

# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



# February 15, 2026

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**TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB CONCERT** Please join us on Tuesday, **February 17, 2026** for a wonderful concert in the Christ Church Cathedral Sanctuary by The Tuesday Morning Music Club, featuring celebrated organist Christopher Houlihan! This is a free concert, and a light reception will follow this wonderful event. We hope you can join us!

**SHROVE TUESDAY** Join us for our traditional Shrove Tuesday festivities on **February 17, 2026** at 5:30PM featuring our fantastic Mistress of Ceremonies, (Queen) Delphine Williams!

**ASH WEDNESDAY** Join us on Wednesday, **February 18, 2026** for our English services at 12:00PM and 5:00PM.

**WHAT CAN WE DO IN RESPONSE TO ICE? LESSONS FROM MINNESOTA**

On Sunday, **February 22, 2026** at the 11:15 a.m. forum at Christ Church Cathedral, they will share information about the situation in Minnesota and what they have learned that might be helpful as people here respond to ICE.

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, EAST LONGMEADOW** will be joining our 10AM worship service on **Sunday, February 22, 2026!** Their choir will be joining ours, and The Reverends Elle Morgan and Patricia O'Connell will be joining The Very Reverend José Reyes on the altar. This promises to be joyous worship service, and we hope you can join us!

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TRAINNING:** Join PVP, South Congregational Church and Christ Church Cathedral on **Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 12:00 pm.** Join us for a training focused on practical, up-to date guidance to help families in the community stay safe and informed. To Register call or text PVP at (413)-214-5100 and include your full name and congregation.

**BEMENT WATERFIELD GRANT APPLICATIONS -DUE APRIL 1, 2026** Our Diocese provides grant funding for post-secondary education for young people who are active in our parishes and missions. Applications for the coming year are due **April 1, 2026.** Application guidelines, application form, reference form and clergy reference form are all available on the website. Complete applications must be received by the deadline to be considered. Questions? Contact [kwarren@diocesewma.org](mailto:kwarren@diocesewma.org).

**A JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND** Led by The Very Reverend José Reyes, The Very Reverend James Munroe & The Reverend Dr. Richard Simpson, Local Guides Canon Lyad Qumri & Rami Qumri will be taking us 12 days throughout Jerusalem! If you are interested in joining such a momentous trip, or for more information, speak to Dean José or call the main office at 413-736-2742! Space is limited and reservations must be made soon.

**PHISHING SCAM ALERT** Over the last few weeks, many of our CCC staff and members been hit with mysterious emails from someone claiming to be our Dean, José Reyes or our Music Director, Colin Britt, always asking for some kind of favor, usually, to send them a copy of the church Directory. **CCC'S STAFF WOULD NEVER ASK FOR THAT KIND OF THING VIA EMAIL. THIS IS A SCAM!** Please be very careful and only respond to emails that you trust from the cathedral. If in doubt, please call the main office at 413-736-2742!

### **“SHARING OUR BLESSINGS” 2026 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN**

During this Stewardship Campaign Season we have dived deep together exploring our theme of "Sharing Our Blessings." God blesses us everyday and invites us to share these blessings with the world. We invite all the members of the Cathedral to fill out your pledge cards and bring them in on Sunday. We will have extras in the church if you need them. At the time of the offering you can place them in the collection plate and after our worship service we will gather in the Library for cake to celebrate. Just as God blesses us, your generosity blesses the people we serve in the Cathedral, in our community and throughout our diocese. Thank you for sharing your blessings with the world!

**QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DONATIONS;** As you ponder your gift to the Annual Pledge campaign, please consider this: Individual retirement account (IRA) qualified charitable distribution (QCD); If you are 70½ or older, you can give directly from your IRA. A QCD is not taxable and, if you are subject to a required minimum distribution (RMD), it can count toward it. Thank you!

### **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 The Reverend 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.

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL CALENDAR** If you need to put something on the Cathedral Calendar, please email Mrs. Delphine Williams for assistance at [CCCCALENDARINFO2025@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CCCCALENDARINFO2025@GMAIL.COM). Delphine will input the information you send onto the physical calendar in the office, as well as the Google Calendar Online.

**SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EMAILED NEWSLETTERS!** Sign up for weekly emails from Christ Church Cathedral, receive church news faster, and connect to the office much easier!

**[HTTPS://MAILCHI.MP/CCCSPFLD/CHRIST-CHURCH-CATHEDRAL-NEWSLETTER-SIGN-UP](https://MAILCHI.MP/CCCSPFLD/CHRIST-CHURCH-CATHEDRAL-NEWSLETTER-SIGN-UP)**

**CCC HOMEBOUND MINISTRY** Do you have a loved one that is currently unable to make it to church services? Sign them up for our HomeBound Ministry, so they can receive weekly church communications in the mail directly to their homes! Call the Main Office to add them to our mailing list!

**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.

**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 2026** - 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, February 23, 2026, at 7:00 pm, via zoom. The Book is **"James" by Percival Everett.** For links and more information contact Laura Manship at [laura@shouldertoshoulder.org](mailto:laura@shouldertoshoulder.org)