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Newsletter

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May Events

Friday, May 1

7:00 am Breakfast at Moila for

Victim's of Crime

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Saturday, May 3

8 am-5 pm Work Day at the
Church

Sunday, May 3

4 Easter

Paul Johnson Preacher

8:00 am Holy Communion

9-9:45 am Breakfast & Bible

Jeopardy

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sign Up Sunday ODFK

Monday-Tuesday, May 4-5

Performing Arts Association in
Undercroft

Wednesday, May 6

7:00 pm Women's Evening Group,
Parish Hall

Thursday, May 7

6:30 pm St. Fursey Men's Group,
Undercroft

From the Rector

This month is filled with many celebrations. We begin on May 1st; May Day – a day which my children always looked forward to as a day to place flowers on the doors of neighbors, ring the bell, and run away quickly in order to keep the secret of the giver.

On May 3rd, we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Easter and we will again hear Paul Johnson preaching. It is so wonderful to hear the words of another as they interpret the Lessons and the church, and Paul is especially sensitive to the Words of our Lord.

On the 10th we find another special day, it is Mother's Day, a day to honor our Mothers. It is also the anniversary of my ordination to the Diaconate, a day that forever changed me. I thought it was perfect for me to be ordained on that day as that is what I am... a mother. It is also a Sunday in which we remember to give thanks for our Mother's, for those who are with us and for those who are with the Lord.

The very next Sunday, May 17th, in the Church it is Rogation Sunday, a day in which those Episcopal churches located in agricultural areas walk the property on which the church building sits and ask God's blessing on it and upon all the agricultural ventures of the people. As we are in the midst of "farm land", it might be fun to do this at least once, so let's do it this year.

On the next Sunday, it is Youth Sunday. The young people will be conducting much of the service, as acolytes, crucifers, readers, and even preaching. The youth are so gifted here at Christ Church, that I am looking forward to this day and to what they have to offer. We are blessed to have them in our midst and to have the desire to share their faith with us. This is also Senior Sunday, a day in which we will offer our congratulations and give honor to our graduates, which this year include not only young people, but Anne Davies who is graduating magna cum laude from Northwest State University at Maryville.

May 31st is Pentecost, the "fiftieth day" (in Greek *pente-cost*), which completes the Great Fifty Days in which we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord. This Sabbath day is a time for vigor, movement, fresh air and fresh commitment. It's the day when everyone wears **RED** and let go of red balloons, wear red vestments, and red flowers decorate the church. At our house, we even eat red food on this day! This year I am also asking everyone to take home a red balloon and give it to someone who does not have a church, then invite them to church.

This is indeed a busy month with much planned. I hope to see you in church enjoying the Lord's Day with the Lord's people.

Mother Mimi

Friday, May 8

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, May 10**5 Easter****Mother's Day**

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Church School

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Donation Sunday ODFK

Monday, May 11

11:15 am Service Day Open Door

Food Kitchen

3 pm Clinical Pastoral Education concluding service

Wednesday, May 13

12 pm Amy Golding Salad Luncheon, Parish Hall

6:15 pm Vestry

Friday, May 15

12:05 pm Holy Communion

7 pm St. Fursey member and guest dinner in undercroft

Saturday, May 16

8 am-12 pm Community Chorus Board in Undercroft

Sunday, May 17**6 Easter****Rogation Sunday**

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Church School

9:00 am Practice for Youth Service

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

2:00 pm Judy McMurray, Allison Stewart class recital

Friday, May 22

No Holy Communion

West Missouri School Board

Saturday, May 23

Preaching Workshop with The Rev. Dr. Susan Smith

Sunday, May 24**7 Easter****Youth Sunday**

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Church School

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Thursday, May 28

6:00 pm Autism Support Group in Undercroft

Friday, May 29

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, May 31**Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sign Up ODFK

The **St. Fursey Men's Group** will meet on Thursday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the undercroft. We will use this night to plan for our annual member and guest dinner which will be held on Friday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the undercroft. This special dinner is a way for the group to show appreciation for someone special. The menu as of now will be an entrée of beef tenderloin and lobster. The appetizers and side dishes will be discussed during our May 7 meeting. If you will attend please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board across from the church office. All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

Church School: This month we are wrapping up our year. The Preschool/Elementary Class will continue studying Peter to finish up their study of New Testament people. The Middle School/High School Class will host a Jeopardy-style game at the May 3rd breakfast and take on the adults to demonstrate their knowledge of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity which they've been studying this year. Plan to attend and see how much you know! May 24th will be a "Youth Sunday" with the church school students running the service. It will also be Recognition Sunday for the church school, so plan to attend this very special service. May 24th will be the last day for church school for the school year.

Needed....Volunteer/s for June Deliveries - Meals on Wheels

Every Wednesday of the month we have dedicated Christ Church parishioners delivering hot and cold meals to those that are homebound. This is an outreach project that many churches and organizations in the area support. It takes only an hour and one-half to complete the route. This coming **June is open** for anyone wishing to become involved with this ministry. Please contact Ginny McLaughlin, 816-901-0254, for further information if you would like to participate. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School: This year we will again be participating in Vacation Bible School with 1st Presbyterian Church, 1st Lutheran Church, Francis St. First UMC, and Zion Church of Christ. This year it will be held up the street at 1st Presbyterian Church from Sunday, June 28th through Thursday, July 2nd from 6-8 pm. The theme is "Camp Edge." There will be a kick-off dinner on the 28th starting at 5 pm. Preschool through 6th grade students are welcome to participate, and a nursery will be available for younger children. Christ Episcopal is in charge of crafts for all 5 nights, and Ben Caldwell will again do science demos during snack time. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be posted soon on the Church School bulletin board. We will need 3 or 4 helpers each night. If you have any questions, Cathy Caldwell is the coordinator for VBS.

Congratulations to our graduating High School Seniors, Keely King is graduating from Benton High School on May 31 and plans to attend the University of Missouri Kansas City. Neil Robinson and Taylor Stanton will graduate from Maysville High School on May 17, and both plan to attend Northwest Missouri State University. Neil is having a reception immediately following the 1:30 p.m. ceremony at the June Conley Building, 701 E. Main, Maysville, MO. We also congratulate Anne Davies who will graduate on May 2 from Northwest Missouri State University, Magna Cum Laude, with a degree in Child and Family Counseling. Well done!!

The Amy Golding/St. Paula's Guild will hold their regular monthly salad luncheon on Wednesday, May 13, beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall of the church. All ladies of the parish are invited to bring their favorite salad to share and join the members with lunch, fellowship and a short business meeting. More information? Speak to Gladys Freeman.

Women's Evening Group - Why should the men have all the fun? The first meeting of the evening women's group will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6. All women of the church are invited to attend this meeting. For more information speak to Cosette Hardwick.



This year's Seder Meal on Wednesday, April 8, was once again a great success and we had the honor of being joined by two members of the local Jewish Community, Ben Rich and Diane Lee, who assisted Mother Mimi with the service. There were forty five in attendance for this very spiritual dinner which concluded our Lenten Studies for this year. Roxanne Dale also reports that we did see an increase in our overall Holy Week attendance this year over last year. (330 total this year, 307 last year).

Ministry for Episcopal Youth in West Missouri.

Extreme Build Kentucky will be here before you know it - make sure someone knows you're coming by sending in your [forms](#) today!!! We'll be part of a larger group of volunteers from Mountain Hope building a house in one week - just like on TV's Extreme Build Home Edition. There's jobs that fit everyone's talents - even helping to cook! If you're looking for something to power up your faith and give you a new perspective - there's nothing like a mission trip and helping other people to make that happen! This trip is for youth grades 7 - 12 (as of fall 2009) interested in a hands-on, face-to-face mission opportunity! Join us! June 7 - 13 Whitley City , Kentucky. The cost is \$150 per person and covers all travel expenses.

Why is this retreat named "Outside the Box"? Because sometimes being a Christian takes us there...Even after last years high-water adventure - we're up for more! **Youth grades 9-12 (as of fall 09) - make sure someone knows you're coming - send your [forms](#) in today!!!** We'll be at **Sunburst Ranch**, in Caulfield , MO - **June 26-28** - camping out and enjoying the North Fork of the White River together.

St. Paul's Church in Kansas City is ready to host the 8th annual Missionpalooza youth event **July 21-26!** Again, there's nothing like a mission experience to give us a new point of view - to see how lives connect - and just how much of a difference one person can make in this world! **And, speaking of making a difference - here's a big THANK YOU to Kelsey Kirkpatrick and Kursten Davenport for their work in designing the poster for this year as part of the Youth Design Team! Youth grades 8-12 - make sure someone knows you're coming by sending in your [forms](#) as soon as possible!!!**

MAY BIRTHDAYS: Janis Irby 1, Jeremy Teeple 1, Jim Dale 2, Taylor Stanton 4, David Robaska 5, Francis French 5, Mike Wright 6, Billie Vories 11, Ralph Stanton 11, Mother Mimi Ordination 11, Sheldon Kapp 19, Jane Hibler 21, Peter Bram 23, Deborah Paden 23, Todd Wilcox 24, Bennett Sauls 25, Michael Wright 26, Nancy Sanford 29, Jim Sauls 30. "O God, our times are in your hand; Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES: Rob and Dana Walling 31.

"We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating and sustaining these marriages in Christ's name. Lead them now and forever in love and companionship with each other and with you. And may the Spirit of Christ's peace which passes all understanding be with them now and forever." Amen.

We offer our prayers of thanks for those families who are expecting a baby, especially Jon and Sabrina Vega, Nick and Amy Vega, Mary Beth and Bart Bates, and Mike and Jan Wright.

Our sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of Jack Tootle, Arlo Bush, father of Jim Bush, and Arthur Buckingham, brother of Julie Ward, who died recently. May the peace of the Lord be with all during this time of loss.



Prayers will be offered for those sick or recovering from an illness, especially, Jean, Winston, Fred, Hazel, Lois, Claudia, Dan, and George.

Names on this prayer list will appear for four weeks and then will be removed to the Prayer Chain unless the church office is otherwise notified.



Memorial and Thanksgiving Flowers

May 3 The flower cascade at the Altar is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gilbert Tootle by Sharon Tootle and families.

May 10 The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Gordon and June Robaska.

May 17 The flower cascade at the Altar is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of family by Barbara Saunders.

May 24 The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of family by Sandy Miller; and the cascade is given in thanksgiving for a wonderful group of Sunday School students by Cosette Hardwick.

May 31 The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Walter S. Hillyard, and her sister, Sarah Hunter, by Mrs. Bickley Bayer.

Church Office Hours

Mon. & Tues. 8 am-12 pm

Wed., Thurs. Fri. 8 am-4 pm

Sat. Mother Mimi 8 am-12 pm

If you would like to donate altar flowers or a cascade in Thanksgiving or Remembrance please contact one of our Flower Ministry coordinators, **Kay Temps (233-8179)** or **Ginny McLaughlin (901-0254)** or sign up on the flower schedule posted by the bulletin board and fill out one of the attached donation forms.

Worship Opportunities

Sundays

Summer

8:00 AM-Holy Communion
& Homily

10:00 AM-Holy Eucharist & Sermon

Fall and Winter

8:00 AM-Holy Communion
& Homily

9:00 AM-Church School

10:00 AM-Holy Eucharist &
Sermon

Fridays

12:05 PM-Holy Communion in the
Chapel

During Lent and other special seasons of the church year, opportunities are provided for additional spiritual growth and development. Please consult the Sunday bulletin or [InSpire](#) for details.

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