



Christ Episcopal Church

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The Clarion

The Messenger of Good News

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St. Cecilia Choir's Unforgettable Journey to Washington, D.C.

After months of planning, fundraising, and eager anticipation, the St. Cecilia Choir's trip to Washington, D.C., was nothing short of extraordinary! Our young choristers represented Christ Episcopal Church with grace, talent, and enthusiasm, making memories that will last a lifetime.

From the moment we arrived in our nation's capital, the excitement was palpable. The choir had the incredible opportunity to sing in breathtaking spaces (including the National Cathedral, Holocaust Museum, WWII Memorial, and George Washington's Mount Vernon Wreath Laying), experience the rich history of D.C., and bond as a group in new and meaningful ways. Whether it was standing in awe of the National Cathedral's grandeur, exploring the Smithsonian museums, or simply sharing laughter over meals, every moment was special.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the incredible support of our church community. From generous donors to prayerful well-wishers, from those who attended our fundraisers to those who cheered us on from afar—this trip was a success because of you. Your belief in the power of music and the importance of nurturing young voices has made a profound impact, and we are forever grateful.

Since returning home, our hearts are full, our voices stronger, and our appreciation for this congregation deeper than ever. Thank you for making this dream a reality and for continuing to support the growth of our children's formation and music ministry here at Christ Episcopal Church.

*With gratitude and joy,
The St. Cecilia Choir*



Online Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning live at 10 a.m.
on our Facebook and YouTube Channel
(search Christ Church Springfield, MO)

In-Person Worship

Sunday Morning Holy Eucharist Rite I at
8 a.m. and Rite II at 10 a.m.

Thursday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II
at 5:30 p.m. (with Healing Service the last
Thursday of the month)

Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
(Closed for lunch 12 p.m.-1 p.m.)



Tenebrae:

April 16, at 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday:

April 17, at 7 p.m.

Good Friday:

April 18, at noon and 7 p.m.

Great Vigil of Easter:

April 19, at 7 p.m.

Sunday of the Resurrection:

April 20, at 8 and 10 a.m. Flowering
of the Cross at 9 a.m. Easter Egg
hunt to follow after the 10 a.m.
service.

To know Christ and to make Christ known.



If you would like to order an Easter Lily in remembrance of, or to honor someone, please write the sentiment you want included in the insert for Easter Sunday. Write a check (*the donation amount is your choice*) payable to *Christ Church* and write "Easter Lily" on the memo line. **Place it in the offering plate with this form, email your name and sentiment to frontoffice@christepiscopalchurch.com, or leave them in the church office in the designated bin.** After Easter, the lilies will be taken to our homebound parishioners and to those who are ill. **The last day for requests will be Monday, April 14.**

(Please Print Clearly)

Your Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Sentiment: _____

Ordination of Bishop-elect Amy Dafler Meaux



Scan Here for more
information!

On May 3, 2025, Bishop-elect Amy Dafler Meaux will be ordained as the IX Bishop of The Diocese of West Missouri. The service will be held at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City at 10 a.m., with overflow seating available in Founders' Hall. The Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe will administer Communion in Founders' Hall. After the service there will be a reception. If you registered, don't forget to attend!

New Bishop Welcome Reception

Join The Diocese of West Missouri here at Christ Episcopal Church at 11 a.m. on May 10 for a reception celebrating Bishop-elect Amy Dafler Meaux's ordination. Food and refreshments will be provided. [Scan the QR code to register by May 1.](#) We hope to see you there!



New Bishop Reception
Registration

April Outreach: Safe to Sleep

The April Red Bag focus is Safe to Sleep. Safe to Sleep is an overnight women's shelter managed by the Council of Churches & currently located at Pathways United Methodist Church.

Safe to Sleep has asked for the following items:

- **Ground Coffee – regular & decaf**
- **Dry cereal / pop tarts / oatmeal packs**
- **Dry coffee creamer**
- **Bus passes**
- **Mr Clean Multi Surface Cleaner**
- **Deodorant**
- **Sugar**



Currently Christ Episcopal Church provides meals to Safe to Sleep for about 30 women the first Tuesday of every month. We have openings for anyone interested to provide meals between June & December. If you are interested in providing a meal or getting involved please contact Edith Van Hoesen at edithvanhoesen@gmail.com or 417-496-2974.

Here are our available dates.

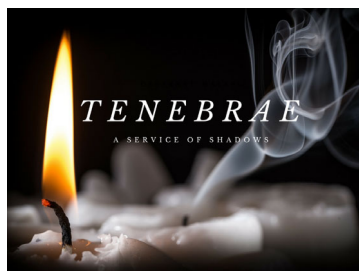
- **Tuesday June 3rd**
- **Tuesday July 1st**
- **Tuesday August 5th**
- **Tuesday September 2nd**
- **Tuesday October 7th**
- **Tuesday November 4th**
- **Tuesday December 2nd**



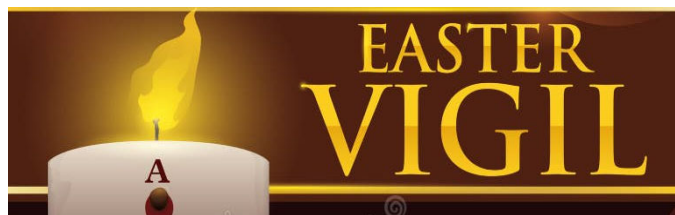
You can cook the meal at home or in the church kitchen. Foil pans are available at the church. Food cost can be reimbursed if requested. Make it fun, get a team together.



✿ Palm Sunday ✿



What is "Tenebrae"? Tenebrae, or "Shadows," is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service (30 to 40 minutes in length) and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ using a variety of reading from the psalms, other Old Testament readings, as well as several from other sources. It is a meaningful prelude to the Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter.



The Great Vigil of Easter is perhaps the most important celebration of Holy Eucharist that we share in the Christian year. This year, the Easter Vigil service at Christ Church will take place in the garden at 7 p.m. on Holy Saturday (April 19th). All major parts of the service will be represented, although many of them in abbreviated form. We'll have refreshments (beer, wine, soda, etc) and hors d'oeuvres to share. Come celebrate this moment with your fellow Christ Church disciples, and help us to make this a night to remember.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Jim Ferguson | 15 Catherine Cockrill |
| 2 Tim Conner | 16 Vivian Brothers |
| 2 Pfifer Duerkop | 17 Frances Johnson |
| 4 Mary Stamatis | 17 Jeff Tynes |
| 5 Brian Riedy | 18 Caleb McNew |
| 5 David Christiano | 18 Jill Patterson |
| 5 Dee Vincel | 19 Jan Goforth |
| 5 Gemma McElvaine | 20 Joseph Machatschek |
| 5 Letita Vankleeck | 20 Ian Loyd |
| 5 Beth Wilkinson | 20 Lynn Tynes |
| 6 Pam Anderson | 22 George Timson |
| 6 Barrett Smith | 22 Brett Larsen |
| 8 Robert Murray | 22 Phyllis Patterson |
| 8 Campbell Ollis | 22 Debra Howell- |
| 8 Noah Hammock | Middlemas |
| 9 Emilie Bridges | 22 Kason Davis-Campbell |
| 10 Vanessa Rahmeyer | 23 Betsy Kassab-Taylor |
| 12 Kim Chaffin | 24 Susan Craig |
| 12 Walker Tynes | 24 Elizabeth Johnson |
| 12 Susan Rice | 27 Aiden Woodruff |
| 12 Suzanne Thomas | 28 Lexi McNew |
| 12 James Doherty | 29 Tom Mangan |
| 13 Martha Chaney | 29 Maxwell Johnson |
| 14 Susan Milne | 29 Charles McFarland |
| 14 Theresa Robertson | 30 Madeleine Miller |



Join the 30 Plus or Minus group for an Easter Week Mead Tasting! The event will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 26th at the home of Neal and Tess Adamson (located 516 S Airwood Ave, Springfield) and will feature three mead flavors: coffee, traditional, and cherry. The celebration will go into the evening, so come by whenever you can! We look forward to celebrating Easter with an evening of fellowship.



Join us for coffee and treats on Saturday, April 12th from 9-11 a.m. at Big Momma's (located at 217 E Commerical Street, Springfield). Hope to see you all there! Contact Mary Ellison at maryellison@sbcglobal.net if you have questions.



Stay tuned in to Christ Church announcements and emails for information on the Men's Fellowship evening for April! See you then!

Our New Director of Children's Ministries: Meet Val!

I'm Valerie Paulette, wife of Jeffrey Paulette and mom to Will Paulette. I've been attending Christ Church with Jeff since we met almost 15 years ago. I was raised Catholic in St. Louis and even went to 12 years of Catholic school. When I moved to Springfield for college in 1999, I didn't realize I'd never leave. I graduated with a degree in Psychology in 2003, worked for a year, and then returned to school to get a Post Baccalaureate Elementary Teaching Certificate. After teaching for two years, I went back to school once again to get my Masters degree in Administration. I taught 6th grade for ten years in Branson, MO before having Will, and then decided staying at home with him was more important. Since he's started school I went back to work part time for Parents as Teachers in Springfield Public Schools. I also started substitute teaching at Rountree Elementary where Will goes to school. Teaching and working with children is obviously a passion of mine, which started at the early age of 16 when I began teaching ice skating lessons. Where and how I teach has evolved over the years, and has now led me to working with children at Christ Church. I'm so excited for this new opportunity and can't wait to grow in my faith while making new connections with the families here at Christ Church.



Vestry 2025

Kris Wolford, *Sr. Warden*

Kenny Ross, *Jr. Warden*

Julia Taylor, *Secretary*

Kathy Alexander

Austin Boyland

Jenny Edwards

Ben Fisher

Nancy Hopkins

Mary Luke

Evelyn Mangan

Frank Miller

Kathy Sheppard

Staff

The Rev. Joe Behen, *Rector*

The Rev. Katherine Mansfield,

Associate Rector

Mary Christiano, *Handbell Choir Director*

Franz Ginsberg, *Director of Operations*

Jennifer Hendrickson, *Director of Finance*

Raisa Hurtado-Netzer,

Office and Communications Coordinator

Kenny Kabak,

Director of Music and Youth Ministries

Tom Killingsworth, *Treasurer*

Val Paulette, *Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Catherine Thapa, *Organist*

Will Rohrer, *Sexton*

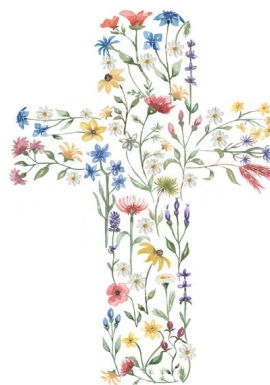
Shannon Wilson, *Nursery*

Stephanie Stolle, *Nursery*

Mary Ellen Chiles, *Nursery*



There will be a children's Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday following the 10 a.m. service in the garden. Kids 5 and under will hunt in the garden area and kids ages 6-11 will hunt out front on the lawn. If you forget your Easter basket we will have extras available. We hope your little ones are able to join us!



Flowering of the Cross

On Easter Sunday, all children are invited to flower the cross beginning at 9:30 a.m. outside the parish hall doors. Any kids who wish to can then carry the cross in with the processional. The flowering of the cross represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter; from meditation on Jesus's death to joyful celebration of his resurrection. Covered with fresh, living flowers, the cross reminds us of the continuing presence of Christ today.



The Church Book Club meets in the church library at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. The book for April is "The Edge" by David Baldacci. In May we will be reading "Fire Weather" by John Valiant. June's book will be "Amalia's Tale" by David Ketzer. We'll read "Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead in July, and then finish out the summer months with "The Rent Collector" by Cameron Wright in August. Please join us (even if you haven't finished the book).



Cinco de Mayo Party

Garden guild will host a Cinco de Mayo Eve party on Sunday, May 4th in the garden from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Come enjoy sangria, margaritas and yummy Mexican dishes; not just chips and dips. There will be festive décor, so come celebrate!

Geraniums and Zinnias

Garden guild will sell geraniums and zinnias again this spring! They are still \$6.00 for a four inch pot. We will preorder during the month of April and ask for your order to be filled by April 21. Make checks to Christ Church and put "garden guild" in memo. Flowers will be available for pick up on Saturday, May 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the church garden. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin boards. Reach out to Kathy Sheppard at kathysheppard1950@gmail.com with questions.



Garden Guild Meeting

Garden Guild will meet on Thursday, April 24th at 12:00 p.m. in the church library. This is a lively group that enjoys digging in the dirt and creating beauty outside within our church grounds. Please come join us! Reach out to Kathy at kathysheppard1950@gmail.com with questions.



Next to New is accepting your gently loved hats, caps, belts, scarves, jewelry, wallets, purses, and tote bags. Spring and summer clothing is currently welcome as well! Come see us Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Questions? Please call 417-862-7708. Many thanks for your continued enthusiastic support.

