



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As most people know, I had the honor of being with The Rev. Bob Wyatt when he passed away earlier this year. It was a well-choreographed event, operating on automatic pilot. That was because he had made his wishes known well in advance.

The booklet *Five Wishes* was written with the help of The American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging and leading experts in end-of-life care. It gently addresses difficult decisions we can face as we near the ends of our lives. What it does is allow us to make tough calls regarding our own future medical treatment, and to pass them along to a designated medical decision person so he or she knows our wishes: i.e., before someone else makes these decisions for us without our guidance.

The booklet suggests that anyone 18 years of age or older (i.e., anyone) should complete the forms it contains. The answers can easily be changed over time, but it's good to get something like this out of the way: the earlier, the better.

Wish 1: naming a personal health care agent. Most states have laws in place for people who lose the ability to do this themselves. Wish 2: the kind of medical treatment wanted or not wanted. Wish 3: how comfortable a person wants to be (RE pain). Wish 4: how a person wants to be treated and includes any visitor limitations. Wish 5: what loved ones should know, including how you want to be remembered.

The booklet contains a signature page, which also requires two witnesses. There also are instructions about what to do with the booklet once it is completed.

Many people are uncomfortable thinking about these things and refuse to do so. That means the state and/or family members who may not know their wishes will take over. The booklet is a gentle way to take care of this important part of the journey. Copies are on the Vestry Room table.

Peace be with you,
Pete+

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AROUND AND ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

Globetrotters...Bobby Lietz

Our family this year decided to do a 'new adventure' destination to Iceland to celebrate our children's school achievements. We explored the lower South/West tip of the Island, Hveragerði, Seljalandsfoss, Gljúfrabúi, Skógafoss – hot springs, volcanos, waterfalls and expanse of farmland. The following day we headed to the capital city, Reykjavik, and did day excursions from there. We took a boat ride to the Westman Islands to learn all about the Eldfell Volcano eruption that nearly destroyed the entire town and then on to Stórhöfði and the Puffin Cliffs. After exploring the sights, we needed to relax and spent some hours soaking in the famous Blue Lagoon Spa. Finally, for our last day on the Island, we drove the "Golden Circle" taking in all the stops and sights along the way. It was a great time with the family. I am blessed more than I deserve. A successful vacation.

Open Mic, June 27th...Buzz Hunter

On the evening of Saturday, June 27th, the sounds of summer arrived in Christ Church's "Nako Undercroft". A joyful evening of music, novel reading and storytelling began at 6:10 pm and concluding at 10:00 pm. The show was opened by Datu who offered up an eclectic mix of songs. Chris T followed with a lovely set featuring 2 original songs. Boman D followed with excerpts from his novels. Flutist Mike S followed with a collection of Japanese pieces. George B., Cheryl, Tom and Ian performed songs from their repertoires. Storyteller Errol came next and was followed by Patrick Hunter and his paternal ancestor, whom you know as the Prophets of the Elk. Charles T and John L provided amazing entertainment, with Charles and his 27 year-old self performing a duet and John sharing his original music along with bagpipe renditions of patriotic songs. Our evening closed with Fr. Pete providing lovely and live renditions of *Imagine*, *Leaving on a Jet Plane* and *Hotel California*. 28 folks were in attendance and there's always room for more. Thanks go out to Pat Millett and Nancy Diciocco. The show can't go on without you. Next open mic will be in September, see Julie for BOGO tix.

Save the date – Church Picnic, Sunday, September 13th, after the 10 a.m. Eucharist in the Nako Undercroft.

"THE NOT SO SILENT AUCTION VI" via Zoom – in OCTOBER.

Our Not So Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, October 24th, at 2 p.m. This will be the 6th time we hold this fun event. Please be thinking about donating new items and then attending the on-line event to pick up early holiday gifts without the hassle of in-store shopping.

Marked down – \$5 per jar of our famous and delicious Episcopickles

They are available during coffee hours. OR you may buy them during the week between 1 and 4 p.m. Please call the church office at 708-366-7730 to make arrangements with Julie.

EARTHQUAKES IN VENEZUELA RESPONSE FUND

Please consider making a donation for those impacted by the devastation and aftermath of the recent earthquakes. Please make your check payable to **Christ Church** and mark for "*Earthquakes in Venezuela*." Specially marked envelopes are available in the Narthex for this donation. Mail your donation to Christ Church or put it in the offering basket on Sundays. All our collected donations will be sent to the Episcopal Relief & Development.

BEYOND HUNGER

Please keep bringing non-perishable food items, regular size toiletries and cleaning products. **Note:** check all items for “sell by/expiration date”, the item must be factory sealed and not open, and any brands with identities based on racial stereotypes will not be accepted. Please bring them on Sundays and place in the basket in the Narthex.

PET BLESSING – Saturday, October 3rd, at 10 a.m. on front lawn...Nancy DiCiocco

Hot cider and donuts will be served following the blessing and treats for our furry loved ones. Mark your calendars and join us for the fun. We look forward to seeing you and your pets, as well as family and friends. We will be inside if the weather is uncooperative.

ReVive's 105th CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM...Pat Millett, Nancy DiCiocco

Once again, Christ Church is planning to participate in ReVive's Christmas Basket program. In the last few years, we have bought gifts for eight seniors. This year, we would appreciate your input now so we can make any necessary adjustments. Please contact us to let us know: 1. If you will be participating this year. 2. If you want to buy for a senior or a family. This will be helpful in knowing how many people to commit to and what age group you are most interested in. Thank you. Watch for further details in September BUZZ.

People to remember in our prayers

Andrew, Joy, John, Tony, Alayna, Bob, Emily Gracia, Terry Kearns, Cindy Pierpaoli, Marc & Sylvette, Diane, Christina & Dean, Barb, Merik, Kasia, LaMonte, Jen Santos, Faith, Ceil, Lois, Justine, George, Amanda, Sharon, Maureen Puleo, The Rev. Mary Frances, Nicholas, Nancy Stisser, Doreen, David, Courtney, Buff Martin, Judy, Scotty, Jordan, John, Marcia, Luke, Hilde, Dom, Marilyn, Rob, The Aronson family, Sonya, Jolie, Kathleen Flanders, Blake, Frank Cassello, Patrick & Veronica, Buzz, Jack, Mike Murphy, David & Mona Avalos, Evelyn Housenga, Jean Ottens, Steve, Martha, Barb, Julie, Jason Brown, Ron, Marc Winter, Jeb Bashaw, Kia Sorge, Betze, Isabella, Paul Moravec, Eliza Ann, Rocky Pate, William Keating, Kathy & Brad Langhorst, Rodney Mack, Kim, Terry Ziemke, David Thomphsen, Keith Gartin, Ben Shipper, Ada, Kathy, Deborah, Josefina, Abel, Jamie, Darcy, Andy, Caitlyn, Chris, Dawn, and those in our armed forces: Andrew Tapley, Reese Jones, Joseph Sowka, Alicia Johnson, Colton Stockholm, Hank Hamilton, Zach Zobel.

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

8	Mary Jill Lietz	9	Robert Lietz	12	Laura & Ed Thomphsen
18	Cyn Koukos	21	Susan Krout		

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

1	Clayton Steward	15	Madeline Lyons	18	Dom DiCiocco
25	Emily Lietz	27	Seth Flanders		

IMPORTANT DATE IN JULY

Friday, July 3rd – Men's and Women's Lunches at noon, Madison Park Kitchen
Sunday, July 26th – “Back Room Stories”, 6:30 p.m. – front lawn of church

IMPORTANT DATES IN AUGUST

Men's and Women's Lunches will not meet in August.
Sunday, August 23rd – “Back Room Stories”, 6:30 p.m. – front lawn of church