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## Bishop's Visitation & Confirmation

The Rt. Rev. Edward L. Lee, Jr.

### Amy Marie Yanalavage

I have experienced God's presence in my life several times, each connecting me to him more. Throughout the years leading toward confirmation God has been there and has been a listener to anything I have said. His presence is very evident to me everyday in small ways. By being confirmed I feel closer to God and that I have a life-long friend who is always there. Confirmation, to me, is a promise of that friendship and a promise to keep that alive for the rest of my life.

### Rachel Ann Bricker

I would like to be confirmed for many reasons. The main reason is because ever since I was a little girl, my Mom-mom and Pop-pop wanted me to be a real part of the church, so I thought I would make them and myself happier. The second reason is that my entire life I have quit certain activities, so I wanted to show my self that I didn't quit everything. The last reason is that I wanted to become closer with the other adolescents of the Church.

### Gregory Kenneth McFadden

I would like to be confirmed because I believe I am ready to become part of the church. I also believe in this religion. Thanks to our confirmation classes I am ready to be confirmed. That's why I would like to be confirmed.

Thank you Candy, Warren, and Judy.

### Heather Leigh McFadden

Why do I want to be confirmed? I want to be confirmed so that I can feel closer to my religion. It's not only my religion that I want to be closer with, but also the church. By being confirmed, I will be confirming my beliefs about God. Those are the reasons why I want to be confirmed.

### Mentors

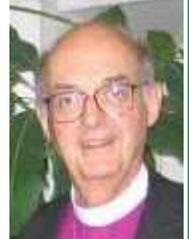
Sue Rhoads, Jen Brickel, Peter Yaskowski, Paula Cardona, Shirley Dietz

### Sunday, 12 June

**9am**—Eucharist and Confirmation Bishop Lee Celebrant and Preacher

**10:30am**—Reception in the Great Room and Blessing of the new stained glass windows.

**11:30am**—Visitation with Bishop and Vestry



## Introducing Our Interim Rector

**William Moyer Rex** was born in NE Philadelphia. Around age 7 the family moved to Levittown. He attended Shippensburg State College (BA in English/Theatre Arts, 1970,) Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg (MDiv, 1974.). He has served since then in PA parishes in Erie, Pittsburgh, Vandergrift, and Ferndale. During his years of service he has served as a Pastor,, Communications Chair for the Western Pa/WV Synod, a member of 2 Synod Councils, served on the Lutheran Advocates for Maritime Mission for many years, Lutheran Disaster Response for many years, the Emergency Response Committee for Nockamixon Twp. He currently works in the Port of Philadelphia & So. Jersey where holds two positions. The first is as a Port Chaplain visiting seafarers providing services to Philadelphia from all over the world.



With a special Synodical call he ministers to the maritime community through Word, Sacrament, and ministry of presence, providing for seamen's emotional, physical and spiritual needs. He is an advocate for them in times of need and provides leadership in ways that give them the necessary tools to mitigate their situations. This position is funded by Seafarers International House (SIH) in New York NY, the Lutheran expression for maritime ministry. This is a partnership with Seamen's Church Institute of Philadelphia/So Jersey (SCI) an ecumenical maritime ministry.

The second role currently is that of Office Manager for SCI. He coordinates and manages the offices and ministry staff of the SCI center at 475 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Philadelphia. His work provides relational stability between the part time staff, volunteer staff and full time staff operating the maritime ministry of SCI. He also helps coordinate efforts to solidify the relations between the port maritime community and the mission of the church. He preaches, teaches, and provides sacramental worship when asked. He is currently working Sundays relating to churches in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania as an ambassador of Christ and the Maritime Ministry as provided by SIH and SCI here in Philadelphia.

He currently sits on the board of NAMMA (the North American Maritime Ministry Association) as the Lutheran denominational representative. He is also the Treasurer of LAMM (Lutheran Advocates for Maritime Mission,) and until recently a Clergy at Large member of the Synodical Council of SEPA Synod

In the course of his ministry in the church he has held many positions from activist to Chair of Communications, to membership on various committees of the synods in which he has been called.

Rev. Rex has served Christ Church as a supply priest several times and will become our Interim Rector on 5 June, 2016. We will have a Welcoming and Installation at the 8am service.

As is usual with an Interim, Rev. Rex will be with us on Sunday's and part-time during the week. We will attempt to have his week-day schedule published at least a week ahead of time.

Rev. Rex will be a welcome support for our ministry as we search for a new Rector.

## Editor's Comment.

The Christ Church Chronicles is normally dedicated to giving you a broad range of information about what's happening or coming the Parish. Since we are at or near a turning point in the search process (preparation of *Who Are We* information) this issue, and likely parts of the next two, will be narrower but will include the "*Who Are We*" items. That includes the twelve questions and answers for the *Church Deployment Questionnaire*, and our Vestry-review *Mission and Core Values*.

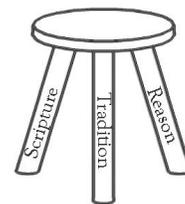
## Who Are We?

Our Profile and Search Committees, with the Vestry, have been reviewing several formal statements about Christ Church. In the process of looking for a new Rector, we are expected to rethink (which does not automatically mean change) how we say who we are. Please note—this is an issue of discernment, not one of decision. God made us who we are. Our problem is how to see the truth, and how to say it to other people.

This process is something that the Episcopal Church expects each parish or mission to do **before** actually asking for applications. We have included several items in that review: the *Mission Statement*, the *Core Values* statement, the *Profile Questions* from the national church and diocese, and our “popular profile.” The content of these documents is based on the various discussions and surveys that we’ve done over the last year, i.e. on input from the congregation. As these are official statements of the parish, they get approved by the Vestry before publication, invariably after repeated passes and discussion.

Some dictionary definitions might be in order. The **Core Values** of an organization are the guiding principles that dictate its behavior and actions. A **Mission Statement** is a brief, formal summary of the aims and values of a company, organization, or individual. **The Profile Questions** are the twelve questions on the Deployment Office questionnaire which will be the core of the Episcopal Church’s database entry for us. Due to its length, the **Profile Questions** will be published separately.

The “popular profile” is in process and, while it isn’t absolutely necessary for a search, we think it will be extremely useful. It will be a glossy brochure showing Christ Church and our ministries and is intended to be something of an evangelistic document. We also intend that it be a continuing work-in-process and will grow and change as the parish does. The intent of the development committees is to create an effective invitation for all sorts of people to join us.



The following are the statements that have been approved by the Vestry.

### Mission Statement

The Mission of Christ Church is To glorify God through Worship, Nurture and Service.

### Core Values

1. We believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, so we follow His teachings and share His love through word and deed.
2. We believe in the Holy Trinity-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that in our public worship we unite with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, to hear His Word, to offer prayers, and to celebrate the sacraments. All people are welcome to participate in this joyful worship experience.
4. We are a praying people, believing that prayer is powerful and strengthens our relationship with God.
5. We believe that Jesus commands us to love others as He loved us; therefore we strive to be a welcoming church, lovingly accepting all people as Jesus does.
6. We believe that all we have-our time, our talent, and our treasure-is God’s good gift to us to share freely without the expectation of receiving anything in return.
7. We believe in lifelong learning and encourage all of God’s people to participate in Bible study, Christian education, and prayer.

## Confirmation and the Bishop's Visitation

At least once a year we have a "Visitation" from a Bishop. The Canons of the Episcopal Church (III.12.3) require the visit of a Bishop from this diocese at least once every three years.

At such a visit, the Bishop is required to "shall preside at the Holy Eucharist and at the Initiatory Rites, as required, preach the Word, examine the records of the Congregation..., and examine the life and ministry of the Clergy and Congregation..."

Since Confirmation in the Episcopal Church must be done by a Bishop (that's a rule, not a principle,) it is typically scheduled to coincide with a Visitation.

At this service, he will confirm (or receive) Amy Yanalavage, Rachel Bricker, Greg McFadden, and Heather McFadden, who have all been participating for the last two years in our Confirmation class under the leadership of Judy Shelly, Warren Holohan, and Candace Woessner.

So what is Confirmation? From the Catechism, *"Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop. It is required that [the confirmands] have been baptized, are sufficiently instructed in the Christian Faith, are penitent for their sins, and are ready to affirm their confession of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord."*

In other words, it is an act where they consciously take on the responsibility for the promises made for them at their Baptism. If they are baptized as adults (past the "age of consent," however that is understood) the Confirmation is frequently done at the same time as the Baptism. Since Baptism includes making their own promises, and being anointed with oil and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, it is often argued that the anointing at adult baptism IS their Confirmation.

At this point, the Church considers you an adult member. Most parishes require you to be Confirmed to be elected to such positions as Vestry, although we have occasionally had to rush to the Diocese to make someone eligible for the position to which they were elected.



Not everyone has to be Confirmed, or even can be Confirmed. You become a full member of the Church at Baptism; Confirmation is you standing up and taking adult responsibility. Only Baptism and Eucharist are considered to be required for all Christians.

You can't be Baptized twice (that's the nature of Baptism, not just a rule) but can you be Confirmed twice? That was a moot point during the creation of the 1979 BCP. It was argued that someone who was Confirmed, became apostate, repented, and came back could (or should) be re-Confirmed. The Church decided that Confirmation was NOT repeatable, mostly due to the fact that it had always been understood that way, and that there are other ways to repent and return, so it would be a one-time thing.

What if I was Confirmed in another church? That depends on who did the Confirmation. Confirmation has to be done by a Bishop (or sometimes a Priest substitute) ordained in the Apostolic Succession—i.e. they can trace their confirmation by a succession of Bishops going back to the Apostles. If that's the case, as with Roman Catholics, Orthodox, and some others, you will be Received rather than Confirmed.

What else is the Bishop here for? He isn't coming for Confirmation, he's coming on an inspection tour of the Parish. We schedule Confirmation at the same time for convenience.

Generally, the Bishop will meet with the Vestry and the clergy (usually separately) to examine their "life and ministry." This could include even an audit of our books and anything else, but with the advent, in the last century or two) of formal audits, regular reporting mechanisms, etc. the Visitation are generally more casual.

Bishop Lee was formerly Bishop of Western Michigan (1989-2001), is retired, and is serving as an "Assisting Bishop" for our Diocese.

**Bob Gross, Rector's Warden**



## Church Deployment Office Profile

The CDO has extensive questionnaires for both parishes and potential candidates. These go into an online database which helps match candidates with parishes. For parishes, there are several pages of demographic information, which we get mostly from Parochial Reports, and details of our expected offer-e.g. base salary, rectory or no rectory, vacation, insurance, etc. The Vestry has approved a preliminary package that will be the starting point for negotiations.

There are three committees-Vestry, Profile, and Search-involved in the production, with the Vestry necessarily providing final approval. The information you see has been through all those committees multiple times, and have included some significant theological, organizational, and planning discussions. Those results of those discussions themselves may be the most useful result of this process.

The answers to all these create a published profile of the parish. The biggest part of the Profile is the twelve questions addressed (mostly) to current issues in the parish.

### CDO Profile Questions

1. Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognized as one of success and fulfillment.
2. How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?
3. Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leader of your worshipping community.
4. Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.
5. How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?
6. As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being?
7. How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?
8. Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.
9. Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?
10. What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?
11. What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?
12. What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

**CDO Profile Answers**—due to the nature of the CDO database, length and structure of answers is limited. The Profile Committee, with concurrence of the Vestry, decided to do both a short and long form. The short form goes in the database; the long form, with other information, is sent to potential candidates. Items in italics are the added ones for the long form.

#### 1. Success and Fulfillment:

Ministries on Main Street runs a program each year in cooperation with area churches to feed and provide places to sleep for Pottstown's homeless during the winter. Christ Church hosts in December for 30+ people each night. Our sign-up calendar to cook and serve meals this year was completely filled within a week, by over 70 volunteers.

*On December 21, Christ Church hosted the ecumenical Longest Night Memorial Service, a community wide worship service to memorialize those of the homeless community in our area who died in 2015. More than 250 attended, including Borough officials, community & church leaders, and the marginal-*

*ized in our community. The service was moving and the fellowship at the meal following was heartening.*

## **2. Church of the Future:**

a. We are preparing ourselves and Christ Church for the future by serious study of the Bible and our Anglican traditions and their application in today's world. We strive toward a Church rich in diversity, reaching out to the homeless, disenfranchised, immigrants and suburbanites in our surrounding communities, reaching out to saints and sinners alike. We believe that by fulfilling our mission to glorify God through worship, nurture, and service, we will remain a vibrant, relevant church well into the future.

*b. We take worship and spiritual nurture seriously. Our congregation is centered in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We seek to grow in our faith through worship, spiritual formation, and prayer, both personal and corporate. The Vestry makes decisions prayerfully and the written description of each of our numerous identified ministries begins with a biblical foundation (see our website for a detailed list – [www.christpottstown.com](http://www.christpottstown.com)).*

*c. We have a weekly Wednesday Healing Eucharistic which draws people from the surrounding community as well as our own parish, and each Sunday trained lay Prayer Ministers are available during the Eucharist to pray for those seeking prayer for personal needs.*

*d. We have sought to know and serve our immediate community. For instance, seven members serve in the “Walking School Bus” program of the school district—walking children to school (Pottstown does not have school buses.) Other community involvement includes partnering with Harris Family Ministries to support families recovering from drug abuse. We also participate with the Pottstown Cluster of Churches to meet the needs of the disenfranchised in our community. We host the community meals program every Monday (a service shared by several other churches in the area) and run the Second Chance Thrift Shop in which those who serve enjoy getting to know their customers.*

*e. We have made several recent upgrades to our building, including air conditioning, a new wheelchair ramp at one entrance, and a portable internal wheelchair ramp, so that our facilities are more user-friendly and safer.*

*f. We have a small, but growing Sunday school, annual Vacation Bible School, and an active Girls Friendly Society that draws primarily from the community.*

*g. In the recent past we have participated in Alpha (and have recently received a Diocesan grant to continue it,) Cursillo, Transforming Congregations, evangelism, and other training programs.*

## **3. Gifts and Skills of Candidate:** (limited to four short phrases)

a. Strong Biblically-centered preaching.

b. Theological grounding and openness to the Spirit and centered in prayer

c. Able to lead with authority, but listen respectfully to others, and to communicate well with all parishioners and the surrounding community, both face-to-face and through social media.

d. Ability to train, encourage, and support lay leaders

## **4. Liturgical Style and Practice:**

a. Sunday Eucharist: 8am Rite I, no music, 10:30 am Rite II, full choir. Summer services are 8am and 9:30am.

b. Wednesday Healing Eucharist: 9 AM, informal *BCP/Book of Occasional Services*, sometimes with group Bible discussion on the readings in place of sermon

- c. Adult Choir with 20 – 25 members who sing every Sunday at the late service. All parts are represented and selections from major works have been presented, such ones from as Handel’s *Messiah*, Brahms’s *Requiem*, and John Rutter’s *Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending*
- d. In our survey of the congregation many suggested some styles of worship that might attract younger people. There is openness to varying worship experiences, but also a desire to retain a consistent Sunday Eucharist at both existing services.

**5. Incorporating Others in Ministry:**

- a. Lay chalice bearers
- b. Lectors
- c. Prayer ministers
- d. Lay Eucharistic Visitors
- e. Altar guild
- f. Acolytes
- g. Ushers and greeters
- h. Vern’s Vision—serving members in need through meals, rides, house/yard care, and presence as needed
- i. Sunday School and Confirmation teachers
- j. Bible/book study leaders (usually lay)
- k. We have numerous lay-led ministries that serve the church and community (see church website for details <http://christpottstown.com>)
- l. Partnering in several community events and programs (e.g., Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities [www.pottstowncluster.org](http://www.pottstowncluster.org), Harris Family Ministries <http://harrisfamilyministries.org>, Ministries on Main Street [www.ministriesatmainstreet.org](http://www.ministriesatmainstreet.org)) and an interdenominational Vacation Bible School).



One thing the search committee doesn't want to hear.

**6. Caring:**

- a. Four book/Bible study groups
- b. Daughters of the King
- c. Email prayer chain
- d. Prayer ministry
- e. Wednesday healing services.
- f. Advent and Lenten Quiet Days (alternating with St. Gabriel’s, Douglassville)
- g. *Education for Ministry*—including one in Graterford Prison.
- h. “Living Compass” wellness curriculum in Adult Forum, Confirmation Class, and one book study group
- i. Sunday school classes for all ages, including Adult Forum (most of our lay leaders have completed EfM or graduate theological education.) The Adult Forum classes have ranged from intensive Bible study to the Compass Wellness Program.
- j. Several occasions for eating and fellowship occur each year. There is the annual Chili Cook Off, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, spaghetti supper sponsored by our Girls Friendly and numerous times when we find an excuse to have a potluck. We enjoy each other’s company.

Items 6-12 will be in next month’s *Chronicles*

## Search Committee Update

Our work with Jackson Hass on conflict resolution is complete. We expect our learning will guide us in making the right decisions as we move forward. Right is our operative word – the right decisions, the right Rector for Christ Church.

We have also, with the help of the Profile committee, finished a revision to Christ Church Core Values. That has been sent to the Vestry and will be shared following their approval

A time line has been established but no end date has been assigned. By late June, we expect to have a clearer definition of the amount of work left for us.

Please keep our work in your prayers!



Sue Furman



"This one looks promising: "limited knowledge of contemporary culture, enjoys renovation projects and yard work."

### Contact the Search Committee

The Search Committee now has its own email address—[search@christpottstown.com](mailto:search@christpottstown.com).



## June Congregational Meeting Topics

We will discuss as much of these as we have time.

Search Status

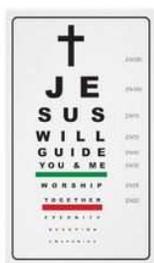
Security System

Adult Forum Direction

## Fund Raising With Redner's Tapes—How Does It Work

When you shop at Redner's, use your Redner's **Pump Perks/ 1% Save-A-Tape** card. Each time you purchase at Redner's your receipt will be designated as a 1% Save-A-Tape customer receipt. Turn in your tapes at church in the Redner's box. When we have enough tapes for a meaningful rebate, they will be turned in to a local Redner's manager. Please don't save them up; tapes over two years old become invalid. In about eight weeks we will receive a check for 1% of the total amount of the tapes submitted.

*Note: you must swipe your card at the time of purchase or the tape will not be valid for the rebate.*



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# Multi Cultural Vacation Bible School



**Who:** Christian Children from Christ Episcopal, First Baptist, Saint Paul's UCC, Trinity Reformed UCC and Zion's UCC explore Christian Fellowship with children from Norway.



**When:** 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning Sunday, June 26 through Thursday, June 30

**Where:** First Baptist Church, 301 King Street, Pottstown, PA 19464

**Why:** Have a blast exploring how God's Love is shared throughout the world and right here in Pottstown.

**How:** Registration forms available from Edie Shean-Hammond at [eshean-hammond@gmail.com](mailto:eshean-hammond@gmail.com), at the church office and at Sunday School



**DROP OFF @ CHRIST CHURCH MULTI PURPOSE ROOM BY Friday June 17**  
**SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

- 150 - heavy duty paper dinner plates \_\_\_\_\_
- 100 - 6 inch dessert plates \_\_\_\_\_
- 100 - 10 oz. plastic or paper cups \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 pk. 200 ct. – napkins \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Box Cake mix \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Spaghetti Sauce – 2 lg. jars - no meat \_\_\_\_\_
- Large Can of Applesauce \_\_\_\_\_
- Large Jar of Peanut Butter \_\_\_\_\_
- Large Bag Swedish Fish \_\_\_\_\_
- Large Box Sealable Snack Baggies \_\_\_\_\_
- Pack Heavy Duty Aluminum Pans with Lids \_\_\_\_\_
- One Roll of Paper Towels \_\_\_\_\_
- One pack of Napkins \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Large Dry Mix Lemonade \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 8 oz Packages of Spaghetti \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 8 oz Packages of Macaroni \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Large Bottle of Ranch Dressing \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Large Ketchup \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Large Mustard \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**

## Collect for the Election of a Rector

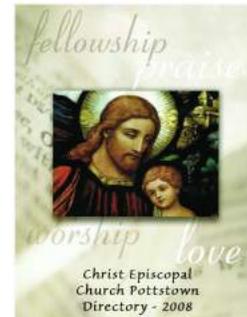
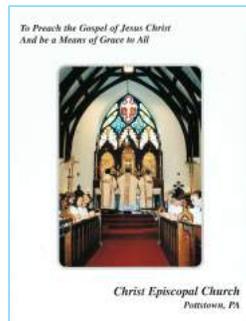
Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on Christ Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall call our new rector, that we may receive from you a faithful pastor, who will care for the people of this congregation and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## New Pictorial Directory Coming

We have plans for a new pictorial directory. This time we'll be doing it ourselves. Across the summer we will be taking family photographs. We'll publish the photos along with addresses and contact information. We are also considering a secure online directory.

Nothing to buy—you get the digital pictures and make your own.

If you'd like to **help** with this, contact Bob Gross or Jen Brickel.

The Amazon Smile logo, featuring the word 'amazon' in black and 'smile' in a lighter, yellowish font, with a curved arrow underneath.

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Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to Christ Church if you register your account as an *AmazonSmile* account. There is no change to your cost, and, except for the initial setup, no effort on your part.

#### How do you do it?

1. Instead of [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), log in at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) with your usual username and password.
2. On your first login, you should find "Select a Charity". Enter "Christ Episcopal Church" and scroll down a few lines to the one in Pottstown, PA.
3. Click "Select" and you're done. You can change the selection at any time.

From then on, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and you will support the church with your purchases.

## Vestry Summary

1. Approvals: the following items were approved
  - a. Building Use
    - 1). Georgine Takach—3 July, Great Room or Parish Hall
    - 2) Lisa Baro—9 July, Great Room
  - b. Property
    - 1) Longacre – replace 10 light bulbs (some burned out) with LED's in the altar area (\$678)
  - c. Policies
    - 1) Core Values (see p. 3)
    - 2) Retain current Mission Statement
2. Finance—approved the Rector's Compensation section of the Parish Profile (see below). This is the initial offering, subject to negotiation.
3. Discussion—nature and amount of Diocesan pledge, and giving against bequest.

### **Proposed Rector's Compensation Package 5/3/2016**

#### **Annual Compensation**

**Base Salary** \$ 60,000

**SECA Reimbursement** \$ 4,590 Self-employment Tax offset (currently 7.65%)

**Total** \$ 64,590 Paid twice monthly, reviewed and adjusted annually in light of CPI, IRS Regs., Performance, and Diocesan guidelines

**Holidays** National holidays plus the day after Easter.

**Vacation** 24 work days including 4 Sundays. Up to 5 days may be carried over.

**Sick Leave** 2 weeks As needed in case of physical incapacity due to illness or injury. Extended periods will trigger the short-term disability policy, at which point parish sick leave will end.

**Continuing Ed.** 2 weeks/year

**Continuing Ed. Expenses** \$900 maximum/year

**Travel/Auto** \$ 2,400 Actual mileage @current IRS rate, NTE \$2,400/year unless agreed on my Vestry

**Phone/Cell/Internet** \$ 125 Phone, cell, internet service NTE \$1,500/year. Phone and internet at parish are separate

**Other Professional Account** \$600 Reimbursable professional expenses incurred on behalf of Christ Church

**Sabbatical** 3-6 months after 7 years

**Pension Plan** Per CPF requirements. Currently 18% of the annual compensation package. Housing is assumed at 30% of the total of salary, SECA offset, and utilities unless otherwise stipulated.

**Health, Dental, Prescription** 75% of a Group plan as provided by the Diocese or compensation for cost of spousal policy

**Other Insurance** Group Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance through the Diocese, or equivalent. Workers' Compensation Insurance, as required by Pennsylvania State Law.

**Housing Equity** \$ 1,800=3% of base salary paid to a tax-sheltered annuity as a housing equity allowance

**Rectory** 275 Grace St., Pottstown, PA. Three-bedrooms, partially finished basement, office, garage

**Utilities** Contracted and paid directly by Vestry. Expenses for repair, remodeling, and major appliances paid by the parish in accordance with an agreed budget mutually.

## Useful Links

### Episcopal Questions and Answers

<http://stgeorges.wordpress.com/seekers-and-visitors/episcopal-q-a/>

### Diocese of PA Parish Events

<http://www.diopa.org/parish-events>

### Diocese of Pennsylvania <http://www.diopa.org>

### Episcopal Church in the US

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

### Online *Book of Common Prayer*

<http://www.bcponline.org/>

### Anglican Communion

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/>

### SPCK—Society for Promoting Christian

Knowledge <http://spckusa.org/>

### Bible Gateway <http://www.biblegateway.com/>

### Liturgical Calendar

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2016.html>

### Anglicans Online <http://anglicansonline.org>

### Alpha <http://www.alphausa.org>

### Anglicans Online USA

<http://anglicansonline.org/usa>

### Daily Prayer and Worship Resources Online

<http://oremus.org/index.html>

### Episcopal Veterans Fellowship

<http://evfellowship.org/>

### Habitat for Humanity

<http://www.habitatmontco.org/>

### Recycling in Montgomery County (including hazardous waste)

<http://www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?NID=637>

### General Convention Reports

<http://library.episcopalchurch.org>

### Society of Archbishop Justus

<http://justus.anglican.org>

### Project Canterbury (Anglican History)

<http://anglicanhistory.org>

### Anglican Communion News Service

<http://www.anglicannews.org/>

### SAMS—Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders

[www.sams-usa.org](http://www.sams-usa.org)

### Episcopal News Service

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens>

### Christ Church, Pottstown

<http://www.christpottstown.com>

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# Christ Church Newsletter

# June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 8:00 am Thrift Shop 9:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 12:00 pm Cluster Delegate Mtg 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Book Study	<b>4</b> 1:00 pm CGY Golf Outing 4:00 pm Car Show Food Sale
<b>5</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - I 9:15 am Nursery 9:15-12 9:15 am Parish Meeting and Coffee Hour 10:30 am Holy Eucharist - II 10:45 am Church School 12:00 pm Confirmation Class	<b>6</b> Community Meal 7:30 pm Book Study	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Tuesday Book Study 7:00 pm Property Committee Mtg 7:00 pm Search Committee	<b>8</b> 8:00 am Thrift Shop 9:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 6:00 pm Advocacy and Mission 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Book Study	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist - Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation 9:00 am Nursery 9:15-12 10:30 am Bishop Reception 11:30 am Bishop/Vestry Meeting	<b>13</b> Community Meal 7:30 pm Book Study	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Finance Committee 10:00 am Tuesday Book Study	<b>15</b> 8:00 am Thrift Shop 9:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 pm Vestry	<b>17</b> 9:00 am Book Study	<b>18</b> 9:00 am Daughters of the King
<b>19</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - I 9:15 am Nursery 9:15-12 9:30 am Holy Eucharist - II	<b>20</b> Community Meal 7:30 pm Book Study	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Tuesday Book Study 7:00 pm Search Committee	<b>22</b> 8:00 am Thrift Shop 9:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>24</b> 9:00 am Book Study	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - I 9:15 am Nursery 9:15-12 9:30 am Holy Eucharist - II 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School	<b>27</b> CGY Mission trip to CT <b>Community Meal</b> 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School 7:30 pm Book Study	<b>28</b> CGY Mission trip to CT 10:00 am Tuesday Book Study 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School	<b>29</b> CGY Mission trip to CT 8:00 am Thrift Shop 9:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School	<b>30</b> CGY Mission trip to CT 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		

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# July 2016

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