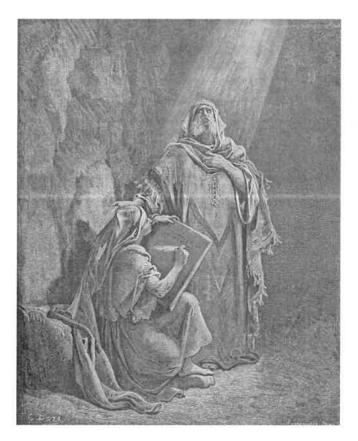
Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Today's Readings

The First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Second Reading: Philemon 1.21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent,

in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25:33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

	For those	in need of our prayers	
Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Cindy V.	Vincent
Max	Kate	Randy	Junior V
Cindy V	Ron	Jeri	Tena
Josh	Brenda	Ralph and Carol	Shelly
Brianne	Angelica	Rory	Anita
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Kindly submit any names you would like to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim @officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org or writing the name on the paper on the table.

Cover image: "Baruch writing Jeremiah's prophecies" by Gustave Dore (1832-1883)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray to the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to give us life, saying, Lord graciously hear us.

Intercessor: Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for your Son. Give us grace to lift heavy loads from those we meet, especially those printed on the prayer list in our bulletin and any what we name now... Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us**.

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes. Transform the hearts of those who make a profit from their victims, and those whose hearts are hardened by their work. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus, was promised a place in your kingdom. Give pardon and hope, healing and peace to all who look death in the face. We pray for those living in danger, the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land, especially those suffering from malnutrition and dying of starvation. Lord, hear us: Lord, graciously hear us.

From the cross, Jesus entrusted Mary his mother and John his disciple to each other's care. Help us also to care for one another and fill our homes with the spirit of your love. We pray for those celebrating this week, Giovanna Lundy, Marcia Smith, Mia Achenbach, Bailey Allison and Cliff Buckwalter. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

The centurion was astonished to recognize your glory in the crucified Messiah. Open the minds of those who do not know you to grasp in your Son the meaning of life and death. We pray for the Church and its mission in the world, especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa and St. James' & St. George's, Jermyn. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Joseph of Arimathea came to take your Son's body away. Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved, gentleness to those who minister to them, and courage to those whose faith is secret, remembering Dolores Costa, Dorothy Chiachiaro and Richard S. Gabrielle, Regina Powell and The Rev. Lois Bartlett. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant: Merciful Father:

All: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord have mercy
People: Christ have mercy
Celebrant: Lord have mercy

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you: People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 (The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Second Reading: Philemon 1-21 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading

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The Post-Communion Prayer

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

8:00 AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist Reverend Bryce Wandrey Communion Assistant Rick Wolf

Lector and Intercessor Rick Wolf

Usher Ellen Sunderman Altar Guild
Linda Jones Captain,) Linda Lacey,
Brittany Underkofler, Armani
Rodriguez and
Julie-Anna Gonzalez (Trainee)

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00AM-12:30PM Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

The Christ Church Mission

We are grounded in the values of love, service and faithful stewardship. Firmly rooted in compassionate collaboration, we welcome partnerships that nurture our neighbors and address pressing issues in our community. We endeavor to be a cornerstone for the city of Reading, enabling all that come through our doors to experience the dignity, purpose and opportunities that God desires for everyone.

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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982

Prelude "There is a Spirit that delights to do no evil" (from a Quaker Reader)

Ned Rorem

Please stand

Processional Hymn 671 Amazing grace

The Liturgy of the Word

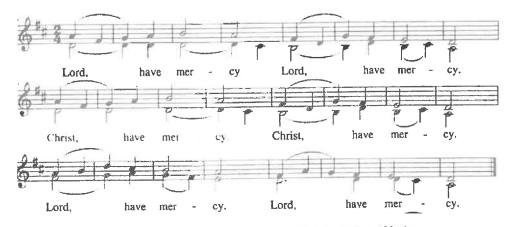
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Kyrie Gregory Murray



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you: People: And also with you.

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Please be seated

The First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn Take up thy cross



- Take up thy cross let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm: his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
- Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel: thy Lord for thee the Cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.
- Take up thy cross then in his strength, and calmly ev'ry danger brave; 'twill guide thee to a better home, and lead to vict'ry o'er the grave.
- Take up thy cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Intercessor: Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem Tatum Ergo Louis Vierne

Presentation Hymn Praise to God, immortal praise (Hymn 288 verse 1)

Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days; bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ: all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.

The Holy Communion

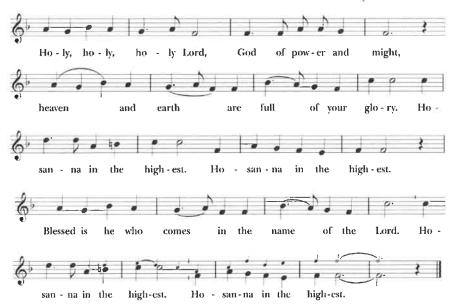
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A on page 361)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 361

The Sanctus Richard Proulx



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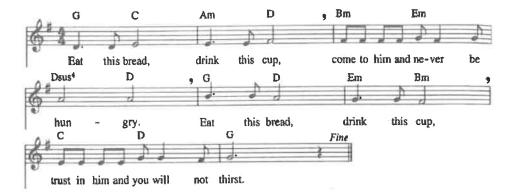
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The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

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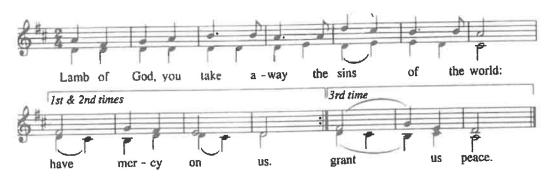


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The Agnus Dei

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The Communion Hymn 693 Just as I am

If Eucharistic visitors are being sent forth today to take the sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion:

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that

those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's

body and blood.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one

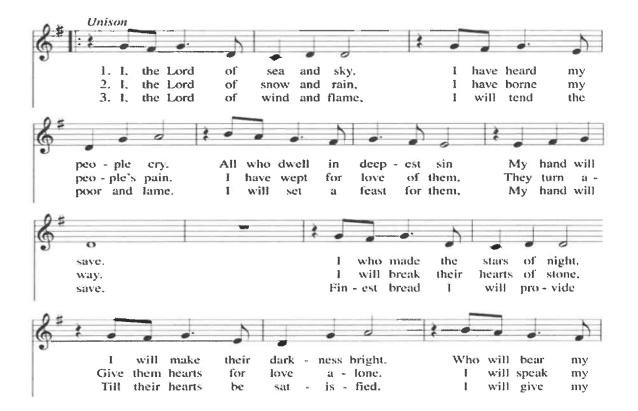
cup. Amen.

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Closing Hymn *I, the Lord of sea and sky*





The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Toccata Eugene Gigout

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director John Painter

> Verger Matt Hoelscher

Lector
Kate Fanning

Intercessor Ashleigh Hoelscher

Ushers
Larry Whalen, Christine Keeler,
Kate Schuler and Zoe Morris

Gospel Book Bearer
Ian Hoelscher

Communion Assistants
Kate Schuler and Jill Braun

Crucifer Kate Schuler

Acolytes
Ozi Abara and Lillian Hoelscher

Altar Guild
Linda Jones (Captain,) Linda Lacey,
Brittany Underkofler, Armani
Rodriguez and
Julie-Anna Gonzalez (Trainee)

Mark your calendars for special guests at our Adult Forum (9:05am in the Parlor)

September 28 - Liz Cohen from Mary's Shelters

October 12 - Holly Wolf from Opportunity House

October 19 · Laura Biancone from LGBT Center

November 16 - Elizabeth Vendley from Lighthouse Women's and Children's Center

November 23 · Rabbi Brian Michelson from Oheb Shalom Reform Congregation (also our 10am guest preacher)



Are you looking for a time to gather with others and enjoy lunch? You are invited to gather at Saucony Creek Franklin Station (100 S 7th St, Reading, PA 19602) on Tuesday September 16th at 12:30. Fr Bryce will be there and

hopefully you will be too! This is a time to gather, enjoy time together and grow as a community.



Art Show

Works by Pam Shields Roule and Elaine Soltis

8 pm Show runs through September 21 Trinity Lutheran Church 527 Washington Street, Reading A former Christ Church Member, Pam Shields Roule lives and works in West Reading, and exhibits her works at the Ceres Gallery in NYC where she has been a member since 2011. Elaine Soltis is a major studio artist at GoggleWorks.

Gallery Talk

Ms. Roule and Ms. Soltis discuss their work September 10, 7 pm Trinity Lutheran Church 527 Washington Street, Reading

Our Class

A readers theater production Sunday September 28, 3 - 5 pm Christ Church A powerful story that follows the lives of a group of Polish children from 1925 into WW II and the Holocaust

The Beauty of Ukrainian Music

Organ Recital by Gail Archer Friday, October 3, 7 pm Trinity Lutheran Church 527 Washington Street, Reading A program deeply rooted in the rich tapestry of Ukrainian musical heritage.

Barynya - Uniting with Ukraine

Slavic Music and Dance Sunday, October 5, 3 pm WCR Center for the Arts 140 North Fifth Street, Reading Spirited traditional folk performances presented by Ukrainian Kozak Dancers, a group dedicated to honoring the Slavic arts and culture.

Faith Healer

Drama

October 10, 7:30 pm, October 11, 7:30 pm and October 12, 3 pm WCR Center for the Arts 140 North Fifth Street, Reading A play portraying an artist as a charlatan/ miracle worker who tours with his wife. The cast includes Christ Church's own Kat Brantman.

Dogs in Space

Puppet Theater Sunday, October 19, 12 pm Trinity Lutheran Church 527 Washington Street, Reading Tucker's Tales Puppet Theater returns, as dogs and cats hilariously compete to be the first to conquer space.

Fuller details are listed at https://www.fallfestivalofthearts.org/2025-events



Adult Forum

This Sunday, September 7th, we conclude our Pilgrim Course on the Bible. On September 14th, we will have our first class on a new series called BCP · NJS. What's that? These will be sessions on The Book of Common Prayer · Not Just for Sundays. We will be taking time looking at particular parts of The Book of Common Prayer, discovering the richness of our prayer book and also understanding how we can use this resource of spirituality every day of our lives. Join us every Sunday in the Parlor

at 9:05am.

The ECW is again participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event which will be held on Wednesday, October 22. You can shop in person or online from 8Am to 11PM. You can purchase your shopping pass from any ECW member for \$5.00 and get 25% off your purchase price (some exceptions apply.)



Welcome to Christ Church

We are happy to welcome you to our church and worship services. Here are some things that you may find helpful. If you would like to know more about us there are cards that you can fill out hanging in each pew. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall (down the stairs near the front of the church and on your right at the bottom of the stairs) to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restroom is through the door near the front of the sanctuary. Once you go through that door turn right; the restroom is across from the elevator. Parking is available for free on the street on Sundays and in the M&T parking lot behind the church on the corner of Washington Street and Madison Ave.

The next monthly **Dinner at Opportunity House** will be on September 13th. The sponsor this month will be ECW.



Coming soon! Christ church is offering fitness classes!

Starting September 27,

Ridam Fitness Classes will be held in our Fellowship hall.

Classes

- Ridam Dance Cardio and Choreography for all levels
- Ridam Tone a full body workout using body weight or dumbbells

Schedule

- Wednesdays 6PM/Dance, 7PM/Tone
- Saturdays 10AM/Dance 11AM/Tone

Packages

- First-time class \$10.00
- Single class \$13.00
- 5 Class Pack \$55.00
- 10 Class Pack \$100.00

(All class packs valid for 2 months)

Special Offers

Bring a friend—Get \$5.00 off your next class

Foundling Special—10 Class Pack for just \$90.00 (limited time)

Email Ridam at ridamfitness@gmail.com with any questions.

Altar Candle Memorials for September are given for Blessings Received by Susan Frankowski; Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare and Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick.

Altar flowers are given today in Memory of Dolores Costa and Dorothy Chiarchiaro who perished in the attack on WTC on 9/11/01 by Frank and Mary Arguelles. In Loving Memory of her cousin, Richard S. Gabrielle, who perished on 9/11/01 by James and Victoria Wilson.

Lectern Flowers are given to Cliff in honor of his birthday from Anita.



Do you need prayers? All of us have our times when we don't feel whole and we need someone to pray for us. Or, we have someone in our lives who is broken and needs healing. Our Healing Prayer Team is back on

the 3rd Sunday of every month to pray for you and with you. If you would like to join them please come up to communion early (after the ushers and choir), commune with our prayer team, receive anointing with holy oil and then proceed to the baptistry for healing prayers.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, September 7—The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School Kick off
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
1PM Golf Tournament at Heidelberg CC
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, September 8 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, September 9

9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, September 10

9AM Staff Meeting 10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale 12PM—Noonday Eucharist 9/11 Remembrance 12PM—1PM NA Meeting 5:30-7PM NA Meeting 7PM Interfaith Service

Thursday, September 11

9:30AM Bible Study 9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer 11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel 12PM—1PM NA Meeting 5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, September 12

12PM—1PM NA Meeting 6:45PM Christ Church Night at Fightin' Phils

Saturday, September 13 12PM-2PM NA meeting

Opportunity House Dinner

Sunday, September 14—Holy Cross Day

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Service Participants Training with a pizza party
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

September 7 Sunday School Kick-Off in the parish hall 9-9:45AM

September 7 Christ Church and Trinity Covenant Golf Tournament at Heidelberg CC at 1PM

September 10 9/11 Remembrance with Eucharist at 12 noon Interfaith Service at Christ Church at 7PM

September 10 ECW Rummage Sale 10AM-1PM

September 12 Christ Church Night with the Fightin' Phils at 6:45PM

September 13 Dinner at Opportunity House hosted by ECW

September 14 Service Participants Training with a pizza party

October 6 Scaffolding and Plaster work begins in the church

Save the Date for our Bicentennial Events!

May 9-10, 2026 Consecration weekend

Events Saturday afternoon and Sunday church-hours

July 18th, 2026 Neighborhood Block Party

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