



The Courier

Christ the King Episcopal Church

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Huntington, Indiana 46750

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A Few Words from Fr. Ted

COME LABOR ON

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP. p. 134)

This Collect from the *Book of Common Prayer's* service of Compline is, perhaps, not well known by many Episcopalians. The alternate prayer for its place in the service, "Keep watch, Dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night..." is so beloved that it seems to invariably be the one selected. This one, though, reminds us of our interdependence. None of us can provide all we need for our sustenance or thriving. We lack the skills and resources to produce all that we need. But this prayer helps us to remember that all work, whether done wearing a tie behind a desk, overalls in the repair pit of an auto shop, blue jeans on a construction site or casual wear in a classroom, contributes to the common good. All labor is noble.

On Monday, September 1st, our nation will celebrate Labor Day. While acknowledged as one of our major holidays, it sometimes seems merely significant as the "unofficial end of summer." Much as Memorial Day in Indiana is Race Day, Labor Day's importance is too often overlooked. The setting aside of this day as a federal commemoration goes back to 1894, by which time over thirty states were already holding similar celebrations. It was originally an attempt to honor the contributions of labor unions and the labor movement in achieving better working conditions and terms for "working" men and women. By now, I suspect that most of us have forgotten the connection to organized labor and if we do stop to even think about the significance of the day, it is more honoring all work, which is also appropriate.



Can we see labor as a gift of God or only as a burden necessary for our survival? A reading of the second account of creation found in Genesis Chapters 2 and 3 seems to point to labor, especially manual labor, as a curse. After the disobedience of Adam and Eve by eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, God cursed the serpent to spend its days crawling on its belly and eating the dust of the ground. The woman was to experience pain in childbirth. And the man, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it', cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread." (Genesis 3:17b-19a) Doesn't make it sound as if work was a gift or something for which to give thanks, does it?

It is not as if that first couple, or we, whom they represent, were created for a life of endless leisure. Earlier in this story it is noted that even before Eve was brought to life as a companion for the man, God placed the man in the garden "to till it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15). There was work to do even in the idyllic setting of Eden. That is because work is part of what gives meaning to life. As much as we enjoy our time off and look forward to weekends and holidays, they are valued only as a respite. I can't imagine that any of us would really enjoy continuously sitting around eating bon bons (whatever those are.) Rest is important and God recognized that in commanding for us a weekly sabbath in which we can recharge ourselves for the demands of the coming week. How do most of us choose to use this discretionary time, though? We take care of the yard, work on the house or do chores. It seems that even when given a choice, we opt for labor.

This Labor Day, then, let's enjoy time with family and friends, recall the role of the American Labor Movement in achieving reasonable work safety and compensation rules, and give thanks to God for giving us meaningful work by which we can contribute to each other's needs. Happy Labor Day!

Fr. Ted +

"TRY TO REMEMBER"

After a long hot summer, it is hard not to look forward to the month of September. The promise of autumn, the return to a more structured calendar and football (!) all make this a favored time of year. In 1962, the musical "The Fantastiks" began its off-Broadway run that would at the time of its eventual closing make it the longest-running stage musical in history. It ran for 42 years and more than 17,000 performances. Many of us may only know of it because of its best-known song, "Try to Remember the Kind of September." This song reeks with nostalgia for a simpler time when "time was slow and oh so mellow." As sappy as that sentiment is, we all naturally long for times of less turmoil, less strife and less stress. Even

though most of us no longer toil for our living, the endless cycle of news, and the rapidity of change give us all unease.

I urge you all to take some time this September (or October) to enjoy this slow, mellow time. Whether it is an afternoon in the backyard with a good book, a trip to the orchard, or a more defined time away from your usual activities, it will do you good and refresh you for the inevitable changes we will all encounter. And, maybe, in the cold of winter, we will be able to remember that kind of September we all long for.

Fr. Ted +

**ALZHEIMER'S and DEMENTIA
CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**

**Will meet Thursday, September 4
at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

Questions?

Call Nancy Heasley

260-450-7077

PARTY TIME is ALMOST HERE – Note the CHANGE!

Remember, we are having a PICNIC on the first day of Fall
and hope all of you can attend!

Set the date on your calendar for **September 21st at 11:00 a.m.**

It will be at the Oswalt's, 300 Circle Drive.

It will last as long as you want it to last. There may (or may not) be games, but there will be food.
There's a signup sheet on the round table in the Parish Hall.

If you cannot or do not wish to supply a dish, there is always plenty of food, so come anyway!
You may want to bring your lawn chair. Tableware and beverages will also be provided.



HOPING FOR A CROWD, SEE YOU THERE -- OR BE SQUARE!!!



BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on Monday, September 22 to discuss *Daughter of Cana* by Angela Hunt. An Amazon customer wrote, "This book is well written, engaging, and gratefully all believable! . . . Reading this book is like reading the entire account of Jesus' life in a condensed and very relatable way."

Marguerite Wire will lead the discussion and Linda Beatty will host.

Feel free to join us – even if you haven't read the book!.

We meet at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sue Graham
- 12 George Holtrey
- 14 Jeanette Jena Snyder
- 17 Julie Harrell
- 21 Gary Beatty
- 27 Kory Boxell

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Les & Sue Graham

Remember to send updates for this page to Sue Jepsen at (sljepsen@yahoo.com). She'll even take them on little slips of paper if that suits you better! Thank you!



PROJECT COMPLETED!

If you haven't had a chance to look, this is our long-neglected hillside west of the parking lot. Now it's something we can be proud of!

CHRIST THE KING SEPTEMBER, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01	02 4:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. AA	03	04 5:30 Evening Prayer	05	06
07 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 Adult Study	08	09 4:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. AA	10	11 5:00 Dementia Caregivers Group 5:30 Holy Communion	12	13
14 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 Adult Study	15	16 4:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. AA	17	18 5:30 Evening Prayer 6:00 Vestry	19	20
21 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:00 PARISH PICNIC @ Oswalt's	22 7:00 p.m. Book Club in the Parish Hall	23 4:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. AA	24	25 5:30 Evening Prayer	26	27
28 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 Adult Study	29	30 4:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. AA	01	02	03	04 0

SERVICE ROSTER SEPTEMBER, 2025

	7 Sept	14 Sept	21 Sept	28 Sept
		United with Love Ingathering		
Reader (OT & Epistle)	Marguerite Wire	Linda Beatty	Gary Beatty	Meg Moss
Intercessor	Bill Oswalt	Gary Beatty	Judy Frischman	Bill Oswalt
Server 1	Carmen Oswalt	Meg Moss	Marguerite Wire	Carmen Oswalt
Server 2	Jeff Roberts	Jeff Roberts	Carmen Oswalt	Jeff Roberts
Oblations				
Counter				Alex Klausing
Altar Guild	Sue Jepsen	Linda Beatty	Carmen Oswalt	Alex Klausing
Coffee Hour	Jepsen	Heasley	PICNIC	Wire



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VESTRY

Sue Jepsen 2025
Nancy Heasley 2025

John Jepsen 2026
Paul Wilson 2026

Carmen Oswalt 2027
Sue Nunemaker 2027

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SERVICES at CHRIST the KING

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.: Holy Communion
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.: Morning Prayer
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.: Evening Prayer
2nd Thursday/month, 5:30: Communion

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