

CHRIST CHURCH EPISTLE

May 18, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

AT CHRIST CHURCH

Graduates! Elizabeth Wagner and Annabelle Vosmeier are graduating this spring. We will have special coffee hours on the 28th of May (honoring Elizabeth) and the 4th of June (honoring Annabelle).

Memorial Day: We will remember those who have died in service to our country on Sunday, May 28. Bring photos!

Pentecost Sunday is coming soon! Wear Red on June 4! And if you have any foreign language skills, please volunteer to read Acts 2:1-4 as part of a "many tongues" Pentecost experience!

Mark your calendar!

Bp Jennifer will join us for the Ulster Evensong service on Wednesday, July 19.

IN MADISON

The Madison Performing Arts

The Foundation is pleased to present *Voces Novae* chamber choir in concert on **Sunday, May 21, at 4:00 p.m.** at Calvary Baptist Church. The concert is free, and the public is warmly invited to attend.

IN THE DIOCESE

Seeking a diocesan coordinator for Episcopal Relief and Development outreach. (p.3).

Ecumenical Symposium "Building for a New Tomorrow" July 8, Indianapolis (p.3)

Thy Kingdom Come – A global prayer for hearts to find God. (p.4)

Serving Sundays at 10:00

May 21 Easter VI:

Vestry: Karen Scroggin; *Chalice:* Elizabeth Wagner; *Lessons:* Nancy Watson; *Prayers:* Barb Kiffmeyer; *Greeters:* Fred Scroggin & Cindy Armstrong

May 28 Easter VII: Memorial Day

Vestry: Dave Sloane; *Chalice:* Matt Vosmeier; *Lessons:* Alice Jane Smith; *Prayers:* Aaron Lynch; *Greeters:* Karen & Richard Dickie

Altar Guild in May: Jacquie Grimes, Carolyn Gunter, Deb Wickham

The Lectionary

May 21 (Easter VI)

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 28 (Easter VII)

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10,33-36; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Coffee Hour

May 21: Nina Alcorn.

May 28: Katharine & Elizabeth Wagner.

Things to Note

During the month of May we continue our **food drive** for the Jefferson County **House of Hope Food Pantry**. *At this time the Pantry could use condiments and/or baby items such as wipes, baby food or cereal.* Boxes are placed in the back of the church for your donations. Deb Bunton represents Christ Church as Secretary on the Board of Directors and Volunteer Coordinator at the House of Hope. Please contact Deb with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Waynick Center for Youth Formation And Camping

At the request of Bishop Cate, in honor of her twenty years of service to the diocese, gifts are being collected for a Waycross project in support of youth ministry. Please click these [two sites](#) for the details.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM.
In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact your vestry rep and/or Mother Evelyn.

Our website: <http://cecmadison.org>
Office Phone: 812-265-2158

Thank YOU!

Garden Weed and Work Day

We want to thank everyone who came on Saturday, May 6, and all who have continued to work in the garden since then to clean up and plant for the summer season. It is looking beautiful!

New Candle-lighters



Warm thanks to Darryl and Winnie Smith for their donation of a new pair of beautiful brass candle-lighters for the church. These were dedicated at the 8:00 service on Sunday, May 7.

Vestry Clerk

Thank you, Jacquie Grimes, for agreeing to be our new vestry clerk! And thank you to Barb Kiffmeyer for stepping up as interim. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

What a Wonderful Job the men (and a few women) did for coffee hour on Sunday, the 14th! We commend them for working together to honor all the mothers in our families! Thank you!

Vestry Meeting

At the meeting on Tuesday, May 16, Vestry finalized plans for its retreat (Saturday, May 20). We will be looking at “Building Strong Leadership Teams” and “Vision and Strategic Thinking.” Vestry also:

- Agreed to host “Longest Day Vespers” on Wednesday, June 21, to help raise Alzheimer’s Awareness. We will make this the focus of our usual Evensong service.
- Accepted a parishioner’s offer of funds to replace the church carpet, with the work to follow repairs to the floor as needed.
- Agreed to move excess cash holdings to a Diocesan special fund, which will increase our interest earnings.

From the Rector

We’re winding down Easter Season; and as soon as we get past Pentecost Sunday, I will stop chanting the Eucharistic Prayer intro (the “sursum corda” or “Lift your hearts”) again. It’s been fun!

One of the things of which I have taken particular notice this Eastertide has been the Scriptural emphasis on death and resurrection. I don’t remember being struck so strongly by this focus in prior years, but I am trying to look farther ahead in the lectionary readings than I usually find time to do, and I see this coming up again and again.

We only read the *Book of Acts* during Easter Season, on Epiphany, and on a few particular Feast Days. This means we skip a whole lot of the book – and since this is the earliest history of the church, that’s a shame. So... as I look ahead to actually offering Bible Study again, the next class will be on the entire Book of Acts.

I would like to offer two sessions – one would reclaim the 10:30 Monday morning timeslot we had previously (until my fall last year); the other will be held in the evenings – the choices are Tuesdays (except Vestry meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month), and Thursdays. *Please let me know which night works better for you!*

Classes will start on Monday, June 5.

Now, I don’t have to tell you that our country is in turmoil – with accusations of illegal activity, questionable activity, cover-ups, over-looks, and leaks at the highest levels – and now a “special counsel.” Please remember that our call is to “Love God and Love Neighbor. We may not agree about politics, or social issues, or much of anything, but we are all ONE IN CHRIST. No matter what. Always and forever. And do please pray for the Nation! Thank you.

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the mist of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 824)

THE DIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS

EXCITING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—DIOCESAN COORDINATOR FOR EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT (ERD)



Do you have a heart for connecting mission challenges and partnership opportunities, locally and globally? Do you have a desire to help keep our diocese educated and informed about the work of Episcopal Relief and Development and how others can connect with this critical work through their prayers, gifts, and other types of assistance?

Are you interested in monitoring needs in our own diocese and serving with ERD in education and response efforts?

Want to know more? Check out www.episcopalrelief.org and get in touch with [Kathy Copas](#) to learn more.

ATTEND THE REGIONAL BUILDING FOR A NEW TOMORROW SYMPOSIUM

Our diocesan members have been invited to attend the upcoming **Now What? A Conference on Reimagining Our Buildings, Our Mission, Our Leadership** on July 8 in Indianapolis.

It is an ecumenical gathering sponsored by the building funds of The Episcopal Church, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church, and United Church of Christ and is designed so participants will leave with practical ideas, resources, and plans of action for their congregations.

In 2010 the Episcopal Church Building Fund (ECBF) launched national conferences called Buildings for a New Tomorrow (BFNT) to assist Episcopal congregations, dioceses, and church affiliated entities in finding new and innovative ways to use their buildings in response to changing times, needs, and culture. In 2016, ECBF shared this highly successful brainchild with ecumenical partners to more effectively present joint regional conferences while multiplying the resources available to participants at a lower cost with the Now What? conferences. Buildings for a New Tomorrow still will be held as a multi-day national event every few years, with Now What? being held annually on a regional level.

This year's Now What? conference is being hosted by ecumenical partner the Disciples of Christ in Indianapolis.

For more information, to see video highlights from the October, 2016 Now What? event, and to register, visit www.disciplescef.org/ or call 800.274.1883.

Share this information with the folks of your parish. The cost is \$75 per person with a special rate of \$199 for 3 people from a single congregation.

If you have questions. please contact:

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If you would like to attend this conference, please call the office!

THE WIDER CHURCH

Thy Kingdom Come: Episcopal Church joins Worldwide Anglican Communion campaign calling for prayer | May 4, 2017 |

[Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs press release]

The Episcopal Church has joined the worldwide Anglican Communion in Thy Kingdom Come, a campaign initiated by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby calling for prayer by individuals, congregations and families.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to *pray between Ascension Day (May 25) and Pentecost (June 4)* for more people to come to know Jesus.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will lead the *Thy Kingdom Come* video messages on May 25.

#Pledge2Pray kicks off on May 25; sign up to participate:

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/thy-kingdom-come> or
<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

After pledging to pray, be a part of the Let the Light shine social media campaign by posting a photo or video holding a candle or tealight, and pledging to pray. <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Episcopal Church releases ‘Becoming Beloved Community’ guide for racial reconciliation efforts | May 3, 2017 |

[*Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs press release*] Following a year of listening, consulting and reflection, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and House of Deputies President the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings and officers of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies are inviting Episcopalians to study and commit to using “Becoming Beloved Community: The Episcopal Church’s Long-term Commitment to Racial Healing, Reconciliation and Justice.”

The full document is available **here**:

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/becoming_beloved_community_commitment_and_plan_1.pdf

“You’re not looking at a set of programs,” Presiding Bishop Curry explained. “You’re looking at a path for how we, as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, can more fully and prayerfully embody the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus in our relationships with each other. Look at the scriptures, at Christian history. There is no doubt that Beloved Community, healing, justice and reconciliation are at the heart of Jesus’ movement in this world.”

The “Becoming Beloved Community” vision emerges as a direct response to General Convention Resolution C019 (“[Establish Response to Systemic Injustice](#)”). The comprehensive commitment – which the Church’s top leaders crafted in partnership with the Presiding Bishop’s staff, key leaders, networks and organizations dedicated to racial reconciliation – links new initiatives with existing, ongoing work and seeks to support and amplify local, regional, provincial and churchwide network efforts.

Leaders say “Becoming Beloved Community” is designed as a strategic path through distinct phases that lead to personal and structural transformation:

1. **Telling the Truth about the Church and Race**, via a census to determine church demographics and a Racial Justice Audit to study the impact of racism on the Church's leadership, organizations and bodies.
2. **Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community**, via a series of regional public listening and learning engagements, starting with a partnership at Washington National Cathedral.
3. **Practicing the Way of Love**, via a churchwide Beloved Community story-sharing campaign, multilingual and multigenerational formation and training, pilgrimages and liturgical resources.
4. **Repairing the Breach in Institutions and Society**, via advocacy for criminal justice reform, re-entry collaboratives shaped by people moving from prison back to community, and partnership with Saint Augustine's University and Voorhees College (the historically black university and college associated with the Episcopal Church).

More Info

For more information contact Heidi Kim, staff officer for racial reconciliation, hkim@episcopalchurch.org, 206-399-7771; the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, canon to the presiding bishop for evangelism, reconciliation and creation, spellers@episcopalchurch.org, 212-716-6086; or the Rev. Charles "Chuck" Wynder, staff officer for social justice and advocacy engagement, cwynder@episcopalchurch.org, 646-584-8112.

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**MADISON
ART CLUB**

HART!
Helping Artists Thrive!

An exciting new 'mentership'
program for local artists!

- ✓ Exhibit/sales space at Art On Main
- ✓ Feedback, training & support from experienced artists
- ✓ Real-world experience in art gallery operations
- ✓ Build relationships in the local creative community

Application deadline: May 26, 2017

Space is limited. Information & applications available at
Art On Main, 309 W Main St, Madison, IN 47250
Email: artclub.madison.in@gmail.com or at madisonartclub.com
The Madison Art Club is a 501(3)non-profit organization, founded in 1949.

Great Events in the Great Outdoors

- 3/22 Frog Day at Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge
 - 3/25 Frogs, Salamanders, and Fossils at Versailles State Park
 - 3/25 *Fossils Rock! at Clifty Falls S.P.
 - 4/1 *Caring for the Birds with Heritage Trail Conservancy
 - 4/1 Stargazing at Versailles State Park
 - 4/15 Work Day + Nature Walk at OHC's Webster Woods Preserve
 - 4/21 *Birding Tour of Big Oaks NWR
 - 4/22 *Earth Day Pedal & Picnic at Clifty Falls State Park
 - 4/23 Earth Day Clean Up at Versailles State Park
 - 5/3 *Next Indiana Campfire: Hike + Literature at Hanover College
 - 5/6 *Spring Wildflower Walk at Versailles State Park
 - 5/12 & 13 OHC Native Tree Give Away Greensburg & Batesville Farmer's Markets
 - 5/20 Explore OHC's Tribbett Woods Nature Preserve
 - 5/21 *OHC Canoe Trip to Dedicate Leblone Woods Nature Preserve
 - 6/3 Hike OHC's New Trail at Hall-Carmer Wetlands Preserve
 - 6/3 *Trail Clean-up at Versailles S.P.
 - 6/9-11 *Tales of Scales at Clifty Falls S.P.
 - 6/10 *Outdoor Women at Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge
 - 7/6 Outdoor Kids' Sensory Day at the Greensburg Library
 - 7/8 Take a Kid Fishing at Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge
- *Fee or RSVP required. Details at host's website or on our event calendar at: www.oakheritageconservancy.org**

