Holy Week Special Activities

**Palm Sunday**
- **10:00 AM** - Fold your own palm cross, hold an at home triumphal entry procession. Join our livestream on facebook
- **11:30 AM** - Join the coffee hour on zoom

**Compline Services** - Evenings - 7:30 PM
- Saturday - Chris Galagan
- Palm Sunday - Chris Galagan
- Monday - Mary Caucutt
- Tuesday - Douglas Sunderland
- Wednesday - Warren Murphy

**Maundy Thursday** At Home Agape Meal and Footwashing.
- **6:00 PM** - Pick up your pack of lamb for home worship using our order of service.
- **8:30 PM** - Stripping of the Altar
- **9:00 PM** - The Watch - Thursday evening, join us for an hour of silent prayer during the night.

**Good Friday Service**
- **12:00 PM** Livestream on Facebook

**Easter Sunday**
- **10:00 AM** - Easter Eucharist
- **10:00 AM** - Easter for Children from the little Church, available to view on the website [christchurchcody.org](http://christchurchcody.org)
- **11:30-1:00 PM** - Digital Easter Brunch. Please accept our Zoom invitation to share your Easter table fellowship with Christ Church friends and neighbors.

Click on the links/icons to take you to the broadcasts!
Dear Parish Family;

How blessed we are.

I invite us all to begin each in thanksgiving and praise for God’s presence with us as we navigate uncharted waters. I am thankful that Jesus is in the boat, calming our storms. I am thankful that you all are making your presence known to one another in the boat as well. I am thankful for all the great folks in our community, who in the face of challenge, risk, and loss, are picking up the mantle of leadership.

Our needs are great.

In a time of daily changes, even small bumps in the road grow large. I invite us all to move through our days in a rhythm of prayer, action, and rest. Spend some time each day offering intercession for those you love, for your neighbors nearby and far away, and for those who cause you grief. Let your prayer lead you to action on behalf of the world. Let your action lead to rest, rest in God’s love for you and the world, rest in God’s eternal changeless-ness.

Holy Week

As I write this, our Worship Committee is considering how best to lead us through our Holy Week journey through Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection. And I am reminded of the Eucharistic Commemoration of the Dead, “For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.” Holy Week and many other things in our lives are now changed. As we travel this road together may we remember as faithful people that though life is changed, change is simply a gateway to new life.

May we be given patience to endure with hope, and may we find peace and joy in the unusual gifts of this time.

In Christ, Mary

Covid 19 Stewardship

In absence of an offering plate we have established a platform for online giving. Go to our website christchurchcody.org, click on the tab for Online Giving and follow the instructions. Alternatively, you can mail your donations to Christ Episcopal Church at P.O. Box 1718. Thank you!

Many thanks to all of you whose generous gifts power the mission and ministry of Christ Church.

As of February 28th, 2019, 16% of the year completed, our financial statement is as follows.

**Pledged Income** – Year to date $21,546.00. This is 9% of the budgeted amount of $228,000.00 for monies pledged.  
**Total Income** - Year to date $86,020.13. This is 24% of the total budgeted amount of $360,150.00.  
**Expenses** through the month of February totaled $67,862.77. This is 18% of the total budgeted amount of

ESC Update

We are moving along in establishing an Episcopal Service Corps program in Cody whereby young adults would live at Thomas the Apostle Center starting in August 2021. Nancy Fees is working on securing placement sites for corps members to “work” in the area. The TAC board has committed to housing the corps members, and start-up funding has been received from the Foundation of the Diocese as well as Christ Church Endowment. The focus of our program in Cody will be “Sacred Ground” as spiritual formation will revolve around our relationship with the earth. The application to the national church office is due June 1 and we anticipate an on-site visit for final approval sometime after that. Stay tuned!
A Deacon’s Journey

The Great Emptiness

There is a very powerful scene in the movie Les Miserables that comes after the revolution. It depicts a bombed-out room where just hours ago eager and determined young men talked about the future. Marius is sitting alone at the cafe, knowing he is the only one to survive. He sings of regret and reminisces the loss of his friends.

“Phantom faces at the windows.
Phantom shadows on the floor.
Empty chairs at empty tables
Where my friends will meet no more.”

We’ve all experienced a great emptiness this past month. Empty shelves in the grocery stores, empty streets, empty restaurants, empty hallways and classrooms, empty stadiums, empty workplaces, and a great emptiness evident in our pews. There is something hollow and mysterious when conducting services to an empty church building...phantom faces in the places where we saw them once before.

Emptiness of emotion is a difficult one to describe. It is that feeling you have not just when you are tired, but when you have given it everything you’ve got. Nothing remains, but it may not be from fatigue. When you feel empty, it’s like a piece of your soul is missing.

This month we celebrate the emptiness of a tomb. What a strange time in our world to celebrate emptiness! I cannot imagine the feelings the women who came to tend to Jesus’ body must have felt at seeing that great emptiness.

But the Bible tells us that it is only in emptying ourselves that we can be truly filled. There must be death before resurrection. We must give it everything we’ve got before we make enough room for God to step in. The Compline services I have been offering on Saturday and Sunday evenings is a service of emptying at the close of day. The confession, the readings, and the prayers become our reminders that our own great emptiness will be filled with something much better than we could ever imagine.

Think of the joy we will feel when grocery shelves are once again full, the streets of town are packed with shoppers, hallways and classrooms are ringing with children’s voices, crowds flock stadiums, restaurants, and public places. Will we remember in the months and years to come what this great emptiness felt like, or will it be a forgotten memory?

How will we choose to fill the empty spaces in our lives? Will we make room for the resurrected Christ, or will we fill it with earthly things that can fill a shelf one day, and be gone the next? It is only when we are most empty and vulnerable can the greatest things happen in our lives. I look forward to hearing how God has filled your great emptiness!

Amen. The Rev. Chris Galagan

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Hands and Hearts Sewing Ministry

**Blankets for Babies** - Kits are available if you are feeling cooped up with little to do. Contact the church office, and we will see that you get some.

**Freedom Quilts** - The store in South Dakota that we work through for our Freedom Quilt distribution had a massive fire in February. The owners are struggling to rebuild their online business, while also settling into a new home, as they lived in the store’s upstairs apartment. They plan to continue to distribute Freedom Quilts, but currently do not have resources to supply new kits, or a place to store quilts that are already made. I have been in contact with them, and will let you know when we can order more quilt kits, and when they will be able to receive the ones we recently blessed. Keep them in your prayers, please, as the owners of HeartSongs Quilts rebuild their lives and livelihoods. (see news release on page 7)

**Final Salute Quilts** - The hospice wing of Cheyenne’s VA hospital is putting a hold on accepting their Final Salute Quilts until the threat of COVID-19 has passed. I will keep you posted on when we can once again send these quilts to them.
Food 4 Kids

Last month brought some new challenges for Food 4 Kids. The needs magnified exponentially with the closing of schools, and we emptied our shelves, scrambling to find enough hearty food to fill over 300 bags. Then, our major supplier, Albertsons, ran into some serious snags when it came to getting items we needed. Distribution points and times changed, as we followed the free school lunch program to offer our food for the weekends, so volunteer needs shifted to meet those needs. Bagging procedures changed to accommodate the directives of social distancing, while still having enough people to fill the bags.

People continue to ask how they can help. Here are some things we need (in prioritized order):

1. Cans of hearty soup or canned ravioli, spaghetti-os, or stew
2. Boxes of Macaroni and Cheese or Ramen Noodle packets
3. Granola bars, fruit snacks, sandwich crackers
4. Shopping bags, doubled-bagged if possible (we like to reuse plastic grocery bags)

We’re still doing ok financially, but if you wish to make a donation, please send it to Food 4 Kids, c/o First Presbyterian Church, 2025 23rd Street, Cody

Our biggest need right now is food, and our supplier isn’t able to fill that need. No amount of money will put food on our shelves if the stores can’t order enough for us. However, many people, giving in small amounts can make a huge difference.

Thank you! The Rev. Chris Galagan
Kids Korner

Kids’ Corner for Parents and Kids and all of our Peeps – April 2020!

Message: There is so much digital input right now. But one of those messages seemed particularly apt: HOME TIME IS HOLY TIME. Our kids will remember this very unusual time in their lives. Hopefully, there are some resources here that will help us create and enjoy this time with one another. Please don’t forget that even though we are separate, our prayers braid together. Let’s hold ourselves together most dearly right now, as God holds us all in those wonderful, Almighty hands.

To start your day: Posted daily, these Ideas work with Daily Scripture readings, and have been curated by teams of educators. These are pretty fun. Start by pushing the highlighted scripture for the day, which will lead you to Bible Gateway. Then push back through the buttons for activities. I hope this will be a great add to your new daily routine: Click here

For Quiet: List of breathing prayers to color: Click here

Outside: We can get outside! Grab your colored sidewalk chalk and leave some inspirational messages around town as you walk. Tiffani created a big tub by the education wing door with packets for everyone. There are activities AND colored chalk in the baggies. Please grab one. We’ll keep putting new materials in the tub each Saturday. Both the labyrinth and the stations of the cross trail are open at Thomas the Apostle Center.

Story Time: Stories read by our astronauts – pick the story you would like to hear and escape to the sky: Click Here

A Family Project: If you are stuck at home and looking for a way to entertain yourself or your family, join us in a community art project. We are inviting the people of our church to create a cardboard cutout of yourself and symbolically fill our pews. Though we have limited our opportunities for corporate worship, our church doors remain open during the week for personal prayer. Spend some time at home designing and decorating your cardboard cutout (a waist up representation will sit best in the pew). Then, drop by the church, say a prayer, and leave your best cardboard self. Leave the cutout outside the front doors between the benches and the building and they will be brought in and placed in a pew. (Idea filched from St. Paul’s in Fayetteville, Arkansas)

ANOTHER FAMILY PROJECT: Place a blank family tree on your dinner table. Fill it with a story each day of someone in your family who exemplified a trait someone has been thinking about on this day. Our kids NEED our stories. This is a chance to give them their roots.

At the End of the Day: Close your day with compline. A beautiful online addition has just been made available for FREE from Church Publishing. Put it on your biggest screen just before bedtime: Click Here

And for little ones, here are some encouraging words found by Deb Blanchard. You may want to listen to: Talking to Kids about Coronavirus - Click Here

Hugs, Nancy
Sacred Ground Spiritual Growth Group

A Thoughtful and Open Conversation on Race and Faith

Digital Meeting Date and Time TBA

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America’s history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

Sacred Ground is part of Becoming Beloved Community, The Episcopal Church’s long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all, and especially designed to help white people talk with other white people. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day— all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love.

If you are interested, please email mcaucutt@christchurchcody.org. We will set up the ten sessions based on the scheduling needs of those who wish to join the group. If you are interested in exploring this study, or have questions, please visit the Presiding Bishop’s page https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground

Rooted and Grounded in Love

A study of the book of Ephesians

Sunday Mornings at 9:00

April 19 – June 28

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/524950112

Paul’s letter to the Ephesians offers us an opportunity to read, study, and reflect on insights into what God has accomplished for the entire world in the person of Christ and what it means for us to grow into the full stature of Christ in the midst of a culture that tempts us to worship many idols and ideologies that are not of God. Ephesians beckons us to consider our role as Christians in the global community that God loves and for which Christ died.

Each week we will watch a portion of the video and then have time to discuss what we saw. Please join our spring Sunday morning study!

Third Thursdays at Christ Church

“Living our Faith”

Postponed until May 21st

Picnic on the Lawn with Kyle Pasewark

Theology, Law, and the Spiritual Life

February 21, 2019

6:00—7:00 pm

Christ Church Parish Lawn

Bring your own picnic, drinks provided

Sacred Ground Spiritual Growth Group

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Digital Meeting Date and Time TBA
Hopefully you all have downloaded your Christ Church E-Directory!!!
www.instantchurchdirectory.com

Access Christ Church’s e-directory on your phone, tablet or computer. You will be able to access the directory information from wherever you are.

Do not forget to contact the church office if you have any change to your phone number, address or email.

- DIRECTORY Sign-in Directions are available through Jill Carow or the church office.

CHANGES IN PHONE NUMBERS, ADDRESSES AND EMAILS ARE MORE IMPORTANT IN THIS TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A CALL FROM “THE CHRIST CHURCH CALLING TREE”, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO UPDATED PHONE NUMBER.

The Fellowship Store
If you need a store item during this time of Social Distancing please contact Jill Carow or the church office, we will see that items gets to you safely.

Jill Carow: 899-2823, mjcarow64@gmail.com

Fellowship Ministry wishes you all peace and health!
You are invited to stay connected by continued church services through Facebook, Christ Church Cody
or www.christchurchcody.org

If you need help with facebook live contact Chris Galagan 527-6692 or Nancy Fees 272-3706

An update from Heart Song Quilts/Freedom Quilts
We are still running the Freedom Quilt program. We’ve given out close to 300 kits, and have received back a little less than 200 of them. That means that there are still around 100 Freedom Quilts in process. You can send them to us at our new home which we are renting from our pastor who retired a couple of months ago.

The address: 1431 University Ave, Hot Springs, SD 57747

We still have the same email address: brian@heartsongquilts.com If you have questions, just drop us an email.

We don’t have kits at this point since they were all burned in the fire. We are thinking about our way forward which might or might not involve ordering more fabrics. We’ll keep you informed on that.

The need for quilts is as great as ever. With the quarantine, we have seen that pornography usage has increased dramatically. Pornography feeds the human trafficking industry. We expect an increase in trafficking. Sally from fightingagainsttrafficking.org continues to get calls from community and state organizations asking her to investigate and speak about traffickers who recruit and groom in our high schools and other community activities.

Also, the quarantine has made it difficult to find places for rescued women and men to be sheltered at. Keep these people in your prayers as they are a forgotten part of our culture. They are in danger as well.

Again, keep sending your quilts.
April Birthdays

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If you notice that either your or someone else’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church (587-3849) office to get your name on the list.
Altar Flower Donations may be given on any Sunday throughout the year. We ask a donation of $15 per request, payable to St. Anne’s Altar Guild. Please provide the information below along with your payment which can be placed in the Altar Guild Mailbox in the Church office, or mailed to Christ Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 1718 Cody, WY. 82414. If you have questions regarding a memorial, celebration, or thanksgiving, please contact Deborah Blanchard at 307-899-4459.

Altar Flowers Given By:
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For Which Sunday?_______________________

One Time Only?  Yes ☐ No ☐

Automatic Annual Renewal? Yes ☐ No ☐

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April Memorials

Altar flowers for the month of April are given:
by Bill Garlow in thanksgiving for the life of Dorothy Garlow;

by Jill Carow in thanksgiving for the lives of my grandparents, Bertha and John H. Stafford, Sr., and James and Lillie Molloy, and my parents, Peg and John H. Stafford, Jr.;

by Margo Wilkinson in celebration of Ann Wilkinson Smith's Birthday;

by Jerry and Jim Hager in celebration of Brian Hogg’s Birthday;

by Catharine Reinitz in thanksgiving for the lives of my father Dodds Buchanan and The Rev. Daphne Buchanan Grimes

by Jay and Connie Moody in thanksgiving for the lives of Brooks and Huldah Borron, and Harold Sperry;

by Rusty Collie in In celebration of the birthdays of Tim, Rick, and Jill


by Jerry Laine Hager in celebration of Brian Hogg’s birthday by his grandparents, Jim and Jerry Hager.

Easter Lily Donations

We ask a donation of at least $15.00 per request payable to St. Anne’s Altar Guild. Please provide the information below along with your payment and mail to the church office. If you have any questions regarding a memorial, celebration or thanksgiving, please contact Deb Blanchard at 307-899-4459

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**Sundays at Christ Church Cody**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM - Adult Ed

10:00 Holy Eucharist

11:00 Rite 13

Please check the following schedule for special events on Sundays.