



**Christ Church**  
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# The Good News Weekly

**Christ Episcopal Church**

June 30, 2019



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## Upcoming Events

- 6/30/19** **Fifth Sunday Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. at Christ Church  
 Come and enjoy breakfast with your Christ Church friends! It's a great way to start the day.
- 6/30/19** **Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 6/30/19** **Holy Eucharist** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 7/1-6/19** **Nora on Vacation**
- 7/3/19** **Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
- 7/4/19** **Independence Day** – office closed
- 7/7/19** **Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 7/7/19** **Holy Eucharist** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 7/8/19** **Nora Out of the Office**
- 7/9/19** **Vestry Meeting** at 6:00 at Christ Church
- 7/10/19** **Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
- 7/14/19** **Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 7/14/19** **Courtyard Picnic** following the service at CEC
- 7/14/19** **NO Service** at St. Barnabas Chapel on this date

## Bishop Klusmeyer Calls A Canon to the Ordinary

After a long time of my discernment, I have decided that it is time to call for another Canon to the Ordinary.

After Faith and Donald retired, it was my plan to have an Assistant Bishop, and so Bishop Mark came and joined us. Upon his departure to the Diocese of Lexington, I thought about the next steps for ministry in the Diocese.

I have asked the Rev. Mark Seitz to become the next Canon to the Ordinary, and he has accepted.

Mark has served this Diocese for more than 2 decades. He has served on many, many committees, including the Commission on Ministry, the Standing Committee, the Trustees of the Benjamin Spurr Trust, to name just a few. He has also served as Deputy to General Convention and has been assigned to various commissions there.

I am happy to welcome Mark aboard.

He will continue to serve at St. Matthew's, Wheeling, until after our Convention in October – which means he will be there to welcome the Presiding Bishop and to welcome the Diocese in Convention.

Thank you, and God bless you.

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## Serving Ministries

**June 30, 2019**

**Third Sunday After Pentecost**

- 8:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast** at Christ Church
- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church  
 Lector: Chuck Critchfield  
 Ushers: Jody Morse and Ben Hardesty  
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield  
 Altar Guild: Brenda Barnes and Kitty Clovis
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour** in the parlor  
 Coffee hour host: Nora Becker
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at St. Barnabas  
 Lector: Ron LaNeve  
 Ushers: Tom and Becky Durrett  
 Altar Guild: Nancy Cotten

**July 7, 2019**

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

- 8:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast** at Christ Church
- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church  
 Lector: Bill Saviers  
 Ushers: Ben Barksdale  
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield  
 Altar Guild: Carol Johnson and Suzanne Wilson
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour** in the parlor  
 Coffee hour host: OPEN
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at St. Barnabas  
 Lector: Nancy Cotten  
 Ushers: Joe Martin  
 Altar Guild: Kipp Martin

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The Good News Story of Jesus Christ**



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## Meet Our Missionaries: Mitchel Bibelheimer, Young Adult Service Corps

*An update from Mitchel Bibelheimer, a Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) missionary serving in the Philippines:*

My name is Mitchel Bibelheimer and I am currently serving as a Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) volunteer in the Philippines. I am blessed to get to work with E-CARE, a community development program that focuses on maximizing the assets that the community has in abundance. This means that we get to spend a lot of our time visiting our community partners across the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, where I am stationed. Normally, this means that we leave in the morning and drive – sometimes even hike – to our community for the day. We are always greeted with coffee and snacks before we get to our meeting. We begin by discussing strengths, weaknesses, and concerns before getting to the focus of our meeting which can be orientation, assessment, monitoring, strategic planning, financial management, values formation, and so much more! We always share at least one meal together and multiple coffee breaks, because building relationships with our community partners is the foundation for all of our work here. In the conversations I have had and the trainings I have begun to teach, I have learned more than I could ever imagine in these last eight months.

When I look back on my life a year ago, I was in the middle of a tough decision; I could start a career, or I could volunteer as a YAScEr. I didn't know what I wanted to do, but I knew that 10 years down the road, I wanted to have a job that I would enjoy. I looked back at my years as a church camp counselor (the only job I enjoyed so far) and tried to figure out why I liked it. I eventually decided that maybe it was because I was in service to others. That's when I committed to YASC. I knew that in the long run, I would never regret immersing myself in a foreign culture and maybe I would get lucky and find something I would enjoy doing for the rest of my life. As I read about different programs that YASC offered (there are a lot), I was really interested in the community development program in the Philippines, E-CARE. The more I read, the more I hoped that would be where I was sent.



Now I have committed to a second year here in the Philippines, and when I get back, I look forward to getting a master's degree in international development to continue to work with the passion I found here. I definitely feel the love and support from my home diocese, Oklahoma, and would love to feel your support as well. Any prayers are always helpful, but here is some of my prayer list for an example: For myself, I pray for guidance as I continue this journey. For my coworkers, I pray for their passion to only ever increase. For our community partners, primarily farming communities, I pray for moderate weather as the rainy season begins. For the world, I pray for motivation to stand up and take a genuine stand for preserving our environment. Thank you for reading, and have a blessed day!

*You can continue to follow and find out about Mitchel's mission on his blog at [yascmitchel.wordpress.com](http://yascmitchel.wordpress.com). Learn more about the Young Adult Service Corps at [bit.ly/YASCepiscopal](http://bit.ly/YASCepiscopal).*