

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS October 5, 2025

Questions, links: Contact Ms. Amanda Paredes at cccsfld@gmail.com or 413-736-2742

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 5, October 19, October 26; November 9, November 16, November 23; December 7, December 14 & December 21.

Flower Workshop 2025 Do you enjoy flowers at home? Do you find the flowers at the Cathedral add to the services? 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!

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.

UNITED THANK OFFERING- UTO (United Thank Offering) boxes are available in the foyer and in the church for you to take home and use. **For what?** Our collections of coins and bills for the UTOffering represent the gratitude we feel for all of the blessings God has bestowed upon us. This mission arm of the Episcopal Church was born in 1883 when two women in New England looked around at their Church, which was led entirely by men and asked, "What can the women do?" They organized UTO ingatherings throughout the Episcopal Church to pool their small resources to make a mighty effort for God. That first UTO grant long ago was \$25 to purchase an organ for a church in Alaska. Since that time millions of dollars have been employed in the good works of Christ in the world. No longer an effort limited to women alone, the UTO is a tangible way for everyone to make our gratitude real in Jesus' mission of mercy, compassion and hope. **The Ingatherings at Christ Church Cathedral will be on Sundays, October 12 and 19.**

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, AN ACTION CENTERED TUTORING FUNDRAISER

The ACTS Mum Sale grower had a devastating fire in March and there will be no flower sale this year. (The sales represented 20% of ACTS operating budget.) Each fall the Mum Sale helped us launch the tutoring service programs. Despite this setback, we're about to begin our 40th consecutive year with 6 sites providing free, after-school tutoring to the elementary school children of Springfield. We're asking the churches that helped us by selling mums to again support us with a September fundraiser. Please consider donating what you might have purchased in the past (or perhaps more) to help us recover these lost revenues. Your gifts can be considered a charitable donation since ACTS is a 501 (c) 3 charity. Gifts can be made in cash or check made out to ACTS. Credit cards are also accepted with processing information on the gift form. Please complete a donor form so that ACTS has a record of your gift and to enable us to send you a proper thank you! You can give your form to Burt Hansen or June Watson or place it in the ACTS box in the foyer.

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 are 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 to 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.



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 Jeanne Conrad at jeanne@conrad.us.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.

SEPTEMBER 2025 CATHEDRAL FINANCES –

Projected 2025 Budget shortfall: \$44,300 - Financial Position as of August 31, 2025:

□ Revenue YTD: \$442,091

□ Expenses YTD: \$391,919

Revenue minus expenses = \$50,172 surplus

Questions? Ask Laura Manship 413.275.4587, or send her an email at Treasurer@cccspfld.org.

THE PRAYER TEAM IS BACK! The Healing Team is now the Prayer Team, to indicate that prayer support can also come for many aspects of our lives, including healing. We will be available during two Sundays a month, the second and the fourth Sundays. We will be seated in the side chapel during administration of Holy Communion. All prayers will be confidential.

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.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS- Donate flowers in memory of a loved one today! Send your dedication, along with your \$45 donation to the Main office, and we will call you to confirm placement! We still need a dedication for 11/23/2025!

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.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES There is an English class for beginners at the Cathedral that meets on Sundays after the 12:15 mass, around 2 pm until 3:30. The curriculum includes conversation and listening practice as well as reading and writing. For more information, call or text Sara at 413-454-7172 or speak with her after the 12:15 Spanish mass.

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, 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