

The Messenger

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Organ “Sneak Peek”

In anticipation of our organ’s arrival in early 2024, we are previewing some photos of the building progress. Look for more pictures and explanations in the January issue of *The Crown*.

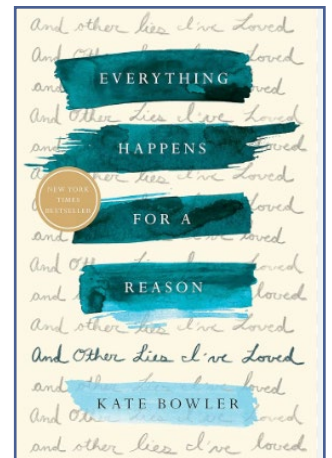


Woman’s Book Study

On the second Tuesday in January, the Women’s Book Study will begin reading *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I’ve Loved* by Kate Bowler. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the reception desk (\$15.00).

Bowler is an Associate Professor of American Religious History at Duke Divinity School. This memoir details the emotional, spiritual, and physical journeys she took after being diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer at age 35. Kate was stripped of certainty only to discover that without it, life is hard but beautiful in a way it never had been before.

Join us on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 am in the 2nd Floor Living Room, as we explore uncertainty in our own lives and the gifts God has for us in the midst of it. Women of all ages are invited to attend. We open our time together with prayer, followed by reading the book aloud, and discussing. No preparation is necessary. You can join the group at any time.



8:30 Choir Notes from Jackie

We are looking for more singers to join us in the 8:30 Choir - there is a particular need for more men. If you love to sing, whether it’s with a group or alone in your car, we’d love to have you! No previous choral singing experience is required, and you do not have to be able to read music in order to participate.

This is a fun group that is committed to supporting worship at the 8:30 service through fellowship in singing. Practice is on Tuesdays from 5:30 until 7:00 pm. Please consider joining us!



In peace we pray to you, Lord God

For parishioners who have requested prayers:

Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol*, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, Mike McCulley, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Bruce Baker, Geoff Wood, Maggie Bagg, Charlie Henke, Patty Willis, Peter Mnatzakanian, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Caroline Schnoebelen, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, and John Sessums.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Corey, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Kathi, Julia, Ardean, John, Peggy, Patty, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, Butch, Jim, Joan, Wes, Gerry, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Sue, Kristy, and Yordan.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Give thanks and pray for the new year ahead!

**These parishioners live out of the area but have requested to remain on the Christ Church prayer list.*

If you would like to add or remove someone from the list, contact [Betsy Downard](#).



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, December 31

10 am: Christmas Lessons and Carols (Nave / [Online](#))

Monday, January 1

New Years Day - Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 2

No 8:30 am Eucharist

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, January 3

11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Library) returns

6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Saturday, January 6

5:30pm: Epiphany Service.

Sunday, January 7

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School Returns

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / Online)

4 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room) Returns

6 pm: Sacred Ground (via Zoom) Returns

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room) Returns

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. January services can be found [here](#).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** If you can help us answer the phones, welcome visitors, and complete odd jobs here and there, we'd love to have you! Reserve your January shifts [here](#).
- **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed:** To volunteer to host a coffee hour in 2024, click found [here](#). Hosting instructions are included on the Sign-Up Genius page.
- **Interfaith Refugee Ministry** is so grateful for the continuing support of Christ Church. We are happy to report that we back to receiving more refugees than we have received in the past few years. Although we have been able to stockpile many items, we are in need of the basics to furnish a home. This includes gently used bed sheets and blankets, gently used pots and pans and new personal hygiene items. These items can be dropped off to 1913 Trent Road or purchased online and shipped to our office
- **RCS Seeking Clothing Items:** Needed items include new socks, underwear, winter hats, and gloves, as well as gently used shoes and coats. Items can be dropped off to 919 George Street.

Lost and Found

Have you been searching for your misplaced pair of reading or sunglasses, water bottle, book or even a set of keys? If so, please look in the Church's Lost and Found, which is located next to the elevator.

Our collection has been growing in recent weeks. Help these items find their way back home.