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Following God: A 153 Year Heritage of Risk and Faith

Diving into swirling water and rising up in an underwater cave, Bear Grylls (star of *Running Wild* on National Geographic) and Armie Hammer (actor) struggle through huge, unexpected swells of water, to throw a rope ladder up an interior air hole in the cave. They are carrying heavy scuba diving gear on their backs, which they have to cache underwater to be picked up later, because they are too heavy to carry up the ladder. With tremendous effort the ladder is thrown up the stone side of the air hole and latches into place. Bear and Armie climb up the ladder and skimmy through a small opening out of the cave. They are on a small cliff top in Sardinia for a day of adventure. In an interview with Bear he admits that some of the show is staged and pre-planned, but much of it is responding to the moment in real life. The challenges the actors and other stars face are real. They face their fears climbing up or down cliff shears, navigating glaciers, facing crocodiles in mangroves, and other real challenges of nature. There's also a crew with them filming the adventure, and even they face the same challenges, only with assistance. Each episode reveals the capacity of people to manage their fears and navigate tremendous challenges. There are funny moments, and tender moments as people tell their stories. In the end everyone feels enlivened because they have faced their fears and risen to the challenges before them. It helps that Bear Grylls is there to encourage them along.

Lately I have been rereading the history of Christ Church from the 100th anniversary book, *A Christian Heritage*. I'm intrigued by the struggle that this church faced in the early years of Dearborn as both the town and the church tried to thrive. Dearborn was a rural farming community, and difficult to get too. The first Episcopal presence recorded in Dearborn is a worship service held in 1835 by William Lyster, who spent most of his ministry down river. The next recorded Episcopal presence was with a priest named Rufus Murray in 1862. Murray's daughter married into the Haigh family and that brought him to Dearborn. Sadly, Murray was paralyzed in 1865 and had to retire. The next priest, Chauncy Fitch further developed the church, organized a Vestry who called him to be the Rector, and established the congregation as a church in the Diocese of Michigan. However, the church struggled until 1921. In particular, in 1911, it had issues between clergy (Rev. Dr. Henry Stonex) and the congregation, and issues with finances and attendance. The congregation was called out by the Bishop at diocesan convention that year for its behavior and told to get it together or it would be reorganized from a parish into a mission of the diocese. The parish managed to pull itself together in large part through

the formation of Ladies Guilds who raised funds and who's efforts brought vitality to the parish. By 1916 the auto industry was taking off and Dearborn was growing, with many young people and families moving into the area. Christ Church reaped the benefit of this growth in part because Henry Ford grew up in this church and he and Clara attended when they were in the area. The history of Christ Church is connected to the support of Henry and Clara Ford, who donated money and land and remained in relationship with the clergy and congregation members most of their lives. Clara's family, the Bryants, also had deep roots in Christ Church.

The congregation continued to grow and stabilize from 1921 until about 1960. It built a new church building and relocated, it had several assistant priests, and lots of energy. But in 1966, then rector Edward Green wrote that like other churches, Christ Church was experiencing a decline in attendance and income. The decline has continued since, leading us to where we are now, similar in size to the church as it was in 1921, before the postwar church boom of WWI and WWII.

However, we are not the church of 1921. Then, the most popular event was held by the Men's Club, the annual Minstrel Show production. It's appalling to think, now, that this church's biggest event was a show making fun of people of African descent with comedic enhancements of racial stereotypes. Minstrel shows were popular in the late 1800's and influenced vaudeville, a genre of performance that paved the way for modern movies and theater. Today, Christ Church reflects the work we have done as a society to reconcile our racist history and work toward respecting the dignity of every human being. It's ongoing work that continues in our Partnership in Faith and the Baptized for Life project, which are guiding us into deeper self-awareness and more conscious intercultural awareness. The baptismal covenant in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer guides us in this work. In that covenant we promise to respect the dignity of every human being with the understanding that God will help us.

I don't know if we will ever be as large as we were in the 1950's. I am not sure that size, per se, is even a goal to consider. What I hope for is that we continue to grow spiritually through deepening our understanding of our faith through practices that anchor us in this discipleship. I hope that our finances stabilize as our endeavors to build an intercultural community center around us in the purpose God is calling forth in us, in this time and place.

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It's ironic that in 1926 Henry Ford wanted the leaders of Christ Church to build a Community Church on land he owned across from Ford Field. But Hedley Stacey, then rector, wanted a new Episcopal Church built. For nineteen years Stacey and Ford were in a stalemate about building and location. Then in 1945 Stacey convinced Henry Ford, with assistance from Clara, to build a church on the property at Cherry Hill and Military. No doubt Stacey was right in terms of the location. Ironic that a variation of the community center that Ford wanted is now growing through this building and the times we live in.

Stacey wrote that one day Henry Ford came to the parish house and asked what he'd do if a (person of color) came to the church. Stacey said, they do come and they are welcomed just like everyone else. Stacey said that Henry Ford seemed pleased.

While not exactly what Ford had in mind for a community church, I imagine that he (or at least Clara) would be pleased with this too, the church becoming an intercultural community center with two congregations worshipping within it, and many other social and civic groups calling it home.

The work we are about is not as dangerous as that in Bear Grylls show, *Running Wild*. But it is risky in the way that following God always pushes one to take risks. Following God also takes faith that God is present and leading the way. Our heritage of 153 years is that of a congregation that faces risks, rises to the challenge, and not only survives but thrives. I look forward to this next decade in the life of this congregation and our Partnership in Faith with Mother of the Savior .

*In Peace,
Pastor Terri*

VESTRY REFLECTION

TIME

By Chis Ventura

Happy New Year!!! Another year has come and gone and as I get older, they seem to be going faster. Truth of the matter is, every day, whether you are 4 or 43, consists of 86,400 seconds. This past holiday season there was a marketing campaign by Chick-fil-A centered around time (Google "The Time Shop Chick-fil-A"). For me, as the father of a 4 (and a half) year old, this one struck close to the heart. Without giving away too much, it buckets time into 3 categories (Lost Time, Time that Flies, and Together Time).

Recently, I came across "The Magic Bank Account" parable. The parable in a nutshell goes something like this: imagine you have a magical bank account that would have \$86,400 deposited in it everyday but came with some rules. The rules are: whatever isn't spent in the day is taken away, the money cannot be transferred into another account, you may

only spend the money, everyday you get another \$86,400 to spend, and this deposit can stop at any time without warning. The mind can go crazy thinking of all the hypothetical possibilities.

As you may have already figured out, the parable now switches out Money for Time. Everyday you awaken to the gift of life; 86,400 seconds to spend as you choose, as you go to bed at night any remaining time is gone, there is nothing you can do to get more time, and at some point (unbeknownst to you) your time on earth will be up. As a start, in 2020, I will work on maximizing Together Time and the quality of that time (putting down electronics and being fully engaged when together). How will you choose to spend your daily allotment of 86,400 seconds???



The Annual Meeting at Christ Church will be Sunday, January 26 following the 10 a.m. service. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast, review reports from the previous year, review our budget for 2020 and elect new Vestry members.

The Vestry is the governing body of a church within the Episcopal Church. The Vestry and Rector are charged with developing and advancing the Mission and Ministries of Christ Church. Bio's of the slate of Vestry members will be published in the January Courier. The annual meeting is the day we gather to celebrate the year past, honor our ministries and the work we have done, and give thanks for the time and commitment of the Vestry.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

By Curate Halim

As we start a new year in our life, I pray that God bless you all with peace and joy. I will write a detailed article in the next Courier on Mother of the Savior move to Christ Church and our wonderful partnership is sharing the same building. As the Psalmist prayed in Psalm 133
How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.
Our dwelling together as two congregations, will fill year 2020 and the coming years with oriental oils mixed with the American fragrance of love and fellowship.
God's peace be with you all.

4th ANNUAL SOUPERBOWL

St. Paul Lutheran Challenges
Cherry Hill Presbyterian, Good Shepherd United Methodist,
Christ Episcopal, and First United Methodist
Prize – “The Trophy”

Benefit – Stocking the Pantry* for Needy Families

So, what is the CONTEST?

To bring the most cans** of food to your church

Starting January 1, 2020

Ending Super Bowl Sunday (February 2, 2020)



*All cans will be donated to the churches' food pantries
**Monetary contributions count as well, \$1 = 1 can, AND
we are accepting cans with any type of food

THE VESTRY

The Vestry serves as the governing body of the parish. Its primary focus is advancing the church's mission to seek and serve Christ in the world. Leading as the Vestry is different than leading in the secular world because Jesus has called us to participate in his life's work of dismantling power systems that oppress others and to open the boundaries of who belongs, to work for justice and peace in the world. The Episcopal Church has defined our mission on page 855 of the BCP as *bringing all people to unity with God through Christ*.

The Vestry works with the Rector to develop and grow the mission and ministries of the parish. In 2018 we adopted three Renaissance Goals aimed at revitalizing the parish: Deepening Spiritual Lives; Growing Relationships in Community; and Engaging in Social Justice. Three teams, Renaissance Implementation Teams (RIT) were formed to develop these goals and help us live into them. In 2019 the teams offered us a variety of opportunities and resources including the Be Happy forum presented by the Spirituality team, and the Story Tellers project created by the Growing Relationships team which told the stories of parishioners in their 90's. Additionally the Vestry has been hard at work discerning and envisioning our emerging relationship with Mother of the Savior. This work is reflected in the Partnership in Faith (PiF) and the launching of the PiF Covenant Team in December, 2019 who is charged with developing the structural components of sharing a building and presenting these to the Vestry in the form of a covenant agreement. The relationship aspect of the PiF is being developed by the Baptized for Life team.

At Christ Church our vision is grounded in our baptismal covenant which reminds us to care for others, to share, and be the hands and heart of Christ in the world, respecting the dignity of every human being. Simply said, our mission is to feed people in body, mind, and spirit, which connects to what Jesus says in the Gospels, *whenever you feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison, and tend the needy you do this to me. And whenever you do not feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those sick or in prison you do not do this to me.*

The vision, regardless of the how a community defines their mission, is how we imagine living into that mission as expansively and generously as possible.

Vestry Responsibility includes:

Envisioning - creating vision for the future, along with strategies to enliven the mission

Engaging - Getting people to understand and commit to the vision/mission

Empowering - enabling others to make the vision/mission real

Energizing - generating enthusiastic, inspired, determined efforts

Exemplifying - modeling the visions/mission and the desired values and behaviors

The Vestry is composed of elected members of the parish who serve in staggered three-year terms. Each parish determines in their bylaws the number of Vestry members, any number from six to twelve. Two of the Vestry members, in the Diocese of Michigan, are raised up by the Vestry to serve as the Wardens. Each year at



the annual meeting the congregation elects new members to serve on the Vestry. Prior to the election each nominee must agree to serve and have their name put forth. The Rector serves as the Presiding Officer or President of the Vestry. The Rector, along with the Wardens, organizes each Vestry meeting, and the Rector runs the meeting. No Vestry meeting can be held without the Rector present. Minutes from the Vestry meetings are always posted in the

glass case on the wall between the first floor kitchen and women's bathroom.

Vestry members are elected by the parish at the Annual Meeting. The annual meeting this year will be Sunday, January 26 at 11:30am. We will celebrate our ministries and our 153 year history, review 2019, and elect new Vestry members. Our Vestry nominees up for election this year are: Holly Schanz (who fulfilled an unexpired term and is running for her own term); Jill Poske; and Dale Taylor.

DECEMBER FINANCE UPDATE

By Kevin Green, Treasurer

Happy New Year! As of the end of November, we were approximately \$2,000 ahead of the year-to-date budget, with December being a critically important month from an income perspective. While it is too early to report final numbers versus our budgeted deficit of \$32,366, I am pleased to report that, if my back-of-the-napkin calculations are correct, we collected over \$45,000 in income during December, including \$1,500 of 2020 prepays. Many thanks to all of you for an outstanding December! Based on that income but without having seen the total expenses for December, my best

guess is that we should end the year around (or possibly better than) our budgeted deficit. As usual, it will take time for Colleen and me to close the books on 2019 and for the Finance Commission to finalize the year-end numbers as well as prepare a draft 2020 budget for consideration by the Vestry. For the definitive information, I encourage everyone to attend the Finance Forum on Sunday, January 19 (after the 10:00 service), at which I will provide a report on how we finished 2019 and also present the budget for 2020.

MUSIC MOMENT

By Ally Barone

January is a time of resolutions and promises. Have your resolved or promised to:

- Be more involved in church?
- Branch out in your involvement in the church?
- Sit in a different part of the church?
- Wear a cool robe?
- Sing more?
- Try something new?

If you answered yes to any of the above, CEC Choir may be for you! We will be hosting a pop up choir on January 5th at 9am rehearsing in the choir room. People of all ages are welcome to join! If you have any questions, please reach by email: baronea@umich.edu.



SHARING OUR STORY...STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY

By Jeanne Martens

The 'Sharing Our Story' project is a way to help us connect with the Christ Church story by listening to the wealth of experiences of our long-standing members; learning from their wisdom; and capturing a piece of our own history. We recognize we are inheritors of a remarkable legacy and appreciate the contribution of those who have given to Christ Church in so many ways.

We had a wonderful Forum on December 15. If you were able to attend, Thank you and I hope you enjoyed it. If you missed it, we had 4 Story Gatherers each present highlights of their visits. Diana Brehob presented Bettina Caldwell's story, Kevin Green presented Virginia Ebling's story, Martha Amis presented Eunice Buzby's story and Lisa McCallum presented Phyllis Solberg's story. In addition, Phyllis Solberg and Barb Bran-

denburg were able to join us. Barb generously shared her story and Phyllis closed out the event with a special Lakota Prayer.

For the next several months, we will share one story each month in the Courier.

The Strengthening Community Relations team will regroup after the first of the year, hopefully we can do this project again in 2020.

FEBRUARY COURIER SUBMISSIONS

Submit news and articles for the February issue of the Courier by January 20th to office@christchurchdearborn.org. Please add Courier to the subject line.

SHARING STORIES PROJECT

VIRGINIA EBLING

By Meredith Brehob and Kevin Green

Virginia was born in Detroit on April 15, 1918. Her family moved in 1929 (three months before the Crash) to Beechmont in Dearborn. There were only 3 houses on the street at the time. Virginia described her childhood as "ideal. It seems like I had everything I wanted." Dearborn was very different then versus now. Her neighborhood was mostly trails and woods when she grew up until after World War II. She rode her bike everywhere. Girls wore skirts or shorts, never slacks, back then.



Virginia had one sister, who was younger but bigger and always protected Virginia. They were very close although they still had their disagreements. Virginia went to Lindbergh School and Dearborn High, which is where she met George Ebling, Jr., her future husband, when they were seniors. She asked him to go to a party and they were together from that point forward. On Sundays, they all ate dinner at Virginia's mother's and grandpa and grandma's house. Virginia and George were married on May 29, 1940 at Christ Episcopal Church on Michigan Avenue, one of the last couples to be married there. After WWII started, George joined the Navy after graduating from Wayne State and served as a Lieutenant and First Officer on LSTs (landing ship tanks, providing amphibious support) in Italy, France and England. Virginia still has all of the letters that George sent while he was overseas. Virginia and George have two boys, George III (who lives near Grayling, MI)(1944) and Chris (who lives in Dallas, Texas) (1953), both of whom were baptized at Christ Church, one at the old church and one at the new one. George III has one son (George IV) and Chris has a boy, Ian, and a girl,

Allison. George, Jr. didn't meet his first son until he was six months old because George, Jr. was away for the War.

Virginia started attending Christ Church with friends in the 1930s (she wasn't Episcopalian at the time). She loved the pomp and circumstance and eventually became a member. The old church was kind of beat up and had seen better days -- the floors were creaky and the wood was old. It was really an old, old church but Virginia loved it. Sunday School was held during the service in the kitchen and elsewhere in the building (there was no basement). Youth group was held at 6:30; they'd meet and envy the other kids when there was a good show on at the Calvin but their parents made them go to the youth group. As noted above, Virginia and George were married in the old church and were one of the last couples to be married there.

Virginia helped in the Church Office, first posting pledges, then as Rev. Edward Green's secretary and eventually as the office manager under Rev. Carl Shannon. She was a part of ECW (Episcopal Church Women) and Business and Professional Women, which put on receptions for weddings and cake and coffee after confirmations. After she retired, Virginia was also very active in the Quilting Group (with Sarge Thomas and Ruth Durbin). She was also one of the parishioners responsible for establishing the Memorial Garden and is very proud of it.

George was the love of Virginia's life and the person she most admired. Virginia loved the old church even though it was creaky. Virginia is still in touch with Carl Shannon, who writes poetry. Quilting was very important to her but ended up causing issues with her fingers. Virginia is a Michigan football fan and told us that Bo Schembechler used to go to Christ Church and bring his wife Millie, and sometimes "some enormous football players."



VESTRY NOMINEE BIOS

JILL POSKE



I have been a member of Christ Episcopal Church for 60 years. I have sung in the choir and taught Sunday School. One of the things I love about this church is the inclusiveness, everyone is welcome!

HOLLY SCHANZ



I am a grandmother to 4 grandchildren and member of Christ Episcopal Church for 5 years. I am the founder of the New

Beginning Quilt Ministry. We make quilts for the Linus Project (for children in homeless shelters) these quilts are distributed by Sandy's Make It Sew. I have lived in Dearborn for 26 years.

DALE TAYLOR



I was born November 18, 1951. I attended Dearborn Schools and graduated from Edsel Ford in 1969. The church my family attended was Good Shepard Episcopal Church in Dearborn Heights. I was confirmed in 1967. I have been a member of Christ Episcopal Church for twenty years.

I earned a Masters Degree in Special Education from Eastern Michigan University. I worked in hospitals, public schools and youth homes leading to my retirement. I am happily married to my wife Susan, who is also retired. We stay busy taking care of grandchildren and going to our condo in Oscoda. At 68 life is good.

A big part of my good life is my membership at Christ Episcopal Church. The church has helped me both personally and spiritually. I was asked to be a member of the Vestry. I think the church is important and I will share and reinforce this as a Vestry participant.



Save the date of Saturday evening, January 11 at 5:30 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21915 Beech Street in Dearborn for a Trivia Night fundraiser for Salem Lutheran, U of M Campus Ministry and local campus ministry at U of M Dearborn and Henry Ford College. Trivia theme will be 150 years of fun facts (1870-2020). Bring your friends to form a trivia team. There will be food, fun and a tin can raffle of several baskets.

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November 19, 2019

Terri Pilarski
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The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Dear Terri,

The Presiding Officers' Advisory Council on Becoming Beloved Community Implementation has completed its assessment of all applications for Becoming Beloved Community Grants received in the current cycle. The Advisory Council received 74 applications from across the Church, each featuring a unique and inspiring vision for racial healing, reconciliation and justice. Award recommendations to Executive Council were made after extensive discussion and prayer, and – as you can imagine – requests for funding far exceeded available resources.

It is our pleasure to inform you that your grant application for *European-American/Arabic Church Partnership program* has been funded in the amount of **\$12,000.00** for 2019.

All grantees are asked to provide a brief (approximately 250 words, or one page double-spaced) summary of their program. This summary statement can be distilled from the original grant application. Please submit it to Ms. Ann Hercules at ahercules@episcopalchurch.org by *December 15, 2019*.

Also, during the year the Advisory Council will ask for periodic program updates. Those updates can include video narratives about your progress and challenges, photographs and other documentation, and links to specific websites that tell the story of your ministry so the rest of the Church can learn with you. Please actively gather this information throughout the course of your grant year, so you can comply with these requests.

Grant recipients are also strongly encouraged to attend the Beloved Community Summit in Minneapolis from May 5-7, 2020, and to become part of a network of practitioners who share their learnings, encouragement, and resources. Registration for the Summit will be free for grant recipients. Grantees receiving \$5,000 or more may use up to \$1,000 of your grant funding to pay for travel, lodging and/or food to attend the Summit. All grantees are encouraged to invite support from their dioceses, congregations and other partner ministries. Registration information and other details will be sent to you after the first of the year.

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Again, congratulations on the receipt of this grant. We pray for you and for all who participate in God's dream of reconciliation in all of creation, and we are eager to hear of your progress.

Regards,



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SUMMARY OF PROGRAM: PARTNERSHIP IN FAITH

Christ Episcopal Church, Dearborn (CECD) an English speaking congregation of predominately white European descent, along with Mother of the Savior (MotS), an Arabic speaking Episcopal-Evangelical Lutheran Church of America congregation whose members are from Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon, and Egypt, are forming a partnership in faith. This partnership in faith intends for each congregation to maintain its own identity while sharing space and resources, as well as developing greater intercultural awareness and adaptability through bi-lingual services, shared meals, and other opportunities for relationship building. Halim Shukair, ordained in 2018, Priest in Charge of MotS, is from Lebanon. Terri C. Pilarski, ordained in 1999, Rector of CECD, is a licensed clinical social worker specializing in Bowen Family Systems Theory for congregations. She is also accredited with the Kaleidoscope Institute (KI) and the Intercultural Development Invento-

ry (IDI). This partnership in faith is supported by their respective diocesan and synod bishops, vestry/council, and two entities: the Partnership In Faith Covenant Team and Baptized for Life.

The Covenant Team will oversee the structural components of the partnership, specifically how we live together in the same building and share space and resources. The Baptized for Life project will focus on relationship building opportunities through shared meals, Bible sharing, and explorations into each other's culture, particularly around social justice issues and food.

Members from both congregations will be formed by: Eric Law and KI's work on diversity; Eating Together Faithfully, an initiative from Life Around The Table; and the Intercultural Development Inventory which will assess individual and group intercultural competency.

HOLY CURRENCIES BOOK STUDY

The Holy Currencies book study will continue with a bible sharing time and discussion on chapters 3-4 on Sunday, January 12. There will be two sessions one at 8:45am in the library, and a second one at 11:30am at a table in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to participate even if you have not read the book as the discussion will include Bible sharing and reflection questions that apply beyond the content in the book.



CHRISTMAS AT THE FOOD PANTRY

By Erin Biggs

A big thank you to all who donated to the Christmas meals, volunteered to help distribute food, the families of Chapel Day Preschool and the pantry committee. We handed out food to 50 families this Christmas.

The children from Chapel Day Preschool came to the food pantry to bring their food donations throughout the week before Christmas. They were able to see how we are able to help those in need around us. The children were excited that they were helping other children to have a happier Christmas.

INTENTIONAL ABOUT MONEY

By Diana Brehob

The Social Justice implementation team of the Renaissance task force is offering a financial literacy course at Christ Church starting on Wednesday evening, January 15th, running every other week for 9 sessions. The course, Intentional About Money, is based on setting up a budget and deciding where every dollar should go and sticking with that to pay off debts and grow wealth. A brochure with the registration form is available in the church office and from Diana Brehob. Contact the Office 313 565-8450 or Diana Brehob for more information.



Calendar Highlights

FELLOWSHIP

COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, 11:15am

Refreshments in Fellowship Hall following the 10 am service. The sign-up sheet is downstairs if you would like to host a Sunday.

YOUNG PEOPLE

CHILDREN'S PRAYER ROOM

Sunday at 10:05am for 3-9 year olds during the 10am service. The children leave the church together and meet in the Prayer Room for a child friendly service with stories and crafts, then return to church for communion. Please contact the church office at 313-565-8450 or office@christchurchdearborn.org.

HEALTH

MARTIAL ARTS

Adult Classes

Wednesday 7pm

Sunday 2pm

STRETCHING CLASS

Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday monthly at 10:30am. Michael Mroczyk, leader of our Martial Arts Group, is offering coaching in a method of effective, dynamic, facilitated stretching for all

interested persons. The sessions are open. The greatest benefit will be for those whose range of motion has atrophied. Come dressed comfortably. The sessions are free of charge. Donations to Christ Church are welcome.

YOGA

Tuesdays, 7:15-8:15pm, Room 213

This is a beginner level hatha class. Hatha links movement with breath. If you have a yoga mat, please bring it. The sessions are free of charge.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- Jan 4 League of Women Voters 10am
- Jan 6 Listening Group 7pm
- Jan 6 Scout Leaders 7pm
- Jan 6 Chi Running 4:30pm
- Jan 7 Scout PLC Meeting 6:30pm
- Jan 7 AAUW Meeting 7:30pm
- Jan 12 Sonneman Recital 3pm
- Jan 15 Intentional About Money 6pm
- Jan 15 Finance 6:30pm
- Jan 15 CHI Healing 6:30pm
- Jan 16 Baptized for Life Dinner 6pm
- Jan 18 Vestry 9am
- Jan 18 AAUW 1pm
- Jan 19 Finance Forum 11:30am
- Jan 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Service, 3pm @ St. Paul's Lutheran
- Jan 20 Office Closed

- Jan 20 Listening Group 7pm
- Jan 25 League of Women Voters 9am
- Jan 26 Annual Meeting
- Jan 29 Intentional About Money 6pm
- Jan 30 Baptized for Life Dinner 6pm
- Jan 31 Vestry Retreat

FEBRUARY

- Feb 1 Vestry Retreat
- Feb 1 League of Women Voters 10am
- Feb 3 Listening Group 7pm
- Feb 3 Scout Leaders 7pm
- Feb 4 Scout PLC Meeting 6:30pm
- Feb 4 AAUW Meeting 7:30pm
- Feb 6 Baptized for Life Dinner 6pm
- Feb 12 Intentional About Money 6pm
- Feb 17 Listening Group 7pm
- Feb 20 Baptized for Life Dinner 6pm
- Feb 26 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 26 Intentional About Money 6pm
- Feb 29 Chi Running 9am

MARCH

- Mar 2 Listening Group 7pm
- Mar 2 Scout Leaders 7pm
- Mar 3 Scout PLC Meeting 6:30pm
- Mar 5 Baptized for Life Dinner 6pm
- Mar 7 League of Women Voters 10am
- Mar 10 AAUW Meeting 7:30pm
- Mar 11 Intentional About Money 6pm
- Mar 16 Listening Group 7pm
- Mar 19 Baptized for Life Dinner 6pm
- Mar 25 Intentional About Money 6pm



January Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

Vera Fakhouri	JAN 2
Robert Smith	JAN 6
June Anderson	JAN 7
Daniel Hipp	JAN 7
Joyce Faulds	JAN 11
John Kery	JAN 11
Sharon Smith	JAN 12

Barbara Brandenburg	JAN 17
Matthew Sallman	JAN 17
Eunice Buzby	JAN 19
Aaron Newell	JAN 19
Elizabeth Boyar	JAN 21
Margaret Breil	JAN 26
Frederick Sheill	JAN 26
Deborah Taylor	JAN 28

Patrick Mulkern	JAN 29
Nan Giovannini	JAN 30
Carol Peterson	JAN 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis Kirchoff & Susan Bennett JAN 16 (10)



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