

Ministry Guide



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An Invitational Letter From The Dean . . .

There is no way we can accurately capture the lived experience of those who attend Christ Church Cathedral. Experience here is just too diverse and perfectly, marvelously tailored by the Holy Spirit to each person's life. I have heard it said that the map is not the territory. And so perhaps you will see this booklet in your hand as our map of the Cathedral's landscape rather than a description of the land. The territory here is for you to discover on your own.

We are interested, above all things, in inviting you to participate in these ministries. This booklet exists for you to be able to find your way into the community. Not every ministry is for you, and not everyone who attends is interested or able to participate in the community more than simply attending the services. But for those who are, let it not be said that we have not invited you.

My spiritual life has greatly been enriched by the invitation of others. Somewhere along the way, people invited me to church. People invited me to stay. People invited me to pray. People invited me to get more involved. People invited me to learn more about Jesus. People invited me to become a minister. Every step along the path of my journey, it seems that someone has invited me. So I invite you. We invite you, everyone of us who is already actively participating in something.

There is no pressure to do more than you are already doing, but please consider what you might gain by getting a little more involved.

One note – the information in this book will change as new people transition into leadership and as ministries evolve. Please consider this information correct only for one year.

Blessings to you, to those who are here and those yet to come, and all those whose lives we may touch through the spirit of God working within us,

Tom
The Very Reverend Tom Callard, Dean

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THE KEY MINISTRIES OF THE CATHEDRAL

WORSHIP

Acolyte Ministry Team

Acolytes process with cross, torches and the Gospel book and assist at the altar with bread, and wine. You may be pleasantly surprised by the focus and immediacy it brings to worship when you are serving at the altar. Acolytes typically serve once a month and are asked to be present 30 minutes before the service. Training is provided on an individual basis. Please contact Paul Barten, 860-461-6946, if you are interested in joining this close-knit group.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is a dedicated group of men and women who prepare the main and chapel altars and the Credence Tables for 8, 10 and 12:15 on Sundays, noon on Wednesdays and for *any* other occasion which involves a service that might arise. We work closely with the office of the Dean and the office of the Bishop. This involves making sure that candles, altar linens and hangings are ready and appropriate for each season and different type of service. We polish the brass and silver so it is beautiful for the services. At every service that occurs at the cathedral, you will find a member of the altar guild working quietly in the background. If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please contact... Phyllis Larson 413-374-4453 or Phyll98617@aol.com; or Sarah Wheeler-Betscher at 413-374-0369 or wheelbetsh@aol.com.

Music Ministry

Our music ministry is anchored by the Cathedral Choir, which rehearses for two hours every Thursday evening and sings weekly at 10 AM from September to June and on feast days and special occasions. The Cathedral Choir is composed primarily of committed adult volunteers, and it also includes seven choristers in grades 3-12 who are paid a small stipend. We offer several small musicianship classes at different ability levels using the Royal School of Church Music's *Voice for Life* materials. The entire Cathedral community participates in the music ministry in one way or another: some from the pews, just listening; some singing in the congregation; and some in choirs.

The Bishop's Choir School is an additional component of our music program that is geared toward children, providing music education through choral singing. By design, it is open to families from all religious backgrounds or none; the Bishop's Choir sings only at evening services once per month, rehearsing weekly. This is an outreach program, supported by the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, and there are currently eight students involved.

Our music ministry seeks above all to perfect the praises offered to God by God's people on earth, inviting people into the life of the church in the process. Through serving in our music ministry, children and adults gain a sense of purpose and contribution to the community. Our choirs lead the congregation in singing, making musical breadth possible and adding beauty to the liturgy. And among the choir members themselves, many form lasting friendships and a deeper understanding of key texts as they grow in musical and spiritual strengths. For more information about our music ministry, contact Bob Hansler at rhansler@ccspfld.org.

Flower Guild

The mission of the flower guild is to make the sanctuary of the church more beautiful, to add to the congregational prayer and to give people the opportunity to honor their loved ones on specific occasions using another form of God's creation – the natural world. Each week 1 or 2 flower arrangers create new arrangements for Sunday's worship services on the altar, in the side chapel and a small arrangement for the columbarium. Sometimes they are able to include the foyer and the foyer entrance to the sanctuary. At Easter and Christmas everyone comes together to create beauty in the entire sanctuary.

Several of the members are newly trained and working with experienced members. We would love to bring in more people to share this beautiful and rewarding mission. If interested, please contact Ruth Bradley at 413.782.0395 or ruthbradley48@gmail.com or Liz Stevens at 413-686-3177 or cnmstevens@comcast.net.

Eucharistic Ministers

A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Eucharistic Ministers are under the direction of a Deacon or other member of the Clergy. Almost all of you have been recipients of our ministry at one time or another. Our primary

ministry is to administer the chalice during the Eucharist at all of our services. EMs are recommended to the Bishop for licensing after a training period and then voted on by the Executive Committee. There are currently 14 Ems who consider it an honor and a privilege to serve the Lord and our brothers and sisters at Christ Church Cathedral. If you are interested in discussing this ministry, please contact Deacon Linda Taupier at deaconlindat@gmail.com.

Ushers 8 & 10 a.m.

Ushers provide a welcoming presence for worshipers entering the church and offer assistance with the liturgy and worship when needed. Additionally, we invite newcomers to come with us to coffee hour after the 10AM service. We are both a Diocesan Cathedral and parish church, and we serve at Eucharist, Evensongs, and services for the major days and feasts as well as for the Diocesan Convention, and Ordinations. Most Ushers serve one Sunday a month and as needed for extra services. We are Anglo, Caribbean, Hispanic, East and West African. Please consider joining us-we welcome new ushers as well!! Contact Laurel Stewart, Chief Usher at 413-567-8724 or lagstewart2@aol.com.

Lectors and Intercissors 10 a.m.

Public speakers are welcomed to share the word of the Lord in one of two weekly readings as Lectors. You will become part of a team that rotates on an approximate bi-monthly basis to read a passage from the Bible that will be provided to you in advance. Intercissors lead the Prayers of the People during the service. Parishioners who want to share their faith with the congregation in this way are encouraged to consider this uplifting ministry. Contact Dean Callard at tomcallard@gmail.com or the Cathedral directly at (413)736-2742.

MEMBERSHIP

Adult Education Group

Christ Church Cathedral sponsors regular Sunday adult forums and several weekday education series throughout the year to help members of the community grow in the knowledge and love of God and to support and empower them as ministers of reconciliation in the name of Jesus Christ. To that end, we offer studies of the Bible, spiritual practices, and a wide range of contemporary social issues. We love to get feedback and suggestions from members of the cathedral community. The planning committee typically meets the third Saturday of each month in the library (but please check the announcements for changes). All are welcome. For more information please contact Scott Jackson at (413) 687-1994 or jacksongregg2002@yahoo.com.

Centering Prayer Group

Centering Prayer: A time to draw near to the heart of God thru listening and silent prayer. A brief period of reading & reflecting on a short piece of scripture follows. Saturdays 10:30 - 11:30 AM. Contact Laurel Stewart for more information, 413-567-8724 or lagstewart2@aol.com.

Children and Youth Ministry

Christ Church Cathedral offers ministries for children and youth both during the Sunday services and at other times. On Sundays, we encourage children's formation not by taking them out of the church to learn about Jesus in a classroom, but through participation in "Children's Space" where volunteers sit with children at a space in the sanctuary and offer teaching and age-appropriate activities. This is for children aged 3 to 4th grade. Older children are encouraged to sit with their families in the pews. This happens both during the 10 and 12:15 services. In addition, there is a children's time following the 10:00 a.m. service which is a "make and take" activity where children and adults are invited to make crafts to bring home and hear Bible stories. Please see the announcements for details about the schedule. During the school season, Christ Church Cathedral has the "Sabatina" program on Saturdays twice a month from 9 to 11, which has a snack and crafts and a time dedicated to the spiritual formation of children, education about the Holy Communion, the ministries of the Church, and the stories of the Bible. Please see the announcements for details about the schedule. Contact Francheska Jose at 413-219-1048 or francheskaj@gmail.com.

Young Adult Ministries

Young Adults (20 somethings) meet regularly to connect to each other and to make connections to God and the traditions of our faith. Meetings are loosely organized and guided by the clergy. They emphasize making the traditions and teachings of our faith relevant to the lives of young adults today. Please see the announcements for details about the schedule. Contact Joel Martinez at 413-275-4215 or reverendoalegria14@gmail.com.

The Order of the Daughters of the King®: an International Sisterhood of Women

After a period of Prayer, Study and Discernment, Daughters of the King take vows of Prayer and Service. These vows are the basis of our Rule of Life that provides a structure, a discipline which defines who we are and helps us to grow spiritually. Our crosses proclaim, in Latin, “With heart, mind and spirit, uphold and bear the Cross.” We wear them daily to remind ourselves that we cannot live a day without Christ in our lives. We are ordinary women who work at being faithful followers of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ.

Our Springfield Chapter has members worshipping at both English and Spanish speaking services at the Cathedral, services at St. Peter’s, Springfield, and St. Mark’s, East Longmeadow. Our meetings are open to any woman. Meetings include prayer, meditation, Bible or book studies. Our monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month at CCC or St. Peter’s. We welcome all who think they might be interested in merging “Mary and Martha” in their lives. Retreats on the National, Provincial and Diocesan level are also available to meet with other DOK. We have a confidential prayer list, updated monthly and participate in several service projects. For more information contact: Mariana Bauman (413) 627-1945 marianab@earthlink.net; or Phyllis Larson (413) 374-4453, phyll98617@aol.com.

Coffee Hour and Hospitality Ministries

The ministry of Hospitality is all about creating a welcoming atmosphere for all to share, so those who are new and those who have been coming for a while can all feel at home. The work of preparing coffee hour is fairly straightforward and we appreciate everyone taking a turn. Bob Johnston is organizing the Coffee Hour activities and can be reached at (413) 272-8155, or you can sign up on the sheet in the hallway across from the Cathedral office

We also provide the hospitality of nourishment during social functions at the church. If you are interested in helping to coordinate some of those events, please contact Dean Tom Callard at tomcallard@gmail.com or the Cathedral directly at (413)736-2742. These include newcomer dinners, summer picnics, the annual meeting and other special gatherings. Volunteering for one event is just that- one event.

Invite, Welcome, & Connect Ministry

Invite, Welcome and Connect describes a living process within any Christian community, and is more than Evangelism. The Executive Committee has been working on how we can enhance our ability to Invite, Welcome and Connect with newcomers and structure some new groups within the Cathedral to build up this ministry. Most of these groups will be short term commitments to achieve defined goals, such as designing promotional cards, new Cathedral t-shirts, re-working our inside and outside signage, putting together visitor bags for adults and children, and planning a presence at local events (such as the Mattoon St. Fair or cultural fairs) or our own events open to the public. We also want to more consistently greet newcomers, improve follow up with newcomers after their first visit, help newcomers to connect within our community and develop an online/ phone accessible member directory to help us all get to know each other better. There are many other opportunities and we welcome any new ideas. If you want to be part of this exciting ministry, please contact The Rev. Michael DeVine, 413-733-1208 or email ap735@earthlink.net Joel Martínez at 413-275-4215 or reverendoalegria14@gmail.com or any member of the Executive Committee.

Men’s Fellowship

The Men’s Fellowship was formed to establish a place where Christian men could express their faith openly and honestly and determine ways to share God’s gifts with each other and the wider community. The Fellowship officially started meeting in November 2016. Initially the group consisted only of men from the Cathedral but since our inception, we have grown to include men from St. Peters and hope to continually expand our fellowship. The Group meets the first Saturday of each month from 0830 to 1000. Meetings are normally at the Cathedral but notices will be sent out if there’s a change of venue. A typical meeting consists of morning worship, personal testimonies, small group discussions, and a delicious breakfast. If you are interested in learning more about the Men’s Fellowship, please contact Fr. Mike Devine ap735@earthlink.net, Steve Jablonski 413-747-5285 steve@jdarchitects.com, or Jim Cook jrcook5@comcast.net for additional information.

Pastoral Care Ministry

The mission of the pastoral care ministry at Christ Church Cathedral is to provide loving and prayerful care and support for those individuals and families who may be dealing with life issues, spiritual concerns and other pastoral needs. Pastoral needs include those who find themselves homebound or hospitalized due to infirmity or illness; those who are experiencing loss, financial struggles, family conflicts; and other personal issues such as addiction, loneliness, or troubled relationships. Visitors may be Eucharistic Visitors (who bring the Holy Communion) or Pastoral Visitors (who do not bring the Holy Communion), or both. You may contact The Rev. Barbara Thrall 413-437-4062, The Rev. Jerry True (413)-636-2770 or Deacon Linda Taupier deaconlindat@gmail.com if you would like to be part of this sensitive and grace-filled ministry.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Calling all knitters and crocheters! If you would like to use your talent to bring comfort to others, please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Knit from home or join others to create prayer shawls to be blessed and offered to the congregation for anyone in a time of need. This group meets for knitting and crocheting, fellowship and prayer on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Kendrick room and your participation is welcomed. Please contact Jean Ryan at 413-782-2878 for more information.

Saint Mary's Guild

The St. Mary's Guild is open to all regardless of gender. The St. Mary's Guild has a luncheon in the spring and a Christmas party in the winter. We also go on outings to places of local interest and have regular gatherings for fellowship. We welcomed Father Jerry as our Chaplain and have appreciated his spiritual guidance. We usually meet once a month on a Thursday Afternoon. Keep an eye out for announcements or contact Leah Gregg at 215-510-0269 threewitnesses@yahoo.com to be put on the contact list.

Outreach Committee

Fulfilling the mission of a "downtown church", the Outreach Committee plays a key role in reaching out to those who are struggling and in the most need within the greater Springfield community, our nation, and the world. For many years, we have supported organizations and initiatives that have positively impacted the lives of the homeless, vulnerable families and children, and those who have been incarcerated or have suffered injustices. We seek to improve the quality of life for persons who have become marginalized and victimized due to societal and cultural forces often beyond their control. Most recently, our committee has also tackled the urgent issues of opioid addiction and the need for schooling for displaced Syrian children. In general, we reach beyond the church's walls by the awarding of grants and direct participation to bring Christ's vision of a loving and sharing community to fruition. Our meetings are usually held the third Saturday morning of the month from 9-10:30. Please contact Jahn Hart at jahnhart@sbcglobal.net or Barbara Loh at bploh8@gmail.com for more information. We would love to have you join our vibrant committee members and collective work to improve the lives of others.

Big Blue Ministry

This is part of our ministry to the homeless. We pack Big Blue, the Cathedral van, with clothing, blankets, pop-top food and sandwiches (thank you Daughters of the King for providing these once a month) and head out every Tuesday night from 7 to roughly 10 PM in search of those who are still on the streets at night for whatever reason. This ministry runs from the beginning of November through March. The homeless look forward to our visits and need the items we provide. Most look forward to praying with us. Participation can be once, once a month, or whatever you choose. Please contact Deacon Linda Taupier at deaconlindat@gmail.com if you are interested in directly reaching out to those most in need.

ADMINISTRATION

Building and Grounds Ministry

Those who are passionate about the stewardship of our church's building and the grounds are encouraged to sign up for the Buildings and Grounds Ministry. The group will meet approximately 2 – 3 times per year to prioritize maintenance and capital improvements, and help in seeing the work through, including working in consultation with the Cathedral's Sexton- If you want to be part of this group, or have some skills and would like to help out with individual projects, please contact Donna Barten at 860-916-5640 or barten.d.m@gmail.com.

Communications Ministry

The Communications Ministry is intended to increase the visibility of Christ Church Cathedral and promote what we offer through a variety of communications media, by reflecting the beauty of Christ Church Cathedral and the richness of our worship to members as well as the wider community. Activities can be one off projects or ongoing projects and new participants are welcome to participate in content for Facebook, the CCC website (under new construction), monthly Chronicle newsletters, filming and posting sermons and special services, and creating printed promotional material and signage. Ongoing communications include: weekly parish-wide emails, monthly Chronicle newsletters, and Facebook posts, including the "Thought of the Day," as well as website updates. Articles and material promoting events through outdoor signage, newspaper ads and other coverage are used to reach those less well aware of CCC, in the hope that they might choose us as their worship community. This group is working closely with the Invite, Welcome, Connect Ministry. Communications Missioner: Elissa Alford, 413-695-4605, elissa.alford@comcast.net.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of Christ Church Cathedral is a group of elected leaders working with the Dean to manage the mission and ministries of the Cathedral. Members are elected at the Annual Meeting. The members include four officers (the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Clerk and Treasurer) and eight members at large. We aim to have members who represent all three services (8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.) and reflect the diversity of the community. Those interested in serving on the Executive Committee are invited to speak with one of the members or the Dean. A nominating committee is formed in the fall to consider new members to be elected at the Annual Meeting in January. Meetings are usually the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the library.

Finance Ministry Team

The purpose of the Finance Team is to ensure that the finances of the Cathedral are accurate and up-to-date. We discuss the financial needs and concerns of the Cathedral regarding income and expenses. We review the monthly financial worksheet which shows how the Cathedral is doing financially. Each fall we develop the yearly budget for the following year. The Finance Team meets once a month on the 2nd Tuesday at 5 p.m. for about 1 to 1 ½ hours. We would love to have you join our team if you are interested. Please email Susan Forrest at treasurer@cccspfld.org.

Stewardship Ministry

The Cathedral's Stewardship Team helps direct the annual pledge drive and works to encourage all members of the community to give thanks to God and offer their support of God's work and ministry at Christ Church Cathedral. Stewardship does not meet monthly but regularly. If you are curious about how ministries are financed, if you are passionate about making a difference with the resources you have, or if you are looking to encourage gratitude and thanksgiving, this is a great ministry for you. Contact Anne Miller at 431-335-0282 or jjam122@gmail.com.

12:15 CONGREGATION

For a generation, Christ Church Cathedral has been the only Episcopal Church in the Diocese with an active ministry in Spanish. The 12:15 p.m. Spanish-language service is a place of joy and welcome with people of all ages and cultural backgrounds. The various cultural traditions of Latin America and the Caribbean are represented in the people and customs and style of worship, especially Dominicans and Puerto Ricans who make up the majority of Springfield's Latino/Hispanic population. While Spanish is the default language of worship, many of the members speak and prefer to converse in English, especially those who are under the age of thirty. Many of the congregation are second, third or fourth generation residents of our city. As a whole, the members of the 12:15 service are young (with an average age somewhere in the 20's) and becoming more engaged in the church and community.

The 12:15 ministries include evangelism, pastoral care, Bible Study, intercessory prayer, Adult Education, worship ministries, and outreach. Everyone is invited to visit the service, you will feel welcomed and at home. Contact Dean Callard at tomcallard@gmail.com or the Cathedral directly at (413)736-2742 for more information.

The 12:15 choir is lively. Sergio D'Orsini leads the choir and plays guitar, with congas and keyboards accompanying every Sunday. The Choir practices weekly on Thursdays at 6 PM, and is open to all who would like to join, both adults and children. Please contact Sergio at sergiodorsini@gmail.com for more information.