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The Word

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Reflections from Fr. Jeff

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

The Peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

When I was working full time with hospice, I did a lot of driving. I began listening to talk shows to pass the time while getting from one place to the next. Over time, I noticed that I had an anger within me and I could not figure out why. I realized that the talk shows and the news I was reading and watching were the culprit of my anger. I realized that the stories and reports were provoking my emotions. I cannot believe how much I became at peace with the world, our nation, my family, and myself when I simply turned off the news and talk shows.

Today, I see so much anger in our great nation. With the advent of political tribalism and people being divided in many ways because of the way they vote. I find it important that we as Christians not get swayed and that our emotions don't get caught up in this political hysteria. By all means research each candidate and vote for who you feel is the best

for our country. In today's world, you can do all research two days before you vote and avoid the months of agony and biased spins that may be placed on each candidate. We are all called to invest and live our life for our eternal kingdom. It is important that we don't lose sight of our eternal home while we live in our transitory state. Seek the peace that passes all understanding. Prayerfully consider the candidates that are going to allow us to propagate our faith most effectively.

It is important we don't become angered by our political systems, rather, we need to take this as an opportunity to show others the better way of Jesus Christ. This is our moment to let the Light of Christ shine. It is important to show how Christ is not only relevant in this age, but essential. This is a challenge for all of us. Let us keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. May the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. AMEN.



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Notes from the Deacon's Corner

How exciting to have another edition of *The Word* to let parishioners know what is happening at Christ's Church. Thanks to the new designer, Lee Klingenberg. Thanks again to Sandy Carlson for the many years and editions she produced to keep our parishioners aware of the activities at Christ's Church.

One such activity within Christ's Church is "CWT"... Christian Women Together. This is a monthly event which has taken place for the last two and a half years. Started in April 2016, this monthly outing for us Christian Women is designed to enjoy dinner together by sharing food, fellowship and friendship. I feel strongly that women are always serving others. We serve our families, our church, our communities. By going out to dinner once a

month, we can sit and be served! We meet at different restaurants in the Greensburg and North Huntingdon areas on a Monday evening at 6:30 pm. I find that we are dispersing by 8:30, so it is not too late an evening on a "work night".

If you would like to join us at any time, please email me or call for more information. Our special CWT evenings are a wonderful way to welcome our newcomers to our parish and to become deeper in relationship with those we see every Sunday. Please get in touch with me to find out when our next CWT Monday evening is to be and JOIN US!!!

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Operation Christmas Child 2018

This year, a member of our Christ's Church family, Abby Jo Stull, is the chairperson for Operation Christmas Child. She is going into her senior year at Greensburg Salem High School and as a graduation requirement, is to complete a senior project.



Abby Jo is going to incorporate the shoebox project within her high school, as well as the church, as we have done past years. She is asking for box fillers and money donations to cover shipping costs. We plan to have the church packing day on Sunday, November 4th, after the 10:30 service in the undercroft.

If you're unable to attend our packing day, you can always pack your own shoebox at home! All boxes need to be collected by Friday, November 16th.

If you have questions, feel free to contact **Abby Jo** at abbyjostull@gmail.com



Bible Studies for the Women's Day Out Studies:

The two morning Bible Studies for women will be starting new studies the week of October 21st. If you missed jumping in in September, please join us for the end of October and beginning of November before we take our Holiday break. We would love to have you! We meet in the Diane Robertson Room in the Christian Ed building both days from 9:30-11:30 am. If you have any questions, please call Karen at 412-580-8047 or email me at ar2so@zoominternet.net.

Tuesday October 23 – November 13 – Joseph: How God Builds Character, LifeGuide Study

Joseph faced hard times – more than once. He was sold into slavery by his brothers. He spent years imprisoned because of a false accusation. And yet Joseph was able to live in forgiveness and hope, and God did great things in his life every step of the way toward discovering how God's dream might be fulfilled in and through you. Study guide.

Wednesday October 24 – November 14 – Apostles Creed, LifeGuide Study

This six-session study, based on Alister McGrath's book "Believe", introduces us to the Apostles' Creed and the essential truths about God the Father, the person and work of Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Each session consists of a commentary reading, discussion questions, and additional work, if desired. Study Guide.

Church Records
 Transfer in: Steve and Cindy Swencki from St. Paul's Summerville, South Carolina
 Deceased: Warren Altman 8/23/18
 Don Stohl 9/4/18

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

Salad Bars

"Congratulations and Thank You" to everyone who participated in our October salad bar. . . as a helper or if you made your favorite recipe!!



We had new helpers and many more new guests. We served 132 guests, and our net income was \$1,090.76! It was a grand start as our first salad bar of the new season.

Lenny, from Union Mission, continues to be our dishwasher helper. He does a great job and is a delight to work with. Also, we had a few more men to help us.

REMINDER: When bringing food to the undercroft on Friday morning, please use the flashers on your vehicle to avoid getting a ticket. The time to bring food on Thursday evening is 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. during choir practice.

Frozen Pie Sale

The pie order form is included in this newsletter. Please consider buying at least ONE pie to increase our sales. These pies make thoughtful gifts, too. Don't forget to ask your family and friends for their orders. The holidays are coming! Last day to order is November 7.

Lunch, Soup, and Bake Sale

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming soon!! We have so much to offer that day. . . a salad bar plus homemade soups and baked goods! People "shop" before they eat so they can buy their favorites. It is a very popular event, and I hope you will make one or two of your favorite recipes. TWICE the food and TWICE the helpers are needed! This sale requires an incredible amount of work but is definitely worth the effort.

JUST A REMINDER. . . Soups and baked goods should be brought to the undercroft the day before on Thursday, December 6, between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. to allow us time to jar the soups and price the baked goods. Salad bar foods can be brought in as usual.



Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner will be Saturday, January 5, 2019. Lakeview is our favorite location to enjoy their delicious food and lovely decorations. Prepare yourself to be entertained... it is always a fun-filled evening!!

Outreach and Mission

Fall is here and there are many ways to serve Jesus and others. Father Jeff gave us the perfect acronym for doing God's work on earth. "JOY", Jesus first, others second, and yourself last. There are many opportunities this fall to reach out and touch some one in our community and beyond. In October and November we will be collecting Food for the Westmoreland County Food Bank and coats, blankets, hoodies, sleeping bags, hats and gloves for Shepherd Heart. Our very own Abby Jo Stull is heading up Operation Christmas Child as part of her senior project. Many of you love to fill the shoe boxes for children around the world. Be sure to pick up your box and have it back in



the undercroft by November 16th. If you are not a shopper, please consider making a monetary donation for buying box fillers or paying for postage. Last, but not least, is the annual **Greensburg Christmas Parade** which will be held on November 17. Prayerfully, Mother Nature will cooperate and give parade participants and spectators a beautiful day. Many people are needed to make this day a huge success. Please sign up to help! We especially need cookie bakers.

Vestry NOTES

A deposit has been put down on a new furnace for the Diane Robertson Room. The cost will come from the property budget.

A new floor for the library at a cost of \$358.91, also to come from the property budget.

Finances:

August income – \$15,147

Income to date – \$143,070

August disbursements – \$15,185

Disbursements to date – \$141,294

Net gain for year is \$1,775

Balance in checking – \$47,336.50

Balance in investments – \$134,899

NOTE: All articles for the December WORD must be submitted to the church office no later than the 10th of November!

*A True Tale
from Professor
Barkley who says,
"WOOF!"
(It's a FACT!)*



**There were
actually
TWO
Mayflowers**



A group of religious separatists were granted permission to raise a colony in North America and responded to an advertisement for chartering an 11-year old vessel, the Mayflower, for transportation to make their dream come true later in 1620.

Approximately 35 of the separatists sailed on the Mayflower in mid-September with Captain Christopher Jones in command. The pilgrims lived most of the time on the gun deck with barely five feet of headroom. The rough voyage lasted 66 days with two passengers dying, but a baby girl was born at sea! Her name was Oceanus.

Finally, in November, they reached the shores of Cape Cod and sailed a month later to the mainland and settled in what would later become Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The Mayflower returned to England in 1621. Her eventual fate is unknown but, as the story goes, she was scrapped with some of her timbers used in the construction of a barn in Buckinghamshire, England.

In 1629 a second Mayflower sailed to the new colony and then attempted another voyage to Virginia in 1641. That ship and 140 passengers were never heard from again.

Favorite Recipes
from the
CCW Salad Bar

WHEATIES COOKIES

1/2 cup Crisco
1 cup flour
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup dark brown sugar, firmly packed
1/2 cup flaked coconut
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. baking powder
1 egg
1/4 tsp. salt
1 cup Wheaties cereal
(OR Honey Bunches of Oats)

Combine all ingredients, saving the coconut and cereal for last. Bake in 375 degree oven for 9 minutes for crunchy cookies and less for softer cookies.

Paula Bossart

Christ's Church Workers (CCW) - Greensburg

Profits are used to support local charities and for specific church projects.

Each 10" pie is frozen and, for best results, should be baked on a cookie sheet. Follow the directions on the box and adjust time and temperature to your oven.

The CCW has two frozen pie sales a year—one in May and one in November for the holidays. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors about our pie sales. We need your continued support!

**You will be called
when your order is ready.**

**Orders must be picked up by
12 noon on November 14!**



**Our next sale will be
May 2019
so plan your order accordingly**

If you have any questions or need additional order forms, see Freda Schultz or call the church office (724-834-4750).

All orders must be prepaid by check, payable to "Christ's Church CCW." Please mail your order and check to:

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Attention: CCW
122 North Maple Avenue
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The last day to order is November 7!

CCW Frozen Pie Sale – November 14, 2018

All pies are **\$10.00** each, except as noted.

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| _____ Apple | _____ Pecan (<i>thaw and serve</i>) |
| _____ Apple Berry (<i>blackberries/blueberries/red raspberries/rhubarb/strawberries</i>) | _____ Pineapple Upside Down / Cherries (<i>caramel glaze/pecans</i>) |
| _____ Apple Walnut (<i>caramel glaze</i>) | _____ Red Raspberry |
| _____ Black Cherry | _____ Strawberry Rhubarb |
| _____ Blackberry | _____ Very Berry (<i>strawberries/blackberries/blueberries/red raspberries</i>) |
| _____ Blueberry | _____ Pumpkin Roll - \$7.00 (<i>thaw and serve</i>) |
| _____ Cherry | _____ Apple (<i>NO sugar added</i>) – 8" - \$8.00 |
| _____ Peach | _____ Cherry (<i>NO sugar added</i>) – 8" - \$8.00 |
| _____ Peach Praline (<i>praline glaze/pecans</i>) | |

Name _____

Total Number of Items _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____

Check Number _____



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