

## **CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS October 12, 2025**

*Questions, links: Contact Ms. Amanda Paredes at [cccspfld@gmail.com](mailto:cccspfld@gmail.com) or 413-736-2742*

**UNITED THANK OFFERING-** UTO - United Thank Offering Ingathering today and next Sunday, October 19. Please use the envelope enclosed in the bulletin or send your offering to the Cathedral, marked UTO. We will note it and send it along to the national UTO office.

*NOTICE the good things that happen each day.  
GIVE thanks to God for your blessings.  
MAKE an offering for the blessings you have.  
BLESS - Your blessing becomes a blessing for others.*

100% of all funds given to UTO are granted the following year to support innovative mission and ministry in the Episcopal Church. To learn more, visit [www.episcopalchurch.org/uto](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & BISHOP'S CHOIR SCHOOL** This year, **Sunday School** will be held during the first half of our Sunday Services, from 10am-10:45am for the 10 o'clock service and from 12:15pm-1pm for the 12:15pm service with the children rejoining the congregation to celebrate the Eucharist all together. We will learn about the Bible, prayer and other spiritual practices, the Eucharist, have fun events throughout the year and participate in mission work in our community. **The Bishop's Choir School** will mirror the Sunday School schedule and have practices on Sunday's from 11:30am-12:00pm. Children from all three services are invited to join and learn about music theory, harmony, singing in a choir, and learn music from all over the world. The Bishop's Choir School will sing at many of our Sunday Services during the year and offer a Christmas Concert as well as a Summer Concert in 2026. **Registration is now open for both ministries!** Children are welcome to sign up for either or both programs. Please speak with Dean José Reyes with any questions or to receive a registration form. **Sunday School Schedule: October 19, October 26; November 9, November 16, November 23; December 7, December 14 & December 21.**

**HALLOWEEN!** Christ Church Cathedral has a few exciting Halloween events happening this year, including a Halloween Party and a Trunk O' Treat event in conjunction with our neighbors over at South Church UCC! To that end we are asking for Halloween donations; candy, toys, glow sticks, stickers and any other Halloween treats that you can share with us would be greatly appreciated! Please leave your donation in the box set up in the Brooks Foyer. To participate or help us with these events, please contact the main office.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR KIDS!** Join us on October 19, 2025 from 2pm to 4pm for a fun Halloween party for all the kids from Christ Church Cathedral, St. Paul's, St. Peters, ACTS and the surrounding communities! Costumes are encouraged! Stop by for some Halloween treats, games and activities.

**TRUNK O' TREAT!** Join us on Halloween October 31, 2025 from 3pm to 6pm for a fun Halloween event in collaboration with South Congregational UCC in their parking lot for this years Trunk O' Treat! Come stop by for some Halloween candy, music, fellowship, and a special Halloween themed bounce house! Please let Amanda in the office know if you would like to help out in anyway, whether that's decorating your trunk and handing out Halloween treats or helping set up and breakdown!

**FLOWER WORKSHOP 2025-** The Flower Guild invites you to a diocesan Flower Arranging Workshop on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 9:30 in the morning. Admission is \$40 per person, and that includes the flower and arranging supplies. This workshop is being given by Bob Whitney, master floral arranger with Springfield Florists Supply, INC.. Bob will review basics and introduce techniques for arranging using chicken wire instead of oasis. Each Participant will complete an arrangement. Light Refreshments will be served! The Flower Guild needs more members to maintain our schedule of one service per month. It's much more fun when there are two people each week for fellowship and creative ideas. New guild members will be paired with existing members. Please consider joining this rewarding ministry. Call Amanda at 413-736-2742 to register for this workshop by October 18!

**SOCIAL JUSTICE-** Are you wondering how we as God's people should respond to current social justice concerns? On Saturday, November 8, from 10:00 to 2:00, Tara Parrish, Director of the Pioneer Valley Project, will be here to help us as a church community gain new tools to respond to injustices in our community and in our country. Please contact Amanda Paredes in the office or speak with the Dean or with Judith MacMunn by October 31 to save your spot. Please rsvp so we can be sure to have lunch available for all who attend.

**MYSTERY DINNER- BULLETS AND BRIE!** Join Us on Sat, November 8, 4:30 to 7:00. The stage is set - It's 1942 in Casablanca, Morocco, governed by the Vichy French regime. You are invited to the Official Residence for an evening with France's greatest living mime artist, the Black Cat. The twist? He's a no-show, and the reason is spine-chilling - he's been murdered! Now, every guest is a suspect, and it's up to you to unravel the secrets and expose the killer. Get ready to challenge your detective skills, enjoy great company and great food! There are only roles for 12, but all are welcome to join. The cost is \$40.00 for dinner and a role, or \$30.00 to enjoy dinner and the action. **RSVP is required by November 1.** Please see Judith MacMunn if you have questions or want to reserve a spot.

**DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE DROP IN CENTER**

As a Cathedral, we should be proud of the success of our Thursday Drop In Center! We getting between 60 and 80 visitors each week and their needs are great. We distribute snacks, coffee, and water as well as toiletry items and clothing to folks who are struggling meet ends and those who are unhoused. Since March, we have provided our homeless guests with 27 tents and 22 sleeping bags, which we purchase. Consequently, our financial resources have dwindled.



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**How can you help?**

- 1. You can donate funds to the Drop In Center to help pay for the supplies that we distribute!
- 2. You can donate clean new or used clothing, especially sneakers, sandals, jeans, and underwear for both men and women.
- 3. You can volunteer – once in a while or on a regular basis.

See Jahn or Gary Hart for information or contact Director Lora Smith at [lams959@yahoo.com](mailto:lams959@yahoo.com)

**TELL US YOUR FAITH STORY** - We will be sharing our faith stories during Coffee Hour! Please contact Verger Oswald Howard to schedule your testimony.

**ACOLYTE TRAINING** – There will be acolyte training sessions on Saturdays in October 10/18 and 10/25. Please contact Verger Oswald Howard for more details.

**THE COLUMBARIUM AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL** For those who might not know, the “Columbarium” are the niches in the Cathedral that contain deceased person’s ashes. Once ashes are placed in a niche, a name plate is put on the outside of the niche with the deceased name and dates of birth and death. There are 88 niches in the Cathedral...in the corner near the Chapel. The cost of a niche is \$1200. If a couple or family want to have niches next to each other, we will accommodate that request. The cost is \$1200 for each niche; the spaces will be reserved to be next to each other. There are currently 35 niches available for sale. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with Dean José or Laura Manship (Cathedral Treasurer).

**HELP NEEDED!** Christ Church has been responsible for serving the Loaves and Fishes lunch the first and second Wednesdays of the month for over 25 years. A few of our helpers are retiring next month and we need replacements. It involves coming to the Cathedral at 10am, making the sandwiches and lunch items, and you are finished by 12 noon. You can volunteer for only 1 of the weeks or for both. You might be asked to buy some of the food for which you would be reimbursed. Please contact Susan Forrest at 413-244-0622 via text or call for more information or if you would like to sign up. It is a very rewarding volunteer service.

**OCTOBER 2025 CATHEDRAL FINANCES –**

Projected 2025 Budget shortfall: \$44,300 - Financial Position as of September 30, 2025:

□ Revenue YTD: \$493,300    □ Expenses YTD: \$450,500

Revenue minus expenses = \$42,800 surplus

Questions? Ask Laura Manship 413.275.4587, or send her an email at [Treasurer@cccspfld.org](mailto:Treasurer@cccspfld.org) .

**WE ARE STILL COLLECTING MEAL KITS FOR SQUARE ONE!** – Christ Church Cathedral is still collecting Meal Kits to send to Square One! Meal kits are items placed in a bag that will be given to parents. They should be non-perishables or items with an extended shelf life. Please consider donating today.

**UPDATED CORI CHECKS 2025** - All of those who participate in the following need to have an updated CORI check to be able to engage in any ministries involving children: Sextons, secretaries, choir directors, Sunday school leaders, activity chaperones, nursery, J2A, confirmation mentors, acolyte trainers and adult acolytes, VBS, Christmas programs, ACTS, Drop In Center. Forms may be obtained from Delphine Williams or the office and must be returned with a copy of a valid ID in a sealed envelope.

**BIBLE STUDY** Weekly on zoom, Sunday morning 9:00am, Wednesday morning 8:00am, Saturday evening 5:00 pm. Links and more information are available through the office.

**CENTERING PRAYER** weekly on zoom, Saturday morning at 10:30. Lectio Divino with a guided meditation every week. Links and more information are available through the office.

**BOOK CLUB** - meets via Zoom every 6 weeks or so. Next Meeting: Monday, November 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm, via zoom. The Book is "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent" by Isabella Wilkerson. For links and more information contact Laura Manship at [laura@shouldertoshoulder.org](mailto:laura@shouldertoshoulder.org)