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From the Desk of Fr. Proctor

The Church That Prays Together Stays Together

Clichés become clichés for a reason, and it is usually because there is a certain amount of wisdom or truth in them, no matter how tired the cliché might have become. The title of this post is a revision of the cliché “the family that prays together stays together,” and perhaps you have heard me use this revised cliché before. But as a new calendar year is upon us, now is a good time for us to think about how we might nurture our individual and corporate spiritual lives in the year to come.

Since the founding of the Church of England in the 16th century, the core of our identity has been common prayer. The Book of Common Prayer is what Christians in the Anglican tradition first turn to for our theology and practice, and when we are at our best, it is what holds us unified amid our diversity (globally and locally).

Right now, we have three opportunities during the week to worship together at Christ the King – Sunday mornings at 8:00 & 10:30, and Wednesday afternoons at 4:30. For the new year, beginning on January 10, we will add an 8:30am Morning Prayer service to the worship schedule. This service includes scripture readings, canticles (poetic responses to the readings), and prayers, and will be straight from the Book of Common Prayer. There is no sermon and no music, and it will last about 30 minutes. This service is open to anybody and everybody in the community who would like to begin their day with prayer.

As we did for the season of Advent and are doing for the season of Christmas, we will continue to leave the church sanctuary open for prayer and meditation throughout the day during regular business hours. So if you have a meeting at the church, school, or in the neighborhood during the week, you might consider coming a little early a staying afterwards to step into the church for a moment of quiet prayer or reflection. We will continue to explore ways to make our campus a place of prayer and sanctuary throughout the week, whether it is through regularly-scheduled worship services or personal prayer and meditation.

We are working on a spiritual resource guide that will be made available on our church website and in the church narthex and office. This guide will serve as a collection of resources and ideas for ways you might enhance your prayer life in 2017. So be on the lookout for that. In the meantime, please remember that we have the Forward Day by Day devotional booklets available for free in the church narthex and church office. They are a terrific source for daily reflections on the scripture lessons for the day.

I hope that all of us will see 2017 as an opportunity to nurture any disciplines of prayer and worship we already practice, as well as to seek new ways to cultivate our spiritual lives. If we as a parish family commit to habits of steadfast individual and corporate prayer, I trust that the many clichés about prayer will once again prove to be true.

Christmastide blessings to each and every one of you and all of your extended families, and Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events



Caring and Sharing Sunday

Sunday, January 1st

Let's fill the little red wagon with canned goods and donations for Caring and Sharing. Bring your donations on the first Sunday of the month. The donations will then be delivered to Caring and Sharing during the week.

If you would like to donate cash, please make checks payable to Caring and Sharing of South Walton. You can place these checks in the donation plate or send them in directly.



Adult Formation: Mindful Aging

Sunday, January 8th | 9:15 AM

Mindful Aging: A program being presented during Adult Formation for four Sundays, beginning **January 8, 2017** and concluding on February 5, 2017. The class will not meet on Sunday, January 22nd due to the Annual Parish Meeting.

This class is for all ages! Aging begins the moment we are born. Come and hear all the myth busters about the process each week from 9:15-10:15. Childcare will be provided.

Aging is a spiritual and emotional challenge. This class will debunk the myths of aging and retirement. Can you imagine a time in life when you are most fully yourself? That time is called "productive aging". This class is for all ages, whether you are in the midst of "productive aging" or your parents are and you are the support system.

The program presenter is Gayle Powers, our own parishioner. Gayle currently serves on four boards of directors, including Shelter house and IMPACT 100 of Okaloosa and Walton Counties. She and husband Bob moved here from Tennessee, where she had a private practice in psychotherapy, lectured at Vanderbilt University, and served as president of the Nashville Psychotherapy Institute.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 8th

At the 10:30 service on January 8, on the day that we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, we will baptize Isabella Hayes into the Body of Christ. Isabella is the daughter of Trey and Leah Hayes, and sister of Nola and Lucy, who attend our parish day school.



Acolyte Training & Pizza Party Sunday, January 8th | 12:30 – 2:00 PM

All 5th – 12th graders who would like to serve as an acolyte are invited to stay after church on Sunday, January 8 for a pizza party and acolyte training. If you are already an acolyte, please plan on attending, as there is always something new to learn! Serving as an acolyte (or lector) is an opportunity for youth to serve in a leadership role in the church, and it is a requirement for confirmation. High school students get service hours for serving as an acolyte as well! If

you have any questions, please contact Fr. Proctor: rector@christthekingfl.org.

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Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, January 25th | 5:30 PM

The next Outreach Commission meeting is January 25th at 5:30 pm in Sandefur Hall.

If you are not able to attend, please contact Bill Weil at bill.weil.511@gmail.com or Charlie Fisher at sonelvis@gmail.com with your ideas for service opportunities in our community and beyond.



Snowbird Luncheon & 5th Sunday Pot Luck Sunday, January 29th | 11:45 AM

Please join us on Sunday, January 29th after the 10:30 AM service for a pot luck lunch. Bring your favorite salad or side to share. The church will provide the meat and the dessert. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parish News & Announcements

November Financial Report by Dale Dalbey

Revenue Summary

Total revenue for the month is \$39,150.61. This is lower than budgeted for the month, but our year-to-date is \$11,860.92 ahead of budget. In December, we will need to collect approximately \$36,600 to achieve to our giving goal for the year. We believe we are well on target to meet that goal.

Expense Summary

Total expenses for the month are \$43,958.04. This is \$1,761 less than budgeted. Expenses for the year are approximately \$11,000 under budget. We are anticipating no extraordinary expenses for December that would cause expenses to be over budget for the year.

Net Surplus/Deficit

Net deficit for the month is \$4,807.43. Net revenue for the year is \$42,383.99. This is almost double our projections. We expect our operating surplus for the year to exceed budget.

Who is Representing CtK at the Diocesan Convention?

Congratulations to Catherine Dickson for being selected to join Richards Jacobs and Joe Serrato at the Diocesan Convention this February in Dothan, Alabama. Chuck Goins will serve as our alternate.

Have you turned in your 2017 Pledge Card?

Have you turned in your 2017 Pledge Card yet? If not, you still have time! Either mail the pledge card in, drop it in the offering plate or stop by and see Kirsten in the office. Don't have a pledge card? Let Kirsten know and she will mail you a card, or you can pick one up in the office.

Our Doors Are Open for Prayer!

One thing that we learned through our recent Strategic Visioning Process is that worship is at the top of our list of five core values. Another thing that we heard is that one thing that makes CtK so special – and unique for this area – is the sheer beauty of our property and church. Many people listed that as one of the most appealing things about CtK, and something that we can continue to enjoy in a new and meaningful ways.

So beginning in Advent, we began leaving the church doors unlocked during business hours (8:30-4:30 Mondays-Thursdays, Friday 8:00-12:00 on Fridays). That way, if you ever need a sacred, holy, quiet space to pray, meditate, or simply sit, the church will be open. Tree House parents might choose to stop in for a quiet, meditative moment after dropping their children off at school or before they pick them up. Folks may choose to stop in and pray on their way to a doctor's appointment, or on a special anniversary.

We will continue to explore ways to enhance this offering, perhaps by making prayer cards or other materials available. Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions in this regard.



****Note** On Wednesdays, the church is reserved from 8:30-9:30 am for Tree House weekly chapel services.**

Outreach

Get Involved in Outreach!

Outreach is looking for additional members!! We want to make sure you have the opportunity to be involved in the ministries here at CtK. Talk to any of the Commission including Bill Weil (Chair) or Charlie Fisher (Vestry Liaison), or others you know are working in Outreach activities. The next Outreach Meeting is on **January 25, 2017**. Want more details? Pick up a "Get Involved in Outreach" flyer at the office or check out the church website.

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Volunteers Needed for Cold Weather Emergency Shelter



It's that time of year... Volunteers needed! When it is expected to be below 40 degrees overnight the Cold Weather Emergency shelter opens at 6:00pm and closes at 7:00am. Christ the King staffs the shelter on Tuesdays when the shelter is open in the meeting room of the Coastal Branch of the Walton County Library, at 437 Greenway Trail, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

We provide dinner and a warm place to sleep and then breakfast for anyone needing it, particularly the homeless population. We typically need 6 volunteers to deliver dinner, serve dinner, spend the night to monitor the shelter, and pick up and deliver breakfast.

Please consider this wonderfully rewarding outreach mission and contact Ann Wallace at annwallace@gmail.com or 850-217-7607 or Cindy Graham at clgrahm12@gmail.com or 850-660-1436.

Freezer Friends Reminder

Please remember frozen meals are located in the small pantry freezer. These meals are not only for those individuals in our parish but anyone in our community. Come – Take – Share with no questions asked. Just mark off the inventory sheet so we can keep track of what we need to cook. There are meals for 2 and 4 in the pantry.

We will be cooking again in January to restock – so keep an eye out in the bulletin for a date. Any question, please contact Cindy Graham at clgrahm12@gmail.com or 850-660-1436.

Men's Breakfast Group

Start the New Year off right January 6 with Men's Breakfast and Bible Study on Friday Mornings - Breakfast is served at 8:00am, but some of us get here at 6:30 or 7:00 for conversation and cooking!

Women's Study Group

Starting on Monday, January 9th, please join us at 11:00 AM for our weekly Monday morning women's study group in Hughes Library.

Reminders

Pledge - ACH Available

Want to set you pledge up so it automatically is paid each week, month or quarter? If so, please contact Kirsten Smith in the office to get this set up and remove one thing off your "to-do" list.

Legacy Society

Will children be baptized in Christ the King Episcopal Church in 2055? How can you ensure that the faith that has sustained and guided you will be available for future generations? Planned gifts, including bequests in a will and life income gifts, are effective ways to transfer wealth and values from one generation to the next. Learn more about how planned giving can benefit both your family and your church. Please contact Less Porterfield at lesporterfield6@gmail.com or 850-687-0701.



Baptism Opportunities

Interested in Holy Baptism at Christ the King Episcopal Church? Our upcoming dates are Saturday, April 15 (Easter Vigil), June 4 (the Day of Pentecost) and Sunday, November 5th (All Saints' Sunday). Contact the office if you are interested in the process.

Reserve a Room/Request Marketing or Maintenance

Need to reserve a room? Request for something to be put on Facebook or have marketing designed? Have something for our sexton to do? Fill out the form online, or visit the office to fill out the form.

Stay up to date with our calendar:

Don't have your Monthly Word or bulletin but want to know what is going on. Visit the website for access to the monthly calendar. It is constantly being updated: www.christthekingfl.org/events/calendar

Serving Needs

Interesting in serving at CtK? Please contact Geoffrey Butler at geoffreybutler1@live.com. "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10

Diocese Bi-Monthly eNewsletter

Subscribe to the Diocese of Central Gulf Coast Bi-Monthly eNewsletter Coastline and stay up-to-date with our Diocese.

Sending Mail to CtK

Wondering which address to use in mailing the Church Office? Please use Christ the King Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 1677, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Monthly Word or Mid-Month Happenings Submission

The deadline for Monthly Word submissions is the 25th and for the mid-month Happenings is the 10th. Please email information to office@christthekingfl.org. Note: all submissions must be approved by the Rector.

Weekly Events

Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:15 AM Christian Formation (The nursery is now open during this time)
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday

11:00 AM Women's Monday Morning Study Group Hughes Library

Tuesday

6:30 AM High School Youth Breakfast & Bible Study (begins Jan. 10) Hardee's
8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite II (begins Jan. 10) CtK Sanctuary
6:00 PM AA Meeting Vestry Room/Sandefur Hall

Wednesday

1:30 PM Yoga with Winky Sandefur Hall
3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group – 2nd Wednesday of the Month Hughes Library
4:30 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II CtK Sanctuary
5:30 PM Outreach Commission Meeting – 3rd Wednesday of the Month Sandefur Hall

Thursday

6:30 PM Emerald Coast Mediation Society (1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month) Sandefur Hall

Friday

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Sandefur Hall
12:00 PM Church Office Closes

Prayer List

Parishioners

Trisha McDowell
Pat Dean
Colleen Sachs
Maxine Bradley
Abe Watson
Kay Bonn
Maureen Johnson
Linda & Hannah Shovea

Our Family and Friends

Gordon and Anne Trivett
Taylor Morales
Kearin
Doug
Gus Bailey
Val Wallace
Trent Wallace
Robert Wiggins
Jenn Potts
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