



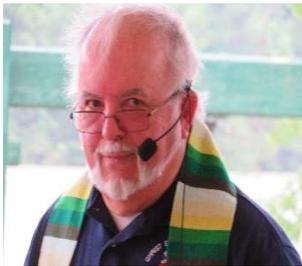
# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*"THE LITTLE STONE CHURCH"*

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### **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIEST:**

#### **"Angels & Miracles"**

Recently, I have been writing to an old friend who has lost his faith. He's a highly intelligent, kind man who has lived a life of service. It amazes him that I still have my faith unchanged after all these years. I tell him: "No! You are mistaken. It is not unchanged. It is very changed, but now deeper, wider, more embracing and more mystical than ever."

Years ago, an old priest told me: "You either live your life as if everything is a miracle, or nothing is a miracle!" Hard to know at first; but as you get older and then very old, you can actually look back and see where the miracles happened!

Once, I knew everything! Black was black and white was white. Now I am not so sure. Is it green or is it blue? Is that red or orange? Did things happen to a plan, or was that just a coincidence? In the thick of the action of your own life, it is not always possible to see the twist and turns that were your journey. We often use the phrase: "We can't see the wood for the trees!" What I do know is this. Robert Frost, that great American poet, had it right:

"Two roads diverge in a yellow wood and sorry I could not travel both and be one traveler. For long I stood and looked down one to where it bent in the undergrowth; then took the other as just as fair, and having perhaps the better claim, because it was grassy and wanted wear, but as for that the passing there had worn them really about the same."

My life has had a long winding twisting road, though at times amid very dark wood. Yet, because of faith, I can see looking back that it has also been illuminated. You see, I don't just believe in miracles ... I believe in Angels. I bet you never expected to hear that! I believe in Angels.

O the Angels along the 'long winding twisting road,' did not have wings. I wish they did, because knowing they were Angels, I would have thanked them with hugs, kisses and gifts.

No, my Angels were much more ordinary people. They came in all shapes and sizes, all ages, and male as well as female. In hindsight, they stood at the fork in the path and pointed the way. Silly me! Sometimes, even then, I took the wrong path. How silly was that?

George McCallion was my very first Angel and miracle. By rights, I should never ever have known George. We lived in different worlds. He should have been killed by a mortar bomb in the middle of 'no-man's land' in the First World War. He survived being blown 100 feet in the air, with terrible head injuries. He was nineteen. Thirty-nine years later, my mother died. I

was six and went to live with George and his wife Liz.

Everything I needed to know about 'Faith,' I learned from George. He had stories, skills and little ways that he would teach you. He liked to walk, he knew about trees, flowers, birds, insects, stones, weather and waves.

With George, life and time had their own pace. Things happened for a reason. He believed in destiny and the hand and will of God in all things. I suppose, some people thought of George as 'slow' or even simple. He preferred the bus to the car, and he liked to walk rather than take the bus. He could read the clouds, and didn't then listen to the weatherman. And when asked, "What will I be?", George would smile and answer:

"God will tell you in his time!"

For George, miracles were all around ... in mountain springs, wild flowers, birds in flight, the magic words that came from a child's mouth. George wasn't simple, he was a deep well.

Between aged four and ten, I had crossed the Irish sea so many times that I should have turned out to be a sailor. Bernard Hewitt was my parish priest in the days I serviced at mass every day. Some ten times a year he would ask me, "What do you want to be?" Whatever my reply, he would smile and pat me on the head. He never said anything. Not 'go do this,' or 'Go do that.' Despite this, he was an enormous influence on my life. Maybe we could put him down as a 'silent Angel.'

Certainly, Joe Devine, my Principal, at school was not silent.

Joe was 6'5" tall with a personality to match. He loved to put kids, children, students on the right road. In 1960, he had the opportunity to be a Principal for the first time, in a school that was brand new that he had helped to plan. He chose the uniforms, colors and just about everything else. I was in his very first

entry class. By rights, no one should have noticed me. I was small, really small and without talent or brains. I had no skills, abilities; but I could play a trumpet. The two years I was in Joe's school changed by life. He picked me out, he promoted me, and he made me feel special.

In the next 20 years, many things would happen to me. Sometimes, I would fall down a big hole, one usually of my own making. But there would always be an Angel there to pull me out.

Denny Lane was my favorite Angel. Okay, so she was the prettiest! She had the sweetest, kindest personality, and she was smart. But simply, I had lost my way in the woods. It was dark, and I was ready to give up. Not only could I not find my path, I didn't even want to go and look. I just lay down on the floor of the forest, closed my eyes and waited for the darkness to take me away, and I didn't need to wake up.

Weeks rolled into months and months into years and then this girl came walking into my life with a paint brush in her hand. She didn't talk about meaning, or direction or life. She talked about painting and pictures. One day she took me for a walk along the river and asked me to pick out something that was worth painting. Another day she took me to the city and to an art gallery. Lastly, she took me up the tower of a very old church and showed me the countryside as far as you could see. "Why have you taken me up here?" I asked her. She smiled with that beguiling smile and said:

"Bill, you have been in the woods too long. You have to find a new path. You have to walk into the light."

With that, she was gone. Oh, I would see her a couple more times, but her work was finished and our paths never crossed again.

By now, you must be getting the message that Angels don't have wings. They are souls that God places in our path, that point us in the right direction. Looking back, I am amazed how precarious the

road has been. "Why, oh why did I not fall off that cliff?" I ask myself.

The fact is that we all live surrounded by miracles. We see them every day. We just take them for granted or put things down to coincidence. In the last six years, I encountered and worked with two Jewish people who truly helped me. The chances of me even knowing two Jewish people are hundreds of millions to one. Both turned out to be wonderful – no, they were exceptional. One of them more Christian than most Christians! Sounds like a contradiction doesn't it? But sometimes, we meet people who are so good, so kind, they light the way for us!

Come on think! Think about the 'Angels' in your life!! You know you have seen them! They have been there for you! Have you seen miracles! I'm sure you have. Wisdom? Ah wisdom! Wisdom is knowing that you did not get to here on your own!

"You might wake up some morning, to the sound of something moving passed your window in the wind. And if you're quick enough to rise, you might see the fleeting glimpse of someone's fading shadow. Don't be concerned, it will not harm you. It's only me pursuing something I'm not sure of. Across my dream, with nets of wonder. I chase that bright elusive butterfly of love!"  
- Eric Clapton

Blessings to all ... the beauty of Fall is just ahead,

*Fr. Bill*



## **OUR CHOIR –**

Fall is rapidly approaching, and the holidays won't be far behind. I've already begun to look at Christmas music and am beginning to plan what we will do for this most glorious season!

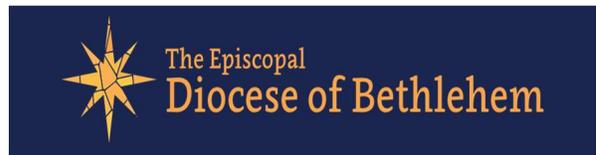
In the meantime, our choir practices will resume on Sunday mornings before Mass – we'll gather in the Undercroft at 8:15am. And as always, we're always looking and

listening for new voices to share our prayerful joy – men, women, and youth of all talents are welcomed. Please, consider sharing your joy in song. Music is such a special part of the service, and we would love to expand our choir.

We also enjoy having guest musicians and/or guest singers – invite them to join us too! Do you know anyone who plays the flute, the harp, the French horn, trumpet, hand bells, or any musical instrument? Please put them in touch with me, too, so we can plan ahead to welcome them to join us on any Sunday. If there is anyone you know who plays the guitar, drums, keyboard, etc. who would be willing to play for our occasional guitar mass, we'd love to have them join us for that. We're always open to ideas, suggestions, and new experiences that would enhance our musical service.

In the meantime, enjoy the colors and scents of the coming Fall.

– Dawn Pentecost



Bishops United Against Gun Violence is a group of nearly 100 Episcopal bishops working to curtail the epidemic of gun violence in the United States through public liturgy, spiritual support, sound teaching and public advocacy. Go to <http://bishopsagainstgunviolence.org> for more information on this group.

The Bishops Against Gun Violence, of which our Bishop Kevin is a member, released a statement repudiating Christian nationalism and systemic racism. We will not reprint it here, but you may find it at <https://www.diobeth.org/statement-from-bishops-against-gun-violence>.

## **Litany in the Wake of a Mass Shooting:**

God of peace, we remember all those who have died in incidents of mass gun

violence in this nation's public and private spaces.

Six dead at the Wisconsin Sikh Temple.

Twelve dead at an Aurora, Colorado movie theater.

Twenty-eight dead at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

Six dead at Santa Monica College, California.

Seven dead at a Hialeah, Florida apartment complex.

Thirteen dead at the Washington Navy Yard.

Four dead at Fort Hood, Texas.

Seven dead in Isla Vista, near UC Santa Barbara.

Five dead at Marysville Pilchuck High School in Washington.

Six dead in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Nine dead at Emanuel AME in Charleston, South Carolina.

Sixteen dead at a San Bernardino, California office.

Ten dead at Umpqua Community College, Oregon.

Six dead in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Four dead at a Hesston, Kansas office.

Five dead at a Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania backyard party.

Fifty dead at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

Five dead at Cascade Mall in Burlington, Washington.

Five dead at Fort Lauderdale Airport.

Four dead in Fresno, California.

Eight dead in Lincoln County, Mississippi.

Four dead at an Eaton Township, Pennsylvania supermarket.

Nine dead at a Plano, Texas football-watching party.

Fifty-nine dead at a Las Vegas, Nevada concert.

Twenty-seven dead at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

Seventeen dead at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Five dead at the Veterans Home in Yountville, California.

Four dead at a Nashville, Tennessee Waffle House.

Ten dead at Santa Fe High School, Texas.

Five dead at the Capital Gazette Newspaper in Annapolis, Maryland.

Four dead at the Fifth Third Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Four dead at a Rite Aid distribution center in Aberdeen, Maryland.

Eleven dead at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Thirteen dead at a bar in Thousand Oaks, California.

Five dead at a bank in Sebring, Florida.

Five dead at their homes in Ascension and Livingston parishes, Louisiana.

Six dead at an industrial park in Aurora, Illinois.

Four dead at a home in Clinton, Mississippi.

Four dead in Solon Township, Michigan.

Thirteen dead at a municipal building in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Four dead at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Gilroy, California.

Twenty-two dead at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas.

Ten dead in the Oregon District of downtown Dayton, Ohio.

All those who have died in any incident of gun violence.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

For survivors of gun violence.

Grant them comfort and healing.

Hear us, Lord.

For those who have lost loved ones to gun violence.

Grant them peace.

Hear us, Lord.

For those first responders who care for victims of gun violence.

Protect and strengthen them.

Hear us, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The National Rifle Association is a group advocating the right to keep and bear arms, advancing the shooting sports and championing gun safety, education and training. Go to <https://home.nra.org> for more information on this group.



## Ministries

### **EXPANDED** **MINISTRY -**

Do you need or want another prayerful shoulder to listen to a concern? Do you want to pray for someone ... or perhaps need some special prayers for yourself? Would you like to share and learn more about the Bible through its readings? Maybe you would like to learn how to play the guitar?

Working together to benefit both Christ and Trinity Churches, Fr. Bill has expanded his ministerial schedule; his early-Fall schedule follows. Stop by and join him for conversation and music! (With access to a quiet office at Trinity Church, private consultations will be held there.)

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 14 - Vestry retreat @ Karen's, 9:30am
- 15 - Welcome-Back breakfast after Mass
- 15 - Vestry meeting, 12:30pm
- 26 - Bloomsburg Fair bus trip
- 28 - Free Community Meal
- 29 - Blessing of the pets

### **OCTOBER**

- 4-5 - Diocesan Convention
- 5 - Fall Roast Pork Dinner
- 20 - Vestry Meeting
- 26 - Free Community Meal



### **NEWS from** **the PEWS**

Christ church belongs to all of us, and it desperately needs **YOUR help NOW!!** The following two topics bear repeating, as no one has offered their help. Please, take these requests seriously, step up, share some of your God-given talents and your

time, and lend Christ Church a much-needed hand. Jesus will thank you too.

**Building Issues** – Maintenance on our aging Christ Church building is on-going, and this topic again bears repeating and reminding all congregants.

Missing roof shingles were repaired in April. Painting of the church exterior has been estimated and will be scheduled for next Spring. The lower level stairwell will be repaired, along with the wall at the rear of the dining hall.

After repairs are completed, the lower level will be painted. A properly sized dehumidifier will be installed in the dining hall to eliminate the wet floors that we experience during the summer months. We are also seeking plans and estimated costs for various handicapped access options for the outside of the building. Stay tuned.

And, as always, donations to the Capital Building Fund are greatly welcomed to help offset our many and varied ongoing maintenance costs.

Christ Church belongs to each and all of us ... please continue to keep the parish in mind during these ongoing times of repair and maintenance. YOUR help will keep Christ Church thriving in our community for many years to come.

### **Junior Warden** --

#### **Committee Members**

The Junior Warden (JW) is a lay leader in our church. The JW is traditionally one person responsible for the building and maintenance and is also an assistant to the Senior Warden (SW). However, the Vestry is now seeking several people to share in the JW responsibilities. In the absence of the SW, the JW assumes the duties of the SW.

The various members of the Junior Warden Committee are:

Member #1 of the JW Committee will be responsible to attend monthly Vestry and annual meetings and chair them when requested in absence of SW. In the absence of the SW, this JW Committee member would oversee church events and ensure that things go well at those events. This JW Committee member will also assist the Rector and SW in helping the Vestry identify the congregation's mission and goals.

Member #2 of the JW Committee will be responsible for identifying building and grounds maintenance items. These items would be prioritized by this JW Committee member as either high, medium, or low based on the risk to the building, occupants and/or the impact on the mission of our Church. This JW Committee member will consult with Member #1 to seek approval by Vestry of priority list and to obtain deadline dates for completion as determined by the Vestry.

Member #3 of the JW Committee member will consult with Member #2 to determine the details and scope of the maintenance work. Member #3 will seek proposals from at least two vendors and provide proposals to Member #1 for approval by Vestry. Member #3 will oversee the completion of maintenance work by vendors.

**HELP IS NEEDED NOW!!** *Please*, consider volunteering to help and share responsibilities with the Junior Warden Committee, which is shaped and directed by the work of the Holy Spirit. If interested, please contact Fr Bill, Jack or any member of the Vestry.

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**New Shirts & Totes**



Our spiffy new Christ Church shirts and totes were recently distributed to all who ordered them, and they are so-so handsome! Each item bears a beautifully embroidered Episcopal flag

logo, which colorfully identifies the wearer as being from our friendly stone church on the hill in FC. Wearers are literally life-sized advertising boards – so, let’s all help recruit new members and wear our shirts proudly!!

If you missed the initial order and would like to have one of our brightly colored CC polo shirts and/or a tote – or if you’d like to order an additional item – please contact Jack or Karen. (Red, Navy, or Gray shirts are \$20; and Red, Navy, or Black totes are \$15; you may order in your choice of colors and shirt sizes,) Payment is requested upon placing your order. Thank you!

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**St. James & Christ Church**

held a combined yard sale on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Despite the oppressive, stifling, and debilitating heat, it was a very successful event. Many people showed up and bought their selected treasures, along with picking up tasty treats from the bake table.

Lots of helping hands from both churches lent their ‘selling skills’ to aid customers in selecting from among the hundreds of items donated. The results of the sale brought a total profit of \$1166.56, with each parish gaining a \$583.28 share. Thanks to everyone!

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**A Faith-Filled Day** was held during this year’s *Mass in the Grass* on Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> at Merli-Sarnoski Park. Many thanks to Trinity Church for coordinating this year’s event. And despite the hot ‘n humid temperatures, a cool breeze blew across the pond to help keep the nearly three dozen parishioners from our Sister Churches comfortable. Food, music, a celebratory Mass, and family and friendships were shared by all who

attended. We're already looking forward to next Summer's event!!



## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

**September Caregivers Support Group Meeting** - The second Wednesday of every month, the Wayne County Area Agency on Aging provides a Caregivers Support Group for the community located at the Earl J. Simons Senior Center, 323-10<sup>th</sup> Street, Honesdale beginning at 1:30 PM. The support group lends an understanding ear; knowledgeable advice; helpful information; compassionate counseling; and interaction with people experiencing similar needs. The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

Please contact the Wayne County Area Agency on Aging by calling 570-253-4262 if you have additional questions.

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**Dining with Diabetes** - A program for adults with diabetes and their families, a series of meetings will be held Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm-7:00pm on October 9, 16, 23, and 30; a follow-up session will be held on January 8, 2020. The cost is \$19.00 per person, and A1C testing will be offered for an additional fee of \$16.00 per person.

Registration is required by October 2<sup>nd</sup> by calling the Penn State Extension office, 877-345-0691. For more information or to answer questions, contact Nicole McGeehan at 570-421-6430, or email: [nmd5140@psu.edu](mailto:nmd5140@psu.edu).

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**Medicare Annual - Open Enrollment**  
FREE INSURANCE COUNSELING  
For Medicare Recipients

Trained Counselors are available to answer your questions & provide Information on: Medicare, Medicare Supplemental Insurance & Medicare Drug Plans.

*October 15 through December 7*  
**CALL NOW!**

**CONTACT THE WAYNE COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING AT [570-253-4262](tel:570-253-4262)**

AN APPOINTMENT IS **REQUIRED**  
WALK-INS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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**Cornhole Tournament** - The Browndale Fire Company will be sponsoring a fun-filled fundraising Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, October 26 at the Browndale Fire Station, 620 Marion Street, Route 247, Browndale. Tournament registration begins at 11 AM with the first game beginning at 12 Noon. Pre-registration is recommended by email at: [browndalefire@gmail.com](mailto:browndalefire@gmail.com) or by phoning the fire station at 570-785-5300. Cost is \$40.00 per team of 2; double elimination; money for prizes and food and beer will be available. All

proceeds will benefit the all-volunteer Browndale Fire Company.

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**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Expo** – Sponsored by the Salvation Army and Rep. Jonathan Fritz on October 31<sup>st</sup>, an informative senior expo will be held from 9:30am-12:30pm at the Ladore Pavilion (287 Owego Tpk., Waymart). Featuring many exhibitors, seminars, health screenings, refreshments, and helpful information, the expo is devoted to providing information for those 50+ -- and it's all FREE!

**SUMMER AT ST. JAMES,**



**DUNDAFF** – From the start of Memorial Day weekend opening our bright red doors for the Summer months, our small parish enjoyed a fun

and successful season. Deacon John Davis celebrated with us through June, and Fr. Peter Pearson joined us for July/August through Labor Day weekend.

Some highlights of this season included the combined CC-SJ yard sale on our front lawn, earning each of our parishes a half share of more than \$1,000. Our organist, Lucy Adams, provided wonderful and inspiring music – and especially when accompanied by her mother Janet on the violin. The Summer's closing event following the closing Labor Day service will be a Pot-Luck Picnic on the St. James lawn. Look for pictures in the next newsletter.



**The Stone Soup Kitchen at Christ Church**

Month after month, our Free Community Lunch program continues to thrive. As much as I prefer to not ask folks to help prepare our monthly lunch the day before the meal, at times it has proven to be an excellent choice.

The 'cooks' got together early July 26<sup>th</sup> to prepare a pasta salad and the chili sauce for our much-enjoyed chili dogs. This day-ahead prep proved to be a super idea, as the respective seasonings blended overnight for both the pasta salad and chili sauce dishes served the next day.

And everyone who shared our free meal praised the cooks for one of the best pasta salads and one of the best chili dogs they'd ever tasted.

All are always welcome to join us for the regular prep, fellowship, and clean-up for our monthly luncheons. It's FUN, and a great way to get to know one other even better and perhaps share new experiences (good recipes too!).

*Thy Will Be Done*, and heartfelt thanks to all!  
-Susie Schreiber



**HERE'S WHAT'S COOKIN' in OUR CHURCH KITCHEN**

This year's *Mass in the Grass* was as enjoyable as always, and food was plentiful and dishes were tasty. Trinity's **Peggy Mancuso** shared her version of the ever-popular Grape Salad. And as Fall and its favored apples lie ahead, another tasty treat is shared herein from **Juliann Doyle**.

All congregants and church friends ... please share some of your favorite recipes for future issues of our newsletter. Just drop them in the offering plate or contact a friendly Church Mouse. Thanks!

**GRAPE SALAD**

**Ingredients**

- 4-5 lbs. red seedless grapes
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 c. chopped pecans
- 1 c. softened cream cheese
- 1 c. sour cream
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla
- ½ c. white sugar

### **Directions**

In a 9x13 pan, mix 2 Tbsp. brown sugar and 2 Tbsp. chopped pecans; set aside. In a large bowl, combine sour cream, cream cheese, white sugar and vanilla. Add grapes into mixture and combine. Layer grape mixture into 9x13 pan (allow the brown sugar and pecans to remain on bottom of pan). Then top the grape mixture with the remaining brown sugar and chopped pecans. Cover and refrigerate at least 2-3 hrs. so the sugar dissolves. To be sure, make this dish the night before.

### **SOUR CREAM APPLE SQUARES**

#### **Ingredients**

2 c. all-purpose flour  
2 c. brown sugar, firmly packed  
½ c. butter, softened  
1 c. chopped nuts  
1-½ tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. baking soda  
½ tsp. salt  
1 c. sour cream  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 egg  
2 c. peeled apples, finely chopped

#### **Directions**

Heat oven to 350. In large bowl combine flour, brown sugar and butter; beat at low speed until crumbly. Stir in nuts. Press 2 ¾ cups of crumb mixture in bottom of ungreased 13x9-inch pan. To remaining mixture add cinnamon, baking soda, salt, sour cream, vanilla and egg; mix well. Stir in apples. Spoon evenly over base. Bake at 350 for 30 – 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cut into squares. If desired, serve with whipped cream or ice-cream.



### **ASSISTIVE CAR ACCESSORIES –**

Changes in vision, flexibility, strength, range of motion, and even height are all part of the aging process, and they can affect senior drivers behind the wheel. That's why it's so important to educate yourself about how to choose or make alterations to ensure it's the right vehicle for you, one that will optimize your driving performance and safety.

Start by positioning yourself properly inside your vehicle. Getting the right fit isn't just a matter of comfort, however. Unless you can operate a car properly and interact with its

controls the way they were designed to be used, you may be compromising your safety.

Here are a few things to check to ensure you're positioned properly in your vehicle. All of these adjustments can help improve safety for senior drivers in the event of a crash.

- Sit 10 inches away from the steering wheel to give the airbag the time and space it needs to expand in an impact. Sliding the seat back will help obtain proper positioning in relation to the airbags.
- Be able to see at least three inches over the top of the steering wheel, so you'll have the proper range of vision. Raising the seat can get you high enough to see over the steering wheel.
- Wear your safety belt so the bottom strap fits low on your hips and the shoulder strap sits snugly across your chest and over the center of your shoulder. If the shoulder strap cuts into your neck or doesn't rest firmly on your chest and shoulder, it's not positioned right. Tilting the seat forward can put you in the right position for the shoulder strap.
- Be able to operate the accelerator and the brake without having to stretch your leg or lift your heel off the floorboard. Moving the seat forward can help you reach the pedals better.

If you're still not positioned properly, contact your local AAA club or visit [www.CarFit.org](http://www.CarFit.org) to find a CarFit clinic where experts can help you get positioned properly. (Keep in mind that CarFit is not available in all areas.) The AAA club can also lead you to resources for adaptive vehicle devices designed for in-car use, such as hand controls, pedal extenders, special mirrors and specially designed foam cushions that overcome specific issues.

Don't try to fix position issues with things you have at home, like pillows and wooden blocks. Things like that can slide, break and go flying unexpectedly, creating additional safety problems.

Anyone looking to add adaptive vehicle devices to their vehicle will need to work with a trained professional, usually an occupational therapist, to receive a driving assessment. The occupational therapist will recommend equipment and training by a certified driver rehabilitative specialist, if necessary.

Generally, there is a charge for this type of assessment. Contact your health insurance provide before scheduling an appointment with an occupational therapist to be sure you understand what your out-of-pocket expenses will be. Visit [www.seniordriving.aaa.com](http://www.seniordriving.aaa.com) for more safety driving tips.

- Donna Gasper, AAA Honesdale



## **CHURCH VESTRY**

Monthly Vestry meetings are generally held on the third Sunday, about 12:30pm, in the church

Undercroft. All are welcome to attend.

### **Current Vestry Members & Contacts:**

Dawn Pentecost (term ends 1/31/20)  
 Open Seat (term ends 1/31/21)  
 David Seaman (term ends 1/31/21)  
 June Arrowsmith (term ends 1/31/22)  
 Karen Toolan (term ends 1/31/22)  
 Juliann Doyle, Vestry Secretary  
 Jack DeMark, Sr. Warden, Ex Officio



**STAY IN TOUCH** with the Christ Church office. Via the parish phone, 570-785-3425 (please leave a message as the line is regularly checked).

Or by email:

[christchurchparishforestcity@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchparishforestcity@gmail.com).

We also have two web sites: [www.christchurchforestcity.com](http://www.christchurchforestcity.com) is the official church web site. The second website is: [www.christchurchforestcity.shutterfly.com](http://www.christchurchforestcity.shutterfly.com). This site contains photos of some of our recent activities. You can also sign up to become a member and

receive email notices of events that are on the web site calendar.

Mail should be directed to Christ Church, PO Box 118, Forest City, PA 18421. For church emergencies or situations requiring immediate attention, please call Sr. Warden, Jack DeMark, at 570-540-5936 or 570-785-5792.

- Bob Schreiber, Church Secretary



### **SEPTEMBER**

3 Maureen Matylewicz  
 11 Brian Seaman  
 12 Velma Hornbeck  
 Pierce Seaman  
 14 Barbara Taylor  
 25 Ashley Armstrong  
 Hannah Rupp

### **OCTOBER**

4 Susan Dovin  
 5 Samantha Atcavage  
 Debbie McQuillan  
 8 Marie Seaman  
 12 Elmer Maslar  
 Marlyn Bernard  
 14 Faith Collum  
 15 Jeanne Suhadolnik  
 19 Deborah Zane  
 25 Lily Clare Rupp  
 27 Lorraine Jones  
 Fr Bill McGinty  
 Carol Dennis

**BIRTHDAY PRAYER:** *O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants listed on our birthday list as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. And so, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



**SEPTEMBER**

- 12 Jennifer & James Dovin
- 17 The Rev Donald & Sharon Schaible

**OCTOBER**

- 5 Margaret & Robert Wirts
- 13 Juliann & Robert Doyle
- 14 Janet & Tom Seana
- 26 John & Priscilla Walters
- 28 Fr. Steve Matylewicz Ordained

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY PRAYER:** *Grant, O God, in your compassion, that the couples on our anniversary list, having taken each other in marriage, may live out the covenant they have made, may they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with them, this day and forever. Amen*



**CHURCH CHUCKLES**

Before beginning the service, our pastor read aloud a note he'd been handed moments earlier. "It says here that I should announce that there will be no B.S. tomorrow morning," he said. He tucked the piece of paper into a pocket and added, "I'm hoping they mean 'Bible Study.'" (Source: Barbara Geerts, Davenport, Iowa)

After examining the paltry tips left by a church group, the waitress was not pleased. Looking toward another table, she grumbled, "These people come in with the Ten Commandments and a ten-dollar bill, and they don't break any of them!" (Source: rd.com/jokes/religion)

During a Sunday service, the pastor asked the congregation for their intentions. We heard the usual requests to pray for sick people and the acknowledgments for those who helped when a parishioner died. The somber mood was broken when the last intention was heard.

A woman stood up and said, "My granddaughter turned 16 this week and received her driver's license. Let us pray for us all." (Source: rd.com/jokes/religion)

**CLOSING THOUGHTS -**

"Commit thy works unto the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established."

- Proverbs 16

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"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

- Maya Angelou, The Week News



**LABOR DAY** pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers, and is celebrated this year on Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Traditionally observed on the first Monday in September, it was created by the Labor Movement in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century and became a federal holiday in 1894.

Psalm 90:17 ... "Oh yes. Affirm the work that we do!"



**THE NEXT CHRIST CHURCH NEWS**

will be for November/ December 2019; article submissions are due by October 18<sup>th</sup>. Please email your newsletter sharings and photos to Karen Toolan, [kbtwrite@nep.net](mailto:kbtwrite@nep.net); or post them to 993 State Route 2029, Clifford Twp. PA 18470.

As always, if anyone from Christ Church would like to become one of our fun-loving, news-gathering, and photo-snapping fellow *Church Mice*, please contact the church office. More mice and more photos are always welcomed!

Until the next issue, be sure to get out there to enjoy Nature's beauty and the many fun happenings of Fall!

*The Roving Church Mice*

