



The Spire

A Newsletter of Christ Episcopal Church, Ithan

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Parish Mission Statement

Christ Church Ithan strives to be an active, inclusive, family that embraces an ever present, loving relationship with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

It promotes leadership in the church and broader community through nurturing and developing each member's unique gifts from childhood throughout life.

Summer Office Hours

Office hours during summer months are 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. The answering service will receive calls after that 24/7. Fr. Parker is in the office afternoons Tuesday through Friday after visitations usually from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm and can be reached personally then. He does check messages via cell periodically.

Parking Lot Resurfacing

During the week of July 14th our parking will be getting a much needed resurfacing. We have borrowed 55,000 from ourselves, payable in five years to be able to do this. It will not interfere with Sunday services but the office will be closed that week.

Father Parker's Vacation

Father Parker will be on vacation during the month of July. If there is an emergency please call the office and leave a message, the parish administrator will relay the message to F.P. Coverage for Sundays is being handled by the clergy of St. Mary's, Wayne. The last two Sundays will be covered by the Rev. Barry Evans and the Rev. Elizabeth Eisenstadt Evans, (contributing religion editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer.)

Choir

CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER

During the summer, the choir is on vacation. However, usually each Sunday we often have a guest soloist. The music at Christ Church is always splendiferous.

Wanted: A few good men and women to join our fantastic choir. Rehearsals are Sundays at 9:30 am for 10:30 am service, from mid September through mid June. Come join us for great music, fellowship and fun.

Summer Psalm

O God of all seasons
It's summer—the season I dreamed about
Throughout winter's long, dreary days.
Now is the time of leisure,
Time to be out-of-doors-and walls.
But so often I feel like an over-civilized child
Of this century of convenience and comfort.
I have forgotten how to vacate my work,
To come out of my head and go out-of-doors,
To play with you in the summer sun.
By: Edward Hayes

If you are interested please see Barbara Browne, or you can email her at barbrowne@gmail.com.

Christmas Concert

Our Choir is in the planning stages for a spectacular Christmas Concert and we need your help to make it possible. The Choir will present a Christmas oratorio, which would require hiring a small orchestra. If you would like to be an angel and help underwrite the cost, or would like more information, please contact Barbara Browne.

Vestry

Next vestry meeting will be August 21st at 7:30 pm. July meeting is canceled. We meet ten months a year as mandated in our by-laws. There is no meeting in July or December.

The Ecclesiastical Trial of Bishop Bennison

The ecclesiastical trial of the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison was concluded on June 13, 2008. The jury was made up of five bishops, two priests and two lay people. They will deliberate for 30 days. It is not a diocesan trial. It is a trial of the Episcopal Church in the United States. The verdict, which could be deposition, will be decided at that time. Bishop Bennison can appeal.

Flowers Flowers

If you have admired God's artistry on the reed shelf behind the altar, you have noticed that the Lord is a wonderful artist. Assisting in the artistry is Cowan's Flowers. While we make it a policy not to advertise, we just have to mention their fine work and their generosity to the church.

During the summer, if you would like to have flowers to memorialize someone you love or to celebrate an occasion, please call the church office.

Explore, Explore

We love to see what other churches are doing. Try to attend the parish where you are vacationing and bring back a bulletin. Remember, "all work and no plagiarism makes a dull church."

Ushers Wanted

What would Edgar Allen Poe say? We do not have enough ushers in the house. Being an "usher" is a responsible and much needed ministry. Please let the senior warden or church office know if you are interested.

Acolytes Needed

Join the ranks of those who have assisted at Christian worship since 250 A.D. The name acolyte means helper and we need your help. Whether you are 12 or 112 does not matter. Just let Fr. Parker or Mr. Cooley know, and we will be glad to show you the ropes (that's an "in" acolyte joke). By the way, congratulations to Robbie Thompson, one of our best, as he is now an official Haverford College student. (Acolytes are smart!)

Wedding Coordinator

Are you interested in becoming a WEDDING COORDINATOR, helping Fr. Parker and bridal parties? The tasks include assisting wedding parties at the rehearsals and in the weddings, which are held usually in the Spring and Summer. No need to prepare or clean up the altar. For questions or more information, please contact Fr. Parker at 610-688-1110 or frronjo@email.com.

Summer Pledge

As you may know, the bills don't stop in the summer but sometimes pledges do. Just a reminder! Please, don't forget CCI this summer!

Please remember your pledge!
The cost of running the church never stops....

