

# The Enlightener

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MAY 2021



### TRANSITION TO REOPENING

Dear People of Christ Church,

The past six months have been hard. The winter surge cancelled in-person services on November 2. In March, the daily case counts were declining, but we have had another increase in daily cases in April. I am now optimistic that the daily case count and positivity rate will decline in May due to vaccinations. I joyfully announce our plan to transition to in-person services at Christ Church.

We consulted with a respected medical professional who said that we should not open for in-person services until the New York State calculation for positivity rate is below 2% in Monroe County. We are not there yet, but the positivity rate is beginning to trend downward. We will also take in to account the number of vaccinations in Monroe County. It is our hope to resume in-person services on June 6. I assure you we will continue an online service for the foreseeable future.

I consulted with the Vestry and we agreed that we will begin outdoor services starting on May 9 at 10:00 am. These will be services of Holy Communion. We will try to make the service as normal as possible. We still will need to wear masks, sit with our own households, and be physically distanced. Attendees will need to bring a lawn chair or a blanket. We will be located near the shelter in the park each week. Reservations will be accepted from Monday to Friday by calling the church office or by signing up online.

Here some details:

This Sunday (May 2, 2021) will be the last "Communion to Go", from 11:00 am to Noon.

Date	Time	Location	Capacity
May 9	10:00 am	Port of Pittsford	70
May 16	10:00 am	Port of Pittsford	70
May 23	10:00 am	Port of Pittsford	70
May 30	10:00 am	Great Embankment Park	120

The May 23 service, Pentecost, is the Bishop's Visitation and will include seven youth confirmations. I will be speaking to the bishop about how we can pivot if the service is canceled due to rain.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the Sundays in May. God bless you all.

Peace and blessings.

Ron

**Shakespeare's Bible.**

May 7: *Back to School in Wittenberg: Protestantism, Party-lines, and Religion in Shakespeare's Hamlet.*

May 14: *Too full o'the milk of human kindness? Doing What it Takes to Get On in Macbeth.*

May 21: *The Course of True Love: Fairies, Forests, and Other Pathways to Heaven in A Midsummer Night's Dream.*

May 28: *The Wine She Drinks is Made of Grapes: Othello, Iago, and the Radical Reformation.*

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

**MEDITATION**

**FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS AT NOON**

**May 4 and 18**

The meditation group meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at noon. All experience levels welcome. Our final dates for the program year are May 4 and May 18. We will resume in September. For information, please contact Suzanne Lee at [leeharris@frontiernet.net](mailto:leeharris@frontiernet.net).

**WOMEN'S VIRTUAL RETREAT**

**SATURDAY, MAY 8, 10:00 AM**

Please join us for our last retreat for this spring. We will resume in the fall. For further information please contact: [Nancy.dhurjaty@gmail.com](mailto:Nancy.dhurjaty@gmail.com), [pburch1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:pburch1@rochester.rr.com), [joyceporrey@gmail.com](mailto:joyceporrey@gmail.com)

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, 7:30 pm**

We are reading *The Lost Manuscript*, by Cathy Bonidan. Anne-Lise Briard is on vacation when, in search of something to read, she opens up her bedside drawer in her hotel room, and inside she finds an abandoned manuscript. What follows is the mystery of who wrote this manuscript, and all the people who have held it in the thirty years between when it was written and when Anne-Lise finds it.

**NONFICTION BOOK CLUB**

**TUESDAY, MAY 18 & JUNE 22, 3:00 PM**

The following books have been selected for our upcoming meetings.

1. Tuesday, May 18th at 3:00 pm to discuss *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race* by Walter Isaacson
2. Tuesday, June 22nd at 3:00 pm to discuss *Timefulness: How Thinking Like a Geologist Can Help Save the World* by Marcia Bjornerud

All meetings are held via Zoom. Membership is open to all Christ Church congregants and friends. If a book looks interesting to you, please join us for our discussion.

For more information or to be added to our distribution list for Zoom information, please contact Jim Baroody at [jimbaroody@gmail.com](mailto:jimbaroody@gmail.com).

Our Sunday School children are wrapping up the program year with lessons that coordinate with one of each week's readings. The lessons utilize interactive children's bulletins, discussion ideas, and other activities as fun reinforcements to the message of the week.

The program year will wrap up on May 23, but families should continue to watch their emails for fun summertime activities – at-home lessons as well as safe, socially distanced in person gatherings. Our late winter and early spring family gatherings were successful, so we plan to hold more over the summer months.

We are also brainstorming ideas for an exciting re-opening of Sunday School in September 2021. We cannot wait to see all our friends again this fall!

Youth Group continues to meet weekly on Zoom and recently welcomed new friends from the Youngblut and Knight families. Our meetings combine Bible lessons, catching up with one another, and fun online games. Many thanks to the youth who have spent their Sundays on Zoom this school year.

Please note that Youth Group will not meet on May 9 (Mother's Day), May 23 (Bishop's visit and Confirmation) and May 30 (Memorial Day weekend). We will meet online for a few times in June (dates to be announced), and then our Zoom meetings will end for the summer. We hope to plan some safe, socially distant in-person youth gatherings over the summer months, and in the fall meet in person again. Stay tuned!

The Young Adult Group has also welcomed several new members over the last couple of months and continues to meet faithfully each Friday afternoon. The group will continue to meet on Zoom for now, then will discuss how to proceed during the summer months. The Young Adult Group has been a wonderful addition to our fellowship offerings this year, thanks to the enthusiasm of this great collection of young women and men.



MUSIC

The program year as concerns our section leaders meeting weekly in church (distanced 7' and masked) to record hymns and anthems ends the on the last Sunday before Memorial Day, which is Trinity Sunday in the church year. However, as we did last summer, we will retain four of the section leaders, one for each part, to help with recording the virtual full-choir hymn for our online services.

Just as we've had occasional pickup-choir Sunday mornings over the summers in normal years, I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome anyone interested in singing to join in on the virtual hymns. There's no weekly obligation - only as and when you have time and would like to send a video in. I'm happy to say we have several people participating who are not regular choir members - it really is open to all comers. To be added to the weekly email list or to find out more about how we record and assemble the hymns, just get in touch at [music@christchurchpittsford.com](mailto:music@christchurchpittsford.com).

David