

Christ Church Parish News

Sunday, September 16, 2018
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion – 7:30 am
Adult Forum - 9:00 am
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Holy Communion with Music -- 10:00 am
Nursery is available at 9:45 for the 10:00 service



Cupcake Wars!

Parish Calendar

- Sunday, September 16: Vestry 11:30 am - Choir Room
Community Supper at Baptist Church
- Wed., September 19: Holy Communion with Healing Prayers 10:00 am
Bible Study 10:45 am
Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
- Thurs., September 13: Women's Book Group 10:00 am
- Sunday, September 23: Women of Christ Church 11:30 am
- Tuesday, September 25: Senior Fall Celebration and Luncheon 11:00 am

Fall Celebration for Seniors

Your Christ Church & Pastoral Care Committee Family invites all Seniors and friends to celebrate Fall with an afternoon of Fun, Friendship, and Fellowship on Tuesday, September 25th in the Great Hall. Lunch will be provided. Please rsvp if you will be attending and let us know if you need transportation - Ellen Ellis at 582-2038 or Christ Church 582-3354.



We are seeking donations of cookies or bars for dessert for the event. Please let us know if you are able to provide some. These should be dropped off by the morning of the 25th. Thank you.

Sermons and More Available on our Website

We have updated and expanded our website for easy access to information about services, programs, and events. Selected sermons will be available online. We have added lots of useful information about church life as well as new pictures.

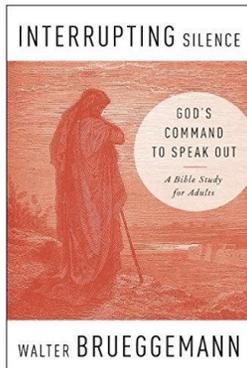
Check us out at www.christchurchgardiner.org and let us know what you like or would like to see.

New Fall Programs

Sunday School at Christ Church

Sunday School is offered during the 10 am worship for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade in the downstairs classroom. Kids may be dropped off at the classroom between 9:45 and 10:00 am. The teachers will bring them to the sanctuary during the Peace so that they may take Communion with their family. On the fourth Sunday of each month, instead of Sunday School, kids will be invited to participate in the 10 am worship service.

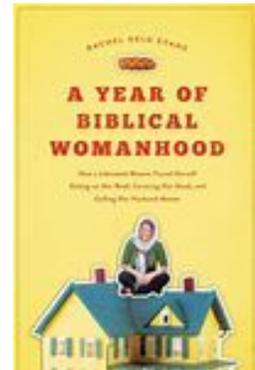
If you have any questions, please email Kerry at kerry@christchurchgardiner.org.



“Breaking the Silence: God’s Command to Speak Out” Join us for our weekly **Wednesday Bible Study** at 10:45 am in the Guild Room. We will gather for coffee, refreshments, and conversation to study Bible stories where people break silence to speak out against oppression – and seek justice. Beginning in Genesis, where God speaks a creating word and breaks the silence of Chaos to bring Light into being, we will learn how God’s people are called to be an active voice in the world today.

Women’s Book Group

The Women’s Book Group meets on Thursdays at 10 am in the Library. Our book for the fall is *A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband “Master”* by Rachel Held Evans. Buy your copy and join us for fellowship and fun discussion!



Sunday Adult Forum

9am in the Guild Room

Fall Discussion--Paul: Radical or Reactionary?

Join us as we discuss the letters of Paul. What do we know about Paul’s life? Which letters did he actually write? What did he think about women in the church, government, slavery ... What can we learn from Paul about being a Christian in today’s complicated world?

Support for Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos volunteers minister to incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them. They present 4 day “retreats” in Christianity for inmates in correctional institutions. On October 11-14, our local group will be at the Maine State Prison in Warren. They invite us to support this weekend through prayer and “agape” gifts such as art, prayers, or words of encouragement. A Prayer Vigil schedule and Rules of Agape may be found on the bulletin board, as well as brochures about the Kairos Ministry. Thank you.

Christ Church - A Community of Prayer

Parish Prayer List: Please pray for Charles Hicks, Debra Newell, Justin Marquis, Bob Evers, Debbie Annese, Steve Cross and Steven White.

Family and Friends on the Long-Term Parish Prayer List: Betty King, Freda Pearson, Carrie Stevens, Rose Andrews, Jody Clark, Marge Alexander, Nick and Joannie Decker, Joan Lane, Dorna Tracy, Jen Lagasse, Peggy Albert, Nancy Stillings, Wesley Brown, Bob Cone, Erv Nason, Mary Fowler, Robert Beaulieu, Malinda & Family, Marie Atkins, Jacob, Raymond, Dale, Paul G, Royce Thompson, Joseph Hand, Russ Laurs, Lud, Mary, Mary Colwell, and Jennifer.

After one month on the Parish Prayer List the names of those for whom we have prayed are moved to the Long-Term list for 2 more months. Please let us know if anyone should remain on the list after this time or needs to be removed. To add yourself, family, or friends to the prayer list, please add the name to the Intercessory prayer book located next to St. Ann's Altar or contact the office at 582-3354 or parish@christchurchgardiner.org.

Prayer for the Episcopal Transition in Maine: *God of Grace, we give you thanks for all of the blessings of our common life and ministries as the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, and for our leaders who are guiding us through this season of change. Grant to the Discernment and Transition Committees open hearts, minds, and spirits as they receive the Holy Spirit's gifts of faith, hope, and love to aid their work. We ask that you send courage and vision to our next bishop of Maine as she or he discerns your call.*

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For the Standing Committee, the Diocesan Council and other decision-making bodies of the Diocese of Maine. For the harvest, and the fruits of human work.

Outreach Prayer Concerns: Our sister parish of St Jacques, Rosette, Haiti, and the school children and teachers; Chrysalis Food Pantry; St. Francis Pet Pantry and Bridging the Gap.

Pray for peace among the nations, especially in Korea, Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq; and for an end to violence and terrorism throughout the world.

Pray for our country, for the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the immigrant, the refugee, and the forgotten. Pray for the addicted and those who care for them. Pray for victims of abuse. Pray for those who live alone. Pray for an end to gun violence and for sensible gun safety laws. Pray for those who have lost their way.

Pray for those we find it hardest to love - and all those the Church has injured or offended.

Service Ministers for Sunday, September 16, 2018

	7:30 am	10:00 am
Ushers	Rick Mack	Henri Baker & Melissa Mercier
Lessons	Rick Mack	Desi Severson
Prayers	Rick Mack	Celia Alexander
Acolyte/ Chalice	Beulah Murphy	Rich Guzman Barbara McCarthy
Coffee	Bob Cone	Jan Whynot & Kim Tessari
Counters	Deb LaPointe & Norma Layne	

Scripture Readings for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

The Response

Psalm 19

Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Epistle

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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