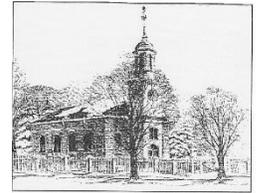


THE CROWN

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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2/11/2023 Ann Miller's Repast
Christ Church, Media PA
Pictured: Christ Church Shrewsbury's attendees
(missing from photo: Carol & Kevin Kinney)

Planning A Funeral

The death of a loved one is always a difficult time. One way to make that time easier for those you leave behind is to make your wishes known for your funeral. I am always surprised by how often, after attending a Funeral Service at Christ Church, members will comment to me about how they would love to have a particular hymn or passage of scripture read at their own funeral. Here is your opportunity to make your wishes known. Please take the time to fill out the following and return to the Church Office where we will keep it on file for you.

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

Funeral Home (name, address, phone):

Final Resting Place _____

Cremation _____ Rite I _____ Rite II _____ Eucharist _____ Incense _____

Layreaders: _____

Lessons: (see BCP 494-495 for suggestions)

Pall Bearers: _____

Ushers: _____

Acolyte(s): _____

Chalice Bearer(s): _____

Hymns: _____

Other Music: _____

Soloist (list any preferences)

Flowers (color or type preferred)

Contributions: Memorials _____ Restoration _____ Operating Fund _____

Other charities you like remembered _____

A note about your last will and testament: It is called a "testament" because your will is the very last witness you will ever give to what you value in your life; make it a final witness of your faith. If you have tried to tithe all your life but just haven't quite made it, this is your last opportunity to do so. Please remember to give God a place in your last plans – whether through your church or through other charitable foundations and missions. If you have questions, about this or any part of preparing for your death, do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me.

Mother Lisa+

NEWS AND 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

Parish Hours

Monday – closed

Tuesday – 9 am – 2 pm

Wednesday - 9 am – 2 pm

Thursday – 9 am – 2 pm

Friday – 9 am – 2 pm

Passing of Christ Church Friends

In Loving Memory of Bob Zeller 1928-2023

Bob Zeller, the man with the BEAUTIFUL VOICE passed away in February. A service was held at the Brigadier General William C Doyle Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, NJ. A car full of Christ Church parishioners attended the ceremony. Included in the Crown is a letter from his wife, Ginny.

Dear Christ Church Parishioners,

My family and I want to thank you for all the lovely messages, cards, flowers, and prayers you have sent our way when you learned of Bob's passing. It was truly a gift for me to see in everyone's kind words about Bob the very same things I have known and loved about him in our 45 years together. Bob was the love of my life and I of his and I will miss him forever. I am grateful to have had those 45 years together. I know our eyes will meet again and that thought brings me comfort. Thank you also to those of you who were able to make the trek out to the veteran's cemetery. I know your presence made Bob's sendoff even nicer. It was exactly what Bob wanted and I tried to carry out his wishes and to celebrate his life. He left this world with no words unspoken, deeds undone or wishes unfulfilled. He sent good out into the world and it is a better world now because Bob Zeller lived in it.

With sincere thanks,
Ginny Zeller and Family

In January we lost Kevin Carroll. Kevin had been a member of Christ Church for a few years and in 2022 he replaced Jeff Veil as Sexton. Kevin's family will be celebrating his life with a service at their church.

In February, we also lost our long-time member, Ann Miller, wife of Jim Miller. Ann and Jim had lived in PA before coming to NJ. A few years ago, they moved back to Media, PA to be near their children. Ann was a very active member of Christ Church. She volunteered for everything including (just to name a few) the bazaar, antiques sale and show, flea market and ECW. Ann was a member of the Altar Guild for years and was Altar Guild Directress for several years before the move to PA. A service was held in Media and it was attended by 18 current and past Christ Church parishioners. Ann will be interred at Christ Church, Shrewsbury on April 29th. Details to follow.



Your Prayers Are Requested

For the sick and suffering, and those in any need or trouble: *Mignon Williams, *Cassie Reagan, *John Smalls, *Joan, *Jim Miller, *Beverly Ryser, *Judi Buncher, *Carolyn, *MiMi Brown, *Sarah Schmid, *Susan Van Valkenburg, *Tara Dunford, *Irwin Rapolla, *Lisa Ficarelli-Halpern, *Jonathan Badal, John Veil, Jennifer Turner, Pam, Stan Brower, Queeni, Jocelyn, Mariwether Schmid, Julie, Heather Lance, Pat and Bob Rivenes, Peedy, Gil, Edie, Julia, Bert, Barbara, Sherrie, the Fontana family, Vivian Hillborn, Lea Gallagher, Judy, Mary Ellen, Tammy, Don Smith, Greg, Judy Gregor, Jack Sauber, Rico and Liesel Rauschmayer, Bob, Jim Halpern, Joe, Jane Barnes, Jay Curlee, Alison, Rick, Geraldine Watson, Katie, Michael, Donna, Michelle Ten Eyck, Evelyn Curley, Marian Bryja, Judy Smith, Mary Andrews, Ann Hatami, Eugene Krikowski, Timothy Keating, Walter Hutchins, Max Garweg,, Lynn McKittrick, Barbara Roth Moore, *Stacy Reagan, *William Balmer, Mary T., Max Thomas, Virginia Aiello, Barbara Pica, Larry Nibbling. *May they be relieved of their distress.*

Parish House Roof

The Vestry has been grappling with the issue of shingles that have been falling from the Parish House Roof during windy days in the past year. In light of the extensive work that still is being completed on the interior of the building, if leaks begin from the roof, it will jeopardize the progress being made.

Of course, a roof is expensive and our budget has taken a nosedive during the past year, mostly due to not being able to use the parish house, and also coming off the pandemic. The question – a new roof – how do we pay for it?

Four quotes were secured from well-respected roofing companies. Wilcox Roofing, from Oceanport, is the contractor selected from the 4 quotes. The Vestry realizes that the Endowment Funds will need to be utilized to accomplish this major project. We have also looked into the process of a loan from the diocese. Thankfully there was a \$10,000 gift from one person, and a \$1000 pledge from another individual toward the project. The whole project is close to \$33,000.

The challenge is ever present! The Vestry understands that our parishioners have stepped up to the challenge of the Capital Campaign. However, if any other parishioners would be able to help offset the cost of the roof, please let us know as soon as possible. Perhaps you could just donate a few dollars to this project that will benefit the parish for the next 50 years!

If this is possible for you, please write a check to Christ Church and include a note on the check indicating “ROOF” in the memo line. Even a few dollars will help alleviate our demand on the Endowment Fund. Thank you for your consideration.

Elaine Feyereisen
Vestry Member

From Queeni Caay,

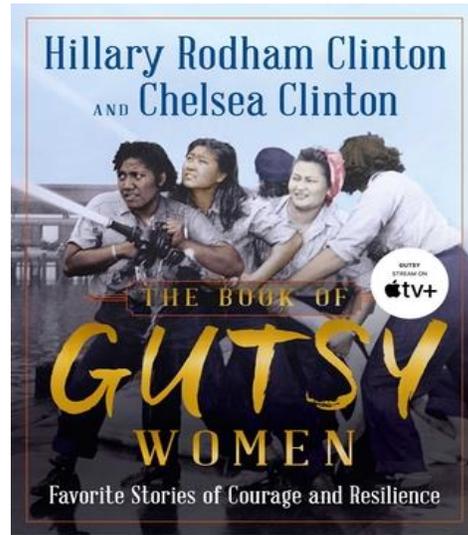
To my Christ Church Shrewsbury family,

February seems too short and fast-paced. But I had so much fun this month. The days do feel so short when you are having fun. We participated in the university festival. It has been so long since we had one because of the pandemic. I am happy that we got to participate before we graduate. We are finally getting more memorable college experiences that we have been deprived of because we resorted to online classes for two years. Yes, it is a bit sad because it is not the college life we had expected, but it is not bad. I think everyone has learned to become more flexible, innovative, and resilient. I am grateful and contented.

Moreover, the week-long training workshop we did also made this month more meaningful. I say it is one of my most unforgettable experiences. I have experienced live radio reporting and being a news reporter on-screen. I have also learned how to utilize the tools within the studio as well as how the production team works harmoniously. We honed our skills individually but also learned how to work as a team effectively. Teamwork is the foundation of good production, whether it is for news or film. Overall, the most challenging part for all of us is gathering and writing multiple pieces of news in a very limited time. But I am sure everyone will continue to grow as we finish our internship.

Lastly, our research is being processed for copyright and may get published in due time. I am so glad that I can share this milestone with you. I intended to make this month's letter a bit shorter than the previous ones to make room for the workshop photos I have attached. I will let our editor decide.

Love and prayers from Ph,
Queeni



Happy March!

Peak in the Week devotees are preparing for something new in March 2023. The book we'll be reading is called **Gutsy Women: Favorite Stories of Courage and Resilience** (March is Women's History Month) written by Hillary Clinton and her daughter Chelsea. Together the two women chose to highlight the stories of women with the courage to stand up to the status quo, ask hard questions, and get the job done. Among those they selected are Bella Abzug, Wilma Mankiller, Sally Ride, Hedy Lamar, Harriet Tubman, Maria von Trapp, Florence Nightingale, Serena Williams, and the list goes on and on. It's a thick book packed with inspiration and information. Because it is SO Packed, Peakers are going to choose one person, each week, that each of them admires, to talk about at the gathering. It should be great fun to hear about those our Peakers look up to. Come join us at 9:30 each Wednesday in March, at Panera Bread, to see who we choose--share with us YOUR choice of Gutsy Women or just come and share breakfast and friendship!

Donna Devlin

Christ Church Community Garden

We are looking for someone new to be in charge of the Christ Church plot in the Shrewsbury Community Garden. Kim Roberts-Honecker who has been in charge for the last couple of years would be glad to assist and give guidance but will not have the ability to do it as needed to be successful. Contact the church office or Kim for further information kimroberts05@gmail.com
Kim Honecker



Sock and Mitten Tree

Thank you all for filling up our annual sock and mitten tree. I'm not sure exactly how much we collected, but it was a good haul! Thank you, Walter, for taking the items to Lunch Break, Red Bank.

Pledge Envelope Update

We should have our pledge envelopes by the end of March! Due to the upheaval in our parish house, the pledge envelopes were not ordered until the end of the year. I have checked with the company and was told we should have them in 3 or 4 weeks. If you want to pay your pledge with cash, put your cash in an envelope and write your name on it. If you forget to your envelope, blank envelopes are in the back of the church on the usher's table. You don't need to put your pledge check in an envelope, but if you are more comfortable doing that, please do! Please continue making your pledge payments, we keep track! All pledges are accounted for!

Peggy James, Stewardship

Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days

By Patrick Durek

One of Lent's most relevant hymns, "Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days," is potent simply because of its directness. There's nothing esoteric in it, nothing dated, nothing sappy or histrionic (all of these qualities mar a significant number of hymns in the canon!). The words in this hymn, moreover, are feather-light—a contrast with the heaviness of 40 days of fasting:

V.1 Lord, who throughout these forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.

The reason for the hymn's directness is simple; it was written for children to sing. Claudia F. Hernaman (1838-1898) composed over 150 hymns for children, published, in 1873, in *The Child's Book of Praise*. The purpose of "40 Days" was to teach children how Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness is recognized by our 40 days of Lent. The content of the hymn may be simple, but the structure is meticulous.

Beverly Howard discusses the hymn as following a historical-educational sequencing. The first two lines in verses 1-3 show the struggles Jesus encountered in his wilderness journey: hunger, thirst, and temptation. The last two lines of these same verses teach lessons children should learn from Jesus' struggle: penitence for sin, perseverance toward conquering sin, and discipleship.

V.2 As you with Satan did contend,
And did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
In you to conquer sin.
V.3 As you did hunger bear and thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and always live
By your most holy word.

The final two verses, she notes, are a prayerful petition for Jesus' presence in both life and death, with the ultimate verse taking Christ's suffering as metaphor for our own suffering in life, and Easter as the redemption for, not only Christ, but all of us as well.

V.4 And through these days of penitence,
And through your Passion-tide,
Forevermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.
V.5 Abide with us that when this life
Of suffering is past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!

COMMUNION CLASSES TO BEGIN

We are planning First Communion classes, commencing in March with specific class dates to be set. Anticipated date of the First Communion Celebration in church and at coffee hour is May 6, 2023. Although many of our youngsters and Youth have already been receiving, it is time for a refresher as to this Holy Sacrament. If you are interested in having your child(ren) participate, please contact me as soon as possible at 732-229-0436 or leave your name and number with Debbie in the office and I will get back to you. Please let us know the best time for a call back. If you prefer to email, my email is susienap@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Faithfully, Sue Napoletano, Church School Director

KITCHEN SHOWER UPDATE

The idea of a kitchen shower has not been abandoned. Nor has the idea of setting up times to get the dishes, glassware and pots and pans washed up, to line the cabinets and to do whatever else is necessary to get our new kitchen up and running. We're just waiting on the completion of the

project. But once done, we are going to want to move quickly so we can begin enjoying coffee hour and gathering once again. Keep your eyes open for a kitchen wish list. If you haven't already stopped in, please come by the Parish House and see what a beautiful workspace we will soon have. Painting of the entire parish hall and vestibule is anticipated to start soon.

CHURCH SCHOOL AREA UPDATE

The Church School area is still incomplete so we are still meeting upstairs. Waiting on floors and base molding and installation of new carpeting on the stairs not to mention a very good cleaning of the other classrooms to complete the project.

Meanwhile, there are bookshelves that need to be washed and painted as well as all sorts of other small jobs that can be tackled while we await completion. As always, I'm looking for volunteers. Weekdays work if you have time to spare. I'm usually available to help and provide access so don't limit your thinking to the idea of only on a Saturday or after church. These are relatively quick jobs. If we can get this done now, we'll be able to jump right back into the groove downstairs in our very special space.

If you haven't seen what's been done, feel free to stop downstairs.

Faithfully, Sue Napoletano Vestry



Friday, March 10, is the Covenant House Annual Sleep Out. Our parish has long supported this valuable organization, which provides young people in Asbury Park with a home, along with the love and respect they need to move from homelessness to independence. Though events of the past few years have changed the nature of this fundraiser, the needs have not changed, so I am writing to ask for continued support.

Though we are not able to organize a team this year, we can continue to make donations. It's easy – just click on this link:

<https://www.sleepout.org/team/APSleepOutTeam2023>

And know if you do this, you will be helping Covenant House fulfill its mission. Over the past two years, the Asbury Park houses (one for young men; the other for young women) has provided dozens of young people with housing and many supportive services -- and the chance to head their lives in a hopeful direction:

- 3 clients resided with us on 2 different occasions
- 257 was the average length of stay
- 84% of the youth who left the program transitioned to safe and stable housing
- 82% of the youth who exited were employed
- 6 clients graduated from high school while living at ROP
- 5 youth were enrolled in Brookdale Community College
- 90% of the youth who exited were covered by Health Insurance

I know Covenant House would be grateful – and so will I!

Connie Goddard

Help Wanted!

We are looking for a part time Sexton to clean the Parish House and the Church. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please contact Peggy James for more information at 732-610-1916. or peggy_james@verizon.net.

View outside the church on a sunny day



Those Who Serve – March 2023

March 5

Celebrant: Reverend Kathleen Bishop
Deacons: Victoria Cuff, William Balmer
Acolytes: 8am Judi Buncher, 10 am Isabel & Isara Chen-Durek, Halina Nibbling
Lectors: 8am , Peggy James 10 am Bob Honecker
Ushers: 8am Carl Alfano, 10 am George Edwards, Jim O'Connor
Choirmaster/Organist: Iris Chen
Altar Guild: Phyllis Edwards

March 12

Celebrant: Reverend Kathleen Bishop
Deacons: Victoria Cuff, William Balmer
Acolytes: 8 am Edgar John, 10 am Dexter & Kody Craven, Andrew Brown
Lectors: 8 am Walter Dein, 10 am Elaine Feyereisen
Ushers: 8 am Judi Buncher 10 am Larry Nibbling, Connie Goddard
Choirmaster/Organist: Iris Chen
Altar Guild: Halina Nibbling

March 19

Celebrant: Reverend Kathleen Bishop
Deacons: Victoria Cuff, William Balmer
Acolytes: 8 am Judi Buncher, 10 am Joshua and Matthew Dunford
Halina Nibbling
Lectors: 8 am Peggy James, 10 am Robert Maber
Ushers: 8 am Carl Alfano, 10 am Bramley Maber, Christine Maber
Choirmaster/Organist: Iris Chen
Altar Guild: Cindy Webster

March 26

Celebrant: Reverend Kathleen Bishop
Deacons: Victoria Cuff, William Balmer
Acolytes: 8 am Edgar John, 10 am Isabel & Isara Chen-Durek, Cassandra Murphy, Trevor Valkenburgh
Lectors: 8 am Peggy James, 10 am Bob Valkenburgh
Ushers: 8 am John Callaghan, 10 am Elaine Feyereisen, Connie Goddard
Altar Guild: Judi Buncher/Colleen Roth

March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	3	4
5 <u>8AM</u> Holy Eucharist <u>10AM</u> Holy Eucharist	6 <u>Office Closed</u>	7	8 <u>9:30 - 11:15AM</u> Holy Eucharist & Peak of the Week	9 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	10	11 <u>10am-4pm</u> 2 nd Saturday Workday
12 <u>8AM</u> Holy Eucharist <u>10AM</u> Holy Eucharist	13 <u>Office closed</u>	14	15 <u>9:30 - 11:15AM</u> Holy Eucharist & Peak of the Week	16 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18
19 <u>8AM</u> Holy Eucharist <u>10AM</u> Holy Eucharist	20 <u>Office closed</u> 7PM VESTRY meeting	21	22 <u>9:30 - 11:15AM</u> Holy Eucharist & Peak of the Week	23 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	24	25
26 <u>8AM</u> Holy Eucharist <u>10AM</u> Holy Eucharist	27 <u>Office closed</u>	28	29	30	31	1

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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.

The Reverend Lisa S. Mitchell, Rector
The Reverend Victoria Cuff, Deacon
The Reverend Bill Balmer, Deacon
Iris Chen, Organist/Choirmaster
Debbie Roese, Office Administrator
Jeff Veil, Temporary Sexton

VESTRY 2023

Peggy James – Senior Warden, Stewardship
Connie Goddard – Junior Warden
Elaine Feyereisen
Dianne Regiec
Carl Alfano
Sheila Hatami-Watson
Sue Napoletano- Church School
Larry Nibbling – Finance
Robin Solbach
Martie Viets – Parish Life
Treasurer – Stephen Craven
Asst. Treasurer--Lynn Marengo, Larry Nibbling
Vestry Clerk – Nancy Stewart