

# Christ Episcopal Church

Sparta, NC

*A Home to All*

*Sharing God's Unconditional Love*



**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 17, 2018 – 10:30 AM**

**Celebrating 20 years!**

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin  
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker  
Rector

# Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

We are delighted God has brought you to this special place. Our tradition is to invite newcomers to introduce themselves during the announcements, if they would like. Following the service, the ushers have guest cards which we hope you will fill out, so we can personally welcome you to the church community. Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall afterwards.

**What do you need to know about worship?** Everything you need for your worship today is in the booklet you are holding. Our service is based on the Book of Common Prayer, using music from sources including the Hymnal 1982 and Taizé.

**Are you worshipping with us for the first time?** We would love to get to know you! Please fill out one of the pew cards tucked into the pew in front of you. Let us know if we can call you, answer questions, or pray for you. And know that wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Church.

**Home communion visits:** Do you know someone who isn't able to get to church, but would like a home communion visit? Please call the church office at 336.372.7983 to arrange a visit.

**Please wear a name tag.** No permanent one? Please use the temporary adhesive name tags found in the church entryway. We're happy to make you a new nametag, a replacement, or simply a spare. For permanent name tags, sign up on the clipboard in the entryway.

**Newsletter:** Sign up today to receive our electronic newsletter, the weekly *Good News & Notes*. Email the church office at [ccepiscopeal@skybest.com](mailto:ccepiscopeal@skybest.com).

**Sermons Available:** Recent sermons available at [www.christchurchallegghany.com](http://www.christchurchallegghany.com).

**Adult Formation** at Christ Church includes an Adult Forum series Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall downstairs.

**We extend special thanks today to the following person:**

**Jo Ellen Carson**, for serving as musicians and for being so generous with her talents, and

**Nancy Wilson**, for providing refreshments for our fellowship after the service.

# The Gathering

Prelude

*All stand, as able.*

Processional Hymn #616 (vss 1-3)

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed by God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider Let us pray (*prayed by all*)

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria: S280 (*sung by all*)

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*Remain standing, as able.*

### **The Collect**

Presider            The Lord be with you.

People             **And also with you.**

Presider            Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

**1 Samuel 15: 34-16: 13**

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was

ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Response

### Psalm 20

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his holy place \*  
and strengthen you out of Zion;

Remember all your offerings \*  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire \*  
and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; \*  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

They collapse and fall down, \*  
but we will arise and stand upright.

O Lord, give victory to the king \*  
and answer us when we call.

## The Second Reading

### 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord~ for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as able.*

### Gospel Hymn #679

*Surely it is God who saves me*

*Remain standing, as able.*

Presider            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.  
People             **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel**  
**Mark 4: 26-34**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Presider            The Gospel of the Lord.  
People             **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All are seated.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker

*A time of silence following the sermon.*

*Please stand, as able.*

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that  
 2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -  
 3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-

be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and  
 fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly  
 in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from

sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for  
 died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was  
 sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the

us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of  
 raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God  
 break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -

Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
 right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
 last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

## Prayers of the People

Leader: Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, we pray with one heart and mind to our God, saying:

**People: Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

Leader: We pray that the love that flows endlessly between the Father and the Son in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may renew and deepen the lives of all who follow Jesus and draw the human family all together into your eternal dance;

**People: Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

Leader: We pray for the leaders of the Church, and for the leaders of nations, that we, with them, may discern the ways to overcome divisions and mistrust, that all may reflect your unity in every aspect of our common lives.

**People: Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

Leader: We pray that your Abundant Life, seen clearly in the life of Jesus, may endure and flourish as the Holy Spirit enlightens us to a greater understanding of you, ourselves, and all others with whom we share our planet.

**People: Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

Leader: We pray for our families, our communal life and our wider communities, that they may be places of communion and mutual support, which builds us up and strengthens us with your grace and truth. We pray especially for... We give thanks for the gift of community.

**People: Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

Leader: We thank you for our natural world, which you so lovingly created and call us to redeem; help us be wise, careful, and loving caregivers of your creation.

**People: Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

Leader: In the power of your Spirit who joins our prayer to Christ's eternal intercession, we pray for the sick, the suffering, those who have died, and all who stand in need, especially...For healing for all the world we pray,

**People: Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the earth.**

Leader: In an endless outpouring of thanksgiving for your ceaseless joy, we give thanks for... that we may always rejoice in the power of your love.

**People: Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

Stephanie: Gracious God, whom Jesus taught us to call Abba, Father, by the inner workings of your Spirit, help us to embrace your grace to deepen our communion with you, give us courage to more and more be signs of your enduring love. This we pray through Jesus Christ, who lives and works with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

*Please greet one another in a way that is comfortable as a sign of our participation in Christ's reconciling work in the world.*

Offertory

Jo Ellen Carson

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Standing, as able.*

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP 369

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus:** S129 (*sung by all*)

BCP 362

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People**            **We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People**            **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priests, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.  
**AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction: S154 (sung by all)

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

### The Invitation to Communion

Presider            The Gifts of God for the People of God.....

*All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.  
If you are gluten allergic, please ask for a rice wafer at the distribution.*

Communion Music (sung by all)

Jo Ellen Carson

Hymn #325

Let us break bread together on our knees

*Let us break bread together on our knees,  
let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees,  
let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Hymn #654

Day by day

*Day by day, dear Lord,  
of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly,  
day by day.*

Surely the Presence of the Lord

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace,  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*Stand or sit, as able.*

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Presider        Let us pray

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand, as able.*

## The Blessing

Presider        Almighty God, may the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of compassionate living, to the honor and praise of your Name. May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn #544

*Jesus shall reign*

## The Dismissal

Presider        Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People         **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Coming Lessons

1 Samuel 17: 57 - 18: 5, 10-16

Psalm 133

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

Mark 4: 35-41

## The Following People are Assisting with the Services

Role	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	Marybeth Lentz	Marybeth Lentz
Chalicer I	Brenda Weems	Frances Buckle
Chalicer II	Jann Boggs	Shelley Jones
Crucifer	Ann Hazard	Kimberly Jones
Lector I	Jann Boggs	Frances Buckle
Lector II	Frank Hazard	Allan Joyce
Prayers of the People	Ann Hazard	Frances Buckle
Oblations Bearers	Shelley & Geoff Jones	Denise & Larry Seckel
Greeters/Ushers	Frank Hazard & Jim Halsey	Joe & Judy Ritchie
Book Bearer	Jann Boggs	Shelley Jones
Sanctus Bell	Ann Hazard	Kimberly Jones

## Prayer List

**Intercessions:** Ben, Denise H., Ed & Jean, Fred P., Jessica, Julie O., Laura D., Lisa D., Mark & Julee W., Martha H., and Ray V.

**Departed:**

**Birthdays:** Gary Medley (June 22)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Geoff & Shelley Jones (June 17)

## Schedule

### Sunday, June 17 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 am – Adult Forum

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

### Tuesday, June 19

12:00 pm – Ladies’ Lunch Out at Muddy Creek Café

### Wednesday, June 20

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

### Sunday, June 24 – Our 20/20 First Fruits’ Celebration

9:15 am – Adult Forum

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

6:00 pm – Mountain Soul presents Jewell’s Harp

## Announcements

### Adult Forum: Saving Jesus

Jesus is not just a historical figure relegated to the pages of Scripture and stories that happened long ago. The invitation to follow Jesus is always before us and Jesus' teachings and life call us into a transformational way of seeing and living in the world here and now.

Join us in Adult Forum, Sundays @ 9:15 for Saving Jesus, a 12-part exploration of who Jesus was in his context, time and culture as well as how we can follow Jesus today. A host of experts from many denominations and faith traditions help us to have conversations about the relevance of Jesus for the 21st century. Come and Join the Conversation!

### 20/20 Challenge!

A big “THANK YOU” for your rapid and generous response thus far to our 20/20 Challenge! To date we have received \$15,000. We are *very* thankful for your generosity and we are excited that, as you always do, you are meeting the promise to help us look forward to another twenty years and more. We will have a special day of celebration of the 20 years since we became a mission of the Diocese of Western North Carolina on June 24th, which is when we will recognize the first fruits of our Challenge efforts. You are welcome to mail your card in at any time and to think and pray on your participation beyond the June 24th celebration. Our deepest goal is to shine with that Christ Church “can do” spirit and offer everyone a chance to get us on the road to the next 20 years!

### Ladies’ Lunch Out is scheduled for THIS Tuesday, June 19 at noon!

If you haven’t already signed up for this lunch out, please make sure you do. The sign-up sheet is on the Information table. Marybeth Lentz is hosting this month’s Ladies’ Lunch Out on Tuesday, June 19 at noon at the newly-opened Muddy Creek Café. Please join us!

**Mountain Soul presents Jewell's Harp on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

Jewell's Harp is a NC band that plays a wide range of music. For more information about the band, check out the *Good News & Notes*. And plan to attend next Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>) at 6 pm!

**SAVE THE DATE: You're Invited to a "Newcomer" Gathering Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>!**

We are blessed to have new worshippers join us on a regular basis, and we want to welcome you and give you a chance to ask any questions you have as well as gather for a great meal and have an opportunity to get to know more about life and ministry at Christ Church.

"Newcomer" is in parentheses because some of you have been here for a while, but we have not yet had the opportunity to celebrate you. So, if you have joined us and not yet been to such an event, you are invited! Even if you have been worshipping with us since Stephanie's arrival, you are invited!

The event will be at the Seckel's barn on 404 Vestal Rd., off the parkway. We will gather at 5:00 pm and enjoy a time of joyful fellowship and orientation.

Look for more information coming soon!

Your Church Growth Ministry Team

**Bible Study of the Gospel of John**

A study of the Gospel of John continues every other week at 6:00 pm at the Seckel Barn, 404 Vestal Road, Sparta. The Rev. Martha Honaker is leading the study. Our next gathering will be **Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us!

**Food & Fellowship Person of the Month for June is:** Eleanor Plummer. She can be reached at [shpd311@skybest.com](mailto:shpd311@skybest.com) or 336-372-7214.

**Vestry Person of the month for June is:** Frank Hazard. He can be reached at [frankhazard01@gmail.com](mailto:frankhazard01@gmail.com) or 336-372-8808.

**You may reach Rev. Stephanie at:** [revsteph@skybest.com](mailto:revsteph@skybest.com)

**For any building or property issues, please contact:** Phil Donaldson with your concerns.

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**Bits and Pieces for your information**

As summer finally comes to the mountains, it is a great time to renew some general information about communication, Vestry proceedings and Pastoral Care.

**Communication:** The best way to stay abreast of the many happenings at Christ Church is to read the Good News and Notes, the Sunday bulletin and checking the webpage for new pictures and other information that is available there. If you want to communicate with me directly, you are invited to email anytime at [revsteph@skybest.com](mailto:revsteph@skybest.com) and Tuesday-Sunday, call at 336-363-4141. Please respect Monday as my Sabbath unless you have an emergency and in that case, please call me immediately!

I also want to renew the invitation to know that unless you have heard something from me directly in writing or in person, you have not heard from me at all. I invite you at anytime to speak with me directly. I am always happy to hear how you are doing, about the goings on in your lives--in good times and in challenging times, and I am especially open to hearing your concerns.

If you have a pastoral care need, please contact me directly. Clergy are often the last to hear about hospitalizations, illnesses, etc. I always want to hear from you if you desire a visit and the only way to insure that is to speak with me directly. I would love to hear from you! Long-term pastoral care is a ministry for the entire congregation. Show your love for our members by visiting, writing, or calling those who are no longer able to be with us on a regular basis.

**Vestry:** So many exciting things are happening in Vestry! You are always invited to attend Vestry meetings and in lieu of that, read the Vestry minutes as they are posted. Note that the previous month's Vestry minutes are not approved until the following month's meeting, but it is still a good way to keep your finger on the pulse. Another important note is to know what Vestry minutes contain. While 99.9% of the Vestry meetings are about creating relationship and community leadership, our minutes are something required by state and federal law and are instrumental when we require action with our banking institutions and other official matters. As such they report transactions of motions and codified decisions. There is sometimes report of discussion, but in general, as official documents, they are the least suited to verbatim accounts of every discussion. A perfect place to hear expanded news of the community is in the Good News and Notes. If you do not have a computer, but would like to receive the Good News and Notes, please notify us and we will mail a hard copy to you.

Another exciting happening in Vestry is that we have adopted the Diocesan and Episcopal Church Foundations meeting format. As such, we devote time in Vestry to Church Leadership Training, visioning strategies, and other matters that help us motivate our community of faith in vitality and joyous health.

These are but a few topics of interest. While there are some aspects of my work as priest that are sensitive and necessarily confidential, I am always open to your questions. Please let me know if there are any other "behind the scenes" activities that you would find of interest. I always stand ready and excited to share news about Christ Church and my life within it.

May God Bless and Keep You All,

Stephanie+

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