



August 2025



**Mission
Statement**

**To Love Others as
Christ Loves Us**

A Message from Mother Robin



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Dear Friends,

What a summer it has been! Our Sunday services have been full of life, energy, and a sense of renewal. Each week, our summer worship themes have invited us to consider how faith touches every part of our lives—from rest and hospitality to justice and joy. The Spirit has moved among us in the music, in the preaching, and especially in the way you all have shown up with open hearts and eager spirits.

A special highlight has been watching our confirmation class grow in faith and confidence. Whether youth or adult, each confirmand brings their own questions, hopes, and gifts—and it's a joy to journey alongside them. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue preparing for this sacred step in the fall.

We're also thrilled to be getting ready for Vacation Bible School! This year's theme promises to bring fun, faith, and formation together in a way that both kids and volunteers will never forget. Through storytelling, crafts, games, and music, we'll help our children discover more about God's love and how they are each a part of God's big story. Paul has worked diligently to pull things together. If you haven't signed up to help yet, there's still time!

As we move through the rest of the summer and begin turning our hearts toward fall, I want to say thank you. Thank you for showing up. Thank you for bringing your full selves. Thank you for being part of what makes this community so vibrant and alive.

With gratitude and peace,

Mother Robin

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WEB

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WORSHIP

Sunday at 8 am in the Old Chapel

Sunday at 10 am in the Main Church

WEDNESDAY

10 am Bible Study & Healing Service
with Eucharist

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I AM STRONGEST WHEN I AM WEAK

By Tiffany L Fisher

I have always believed that God will never give me more than I can handle. There have been some times in my life that I have felt as though I have reached my limit and I can't take any more, but I do, and I have, and I have gotten through it. It's amazing how God works.

I try to be so strong, and believe that I can handle it on my own, but that's not what God wants. He wants us to come to him in all things. He wants us to show our weakness so that we can lean on him for help. God reveals to me every day that I can't do this thing called life on my own, and I need to draw closer to him.

Two weeks ago, I was feeling like I was weak when, Of all things, I was watching YouTube the and came across the following:

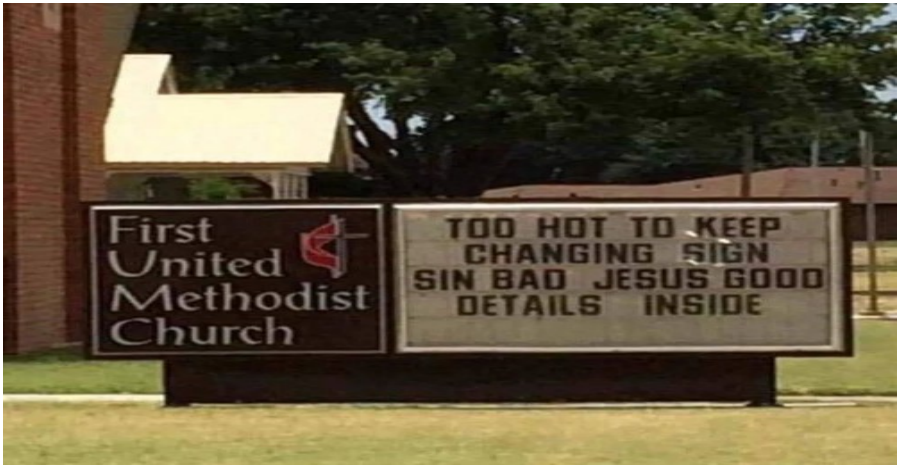
2 Corinthians verse 9 says, "My Grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." You may feel weary, burdened, or like you are not strong enough to face what's ahead, but God never asked you to do it alone. His grace is not just sufficient, it is overflowing, and exactly what you need in every moment of weakness.

It amazes me how many times God put his words in front of me, and does it when I least expect it. He knows just what I need and when to send it to me. He consistently finds ways to introduce scripture to me in ways other than reading the bible.

We are not meant to carry all of the burdens of this life alone. God wants us to rely on him and to ask for his help in everything. We are our strongest when we are weak and at the foot of God asking for him to help us.

Philippians 4:6-7 says to be anxious for nothing but to bring every situation to God in prayer and with thanksgiving.

It's pretty arrogant that I think I can do this on my own. Thank God he does not hold that against me. In fact, I think he probably laughs at me and says, "Tiffany Lynne, when are you going to realize you can't do it on your own? You need ME!!!" God you are so right, I NEED YOU!



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TOWER LIGHTING

August Tower Lights shine in

Loving Memory of
Bill & Margaret Moore

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RECYCLE ALUMINUM CANS

We are collecting aluminum cans (please no cat food cans, or metal cans) in the garage. Cans to the right of the garage. Also any scrap metal can be placed there. If you have large items or need help bringing items in, call me. Steve 330-770-4763 Money goes to the general fund.

RALLY DAY

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 after church we will be celebrating the beginning of the new church year and Sunday school with Rally Day. Food, Fun, and surprises for the day. Make sure you are available so that you can be a part of the festivities. We always manage to have a really good time.

Come out and celebrate with us. The church will provide the meat and we are asking everyone attending to bring a dish.

A-I: a Dessert

J-R: Side Dish

Coming in September

Do you like to read? Do you like to discuss what you've read?

Have we got a Club for you!!!

Judy Rich and Tobie Smith are working on a **Book Club**.

This is in the initial planning stages so we don't have a lot of answers yet, but we will and when we do, we will let all of you know in the **bulletin**.

We just wanted to let you know to get ready because it's going to be a lot of fun.

Who doesn't LOVE a book CLUB?



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Dates: August 4–8 | **Time:** 5:00 PM—8:00 PM nightly



Ways to Serve:

Group leaders & storytellers

Snack prep & distribution

Worship, music, or game leaders

Register on line at christchurchwarren.org

Or register in the office, or find Paul

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



During the August 10th 9:00 AM service we will be having the Blessing of the Backpacks. All kids can bring in their new backpacks to be blessed. We will also have several backpacks on hand for those that do not have one.

At the same time we are taking donations of back to school supplies. We hope to stock the backpacks with pens, pencils, paper, crayons, erasers, and anything else you can think of.

Not all kids have access to these supplies and we want to be able to help.

If you do have access to the supplies and will be going back to school, bring your backpack in and let us bless it for a fantastic school year. \

REMEMBER TO COME TO CHURCH WITH YOUR BACKPACK ON AUGUST 10TH FOR THE 9:00 AM SERVICE.



MUSIC AND THE ARTS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Dear Friends,

I write to you from the porch of the Athenaeum Hotel, overlooking the peaceful waters of Chautauqua Lake, on the final day of my sabbatical. These closing days have been spent at the Chautauqua Institution, immersed in a community of artists, musicians, and spiritual seekers—each committed to their craft and calling. It has been an inspiring and restorative experience.

My heart is full of gratitude for this sacred time away. It has been a season of reconnection—with friends, with family, and with the places that ground and renew me. It has also been a time for reflection on the shared ministry we have cultivated over these past eight years at Christ Church. I’ve thought deeply about what has been, and dreamed boldly about what might yet be. I return with renewed energy and a hopeful spirit for the road ahead.

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to Jeannine Morris and MacKenzie Pinto for their exceptional leadership in my absence. I’m also deeply grateful to Mother Robin and the Vestry for their steadfast support and for granting me this gift of sabbatical time.

It continues to be one of my greatest joys and privileges to serve alongside you in this vibrant community. We are blessed with a stunning campus, beautiful worship spaces, and world-class instruments—but above all, we are blessed with each other. The true heart of Christ Church is its people, and I am grateful for every one of you.

With peace and anticipation for the season ahead,

Pax+
Jamie

THE PARISH CHOIR IS FOR YOU
Rehearsals for the Parish Choir will resume on **Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 PM** in the Choir Room. This ensemble is open to all adults and high school students (grades 9 and above), and we are currently looking to grow.

The Parish Choir is more than a Sunday morning music group—it is a ministry that deepens our worship, builds community, and enriches the spiritual life of the parish. Whether you are an experienced singer or someone who simply enjoys making music, your voice is welcome.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact me at music@christchurchwarren.org or call/text **330.647.5570**.

FINANCE

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS				
	June 2025		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income				
Pledges	\$12,714	\$8,334	\$86,894	\$81,264
All Other	\$11,369	\$11,369	\$83,397	\$82,720
Total Income	\$24,083	\$19,703	\$170,291	\$163,984
Expenses	(\$28,744)	(\$28,667)	(\$187,681)	(\$185,388)
Excess/(Deficit)	(\$4,661)	(\$8,964)	(\$17,390)	(\$21,404)

Summer Service Schedule

☉ Summer Sunday Themes – 9:00 a.m. Chapel Service
August 3 – August 31

Date	Theme	Details
August 3	<i>Fruit of the Spirit Sunday</i>	Celebrate Galatians 5:22–23. Enjoy fruit-themed treats after church.
August 10	<i>Ice Cream Social</i>	Enjoy an ice cream social after the service—great for all ages.
August 17	<i>Blessing of the Flip-Flops</i>	Wear your summer sandals—we’ll bless them (and you)!
August 24	<i>Aloha Sunday</i>	Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt or tropical attire. Leis provided!
August 31	<i>Parish Spirit Sunday</i>	Wear church colors or swag as we celebrate our community!

Come as you are—or come, themed—and help us make this summer one of joyful worship and fellowship!

Supplies for School

Kindergarten:

Backpack without wheels
One package washable markers
(classic colors)
Pencil box

First & Second Grades:

Backpack without wheels
One package washable markers
(classic colors)
One block (Pink) pencil eraser
Two packages of #2 Pencils
Pencil box

Third, Fourth, Fifth Grades:

Backpack without wheels
Two packages of #2 pencils
One block (pink) pencil eraser
One package of washable markers
(classic colors)
Pencil pouch

Sixth, Seventh, Eighth Grades:

Backpack without wheels
Two packages pf #2 pencils
One package of blue or black pens
One package colored pencils
(8-12 count)
Pencil pouch

Suggested Supplies for Home

Students in Kindergarten, First, Second, Third, Fourth, & Fifth Grades:

Pencils
Handheld pencil sharpener
Age appropriate scissors
School glue or glue sticks
Crayons and/or washable markers
Notebook paper (wide rule) (for students in grades 2-5)

Students in Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades:

Pencils & pens
Handheld pencil sharpener
Colored pencils or crayons
School glue or glue sticks
Scissors
Notebook paper (college rule) for students in grades 6-8)

If you are able to help with any of these items please bring them in before August 15th and place them in the appropriate box in the hallway next to the office

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

MUSIC Con't...

ARTS ON ATLANTIC: 2025–2026 SEASON

We are in the final stages of planning the upcoming season of *Arts on Atlantic*, Christ Church's concert series. This year's season will include a variety of musical offerings designed to inspire, uplift, and engage our community.

Brochures detailing the full schedule will be mailed during the last week of August. We look forward to welcoming you—and your guests—to another season of exceptional performances.

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

One of my hopes as I return from sabbatical is to begin a parish-wide conversation about music formation for children and youth. For centuries, the church has understood music not merely as an art form, but as a spiritual discipline and a communal language of faith.

Historically, the church was the primary source of music education—up until the mid-20th century. We have a responsibility to re-engage this tradition, not just for those who “like to sing,” but as part of our sacred commitment to form the next generation in the practices of worship and beauty.

I would welcome your thoughts on how we might begin, revive, or reimagine this ministry at Christ Church. Please feel free to share your ideas and insights with me at music@christchurchwarren.org.

August Birthdays



- 3 Ray Takach
- 5 Mike Cantelmo
- 6 Alexanne Griffith
- 10 Fred Schweitzer
- 16 Don Scarmuzzi
- 17 Pam Eastman
- 17 Eric Doan
- 18 MaryAnne Stefanick
- 19 Hannah Watts
- 23 Gris Hurlbert
- 23 Gail Cantelmo
- 25 Marcia Christy
- 26 Karl Morris



LINCOLN SCHOOLS

By Linda Day

LINCOLN SCHOOL AUGUST 2025 CROSSROADS

On August 18th the 2025-2026 school year begins. Summer is still happening so there are many “long” faces not ready to do home-work just yet. On the other hand there are a group of children looking forward to going back to school. These children are guaranteed breakfast and lunch and if needed Happy Meals to take home along with clothing. It doesn’t change the fact that some still live in environments where they do not feel safe, who are homeless and who do not have responsible support systems.

In the coming weeks before school opens we need to continue to help meet the current needs and get ready for the “back to school” needs.

Current. (available from Pantry when summer school students and parent drop-ins request food)

- Peanut butter

Jelly
- Crackers

Bread
- Ramen noodles

Back to School

Food

- Macaroni and cheese cups
- Ramen noodles
- Peanut butter crackers
- Drink box
- Fruit cup
- Treats

Clothing

Boys

- Sweatpants – sizes 5 to 14
- Underwear – sizes 5 to 14

Girls

- Leggings sizes 6 to 14
- Underwear – sizes 6 to 14
plus Small, medium women

DO YOU HAVE THE HEART TO SERVE?

Do you have a desire to serve here at Christ Church? If you do then WE NEED YOU!!!

There are many areas of the church where your skillset could be used.

We need volunteers in the following areas:

- Ushers
- Lectors
- Chalice
- Greeters
- Bakers
- Altar Guild
- Garden Crew
- Events Committee
- Financial Team
- Sunday School Assistants
- Ladles of Love
- First Presby Food Prep

In case you can’t tell there are many parts to the church, and many areas that you can use your talents. If you feel the spirit drawing you to any of these areas, please contact the church office for further information. We need you. We will train you in whatever you want to assist with. There is someone within the church that is in charge of each of these areas and they will help you by teaching you what you will need to do.

Think hard about this. Pray about it, and let us know what you are willing to volunteer for.

If you should have any questions, please call the office and they will assist you, or answer any of your questions.

Thank you for considering this, and for praying on it.



SUMMER AT CHRIST CHURCH



LINCOLN SCHOOLS (continued)

By Linda Day

When you come to church, please if you are able, bring a donation of food and/or clothing for a Lincoln School child.

Thank you for filling a tummy and clothing a child. Your caring brings smiles to their faces.

God Bless You,

Linda Day



It's that time again. October 17th and 18th will be the Fall Rummage Sale. Hours will be Friday the 17th from 8 am -9 am for the early birds and then 9 am-5 pm. On Saturday the 18th from 9 am –3 pm.

If you are able to volunteer Steve could really use your help. He starts to set up on the Monday before the Sale. That means from October 13th Monday thru October 16th Thursday the Parish Hall will be filled with items for the rummage sale. Come in and lend your time and skill. There is stocking, organizing and pricing that needs done. Then when the sale starts we need volunteers to run the sale and help the buyers.

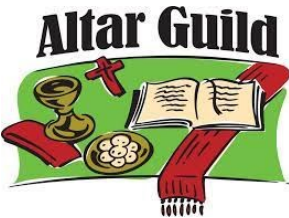
If you are able to help, please let Steve know, or you can call the office and let us know.

This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we hope you can help. (you might even find some things for yourself)

AUGUST 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:00am Sunday Service 10:00am Sunday Service	30 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare 7:00pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor	1 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare 6:00pm AA Meeting	2 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm Weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information	3 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare 10:00am Church Staff Meeting	4 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare	5
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Christ Church Altar Guild Sunday 09:00 Service 2025	
AUGUST	
3	Karen Andrus Clare Adams
Jan Henrey	
10	Beth Landers
Tess Crofford	
17	Kevin Knowlton Clare Adams
]Kathy Hughes	
24	Carol Senne Jan Henrey
31	Debbie Clary Clare Adams



Christ Church Usher Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2025	
AUGUST	
1st Sun.	Dan Mason Joe Yaksich
2nd Sun.	Jim Crofford Sam Heakin
3rd Sun.	Nancy Forrester Peter Day
4th Sun.	Don Senne Steve Watts
5th Sun.	TBD



Christ Church Ministry Schedule 09:00 AM Service 2025	
AUGUST	
3	Kevin Knowlton Steve Watts
10	Mike Maggiano Karen Andrus
17	Anne Martin Joe Gladd
24	Cindy Thirion Sally Mazey
31	Laurie Jones Jan Henrey



Christ Church Greeter Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2025	
AUGUST	
1st Sun.	Sam Davis Amy Preziosa
2nd Sun.	Dee Smith Judy Rich
3rd Sun.	Jesse, Megan RJ & Jackson
4th Sun.	Carson Buydos Sandy Schlecht
5th Sun.	Kathy Hughes



Christ Church Baker Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2025	
AUGUST	
1st Sun.	TBD
2nd Sun.	Steve Watts Becky Watts
3rd Sun.	Lynn Peteritis Linda Day
4th Sun.	Sam Davis Amy Preziosa
5th Sun.	Pat Sullivan