

CHRIST CHURCH NEWS

JANUARY 2017

A welcoming, compassionate and healing community in Christ.



The Newsletter of Christ Episcopal Church, 205 North Seventh St., Stroudsburg, PA 18360

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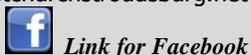
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The deadline for submissions to the February 2017 Newsletter is: January 31st.

Worship with Us!

Worship Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Sunday 9:00 am

Sunday 9:45 am

Sunday 10:15 am

Wednesday Noon

Said Eucharist

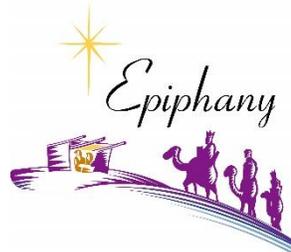
Said Eucharist

Adult Forum

Sunday School

Choral Eucharist

Healing Prayer Eucharist



January 6th, 2017

**Annual Committee Reports
due by January 16th**

christchurchsburg@gmail.com

January 29th, 2017

One Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting immediately after service.

Additional information about these events are on the following pages or will be included in the Sunday bulletin as information is received.



Wedding Anniversaries

Sylvie
Cindy
John
June
Christine
Bill
Celine

Christ Church Prayer List

Please call the church office (570-421-7481) to add or remove a name from the Email Prayer Chain, the bulletin and the newsletter.



Military:

Benjamin Potter
Joseph Causton
Andrew Walck
Nii Lante Lamptey
Jonathan Lindsley
Mario Arciniega
Tim O'Sullivan

(Please update us if there is a change on any of our service people.)



Baptismal Anniversaries

If you would like your

 Birthday
 Wedding Anniversary
 Baptismal Anniversary

Included in our Newsletter, please email the information or drop us a note and we will include it in our monthly newsletter.

Michele Causton



January Birthdays

- 01 Rob Causton
- 05 Louise Bach
- 12 Joseph Nortey
- 21 Holly Wells
- 28 Barbara Cato
- 29 Irene Bartz
- 31 Roseann Morella



Prayer and Service for the Spread of Christ's Kingdom

Ruth and Naomi

This past November the Ruth and Ruth Chapter was installed at Christ Church. Ten women were admitted to the Order the same day.

As we start this new year, we began with the first meeting of the Chapter on January 5th. We discussed service projects for the coming year.

We are currently working on sewing teddy bears to give to the police officers for their vehicles. These will be used for children who are unfortunately exposed to trauma that would involve police officers. These bears are meant to comfort them during these situations.

Additionally, we are creating prayer shawls for distribution in December to the local nursing homes.

We will also be providing information to collect items for care packages for soldiers who are currently not receiving them while on deployment and for those who are struggling locally and are part of the Street to Feet program.

All of the above forms of outreach the Daughters are working on will welcome support from the congregation. If any of these ministries are of interest to you, please contact Sue Freeman or one of the Daughters to find out how you can donate your time, talent or make a financial donation.

In the Fall, we will begin another discernment group for any individual who is interested in becoming a Daughter. The needs of our parish and community are great and varied. Please join us as we spread Christ's love into our community through prayer and outreach.

Sue Freeman
Chapter President



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Last October started our third year with the food pantry. This last year we were able to purchase a new freezer. We now can now offer frozen meats, breads, and desserts to our clients.

Food items needed:

Canned vegetables (no green beans,) canned meats (tuna, salmon, ham and spam), canned fruits, macaroni and cheese, canned beans, chili, jelly, and condiments.

Thank you for all the food and non-food items you have donated this past year. ***Thank you for your generosity.***

January Dates of Distribution

Sat., Jan. 7th 10-12 pm

Wed., Jan. 18th 5-7 pm

Thank you for your support!



Coffee Fellowship

Your Help is Needed, Please!!!

We want to resume our coffee hour after 10:00 a.m. worship each Sunday morning to provide refreshments and fellowship among our congregants. The duties are minimal, and if each person/family/committee took one Sunday each month, we can get this going again.

If you are interested, please see Louise, Fr. Doug, or Cynthia Nortey.

*Thank
You*



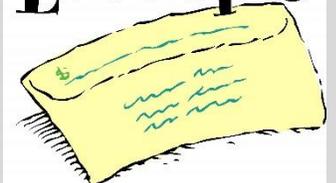
A special thanks for all who participated in making our Christmas services and season spectacular.



When it is necessary to close or cancel worship due to a weather emergency, tune in to 93.5 WSBG or log onto www.935sbg.com. The Storm Center will run our delay or closing.

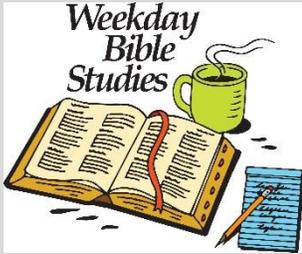
We hope to see you in church, but when weather doesn't permit, tune in, stay informed and most importantly, stay safe.

Offering Envelopes



2017 Offering Envelopes are in the narthex.

Please be sure to take your box home.



Bible Study With Father Doug

The Christ Church Bible Study Group continues to meet each **Wednesday at 12:45 pm** in the Library with Father Doug and are studying the book of Ruth.

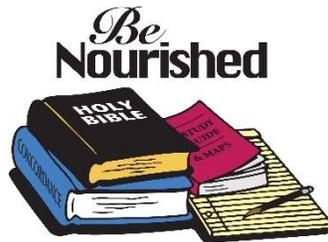
Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesdays to learn about God's love for us and to share our Christian faith and learnings of the Gospel with one another.



Music Ministry

The Bell Choir is scheduled to perform at Pleasant Valley Manor for the elderly residents on Saturday, January 14th. We will meet at Miss Sue's for lunch and fellowship from 12:30 – 1:30 and then head over. Our performance is 30 minutes and we will play familiar hymns. This is our last performance for the season. Thanks for your dedication over the past several months. God bless each and every one. It is a beautiful ministry we share.

Miss Sue



We are anxious to start our EFM program but there is a six person requirement to run the program. We currently have five known individuals interested in beginning. If you wish to join us, please contact Fr. Doug or Jay Freeman. I have found the more I learn about the Bible, the stronger my faith and prayer discipline becomes. This in turn, leads to a level peace in all areas of my life that I could have never anticipated. The program is not only going to expand your knowledge of the Bible, but can transform your life in all areas. Please consider joining the program.

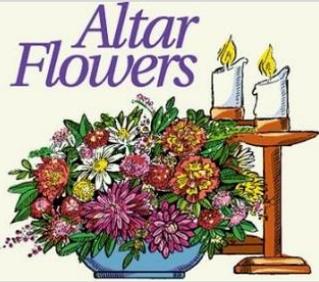
If you have any questions or believe you might be interested in participating, please contact Father Doug or Jay Freeman. For further information on EFM, visit <http://efm.sewanee.edu>

Sincerely,
Michele Causton

Christ Church is planning to host these seminars beginning in January 2017.

Education for Ministry (EFM) is a distance-learning program for adult Christian formation through theological education and reflection offered by the Beecken Center of the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.





2017 Calendar is open to designate flowers.

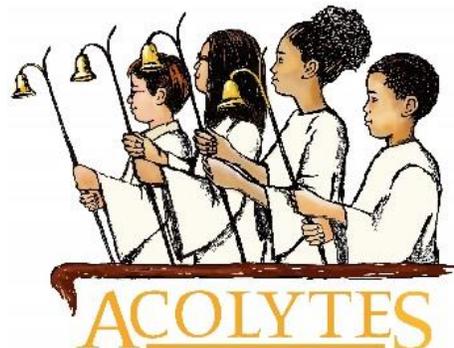
Would you like to place an arrangement in memory or in honor of your loved one?

Please contact the office. The cost per arrangement is \$20.00.

PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer is a hidden ministry. Jesus told us to go into our “prayer closet” where only God hears our prayers. But He also told us that when any two or three agree together about whatever they ask, our Father in heaven hears and answers. When two or three gather together, He is in our midst. So Prayer Partners who normally pray at home alone, also gather together to pray in our sanctuary at noon on the first Saturday after Food Pantry and also on the first Wednesday at 11AM before the Healing Service. Anyone can join us for prayer.

We pray for many needs each day, sometimes keeping people in our prayers for many years because of their ongoing needs, but most of the time praying for a particular need, such as surgery, a difficult pregnancy, or travel made more frightening because of traffic or terrorism. If you have a concern you want us to keep in prayer, or if you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call or email Barbara Cramer at 570-424-6921 or bjcramer@ptd.net.



Our first Acolyte training will be held on February 12th following the 8:00 service. All are welcome, including youth old enough to hold a torch through adults. We are in need of help in all areas.

This gathering will allow individuals to express what part of the liturgy they are comfortable participating in and training will be provided in that area. Continual guidance will be provided to the acolyte while they are serving until that individual is comfortable.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Doug, Rob Causton, or Michele Causton. Rob and Michele can be reached by email at mcauston@ptd.net.

Art as Spirituality Exhibit

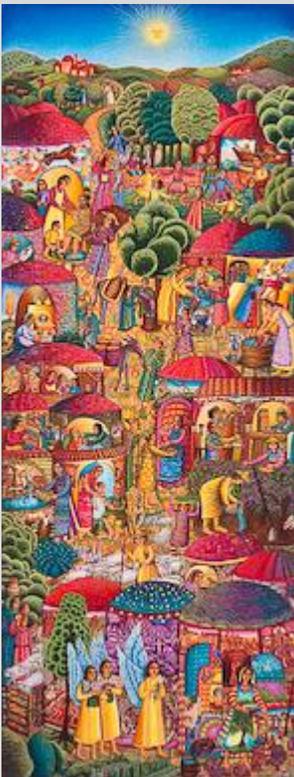
**January 14th
through
February 18, 2017**

ArtSpace Gallery

Art is a result of inspiration, and inspiration has a spiritual nature. The heart of human identity is the capacity and desire for birthing. To be is to become creative and bring forth the beautiful.

A flyer with information is hanging in the narthex.

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Upcoming Fellowship

January ~ International Dinner ~ Date to be announced

February ~ Valentine's Day Dance

February ~ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

March ~ Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner

A special thanks goes out to Cheryl Cloke, Cynthia Nortey and Andrea McQueen for getting our Parish Life Committee active again.

In the upcoming months many opportunities to gather for fun and fellowship will be announced. If you are interested in helping out please contact the above mentioned individuals.

Advent Bible Study Continues

The Thrill of Hope

The Christmas Story in Word and Art

We will continue our study on:

The Epiphany - January 8th

The Flight to Egypt - January 15th

The Presentation in the Temple - January 22nd

9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome!!

Come enjoy a fresh look at the familiar story of Christmas as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Each scripture passage in this study is illustrated and interpreted in the stunning artwork of John August Swanson along with commentary by some of America's premier Biblical scholars.



Help support our food pantry by participating in our
“Souper” Bowl Fundraiser.

If you are an AFC team supporter please bring in a can of
VEGETABLE SOUP.

If you are a NFC team supporter, please bring in a can of
CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP.

If you are **not interested** at all in who wins the Super Bowl,
please bring in a can of **YOUR FAVORITE SOUP.**

Our collection of soup will end on Sunday, January 29th. May
the best team win!

Thank you for supporting our food pantry ministry.