

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



Saint Matthew,
Apostle and Evangelist

September 20, 2026

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Rite Two (sung)

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Reading, PA

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Please stand

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
People: **let us exalt his Name together.**

The Collect for Purity (said together)

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.

Kyrie

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading : Proverbs 3: 1-6

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in

the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

Make me go in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.

**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which you make to those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your judgments are good.

**Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13

Before the reading

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray today that we will hear God's call in our lives and that, like Blessed Matthew, we will have the faith and courage to respond and live out our vocation:

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for your grace, revealed in Blessed Matthew, and for all that inspires us from his life, that following his good example, we may hear afresh your call to holiness of life: God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For your holy church, that it may persevere in its witness to you and continue building up the communion of saints. We pray especially for Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Anglican Church of Australia and the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna; God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

That we who are gathered here may receive grace to grow into the likeness of Christ: We pray especially for those celebrating this week: Jeffrey Morris, Benjamin Frymoyer, Sally Wilcox, Bev Munsing and Ellie Weyandt. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

That the leaders of this world may strive for justice and peace; and honor the common good. Be with those living in fear and danger, especially those living in places of war, conflict and natural disasters and for all innocent lives lost. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

That all who are poor, homeless, or hungry may find refuge in you; and that the sick and the suffering may be relieved from affliction, especially those on the prayer list printed in the bulletin and any we name now... God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In communion with Blessed Matthew and all the saints, let us commend the world to the mercy and protection of God, that, with all the saints in ages past, we and all the departed may find a dwelling place in the habitations of your majesty and glory, remembering Harold, Mary and Dan Lambert, Frank, Dorothy and Kay Laedlein, Anna Bard Frame and Emily Louisa Bard. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace 360

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Prayers for the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you
All: **and also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 367

The Sanctus

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father:
Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory**

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 369

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

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Everyone is invited to receive. There will be two chalices for receiving: communion rail. and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking.) Gluten Free wafers are available; if you require gluten free please indicate this when receiving. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail.

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

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Celebrant: ...; and the blessing God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Tenor Brian Giebler and Pianist Steven McGhee

Sunday, September 20, 2026
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Christ Episcopal Church
435 Court Street, Reading, PA (map)



The local arts scene gets a major boost this September as acclaimed tenor Brian Giebler takes the stage. Described by *The New York Times* as having a "lovely tone and deep expressivity," Giebler is one of the most sought-after voices of his generation.

A specialist in Baroque and Classical repertoire, Giebler has garnered "Critics Choice" honors from *Opera News* and a GRAMMY® nomination for his debut solo album. Whether you are a longtime opera devotee or a newcomer to the concert hall, his "shine and clarity"

make this a must-see event of the season.

Through Our Own Eyes (Opening Reception)

Friday, September 25, 2026
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Christ Episcopal Church
435 Court Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19601, United States (map)



Don't miss this brilliant and fascinating exhibition of photography!

Our show features beautiful, intriguing pictures chosen from the collections of local people: Mary Arguelles, Fred, Megan, and Kristen Opalinski, and Dr. Thomas Souders. Be sure to visit the exhibit and join us for the Gallery Talk to meet the photographers and hear their stories.



Food Pantry in the Parlor

Give what you can.
Take what you need.

Food Pantry Collection Sunday is September 27th

Celebrant and Homilist at 8AM and 10AM

The Reverend Bryce P. Wandrey

Altar Guild Team

Victoria Wilson (Captain), Doris Schilpp and Helen Peemoeller

8am Service Participants

Lector and Intercessor

Dane Miller

Usher

Ellen Sunderman

Communion Assistant

Chris Spohn and Dane Miller

10am Service Participants

Organist and Choir Director

John Painter

Crucifer

Benjamin Frymoyer

Lector

Victoria Wilson

Acolytes

Ozi Abara and Derek Morris

Intercessor

Mary Arguelles

Gospel Book

Zoe Morris

Communion Assistants

Wayne Fanning and Kate
Fanning

Ushers

Larry Whalen, Christine Keeler and
Zoe Morris

Verger

Linda Jones

Greeting Team

Brenda Guardian, Daniel Harris and Justin Skwiat

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10am Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers: Rite Two

Hymns can be found in the blue books labelled *Hymnal 1982* or the green books labelled *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. Page numbers on the right hand side of the bulletin refer to parts of the service that can be found in *The Book of Common Prayer* (the black book in the pews).

Prelude

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Gabriel Pierne

Processional Hymn 232 *By all your saints still striving (verse 2 - St Matthew September 21)*

The Liturgy of the Word

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People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

People: **let us exalt his Name together.**

The Collect for Purity (said together)

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.

Gloria

Maccabaeus



1. Glo - ry to God! Our hearts to you we raise! Joy and peace on earth, in
high - est hea - ven praise! Songs of a - do - ra - tion, Lord, to you we bring,
prais - ing your great good - ness, Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King. Glo - ry to God! Our
hearts to you we raise! Joy and peace on earth, in high - est hea - ven praise!

2. Son of the Father, bearing this world's sin;
Lamb of God have mercy, grant us peace within.
You O Christ are holy, you alone are Lord;
With the Holy Spirit, evermore adored.
Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise!
Text: Edwin Le Grice; Tune: Maccabaeus

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray

The Collect of the Day

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading: Proverbs 3: 1-6 (see page 2 for the text of the reading)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 526

Let saints on earth in concert sing

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13 (see page 4 for the text of the reading)

Before the reading

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord**

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People (see page 5)

Intercessor: God, in your mercy:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory Anthem

Look at the world

John Rutter

The Presentation Hymn 380 From all the dwell below the skies (vs 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

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Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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The celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 367

Sanctus

David Thorne

Moderato *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

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We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory**

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

Jimmy Owens

1. This is my body, broken for you, bringing you wholeness,
2. This is my blood poured out for you, bringing forgiveness.

making you free. Take it and eat it, and when you do, do it in love for me.
making you free. Take it and drink it, and when you do, do it in love for me.

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The Agnus Dei

David Thorne

mp
Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.
mp
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world, grant us peace.

The Communion Hymn

Lord, for the years (see page 14)

If Eucharist 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

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Celebrant: ...; and the blessing God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Closing Hymn 535

Ye servants of God

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Finale (extrait)

Cesar Frank

LORD OF THE YEARS 11 10 11 10

1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and gui - ded,
 urged and in - spired us, cheered us on our way,
 sought us and saved us, par - doned and pro - vi - ded.
 Lord of the years, we bring our thanks to - day.

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| <p>2. Lord, for that word, the word of life
 which fires us,
 speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
 teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
 Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.</p> | <p>4. Lord, for our world; when we disown
 and doubt you,
 loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
 hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you,
 Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.</p> |
| <p>3. Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
 spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
 for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
 Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.</p> | <p>5. Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us -
 self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
 past put behind us, for the future take us:
 Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.</p> |

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For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Todd	Beverly	Mertz Family
Connie	Randall	Byron and Sherry	Randi
Ashley	Joshua	Darryl	Scott
Jaime	Grace	Joe and Ginny	Jeri
Nate	Amelia	Joshua	Terra
Cat	Meir	Randy	Cindy
Max	Kate	Kara	Jill
Nick	Donna	Lola	Sandi
M.J.	Lynn	Susie	Jim
Elizabeth	Lou	David	Ryan
Faith			

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 outside the church.



The ECW of Christ Church would like to announce the 2026 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Event. For a \$5.00 donation, you get a pass for 25% most items for one day only, Wednesday, October 21 from 8AM to 11PM. Please see any ECW member for a ticket.

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 for today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Harold, Mary and Dan Lambert and Frank, Dorothy and Kay Laedlein from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Laedlein. Lectern Flowers for today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of her mother, Anna Bard Frame, and her aunt, Emily Louisa Bard from Emily Bard Frame.

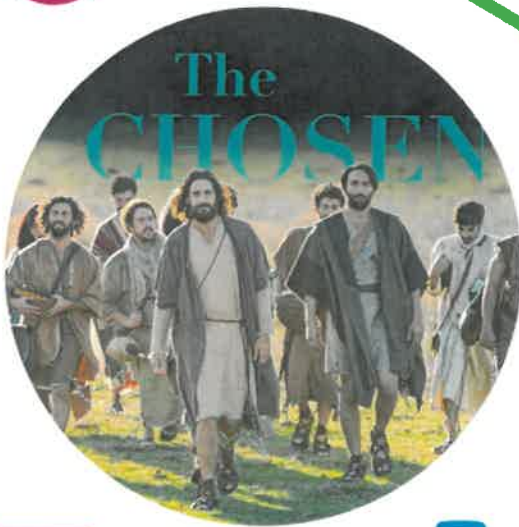
Regular Christ Church Office hours:

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

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

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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.



The Chosen People's Choice Awards

During our Adult Forum (9:05AM to 9:45AM) we are looking at the life of Jesus and his followers through your chosen clips from the TV show *The Chosen*. Please join us for this engaging way to delve into the life of our Lord as we continue in seasons 1 and 2 of the show.

The next session is October 4th.



The Fall Festival of the Arts continues its commitment to the City of Reading with six events celebrating the visual and performing arts. Go the webpage below for information and ticketing.

www.fallfestivalofthearts.org



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Center: "The Calling of St Matthew" by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio

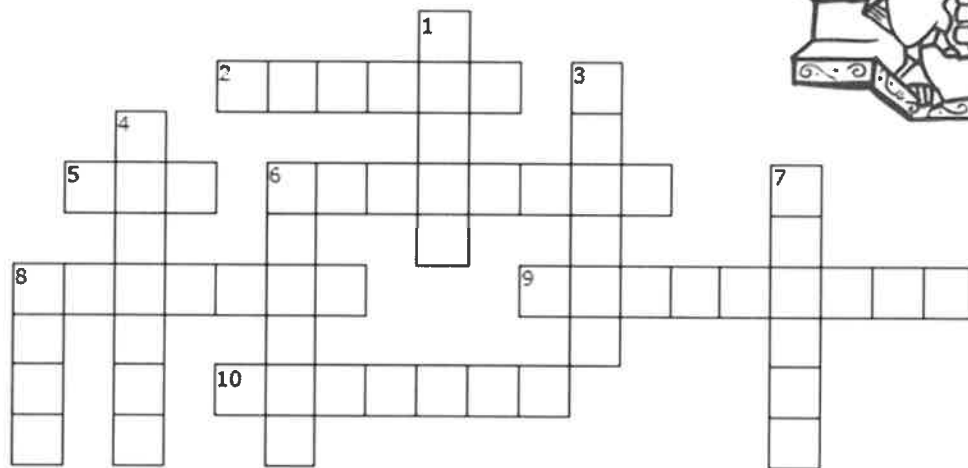
Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna

Bottom right: Line drawing of Christ Church, Reading

The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
Matthew 9:13b (NIV)

Based on Genesis Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. One who refuses to obey God's laws
5. An amount of money paid to the government
6. One of the twelve chosen to follow Jesus
8. The opposite of standing
9. A person who accumulates items (stamps, for example)
10. Strong and free from illness and disease

DOWN

1. Kindness and forgiveness shown toward someone
3. To walk behind someone
4. The first book of the New Testament
6. The main meal of the day
7. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
8. To be affected with disease or ill health

DISCIPLE	DINNER	DOCTOR	COLLECTOR
SICK	MERCY	SINNER	FOLLOW
SITTING	MATTHEW	HEALTHY	TAX

The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)



Z G U C Q R R B H Z V X S C R
 F J U S E C G I S X T K U N E
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DISCIPLES	MATTHEW	DOCTOR	COLLECTORS
SACRIFICE	DINNER	HEALTHY	TEACHER
MERCY	SITTING	BOOTH	SINNERS
RIGHTEOUS	FOLLOW	HOUSE	SICK

This Week at Christ Church
Sunday, September 20—St. Matthew:
Apostle and Evangelist
8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Ministries Fair
10AM Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
 (sung)
10AM Ministries Fair
 4PM—5PM NA meeting
 4PM Fall Festival of the Arts Concert at CCR

Monday, September 21
10AM-2PM Church Open Day
 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, September 22
930AM Centering Prayer
 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, September 23
9AM Staff meeting
12PM Noon Eucharist
 12PM—1PM NA Meeting
 5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, September 24
 9AM Literacy Class Registration
9:30AM Centering Prayer
11AM Morning Prayer
 12PM—1PM NA Meeting
 5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, September 25
 12PM—1PM NA Meeting
 6PM Through Our Own Eyes Opening
 Reception

Saturday, September 26
 12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, September 27—The Eighteenth
Sunday after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum *Bethany Foster Care*
Presentation
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
 1PM Covenant Cup Golf Tournament
 4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

September 27 Food Pantry Collection
 Covenant Cup Golf Tournament 1PM
October 4 Blessing of the Pets 4PM
October 5 Lunchtime Concert with David
 Cullen 12-12:30PM with Free Lunch
October 11 The Revd Ross Tortora, guest
 preacher and Adult Forum leader
October 18 St Luke: The Evangelist with All
 the Company of Heaven Nominationtide
October 25 The Blessing of the Halloween
 Costumes 10AM
October 28 All Souls' Mass (Musician: David
 Cullen) 5:30PM
November 8 Veterans Sunday
November 9 Kristallnacht Memorial Service
 7PM at CCR

