## Top Ten Reasons to Visit Us

- **10.** Come as you are Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m.
- **9.** All baptized believers are welcome to take communion.
- 8. Anytime we have a parish meeting, we have one of the best pot lucks you'll ever enjoy!
- 7. Children's bulletins and coloring pages every Sunday morning because we like having kids in church!
- 6. Our Women's Guild is a force to be reckoned with!
- 5. Lovely stained glass windows!
- 4. Did we mention the pot lucks?
- **3.** Free aerobic exercise as you stand/sit/kneel during worship.
- 2. Opportunities to share your gifts and talents.

1. To celebrate the love of Jesus Christ! **Christ Episcopal Church** 136 East Gay Street Warrensburg, MO 64093 Do you have a Church home?

Are you happy in your Church?

Is the worship uplifting?

If your answer is "No"...

# The Episcopal Church Welcomes YOU



**Christ Episcopal Church** 

**136 East Gay Street** (corner of Gay and College) Warrensburg, MO 64093 (660) 429-1133 http://christepiscopalwarrensburg.org/

### WE WELCOME DIVERSITY

The message of Jesus Christ is to be shared with ALL people hungry for new and everlasting life. Ethnic, racial, and cultural differences are embraced in the love of Jesus Christ. One's education, social position, sexual orientation, poverty or wealth are not factors in sharing the Gospel and in worshipping together to the glory of God.



## TRADITION

**Christ Church is part of the Diocese of West Missouri** which has over 50 congregations. Located in the heart of Warrensburg, we began as a small number of faithful followers in 1857 who gathered to worship, then grew to an organized congregation in 1868.

The Episcopal Church is organically related to the Church of England, which was founded by missionaries in the second century and became affiliated with Rome in the sixth century. In the sixteenth century, the English Church severed its communion with Rome and was influenced and revitalized by the Protestant Reformation. The Episcopal Church came into existence as an independent denomination just after the American Revolution.

The Episcopal Church is a member province of the worldwide **Anglican Communion**, an inheritor of 2000 years of tradition dating from Jesus Christ himself when he commissioned his disciples to take the Gospel into the entire world. We are bound together by tradition, Scripture, and reason. We are made up of 109 dioceses in 17 countries with a membership of over 75 million people. We are multi-national, multi-lingual, multi-racial, and accepting of all walks of life.

### **SCRIPTURE**

#### REASON

#### We are a Traditions Church

We follow traditions handed down to us from the rich treasure of over 2,000 years of Christian experience. The Apostle's and Nicene Creeds, ancient statements of the undivided Church based on biblical truth, are our statements of faith today. Unique to Anglicanism is the Book of Common Prayer, the collection of services that all Anglicans follow. It's called "common prayer" because we all pray it together, around the world. It explains Christianity, describes the main beliefs of the Church, outlines the requirements for the sacraments, and in serves as the main guidelines of the Episcopal life according to our traditions.

Tradition is the second "leg" of our foundation.

#### We are a Bible Church

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation. The Bible is the source of our belief and moral standards.

The Bible is the first "leg" of our foundation.

EVERYONE is welcome!

#### We are a Reformed Church

Much of our individuality came from the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century. The word "Protestant" means "to witness for." The Protestant faith is to witness that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Him."

Protestantism is Christ-centered and we believe we are saved by God's grace and not by our works, giving the laity a voice in church life. Part of being a reformed church is to recognize that change is part of our continued growth into the Kingdom of Christ.

Using our God-given reason is the third "leg" of our foundation.