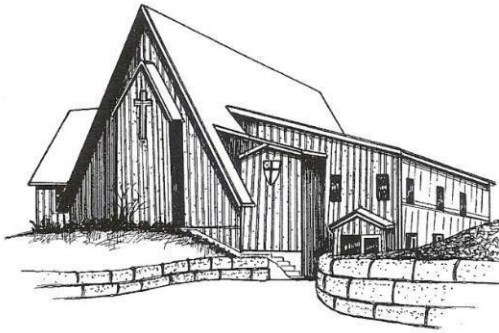




The Courier

Christ the King Episcopal Church

1224 North Jefferson Street

Huntington, Indiana 46750

OCTOBER, 2026

A Few Words from Mother Mindy

We're in the midst of a busy fall. We thank the Oswalts for hosting us for a fall picnic! We're looking forward to a new/old tradition: the Blessing of the Pets on October 4. Please involve your pets if you have them, either by bringing them or a picture of them, and please invite your friends and family to join us for this special Sunday!

Meanwhile, you may or may not realize that we're offering a Confirmation Class on Thursday evenings that will come to a close soon. It's been fantastic getting to know our three Christ the King participants better– Jeff Webb, Michael McVicker, and Dennis Steckley– as well as our two participants from Gethsemane. We will all come together to celebrate Confirmation and Reception for those who feel led to pursue this sacramental action on Thursday, October 29 at 5:30 p.m. I hope you can join us!

Something else I want you to know about: Sue Nunemaker, Michael McVicker, and I set up a table on your behalf at the Huntington University Church Fair back in September. It was a great event; we greeted students, passed out CtK pens and stickers, and I got to meet a few more local pastors in the process. All good things!

Your Vestry also made the decision to send extra monetary support to our siblings in the Episcopal churches in Northwest Indiana in the wake of the storms that ravaged those areas earlier in the summer. Thank you for your generosity– to our community and beyond. It is an honor to serve alongside of you.

Mindy+



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

5 Lynn Roberts
10 Paul Wilson
16 Linda Beatty
17 Julie Harrell



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

7 Gary & Linda Beatty
20 Erv & Beth Ebersole
27 Chris and Britina Boxell

NOTE: If a birthday or anniversary of a member of your family is not being included in these lists, please contact Sue Jepsen and give her the dates we need to recognize.

sljepsen@yahoo.com

Thanks!

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on Monday, October 26 to discuss *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers. Considered a classic story of the Depression, the story revolves around John Singer, a deaf mute, and four other characters. Singer acts as an almost God-like figure to the other four and serves as a symbol of their mutual incomprehension through his handicap. He is to each whatever they want him to be. They all go to him to tell him of their problems as a Christian goes to church to pray.

Julie Harrell 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.



CHOIR NEWS



Choir practice has a new day and time! We are now meeting on Wednesday at 4:00 pm. We would love to have you join us then. We are singing again on November 1st and November 22nd.

Christ the King Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
September 17, 2026

Present– Carmen Oswalt, Marguerite Wire, Sue Nunemaker, Beth Ebersole, Mark Parker, and Paul Wilson. Sue and John Jepsen by Zoom.

The meeting was called to order around 6:20 p.m. with prayer (technical problems)

Minutes of the July Vestry meeting were approved following electronic distribution.

Treasurer's Report: Mark reported that pledges are good and expenses are normal. Under Outreach the \$1000 is normal and the \$550 went to the Diocese for Storm Relief. The budget billing on the electricity has expired and we have a credit to be used. Utilities are generally down and the Edward Jones account is gaining.

Mtr. Mindy -

- 1) Safe Church -- Our in-person session is November 14 (Saturday) from 10 am-1 pm.
- 2) LEV training -- Thursday, November 5. Time to be confirmed.
- 3) Confirmation -- The Bishop will be here on Thursday, October 29, at 5:30 pm. Confirmands will be from both Christ the King and Gethsemane.
Rite of Enrollment -- Sunday, September 27

Welcoming Liturgy for Michael McVickers - Sunday, September 20

Confirmation classes are going well.

- 4) Pet Blessing -- October 4 - pets or pet pictures - We'll use an alternate approved Communion liturgy with a seasonal theme.
- 5) McVickers wedding -- March 6. Marguerite is calculating/determining the capacity of the church and the fellowship hall.
- 6) Adult Class books -- No book has been chosen yet
- 7) Pastoral Care -- Mindy reported visits to Fred Heasley and the Frischman viewing.
- 8) Carol Powers (member at Gethsemane) is offering a painting session for Pysanky Eggs. Carol is an expert at this Ukrainian art and would like to provide the session for around 16 people at CtK. \$10 per participant for supplies. We chose December 3 from the available dates and will plan to offer it to CtK members first, then to the University. Carmen will email to check for CtK interest.
- 9) Parishioners should check their email for the notice about the Separation of Church and State event in Ft Wayne.
- 10) Mtr. Mindy has requested a couple days professional leave to catch up coursework for her Continuing Education course. She also presented options for Sunday, October 18. We have chosen to have Morning Prayer with a previously given sermon from Mindy. Beth made the motion, Marguerite seconded, passed.

Senior Warden Report: Carmen

- 1) Ice Cream Social - = Successful event. 42 people came.

- 2) Church picnic -- September 27 at Oswalts.
- 3) Closets -- the Fellowship Hall now has plastic boxes to protect items .
- 4) Bulletin inserts -- Gethsemane has asked about sharing the cost of a combined order. Carmen and Mark are exploring the cost.
- 5)

Junior Warden Report: Sue J.

- 1) HU work team report - There were 15 kids from the University that put in 1 ½ hours work for a community work project. They did a number of yardwork projects.
- 2) Fellowship Hall thermostat signage - The temperature can be adjusted with the up and down arrows but Hold should not be pressed.
- 3) The bulb in the Exit sign at the left sanctuary door is out.

Committee Reports:

- 1) Worship -- Sue J, Marguerite, and Mtr. Mindy have printed separate sheets for each of the Prayers of the People to standardize where the prayer list should be read. Use of the sheets seems to be going well.
- 2) Pastoral care --
- 3) Hospitality -- Carmen will work on planning a Game Night for some time after the first of the year.
- 4) Communications -- An announcement of the Pet Blessing has been put on the website and on Facebook. Site stats were emailed to the Vestry members.
- 5) Christian Formation/Education -- The 3-part video series on the Sacraments started last Sunday and will continue this Sunday. Final session will be October 4. No class on September 27 because of the picnic.
- 6) Administration --
- 7) Outreach -- Sue N. reported that she, Mtr. Mindy, and Michael McVickers manned a table at the University on Friday, September 4. They handed out stickers and pens. The pens were \$100 for 250. The stickers with the church picture were popular. An idea to explore -- Sue J's daughter attended a similar event with prizes given for matching rubber ducks. The activity attracted a lot of attention to the booth.

New Business:

We need to be planning ahead about dates and times for Thanksgiving and Christmas services.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marguerite Wire, Clerk

ADULT FORMATION / SUNDAY SCHOOL

October 12 will be the third video and discussion; October 11 and 18 will be talking about the Gospel for the day, and there will be no class on October 25 because Fr. Ted will be with us. Marguerite will begin a discussion of how AI might affect the church on November 1.

CHRIST THE KING OCTOBER, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	01 9:30 Morning Prayer 5:00 Caregivers' Support 5:30 Evening Prayer	02	03
04 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Pet Blessing Adult Sunday School	05	06 7:00 p.m. AA	07 4:00 Choir	08 9:30 Morning Prayer 5:30 Evening Prayer	09	10 11 a.m. Pre-Convention ZOOM
11 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer Gary Beatty preaches Adult Sunday School	12	13 7:00 p.m. AA	14 4:00 Choir	15 9:30 Morning Prayer 5:30 Evening Prayer Vestry meeting following	16	17
18 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer Adult Sunday School	19	20 7:00 p.m. AA	21 4:00 Choir	22 9:30 Morning Prayer 5:30 Evening Prayer	23	24
25 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Fr. Ted supplies	26 7:00 Book Club in the Parish Hall <i>The Heart is a Lonely Hunter</i> by Carson McCullers	27 7:00 p.m. AA	28 4:00 Choir	29 9:30 Morning Prayer 5:30 Evening Prayer	30	31 0

ALZHEIMER'S and DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Will meet Thursday, October 1
at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Questions?

Call Nancy Heasley

260-450-7077

SERVICE ROSTER OCTOBER, 2026

	4 Oct	11 Oct	18 Oct	25 Oct
	Blessing of the Pets	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	United with Love Ingathering Choir sings
Reader	Meg Moss	Linda Beatty	Marguerite Wire	Dick Wire
Intercessor	Marguerite Wire			Bill Oswalt
Server 1	Dixie Harrold	Preacher: Gary Beatty	Worship Leader: Carmen Oswalt	Carmen Oswalt
Server 2/Crucifer		Worship Leader: Carmen Oswalt		Jeff Roberts
Counter			Gary Beatty	Sue Jepsen
Oblations		Beatty		
Altar Guild	Dixie Harrold	Linda Beatty	Carmen Oswalt	Carmen Oswalt
Coffee Hour	Wire	Parker		Beatty



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VESTRY

John Jepsen 2026
Paul Wilson 2026

Marguerite Wire 2027
Sue Nunemaker 2027

Dixie Harrold 2028
Beth Ebersole 2028

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SERVICES at CHRIST the KING

Sunday, 8:45 a.m.: Holy Communion
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.: Evening Prayer

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The Rt. Rev.
Douglas Sparks

Sr. Warden:

Carmen Oswalt

Jr. Warden:

Sue Jepsen

Treasurer:

Mark Parker

Music Director:

Sue Nunemaker

CHRIST THE KING ANNUAL CALENDAR 2026 UPDATED 6/4

JANUARY		JULY	(Newsletter article: Carmen)
4		5	Both 8:45
11		12	Gethsemane; Terri Bays supplies
15	Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.; Vestry, 5:45 p.m.	16	Evening prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following
18	Annual Meeting 10:15 a.m.	19	Both 8:45
25		26	Vacation; Gary preaches
FEBRUARY			
1	Mtr. Hancock preaches		
8		AUGUST	(Newsletter article: Mindy)
15	Pancake & Sausage Coffee Hour	2	Both 8:45
18	Ash Wednesday Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.	9	Gethsemane; Terri Bays supplies
19	Holy Eucharist, 5:15; Vestry, imm. Following	16	Both 8:45
22	Fr. Ted's last Sunday	20	Evening prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following
26	Stations of the Cross, 5:00	23	CtK 8:45
MARCH	(Newsletter article: Carmen)	30	Both 8:45
1	Both 8:45 Mtr. Mindy's 1st Sunday as Priest-in-Chg		
5,12, 19, 26	Stations of the Cross, 5:00	SEPTEMBER	(Newsletter article: Carmen)
8	Gethsemane Bishop Sparks; PR Sue/ Retirement	6	Both
15	Both, 8:45	13	Gethsemane; Marguerite preaches
22	CtK 8:45	17	Evening prayer, Vestry
29	Palm Sunday/ Both 8:45	20	Both
APRIL	(Newsletter article: Mindy)	27	CtK 8:45
2	Maundy Thursday Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.		
3	Good Friday Liturgy, 12:00 p.m.	OCTOBER	(Newsletter article: Mindy)
4	Easter Vigil in FW or Marion	4	Both 8:45
5	Easter Sunday Eucharist, 8:45 a.m. Both	11	Gethsemane, Gary preaches
12	Gethsemane; Marguerite preaches	15	Evening Prayer; Vestry follows
16	Evening prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following	18	CtK 8:45; Fr. Ted supplies
19	Both 8:45	25	Vacation/ Fr. Ted supplies
21 & 28	Book Study on Zoom, 7:00 p.m.		
26	CtK 8:45	NOVEMBER	(Newsletter article: Carmen)
30	Install Mtr. Mindy as Priest-in-Charge	1	Both 8:45
MAY	Newsletter article: Carmen)	7	Diocesan Convention, Fort Wayne
3	Both 8:45	8	Gethsemane; Sue preaches
5,12,19,26	Book Study on Zoom, 7:00 p.m.	15	Both
10	Gethsemane; Gary preaches (David S. organist)	19	Evening prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following
17	Both 8:45	22	Christ the King Sunday, 8:45
21	Evening Prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following	29	Both
24	Both 8:45		
31	CtK 8:45	DECEMBER	(Newsletter article: Mindy)
JUNE	(Newsletter article: Mindy)	6	Both 8:45
2	Book Study on Zoom, 7:00 p.m.	13	Gethsemane; Fr. Ted supplies
7	Both 8:45	17	Evening prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following
13	Heritage Days Parade	20	Both 8:45
14	Gethsemane; Sue preaches	24	Christmas Eve Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.
18	Evening Prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following	27	Vacation; L & C/ Marguerite preaches
21	Both 8:45		
28	CtK 8:45		
	2nd Sunday of each month: United with Love ingathering		
	WEEKLY, each Thursday: MORNING PRAYER, 9:30 a.m.; EVENING PRAYER, 5:30 P.M.		
	RED = Sunday BLUE = need supply BLACK= weekday		0

