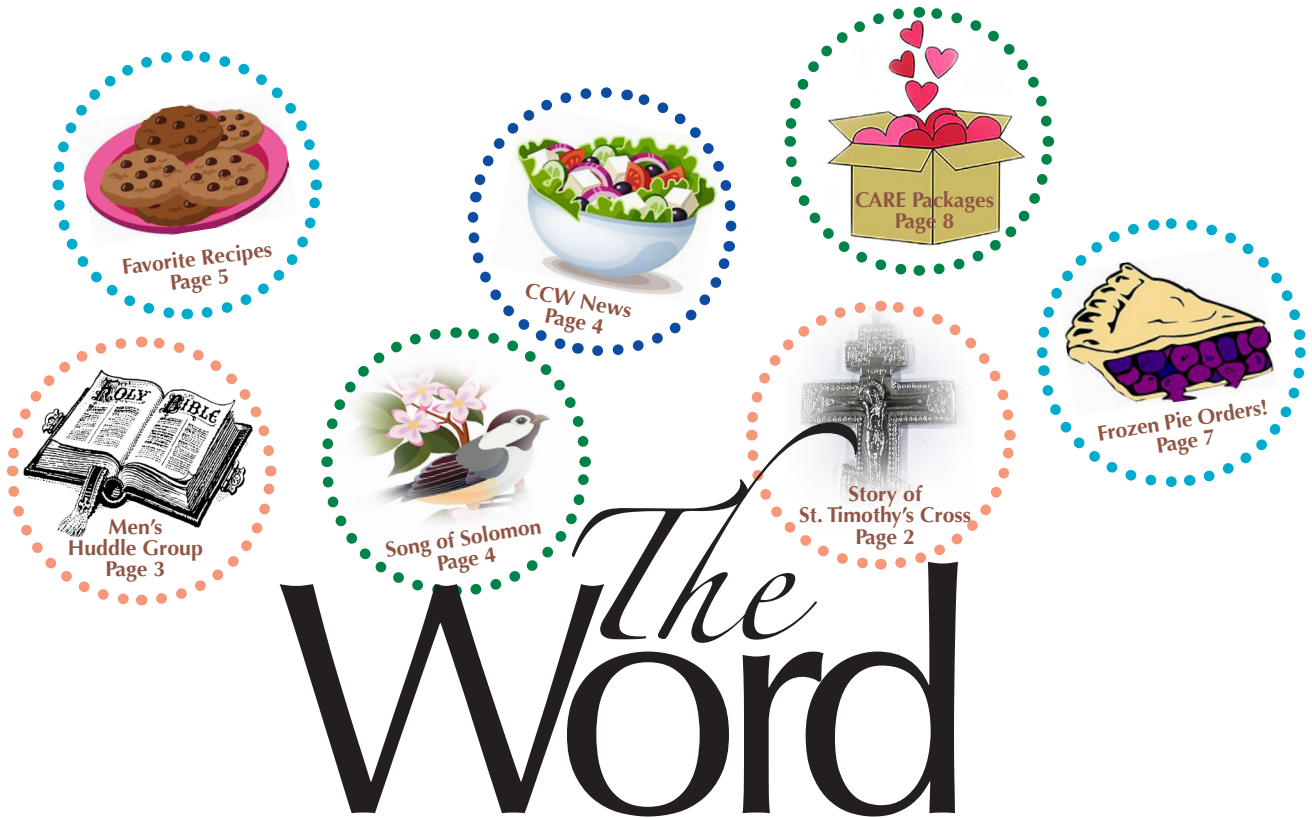


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## *Realizing Some of the Changing Times We Live In*



### **Reflections from Fr. Jeff**

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

As summer approaches, I can't wait to enjoy the warm, summer evenings by a campfire or swimming in the pool with the sun beaming its golden rays. Growing up, I remember summer with some less than favorable memories such as bug bites and frequent trips to the emergency room. I was a bit of a daredevil, and they knew me at the two hospitals by my first name. Reflecting on hospitals and the excellent service they provide, I realize that times have changed not only in technology but also in ideology.

Back in the 1990s, our Congress passed legislation to provide better healthcare and continuity of care by making it easier for healthcare providers to speak with one another and to reduce abuse of the medical system. Thus, in 1996 the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act—more commonly known as HIPAA—became law. You experience it every time you try to get a prescription filled because of the seemingly endless amount of paperwork you have to sign and privacy safeguards you must read and acknowledge.

If you feel it's aggravating, imagine how the healthcare professionals feel! But failure to comply is not an option. The fines, loss of jobs, prison sentences, or closing of entire healthcare establishments are not only possible but have already happened. Protecting our right to privacy has come at a high cost.

One such cost is that hospitals no longer contact local clergy. In addition, most smaller and midsized hospitals have shuttered their chaplain positions. Receiving spiritual care in a hospital is not what it used to be. I remember walking in the hospitals and nurses would come up and direct me to rooms, even to people I did not know, to spend time and pray with them. Now, it is tough for me to gain any information, even a room number at times, when doing a pastoral visit. Unless I become a volunteer employee at every hospital in the area with scheduled visit times, I will not know who is in the hospital.

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**L**et's make this personal. Some of you may wonder why am I not there when you are in the hospital. It's because I don't know—you or your family haven't told me. Just because you gave the hospital staff this information and asked them to call, doesn't mean they'll contact me. I can tell you that they won't. I've heard many reasons, from staffing to HIPAA, but no matter what the reason or excuse is, the fact remains they're not calling.

However, we can fix this. Keep telling the

medical providers caring for you know that you are a member of Christ's Church, Greensburg, the Anglican Church in Greensburg, and insist they call. But also call me or have a loved one call me and I will get there as soon as I can. Remember to call my cell phone if it's after hours.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday and every Sunday at church and not have to worry about the hospitals! Have a blessed and safe summer!

In Christ's Love.

Fr. Jeff +

## St. Timothy's Cross

**S**everal Parishioners have seen me in Lay Reader attire wearing a silver pectoral cross. Some even asked questions about it! Well, here is the story surrounding this cross and how I came to acquire it.

As residents in Summerville, SC, Cindy and I belonged to St. Paul's Summerville and I was a Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer there also. It is their custom for all Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers to wear a pectoral cross over the Surplice. If you did not own one, a wooden cross was provided.

Many of you are aware that my brother is a Russian Orthodox Priest, so I promptly called Dennis to see if he had any "extra" pectoral crosses. (I knew he had a very nice collection!) Dennis told me he had several that he could no longer wear as he has been elevated in the priesthood and must now wear jeweled pectoral crosses, so he sent me a couple. Upon receipt of them, I called him and asked for an explanation of the silver cross.

It turns out that this cross, known as St. Timothy's Cross, was his Ordination Cross. The last Czar of Russia, Nickolas II, began a custom of presenting this cross to all Russian Orthodox Priests at their Ordination. The tradition has continued to the present time.

On the back is the inscription of award and the insignia and symbol of Nicholas II. On the front around the four arms of the Cross are the letters IC XC NIKA meaning "Jesus Christ Conquers."

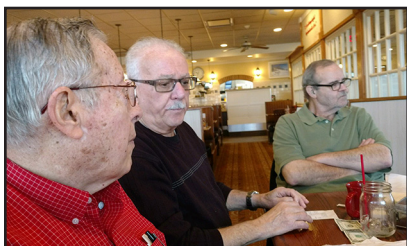


The back of the cross is also inscribed with the Apostle Paul's words to St. Timothy: "Be an example to the believers in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12).

Thus, the name: **St. Timothy's Cross**. BUT, the story of **THIS** cross does not end here! Stay tuned for Part II in the next issue of *The Word*!

Steve Swencki


# VESTRY Notes



*Men from our parish at a recent  
Men's Huddle Breakfast*

## Attention Men!



 Come join the weekly "Men's Huddle" that meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 for a time of fellowship, Bible Study, and Kingdom building. Led by Denny Hyland, we meet the first Thursday at the Bob Evan's restaurant in Hempfield Plaza for breakfast and then the remaining Thursdays in our CE Building. We currently are studying the *Book of Acts*. For more information, contact Denny or call the church office to leave a message for him.

At the April Vestry meeting the minutes from the March meeting were approved. Highlights of those minutes include the reading of a thank you from Our Daily Bread for a \$50 donation; acknowledgment that Freda Schultz has agreed to chair the food for undercroft events like the Annual Meeting; a motion to purchase new memorial linens costing \$169 from the Memorial Fund; an announcement that the first payment to the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is now due; and a report that the Youth's Pancake Supper was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended.

The financial report showed income for March as \$22,639, with the year-to-date income being \$61,058. Expenses were \$20,435 for March and \$58,075 year-to-date. This means that our net gain year-to-date in the General Fund is \$2,983. Balance in the checking account was \$20,959 and \$145,695 in our investments.

The Vestry also agreed to support Nick Lynch in his pursuit of Holy Orders.

**Our next meeting will be on May 14.**



### Thank You!

*My sincere thanks to Christ's Church Family for the many cards and get-well wishes I received during and after knee surgery. I know all your prayers helped in the healing process.  
PRAISE THE LORD!  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*Bettyann Finney*

## Upcoming Parish Calendar

**May 2: Men's Huddle Breakfast, 9:00 at Hempfield Plaza's Bob Evans**

**May 3: Salad Bar**

**May 4: Women Alive in Christ, 10:00 - 12:30 pm at Church of Savior, Ambridge. Call the Ambridge Church office for more details: 724-266-4412**

**May 4: Amy Grant in concert; 7:00 pm at Amplify Church, Pittsburgh East Campus Call 1-800-965-9324 for details**

**May 8: Deadline to order pies**

**May 13: Christian Women Together (see bulletin for details)**

**May 14: Vestry Meeting beginning at 7:15 pm in the C.E. Building**

**May 15: Delivery date for pies**

**May 16: Last Youth event for the school year just ending**

**Jun 6: Men's Huddle Breakfast, 9:00 at Hempfield Plaza's Bob Evans**

**Jun 7: Salad Bar**

**Jun 10: Christian Women Together (see bulletin for details)**

**Jul 11: Men's Huddle Breakfast, 9:00 at Hempfield Plaza's Bob Evans**

**Jul 8: Christian Women Together (see bulletin for details)**

**Aug 1: Men's Huddle Breakfast, 9:00 at Hempfield Plaza's Bob Evans**

**Aug 10: Deadline for the articles to be included in the September Parish newsletter**

**Aug 12: Christian Women Together (see bulletin for details)**

**Aug 25: Annual Church Picnic at Hempfield Park - Pavilion D  
8:00 Service at Christ's Church  
11:00 Service at Pavilion D in the Park**

# Worship

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make Holy Week and Easter special; the choir for the beautiful music, the Altar Guild for all the cleaning and setting up, the greeters and ushers for making people feel welcome, the LEM and Lectors for the reading and assistance and the acolytes for their assistance. Without you the services would not be able to take place. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.



My beloved spake, and said  
unto me,

Rise up, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain  
is over and gone;

The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of the singing of birds  
is come, and the voice of the  
turtle is heard in our land;

The fig tree putteth forth her green  
figs, and the vines with the  
tender grape give a good smell.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and  
come away.

- Song of Solomon 2:10-13



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

## Salad Bars

Our next salad bar is May 3. Write this date on your calendar! Your good recipes are most welcome. Our guests enjoy all the homemade food that is made just for them! You are invited, too!

Our last salad bar for the season is June 7.



## Frozen Pie Sale

Did you place an order for the frozen pie sale? An order form is included in this issue of the Word; extra order forms are on the tables in the undercroft for your convenience.

**Delivery date is Wednesday, May 15.**

**Last day to order is May 8.** Please do not wait until the last minute! Why not bake a pie and give it to someone special? Buy now for your summer picnics and parties.

## Special Events

"Thank you" to everyone who helped to make a "grand buffet" for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 24. WOW!!

## Prayer List

We are going to try to list those in our parish in need of our prayers each month. We apologize up front if we miss you, but we don't always know who is sick or in the hospital. Please let us know if you wish to be included. This list will only be Christ's Church members. For a complete listing of our Prayer List see the website.

### May's List

John Beavers	Derek Peske	Janet Colosimo
Kay & Herb Ferree	Jim & Julie Smith	Lee Jamison
Melanie Wood	Bettyann Finney	George Tallant
Ruth Manson	Linda	



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

# *Favorite Recipes* from the **CCW Salad Bar**

## **CREAM PUFF DESSERT**

### **Crust:**

1 cup water  
½ cup butter  
¼ tsp. salt  
1 cup flour  
4 large eggs

### **Filling:**

1 pkg. (8 oz.)  
cream cheese,  
softened  
2 ½ cups cold  
2% milk  
2 pkg. (3.4 oz. each)  
instant vanilla  
pudding

### **Topping:**

1 carton (8 oz.)  
Cool Whip  
Chocolate syrup

In a large pan, over medium heat, bring the water, butter, and salt to a boil. Add flour all at once and stir until a smooth ball forms. Continue beating until smooth and shiny. Remove from heat and let stand for five minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. (NOTE: Use whisk for best results.)

Pour into a greased 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 400 degrees until puffed and golden brown for about 28 to 30 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, milk, and pudding until smooth. Spread over the crust; refrigerate for about 20 minutes. Spread Cool Whip over filling and refrigerate. Just before serving, drizzle with chocolate syrup.

*Marsha Cook*



# 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 May 15!**



**Our next sale will be  
November 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:

Christ's Church  
Attention: CCW  
122 North Maple Avenue  
Greensburg, PA 15601-2580

**The last day to order is May 8!**

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## CCW Frozen Pie Sale – May 15, 2019

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

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

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*The Victory  
was won by the gift  
of His son*



## Care Packages for Shut-ins

Christ's Church has many people who are unable to come to church on Sunday morning. They would love a visit and some home-cooked food. Freda makes care packages after every salad bar with homemade soup and sweets. We need people to deliver them after each salad bar. If you can make a visit to a shut-in, please call Ann Yutz or Freda Schultz. Imagine how much joy you can spread with just a few minutes of your time.

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