Do you want to become an Episcopalian?
The Rector is offering four classes in Lent for those who would like to make it official and join the Anglican Communion, of which the Episcopal Church in the USA is a part. The classes are on Saturdays, 9:00—10:00 a.m., March 11th, March 18th, March 25th and April 8th. Even if you are an Episcopalian, you can join us to learn more about your faith, or to renew your commitment to Jesus before the Bishop. The liturgy is in Newark on May 7th at 3:00 p.m., where Bishop Beckwith will be confirming adults and children, receiving candidates from other churches and renewing the commitments of those who want a fresh start.

Helping Hands are Needed
Our next Helping Hands project for a local Sussex County homeowner is slated for Saturday, March 11th, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The address is 52 Hemlock Drive, Newton (the property is actually located on Lake Lenape in Andover). Snow date is March 25th. The work will encompass a range of indoor and outdoor clean-up projects; gloves and face masks will be supplied. The ECW will be providing breakfast-style refreshments. Contact Terry Syberg with questions.

Guitarist John Sheehan to Perform
Christ Church will welcome classical guitarist John Sheehan to a Fireside Serenade in the church parlor, Sunday, March 12th, beginning at noon. John will play fingerstyle guitar arrangements of popular songs, classical pieces and original work using steel string acoustic and classical guitars. A free will offering will be taken. Contact Jim Ankrom or Joe Mello with questions.

An Invitation to a Prayerful Lent
Ash Wednesday
Join us on Wednesday, March 1st, to usher in the Season of Lent. Services will be held at 12:15 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Children’s Service) and 7:30 p.m. (Choral Eucharist).

Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer
Morning Prayer will be led by the Rector at 8:00 a.m. and Evening Prayer will be led by the Rector, or parishioner Kurt Lutz, at 6:00 p.m. every day throughout Lent. Kick start and/or end your day with quiet reflection.

Wednesday Evening Eucharist, Pot Luck Dinner & Presentations
“Holy Scripture: A Personal Journey through the Bible”
Wednesdays, March 8th—April 5th
Holy Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.
Pot Luck Supper, 6:30 p.m.
Discussion, 7:00—8:00 p.m.
For five Wednesday nights in Lent, families are invited to gather to hear from Episcopal priests who will highlight the portions of the Bible that are most meaningful to them. This series will pay particular attention to times when the Word of the Lord intersected with their life story. We will hear from:
◆ The Reverend Robert T. Griner;
◆ The Very Reverend Norman Lynas,
◆ The Reverend Bernie Poppe;
◆ The Reverend Bowie Snodgrass;
◆ The Reverend Laurie Wurm.
Bring an entrée or side dish to share; Christ Church will provide bread, beverages and desserts.
Contact Kathy Hoyer at kehoyer@gmail.com or at 973-383-5750 to assist with set-up and clean-up.

Looking Ahead …
◆ Church Breakfasts will be March 5th & April 2nd;
◆ Easter is Sunday, April 16th. Children are invited to flower the cross during the procession at the 10:00 a.m. service. An Easter Egg Hunt will be held during coffee hour.
Here are a few possibilities to consider for Lent:

**Give up**
1. Facebook
2. Television*
3. Complaining
4. Curse words*
5. Coffee*
6. Sugar
7. Soda*
8. Meat
9. Gossip
10. Talking trash about the other political party
11. Freaking out about drivers
12. Harboring resentments.

**Take on**
1. Praying daily*
2. Exercise*
3. Do something good for someone else, don’t tell anyone, but write it down as a secret love letter to Jesus*
4. Conservatives watch MSNBC for five minutes a day, liberals watch Fox. Look for something good, not how to defeat the other side in an argument.
5. Pray for either Donald Trump or Nancy Pelosi, whoever you dislike the most. Pray that they have a fulfilling and satisfying life*
6. Find a way to say something positive to another person everyday*.
7. Read a chapter a day from the New Testament.* (Suggestions available from me)

These are just some small suggestions. Please consider others. The ones with the * are the ones I’m doing. If you catch me in a transgression, please bring it to my attention or alert the Bishop. Let me know how you make out.

Have a blessed Lent.

Yours in Christ,
Robert Griner, **Rector**

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Service Schedules are available on the church website,  
Sign up sheets for flowers or candles in Holley Hall or at the back of church. Contact Evelyn Polcer at epolcer@embarqmail.com or 973-579-1242 with memorial information.

**Sanctuary Lights or Candles, $20; Altar Flowers, $35.**

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**Monthly Service Schedule**

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*Sanctuary Light, ECW in memory of Tommie; Sanctuary Candle, Available*
The ECW will host a Pot Luck luncheon in Holley Hall on Thursday, March 16th, at 11:45 a.m.

Members of the Junior Choir will be participating in a day long choir festival culminating in a performance at the Abington Presbyterian Church near Philadelphia on Saturday, March 25th. They will be part of a choir made up of children from the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware church choir programs. They will be working with Mark Patterson, a composer that the Junior Choir of Newton is familiar with, having sung several of Mark's compositions. This day long festival is sponsored by Choristers Guild, of which Christ Church is a member. The Junior Choir is working on 5 anthems that will be performed at the festival. For information about attending, contact Debbie Mello.

Volunteers are welcomed and needed to prepare and serve the free lunch provided to approximately 60 people per day at the Manna House program offered at the First Presbyterian Church in Newton (54 High Street). Volunteer servers from Christ Church are needed on the fourth Wednesday of each month, from 9:50 a.m.—12:50 p.m.; the next available date is March 22nd. To volunteer, contact Laura Booker at 973-383-7635 or email Laura at lauradeanbook@embarqmail.com. A spaghetti dinner is offered at Manna House on the third Tuesday of every month, 5:00—6:30 p.m.; the next date is March 21st. Proceeds benefit the First Presbyterian Church. Cost for adults, $5; children 5—12, $3; children under the age of three eat for free.

Spring Retreat Planned
The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will gather at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center, 20 Old Swartswood Road, Newton, on Saturday, April 1st, 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. for the annual Spring Retreat. All are welcome. The suggested donation of $45 per person includes lunch. The registration deadline is March 20th; for more information, contact Diana Greene at 973-726-9640 or at dianatgreene@gmail.com.

From the Desk of the Pastoral Associate

The Season of Lent is a time of year to boost not only our spiritual lives but hopefully those of others around us. We are blessed here at Christ Church to have so many opportunities to do just that. We have a Helping Hands event scheduled for March 11th. The homeowner is a delightful woman, recently widowed, in need of indoor and outdoor clean-up. I know that we can make a difference in her life by showing her that people care and by bringing Christ's presence to her. To sign up, please email me at tsyberg@gmail.com.

I am also looking forward to our upcoming Women’s retreat which will take place on April 1st from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center right here in Newton. If you attended last year, then you know what a moving day this can be. If you missed it, I hope you will join us. There’s still time to sign up.

I also hope to see many of you at Bible Study and our weekly Wednesday evening presentations.

Wishing you a Lenten season filled with spiritual growth and reflection.

In Peace,
Terry Syberg,
Pastoral Associate

Support is available from our own Faith Community Nurse, Beth Batastini, R.N., Confidential appointments can provide guidance in navigating the healthcare system, answer questions about insurance, offer referrals to local resources and more. Contact Beth at bethbatastini@gmail.com.

The Faith Community Health Partnership will join with Atlantic Health for a free discussion about advanced care planning, on Tuesday, March 14th, 6:00—8:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Hackettstown. The evening will feature a screening of Being Mortal, a PBS documentary about Dr. Atul Guwande, surgeon and professor at Harvard University. Boxed dinner provided. Space is limited and registration is required. Call Atlantic Health at 800-247-9580 to register.
Bible Study
Please join us in the Church Parlor on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., March 2nd—30th, for a discussion of the Gospel for the coming Sunday.

Hospitality Assistance Needed
Assistance with set-up and clean-up will be needed for the Wednesday Pot Luck Dinners during Lent, March 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, and April 5th. Look for sign-up sheets in Holley Hall or contact Kathy Hoyer at kehoyer@gmail.com or at 973-903-6059 for additional information.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed
Coffee hour hosts are needed to prepare the light reception which immediately follows the 10:00 a.m. service. Volunteers arrive before the service to set up, and are responsible for serving beverages during the event and cleaning up afterwards. Positions rotate throughout the year; financial assistance is available to those who want to contribute but who may not have the means to do so. Contact Kathy Hoyer at kehoyer@gmail.com or at 973-903-6059 to volunteer.

Food Pantry Collection
Non-perishable grocery items will be collected on March 5th for donation to the food pantry at our neighboring parish, St. Joseph’s. Baskets will be available in the rear of the church and/or in the Hospitality Area.

Confirmation Class
The Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Sisters in Christ
Sisters in Christ is a group of women who gather Sundays, from 11:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. to share their faith, struggles and joys in a confidential setting. For more information, contact the church office.

Concerts in Christ Events Planned
Concerts in Christ is pleased to announce two upcoming performances to be held at Christ Church this Spring:
- The renowned Kinnara Ensemble will return on April 2nd for a performance at 4:00 p.m.;
- Trio Giocoso, featuring our own Diana Greene on piano, along with violinist Nicholas Currie and cellist Adam Gonzalez will give a concert on Saturday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants!
- Keith Smith for his work in designing and overseeing the installation of the new patio and outdoor lighting adjacent to the playground;
- Mary Ann Risley and all those who coordinated and attended the Going Local exploratory groups in February;
- Sylvia Montero, Robert Griner and the students who traveled to Panama for representing Christ Church so favorably;
- Nick Pachnos, Mike Streeter and the Breakfast Crew for taking over the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with such delectable flair!

Christ Church Blanketeers
The next meeting of the Christ Church Blanketeers will take place on Saturday, March 11th, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Those who like to crochet, knit, quilt, applique, or just give moral support are invited to attend. Bring a bagged lunch; tools and supplies are provided and community service credits are available. Free knitting and crochet workshops, along with support for personal sewing projects, are provided at each meeting. Group projects are also available. For more information, contact Karrie Miller at the church office, 973-383-2245, or Dawn Charlton at dlc.charlton@yahoo.com.

Happy Birthday to …
1. William Silva
2. Kathryn Bischoff, Julia Kiechel
4. Olivia Manser
6. Laura Pachnos
8. Katie Hoyer, Joseph Mello
9. Richard Rowe
10. Don Risley
15. John Pachnos
17. Rebecca Ralph, Agnes Beatty
19. Jessica Caruso
29. Christopher Halkyard, Bryce Manser
31. Arthur Riker, Frederick Pierson, Bret Halkyard

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Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church Newton

Worship Schedule

Sundays
8:00 AM  Eucharist and Homily
          A quiet, traditional service
9:00 AM  Christian Education for All Ages
          (September—May)
10:00 AM Choral Eucharist and Sermon;
          Family liturgy with hymns

Ash Wednesday
March 1st
Holy Eucharist, 12:15 pm
Children’s Service, 6:00 pm
Holy Eucharist, 7:30 pm

Visiting/Getting in Touch

Church Entrance:
Church Street, just off Main Street (Route 206)
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Our priest is always available for pastoral emergencies.
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