



JANUARY 2023

For the Journey. . . .



"And he who was seated on the throne said, Behold, I am making all things new. Also, he said, Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." (Revelation 21:5)

Happy New Year!

As we start a new year, we should be reminded that none of us know what tomorrow might bring. Because of this, we must focus on our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. There is a message that I want to share as we enter into this new year. I am sure that many of you at one time have purchased a vehicle with that new car smell. I am also sure you might remember it does not take long for that new car smell to become old and stale. A great verse in Holy Scripture is still relevant today from Isaiah 43:19 (ESV), which says, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

I know this passage was written for the people of the Old Testament, but I believe we serve a great God that wants to do "new things" in our lives. Though, the things God wants to do requires us to be willing to cooperate with him. Maybe some of you are looking forward to the weeks and months ahead and only see a dry wilderness. But let me remind all of you that God can make a way through the wilderness and deserts in our lives!

I encourage you today to allow God to do something new in your heart, lives, families, communities, and nation. Though we all will continue to go through times that can be hard, we serve a God who is faithful and will bring us through trials as we trust and put our faith in Him! God is also doing new things here at Christ Church; keep each other in prayer. I pray for God's richest blessings on each of your lives as we enter this new year.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

A little help for our journeys,

Michael +

VESTRY REPORT - December 18, 2022

Father Michael's last Sunday will be on Sunday January 15th, 2023. We will also hold the Annual Meeting on that day and there will be one service at 9.30 am.

The next vestry meeting will be held on January 20, 2022 @ 3pm.

Christ Church Financial Report		
January 1st 2022 - November 30th 2022		
	Budgeted	Actual
Income	\$76,936	\$76,868
Expenses	\$97,646	\$107,204
Net	-\$20,710	-\$30,336

FAREWELL POTLUCK

Patsy Minney

We will have a Farewell Potluck in the Fellowship Hall after the Annual Meeting. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex so that you can indicate what you will be able to provide and I will have some idea of numbers and variety of foods.

If you would like to contribute to a gift for Father Michael, please put your offering in the plate with Rector's gift on the memo line.

CHRIST CHURCH WOMEN

Laura Ashley Spencer

All Christ Church women are invited to attend our next CCW meeting on January 10th @ 12 noon. We will be discussing a proposed 2023 budget which will include distribution of outreach grants. This is your opportunity to share the needs of your favorite local non-profit. Please bring your own lunch.

Men's Group

Bill Atwood

The men of Christ Church are invited to breakfast at Homewood, the Bass Lake home of the Atwoods, the last Saturday of each month. Come and enjoy good food, fellowship and a short Bible Study.

Celebrations of Life.....

Birthdays:

1/ 3 Cyndy Tripple
1/ 5 Justin Beaumont
1/ 5 Hannah Beaumont
1/19 Linda Aube
1/25 Patsy Minney
1/28 Logan Beaumont
1/31 Bert Lagerquist
2/ 2 Clarisse Beaumont
2/ 7 Ethan Burton
2/ 7 James Burton

Anniversaries

12/30 Peter & Lynne Noone

TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS

Becky Smith

As our congregation has been "wandering in the desert" seeking a permanent home these past few years, I find it has been far too easy to let some of our long held traditions slip away. Perhaps you are also missing some of these customs.

The prelude... Each Sunday our music director, James Mierkey, chooses a music selection designed to prepare one for worship. When attending a concert, the audience remains quiet during the performance as should the congregation for the prelude. When our service is being live-streamed, the microphone is "live" during the prelude which allows the world to hear any conversations taking place.

Genuflecting... Genuflecting (bending the knee) is a gesture of respect. In the Letter to the Philippians 2:10, Paul writes "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend". Genuflections may be seen as people enter or leave a pew (or row of chairs).

Bowing... Archdeacon Stuchbery is quoted as saying, "There are means of communicating other than with the voice. A kiss, a handshake, a smile are all ways in which we 'talk' to one another without speaking. Religion also has sign language which is used in worship and in our private devotions. Bowing (the slight inclination of the head and shoulders) is a gesture of recognition, devotion, or thanks. In church, one bows when moving in front of an altar (the symbol of God's presence) and at certain points in the liturgy, for example, at the name of Jesus. This is simply a physical way of acknowledging God and expressing our feelings of devotion before him. In

a similar way, the ancients would ‘fall on their faces’ in the presence of the holiness of God.”

As with many other customs and traditions, the practice of genuflecting or bowing is a personal choice in the Anglican tradition. Neither are required by the Prayer Book at any time. It is considered an adjunct to worship and prayer but not a requirement.

CCW ANNUAL TEA



Caroling at the care centers

