



# Announcements 8.17.18

**Service Times:**  
 Saturday Contemporary  
 5:30pm  
 Sunday Traditional  
 8 & 10am  
*Limited music at 8am service*

**Saturday Evening Youth Programs:**  
*(ages 6-12th grade)*  
 7-9pm Youth Group  
 Youth Building

**Sunday Morning Children's Programs:**  
*(ages 4-5th grade)*  
 10am Parish Hall

## A Message from the Rector

Dear Friends,

Many of you will have heard news of the Grand Jury report on abuse in the Roman Catholic Church which was released this week. Some of you will have been shocked to read the names of hundreds of offending priests and to learn that Pittsburgh is a place where their actions were especially prevalent and indeed covered up.

Sadly, I also know that some of you will not have been at all surprised by this and that you will have had your own experience of abuse in the Catholic church or perhaps other places.

As a minister, I am deeply grieved for those affected by the enormous pain that has been caused by people who do a job like mine. As a believer, I am also ashamed of how this reflects on the Lord who came to heal the vulnerable not to take advantage of them.

Those who should have been preaching grace were perpetrating the worst of sin and hiding it behind a theology of works, that proclaimed themselves, not Christ, to be the intermediary with God. I am well aware that you don't need me and this church for salvation, you need Jesus. It is an enormous privilege to be called to point you daily back to Him.

If you or your loved ones have suffered in a church, I want to thank you for trusting us. I want you to know that we take accountability, child protection, and the safeguarding of all vulnerable people very seriously. As well as being in full compliance with all relevant laws, the Vestry and staff team has already implemented a number of additional measures to prevent anything like this from happening here to the best of our ability. You will see references to this in our Vestry minutes and hopefully you will have seen the recent changes to the signing in and out processes in the nursery and children's ministry spaces as evidence of this too.

If anything in this report is troubling to you personally, and you need to speak about it, Reverend Connie and/or I would be honored to meet with you and to pray with you confidentially. Even if something happened in our own church, we would not side with the perpetrator or seek to minimize the seriousness of the offense. Our duty under the Lord is to look after the people of God.

Please be aware, however, if the alleged perpetrator is still active in some way we would be obliged to report it. Our duty under the law is to do so. If you decide that you need to come forward and make the authorities aware of anything, we promise to walk alongside you by the grace of God as you seek justice.

Yours in Christ,  
 Rev'd Alex



WITH  
*Sympathy*  
**Carl W. Herrmann III**  
 1930-2018

The condolences of the parish are extended to the family of Carl Herrmann, who died on July 12.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Church Fox Chapel on Friday, August 24 at 11am. Donations in Carl's honor can be made to Christ Church Fox Chapel, Light of Life Mission, the National Fur Industry or a charity of your choice.



Our congregation has a long-standing tradition of supporting the ministries at Shepherd's Heart Fellowship (Uptown near Mercy Hospital.) One way we support them is by collecting personal items they are in need of for the homeless men & women they serve.

Specifically they are requesting:  
 shaving supplies • deodorant  
 toothpaste • medium-sized bar soap  
 packages of new mens/womens underwear

*Other types of clothing may be needed in the future, so please only donate items from the list above at this time.*

A collection basket is located in the Courtyard Entrance (rear of Parish Hall on the right side.)



For updates on Rev. Tracey's treatment & recovery, please visit  
[www.caringbridge.org/visit/traceyrussell](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/traceyrussell)



Sundays  
 5:30-7pm

**Ultimate Frisbee**

Ages 11 & up—friends welcome!  
 Christ Church Fox Chapel | Lower Field  
*(weather permitting)*  
 Aug. 19, 26 | Sept. 2



**FALL Schedule**

Weekly meetings resume on September 4  
 9:30-11am | Parlor

No meetings on August 21 or 28.

**New book begins on September 4:**  
*God Has a Name*  
 by John Mark Comer

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**PREPARE**  
 for upcoming weeks

**THIS WEEKEND:**  
 Encounters: Rendezvous & Run-Ins with Jesus: Part II

**August 18/19: A Lady in Agony and the Healer**  
 Exodus 20: 8-11 | Psalm 6: 2-4 | Luke 13: 10-17  
 Preacher: The Rev. Alex Shuttleworth

**August 25/26: Ten Lepers and One Worshipper**  
 Leviticus 13: 45-46 | Psalm 107: 17-23 | Luke 17: 11-19  
 Preacher: The Rev. Alex Shuttleworth