

Christ Church Parish Life during World War II. From Christ Church Bulletins

Snapshots of Events 1941-1945

1941

Children's Annual Mardi Gras to be held at Belle Meade Theatre on February 25th
Mite Boxes to help Chinese. Turn-in on Easter afternoon at the pageant
Annual Pilgrimage to St. John's Ashwood. Each family to bring picnic lunch
Parish Picnic at the farm of James T. Granbery, Hill Road Brentwood. June 21st
Sunday Attendance Certificates awarded to 29 children, including Betty Mosby
Kindergarten Graduates numbered 18 children
Primary Graduates numbered 19 children, including Gloria Watson
Camp Gailor-Maxon to be held at Pickwick Dam. Former site taken over by army
Communion Alms Sunday June 1st to assist those in distress in the city
Recreation Room ready for Young People's Service League. Ping pong & radio
Wanted: Victrola or Radio or Both for Recreation Room
Fellowship Night in dining room of Parish House. 25 cents. Bridge instruction
V-Dance. Formal opening of new Recreation Room. After VU-Tulane Game
Second V-Dance. Cider & Cookies. Bring your own sandwiches
Young People's Forum Outing to W.D. Trabue's place near Linton
1942 Budget included St. Luke's, British Missions, Soldiers Club House Tullahoma
Coat hanger drive successful. 1,200 hangers Sell for 4 cents per dozen. For the benefit of
Soldiers' Club House in Tullahoma
Thanksgiving Day. Choral Celebration of Holy Communion at 10 o'clock

1942

Sunday Service dedicated to our men in armed forces. March 8th
Service Flag dedicated. 43 stars. Christ Church members in military. March 15th
Easter Offering to include \$500 for British Missions
Chancel Society to decorate church on Saturday before Easter
Miss Cornelia Fort to speak about Hawaii and Pearl Harbor. Monday after Easter
Prayer Minute at 6 pm daily. Suggested by Federal Council of Churches
Service men's letters of appreciation for copies of Book of Common Prayer &
Lenten Prayers. "There is no city in U.S. nicer to soldiers than Nashville."
Fellowship Night. Bridge, ping pong and gin rummy. May 4th at 7:30 pm
Intercessions for men and women in military service. Names to be read in church
Sugar Rationing. Special ration card from church office for Chapters serving food
Picnic for Youth at Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas' country home
No Camp Gailor-Maxon this summer because of gas rationing & few reservations
Centennial Celebration at St. John's Ashwood. Picnic after service. Bus will run.
Luncheon to honor Charles S. Martin Sr., Senior Warden. Noel Hotel. June 25th
Junior Choir Rehearsal moved to Sat. morning because of change in school hours
Fall enrollment in Sunday School with 317 children. 75 not yet enrolled.
Stars in Service Flag. 84 stars for Christ Church members in military service

Christ Church "Mail Bag" Clippings from Bulletins and newspapers sent to service men and women. Call Mrs. Thomas H. Malone, Jr., to volunteer to fill Bags
Sergeant Alvin York to speak at Men's Club
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Reunion. Albert Rose in charge
Christmas Pageant on Sunday December 20th at 4 o'clock

1943

Annual Parish Meeting. Men & women invited. Cost of dinner 50 cents
Call for magazines for Troop Trains
130 men and women in armed forces from Christ Church
Woman's Auxiliary meeting at Christ Church. New high with 140 in attendance
Floor of church and Parish House infected with termites. To be treated. \$900
Easter Offering \$1,410. Twice the offering in 1942
Needs: Parish House modernizing. 14 stained glass windows, completing Tower
Camp Gailor-Maxon. July 9-July 25. Cost \$18.00. Swimming, baseball, badminton
Bishop of Burma Road (Chinese Bishop) to speak at church on Sunday afternoon
New plan for Every Member Canvass. "Loyalty Sunday" on November 28th
Thirty-five confirmed by Bishop Maxon. December 12th
Christmas Pageant to be Sunday, December 19th at 4 o'clock. Cast of 35.

1944

Youth asked to collect tin cans and felt hats for Thayer Hospital (for soldiers)
Easter Monday Easter Egg Hunt. Mrs. Thomas Malone's home on Belle Meade Blvd. Prize for Golden Egg. Admission 15 cents. Bus stops at front gate.
170 men and women in armed forces from Christ Church
Annual Pilgrimage to Bishop Otey's Tomb at St. John's Ashwood and Picnic
Give to the Greek War Relief. All churches in Nashville asked to contribute
Thanksgiving Day Service. Decorations will be fruits, vegetables, canned goods which will be distributed later to those in need
Christ Church Mail Bag Committee to address cards for men & women in war
Christ Church Red Cross meets regularly at Centennial Club. Monday 9 am-3 pm
[Note: Centennial Club was then located on 8th Avenue South.]

1945

Tower and Chimes. Gifts to church. \$17,000 to complete the Tower by Payne family and Chimes for Tower by Mrs. Spence McGavock.
Russian Kits. Christ Church asked to pack 400 kits for Russians. Kit costs \$2.00
Beautiful material & yarn to make for garments for Russians. Available now.
Juke box donated for Teen Canteen by the Mr. & Mrs. William Meiers, Mrs. Stuart Booker and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Berger
Christ Church Teen Canteen. 60 young people attended
Young people at work getting club rooms ready for Uptown Club in Parish House
Rectory opened on Deer Park Circle
Young people to meet each Sunday 6 pm in Parish House dining room for supper
Support asked for Annual Rummage Sale at St. Luke's Settlement House
Nursery at Christ Church opened by Rector's Aid Society
Need for chapel in Belle Meade and for Parish House for Holy Trinity

[Note: F. Arthur Henkel, Organist and Choir Master at Christ Church, saved the Bulletins from the war years. Bulletins were mailed out very week to parishioners about worship services and church activities. Today these Bulletins, with stamped name & address for Mr. & Mrs. F A. Henkel, 1600 Linden Avenue, Nashville, are located in the Christ Church Archives and are still tied-up, with tiny string, year by year, as Mr. Henkel prepared them for storage. A review of these Bulletins has allowed us to see how involved the church was in serving men and women in the armed forces and how the life of the Parish continued during war time.]

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