th

9:00 PM

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There is even the possibility that someone who has previously been confirmed or received, might want to make a new public commitment as part of a new burst of enthusiasm for Christian living. There is no "expectation" about this option—it would just be energizing to do! For anyone who is interested in getting energized in this way, the Prayer Book has a rite called Reaffirmation.

These three options all appear in the Prayer Book on pages 418-419.

In practical terms, what all this means is that I hereby invite every adult at Christ Church to consider making a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment on December 17. This could mean:

-- *Baptism*, if you have never been baptized

-- *Confirmation* if you have already been baptized but never confirmed

-- *Reception* if you have already been confirmed in another church

-- *Reaffirmation* if you have already been confirmed or received but want to renew your commitment in a special way and receive the church's blessing afresh

Each situation is unique so it will take a little research to find out who is in which category. In principle, every adult in the congregation falls into one of them and is eligible to participate on December 17. This being the case, during the month of October I will put out a sign-up sheet to find out who wants to accept the invitation. All are welcome! During November, I will offer "appropriate instruction" for all who wish to prepare (in the words of I Timothy 6:12) to make "the good Confession in the presence of many witnesses." Then, on the third Sunday of Advent, just before Christmas, with God's blessing, we'll do it!

All best wishes in Christ,

(Rev) Donnel O'Flynn

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

This Sunday, October 1st, is the Sunday nearest the festival of St. Francis of Assisi. Thus, this Sunday, October 1st, Christ Church Episcopal will celebrate St. Francis' love of God's creatures with the Blessing of the Animals at 11 AM, following our worship at the ONLY SERVICE at 9:00 AM. (There will be no 8 AM or 10 AM services on October 1st.)

Bring your dogs, cats, fish, birds or other creatures with you, appropriately leashed or caged, etc., to ensure they will not engage in arguments with one another! Each 'animal' will receive a personalized blessing plus a special St. Francis medal.



HELP NEEDED

A local family with two small children needs a little help.

A refrigerator, washer, and dryer would all come in handy.

Please see Fr O'Flynn or call the church at 257-6182.

VESTRY MINUTES - SEPT 21, 2017

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL, Kalispell

Vestry Minutes Sept. 21, 2017

Present: A Quorum, including: Nancy Faure, Deb Hodges, Colby Wood, Jesse Newby, Don Amundson, David Reese, Sam Detweiler, Jeannie Fischer, Barbara Myers, Rev. Donnel O'Flynn **Absent:** John Bertram and Barbara Bridges

With group intercessions and a reflection by Nancy, the meeting began at 5:30pm.

REPORTS:

Clerk: Minutes of the August 17 meeting were read and, with a motion by Don, seconded by Jeanne, were approved by all.

Treasurer: Sam asked if our account signature changes are completed. Father O'Flynn has given minutes and authorizations to our account services, and will check further. Review of the financial report and discussion included optimism that the next four months pledge and plate income should increase, with current expenses identified as right on line with budget, and income below budget.

Piano: Fundraising efforts (quilt keys sale and wine auction in Fall) continue to help to pay for the cost of the piano purchase from Glacier Symphony, and costs of moving and tuning. The quilt raffle has raised \$1100 so far, and is continuing. Tuning has been completed at the cost of \$315. Don moved that we use Memorial Funds to cover piano costs as needed. This was seconded by Jeannie and approved by all. Barb moved that we offer \$2500 to purchase the piano, seconded by Dave and approved by a vote of 7 to 1

Junior Warden: Dave reported that toilets in the women's restroom in Griffith's Hall have been fixed, the old music room downstairs has been cleaned and repaired and ready for use with a board covering the sump pump. The freezer in Dickey Hall will be sold. Items needing attention include: lighting in courtyard, snow breaks installed on the roof of Dickey Hall, and improvements to Dickey Hall.

Senior Warden: Jeannie reports that we have given out 68 visitor bags as of Sept. 5. Greeting pamphlets are printed and in pews. St. Francis medals have been purchased and will be given out at the pet blessing on Oct. 1. Jeanne will order some prayer magnets for Stewardship Campaign on Nov. 26.

Rector: Father O'Flynn reported on the success of the Swan float outing, with more family fun opportunities to come. Godly Play and Safeguarding training on Sept. 16 by Rev. Wren Blessing, were well-attended and received. Vestry members must have completed Safeguarding training, which can be done on line. He felt that the book signing and Holy Cross Day services went well. More Armenian music was suggested for next year. Fr. O'Flynn has posted pictures on Facebook. He is happy the Bishop heartily approved this service after reading his book, and has high hopes it can be included in the Book of Common Prayer someday.

The Music School Project: Continues to be an idea to develop for CCE. Clare Weiks will not be doing her lessons here. Checking on insurance issues, we are covered if the event is a ministry of CCE. Not for profit ventures are also covered. For profit ventures must purchase their own insurance. Building contracts need to be signed for usage through Fr. O'Flynn.

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“Hunger in the Flathead:” The workshop was attended by Fr. O’Flynn and Nancy. Survey demographics were reviewed and showed that 1 in 5 children in Montana are “food insecure”. Could we help sign people up for SNAP program as an expansion of ministry? Intercessory prayer workshop is this Saturday, Sept. 23 from 10-noon.

Father O’Flynn will be on vacation Nov 8-18. Fr. Bill Baumgarten will celebrate at 8 & 10am services on Nov. 12.

Old Business:

CCE’s Building Use Agreement: For outside organizations and groups has been downloaded from the Diocesan website and is on file in our office and available for use. The fee will be set by Father O’Flynn as a “We welcome a contribution.”

Bishop Brookhart’s visit: will be on Dec. 17, planning and preparations ahead.

New Business:

Piano Accompanist: work agreement was reviewed and approved with a motion from Jeanne, seconded by Don and approved by all. (It should be noted that Deb exited the meeting during this discussion and voting, as her daughter, Meghan is accompanist).

Sexton job description: is being written and revised by Father O’Flynn. Duties will be clarified and coordination with Jr. Warden will be expected. Father O’Flynn will meet with PJ Taylor for this discussion.

Dickey Hall: has been cleaned and prepared for new paint, floor covering and new upstairs bathroom fixtures. Dave moved that we begin

these upgrades and approve the expense of \$2000 from the building improvement fund. This motion was seconded by Colby and approved by all.

St. Nicholas account: Father O’Flynn asked us to consider adopting the school of St. Nicholas in Haiti as a parish project. If we adopt this school, funds could be donated through CCE’s non-profit status and sent to the school for ongoing needs. (St. Nicholas operates on a budget of \$3000 per year and has been given support by Father Donnel and Janet O’Flynn.) We could celebrate this ministry on Dec. 6—St. Nicholas’ feast day. Don offered a motion that we adopt St. Nicholas School as a parish project. This was seconded by Deb and approved by all.

Christmas Caroling: this year will be on either Dec. 17 or 23, and planning will be finalized at our October meeting.

Announcements:

St. Michael and all Angels Holy Day—noon service on September 29

Combined 9am Service on Oct. 1—pet blessing and organ discussion afterwards

Diocesan Convention—October 7 & 8—Father John David, celebrant at services

Healing Service—October 14, 4:30pm

St. Luke’s Holy Day—noon service on October 18

Next Vestry meeting—October 19, 5:30pm—Barb will offer reflection

After a reflection by Nancy, the meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Submitted by: Barb Myers

PIPE-ORGAN DISCUSSION

The long-running discussion how to be good stewards of a gift from previous generations of Christ Church members picks up steam on October 1. The pipe organ is now, for practical purposes, unplayable—according to those who have tried it recently. The only reason we still hear organ music on Sundays is that Craig Hodges has ingeniously figured a way to download hymns from the internet and play them through our loudspeakers. While this ingenuity has taken a lot of the pressure off, as has the purchase of a very nice used piano, it doesn't answer the basic question, what to do with our historic pipe organ?

Craig and other musically skilled individuals have been exploring our options. (The other members of the committee are Julie Crandell, Mike Rivers, and Junior Warden Dave Reese). The vestry and I have asked them to review all that are plausible. This is to ensure that we are systematic and don't overlook anything. The initial report came to the Vestry in August, at which time it was felt that it was important to explain the choices to the congregation as a whole. After all, unless the congregation fully supports whatever plan is settled on, it has little chance of success. Full transparency of shared information is the only way to go.

Accordingly all are invited to a presentation following the 9AM service on October 1. Craig is preparing a handout with the various choices and will discuss their pros and cons. Questions and comments from members are invited. After this discussion we will see where we stand. The vestry meets again on October 19 and will resume their deliberations. It is an important discussion, but as explained above, there is no particular urgency. We can take our time and make a good decision. Thanks to all our members and friends, for your participation.

By C. Emery Walston

Is anyone considering implementing a GoFundMe account to raise funds for CCE's unique pipe-organ? Does a GoFundMe account seem like begging? We would only be asking for help to restore and preserve an elegant piece of history and musicology. Those who contribute to that cause will be saving a unique bit of living, musical history for the enjoyment of generations to come.

Pipe Dreams

Once upon a time there was an old, two-story church in downtown Loveland that nearly fell into complete ruin. Architecturally it was quite similar to Christ Church, but was built out of wood instead of stone, so was susceptible to the temperature extremes of Colorado. The church door was awry and standing ajar, so one day I parked my car and ventured inside. As I gazed up through a gaping hole in the roof, a glint of something bright and sparkly caught my eye. I was stunned, after studying that sparkly thing in the dusty darkness, to discover it was attached to an enormous, old pipe-organ in the second-story, choir loft of the church. (Sound familiar?)

Undoubtedly, acquiring a pipe-organ was a major expense for the original congregation of that church. History tells us it was 'built' and shipped from the east coast to the tiny, little farm town of Loveland, Colorado about 150 years ago. It was probably shipped via rail to Cheyenne, WY, but must have lovingly traveled the 75 miles from Cheyenne to Loveland via horse-drawn wagon.

That weatherbeaten old church was ultimately purchased by a 'famous' sculptor, who rehab-ed it for his studio and residence. I have no idea what finally happened to the old pipe-organ but I am very glad it provided me a glimpse into its past.

Preserving our past enables us to appreciate our present and plan for our future. I don't believe inviting interested others to help restore and preserve CCE's unique pipe-organ is begging. It is simply forming a partnership with other musicians and historians to quilt the past into the future.

(Oops! Just fell off my soapbox.)

Editor's note: The following Vestry Minutes from September 11, 2016 (one year ago), are included in this issue to remind us of the continuous commitment to the best interests of CCE that underline each and every decision made on our behalf by our dedicated Vestry members. Thank you, CCE Vestry!

VESTRY MINUTES - SEPT 11, 2016

September 11, 2016

Present: Carol Larson, Tom Carlson, Pat Sylvia, Deb Hodges, Marilyn Eberly, Jackie Jung, Nancy Faure, Father O'Flynn, Barb Myers

After opening prayer, each member present introduced themselves and their ministry work in recent months and years supporting worship at CCE. Father O'Flynn discussed his experiences and interests with worship. He said: "This should be a life-giving experience. Worship has that power."

Fr. O'Flynn would like to make 3 changes in the rubrics (stage direction) of our worship services:

1. We will sit for the Psalm, as it is part of the readings.
2. Following the Dismissal, we will say only, "Thanks be to God." No "Alleluia" follows those four words, except during Easter. Note: the "Alleluia" is only said from Easter Vigil to Pentecost. We will save it for Eastertide. (See BCP, page 408.)
3. Consecrated Elements remaining following the Eucharist, will either be saved in the Ambry for ministry to the sick and/or homebound, or consumed by the priest or worship leaders. Altar Guild will consume anything left.

One or Two Services: Members present suggested thoughts, feelings, and ideas about the scheduling of our Sunday Worship Services. Ideas shared include:

1. One service at 9 a.m. or one service at 10 a.m.
2. Two services, one at 9 a.m. and another at 11 a.m.
3. A Morning and an Evening service
4. Continuing the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services

Recommendation: The committee recommends that a process begin to explore changes to the time of Sunday services. The Vestry will receive these minutes with the request from this committee that they initiate a process for collaborative discussion about this change, with consideration to the needs of the congregation and Godly Play.

Reverence requested before Worship services: Members present request more attention to reverence and quiet prayer upon entering the church, saving fellowship for after the service.

Substitute Celebrants: Are needed on October 9th (Diocesan Convention) and October 23rd (Parish Retreat at Camp Marshall), to enable Fr. O'Flynn to participate in these events. Rev. John David (231-740-7924 or jsdavid2@hotmail.com) and Rev. Bill Baumgarten (752-3514 or bill4baumg@gmail.com), have been willing to substitute through the summer.

Parish Retreat: Is scheduled for October 21-23. John Bertram, Deb Hodges, and Tom Carlson volunteer to assist Fr. O'Flynn in planning this retreat.

Submitted by: Barb Myers



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