

## CROSSROADS RETREATS IN 2019

### Young Adult Retreat at Crossroads, January 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Young adults ages 18-30 are invited to attend a wonderful retreat hosted by Crossroads on January 4th-6th. Home from college and wanting to connect with some wonderful adults? Sign up today on the Crossroads website.

### Family Retreat @ Crossroads

January 18-20th Crossroads camp is offering a Family Retreat. Please be sure to look on the Crossroads website for additional information about this friends and family retreat.

### Grades 3-5 Retreat at Crossroads

On February 15-17th the Crossroads camp is hosting at grades 3-5 retreat weekend, with parents invited. Please see Crossroads website for details!

Website: [www.CrossRoadsRetreat.com](http://www.CrossRoadsRetreat.com)

## NORTH PORCH

The JOY! Service has taken on a new ministry of supporting young moms and their children by providing essential items. It is called North Porch and is an Episcopal organization, with centers in Paterson, Newark, Dover and Hackettstown. There is an old style pram on wheels in the Cloister of church where anyone can place diapers, formula, baby food or wipes. No clothes or other items please, as this fills an emergency need for these items. For more information, please speak to Ed Macy. We hope to invite the coordinator this year to discuss this ministry.

## MUSICAL REHEARSALS

This year's musical is Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat! Rehearsals begin in January. Rehearsals are on Sundays: January 6, 13, 20, and 27, February 3, 10, 17, and 24. Performance is March 3rd during the 10:00 A.M. service.

If you are interested, please email or see Marlene at: [marlenewhit@gmail.com](mailto:marlenewhit@gmail.com)

## Prayer Intentions

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Carlye, our diocesan Bishop; Carlye, and Tom & Bill, our priests.

We pray for Donald, our President; Phil, our Governor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

**For those serving in the armed forces in harm's way overseas,** and for all who suffer from violence in war-torn areas of the world.

**For those among us whose hearts are troubled or are ill and infirm:** Lynda Alessi, Mike Bender, Silvana Botta, Marion Goetz, Bill Kirk, Andrew Landis, Don Rogers, Tom Savage, Patty Steen, Laurie Werling.

**We remember all who have died.**

Our **Prayer Chain Ministry** offers prayers for healing, hope and comfort; for joy and thanksgiving; for God's presence on the journey. *The Christ Church Prayer Chain* is a quiet and confidential ministry.

## Clergy & Staff

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# CHRIST CHURCH RIDGEWOOD



## DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST:

By Encountering God, Equipping God's People, and  
Extending God's Kingdom

## EVE OF THE NATIVITY

December 24, 2018

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## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2018

Dear Members, Visitors and Friends,

We are delighted to have you join in the celebration of Christ's birth at Christ Church! This community is truly a wonderful place for formation for you and your family. We have many powerful and moving ministries to enrich our spirituality and to help those in need. But, the best thing about this church is YOU, and we invite you to consider joining and becoming even more involved in 2019, as we serve as Disciples TOGETHER. If this is your first visit to Christ Church, please check with an usher to receive a red welcome bag and/or welcome card.

Find out more at: [christchurchridgewood.org](http://christchurchridgewood.org)

God bless you,

Fr. Tom, the Wardens, and Vestry of  
Christ Episcopal Church

### 2019 YOUTH MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Looking for a meaningful way to spend a week this summer? How about a Mission Trip?! Come join us at for an informational meeting Thursday, January 10th at 7:00 P.M. in the Guilds Room. Light refreshments will be served.

In order to attend the trip, youth must be high school age for the 2019-2020 school year or graduating this year.

Please RSVP by January 6th to Dave Williams at rdwilliams3@gmail or 201-749-2231 or Kristen Lee.



### CONFIRMATION FAITH SHARING EVENING YOUTH GROUP INVITED

On Saturday, January 5th, at 7:00 P.M. the confirmation class and Youth group (grades 7-12) will be having a Faith Sharing Evening. Confirmands/Youth group parents or sponsor must attend the Faith Sharing experience together from 7:00 -8:00 P.M. Please bring sleeping bags, pillows, snacks to share etc. We will conclude our Lock-In Sunday morning, January 6th in time for Sunday school. We will need Chaperones to volunteer for the Lock-In (stay overnight) or we won't be able to do the Lock-In. Contact Kristen to RSVP and if you want to help at: klee@christchurchridgewood.org.

### "HOW TO MAKE SENSE OF THE GOSPELS"

For those who are mystified by the Gospels which seem to be a set of teachings and events put together by some magical glue. Is there a logic to the stories, some larger context within which a better and clearer understanding can emerge, a better handle on the material? For those interested, Fr. Coats will lead a four week discussion designed to shed some light on the Gospels. The series will begin on a week night beginning in the week of January 13.

If you are interested contact Fr. Coats after service or by email (wcoats@verizon.net) or by phone (201) 708-5720

### CHRIST CHURCH YEAR-ROUND DRIVE

Help us make the holiday extra special for children in the St. Paul's community. We want to give every child a toy, book, and hat and glove set. Donations as follows (cash donations are always welcome):

January & February—Wrapping Paper  
March & April—Gifts for Girls (ages 1-12)  
May & June—Gifts for Boys (ages 1-12)  
July & September—Books (ages 1-12)  
October & November—Hat/Glove sets

*Donations can be left in the marked boxes in the Guilds Room.*

### THE JULIETS

The Womens Guild (The Juliets) meet at Kurth Cottage for lunch on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12 noon. All women are invited! The Café is located on the first floor of the Phillips Wing in Valley Hospital. We hope you'll join us!

**The next luncheon at Kurth Cottage is January 13.**

### SHARE SUNDAY REMINDER

Just a reminder that Sunday, January 7th we will be collecting monetary and food donations for our St. Paul's Food Pantry ministry. Items include, pasta, rice, beans, canned chili, and canned soups. In addition we are looking for some healthy (and perhaps not-so-healthy) lunchbox items such as granola bars, fruit snacks, individual apple sauce cups, and mini bags of chips and crackers.

PLEASE help stock the shelves of the St. Paul's, Paterson, Food Pantry.

God bless you all for your faithful contributions to this ministry!

### SIP & PAINT: CHRIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Join us for an evening of painting and socializing at Pinot's Palette located in Ridgewood. This adults only event is \$35 per person which includes all supplies and snacks. It is also a BYOB. When: January 27, 2019 from 5:30—8:00 P.M.

Get your tickets here:

<https://www.pinotspalette.com/ridgewood/event/285696>  
or call 201.389.8676

### YOUTH GROUP SKI TRIP

WHEN: Friday, February 8th – Sunday, February 10th  
WHERE: Lodging: Private Rental Home, Albrightsville, Poconos, PA

Snow Sports: Jack Frost – Ski or Board 2/9 ;  
Big Boulder – Tubing 2/10

LEAVING: 4:30 P.M. February 8th from Christ Church parking lot.

RETURNING: approximately 3:00 P.M. February 10th to Christ Church parking lot.

It would make a great Christmas Gift for the kids to be able to attend this trip! Extra registration forms are available in the Cloister.

Scholarships available (please speak with Mrs. Lee).



**We won't know the final cost until we know how many people are going. \$50 deposit is due by January 6, 2019. The total is due by February 3, 2019 along with the registration form and photocopy of insurance card.**

### SAVE THE DATE!

**January 6–** Musical Rehearsals begin  
– Mission Trip Informational Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

**January 27–** 'Sip & Paint' at Pinot's Palette at 5:30 P.M.

**February 8–10–** Youth Group Ski Trip

**February 24–** Annual Meeting  
– One Service at 9:30 A.M.  
– Youth Group bowling; time TBD

**March 3–** Musical Performance

**March 10–** Youth Group Laser Tag at 11:30 A.M.

**March 17-25–** Host Family Promise at Christ Church

**March 30–** Progressive Dinner at 5:00 P.M.

**April 29–** Bike Hike at 9:30 A.M.