

THE RED DOOR CHRONICLES

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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.”



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		APR 1 Easter Day	APR 8 2 Easter	APR 15 3 Easter	APR 22 4 Easter	APR 29 5 Easter
Celebrant:		Fr. O'Flynn	Fr. O'Flynn	Fr. O'Flynn	Fr. O'Flynn	Fr. O'Flynn
Readings:		Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:1-18	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:24-30 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8
Lay-Reader:	8:00. 10:00	Barb Myers Peggy Stout	J.T. Taylor Marilyn Eberly	Ed Myers Barbara Bridges	J.T. Taylor Cathy Walston	Peggy Stout John Faure
Lector:	8:00. 10:00	Volunteer David Curtis	Volunteer Larry Taylor	Kathy Fisher Larson Janelle Fuller	Volunteer Sharyn Curtis	Jeanie Fischer Julie Crandell
Prayer:	10:00	Patty Basko	Peggy Stout	Cathy Walston	Don Amundson	Colby Wood
Acolyte:	8:00. 10:00	Ed Myers Jackson Reese Cathy Walston	J.T. Taylor Doris Warrant	Barb Myers Holly Ward	J.T. Taylor Jackson Reese	Peggy Stout Cathy Walston
Ushers:	10:00	Doris Warrant Pat Sylvia	Larry Taylor John Faure	Bill Basko Tom Carlson	Barb Bridges Larry Taylor	John Faure Volunteer
Counters:	10:00	Doris Warrant Pat Sylvia	Marilyn Eberly Don Amundson	Holly Ward Cathy Walston	Don Amundson Jeannie Fischer	MB Bertram Holly Ward

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Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

John 20:1-18

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Keeping The Easter Spirit Alive

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia!—the triumphant cry of Easter, hope, and resurrection! Shouting out these words after a long Lenten slog always feels just wonderful, and there is nothing that quite compares with it. Though I am writing before Easter Day I am positive that the celebrations at Christ Church will be beautiful and full of joy. Before I say anything else then, let me give my warmest thanks to everyone who helped make it so—which is pretty each everyone, when you think

how many things go into making our services happen. So: thanks everyone—may the joy of Easter be yours for

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the whole fifty days of our season—alleluia, alleluia!

What usually seems to happen almost at once, however, after Easter Day, is that congregations that have been putting all sorts of business on hold suddenly have to deal with them again. “O, let’s think about that after Easter,” I often find myself saying during Lent. Well, now it is after Easter, and quite a pile of things await our attention, as you’ll see in the schedule of special events for the month of April.

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Easter Spirit

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How to feel about this list of pressing demands? One possibility is to feel discouraged, and say how nice it would be if we could go back to that one care-free day of Easter. Or for that matter, back to the 40 days of Lent with their insistent spiritual focus, which is so hard to maintain afterwards. But that would be like the attitude of the wandering Hebrews, who after being freed from slavery in Egypt kept wishing they could go back to Egypt, where life was easier. (At least they thought it was). No, we

have been raised with Christ, so we should accept our new life in Christ, and really be Easter people in all that we do. No turning back!

Easter people bring the mental attitude of freedom and new life right into all the busy-ness of daily life. For starters that means just trusting that with God there is always newness and hope. If God raised Jesus rose from the dead, we can say to one another, then surely God will also be with us (to take just one example) on Spring Clean-Up Day on April 22! Easter



people would focus on the joy and a delight it is to be raking and trimming with sisters and brothers in Christ, beautifying the church, beneath the warm sun of spring!

Applying the same kind of optimism in all that we do would make us Easter people in truth. At least, we can try. Many blessings then to one and all, as once again we try on our resurrection wings, to take flight in the risen life of Jesus. Alleluia, alleluia, indeed!

Rev Donnel O'Flynn+

Nightcap for the Soul

Sunday, April 8th, 9 p.m.

Christ Church Episcopal



Special Events in April

April 1
Easter Day!
Alleluia! Alleluia!



April 13
Worship Committee
5 PM

April 7
New Creation taskforce
9-11 AM

April 14
CCE Organ Discussion
following 10 AM service

April 7 & 8
Painting in Griffith's Hall
**(Fellowship time following worship on
Sunday, April 8, is cancelled
due to painting)*

April 17-20
Fr. O'Flynn at Montana
Diocesan Conference

April 8
Interfaith Peace Service
Gateway Community Mall
5-6 PM

April 22
Spring Clean-up Day
"Many hands make light worke"

April 8
Nightcap for the Soul
9 PM

April 26
CCE hosts Feeding the Flathead



April 29
Fifth Sunday Potluck
Fr. O'Flynn leads clergy conference in South Carolina
Fr. Baumgarten, preacher and celebrant at Christ Church Episcopal



Gun Violence

Episcopal House of Bishops, meeting in retreat, accepts statement on gun violence

March 7, 2018

The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church are meeting in retreat at Camp Allen in Navasota, TX. On March 7, the House of Bishops unanimously accepted the following statement on gun violence:

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live.”
(Deuteronomy 30:19)

At this critical moment young people of the United States are inviting us to turn away from the nightmare of gun violence to the dream of choosing life. The young people of Parkland, Florida are calling for elected officials to:

- ban the sale of assault weapons

- prohibit the sale of high capacity magazines

- close loopholes in background checks (<https://marchforourlivespetition.com>)

Others are seeking to:

- ban the sale of bump stocks
- raise the age to 21 years to purchase firearms
- challenge the National Rifle Association to support safe gun legislation.

We, the bishops of The Episcopal Church, wholeheartedly support and join with the youth in this call to action.

At the same time, we acknowledge that black and brown youth have continuously challenged the United States to address the gun violence that they and their communities are experiencing. We repent that, as bishops, we have failed to heed their call.

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An Invitation to a New Creation

I'm writing with an invitation. I would like some help.

The help I am asking for is of a sort I've never sought before, and is kind of difficult to explain, but I'll try: I'd like help creating a template of how a Christian community could (if it chose) make a particular understanding of the Christian life be the guide for all that it does. The particular understanding I have in mind comes from St. Paul's words, "*A new creation is everything.*" (Galatians 6:15) What would it look like if a congregation intentionally lived as what we might call a *New Creation Congregation*?

I've thought a lot about Paul's expression. He uses the phrase "new creation" only twice in his letters. However little by little I have come to believe they may nevertheless be the key that unlocks his whole theology. Even more, I believe they could well be the basis for a complete vision of Christian life in community. But how exactly? What would it mean for a congregation's worship, for its teaching, for its service in the world, if the idea that in Christ we are in a new creation guides all that we do? Suppose a Christian community wanted to try it? What would should they do? What's the plan of action?

Although these questions interest me very much I've come to realize I cannot answer

them alone. Whatever the *new creation* is, it is something shared by many. Figuring out how to live in it must be a group effort. Therefore I'm inviting anyone who wants to help think about these things to join me on three Saturday mornings in April: the 7th, 14th, and 21st, from 9AM to 11AM in Griffiths Hall. At these meetings I'll explain the project further, discuss the scriptural backgrounds etc, and see where it all goes.

Ideally this working group would prepare a report. The report could be used by any congregation that wanted to consider becoming a New Creation Congregation. It would be up to any congregation (including CCE Kalispell) to choose whether it wanted to do any such thing. I am not asking CCE Kalispell to choose to do this. (Perhaps though after the report is available the vestry will hear about it and be intrigued!) But for now, the object really is just to create a template that any parish could use.

So—I said it would difficult to explain and maybe I've achieved that goal. In any event the invitation is out there, and I look forward to meeting with anyone who wants to participate. Thanks for the help, yours faithfully,

(Rev) Donnel O'Flynn

Sexual Harassment

Episcopal House of Bishops meeting accepts statement on sexual harassment, gender bias

March 7, 2018

The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church are meeting in retreat at Camp Allen in Navasota, TX. During the March 7 session, the bishops unanimously accepted the following statement on sexual harassment, gender-based violence, and gender bias and inequity.

This is the first time the House of Bishops has met as a body since the #MeToo movement began last fall, bringing to light the reality of sexual harassment, gender-based violence, and the cultural stronghold of gender bias and inequity. We continue our own work of reconciliation within our branch of God's Church, honoring what we have learned and accomplished, as well as acknowledging the distance we still must travel. Reconciliation is the long work of healing offered by the

Spirit, made possible by grace, which requires our truth-telling and repentance.

Many of us have experienced sexual harassment and perhaps sexual violence. Bishops who are women know the "me-too" experience. Some bishops who are men know it as well. We live with different experiences of the cultural endowment of power. We know the Church has fallen short of our responsibility to listen and respond. In this time of heightened awareness it is with greater intention that we now invite the church to a deeper examination of what God intends for our relationships.

This work will take courage. As many women and men bravely come forward to speak the truth of their experience, courageous men and women will listen, where appropriate repent, and take an

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An Interfaith Service

Early last year a few local Christian clergy began meeting informally with the rabbi of the Jewish congregation in Whitefish, after that community had been attacked online and in other public ways. The whole situation in Whitefish gained national attention, especially when a group of white supremacists made noises about a protest march there. The clergy effort was a simple outreach among colleagues, to try to understand what it is like to be a religious leader in such circumstances, and to give personal support.

Later, in November 2017, following the church-shooting incident in Texas, in which 26 were killed during worship, another small group of local clergy got together. Their goal was to think and pray about how they, as religious leaders, should respond. Again, the aim

was personal sharing and support, a chance to lament together and seek a higher vision grounded in faith.

Eventually these two groups found one another and began talking in a combined way. They didn't wish to become just one more organized group or faction in an already polarized society. However, they did feel a responsibility to offer some kind of spiritual leadership in

the Flathead valley. From this simple and somewhat amorphous ambition arose the idea of having an interfaith peace service, and this will bear fruit in an event from 5-6 PM on

Sunday April 8, 2018. So that it will not be identified with any one spiritual tradition, the service

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Gun Violence

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As bishops we commit to following the youth of the United States in their prophetic leadership. To that end we will observe a day of Lament and Action on March 14, one month to the day after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. (Bishops United Against Gun Violence: <http://bishopsagainstgunviolence.org>)

We pledge ourselves, and we invite our dioceses, to participate in the “March for our Lives” on March 24 in

Washington DC and in cities and towns across the United States. We recognize the urgency of this moment and we recommit to working for safe gun legislation as our church has called for in multiple General Convention resolutions (https://episcopalarchives.org/cgi-bin/acts/acts_topic_search.pl?topic=Gun+Control.) In addition, we pledge ourselves to bring the values of the gospel to bear on a society that increasingly glorifies violence and trivializes the sacredness of every human life.

We will walk with the youth of the United States today and into the future in choosing life.

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active role in repairing the brokenness, working to change the culture of our church.

We will offer a listening process in an open meeting at General Convention to hear more fully the stories of those who have been victims of sexual harassment and violence in the church. The date and time is July 4, 5:15 pm to 7:00 pm in the House of Bishops convention meeting space. The design of this process is being

developed. Further details will be posted via social media and through Episcopal news outlets.

Together women and men can form partnerships for reconciliation. We seek a more faithful, just and holy life together. We welcome the Spirit’s renewing work among us as we seek faithfully to walk in the way of Jesus.

House of Bishops, Spring, 2018

Note: Methods for submitting information to the listening process will be announced shortly.



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will be in a neutral public space: the Gathering room at Gateway West Community Center (formerly known as the Gateway mall). All are invited, and the CCE vestry has accepted the invitation to be listed as a co-sponsor.

The event begins with a social time over coffee and cookies. Then a series of songs and prayers from a number of spiritual traditions will be offered. Their common theme is

a desire for our better natures to shine forth, based on a peaceful vision of humanity's purpose. It is not associated with any other political movement. I personally have not been one of the main organizers of the event but I am happy to participate and invite all our members to join me.

To attend, enter at the north end of the Gateway West complex, i.e. the farthest from Route 2. The only way in on a Sunday is the C entrance, and the Gathering Room is just inside to the left in room 26. The space is overseen by the United Way, who have been gracious in offering it.

Fr O'Flynn



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| Mark Norley Apr 5 | Marilyn Taylor Apr 14 |
| Ed Eberly Apr 5 | Jeni Scarff Apr 14 |
| Sierra Crandell Apr 6 | Gwen Biggar Apr 22 |
| Terri Franchi Apr 6 | J.T. Taylor Apr 27 |
| Garrison Reese Apr 9 | Bill Fischer Apr 27 |

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Jesus Loves You

