

*Christ Episcopal Church...
Making a Difference*

The Mustard Seed

January 2021

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***Christ Church –
where we gather to
worship, pray, sing,
and share so
together we may
serve our
community and the
world.***



Happy New Year

At this time of the year, we often hear and say the above phrase. This year, I believe, the desire is that the “Happy” in Happy New Year is for most of us a much stronger desire.

2020 and the pandemic has meant for the vast majority of us a year of struggle and uncertainty; and for many of time of pain and loss. We've been reminded of the fragility of life. During this year we've heard on countless occasions, from very different people that we are in this together. Although we may not have sensed the togetherness, almost all of us have in some ways been confronted by the virus.

2020 is ending with the real hope that the various vaccines that have just been approved will greatly curtail the ravages of the pandemic as we go through 2021. Which we all trust will bring an end to our sense of captivity to the virus.

Business shutdowns, school attendance reduced, clubs and social groups not meeting, church services restricted: these and other limited activities have shown us how important our relationships are. Technology, such as Zoom and Facebook, has enabled us to stay in contact. Yet, we see the limits of virtual togetherness, and that helps us see how important being together truly is in our lives.

I pray 2021 will give us more opportunities to be together in person: more importantly that we let each other know just how valued we are to each other.

In Peace,
Gordon

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY PARTICIPANTS

DATE	CELEBRANT	PARISH MUSICIAN	E M RITE II	ACOLYTE	USHERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR
Sunday, January 3, 2021	Gordon Hamilton	Valarie Valois	Chris Smith	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & TBA	Linda Baker & Drew Clark	Nicki Robertson & JoAnn Riemann	JoAnn Riemann
Sunday, January 10, 2021	Gordon Hamilton	Valarie Valois	Robert Horton	Mary Bemis	Jake Wilson & TBA	TBA	Nicki Robertson & JoAnn Riemann	Robert Horton
Sunday, January 17, 2021	Gordon Hamilton	Valarie Valois	Linda Baker	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & TBA	TBA & Ernest Jenkins	Nicki Robertson & JoAnn Riemann	Kathy Sistare
Sunday, January 24, 2021	Gordon Hamilton	Valarie Valois	Chris Smith	Mary Bemis	Jake Wilson & TBA	TBA & Linda Baker	Nicki Robertson & JoAnn Riemann	Mary Bemis
Sunday, January 31, 2021	Gordon Hamilton	Valarie Valois	Robert Horton	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & TBA	Drew Clarke & TBA	Nicki Robertson & JoAnn Riemann	JoAnn Riemann
Sunday, February 7, 2021	Gordon Hamilton	Valarie Valois	Linda Baker	Mary Bemis	Jake Wilson & TBA	Miller Deaton & Pam Giardiello	TBA	Robert Horton
Sunday, February 14, 2021	Gordon Hamilton	Valarie Valois	Chris Smith	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & TBA	Ernest Jenkins & Caroline Oliver	TBA	Kathy Sistare
Sunday, February 21, 2021	Gordon Hamilton	Valarie Valois	Robert Horton	Mary Bemis	Jake Wilson & TBA	Linda Baker & Drew Clark	TBA	Mary Bemis
Sunday, February 28, 2021	Gordon Hamilton	Valarie Valois	Linda Baker	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & TBA	Joan Crawford & Miller Deaton	TBA	JoAnn Riemann

January Anniversaries

January 20th – Mike & Kay Lamberton
 January 23rd – Bill & Dana Lee Walters



January Birthdays

January 2nd – Aubrey Crawford
 January 4th – Katherine Foo
 January 8th – Anne Marie Streeter
 January 8th – Faye Skipper
 January 21st – Krissy Gardner
 January 22nd – Judy Bell
 January 26th – Joan Crawford
 January 28th – Elizabeth Lopez
 January 30th – Jamie Griffin

**Wednesday Evening
 Services will be
 canceled until further
 notice.**

**Please contact the church office if you would like to
 provide flowers for a Sunday in 2021.**

January 3rd – No flowers until after The Epiphany
 January 10th – Earle & Karla Holmes
 January 17th – Open
 January 24th – Aubrey & Joan Crawford
 January 31st - Open



I want to thank everyone at Christ Church for the Christmas love offering. The generosity of this Parish never ceases to amaze me. It was so very kind of all of you.

As I was getting the 2021 calendar ready, I realized that April 7, 2021 will be my thirteenth anniversary with you guys. I still haven't had the same day twice since I've been here. I absolutely love working here. I still get up each day and look forward to coming to work. Not a lot of people can say that and I'm so blessed that I can. I look forward to another year at Christ Church.

Needless to say, 2020 was a challenge for everyone. I hope each of you have a wonderful and very blessed 2021.

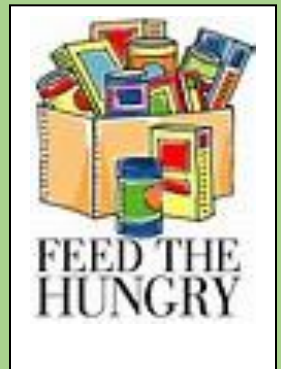
*Much love,
Gwen*



◀ Dec 2020 Jan 2021 Feb 2021 ▶						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed	2
3 HOPE Sunday 8:00 am – Rite I 10:30 am – Rite II	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 HOPE Sunday 8:00 am – Rite I 10:30 am – Rite II	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 HOPE Sunday 8:00 am – Rite I 10:30 am – Rite II Vestry 12:30 pm	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 HOPE Sunday 8:00 am – Rite I 10:30 am – Rite II	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 HOPE Sunday 8:00 am – Rite I 10:30 am – Rite II	8:00 am H.E. Rite I 10:30 am H.E. Rite II					

HOPE Sunday – EVERY SUNDAY

Each Sunday will be designated as HOPE Sunday at Christ Church. Please consider contributing to this wonderful organization. They are especially in need of the following items: **canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, spaghetti sauce.**



One more way to worship at Christ Church!

Please join Father Hamilton for Noonday Prayer at 12:15 p.m. Monday – Friday on Facebook Live. Each broadcast is approximately fifteen minutes long. The service can be found on pages 103 – 107 in the Book of Common Prayer or on the church website.



Sunday service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook Live, broadcast on 107.5 FM on your radio, and in person.



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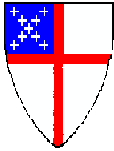
A Prayer for Discernment

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we consider the renewal and mission of our congregation. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us by your Holy Spirit to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it, and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

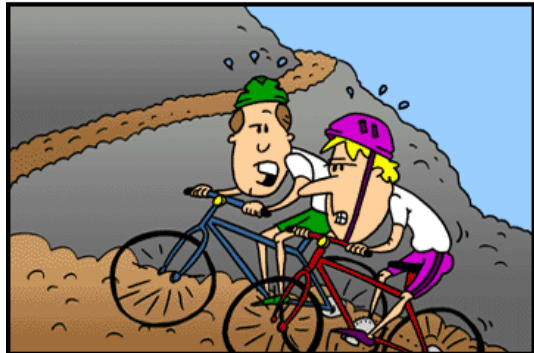
Commitment cards for 2021 are at both entrances and the parlor. **I and your vestry ask that EVERY member of Christ Church fill out a pledge form for 2021.** There is a space to note that other than a specific financial pledge, you Will Give What You Can. Please fill it out and return it to my attention at your earliest convenience. The results of the pledges will be used to prepare the annual budget and hopefully continue to contribute to the outreach efforts of our Diocese. As always, I am honored to be your treasurer and to help our parish shepherd the gifts that are given to further the missions of Christ Church.

Chris Smith

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(See Matthew 17:20) 01-24-2000

THEY SAY THAT FAITH CAN MOVE
MOUNTAINS ... HOW MUCH FAITH YA GOT?

Miscellany

Choir Rehearsals

Canceled until further notice.

In Person Sunday Service Times

8:00 am – Rite I

10:30 am – Rite II

(Facebook Live/107.5 FM)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Terry Michaelson*, Sloan McLaughlin, Maxcy Westmoreland,
Brooke Hamilton, Makenzie White, Jon Bryson, Edward Johnson,
Bobby McInville, Susan Bowers, Janice Stradford, Buddy Lever,
Savannah Seegars, Joan Crawford*, Randy Horton, Sara Anne
Foster*, Tracey Davis, Charles Ballard, Julie Percival, Sis Parker,
Peggy Catoe, Earl Adams, Alan Hedricks, Will Woodruff, Avis
Clyburn, Bea Ayers, Arlene Lifsey, Willis Ballard, Eric Hough, John
Riemann*, Dennis Melton, Becky Lyles, Rick Morrow,
Sherry Stalvey, Gene Alexander*, Libby Woodruff, Rebecca Bryson,
Brent Burgin, Lynda Horton, Kevin Jaillette, Susan Blair, Tim
Nichols, Helen, Andy Caudill, Jane Helwig*, Peggy Furr,
Dixie Roberts, Hayes Robinson, Richard Knight, Joan Bixby*, Geary
Yamashita, Rev. Deacon David Smith, Aubrey Crawford*, Tric
Deaton*, Kay Lambertson*, Gina Farley, Matthew Sweatt, Peggy
Catoe, Samuel Deese, Chad Morrow

