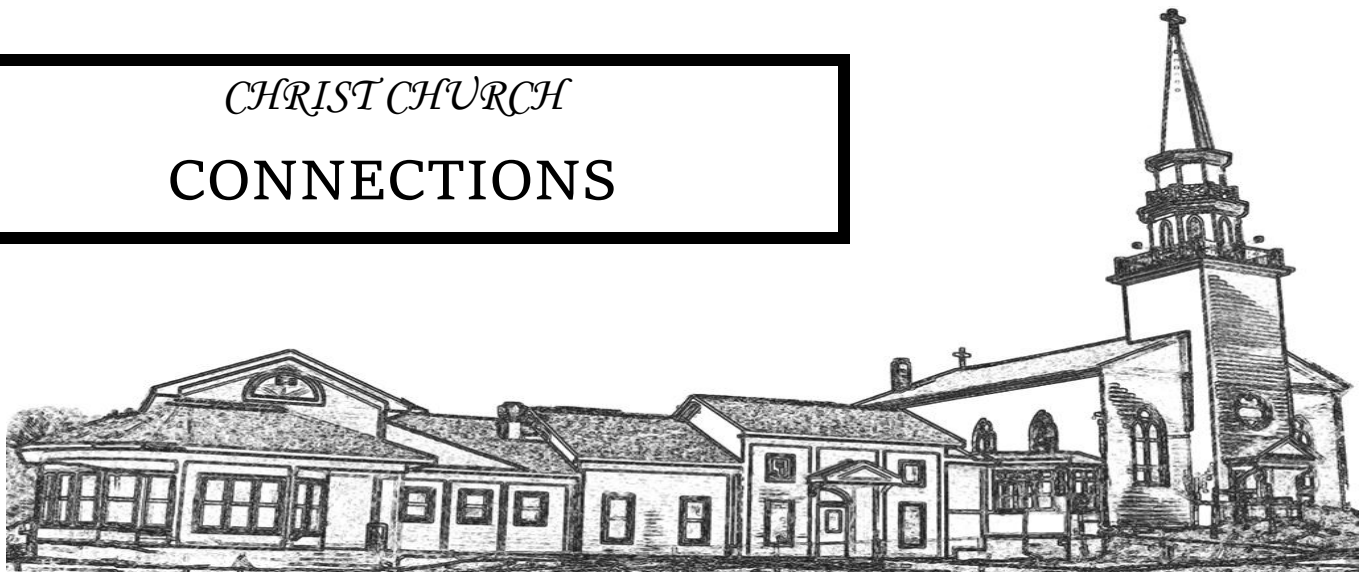


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**CHRIST CHURCH**

Manlius, New York

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

**September 2**

Last Sunday with one service at 9:00 a.m.

**September 7**

First Friday Dinner

**September 9**

Return to two services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.  
Ministry Fair after both services  
Church School for Pre-K through HS begins

**September 18**

Vestry Meeting

**September 30**

Acolyte and Crucifer Training at 11:45 a.m.

Rector's Reflection

On September 9<sup>th</sup> we return to two worship services, have the Blessing of the Backpacks, and hold the Ministry Fair. I am eager to see those of you who will be returning from trips, camps, and summer activities and to hear about your adventures. I hope that you will take this as an opportunity to invite family and friends to come to Christ Church with you, as it is an excellent time to welcome people to worship and Christian Formation, as well as a chance to explore the many ministries in and beyond our parish at the Ministry Fair.

Each fall we have the chance to consider where God may be calling us to serve and grow in ministry. Whether you have a gift to offer through service on one of the parish committees, a skill to share in a ministry, or a passion that might enrich the community, now is an excellent time to ponder how that might happen. You may have some available time and a willing spirit to respond to where the need is. The Ministry Fair is a good beginning for exploration, to be followed by a conversation with a committee chair, ministry leader,

Vestry member, or me. What we ask is that you be open to offering yourself in service, because sometimes God has a different vision than we do about what is possible. As Archbishop Desmond Tutu said, **"God uses each of us in our own way, and even if you are not the best one, you may be the one who is needed or the one who is there."**

On July 13 I had the honor of being named as one of three candidates for Bishop of Arizona. Many of you have been kind to offer your prayers, words of encouragement, and support in response to the news. The next step in the process is for us to participate in the Walkabouts, which are a series of events to meet with people around the Diocese of Arizona. The Walkabouts will be held the week of September 23-28. The election will be held on October 20 during Diocesan Convention in Arizona.

As we wait for the Bishop Search process to progress, please know that I consider it a blessing to serve as Rector of Christ Church. Like you, I continue to prayerfully seek where and how God might be calling. I hold the possibility of being elected Bishop lightly, knowing that the discernment process often unfolds in unexpected ways.

*Mother Dena+*

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### **Acolyte and Crucifer Training and Review**



Mother Dena will hold a training and review session for all new and current acolytes and crucifers on Sunday, September 30 at 11:45 a.m. in the worship space.

Acolytes should be old enough to sit through the entire service and participate in the service. Crucifers should be in high school, and strong enough to carry the crucifix.

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## Christ Church Prayer Chain

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### Eucharistic Visitors: Coming to Visit When Needed

Christ Church is fortunate to have three people who are licensed as Eucharistic Visitors. A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person who brings the consecrated bread and wine from the Holy Eucharist to people who are not able to attend the service on Sunday. Eucharistic Visitors bring communion to people who are in the hospital, rehabilitation centers, assisted living facilities, nursing homes and those who are at home. If you are not able to attend church and would like to request that communion be brought to you, please contact the office and one of our Eucharistic Visitors can arrange to bring it to you.



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## Christ Church Vestry Members

### 2018-2019 Wardens

Catherine Montes  
Dwayne Wisbey

### 2018-2019 Vestry Members

Linda Albanese  
Suzanne Ball  
Chris Denny  
Stu Eddy  
Peter Geiskopf  
Jeff Mitchell  
Sue Padjen  
Deirdre Popp  
Amy Trail  
Mike Montes, Clerk  
Anne Whyte, Treasurer

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## Vestry Voices

### Learning Communities Initiative (LCI)

The Learning Communities Initiative is a group of congregations in the Diocese of Central New York who've committed to complete a nine-month learning experience. Each parish sends a guiding team to training workshops, three this year. The team members return from training and communicate what they have learned to the parish.

Listening to Others: Currently, we are trying to learn about how people experience God in their everyday lives. So, we're asking you to share a few things about what happens in your spiritual life. And we do appreciate your willingness to share your thoughts with us. Here are the topics and questions you can expect to hear:

1. Reflect on a time when you would say you grew spiritually in a significant way. Describe what was happening at that period in your life.
2. What was it about this time of your life that you think caused you to grow spiritually?
3. Was there something during this time of your life that you think God was trying to teach you or show you?
4. Where do you experience God's presence most often now? (i.e., in worship, in nature, in conversation with friends and family, in prayer, in Bible Study, in yoga, etc.)

What I like about this conversation is there are no right and wrong answers, no pat answers, because every single soul is loved and valued by God. Your experience is potentially instructive to the whole church community. In the current time, where public and social life seem to become rapidly more impersonal and fragmented, your insights as a believer and a constructive person are greatly needed whatever they may be.

At the parade last July 4, along with our hospitality table we offered passers-by cloth strips on which they could write their prayers and needs for prayer, as a kind of experiment. On the following Sunday at Morning Prayer, we offered those prayers as part of the service. The response was modest, but it was a good challenge for us to try something new that involved getting outside our tried and true space. We expect to continue trying this again with future parish and community events. What do you think? Can you think of something new we should try?

Be aware we'll continue to try new approaches and seek ways to hear from God through each other. Our hope is this initiative better equips us for "Transforming ourselves and our community through the unconditional love of Jesus Christ".

LCI Guiding Team:

Catherine Montes, Deirdre Popp, Chris Denny, Mother Dena



# Christ Church Ministry Fair

## Sunday September 9, 2018

You are cordially invited to our Fair in Crosby Hall  
immediately following Sunday Services

Come and learn more about who we are and how you can  
share in what we do here at Christ Church

Refreshments served  
Games and face painting for the kids

Information and questions for the following Ministries:

Christian Formation ♦ Outreach ♦ Hospitality  
Worship ♦ Welcoming ♦ Christmas Mart  
Property ♦ Finance ♦ Stewardship

## Worship Notes

Our final combined summer service will be on September 2 at 9:00 a.m. On September 9 we return to worship services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. with the Ministry Fair following. Nursery care, Church School, and Youth Group will begin at 10:00 a.m.

On September 9 we will offer a Blessing of the Backpacks at both services for everyone who is returning to school this fall. Students, teachers, administrators, and staff members will all be prayed for and blessed as they begin a new academic year. Folks may bring their backpacks, messenger bags, and briefcases to be blessed as well.

Through September we continue in the Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary time. During this season the Bible readings emphasize stories of growth, especially as the ministry of Jesus and his disciples spreads. The color for the liturgical season is green, also indicating growth. The Ministry Fair offers an abundance of opportunities for us to grow in ministry, as well as the possibility to invite friends to join us for worship as the new program year begins.

*Mother Dena+*

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## Chicken BBQ – September 22



Chicken will be available starting at 11 a.m. and will go until all the chicken flies the coop. Chicken can be purchased individually or as a dinner with pasta salad, beans, and a roll.



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## Christian Formation

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to lead Summer Sunday School. The last class will be offered at 9:00 a.m. on September 2.

On Sunday, September 9 we will return to two worship services, one at 8:00 a.m. and one at 10:15 a.m. Nursery care, Church School, and Youth Group will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Pat Sorrentino is our wonderful Nursery caregiver, and welcomes babies and toddlers up to three years old. Two Church School classes are offered: one for those in Pre-Kindergarten through second grade, and one for children in third and fourth grade.

The Junior Youth Group includes those in middle school, and the Senior Youth Group includes those in high school. This year we will have members of the parish lead a series of shared youth group gatherings and activities. The Youth Group activities will include opportunities for hiking, skiing, baking cookies, and volunteering at the Salvation Army Christmas Bureau. Additional suggestions will be sought from Youth Group members, and we are open to ideas and volunteers. Please speak with Mother Dena or Sue Padjen, Vestry liaison for Christian Formation, to offer to lead or chaperone an activity with the Youth Group.

*Mother Dena+*

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Please send your photos of God Sightings to Deirdre Popp at [dmpopp@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dmpopp@twcny.rr.com)

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## First Friday Dinner on September 7

The plans are in and we're ready to cook our first Fall dinner! We're also hoping we'll have some new faces at this first dinner. Arrival time will be 6 PM for CAPRESE BITES appetizer.

At 6:45 PM we'll serve the meal:

Lemon-Onion Chicken  
Spinach  
Pear, Blue Cheese & Pecan Salad  
Homemade Dinner Rolls  
Stuffed Tomatoes  
Cherry Cheesecake Ice Cream

Yup! And only \$7.50 per person! Just bring your own beverage plus place setting of dishes/silverware. Make your reservation by Wed., September 5th either through the church office (315-682-5795) or by contacting Ron & Rene Hebert (315-632-4388 or [rhebert694@earthlink.net](mailto:rhebert694@earthlink.net))

Hope to see you there!

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Christ Church tee shirts are available for sale at coffee hour and in the office. They come in sizes S, M, L, and XL for \$10. Get yours before they are gone!

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Matthew 25 Farm is a non-profit with two locations, Tully and Lafayette. Their mission is to provide fresh produce for local food shelves and other food distribution. They welcome volunteers to help at the farms and any donations. An easy way to donate is to give the proceeds from your returnable bottles and cans and there is now an account for the Matthew 25 Farm at FM Returnables on West Seneca St. For more information about the farm and how to volunteer, go to [www.matthew25farm.com](http://www.matthew25farm.com).





## Worship and Welcoming

As part of our *Conversations* on Welcoming we have come up with some specific suggestions that **everyone** can implement for our worship services. Thank you for your awareness of others, and for your thoughtfulness in creating a welcoming environment.

- Greeting people in the parking lot- Say hello to anyone you do not know and introduce yourself. Guide guests to Church School classrooms, the nursery, bathrooms, and coat closets as needed.
- Creating a quiet environment- When approaching the entryway to the church, remember that many people prepare for worship through a time of prayer and quiet reflection. Please keep the entryway a quiet space where we welcome others and then move into silence. If you wish to have a conversation Crosby Hall is always available.
- Welcoming guests at the entrance- Invite visitors to sit where they would like. Make sure they receive a bulletin. Offer crayons, coloring books, and books to children.
- Making room- Christ Church members are encouraged to sit in the front half of the church so that those who are guests and might like to observe how our worship flows, as well as those with small children, may sit further back. When you sit in a pew, please move in unless you are saving a seat for someone so that others may sit next to you.
- Being aware- Notice guests and be ready to assist anyone who might have difficulty following the service. Help with finding the right book and page for psalms, service music, and hymns.
- Passing the Peace- In addition to wishing the Peace, also welcome newcomers.
- Helping children- Assist children coming in from Church School who may be looking for their family.
- Invite guests to Coffee Hour- introduce yourself to anyone you do not know, invite guests to Coffee Hour, then go with them and introduce them to others, especially people with whom they may have things in common.

# Announcements and Reminders



**The Rector's Discretionary Fund** is a special account that is financed by the loose cash offering gathered one Sunday each month and by additional donations from parishioners and others. At Christ Church the **loose plate offering from the first Sunday of each month** is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Many churches also include a line item in the budget. The purpose of the Rector's Discretionary Fund is described in the Episcopal Church Canons as *"to be applied to such pious and charitable uses as the Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall determine."* Money from this fund is used to assist those in financial need, to support ministry, and to contribute to the work of the wider Church.



## Christ Church YouTube Channel

We are pleased to announce that Christ Church has a YouTube channel! Our videos include the *Finding God In* worship events and recordings of our "Conversations" meetings featuring Johnny Yinger and Julie Gilbert, speaking about poverty in Syracuse and The Samaritan Center, respectively. You can view the videos by clicking this link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeiFma-Bo1xWS2insd\\_Yieg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeiFma-Bo1xWS2insd_Yieg)



### **Good News**

Please continue to share your good news! We often share our prayer requests and concerns but sometimes forget to let others celebrate with us. Please feel free to pin up news of awards, births, school and community plays or musicals in which Christ Church people are participating, articles from the paper which feature Christ Church people, sports team successes, and other happy events.



## Delta Sonic Gift Certificates

We have Delta Sonic car wash gift certificates available for Purchase in the church office. The \$10. certificate provides a *Super Kiss Wash* with complimentary second wash within 5 days (a \$16.20 value) and a portion of the purchase stays with Christ Church as a fundraiser.



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Please remember our furry friends when providing your food pantry donations! All pet food donations will be given to the FM Food Pantry and are much appreciated.

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### Thank you -

to all who have donated shoes to WaterStep through the Pompey Lions Club. This project provides shoes for adults and children and clean water for people around the world. Please continue to bring in gently used shoes, that are good for walking, and place them in the barrel in Crosby Hall. Pat Barlow is also collecting used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Pompey Lions Club. There is a collection box in Crosby Hall.



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Please continue to use caution when parking in the church's side lot! A barrier is in place to protect the new siding. The barrier consists of steel posts with pressure-treated lumber. It is sturdy enough to stop a slow-moving vehicle before it damages the new siding. However, we know the space to back out in the side

parking lot is still tight and therefore ***we encourage drivers with larger sized vehicles, SUVs and vans to park beyond the building or around the back of Crosby Hall.*** Please exercise caution when backing up toward the building. We want our siding to stay pretty and your vehicle to remain dent free too. Thank you!

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# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Summer Sunday School 10:30 PM Worship Meeting-Jr. YG	27 Doris Vacation 7:00 PM Ornament Painting	28	29 8:30 AM Centering Prayer-CC 9:00 AM Ornament Painting	30	31 Office closed on Fridays	1
2 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Summer Sunday School	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4	5 8:30 AM Centering Prayer-CC 9:00 AM Ornament Painting 5:30 PM FM Food Pantry Board-CR	6	7 Office closed on Fridays 6:00 PM First Friday Dinner-CH	8
9 Ministry Fair Blessing of Backpacks 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Christian Form. 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist	10 7:00 PM Ornament Painting	11	12 9:00 AM Ornament Painting 9:00 AM MD Clericus 1:00 PM Mother Dena CoM	13 7:30 PM Choir-CC	14 Mother Dena- CoM Ordination Office closed on Fridays	15 Discernment Retreat
16 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Christian Form. 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:40 AM Junior Choir-CC	17 7:00 PM Ornament Painting	18 1:00 PM MD Diocesan Board 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting-CR	19 8:30 AM Centering Prayer-CC 9:00 AM Ornament Painting 7:00 PM Parish Guiding Team-RO	20 7:00 PM Stewardship Meeting-JYR 7:30 PM Choir-CC 7:30 PM ABC Board Meeting-CR	21 Office closed on Fridays 12:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	22 Mother Dena away Chicken BBQ - 11:00 AM
23 Mother Dena away 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Christian Form. 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:40 AM Junior Choir-CC	24 7:00 PM Ornament Painting	25	26 9:00 AM Ornament Painting 7:00 PM Whyte District meeting-CH or CR	27 7:30 PM Choir-CC	28 Office closed on Fridays	29 9:00 AM Learning Communities Initiative
30 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Chapel Chimes-PH 10:00 AM Christian Form. 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:40 AM Junior Choir-CC	1 7:00 PM Ornament Painting	2	3 8:30 AM Centering Prayer-CC 9:00 AM Ornament Painting 7:00 PM Alleluia Bells-PH	4 7:30 PM Choir-CC	5 Office closed on Fridays 6:00 PM First Friday Dinner-CH	6

## Chancel Schedule—SEPTEMBER 2018

Date & Lessons	8:00am Eucharistic Min. (+)	10:15am Lector	10:15am Prayers	10:15am Eucharistic Mins.	10:15am Crucifer (+)/Acolyte	10:15am Ushers/Greeters
<b>September 2, Proper 17</b> Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	/	9:00am, 9/02 only Doug Allen	9:00am, 9/02 only Lynne Couse	9:00am, 9/02 only Chris Denny Lynne Couse (2)	9:00am, 9/02 only Teddy Cook (+) Gilly Davies	9:00am, 9/02 only Jean Regan John Stephenson
<b>September 9, Proper 18</b> Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37	Peter Geiskopf	Lizzie Putelo	Shawn Hebert	Peter Winkler Marjorie Torelli (2)	Kendra Elliott (+) Eddie Elliott	Lynne Couse Jeff Mitchell
<b>September 16, Proper 19</b> Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38	Marjorie Torelli	Deirdre Popp	Peter Winkler	Lynne Couse Peter Winkler (2)	Daniel Popp (+) Mac Davies	Suzanne Ball John Ball
<b>September 23, Proper 20</b> Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:1-13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37	Peter Winkler	Mary Lovely	Candy Willhite	David Whyte Jean Regan (2)	Lindsay Hebert (+) Megan Elliott	Lynne Couse Mike Montes
<b>September 30, Proper 21</b> Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50	Stu Eddy	Craig Byrum	Chris Denny	Marjorie Torelli Chris Denny (2)	Emily Cook (+) Connor Ball	Anne Whyte David Whyte
<b>October 7, Proper 22</b> (St. Francis' Day, observed, and Blessing of the Animals) Canticle of the Sun Matthew 11:25-30	Joan Randall	Mollie Mills	Shawn Hebert	Chris Denny David Whyte (2)	Baden Holder (+) Evie Holder	Carol Recker- Hughes Jeff Mitchell

(1) = 1<sup>st</sup> Chalice/ Robed Lector; (2) = 2<sup>nd</sup> Chalice

***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement  
and notify the office by Wednesday morning.***

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## MINISTRIES SCHEDULES SEPTEMBER 2018

Ministry	9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23	9/30
<b>Bread Bakers</b>	Take from freezer	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Counters</b>	Jim Hughes and David Hughes	Travis Newton and Becky Walters	Becky Walters and Jim Willhite	Craig Byrum and Chris Denny	John Stephenson and Chris Denny
<b>Altar Guild</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>8:00 AM Coffee Hour</b>	Iced Tea Hour Lina Albanese	Deborah Cunningham	Linda Albanese	Cheryl and Marty Johnsen	Marjorie Torelli
<b>10:15 AM Coffee Hour</b>		Fall Ministry Fair	Sandy Cline and John Stephenson	Julie and David Holder	Vera and David Hughes

The Parish Hall will be in use by outside groups EVERY:

Tuesday 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Wednesday 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Thursday 7:45-9:45 pm

Saturday 7:45-9:45 pm

Please consult the office at 315-682-5795 to get approval for all building use. Thank you.





# *September Celebrations*

## *Birthdays*

Tricia Stegemann	September 3
Erin Marsden	September 4
Sarah Marsden	September 4
Makayla Montes	September 4
Nancy Geiskopf	September 5
Julia Todd	September 10
Addie Davies	September 14
Carmen Sorrentino	September 14
Connor Ball	September 16
Pete Stegemann	September 16
Audrey Cleaver-Bartholomew	September 17
Deirdre Popp	September 18
Matthew Montes	September 21
Brian Hebert	September 25
Audrey Putelo	September 25
Brad Jeffery	September 26
Matthew Albanese	September 28
Stephen Trail	September 30
Emily Wisbey	September 30

## *Anniversaries*

Tricia and Pete Stegemann	September 9
Laurel and Gene Mulvihill	September 12
Melissa and David Spicer	September 16
DeAnne and Bob Will	September 25
Nelson and Pat Wong	September 25
Svea and Ed Cook	September 26

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## **Change Service Requested**

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There are two Sunday services with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at:  
8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. with music.  
Childcare is available during the 10:15 service.

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Friday closed  
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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
**The deadline for the next issue is**  
**Friday, September 21.**

**The next issue will cover the**  
**month of October.**

Please send articles to  
Deirdre Popp at [newsletter@christchurchmanlius.org](mailto:newsletter@christchurchmanlius.org).