



Cross Current

December 2021—January 2022



Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for the First Sunday of Advent, Book of Common Prayer

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Dear Friends,

It is once again Advent, that season of the church year when we anticipate the advent of Christ. “Advent” means “coming,” “appearing,” or “approach.” The season of Advent, then, is anticipating Christ in the world.

This year for Advent we will be using one of the Eucharistic Prayers in *Enriching Our Worship*, the authorized supplement to the Book of Common Prayer. One of the lines in that prayer is particularly appropriate to Advent:

“Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word
has never been silent.”

Creation is not just something that God did in the past; it is an ongoing action. And it is action in which we participate, when we keep our spiritual eyes and ears open and our will ready to respond to God’s prompting.

As St. Teresa of Avila wrote,

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

This Advent, therefore, we will also be undertaking initiatives to be a blessing. Elsewhere in this Cross Current you will find an article by Deacon SuEllen Pommier about the Giving Tree and its help to youth. On December 5, the Second Sunday of Advent, we will collect and bless the UTO Boxes that go to help ministries around the country and around the world. The first Sunday of Advent, November 28, we will be collecting and blessing pledges to Christ Church for the new year, including pledges to help Habitat for Humanity Columbia County with ramps and other home access projects. I know you will respond with

generosity. In the words of St. Paul, from one of our readings this season -

How can we thank God enough for you
in return for all the joy that we feel before our God
because of you? 1 Thessalonians 3:9

Vicar Jaime



...From the Treasurer

Financial Facts—October 2021

	October Actual	2021 YTD Actual	2021 YTD Budget
Income			
Contributions	\$7,095.00	\$71,890.60	\$68,304.16
Other Income	0.00	\$9,539.13	\$1,750.00
Total Income	\$7,095.00	\$81,429.73	\$70,054.16
Expenses	\$6,798.00	\$70,928.41	\$75,381.66
Net (Deficit)	297.00	\$10,501.32	(\$5,327.50)



Thank you to everyone for keeping your pledges current .

You can always mail your pledge to the church PO Box:

Christ Church
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St. Helens, OR 97051

Parish Health Ministry

Is a Pill in Our Future?

That headline is a bit misleading, since most of us take *lots* of pills. The pill that interests me, however, are the new medications announced by Merck and Pfizer that are intended to treat Covid-19. What's going on with these medications?

Both of these medications are used to treat, not prevent, infection by Covid-19. As of this writing, Great Britain is the first country to approve the use of the Merck drug. Both of these pills work by preventing replication of the virus in the body, keeping viral numbers low. Lower numbers of viruses, in turn, means less severe illness. The oral medications will be similar to the anti-influenza medications currently available. At the first sign of illness, you can be tested for the virus, and if you are positive, you will be sent home to take the pills for five days. There will be no need to go to a hospital for treatment, which is a great advantage for most people.

In Great Britain, the medication will be used for people who have mild to moderate Covid and who have at least one risk factor for developing severe illness, such as age over 60, or conditions such as diabetes, obesity, or heart disease.

The hope is that these medications will help prevent hospitalizations and death as the pandemic continues. Vaccinations remain our best action against Covid, but these medications will certainly decrease suffering.

When can we expect approval in the United States? The Food and Drug Administration has not scheduled any review of either medication as yet, but most commentators believe that a few months from now is likely. I'm hoping that approval will mean fewer hospitalizations and deaths, particularly for those of us who are over 60 or who are especially vulnerable.

Carol Craig, RN, PhD

Parish Health Ministries

A Word from the Deacon...

Community Outreach Opportunities

Recently I was given a tour of some of the Outreach opportunities in Columbia country. The places that I visited and the people I talked with were connected to agencies in St. Helens or surrounding areas. My tour was by no means exhaustive, but I did see some really good opportunities for volunteerism for Christ Episcopal Church. I have listed some of these opportunities below. They will be familiar to many of you as you have engaged with these groups in the past.

Christmas Giving Tree: This year we will partner with First Evangelical Lutheran Church and Columbia County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for the **Holiday Hope for Teens Giving Tree** program that serves the needs of teens who are facing housing insecurity. The Giving Tree can be found in the narthex. Please select a tag, purchase the item noted on the tag, and bring your unwrapped gift to Christ Church. Only new, unused items will be collected. The price of the gifts will range between \$15-20. Rev. Deacon SuEllen will collect the gifts for distribution. If you can please bring in your gift by **December 10** so that we have the time to organize, wrap and deliver the Christmas gifts out into the community. More information to come via email.

Habitat for Humanity (Habitat): Christ Church has been involved in making financial contributions to Habitat in past years and will continue to do so in the future. But did you know that Habitat has a resale store, ReStore, located right off Highway 30 in St. Helens? They collect donation items and when sold the proceeds help with Habitat projects. The store needs volunteers to organize and stock items in the store. Please call (503) 366-1400 and ask for the ReStore manager to acquire more information about how you can participate in this very worthwhile outreach program. ReStore can always be contacted by email at shrestoremanager@gmail.com.

St. Helens Senior Center: The Senior Center offers meals to Columbia County residents 360 days of the year. That is pretty impressive. They currently need help with packaging meals and drivers to deliver the meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To package meals, you will need to be able to stand for about one and a half hours. If you have the time and feel called to be a part of this vital service, please inquire with Roberta at (503) 397-3377 for more information.

Columbia Pacific Food Bank: With all the challenges that this past year has given us, food supplies are still arriving at the center. Although more limited, food is still being distributed out into the community. Packaged food is also available for pick-up at the center.

Also of note, due to COVID restrictions, the community meal distribution at First Evangelical Lutheran Church has temporality ceased. This has been a vital community service and hopefully, as the pandemic wanes it will find renewed life. Stay tuned for future opportunities to help with this outreach program. Contact Kathy Bauska at First Lutheran for UpToDate information.

Please take some time to consider how you might volunteer in this community. On my tour, I saw many dedicated volunteers. I was truly impressed by the generosity of the Columbia County community. Many have you at Christ Church have been long-time servants and I thank you. If you have been away from volunteerism or would like to get started, please send me an email at pommiersuellen@gmail.com. Bless all of you for your kind hearts and dedicated stewardship of God's people and the planet.

Blessings,

Rev. Deacon SuEllen



Columbia County Habitat for Humanity



Columbia County Habitat for Humanity has several exciting updates this past month!

We had a busy weekend at the end of October where one crew of volunteers worked to trench out the rain drains for the home project on South 8th Street in St. Helens and another volunteer group built an access ramp for an elderly resident of Rainier. (thumbnail photos attached, please let me know if you'd like higher resolution) We are so grateful for the giving hearts of our volunteers!

We also just hired our loyal construction volunteer, Dick King, to lead our South 8th St. home build. Dick has been one of key volunteers for the past four homes. Before that, he volunteered building Habitat homes for many years in Texas, helping to complete 19 homes while also serving on the Board before moving to Scappoose to be closer to his grandchildren. With a degree in Education, Dick is skilled in teaching groups and individuals on the construction site and strives to give each volunteer a meaningful experience. We are excited to have someone with his expertise to keep our jobsite organized and safe.

We are finally ready to start framing this home and we have selected a single mother with two children as our partner family. Introductions coming soon! Dick will help coordinate people interested in volunteering with construction. Please let us know if you'd like to help out!

Angela Carlson

Administrative Assistant

Columbia County Habitat for Humanity



Are you Interested in Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity?

Columbia County Habitat for Humanity is happy to welcome Dick King as our newly hired Construction Site Supervisor for our home build located at 496 South 8th Street in St. Helens. Dick will be responsible for coordinating construction volunteers and providing direction and training onsite. CCHFH is excited to have someone with Dick's expertise to keep our job site organized and safe.

Dick has been one of our key volunteers for the past four homes. Before that, Dick volunteered building Habitat homes for many years in Texas, helping to complete 19 homes while also serving on the Board in Williamson County before moving to Scappoose to be closer to his grandchildren. With a degree in Education, Dick is skilled in teaching groups and individuals on the construction site and strives to give each volunteer a meaningful experience as well as to pass along his passion for Habitat's larger mission of affordable housing for all.

If you are interested in volunteering to help build this home, contact Vicar Jaime or Deacon SuEllen and they will forward your name and contact information.



Memorable Thanksgivings

We've all had memorable Thanksgiving holidays. Some are more memorable than others. Thank you to Dorothy Schneider for giving us an idea to publish the many memorable Thanksgivings that all of us have.

We will start with Dorothy's story and follow with others:

Just a Simple Thanksgiving

There is something about Thanksgiving...it's a lot of work, shopping, preparing the food, decorating, cooking, timing the meal to all come out at once, and, and of course, everyone expects it to be the same every year. We must mention the clean up. It's always a huge job, with the dishes having to be washed by hand, you know that's real gold, putting away the left overs, and the worst job of all, picking the carcass. This is something I insist on, because the sight of the cold drying remains of the turkey every time I open the refrigerator, is nothing if not depressing. This year I thought I would try to simplify the holiday, the food, decor and clean up. I also gave out the rule to our small group that whoever wasn't in the kitchen after dinner helping with the clean up, would bring in the Christmas tree, set it up, and make sure all the lights work. I was aware that this might interfere with some after dinner naps, but I was always exhausted by this time, so it seemed fair.

I laid out my plan to my tap group at coffee on Tuesday, two days before Thanksgiving. They had shocked me the week before with the news that the next week was the holiday, so I shared with them how I was going to set my table well ahead of time, so I didn't have to worry, and wouldn't get lost in the decorations at the last minute, also, and this was the major part of the plan, I was going to buy only a turkey breast, legs and thighs, no carcass to pick after dinner. "Let us know how it goes" they said as I left, and I think I detected some sly smiles. What follows is the email I sent to them the following day.

After I left you on Tuesday I went to WinCo...not a good day or good time to go in there...to pick up the turkey breast, legs and thighs. I found a nice big breast, but no legs or thighs, so I asked, and was told that they had expected a shipment, but only got necks and gizzards. And indeed there was a large display of skinned shiny, red necks, quite a sight to see!

So I got the breast, although it cost more than I would have had to pay for a



whole turkey. But it was very large, so I thought that would satisfy the white meat lovers. Off I went on to Safeway for flowers and the rest of the turkey. Can you believe that they gave me the same story, and had the same festive display of necks? I settled for chicken legs and thighs, and made a plan to serve teriyaki chicken and the turkey breast, not

traditional, but it sounded of good to me.

While in Safeway I went to pick up some Peruvian Lilies, and found only one bunch that happened to be a beautiful purple and white striped, not exactly what I had in mind for my Autumn table that I had set on Saturday. The flower lady did find a box from the new shipment under two other boxes, and was kind enough to open it and show me what choices I had. The only thing that came close to autumn colors was smashed and wilted, and she said "It needs to be put in water overnight, and then it may look good." I got the purple ones thinking maybe they would look OK. Of course, they looked terrible. I now had a choice of taking the table decorations down and starting over with purple and the striped effect, that was pretty, but too much for a busy table. I decided to leave the table as is, with the fake green hydrangeas that I had put on it to fill space, and to make bouquets for the bathrooms and kitchen with the lilies.

The next day, Wednesday the day before Thanksgiving, I happened to mention to Steve he could check at WinCo for the turkey legs and thighs, when he went into the Y to exercise, and he did just that...the worst day to into a grocery store, who would have thought he would do that? Well, he brought home 3 packs of turkey legs, 9 drumsticks total, and a pack of two giant thighs. He bought extra because he thought I would like to make a large batch so everyone could have lots of leftovers. He obviously didn't get the "simplified" idea. I froze the chicken and one of the packs of turkey legs, and started thinking about how to time the whole thing.

On Thanksgiving morning we slept in, and I felt things were under control, I just needed to get the timing right, make the dressing and prepare the turkey for the pans, and make some side dishes. When I open the Huge breast package I was surprised, and dismayed, to realize that breast was so big because it had the back attached, with all the ribs and neck, and for some reason extra

skin. After me throwing a little kitchen fit, which Steve said he heard from the master bathroom, I went to work... hacking the thing apart, and it patching up with the extra skin, useful after all.

Anyway, the whole thing worked out, and Ben and the girls arrived about 1pm for a 3 o'clock meal. We had a great time, and after dinner the girls helped clean up while the guys got the Christmas tree up and lighted, as instructed. Guess who finished first? Let me just say, no one missed their after dinner nap. The turkey got deboned, and while it wasn't as bad as a whole carcass, it was still messy.

Sorry to have gone on and on, but I just wanted to get that "Simple Thanksgiving" off my mind. I'm sure you realize that the picking of the carcass was not any easier than having the whole turkey, and we probably spent, including the chickens, about 5 times the money! I ended up with a turkey breast, a neck, a back, two giant thighs and nine drumsticks. Ben doesn't know it yet, but he is hosting Thanksgiving next year.

Love, Dorothy



It reminds me of our most memorable Thanksgiving. We were roasting the turkey in a turkey roaster, to leave room in the oven for pies. While our young great-nephew was thinking it was fun to switch the lights on and off in the living room, we weren't realizing that the outlet the turkey roaster was plugged into was on the same circuit. When the expected time was up, the turkey was a beautiful golden brown, so we put it on a big platter and brought it to the table. When we cut into it, it was completely raw! We had a three course dinner that night: side dishes, turkey (hastily cut apart and microwaved), and pie. I'm happy to report that that great-nephew has matured, and now brings a pie:) Jaime+



I made a chocolate cake and made the frosting with red jello. It was so bad that the frosting had to be taken off. I will never do that again.

Patrichia



On Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 1973, my husband John and I were married. We married in Boise, ID in the darling chapel at St. Luke's Hospital. I had known that chapel my whole life.

John was a trust officer at a bank and traveled. He went into a southern Idaho field and cut wheat for our altar. Present were our parents and our 5 small boys as well as a few friends. The boys were 3,4,5,6,& 8. All boys were to say "We do" when asked who gives this bride. 3 year old Teddy was a few beats behind - making a precious memory. Then we all had Thanksgiving dinner at my parents house.

Diane Glase



Our Thanksgiving Disaster

Last year we decided to have Thanksgiving dinner with just the two of us, since the pandemic was in full bloom. So we put a chicken into the oven, started some potatoes to boil and turned on our second oven to bake the pie. One minute later, there was an ominous "pop" from the ovens and everything in the kitchen went black. All the outlets were down, and the circuit breaker wasn't the problem. We had no stove, no ovens, no lights and a raw dinner. Some very hard thought led to the idea that we could move the microwave and the crockpot out of the kitchen and plug them into sockets in the living room. We poured the potatoes into the crock pot, added the chicken, threw in the green beans and put in an onion for fun. We stuck the pie into the microwave until it looked cooked. Five hours later dinner was ready! In the meantime, of course, we were so hungry that we drank the entire bottle of wine, ate every cracker in the house, plus a few old cookies in a box.

Unless you hate yourself, don't try any of this. The crock pot turned out an unappetizing grey mush and the pie resembled a brick. The crackers were our dinner highlight, but not the best idea for an entire meal. Our only consolation was that we didn't have our families coming over for Thanksgiving dinner!

P.S. We called an electrician who showed up ten days later and found burned out wiring behind the ovens. He told us we were lucky that we didn't burn the house down.....

Carol Craig

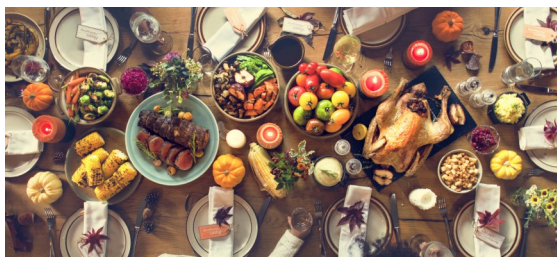


Thanksgiving Challenges from Days Gone By

Thanksgiving has always been a favorite holiday for me as growing up, the holiday meant a trip to visit on set of grandparents or another. One particular Thanksgiving was special because the meal was situated in a very rustic hunting camp in the Michigan woods.

I was a teenager at the time and a budding photographer in training that year and the adults had determined that the holiday feast would be spread out at Grandpa's hunting camp in the woods. He was in charge of the roasting of the turkey, everything else, from salads to cranberries to desert pies had to be carried in from where the cars parked ¼ mile away.

We had an adventure! We were introduced to the scratch marks left by local bears on nearby trees, were crowded into a tiny camping trailer and around the booth seating at time to eat and were embarrassed by using the outhouse that only had 3 sides. It was cold and snowy and the snow and leaves crunched under our boots as we explored the woods and nearby creek after a tasty and traditional Thanksgiving meal. Before it got dark, those of us not remaining to hunt, gathered up the leftover pies and mashed potatoes and walked back to our cold cars for the return trip to civilization.



Fast forward a few decades and Sunday is preparing the turkeys- 2 of them, to feed our congregation at St Peter's Episcopal Church in Utah. Making sure that our several widowed members

got a hot meal became her ministry and so for a few years we had a potluck Thanksgiving dinner for our entire church family. So Sunday was staying up all night this Saturday to prepare 2 large turkeys for dinner Sunday morning. She has also prepared pies and rolls and generally everything you expect for Thanksgiving.

And at 4 AM, she wakes me to alert me that the oven in our kitchen has stopped heating! I think bird #1 was nearly finished and there was still bird #2 to be roasted. I rolled out of bed, broke out a flashlight and went to investigate but couldn't determine any circuits were tripped. Sunday was in a panic that these birds wouldn't be done in time for the meal!

So everything was loaded into our car- it took 2 trips from house to church, so that the oven there could be pressed into duty to complete the bird roasting. Sunday baked and roasted and prepped while I drove back and forth with a trunk overstuffed with food. In the end, the birds got cooked, the meal was a success, many more holiday treats were carried in by friends and many leftovers were sent home with many of our parishioners.

PS, it was a tripped circuit breaker that I couldn't see in my sleepy state.

One last Thanksgiving memory, this one also from the years when we were at St Peter's. It is Sunday morning, maybe 8 AM and I've been given the usual task of slicing the finished turkey she has prepared to take to church in a little bit. I'm using the electric carving knife because it is the best tool for the job. I'm good; I've done this dozens of times, what could go wrong?

My habit is to keep the knife holding hand completely dry and away from the turkey juice or grease and I keep a napkin or towel nearby to ensure my hand is dry and I have a good grip on the knife.

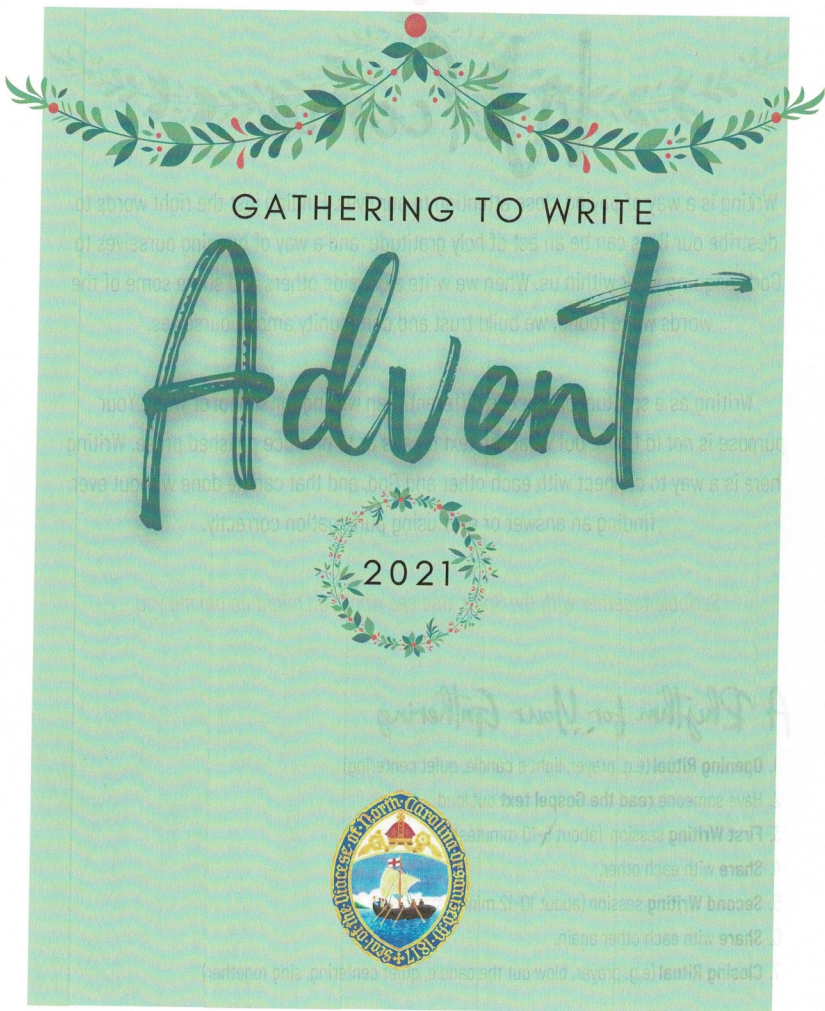
Except for this time... Somehow, I let my hand get greasy and when I reached to handle the electric knife handle again, it squirted right through my clutch and the blades dropped through my greasy fist and cut through the web of my hand between my thumb and index finger. The cut was deep enough and over an inch long and I still had bird to carve!

I needed stitches; that was clear. But there was no time for a visit to the ER, so what to do? Superglue- from my airplane building table was close at hand and I had heard it was a viable solution to stitches. I tried it, pinching the slice closed and then dripped some superglue over the ouchie place. It worked! I was promptly able to get my hand bandaged and then covered with a plastic glove so I could return to my carving duties.

After church, after lunch and after cleanup, I went to the ER while I had the rest of the afternoon to wait and received 5 or 6 stitches to make the repairs permanent.

Nate McCord





Tuesday Evenings 7 pm November 30-December 21

Connect the Advent story to your life, and explore writing as a
spiritual and community-building practice,
with this program for all ages.

By Zoom Meeting ID: 863 4254 9557

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Bible Verses for Advent

Advent begins four Sundays before December 25. This year the first Sunday in Advent is November 28. Each week is devoted to one theme. You can read any of the bible verses below each week to center yourself and prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

First Sunday of Advent—Hope

- Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
- Psalm 122
- Isaiah 2:2-5
- Romans 13:11-14

Second Sunday of Advent—Love

- Isaiah 40:3-5
- Psalm 72:18
- Isaiah 11:1-10
- Luke 1:26-38

Third Sunday of Advent—Joy

- Matthew 2:10-11
- Psalm 146:5-10
- Isaiah 35:1-10
- Luke 2:8-14

Fourth Sunday of Advent—Peace

- John 3:16-19
- Psalm 24:1-10
- Isaiah 7:10-14
- Luke 2:8-20
- John 1:14
- 1 John 4:10

Christmas Eve—Adoration

- John 1:14
- Psalm 96
- Isaiah 9:2-7
- Luke 2:1-40
- Titus 2:11-14

Excerpted from <https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/christmas-and-advent/what-are-advent-readings.html>

United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering



It's time to turn in your UTO Boxes for the fall.

The Fall United Thank Offering Ingathering will be Sunday, December 5th at Christ Church. Please bring your blue boxes to church on that Sunday. You are welcome to take a

new box for the spring ingathering.

For the next grant cycle 2022, the focus is on **Creation Care: turning love into action by caring for God's creation to protect the most vulnerable**, which has to do with climate change.

United Thank Offering's history dates back to the late 1800s. Women of the church were excluded from being deputies to the general convention in the diocese in the United States. Women were not seated as deputies in the Episcopal Church until 1970. Episcopal women are not ones to sit around and do nothing. In 1871 the General Convention created the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. By 1882, the Episcopal Church was supporting 29 missionary bishops – seven foreign and 22 domestic. Women's auxiliary contributions were the primary funder for the work of missionary bishops at this time. In 1937 a United Thank Offering committee was created to oversee the UTO funds and was made up of both women and men. United Thank Offering has been a part of the church for 132 years. It is estimated that over that time \$140 million in grants have been given.

It is said that in the early 1900s at the New York diocese convention, the wives of the deputies of the convention, excluded from the convention which was behind closed doors, listened to a very interesting speech by a woman missionary. They were very moved and decided

that they would on a regular basis give thanks for their blessings and set aside a few coins that would go to the missionaries. These women were from different churches in the diocese and they started the program in their different churches. This movement has been well received in the Episcopal Church. Over the years the boxes were called different things and looked different, but the blue boxes have been around for quite a few years now.

Taking part in the UTO movement is voluntary for each church and individual. The UTO committee is made up of executives in UTO and priests. In the spring, this committee will decide on which grants will get funding. Since I have been a part of the UTO movement here at Christ Church, the total funds gathered each year for grants have been well over \$1 million dollars. Grants can be submitted to the UTO board through each diocese. Information and forms can be found on the UTO website. The grant should be based on the focus for the year. If a church has an idea and wants to get a grant, they can write the grant and submit it to its diocese. Each diocese selects one request and sends it to the UTO offices. One year the grant focus was on diversity. Two churches in Louisiana, one predominantly black and the other predominantly white wrote a grant together. They got their Grant, which was \$1500 to buy a plot of land in close proximity to both churches and garden tools. This land was to be used as a community garden that they would work together on for their parishioners and the community. That same year in a small African country \$5000 was given to the seminary for their library. Grants have been given to Native Americans to translate the Episcopal Prayer Book in their native language. Every year they grant funds to individuals who go to Seminary.

I like the idea of giving thanks for my blessings and dropping coins into this box. There is so much going on in this world that is upsetting. Dropping a few coins in a box which are joined with other Episcopalians coins, I believe can do positive things that I can't do on my own.

Kathryn Brittain

Christmas 2021



We are happy to announce that we WILL be offering in-person Christmas services this year! In accordance with guidance from the CDC and Bishop Akiyama, masks will be required for in-person worshippers. The services will also be on Zoom, and if you are not vaccinated or have any concerns about your health we encourage you to stay home in your pjs and participate via the magic of the internet.

Christmas Eve, Friday December 24 7 pm

Christmas Day, Saturday December 25 10 am

First Sunday after Christmas, December 26 10 am

Zoom Meeting ID: 841 2200 6571

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O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The collect for Epiphany, Book of Common Prayer



Love Came Down at Christmas



*Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token,
Love shall be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and to all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.*

Christina Georgina Rossetti

Calendar

Evening Prayer via Zoom—Thursdays at 5 pm

Sunday Coffee and Conversation via Zoom—

9:30 am before the 10 am service

Gathering to Write Advent—Tuesdays 7 pm,
November 30—December 21 via Zoom. See page 16

United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering—December 5

Holiday Hope for Teens Giving Tree—Unwrapped gifts due December 10. See page 6 for more information.

Christmas Services—In person and via Zoom. See page 20

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Vicar Jaime's Office Hours

Thursday 1—5 pm
Friday by Appointment

Prayer Requests

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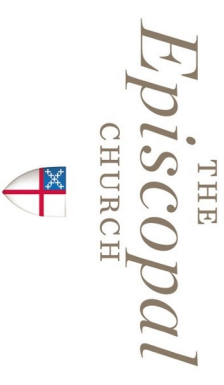
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