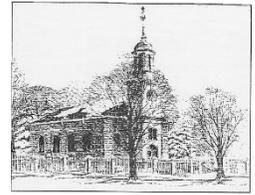


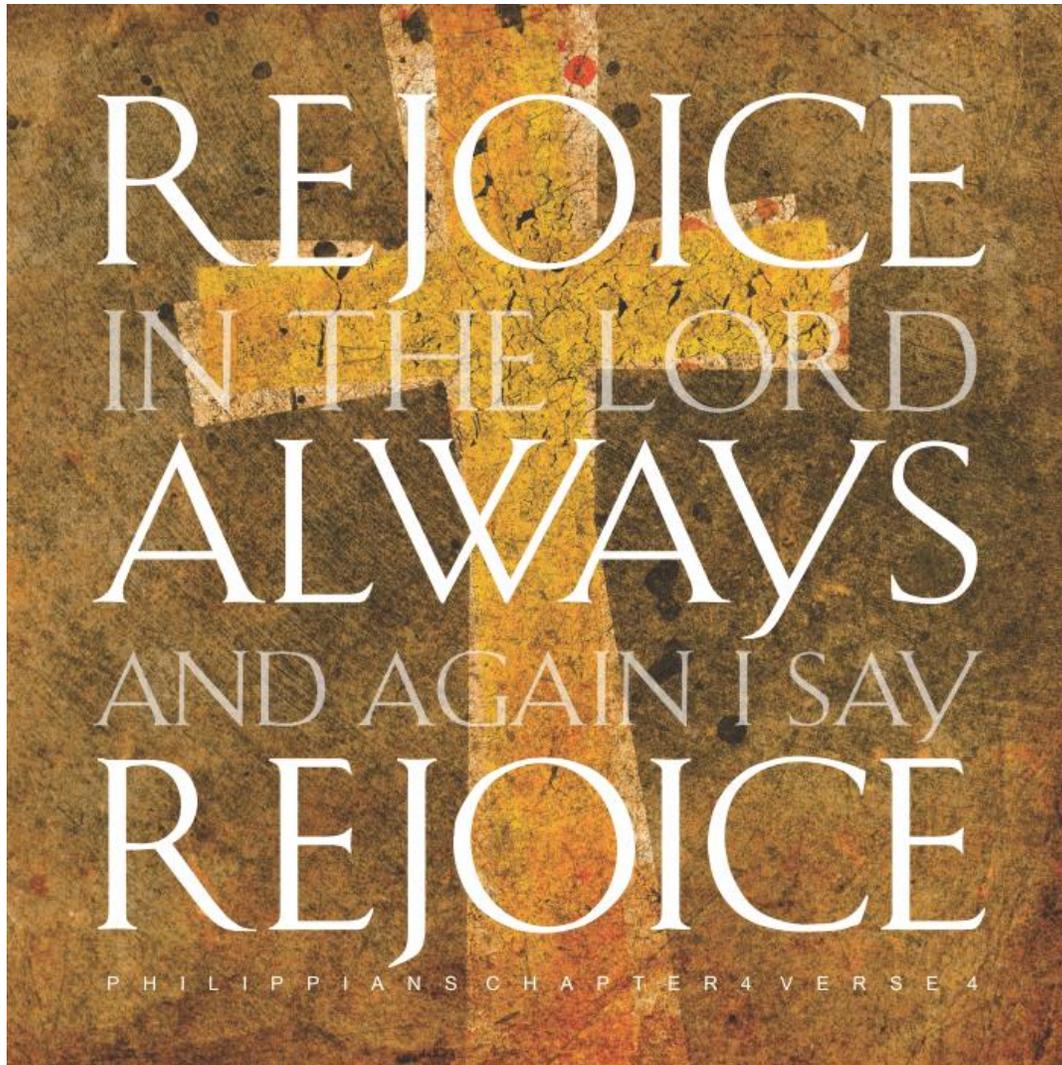
THE CROWN

The Newsletter of Christ Church Shrewsbury
Christ Church is a community committed to exploring the reality of God in today's world



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Thanksgiving and In Gathering Service
Sunday, November 21
8 a.m. and 10 a.m.



Dear Friends,

The word is beginning to make its way through our congregation about the new plans for the addition of a columbarium to our graveyard. The Vestry and the Graveyard Committee have been hard at work this year, and we are very pleased that we are moving forward, offering opportunities for persons to be able to find a final resting place here at Christ Church. It is important for each and every one of us to give thoughtful consideration to what our plans are for when we leave this earth. As your priest and pastor, I urge you to attend to this task; it will be a relief and comfort not only to you, but to those you love.

I want to be sure each one of you is fully aware of what we are doing and how you can be a part of it. I have been thinking and praying about a columbarium for Christ Church for almost ten years. A columbarium addresses the challenges of our very old and very full graveyard. It provides a final resting place not only for our current members and their families, but also to those in the greater community who feel a connection here. And most importantly, it allows us to look to the future, to those generations who will follow us for decades to come. This will be our gift to those who are not yet born.

We have set the location for the southwest part of the graveyard, in front of the fence (see the picture above). There are markers there now: you may stroll out after service on a Sunday and see the location for yourself. You will see *three* places marked: if we have enough interest, we will construct three at once, giving us much flexibility for accommodations going forward.

The columbarium will be designed to blend in with our graveyard: a light-colored stone, simple and unadorned. Each unit will be four feet high and seven feet long. Each columbarium has 56 niches, each of which can be used to hold the cremains of two persons. The individual granite niches will be inscribed with the name, birth year, and death year of the individual or individuals inurned.

We will not sign any building contracts or break ground until we have enough commitments from individuals/families to pay for at least one columbarium, thus incurring no additional costs to the parish. We have been given a guaranteed price until December 31 of this year, so niches purchased by that time are guaranteed the price of \$4,500 (two persons can be inurned in each niche). The fee supports the ongoing care and maintenance of the columbarium. The fee does not include the cost of cremation, funeral, or inurement services.

Brochures with further details are available in the Church Office or by request. If you are interested, I also encourage you to set up an appointment to meet with the Wardens or with me. After acceptance of the Policies, you may submit an application along with payment. Upon receipt of payment, you will receive a copy of the Columbarium Commitment. This document shows the location of your niche(s) to keep for your records.

Jesus told his disciples he was preparing a place for them; we at Christ Church are also preparing one for you. Do give this thoughtful consideration. Do talk to your family about it. And then, give us a call.

Peace,
Mother Lisa+

PARISH NEWS & NOTES

ANY CHANGES?

Advise us of any changes in your address or telephone number. Let us know so we can keep our records up to date. Please send us an email or call the Church Office at 732-741-2220.

In Requim:

Suzon Ziegler Mathis

August 29, 1940 – October 24, 2021

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

New Parish hours effective October 4:

Mon – closed

Tues – 9-2

Wed – 9-2

Thurs – 9-2

Fri – 9-2

Special Thanks For your time and efforts

We would sincerely like to thank those who have been sending in their pledge checks and offerings! We ask all of you to please try to keep up with your pledge. We are trying to keep operations as normal as possible, and that means we need your continued support.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please note: The Prayer List is updated on a continual basis. If you would like a person to be added, simply call the Church Office and leave your name, their first and last name; and when appropriate, who the person is and the nature of their condition.

(* indicates member of CCS)

For the sick and suffering, and those in any need or trouble: *Mignon Williams, *Cassie Reagan, *John Smalls, *Joan, *Marion Phillips, *Jim Miller, *Beverly Ryser, *Judi Buncher, *Carolyn, *MiMi Brown, *Sarah Schmid, *Susan Van Valkenburg, *Irwin Rapolla, *Lisa Ficarelli-Halpern, *Jonathan Badal, *Bob Van Valkenburgh, *Tom, *Rosemary, John Veil, Jennifer Turner, Pam, Queeni, Jocelyn, Mariwether Schmid, Julie, Heather Lance, Pat and Bob Rivenes, Cindy and John Jobe, Vivian Hillborn, Lea Gallagher, Judy, Alicia Binn, Peedy, Edie, Marlene, Sherrie, Don Smith, Greg, Jack Sauber, Rico and Liesel Rauschmayer, Joe, Jane Barnes, Jay Curlee, Geraldine Watson, Katie, Michael, Michelle Ten Eyck, Tabitha Shimooka, Evelyn Curley, Marian

Bryja, Judy Smith, Ann Hatami, Anthony, Eugene Krikowski, Kenneth Eckerd, Susan Galicki, Tommy, Adrienne Betz, William and Frank Coshahan, Peter Janosz, Lisa, Anthony Willimon, Sandy, Stuart, Frances., Sam Vaught *May they be relieved of their distress.*

For parishioners and friends serving in the armed forces both here and abroad: Traver, Michael, Bo, Travis “TJ” Wilson, Aaron, Jacqueline Brattan. *May they serve in safety and with honor.*



Whew! October was certainly a busy month for Girls Friendly Society. We made dog biscuits for the Blessing of the Animals, participated in Beach Sweeps Clean Up (followed by a delicious lunch together).

November is a bit more serene: we have one event on our calendar. Our November tradition is to serve lunch at St. Mark’s Soup Kitchen in Keansburg on the Friday after Thanksgiving, but that has been canceled again this year due to covid. Instead, we are planning an event for our very own Martha’s Cupboard! The details are still being worked out and we will email all interested parties.

We will meet, along with our sister Chapter of St. George’s, Rumson, at 10:00am



Join Us For
**Trunk
or
Treat**
October 31st

TRUNK O' TREAT!

Since Halloween falls on a Sunday this year...we are taking advantage and hosting our own **Trunk Or Treat** following the 10:00am Sunday Service. Children (of *all* ages) are welcome to come to church dressed in costumes. Parishioners are invited to bring goodies in their trunk for the children (again, of *all* ages!). The festivities will be held in the Christ Church Parking Lot. We hope this gives our little ones an opportunity to enjoy the holiday; we certainly all missed out last year!



Halloween/All Saints/All Souls...All Rolled Into One!

Because of the uncertainties of the pandemic, we will once again be celebrating this great triad of holy days on one day this year. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 31. The beautiful Litany of the Departed along with the traditional reading of the names of our loved ones at the All Souls' Service will be used at both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. This year, you will be able to place your candles at the altar, safely spaced as you process, please!

Confirmation Class will be held from 5:30 – 7:00pm on Sunday, November 21st. We will be finishing up our overview of Holy Scripture and tackling the Sacraments.

It's baaaaacccccckkkkkkkkk!

We are happy to share the good news that the Christ Church Holiday Bazaar is back on after having to cancel the event in 2020. This year, with a focus on simplicity and safety, our scaled back event will be known as “**Baskets and Baked Goods**” and will be held **Saturday, December 4, 9 – 3.**

We are looking to assemble up to 30 baskets for raffle and as many baked goods as we can manage! By reducing the number of baskets available, we are aiming for quality over quantity. Donations of gift cards (both local and national based companies), wine/liquor/beer, scratch off lottery games and electronics/small appliances are highly recommended – and allow us to build desirable baskets. Already have a basket assembled? We will gladly take it – but may add or combine it with other similar themed items to make it even more amazing! Please plan on providing your donations by **Sunday, November 28.**

The Bake Shop (under the fabulous direction of Noel Murgio) will be located in the main Parish Hall to allow even more room for our delicious treats to be displayed! One important update for this year: **all food must be pre-packaged prior to bringing to church.** For example, you cannot bring a loose platter of cookies to sell – the whole platter would need to be wrapped or the cookies already separated into individual bags. So, start planning your baking sessions – the Bake Shop is hugely popular and often sells out!

While the event is scaled back we will still need your help to make it a success! If you are a creative and visual person, we could use your help assembling the baskets for display the week of November 29. We will be decorating the Parish Hall on **Thursday, December 2** which is always fun – and may appeal to some of our younger parishioners. We will also need help on the day of the event – selling raffle tickets for the baskets and staffing the Bake Shop. Please support us in some way as this is our single biggest fundraiser of the year. Any questions please see Tara Dunford (732-275-4095 or bunky70@verizon.net)!

Collecting a few of our Favorite Things...

It is that time of year again; the weather is getting colder outside and the need for mittens and socks, hats and scarves, is upon us. We will have our

Mitten Tree up in the nave of the church in time for St. Nicolas' visit, but we are starting to collect winter items right away, as the need is so great. You can drop them off at either the Church or the Parish House. Only new items, please.

We are not having an official coat drive this year, but if you have a *new* coat with the tags still on it, we will be sure to find it a home. Perhaps next year we will be safely through this pandemic and will be able to utilize those gently-used coats and jackets once again.

From Queeni Caay

To my Christ Church Shrewsbury Family:



An Open Letter to *November*.

Note: *Queen* Caay, our college student in the Philippines, wrote this because in her country, November is a month often ignored. Most people are so excited for Christmas that they can't wait for November to be over. So, she wrote this letter directly to November, hoping that with everything

that's causing us anxiety, this month will bring us tranquility.

Hello, November - our not so spooky friend.

We bade goodbye to my birth month of October and welcome you with high hopes: may you will bring peace and serenity in the world!

I know the way we celebrate your month's special days may differ now that we are battling an enemy the naked eye can't see. But please don't just sulk in the corner and give us the chilly wind.

You bring so much joy and excitement to many. We love you as much as we love December for you always give us time to celebrate our blessings and give thanks to the people who stayed with us through these trying times.

And have I ever told you what an amazing host you are? *All Saint's Day, All Souls Day, Thanksgiving, Veterans Day:* you pave the way for all of it.

With you we celebrate the saints who are looking over us. With you we commemorate our dearly beloved who have passed. With you we give thanks for everything that's keeping us alive.

You're definitely not just a spooky friend. You have the beauty I cannot fathom; whenever you shine in all shades of amber, *cherubs dance*. Falling leaves, soothing air. I feel like I can hear Chopin playing here and there. That is the kind of prosperity and calmness you bring.

So please, please,

Once again, make everyone feel *safer* and *happier*.

Yours,

Queen

Peakers and Everyone —

As always, join us in the parish house for an informal Eucharist at 9:30 and the dive into our bookish delights about 10:15. Everybody's welcome!



Second Saturday Workday
November 13th from 10am-4pm
Please lend a hand

In September most of the weeding was done, but there is still a few more weeks to complete the job. During the next workday the church office window air conditioners need to be removed and it requires a helping hand. There are always loose debris, fallen branches and a host of black walnuts to be picked up. Please try to set aside an hour or two on November 13 between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM to come be an active part of clearing and keeping our church yard in good order. As always, a simple and hot lunch will be provided. This is a good opportunity for any youth who need community Service credit.

Walter Dein, Second Saturday coordinator



CHURCH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Let me first say – WOW IT’S SO GOOD TO BE BACK!!! Church School has been up and running at full speed since Rally Sunday. The kick-off was resounding in song (thanks to Iris and her jaunty piano-playing and all our voices raised up) and in spirit (thanks to the children and their parents) for working together to create the cool Earth and hand visuals. It was a combined labor of love between the classes. It was our joy to present their accomplishments to all of you and to join with you in singing and clapping. To “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”. Nothing like a good ol’ foot stompin’ classic to get the juices flowing.

The Church School consists of the Lower Church School (ages 4-7) and Upper Church School (ages 8-12). Our Lower Church School teachers are Katie Wachter, Jen Craven and Tara Dunford with Laura Stroebel on board as a substitute. Right now I teach the Upper Church School for which Cassandra Murphy is on board as a substitute. Anyone

interested in Volunteering in this delightful and meaningful ministry, please touch base with me.

Since Rally Sunday the Lower Church children are being introduced to the Old Testament personalities. So far we’ve covered the stories of Noah and Moses with lots of hands on activities for each lesson too - Ark Picture Mugs, rainbows, burning bushes. There are lots more people to learn about and activities to do, so come on down. The class meets in the “choir” room.

The Upper Church School has been learning the order of worship and the ways in which to use the bulletin, Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal in order to participate fully in the service. To spark the imagination and add a little bit a creativity to the mix, the class is also in the process of creating Our Church. You will all just have to wait to see what that’s about. It’s quite an undertaking and the class is excited to be working on it. Lots of ideas bouncing around for sure!

So far it’s been a great 6 weeks. Feeling excited to wrap up October with the fun Trunk or Treat event outside after the 10:00 service. Don’t forget to wear your costumes everyone. And, feel free to bring a friend or two. Not just to this event, but all the time.

Faithfully,
Sue Napoletano, Church School Director

Boscov’s Wrap-Up

Not too shabby! Our Boscovs fundraiser brought in about \$120 this year. Funny that’s about the amount I spent on stuff- but I did get some very good deals. Hope all of you that shopped did too. Was also a nice surprise to run into Sarah Schmidt, Mimi Brown and Susan Sellers at the check-out Kiosk. The Boscovs event really is Friends Helping Friends.

Faithfully, Sue Nap

Composer of the month: Lowell Mason (Part One)



Lowell Mason was a trailblazing, almost-mythological American figure: known as the “father” of public school music education, he is equally known as a hymn composer (if not by name, then by his still-popular “Joy to the World”), and, to a lesser extent, as a reformer in the realm of sacred music. Mason did not *merely* forge a path in American music where there was none; he did so in a way that brought him renown and financial success. And he did so, not as a cynical businessman draining the citizenry’s collective wallet, but as a humanistic-religious benefactor toward the public’s betterment.

Lowell Mason was born on January 8, 1792, in Medfield, Massachusetts, moved to Savannah, Georgia, at age twenty—as a bank clerk and dry goods employee—and worked as a musician, part time, as a church choir director, studying composition with a German composer, Frederick Abel, on the side. That his musical calling was not to be a pastime was soon evident. Before he was thirty, he arranged his first hymn book, and headed back to Boston---there was no music notation printer in the South---to get published by the esteemed Boston Handel and Haydn Society. The hymn book, titled the *Boston Handel and Haydn Society Collection of Church Music*, and published in 1822, was a smashing success. It was published numerous times (last in 1839). And made Mason a sizable fortune.

Perhaps surprisingly, upon publication of his hymnbook, Mason returned to Georgia, working at the bank and directing the church choir on weekends. However, at the age of thirty-five, he went back to Boston—again—to become president of the Handel and Haydn Society, and lead choirs at several churches. He had finally become a full-time professional musician. Why did it take him so long? “I was then a bank officer in Savannah, “Mason wrote. “and did not wish to be known as a musical man.



Christmas Toy Drive

Each year, the parishioners of Christ Church have helped families from Monmouth County fulfill the wishes of children at Christmas. Many families have been hard hit this past year and need our help to provide toys for their children. Many families are out of work, have increased expenses and issues due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Please help make a bright Christmas Day for many children again this year. Toys are needed for all age groups – babies to High School students. Suggestions:

- Dolls of all sizes and types
- board games such as Candy Land, Monopoly, Battleship;
- gift cards to Target, Burger King, McDonalds, Movie Theatres, Dunkin Donuts, etc.
- action figures, cars, fire/dump trucks; etc.
- blocks, Lego kits, Nerf toys
- Barbie, Disney Princess items
- Hot Wheels products
- sports items such as basketball, soccer ball;
- Transformers
- dress up clothing
- tea party sets
- Erector Sets; building materials
- play musical instruments
- puzzles
- art products and kits

and just about any other toy you can purchase!

Please ***do not wrap the toys***, but include wrapping materials, gift bags and tape. That is helpful to the sorting committee. Please bring your donations to the church or church office (during office hours) any time between **now and December 5th**. **Please enclose them in a plastic bag so we can disinfect by spraying the plastic bag before delivery.** If you have any questions or would like to help with this charitable activity, please contact Elaine Feyereisen at: 732-742-1227.



– another glorious day. We were one of 60-odd teams that participated this year, and we contributed just over \$1,000 of the \$68,000 team contributions this year. Corporate and other donations brought the Red Bank total to \$117,000 as of earlier this week. Though this is still about \$20,000 short of last year’s total, the Pandemic-pressure that motivated many to extra generosity then has somewhat lessened – and for that we can all be grateful. October 2022 will soon be upon us, and we can all look forward to the 42nd annual Crop Walk. And wouldn’t it be grand if we could all walk together then!

Connie Goddard, Vestry Outreach Director

41st Annual Crop Walk Ends with Musical Celebration

Though Covid has altered some aspects of the Red Bank community’s annual Crop Walk, this year’s 41st edition wound up accompanied by the high spirits that have been part of it for decades. On Sunday afternoon, October 17, a band plus dozens of boys from Christian Brothers Academy (and their sisters and parents) gathered on the gloriously sunny day to accept and organize the donations of food. Latest word is that 15,000 pounds of food were collected that afternoon for distribution to 22 local food pantries. Christ Church members contributed 300 ounces of peanut butter, 342 ounces of soup and kidney beans, plus 24 pounds of rice and beans to that total. Thanks to all! Though there was no Big Walk this year, some of us joined our neighbors from the Presbyterian Church next door to walk up to and around Little Silver on October 3



Serving Schedule: November 2021

November 7

Acolyte: 8:00am Judi Buncher
10:00am Team 2: Andrew Brown
Lector: 8:00am Peggy James 10:00am Bob Honecker
Ushers: 8:00am Carl Alfano 10:00am Rod Webster
Altar Guild: Cindy Webster
Coffee Hour **TBA**

November 14

Acolyte: 8:00am Priscilla Gettis
10:00am Team 3: Halina Nibbling, Matthew & Joshua Dunford
Lector: 8:00am Walter Dein 10:00am, Tara Dunford
Ushers: 8:00am Judi Buncher 10:00a Bramley Maber, Connie Goddard
Altar Guild: Halina Nibbling
Coffee Hour Colleen and Mark Roth

November 21 (Thanksgiving/Ingathering Service)

Acolyte: 8:00am Edgar John
10:00am Team 4: PJ Reyes, Isabel & Isara Chen-Durek
Lector: 8:00am Priscilla Gettis 10:00am Meg Bernhardt
Ushers: 8:00am John Callaghan 10:00 Elaine Feyereisen, Stephen Rudolph
Altar Guild: Phyllis Edwards
Coffee Hour **TBA**

November 28

Acolyte: 8:00am Judi Buncher
10:00am Team 1: Meg Bernhardt, Dexter and Kody Craven
Lector: 8:00am Teddy Keating 10:00am Robert Maber
Ushers: 8:00 Peggy James 10:00am Larry Nibbling, Walter Dein
Altar Guild: Judi Buncher
Coffee Hour **TBA**

November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>Office Hours:</u> <i>Tue. – Fri.</i> 9AM – 2PM	1 <u>ML Vacation</u>	2 <u>ML Vacation</u>	3 9:30-10:15 Peak of the Week and Morning Prayer <u>ML Vacation</u>	4 Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 pm <u>ML Vacation</u>	5 <u>ML Vacation</u>	6 <u>ML Vacation</u>
7 <u>ML Vacation</u> 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist	8 <u>ML Vacation</u>	9 <u>ML Vacation</u>	10 9:30-10:15 Peak of the Week Morning Prayer <u>ML Vacation</u>	11 Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 pm <u>ML Vacation</u>	12 <u>ML Vacation</u>	13 Second Saturday Work Day 10 – 4 <u>ML Vacation</u>
14 <u>ML Vacation</u> 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist	15 Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16	17 9:30-11:15 Peak of the Week Morning Prayer	18 Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 pm	19 Rector’s Day Off	20
21 In Gathering and Bake Shop 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist Confirmation Class 5:30 – 7:00 Will McConnell Baptism	22	23	24 10:15-11:15 Peak of the Week Holy Eucharist	25 Thanksgiving Office Closed 	26 Office Closed	27
28 8 am and 10 am Service	29	30				

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The Communications Team reminds you to check the web site for current parish news.

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"Be friends with Christ Church Shrewsbury" and then invite your friends to be our friend so we all can be informed and connected to events in our community.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST.
BRING SOMEONE TO CHURCH WITH YOU.

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The Reverend Victoria Cuff, Deacon
Iris Chen, Organist/Choirmaster
Debbie Roese, Office Administrator
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