



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A welcoming, compassionate, healing community in Christ.

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It is difficult to believe that summer is over and, by the time you read this, students will be back at school. Fall is also the time when our Christian Education programs at Christ Church begin again. And this year, as Deacon Michele has informed many parents, there will be some changes in our curriculum.

Over the summer the vestry decided, at my request, to add a part-time person to the staff of Christ Church whose focus is to be Family, Youth and Faith Formation. I have believed for the last several years that this position is critical to the long-term health and growth of Christ Church. And this belief has shaped several of the changes you have seen over the last couple of years; most notably the sale of our old rectory and the purchase of the property across the street. And last summer's move of the church's offices to the newly acquired building was all part of this plan; a move which provides more space in the church for our Christian education program.



*The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe
Bishop Provisional*

*The Rev. Canon Kevin Nichols
Bishop Elect*

*The Rev. J. Douglas Moyer,
Rector*

*The Rev. Michele Causton,
Deacon*



Said Eucharist

*Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Adult Forum*

*Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School*

*Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
Choral Eucharist*

*Wednesday, Noon
Healing Prayer Eucharist*



After the vestry approved adding a part-time staff person, I asked Deacon Michele if she would be willing to fill this position. As you know from a previous Newsletter, Deacon Michele's background is a perfect fit for our needs.

Over the summer, Deacon Michele and I reviewed a number of curricula for youth and faith formation. We also were fortunate to have access to a study being conducted at Princeton Theological Seminary on faith formation for youth as well as several programs Deacon Michele reviewed in her work with the Diocese. It was after reviewing all this material that I selected the curriculum we will be using this year.

Not only will this curriculum be consistent across all age groups – the subject matter will be the same, but the depth of the study will vary by age group – but the older group (led by Deacon Michele) will focus on the foundations of our faith necessary for confirmation. This means there will be no need for separate confirmation classes. All students who regularly attend Deacon Michele's class will be eligible for confirmation by spring.

Faith formation is critical for our journey here on earth. Life, as I am sure most, if not all of you know, is often difficult. And it is in the midst of these difficult challenges that our faith can sustain us, strengthen us, and help us persevere. I have witnessed many families who have faced unimaginable tragedy but survived primarily because of the strength their faith provided. This is the gift we hope to give to our children so that they too may never be overwhelmed by life's challenges.

I encourage all of you with children and youth to enroll them in this year's program. And for any of you who may have friends with children, I encourage you to invite them and their entire family to Christ Church as well. I look forward to what I am sure will be an exciting year.

Blessings,

Father Doug



Comfort and heal those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. . .

June, Jennifer, Roseanne, Cynthia, Antonia, Dryden, Claire, Caren, Loretta, Ken

In the Military. . .

Benjamin Potter, Joseph Causton, Andrew Walck, Nii Lante Lamptey, Jonathan Lindsley, Mario Arciniega, Tim O'Sullivan, Shane Gephart, Damien Smeltzer, Brittany Heistand, Jake Whiteley, and all the men and women in our armed services state-side and around the world.



Richard Poush (9/2), Mike McKeown (9/4), MaryEllen Whiteley (9/13), Mike Shands (9/14), Kayla Colletta (9/15), Elise Forteith (9/18), Linda Schumann (9/19), Frank Cloke (9/21), Sue Freeman (9/22), Eva Hoyt, Jaina Nortey, Jelena Nortey, Jerrin Nortey (9/24), Rose Hudson, Uba Nwosu, Rich Woisin (9/25), Julian Altomare (9/30)

Our Miss Cynthia Oglesby turned 100 years young on August 8th. She was honored in a large celebration with many friends and family members from all over the United States and Canada in attendance at the Howard Johnson in Bartonsville, on Saturday, August 4th.

State Senator Mario Scavello was also there to congratulate her and present her with an official proclamation from the Senate of Pennsylvania.





On August 26th, Christ Church held a “Blessing of the Backpacks” service at 10:15 a.m. followed by an ice-cream social. Many youths from our parish participated in this day of prayer and fellowship. We also had new visitors to our parish that day. Eight students from East Stroudsburg University attended along with Howard and Patti Alleger’s grandchildren from England. It was a wonderful day and gathering as we embraced another season of learning in our community.





*“Blessed is the nation whose God is Lord, and
the people he has chosen for his inheritance” Psalm 33:12*

Operation Pen Pal—Say Hello to our Military

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o The Walter Reed Army Medical
Center,
8901 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD
20889-0001

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El Paso, TX 79904

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If you wish to dedicate altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the office. Cost is \$23 for both vases.



The Weis Register Tape Rebate Program is still in effect for our church.

So how does it work you ask—simple. Just save your register receipts when you shop at Weis, then bring them to church with you and place them in the bowl on the right-side table in the narthex .

For each submission, Christ Church receives 1% of the total amount of tapes submitted. It adds up and the monies received go into our operating account. A great help for the church budget.

If you have any questions, please see Louise.



The Consecration of Rev. Canon Kevin Nichols as the IX Bishop of Bethlehem will be at First Presbyterian Church, 3231 Tilghman Street, Allentown on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

The Chief Consecrator will be the Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop.

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

“With almost no time to decide, [your loved ones] gave the entire country an incalculable gift. They saved the Capitol from attack. They saved God knows how many lives. They saved the terrorists from claiming the symbolic victory of smashing the center of American government. ... They allowed us to survive as a country that could fight terror and still maintain liberty and still welcome people from all over the world from every religion and race and culture as long as they shared our values, because -ordinary people given no time at all to decide did the right thing.”

—President **Bill Clinton** in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in 2011



DON'T WORRY ABOUT GOING BACK TO SCHOOL. IT'S GOING TO BE TOTALLY AWESOME.

2017

Blessings to all our teachers and students as they begin a new school year.



September 2018



<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>TORCHES</i>	<i>SERVERS</i>	<i>LECTORS</i>	<i>CHALICE</i>	<i>COUNTERS</i>
September 2	8:00 AM	-	Rob Causton	Joan Duckloe	Deacon Michele	
15 Pentecost	10:15 AM	Jelena Nortey Jaina Nortey	Jerrin Nortey	Patti Alleger Andrea McQueen	Howard Alleger	Terry Miller Bob Nelson
September 9	8:00 AM	-	Rob Causton	Louise Bach	Deacon Michele	
16 Pentecost	10:15 AM		Anthony Pisculli	Howard Alleger Leigh Smith	Mike Shands	Chris Nelson Cheryl Cloke
September 16	8:00 AM	-	Rob Causton	Kevin Furst	Deacon Michele	
17 Pentecost	10:15 AM			MaryEllen Whiteley Martha Linne	Cynthia Nortey	Steve Whiteley Martha Linne
September 23	8:00 AM	-	Rob Causton	Rob Causton	Deacon Michele	
18 Pentecost	10:15 AM			Barbara Cato Cynthia Leenerts	Cynthia Leenerts	Greg Tanico Jay Freeman
September 30	8:00 AM	-	Rob Causton	Louise Bach	Deacon Michele	
19 Pentecost	10:15 AM			Jill Thatcher Carolyn Buckley	Leigh Smith	Jill Thatcher Martha Linne



September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10-12 noon Food Pantry
2 Worship 8:00 am 10:15 am	3	4	5 Healing Mass—noon Bible Study 1:00 p.m.	6	7	8
9 Worship 8:00 am 10:15 am Sunday School starts	10	11	12 Healing Mass—noon Bible Study 1:00 p.m.	13	14	15 Rev. Nichols Consecration
16 Worship 8:00 am 10:15 am	17	18	19 Healing Mass—noon Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry distribution	20	21	22
23 Worship 8:00 am 10:15 am	24	25	26 Healing Mass—noon Bible Study 1:00 p.m.	27	29	29
30 Worship 8:00 am 10:15 am						



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Connect 4

HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

CONNECT is designed by our youth for our youth.
It is a weekend for youth to share their faith stories and further explore their own faith. Those who participate will have the chance to connect with God, each other, and the world around them. This year's youth co-rectors are Saige Sterner and Kelly Casterline. Come and join us!

November 9 at 7:00pm-November 11 at 2:00PM
Docono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center
304 Docono Plateau Road, Cresco, PA 18326

COST: \$125 (SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)
GRADES 9-12

REGISTER AT DIOBETH.ORG/MINISTRIES/YOUTH
FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL THE REV. MICHELLE CAUSTON AT YOUTH@DIOBETH.ORG