



Dear Friends,

Over the last two years we've gotten used to changes. So much so that we can attest with confidence to the old saying that change is the only constant! This week our provincial government announced an end to most covid restrictions including masking on public transit and mandatory isolation for confirmed covid cases. And our federal government has announced a suspension of vaccine mandates for most travel.

No doubt, within our community there are a variety of responses to these changes. We have been adaptable throughout the last couple years and now is no different.

**The church is lifting our masking requirement starting next Sunday, June 26.**

Of course, we welcome and support those who wish to continue to mask as well as those who prefer not to.

Christ Church has been a model to the wider community - showing that we can live respectfully together while holding divergent viewpoints. We have and will continue to live peaceably together - those who wish to wear a mask and those are comfortable without one. Some have been ready for this change for a while, and others may not yet feel ready. It's a testament to the maturity of our parish that this has been uncontroversial for us - which is unsurprising, but not taken for granted.

Yours in Christ,

Brandon

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## **Notices for June 19th, 2022 - Pentecost 2** **8am and 10:30am services both in person**

**10:30am service livestreamed [here](#)**

**We still require masks for this week**  
**We still encourage distancing**  
**We still encourage you to participate through the livestream if**  
**you are feeling unwell**

Midweek Contemplative Eucharist - Wednesdays at 11am in the Chapel

Readings for this Sunday: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

Next Sunday's Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14; 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Luke 9:51-62

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## **Grief Recovery Program**

Christ Church offers an accredited Grief Recovery program.

The full program is 6 sessions. For program alumnae wishing to complete another relationship there is a short 2 week program. Please contact the office to indicate your interest or for further information. We will schedule the programs based on participants and facilitators availability.

Click on the link below and you will be directed to Christ Church's home page and select Spiritual Formation/Grief Recovery for information

Thanks !  
Nancy Stapley

[Grief Recovery](#)

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## **Fresh Start 13th Month Giving Campaign**

As we approach our fiscal year end (June 30) we are facing a deficit.

The corporation of Christ Church is calling for a 13th month campaign, and invite you to consider making your monthly donation twice this month.

We have the chance to start fresh as we come into the summer after what felt like a long winter. As we bring back more of our programming. As we look to restore the position of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Coordinator. Starting fresh, putting the past couple of years behind us, and putting the resultant financial deficit behind us, will allow us to thrive into a new future. So please consider making an extra gift this month based on your ability to give.

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## **Baptism**

We are excited to announce that at our 10:30am service on the 26 of June we will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Baptism. If you yourself are considering being Baptized or having your child Baptized there are still spots available for the 24 of July at our 10:30am Service and at our 2pm Service. Please contact Rev. Wilcox at the Church for more information.

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**Kids Church is Back!**  
Kids Church (Sunday School)  
and nursery are back at the  
10:30am service.



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### Joyful Giving Pledge Drive

Your pledge helps us plan our budget for next year, and it helps you plan your giving intentionally.

We have much to be thankful for and our offerings, in addition to providing what we need to run the church, are our expression of gratitude to God for all of the blessings in our lives.

Please send your pledge in to the office by **June 30th**.

As you prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming fiscal year, please also read our [narrative budget](#) which shows how money given to the church spreads out into our various ministry areas, as well as the 7 year financial trends.

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## Chapel Altar Flowers

If you would like to purchase flowers for June 26th for the Chapel please contact the office at 403-243-4680 or email [office@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:office@christchurchcalgary.org)

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### News from the Outreach Network

Exciting news.

The Shalygina family have arrived. John Mendham is hosting this family who arrived at the Calgary airport on Thursday June 9. John reports that the family is settling in very well. Sergii (father) has a job already and starts in the next few days working in roofing. Tanya (mom) is looking into work in the hospitality industry. The girls have been assessed at the Welcome Centre for CBE schools. Kamila (15) will start school in the fall. Alisa (9) will begin school at Earl Grey school very soon. Many tasks have been accomplished or are in progress. The family was fortunate to

receive a generous donation of furniture to assist them in setting up an apartment in the near future. They also have been given bicycles which John reports are being well used. Many thanks to members of the congregation and Outreach Network who have assisted John in helping this wonderful family. The Shalygina family is accompanied by their dog Boni who is also settling in well (isn't it wonderful that John is a vet!).

Merzaiee family. - Ismail has a job interview at the Cargill meat plant in High River. Nilab is in training at Tim Hortons. She is being paid for the training which will end in early July and then will be working part time.

We are looking at possible summer camps for Parwana, Abraham and Yalda.

Hamnawa family. - Naveed is training to be a drywaller. He will finish his training and then will start paid employment. Mom is due with baby 4 in October.



## Ways to Give

**There are several options for you to send your gifts :**

**Giving envelopes:** contact us to obtain yours

**Annual Pledge Form :** contact us or visit [christchurchcalgary.org](http://christchurchcalgary.org)

**eTransfer to:** [treasurer@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:treasurer@christchurchcalgary.org)

Please note: No password or security question is required

Add your name and any designation for your donation in the Memo/Notes area when you create the eTransfer.

**Credit/Debit Online** with <https://pushpay.com/g/christchurchcalgary>

Text the message 'Pushpay' to phone #77977

**Thank you for your support!!!**

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## Flower Memorials

*The flowers at the  
Altar are given to*

*the Glory of God  
and with  
Thanksgiving for  
my family from  
Shirley Lawrie*



*The flowers at the  
Chapel are given  
to the Glory of  
God and in  
Thanksgiving for  
all my family  
near and far,  
praying for  
blessings and good  
health always  
from Cynthia and  
family*



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### **The Power of Prayer**

#### **Forward Day by Day**

**Prayer books for May/June/July ~Now available to be picked up at the office.**

Additional prayer resources can be found on Forward Movement's website: [https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward\\_day\\_by\\_day.php?d=29&m=4&y=2020](https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward_day_by_day.php?d=29&m=4&y=2020)

#### **The Parish Prayer Chain**

Have a friend who needs someone to pray for them? Our prayer chain does

this daily, and welcomes requests for confidential prayer. Contact Lois Lepp, Alicia Hampshire, Rev. John or Rev. Brandon.

### **Praying with PWRDF**

Every Thursday morning 11 am Mtn time. Meet and hear from some of our partners around the world, staff members and folk from churches across the country.

Email Kim Umbach to join. [kumbach@pwrdf.org](mailto:kumbach@pwrdf.org)

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Anyone can be added to our email list... they just need to ask!

Know a friend who'd appreciate getting these emails?

Just forward this to them, and...

They can [click here](#) to be added to our mailing list!



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