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New Year's Challenge!



Reflections from Fr. Jeff

"The mission of Christ's Church is to worship God and to make known the love and salvation of Christ."

I pray you all are having a blessed and happy start to a new year. This year, we received a challenge from Archbishop Bob. The challenge is for our church to be more specific in all we do. We must be careful not to be generic. An example of us being generic is our Mission Statement, which is "To worship God and to make known the love and salvation of Christ!" This is a mission for every Christian, not just Christ's Church. Our vision is an example of being specific: "Hungry people are fed here." People being fed at Christ's Church spiritually, emotionally, and physically is unique to us.

Being specific requires us to pray and then listen to what God wants us to do. In being specific, we must also be distinctively and undeniably Anglican. We must embrace our rich heritage and utilize the treasures we have. The first step in achieving this challenge is to create a new mission statement. Since our

200-year Anniversary is coming up in four years, we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to embrace our past and secure our future in ways consistent with being Anglican. As you read this and future editions of *The Word*, you will notice some changes that reflect some of the initiatives we are pursuing to meet the challenge of Archbishop Bob. We are now including articles about our denomination, so we have a better understanding of the rich tradition that we have inherited, a tradition we celebrate weekly. These articles relate directly to us feeding people spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

Let us all pray and meditate on how God is calling us to serve Him in Greensburg, specifically. This challenge will reward us more than we can imagine and I, for one, am excited! I look forward to working alongside you this year in sharing God's love and feeding His people. AMEN!

Operation Christmas Child WAS A SUCCESS!



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Thanks to Abby Jo for coordinating the annual Christmas Shoebox Project. Abby Jo first contacted me back in July when we met for lunch and discussed this as a possibility for her high school Senior Project. After meeting with her high school advisor, and signing me on as her mentor, she enthusiastically jumped in!

With the help of Karen Artuso and Molly Jo, (her Mom) they purchased small items to place in the boxes, all the while you parishioners were purchasing items for your boxes. From folding the flattened boxes into the shoeboxes to soliciting gifts and boxes from her classmates to involving her Aunt and Grandmother to communicating with me by text along the way, the project blossomed.

November 4th was set aside as "packing day" followed by the next Sunday to check the boxes for postage money.

On November 18th, Abby Jo and her Mom delivered 87 boxes plus \$232.00 to the Free Methodist Church. The extra money that you parishioners donated was further donated to Samaritan's Purse (the sponsoring agency for the Shoebox Project) to cover the postage for other donated boxes.

Squeezing in the tasks necessary for this project had to fit with the other extracurricular activities Abby Jo was involved in this past fall. To brag a bit on our Senior High student, she and her tennis partner did so well that they qualified for the state tennis doubles semi-finals held in Harrisburg. Coincidentally, this happened the day before the Shoebox Packing Sunday, November 4th!

Abby Jo will present all the details of her Shoebox Project at the end of her Senior year. Thank you, Abby Jo, for putting Christ's Church on the travel map, as we follow our boxes to other ends of the earth!

Blessings on your Mom and all of your family,
Deacon Gretchen



Jan 4-5: Sight & Sound's Production of JESUS
Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster
1-800-377-1277
<https://sight-sound.com/shows/lancaster/jesus/2019>

Jan 5: Annual Christmas Dinner at
Ferrante's Lakeview in Greensburg

Jan 11-12: Youth Lock-in Inviting Event
beginning at 7:00 pm. Youth will be "locked-in"
until Saturday at 10:00 am

Jan 14: Christian Women Together monthly
dinner at Rodney's Restaurant in Irwin
at 6:30 pm

Jan 17: Summit for Life, Washington D.C.
AnglicansForLife.org/Summit-2019

Jan 18: March for Life, Washington D.C.
AnglicansForLife.org/Summit-2019

Jan 25: 2019 Westmoreland County Prayer
Breakfast, 7:00-9:00 am, Greensburg Ramada
Hotel and Conference Center. Tickets cost
\$20@.<http://www.westmorelandchamber.com/>

Feb 3: Bishop Hobby's annual visit to Christ's
Church. Confirmation service at 10:30 am

Feb 8: Our next Salad Bar



The Deacon's Corner

Prayers for Christmas and Epiphany



A Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

*Loving Father, Help us remember
the birth of Jesus,*

*that we may share in the song of the
angels, the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.*

*Close the door of hate and open the door of
love all over the world. Let kindness come
with every gift and good desires with every
greeting. Deliver us from evil by the bless-
ing which Christ brings, and teach us to be
merry with clear hearts.*

*May the Christmas morning make us
happy to be thy children, and Christmas
evening bring us to our beds with grateful
thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus'
sake. Amen.*

Read more at: http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Christmas.htm#ixzz5WyP4umfb



PROPERTY REPORT

The Eagle Scout project for the library in the C.E. Building is now completed. Hats off to the guy in charge, Devon Gilbert. Devon had a number of scouts under his charge, and, he even had the mothers painting!



You can't believe the wonderful job they all did! The library looks stunning! Please take a few minutes and see for yourself, when the building is open. Devon, the scouts, and other helpers did an outstanding job!! Look for more Eagle Scouts projects in the future.

Gene DiPrmio,
Property



Don't forget!
January 10
is the deadline
for articles
in the February
issue of
The Word.

Bible Studies

Outreach

The Bible studies are on break through December to January

Tuesday's class:

**Tuesday, January 8
thru February 12**
How's Your Soul?
by Judah Smith



In this six-session video Bible study, Judah asks a surprisingly different question from the usual "How are you?" to "How's your soul?" But this is the question Judah chooses to ask his friends because he knows the health of the soul is too often overlooked in the busyness of everyday life.

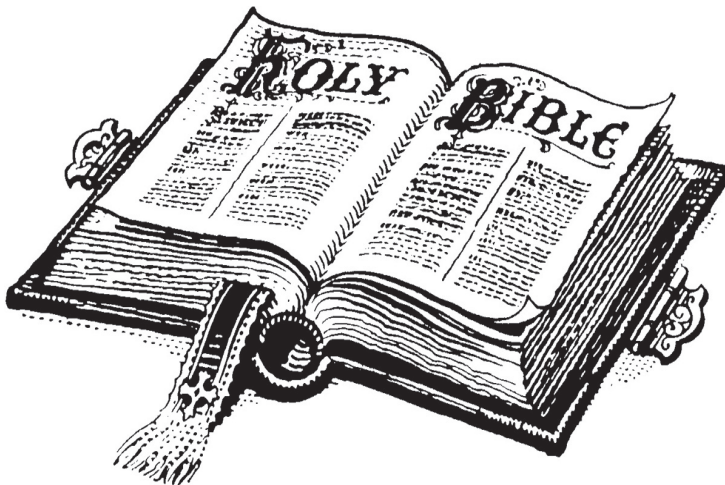
In the rush of living moment to moment, many of us find ourselves simply surviving, struggling daily with frustration, restlessness, boredom, and ever-fleeting joy. But if we would pause, we'd find the things that matter most in life – stability, peace, hope, love – are rooted in the health of what Judah calls the "inside you." Available as a DVD, study guide and book.

Wednesday's class:

**Wednesday, January 9
thru February 13**
Listen, Love, Repeat
by Karen Ehman

Karen Artuso

In this six-week DVD study, Karen Ehman helps women look at scriptural examples of those who lived alert and also Jesus – the one who noticed those who least expected to be noticed. With her practical style, Karen inspires women to realize that, in order to find joy in life, we must cultivate a lifestyle that sees and meets the needs of others.



Fall was an exciting time for outreach at Christ Church. Our congregation sent 10 boxes of nonperishable food, soaps, and paper products to the Westmoreland County Food Bank. Tim Moore delivered coats, hats, gloves, hoodies, and blankets to our friends at Shepherd's Heart. There won't be a coat drive in 2019 unless a special need arises. Remember to store unwanted coats for future coat collections.

Hotdogs, popcorn, cookies, hot chocolate, and coffee greeted parade goers on November 17th. The weather was cold, but everyone enjoyed warmth and fellowship in the undercroft. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the event a huge success.

Gael Celestine, our sponsored child from Haiti, has finally started the new school year. She will learn to read, write, and do math. She also receives a hot meal at school every day. The freewill offering from the parade will provide her with uniforms and books. If you would like to send her a card or letter, please check out the bulletin for her address.

God blesses us each and every day of our lives. We are fortunate that at Christ's Church we can spread the "Good News" of our Lord Jesus Christ and help others who are in need! Thanks to everyone who donated much needed items that help our many outreach projects.

Ann Yutz, Fellowship

Baptisms



12/8/18

- ★ Zachary Galdo ★ Jacob Huff
- ★ Aryana Galdo ★ Carlos Galdo III
- ★ Shaina Huff ★ Chelsea Fries

Births

- ★ Dominic Joseph Liprando
- ★ Mila Beatrix Tuscano
- ★ Claire Ann [Vornbrock] Dopkowski

Transfers Out

Nadine Plummer to Cedar Springs
Presbyterian Church Knoxville, TN

Mission Statement: "To glorify God in relationships and activities, and to encourage a servant's heart toward God, the church family, and our community."

Important Dates for Your Calendar

Lunch, Soup, and Bake Sale

"Thank You"

to ALL the wonderful people (cooks, bakers, and helpers) who supported this event on December 7. Stand up and take a bow for all you did to make this date on the calendar so outstanding. Read on!



We served 102 guests, and our net income was \$1,393.47. Homemade soups were the most popular (\$343.00), and we sold \$201.00 in baked goods. We received \$67.00 in donations.

This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and will be part of our donation to the Building Fund of Christ's Church and our local charities when the checks are written in June. However, our salad bars are so much more than money. Good fellowship is quite evident with our guests, especially those who attend on a regular basis.

One man said he is scheduling a day of vacation for future salad bars since his new job has different hours! He doesn't want to miss any!



Salad Bar

Our next salad bar is **Friday, February 8, NOT February 1.**



Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner will be on **Saturday, January 5, 2019**, at Lakeview in the Crystal Room (same as before). New entertainment this year!

Invitations will be mailed shortly. Don't forget to write your name on the sign-up sheet in the undercroft OR you can call or e-mail Marsha at the church office. **NOTE:** Please keep us informed of any cancellations to avoid paying for "no-shows."

History of the Anglican Church



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Anglicans trace their Christian roots back to the early Church, and their specifically Anglican identity to the post-Reformation expansion of the Church of England and other Episcopal or Anglican Churches. Historically, there were two main stages in the development and spread of the Communion.

Beginning with the seventeenth century, Anglicanism was established alongside colonization in the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. The second stage began in the eighteenth century when missionaries worked to establish Anglican churches in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

As a worldwide family of churches, the Anglican Communion has more than 85 million members in 39 Member Churches (also called Provinces) spreading across over 165 countries. Located on every continent, Anglicans speak many languages and come from different races and cultures. Although the churches are autonomous, they are also uniquely unified through their history, their theology, their worship and their relationship to the ancient See of Canterbury.

Anglicans uphold the Catholic and Apostolic faith. Following the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Churches are committed to the proclamation of the good news of the Gospel to the whole creation. In practice this is based on the revelation contained in Holy Scripture and the Catholic creeds, and is interpreted in light of Christian tradition, scholarship, reason and experience.

By baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a person is made one with Christ and received into the fellowship of the Church. This sacrament of initiation is open to children as well as to adults.

(Continued in the February issue of *The Word*)

From the website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/anglican-communion>

WANTED!

THE FELLOWSHIP FOLKS
ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW
GOOD HANDS TO HELP OUT
WITH THE COFFEE HOUR

Please consider helping with COFFEE HOUR after the 10:30 service. It is not hard to do. If you like to bake, make a favorite and bring with you to serve or if you don't bake check the freezer in the church kitchen. Anything marked 10:30 can be used. Plates, napkins, etc. are in the cupboards in the kitchen. Please make sure the kitchen is cleaned, and serving utensils are washed and put away.

If you can't help with coffee hour, baked goodies or even store-bought ones are always welcome to add to the stash in the "frig." Just mark them 10:30 and put them in the freezer. They will be used for coffee hour.

Thank you,
Dee Claiborne





Favorite Recipes
from the
CCW Salad Bar

PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE

In a heavy saucepan, combine 2 cups white sugar and 1/2 cup of whole milk. When mixture starts to boil, cook two minutes, stirring constantly.

Remove from heat and immediately stir in 1-1/2 cups of creamy peanut butter and a jar of marshmallow cream (7 oz.) and mix until well blended.

Pour into an 8"x 8" pan; chill well before cutting.

NOTE: You can have an assortment of fudge flavors by using the above recipe (omit peanut butter) and substituting any flavor of baking bits (8 oz.).

Roger Stern



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