



# Friend to friend

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | CHRIST CHURCH | DECEMBER 2021

## Don't Miss Our Special Christmas Series

Whether we're nostalgic or overscheduled, this season can find us longing for a simpler time ... a time when the world seemed full of wonder, when joy was wholehearted, and when love was unrestrained.

Let's rediscover what it means to love and believe ... "Like a Child."

Join live—or online—each week. And you'll see why this is "the most wonderful time of the year!"



## Church Events

- Pop Up Shops at the Daily Grind Dec. 5, 12, 19
- *A Christmas Musical Celebration* at All Services Dec. 12
- Acoustic Café at the Daily Grind—Chris Mastroianni—Dec. 5, 11:00 - 1:00
- Acoustic Café at the Daily Grind—Rob Skiba—Dec. 12, 11:00 - 1:00
- Acoustic Café at the Daily Grind—Music with Bill—Dec. 19, 11:00 - 1:00
- Christmas Candlelight Services, Thursday, Dec. 23 7:00, Friday, Dec. 24 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 p.m.
- Christmas Children's Service Friday, Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m.

# THE DAILY GRIND

## Monthly Special

**Roast Beef Panini**—Roast beef with cheddar cheese, sautéed onions and red roasted peppers.

## Drink Specials

-Peppermint Patty, Gingerbread and Crackerjack Lattes all with Whipped Cream, Candy Sprinkles and Sauce Drizzle (As a Flight or Individually)

-Cinnamon Vanilla Oat Milk Iced Latte

-Peppermint Frozen Hot Chocolate Smoothie

-Fresh Brewed Mistletoe Coffee (Mocha Mint)

## Book Your Event

Our conference room and other spaces are available at no charge and we'd love to host your group. Call 569-2500 to schedule.

## Acoustic Cafés

**Chris Mastroianni**—Sunday, December 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Rob Skiba**—Sunday, December 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Music with Bill**—Sunday, December 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy a fun time out with good music, good food and good friends! Call 569-2500 for more information.

## Musicians Wanted

If you are a musician and would like to play at the Daily Grind please let us know. We're always looking for more musicians for our Acoustic Café nights. Call 569-2500 to schedule.

## A Special Gift for Jesus

During our Christmas Candlelight Services, all worshippers will be invited to come forward for Communion, at which time they will have a chance for a quiet moment before the Nativity. Please consider matching the largest Christmas gift you are giving a loved one this year with a gift to Jesus. Please bring in Christmas cards as well. And, kids, we love when you bring a drawing or hand-made card!

Weekly Pop-up Shops  
at  
The Daily Grind Coffee  
House and Cafe  
568 College Highway Southwick  
9:00-1:00  
December 5th  
December 12th  
December 19th  
Shop Small and Support Local Artisans  
★ Hand-Crafted Items ★

## Small Business Saturday Continues!

We thought you would like another opportunity to purchase \$20 Daily Grind gift cards and get one free! Shop December 15 through 24 and treat everyone on your list! What a great Christmas idea, come support the Daily Grind, open from 9:00 to 3:00 Wednesday through Saturday.

# Compassion Giving Tree

*Add extra joy this Christmas as we celebrate Jesus' birth through this special opportunity to give to children in need.*

Christmas is a special time to celebrate the hope we have in Jesus! Compassion International has developed a fun and easy way to help us put our faith into action. A Compassion Giving Tree in our church allows us to choose from a variety of gift options with a range of price points, each designed to meet a practical need of a child in poverty.

Each ornament represents a donation option such as providing water filters, bathroom and hygiene supplies, Bibles for children and more.

Simply choose an ornament from the tree listing a gift you would like to give and replace it with a decorative ornament. You may either scan the QR code on the ornament or go online to [compassion.com](http://compassion.com) to make your donation. Our church will be acknowledged for all donations made.



## Celebrating Christmas at Christ Church

**A Christmas Musical Celebration  
Sunday, December 12**

**8:15, 9:15 10:15 and 11:15 services**

### **Adopt-A-Child**

**Please look for information about local children we have “adopted” through Holyoke DCF as we shop for them at Christmastime. Please return any new, unwrapped gifts you have purchased by December 19.**

### **Operation Christmas Child**

**Many thanks to all who helped make Operation Christmas Child a success!**

### **Christmas Candlelight Services**

**Thursday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 24; 7:00 p.m.,  
8:30 p.m., 10:00 p.m.**

### **Christmas Children's Service**

**Friday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.**

# Mission and Ministry December Focus

## MINISTER OF THE MONTH

### Greg Deily

This month we would like to honor Greg Deily. Greg plays the piano during the Thursday night and 8:15 services and plays for our choir. We are also honored to have Greg serve on our church council and facilitate our small group Bible studies. Greg is very wise, level headed and quite knowledgeable about the different books of the Bible he helps us explore. Please take a moment to let him know how much we appreciate what he contributes to our church.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

### Our Community Food Pantry

Most people know we are a year round drop spot for our local food pantry. How would you like to help deliver our non-perishable donations to the Southwick Community Food Pantry? We could use a couple more people to help make sure the food gets to those in need. Please speak to Kathy Elias if you'd like to join our team. Kathy can be reached at 413-569-5151, extension 15.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITY

### Springfield Rescue Mission Christmas Meals

Your neighbors in need are desperate for a hot meal, safe shelter, warm clothing for the winter months and hope of true life change—life transformation—in Christ at Christmas.

Nothing this historic ministry accomplishes could happen without your gifts and prayers, so please give generously to share nutritious meals and hope in Christ—at Christmas! Visit [springfieldrescuemission.org](http://springfieldrescuemission.org) for details.

## Online Giving

A safe, secure and convenient way to donate tithes and offerings. Go to [clcsouthwick.org](http://clcsouthwick.org) to get started!



## WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

### Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.

A unique worship experience which uses a blend of our favorite hymns and classic liturgy to offer timeless hope and inspiration.

### Sunday Morning 8:15 a.m.

An informal celebration with a traditional touch. You are invited to a relaxed atmosphere where guests and regular attenders feel right at home.

### Sunday Morning 9:15, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.

A creative, come-as-you-are celebration, using contemporary music and practical messages to present Christianity in a positive and inspiring way.

## CVC Continues!

If you've been enjoying CVC, Christ Virtual Church, don't worry, you can still watch our weekly church services online! Just look on the Christ Lutheran Church Facebook page or on [clcsouthwick.org](http://clcsouthwick.org). Invite your friends to watch, too!

This is a great way to welcome people to church, near and far!