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# The Harvest

## June 2025



# JUNE 2025 BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Todd	Shears	June 01
Kevin	Wager	June 02
Lydia	Winter	June 07
Christine	Goodman	June 09
Jonathan	Steen	June 09
John	Taylor, Jr.	June 09
Joanne	Conley	June 11
William	Ott	June 12
Gregory	Buchanan	June 15
Joan	Weet	June 20
Sandy	Whitmore	June 20
Thomas	Mitchell	June 21
Veronica	Ramirez	June 22
Reese	Vaillancourt	June 22
Marilyn	Freeman	June 27
Brenda	Glaser	June 29
Mathew	Heschke	June 30



Carl & Janice Beitelshees	June 20
Hartley & Gloriann Hutchins	June 21
Wallace & Christine Goodman	June 29



# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>  
4:00pm - 7:00pm

### Christ Episcopal Church

7145 Fieldcrest Drive  
at Route 31, Lockport



Rain or Shine



Handicap Accessible



Air-Conditioned Hall

**Basket Raffle**

Featuring:

Live Music 5:30 ~ 6:30 pm

Foods available for purchase:

**Pulled Pork, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers,  
Homemade Macaroni Salad,**



**German Potato Salad, Italian Pasta Salad,  
Cole Slaw, Baked Beans,**

**Macaroni & Cheese & Strawberry Shortcake**



~ **Homemade Baked Goods Sale** ~

~ **Take-Outs Available** ~

**Last day to drop off baskets June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Baked Goods can be dropped off on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>  
8:30a.m. – 2:30 p.m. or on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> before  
noon.**

**If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barb  
Scott at [bluhevan@aol.com](mailto:bluhevan@aol.com)**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**June 5, 2025 - Men's Group meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall.**



**June 5, 2025 - Mary Hunt Guild Meeting in the Parrish Hall at Noon.**



**June 16, 2025 - Finance Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall at 1:00 p.m.**



**June 19, 2025 - Vestry Meeting in the Parish Hall at 1:00 p.m.**

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June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sheila will not be in the office.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Clergy Meeting

June 8<sup>th</sup> – Last Day to hand in Baskets

June 9<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup> – Father Thomas will not be in the office.

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Strawberry Festival!

June 18<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup> – Sheila will not be in the office.

June 29<sup>th</sup> – Deacon of the Day!

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### **Warden Report – John Urtel**

We are getting three quotes for the furnace (both fix and replace). Two out of the three companies are scheduled to come out and look at the furnace set-up to make recommendations. We will continue to update all of you as we get more information.

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **Handbell Choir**

If you are interested in joining our Handbell Choir, please contact Linda Few or the office for more information. They are rehearsing every Monday night at 6:15 p.m. and are playing twice a month in church.



## **Chancel Choir**

If you are interested in joining our Chancel Choir, please contact Tim McQueen or the office for more information. Practice is on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.



## **Coffee Hour**

We invite you to join us for coffee hour following our services on Sundays. The First Sunday of the Month we celebrate birthdays! *(There is a sign-up sheet for sponsoring coffee hour on the bulletin board by the kitchen door).*



## **Wednesday's Worship, Bible Study, and Lunch**

Please come join us for Worship (Noon) and Bible Study every Wednesday at noon! Bring your own lunch and share the joy of learning and conversation.



## **Outreach**

The Filled Grocery Bags in the Cloister can be distributed by anyone who can. The address is on the bag, and you just open the little pantry door and set the items inside!



## **Website**

Our Website has changed. We are now located at <https://christlockport.com/>. Any suggestions to add articles or additional content can be emailed to the office at [christ.church14094@gmail.com](mailto:christ.church14094@gmail.com)

**We are updating the Directory for Christ Episcopal Church! If you have any changes to your address, email, phone number, birthday, anniversary, or know of anyone that needs to be added to our new database, please contact the office at 716-243-0715.**

# SPECIAL CONVENTION RESULTS

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the Presidents of the Standing Committees of the Dioceses of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania, we write to share an update on the status of our Episcopal Partnership.

After a season of prayerful discernment, during which we listened to many voices across our dioceses, the May 3rd Joint Special Convention did not vote to extend the nature of our Partnership by electing a bishop diocesan together.

The Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania voted not to approve the resolution to begin the process of electing a bishop diocesan in partnership with the Diocese of Western New York. The vote tally was Clerical Order: 3–25;

Lay Order: 11–43.

The Diocese of Western New York voted not to approve the resolution to begin the process of electing a bishop diocesan in partnership with the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania. The vote tally was Clerical Order:

14–36; Lay Order: 45–68.

This decision was made carefully and faithfully, with a deep love for the Church and a commitment to what is best for the mission and ministry of each diocese. The Partnership Evaluation, Lenten Study and multiple in-person and Zoom listening and information sessions about the Special Convention provided invaluable assistance to our individual and collective discernment.

We want to say clearly: this decision does not erase the many ways God has blessed our shared life. Over the past 6 years, we have discovered the strength that comes from walking together, learning from each other, bearing witness together, and offering the world a witness of hope and collaboration. We give thanks for every relationship formed, every ministry strengthened and every new possibility glimpsed through our partnership. We will remain one in the Spirit even as we move forward as two dioceses.

## **SPECIAL CONVENTION RESULTS CONTINUED**

The Standing Committees of each diocese will now begin the work of discerning next steps in securing its own episcopal oversight. Working with our Diocesan Councils, we hope to realign staff and administrative resources to serve each diocese separately—effective on or before July 1st. We are also making plans to celebrate what we have accomplished together in Partnership at a gathering on Thursday, June 19th . More information about this will be forthcoming.

We ask for your prayers in the days ahead – prayers for our dioceses, for our leaders, for our congregations, and most of all, for the Spirit’s continued guidance as we move forward. We trust that the God who has carried us thus far will continue to lead us into new chapters of ministry, filled with hope and new life.

**With gratitude for you and for the journey we share,**

**Faithfully,**

**The Rev. Luke Fodor & The Rev. Canon Stacey Fussell**

# THOSE WE ARE HOLDING IN PRAYER

## **Those We Are Holding in Prayer**

Fr. Sam, Melanie Keleher, Nancy Woods, Debbie, Kilmar Abrego Garcia, Barbara LaForme, Peter Liberatore, Katie Roncone, Kylie Woods, Michael Lackner, Greg Petraetis, Nancy Upthegrove Jaramillo, Adam Gaskill, Philip Faust, Carol Owens, Larry Upson, Joanne Zavis, Linda Kraus, Laura S., Marion Mitchell, Richard Witt, Kim Ricks, Joanne Conley, Cindy Few, Heather Theurer, St. Peter's, Niagara Falls, families in conflict, the unemployed, and others in need of prayer.

## **Those Serving in the Armed Forces/First Responders**

Matthew Yount, Kyle Schreader, William Sloan, Bobby Holmes, Darren Tinkham, John Balzer, James Bindert, Marshall Taylor, Thomas Griffin, Bob Urtel, Joe, David Andrew DeYoung, Kevin Morse, Ron Steen, David Upson, John Taylor, Philip Sutton, Allen Upson, Adam Dear, Jeremey McKenzie, Shane Woods, and Ryan Gassmann.

## **Those Who Have Returned to God**



# Blueberry Delight

## Ingredients

- 18 whole graham crackers
- 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 tub (16 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 pinch salt
- 2 cans (21 ounces each) blueberry pie filling
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Fresh blueberries and graham cracker crumbs, for garnish

## Directions

Place graham crackers and brown sugar in a food processor; process until fine crumbs form. With the processor running, pour in melted butter until the mixture resembles wet sand. Press into the bottom of an ungreased 13x9-in. baking dish. Cover; refrigerate at least 1 hour.

Place softened cream cheese in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment; beat on medium speed until creamy and smooth, 2-3 minutes. Add in half of the whipped topping, confectioners' sugar, vanilla extract and a pinch of salt. Mix on medium speed, scraping the bowl as needed, until blended into a smooth filling. Spread the filling in an even layer over the chilled crust.

In a small bowl, combine blueberry filling and lemon juice; spread over the cream cheese filling. Spoon the remaining whipped topping over the blueberries; spread it into an even layer. Cover; refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight.

Before serving, garnish with fresh blueberries and graham cracker crumbs. Cut into squares to serve.



## You Are Loved!

We, the members of Christ Episcopal Church, recognize all human beings as children of God and as our brothers and sisters in Christ. We invite all people to be a part of our church family, to worship with us, and to join us in Holy Communion. All are welcome here, with no exceptions.



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### Office Hours for Father Thomas

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

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**The office is open Monday  
through Thursday**  
**8:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.**  
**Available by phone on Fridays**

## Vestry Members



**John Urtel (Warden)**  
**Gloria Bryant (Jr. Warden)**  
**Gwen Gonzalez**  
**John Scott**  
**Robin Schulmeister**  
**Joanne Stanton**  
**Cheryl Urtel**  
**Suzanne Venezia-Waddell**  
**Sheldon Yount**