



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Those celebrating birthdays this month: Roger Williams 1/3, Michele Lewis 1/4, Trish Schornagel 1/7, Cindy Rooney 1/8, Joy Newlin 1/12, Thom Smelter 1/14, John Phillips 1/16, Elizabeth “BG” Erb 1/18, Liz DiRusso 1/25, Daniel Johnson 1/30.

Those celebrating anniversaries this month: Calib & Debbie Garland 1/13.

Is your birthday or anniversary missing from this list? Please email Denise at secretary@christchurchspotsy.com.

The Daily Office (Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., and Evening Prayer, 5:00 p.m.) will resume Tuesdays through Fridays on January 7th.

Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/99079670098>)
Meeting ID: 990 7967 0098

Fr. Daniel is offering Confession on Wednesdays at 11:30 in the church beginning January 8th. The Rite can be found on [page 447 of the Book of Common Prayer](#). You can also make an appointment for any other time during the week by emailing him at rector@christchurchspotsy.com.

Our Celtic Eucharist will resume each Wednesday at 12 Noon beginning January 8th.

Bible Study meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom and continues to meet weekly. We will begin a study on the Gospel of Mark on January 8th. You do not need to have joined us for our previous studies to join us this year. All are welcome regardless of familiarity with scripture. We laugh a lot and learn a lot.

<https://zoom.us/j/96814967129?pwd=T3o5aEZGSGZlVd5UkFYTVAoMWpjZz09>
Meeting ID: 968 1496 7129
Passcode: 027752

Our Sunday Spirituality Discussions will reconvene on Sunday, February 2nd. If you would like to join us, we will meet in the Great Hall at 9:15 a.m. If you can't make it, you can join us online at the link below.

<https://zoom.us/j/95690154404?pwd=QUUpnUDlHYoJXTzB3MmhhkVnZQaUNkZz09>
Meeting ID: 956 9015 4404
Passcode: 486546

We will have a Rite I Epiphany service at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 3rd. We will then go out to the bonfire (weather permitting) to burn the greens. You are welcome to bring your own beverage and goodies. If you have any greens or a Christmas tree or two you want to contribute to the bonfire, please bring those; if you need assistance getting your tree to Christ Church, please let us know and we'll see what we can do to arrange pick up.

On January 5th and 6th Fr. Daniel will be blessing houses in honor of Epiphany. The Epiphany house blessing and chalking is a medieval ritual that many denominations observe; it also doesn't take all that long! If you would like your house blessed, please let Denise (secretary@christchurchspotsy.com) or Fr. Daniel (rector@christchurchspotsy.com) know.

Youth Group meets every other Sunday after the 10:30 service. Our January meetings will be January 5th and 19th.

Fr. Daniel will be in residence at [Nashotah House](#) from January 19-25. Please keep him in your prayers. **Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker** will be celebrant on January 19 for both the 8 and 10:30 services while Fr. Daniel is away.

Join us January 16 at 7:00 p.m. for a webinar on the conflict currently afflicting Israel and Palestine. Many of you may be wondering why the current Gaza war has been so horrific. Though some may see the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel as the only cause, those who know the region well see the context in which this took place. In this webinar, we will be examining this context through personal and historical narratives. Our speakers, Philip Farah and Cathy Lisa Schneider, are a Palestinian American and Jewish American, respectively, who will talk of their personal stories and those of their relatives in Palestine and Israel. These stories reveal very different historical perspectives on the current struggle. You can find supporting information and bios of the speakers at <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/o/mobile/folders/1irTHAIVnquWrrXfscTSR5vke1A32nH5E?usp=sharing&pli=1>. You can submit questions for our speakers by emailing Fr. Daniel at rector@christchurchspotsy.com. You can join the webinar by going to

<https://christchurchspotsy.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9922819f22678325af503f443&id=787efd24e5&e=db57afe046>

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Passcode: 284344

Meet your Vestry nominees! Vestry nominees will introduce themselves at both services on January 12th and 19th. Please come and see who has volunteered to be on your Christ Church Vestry.

Annual Meeting. Our Christ Church Annual Meeting will be held after the 10:30 service on Sunday, January 26. We will vote for new Vestry members and hear the business of the church from 2024 and plans for 2025. We will begin with a potluck lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the Communications Center for you to let us know what you can bring.

Annual Reports. Commissions Chairs - your reports for the annual meeting packet are due to Denise NLT Monday, January 13th. This will ensure enough time to prepare the packet. Thank you!