



The Beacon

April 2015

St. Christopher's
Community Church
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**Sunday Worship
and
Sunday School
10:30 am**

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Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

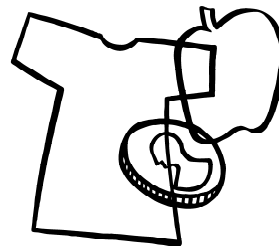
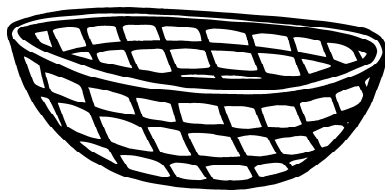
Easter Lily Dedication List

Each Easter, we celebrate by decorating the sanctuary with beautiful white Easter lilies. Here are this year's Easter lily sponsors and the people they honor with their flower donation:

<i>Fred & Bonnie Finn</i>	<i>For family</i>
<i>Walther Family</i>	<i>For family & friends</i>
<i>Muñoz Family</i>	<i>For Bill and Helen Furth</i>
<i>Ann Greene</i>	<i>For family</i>
<i>Audrey Kirsop</i>	<i>For family</i>
<i>Vance Aeschleman</i>	
<i>Barbara Ogle</i>	<i>For love of family</i>
<i>Bill and Joyce Hanna</i>	<i>For Catlin, Brian, & Finn Evans</i>
<i>Ruth Walton</i>	<i>For family</i>
<i>Trudi Andriss & family</i>	<i>For Lee Andriss</i>
<i>Goldsmith Family</i>	<i>For friends & family</i>
<i>Bradford Family</i>	
<i>Haller Family</i>	<i>For Darrell's "New Life"</i>
<i>Whitehouse Family</i>	<i>Thanksgiving for many blessings</i>
<i>Sherry Christianson</i>	<i>For family</i>
<i>Mary Storm & family</i>	<i>For June Wowlan</i>
<i>Soetenga Family</i>	<i>For family & friends</i>
<i>Charlotte Clark</i>	<i>For Barbara & Charles Clark</i>

Financial Update

	Actual Giving	Giving Required for "Balanced" 2013 Budget
February 2015	\$11,519.80	\$15,108.25
March 2015	\$12,639.70	\$15,108.25
Year-to-Date	\$32,462.50	\$45,324.75
2015 Total	N/A	\$181,299.00

Updated Sound System

We are pleased to announce that the Tim Nole has updated our sound system. Our new system can accommodate the two previously unused speakers already installed. Our previous system lacked enough power to use all the speakers. Our pulpit microphone is now wired, which solves the problems that came with a wireless mic and its high power drain. A second wireless lapel mic was added to the system, which allows for a deacon or assistant to also have a mic. Our new board was wired to the back of the Sanctuary so that alterations to sound do not require walking up front and interrupting the flow of the service.

Many thanks to Tim Nole for his professional service, to Steve Andrew for coordinating the project, to the Vestry Council for allocating the funds, and to you, the congregation whose faithful giving allows us to proclaim the Word of God, who is Jesus, in ways that can be heard!



*Open Hands Food Bank Garden Work Party—
03/14/2015*



Open Hands Food Bank Garden

St. Christopher's community gathered on Saturday March 14th in the pouring rain for an Open Hands Garden work party. We had cancelled the event, but with weeds flying and dirt moving, the momentum was hard to stop. The party pressed on.

In the wetness of the day, 12 people came armed with gloves, shovels, hoes, and wheelbarrows to ready the soil for seeds. Of the 12 enthusiastic workers, four were very small children who picked weeds out of the mud until distracted by puddles and sticks. The weeds, grass, and sod were removed from the terraced gardens on the southeast side of the church.

Thanks to a generous donation of woodchips from our church neighbors, the O'Malley family, we were able to create mud-free access paths in the garden. Humorously, we hauled the chips using a wheelbarrow brigade up and down 79th.

Earlier this month a sprinkler system was installed by a church member to allow for automatic watering this summer.

During the Lenten season of preparation for Jesus' resurrection at Easter, it seemed very fitting that 12 "disciples" gathered, worked, and prepared a place on our church grounds where God's bounty can grow and be shared with open hands.

May God bless our food bank garden richly with opportunities for fellowship, service, and giving.



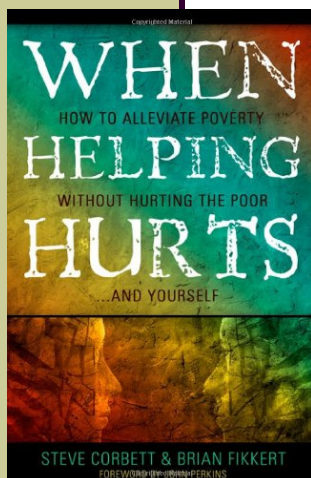
Food Bank Needs:

Doing some Spring Cleaning? Before you throw out furniture – call Lindy at 360-870-5994.

Here are the current needs:

- Queen mattresses
- Twin mattresses
- Living room couch
- Living room chairs
- Boys size 3T & 4T clothes

Thank you for helping our neighbors!



Adult Formation:

Adult Formation meetings will be starting a new book study on April 19. The book is *When Helping Hurts: How to alleviate poverty without hurting the poor... and yourself* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert.

Everyone is welcome to join the conversation **Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.** in the fellowship hall. Contact the church office for help getting a copy of the book.

Volunteer Connections:

A new committee has been created to alleviate the hiccups in getting volunteers signed up for service positions. Stay tuned for updates on processes. Contact the church office with questions in the meantime.

Safeguarding God's Children:



Safeguarding God's Children is a child abuse awareness and prevention program required for staff, Vestry Council members, and all volunteers working with children. The formal certification lasts for three years.

If you missed the workshop we had in February, there are some local opportunities coming up in May:

- Saturday, May 30, 2015 - 9:00am - 1:30pm
St. Benedict's Episcopal Church, Lacey
⇒ Registrations either by email, sbechurch@gmail.com, or phone at (360) 456-2240.
- Saturday, May 9, 2015 - 9:00am - 12:30pm
St. Timothy, 1826 SW Snively, Chehalis
⇒ To RSVP please contact John Long at 360 245 3388 or jmlong10@centurytel.net

Men's Breakfast and Fellowship Group:

The men's breakfast group meets every other Thursday morning at 7:30am at the IHOP in West Olympia (1520 Cooper Point Rd. SW) for good company, good food, and conversation about our faith. This month we'll gather on **April 16 and April 30**. All are welcome!



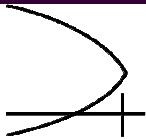
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 AA—8:00 p.m.	2 Men's Group 7:30 a.m. Office Hours 2:30—5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 -7:30 p.m.	3 Stations of the Cross 4:00-5:00 p.m. Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.	4 Easter Vigil 7:00-8:30 p.m.
5 Easter Family Worship 8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m. Easter Family Worship 10:30	6 Office Hours 2:30—5:30 p.m.	7 Office Hours 2:30—5:30 p.m.	8 AA—8:00 p.m.	9 Office Hours 2:30—5:30 p.m. Choir—7pm	10	11
12 Worship / Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Middle School Youth—5:00 p.m. High School Youth—6:45 p.m.	13 Office Hours 2:30—5:30 p.m. Vestry Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	14 Office Hours 2:30—5:30 p.m.	15 AA—8:00 p.m.	16 Men's Group 7:30 a.m. Office Hours 2:30—5:30 p.m. Choir—7pm	17	18
19 Education Hour resumes 9 a.m. Worship / Sunday School—10:30 a.m.	20 Beacon Articles Due Office Hours 2:30—5:30 p.m.	21 Office Hours 2:30—5:30 p.m.	22 AA—8:00 p.m.	23 Office Hours 2:30—5:30 p.m. Choir—7pm	24	25
26 Education Hour 9 a.m. Worship/Sunday School—10:30 a.m. Middle School Youth—5:00 p.m. High School Youth—6:45 p.m.	27 Office Hours 2:30—5:30 p.m.	28 Office Hours 2:30—5:30 p.m.	29	30 Men's Group 7:30 a.m. Office Hours 2:30—5:30 p.m. Choir—7pm		

April Sunday Service Schedule

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
Greeter	Nancy S. & Ann G. / Jim & Meredith H.			Alfredo M.
Acolyte	Morgan W. & Spencer S.			
Chalice Bearer	Jim M. & Sharon P.	Lee M.		
Reader			Alfredo M.	
Coffee Hour	Easter Breakfast	Doug Smith		
Children's Ministry		Charlotte, Anna- ka, Sarah, & Sheree	Lisa, Debbie, Sarah	Karli, Carrie, Sarah
Altar Guild	Everyone		Bonnie & Sherry C.	Annette E. & Cindy P.

If you have questions or would like to sign up for a Sunday Service Assistance position, please contact Becky in the church office: office@stchristopherolympia.org, 360-866-2111



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Office Hours
**Mondays, Tuesdays,
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Pastor & Priest
Fr. James Thibodeaux

Sunday Worship Hours

Worship and Sunday School
at 10:30 a.m.,
with nursery care