

## **February 6, 2020**

**This Weekend! Annual Blessing of Couples & Renewal of Vows** will be included in all services next weekend, February 8 & 9. This is an opportunity for public renewal of Wedding, Holy Union and Covenant Vows. No registration is required.

**This Sunday! Belongings!** a great follow-up course to the Alpha Course. It is led by our clergy and is an easy way to learn (more) about the Episcopal Church, and Christ Church in particular. The Course features conversation about our particular Anglican/Episcopalian understanding of faith, specifics about the worship, history and ministry of Christ Church, and what it means to be a member of the Parish. The Course is free. Attend any/all evenings that you can. The course will be on Sundays, immediately following the 9:45am service, on February 9, 16, 23 and will meet in the Chapel.

**This Weekend! Are you looking for something a little different in the coming New Year?** How about an exercise program for the spirit? The discipleship team is offering discussion groups on the topic of “Growing in Personal Transformation” from the Discipleship for Episcopalians series. The Saturday discussion group meets immediately after the 5:00 p.m. service in the Chapel, and the Sunday group meets at 11:30 a.m. in the Library (downstairs). The topic for this Sunday is "Reflecting on and applying Scripture in your everyday life". The topics we'll discuss during the rest of the series are:

- Cooperating with God's liberating work in your life
- Bearing fruit of the Spirit in abundance
- Living a life of loving obedience

**Next Sunday! Family Church is on February 16th!** We are excited to have “Family Church” in the Chapel on the third Sunday of each month! Parents are invited to worship with their school-aged children at 9:45am in the Chapel. (Church school will not meet on these dates)

**Sign-up! Shrove Tuesday! Pancake Supper, Alleluia Parade & Hunt, burning of Palms ... all on February 25th!** Pancakes and sausage will be served from at 5-6pm. The price for Adults is \$5 and children who are over the age of 5yrs is \$3. The kids Alleluia Parade and Hunt will be at 6pm. Burning of Palms will be at approximately 6:20pm. All ages are encouraged to come for great food and great fun. Please sign up on Name Tag table; pay at the door. Volunteers available to help set up and clean up please also sign up. *What is Shrove Tuesday?* It is actually the day before Lent begins (Feb 26). The day is named for the “shriving” or confessing that was traditional on this day before beginning Lent. This day is also known as Mardi Gras, or “Fat Tuesday,” because it was a time for eating the things from which one would abstain during Lent. Pancake suppers are traditional as they were a way of using up some of the ingredients not needed during Lent.

**Save the date! Free Movie Night at Christ Church** “The Lion King”!  
Save the Date! March 14th at 7pm

**Souper Bowl for Caring** collected a total of \$160 and 32 nonperishable food items. Here is the breakdown for each bucket: Pitchers & Catchers 54; Puppy Bowl 40; 49ers 37; Chiefs 35; Commercials 26. Thank you for your continued support of the Café and Food Pantry.

**Lenten Soup Supper Coordinator Needed!** We are in need of someone(s) to organize our annual Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesdays, March 4,11,18,25 & April 1. The organizer(s) will need to monitor the Soup & Bread Sign-up sheet, help heat up any soups, set tables and clean-up of the event. If interested or would like additional information, please reply to this email or call the church office 732-349-5506. Thank you

**The Food Pantry** is currently **MOST IN NEED OF:** flour, sugar, canned pasta meals, fruit, chili, stew, and microwavable meals. Thank you for your support!

**Holy Baptism at Christ Church** — Do you or your child(ren) wish to be Baptized in the Episcopal Church? If you have been thinking about it or are interested in more details or to register, please contact the Church Office. Our next Holy Baptism will be Saturday, April 11, 2020 at the 7pm Easter Vigil service. If interested, please contact the Church Office no later than March 15, 2020 to register. (*private baptism services also available upon request*)