

This Week

at Christ Church Grosse Pointe



March 7 - 14, 2010

To Know and Live the Good News of Jesus Christ

Welcome

Welcome to Christ Church and welcome to the Third Sunday in Lent. As we find ourselves midway through this season, I thought it might be helpful to give us all a gentle reminder of the call to certain acts of discipline during this season.

One of the specific invitations made by the church is the giving of alms (money) for those in need. This year our children have been encouraged to use a Lenten Giving Calendar and Hope Chests with money collected going to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund (ERD) to support recovery work in Haiti and now Chile.

Many adults have asked me about specific ways in which they, too, can contribute to the needs of others. I encourage you first to follow your own passion for those in need. Whose needs speak to your heart? Secondly I would let you know that we are always receiving donations for ERD. This national fund supports the ongoing and emergency needs of people locally and around the world. If you would like to donate to these efforts simply mark your check "Earthquakes" and we will forward them to ERD.

May our actions during Lent serve not only as a tangible gift of love for someone in need, but also a spiritual act which will bring us into a deeper understanding of God's love for each of us through the work done on the Cross and by the Resurrection.

Peace,

The Rev. Brad Whitaker, Rector

Now and Then... Music for Oboe & Organ

A Recital to Benefit Local Charities

Dr. Eldonna May and Dr. Norah Duncan will perform a concert at Christ Church this **Friday, March 12, at 7 pm** to benefit Bound Together Detroit and the WSU Music Department Scholarship Fund. The program offers a dynamic combination of "reeds and pipes," showcasing the growth and development of instrument technology and compositional processes with respect to the oboe and pipe organ. Suggested donation: \$10/person; \$25/family.

Note to Parents

During the 9 am service, children are invited to come forward for the Gospel reading and then stay for the children's sermon. Afterwards, children ages 3 to 10 are escorted to the 2nd floor of the Education Wing where they will have their own liturgy reflecting the same portions of worship, but in terms that they understand. At the Peace, the children will re-enter the Nave and join their parents for worship. After the service, children will follow the Children's Cross out of the Nave and into their Sunday School classrooms.

Sunday School for children and youth is offered from 10:10-11 am in the Christian Education Wing as follows: "Godly Play" — ages 3-5 (B212); Primary — grades 1-3 (B112 & B213); Intermediate — grades 4-5 (B217); Middle School — grades 6-8 (Lower Level, 021); High School — grades 9-12 (Lower Level, 023).

Nursery care is available Sundays, 8:45 am - 12:45 pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

- 8, 9 and 11:15 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 10:10 am Children and Youth Formation (CEW)
- 10:10 am Adult Forum — *Prayer Writing* (U)
- 10:10 am Bible Study — *Acts of the Apostles* (B116)
- 2 pm EYC Youth Group — *Wii Rockband* (B017)
- 4:30 pm Evensong (N)

MONDAY, MARCH 8

- 10 am Stephen Ministry Leadership (David's Office)
- 5 pm Pointers Sustained (U)
- 5:30 pm Rector's Committee (B213)
- 7:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision (BL)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

- 9:30 am DOK Meeting (MH)
- 10 am Staff Meeting (B213)
- 10:30 am Stitch-N-Time (U)
- 4:30 pm Children's Choir (U)
- 5:15 pm Children's Fun & Formation (U)
- 5:45 pm Worship (N)
- 6 pm Lenten Soup Supper (U)
- 6:30 pm Purple Perspectives — *Mil Hurley* (U)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

- 5:45 pm Christ Church First (MH)
- 6:30 pm Cursillo Group (Family Room, 2nd Floor)
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting (LL-B017)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

- 10:30 am Pizza Lunch (B017)
- 2 pm Buildings and Grounds (B213)
- 6 pm Pointers Sustained (B213)
- 6:30 pm DA Meeting (B217)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

- 7 pm Benefit Recital (N)

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

- 8:30 am Worship Council Meeting (B213)
- 9 am Antiques Show Meeting (U)
- 12:15 pm Holy Dusters
- 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (B017)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

- 8, 9 and 11:15 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 10:10 am Children and Youth Formation (CEW)
- 10:10 am Adult Forum — *Faith in Art* (U)
- 10:10 am Bible Study — *Acts of the Apostles* (B116)
- 2 pm EYC Youth Group — *Pizza & Decorate the Youth Area Party* (B017)
- 4:30 pm Celtic Evensong (N)

Room Abbreviations

BL=Bicknell Library, CEW-Christian Education Wing, CR=Choir Room, LL=Lower Level, MH=Miller Hall, U=Undercroft, N=Nave

The Cloister Bookshop is open Sundays from 10:15-11:15 am.

The Third Sunday in Lent

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations

Psalms 63:1-8

- O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

- For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13:1-9

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Please join us for our services during Holy Week.

Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist
Sun., Mar. 28
8, 9 and 11:15 am

Monday in Holy Week
Mon., Mar. 29
Holy Eucharist at 7 pm in Undercroft

Tuesday in Holy Week
Tue., Mar. 30
Holy Eucharist at 7 pm
in Undercroft

Tenebrae Service
Wed., Mar. 31 at 7 pm

Maundy Thursday
Thu., Apr. 1 at 7 pm
(Prayer Vigil - 8 pm through
Apr. 2, 8 am)

Good Friday
Fri., Apr. 2
Holy Eucharist at Noon
Chorale Concert —
St. John Passion at 7 pm

Holy Saturday
Sat., Apr. 3
Holy Saturday Liturgy at 8 am
Easter Vigil Liturgy at 7 pm
(Reception following)



Easter Day
Sun., Apr. 4
Holy Eucharist at 7, 9 and 11:15 am
Flowering of the Cross at 9 am
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 am

Community Life at CCGP

WORSHIP

Celtic Evensong & Communion — Join us on **Sunday, March 14** at 4:30 pm for the heart-stirring music and rich contemplation of Celtic worship with traditional Celtic music and liturgy drawn from ancient communities such as Iona and Lindisfarne to inspire and renew our spirits.

Easter Flowers — A donation toward the flowers that beautify the church on Easter is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or to remember a special friend. The Easter leaflet will list the names of donors and those in whose memory or honor the gift is made. Use the Easter Flowers envelope in your pew to make your donation. Make checks payable to Christ Church; note "Easter Flowers" on memo line.

Prayer Vigil — As you prepare for Easter this Lent, consider spending an hour in prayer in the Garden. The Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil starts immediately after the Maundy Thursday service on April 1 (about 8 pm) and runs through Morning Prayer on Good Friday, April 2 (8 am). Sign up for an hour of praying in the Undercroft or for a three-hour shift as a "guardian angel" at the church door. If you prefer, you may pray your hour in your home, but please sign up in the foyer. We'd like to fill the garden with prayers. Contact Jean Redfield at 313.343.0741 if you have questions or would like to help.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Purple Perspectives Mission in the Marketplace — This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to join you and experience parish life at CCGP. Evening Prayer begins at 5:45 pm; Soup and Salad Supper is at 6 pm (\$3 donation). Sign up in the Undercroft to bring soup/salad for the meals during the series. Nursery care is available from 5:45-7:45 pm. (See insert for more information about our speakers.)

Adult Forum — A group from Mariners' Inn will be our guests at the Forum next **Sunday, March 14**, to discuss how art is an expression of faith. Join us at 10:10 am in the Undercroft.

Bible Study — Investigate the *Acts of the Apostles* at this weekly study which meets Sundays from 10:10-11 am in Room B116.

New Thursday Morning Bible Study — The Rev. Brad Whitaker will lead a new study group on **Thursdays from 10-11:30 am beginning April 15**. All who can are encouraged to participate. Please look

to the weekly communications for more details as they develop.

EYC — Next **Sunday, March 14, from 2 to 3:30 pm**, all middle and high school-age youth will meet at the church for Pizza & Decorate-the-Youth-Area Party.

Children and Youth Healing a Hurting World — Please pick up your Lenten Giving Calendar and Hope Chest in the Communications Center to support recovery work in Haiti and Chile through Episcopal Relief and Development. All monies collected in the mite box may be turned in to The Rev. Lisa Flores.

Baptism — Baptisms will take place at the **Easter Vigil, April 3, at 7 pm**. If you have a candidate to be baptized, contact Kay at ext. 107 or kyntema@christchurchgp.org. Baptism education is scheduled on Sat., April 3, at 9 am in the church. The next scheduled date for Baptisms is Pentecost Sunday, May 23, at the 10:15 service.

PARISH LIFE

Holy Dusters — Contrary to last weekend's announcement regarding Holy Dusters, they **WILL MEET** on **Saturday, March 13, 12 to 3 pm**. Lunch will be provided. Contact Karyn Weir at 313.886.3337 to let her know you'll attend.

ANTIQUES SHOW

Antiques Show Planning Meeting — Planning committee meetings for the Christ Church Antiques Show on June 4-6 are a fun way to get involved in planning this important annual event. The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, March 13 at 9 am** in the Undercroft. In the meantime, please visit our website at www.christchurchgp.org/antiques to learn more.

Alumni Association Inaugural Event — The Christ Church Alumni Association brings together generations of choristers whose lives have benefitted from the years of rehearsals, services and numerous travel opportunities throughout the United States and abroad at the 26th annual Antiques Show June 3-6. The weekend includes alumni participation in a choral evensong and a casual dinner at Pier Park. A brochure and registration form are available in the Communications Center.

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Christ Church needs two persons to represent us at Deanery meetings the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm and

Estate Sale

276 Mirabeau
(off Kirby
Road) in Grosse
Pointe Farms



A house-full of fine furnishings awaits you at the 6th Christ Church Estate Sale. All proceeds will be used to repair the needlepoint kneeling cushions at the communion rail and at the altar in St. Margaret's Chapel.

**Thu, Mar 18 — Preview Party,
6-8:30 pm**

**Fri-Sat, Mar 19-20 — General
Public Sale, 9 am-3 pm**

Intake hours for donations are
Wednesdays 5-8 pm and Saturdays
9-11 am. For very large donations, contact
Norah Williams at 313.886.7813 or Jack
McCormick at 313.499.1344.

six persons as delegates to the Diocesan Convention (3 delegates and 3 alternates) in October. If you would like information on the responsibilities of these positions, contact The Rev. Brad Whitaker, ext. 106 or bwhitaker@christchurchgp.org. Contact Kay Yntema-Gruner at ext. 107 or kyntema@christchurchgp.org if you are interested in representing Christ Church.

PASTORAL CARE

Alzheimer's Support Group Facilitator Training — The Michigan Alzheimer's Association is interested in starting a support group in the Pointes area and is looking for group facilitators to lead or co-lead a family support/caregiver group. A half-day training session is set for Thursday, March 18, 10 am to 1 pm in Southfield. To register, call Fr. David at ext 105.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Becoming the Household of God Conference — **Saturday, March 20** at St. John's, Royal Oak. The topic is: Body, Mind and Spirit: Health for Holy People. The Rev. Mpho Tutu, founder and executive director of the Tutu Institute for Prayer and Pilgrimage, helps us explore how stewardship is not only about time, treasure

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and talent, but is a creedal statement that we make with the whole of our being. \$35/person. Registration forms are available in the Communications Center or you may email household@edomi.org.

PRESCHOOL

The Cooperative Nursery at Christ Church (CNCC) is enrolling children for Fall 2010. Children must be 3 or 4 by December 1.

CNCC has an almost 50-year history of providing preschoolers a warm, stimulating environment where they learn through play. Parents take turns in the classroom working with our certified teachers to engage the children in socializing and having fun with a wide array of toys and learning tools. Redbirds (age 3) attend school 3 or 4 days/week, and Bluebirds (age 4) attend school 4 days/week. For more

information or to schedule a visit, contact CNCC Membership Chair Julie Schuetz (313.882.5224; jmschuetz@sbcglobal.net).

ETC — An ecumenical career networking group. Next Meeting: **Mon., Mar. 8, 7:30-8:30 am** at St. Paul's on the Lake.

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time Begins Next Sunday, March 14

Move your clocks forward by one hour before you turn in for the night on March 13 and you won't be late for church.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

NOTE: In order to keep our prayers for healing meaningful and current, we will keep names on the Prayer List for four weeks unless a longer or shorter period is requested. Please contact us regarding your prayer concerns, and also let us know if a loved one will need long-term prayer support. You may call Kay Yntema-Gruner or leave a written prayer request at the church office.

We pray for the Church:

In the Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer: St. Clement's, Inkster; Grace Church, Mt. Clemens; our sister congregation, Church of the Messiah; and Trinity Church, New Orleans and their parishioners.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: For Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and the Diocese of Hong Kong Island.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray this week for: Selden B. Daume, Jr.; Bruce and Lois Davenport; Karen Davenport; Jeannie Davis; Patricia Davis; Rev Scott and Erika Davis and son Ian.

We pray for those in active service for our country: Harry G. Constant, Jr.; Barry Crossman; Bryan Crossman; Michael Gommel; Colin Jackson; Jeff Jarrell; Bryce Kaymeier; Michael Mazzio; Ian Williams McConnell; Cameron Smith; Margaret Sweeny; Jason Tonn; Wilson Wehmeier; Frank Weisser; Ryan Worrell.

We offer prayers for: Geoff, Elise and family; Steven; Peter

Beierwaltes; Debbie Boyle; Robert Brown; Thomas Cence; B. D. Charlop; Dick Connell; Mario Cudini; Bill Cummings; Jill Curtiss; Jeannie Davis; Kyle Douglas; Diane English; Trish Erichsen; Barrie FitzSimons; Jody Foldes; Ed Gaspar; Peter Gushée; Emma Hanoian; Bill Hart; Chrissie Hooper (COM); Whitney King; Helen Kirk; John Henry Klekamp; Helen and Eddie Lawrence; Jenna Lee; John Lewis; Byron Love; Julie Lynch; David MacCulloch; John Maurer; Don & Jan McMillan; Anne Marie Miller; Helen Montie; Clare Morison; Vicki Nelson; The Rev. Margaret Sammons; St. Paul's, Macon, GA; Dick Stanley and Carol Hindle; Doreen Taylor; Emily Turner; Curl Tutag; Alice Wark; Mary Ann Whitty (COM); Tim Woodhouse; Mary Zedan; Christopher Zimmer; George Zinn.

We pray for those who are pregnant: Ann Margaret Hill; Molly Ilkhanoff; Meredith Jones; Laura Ogden; Greta Shires; Molly vandenBosch; Anna Wenzler.

We pray for those who have died: Doug Roby, Jr.

The altar flowers are given to: The Glory of God.

ASSISTING AT SERVICES

PREACHERS: 5:30 pm & 9 am – David Dieter; 8 am & 11:15 am – Brad Whitaker

ALTAR GUILD: 5:30 pm – Sally Wheeler; 8 am – Al Mackey, Nancy Nicholson, Mary Bamford; 9 am – Emily Tennyson, Harriett Whitaker, Margaret Woodford, Karen Davenport; 11:15 am – Lynnette Iannace

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 5:30 pm – Hope Hoffman; 8 am – Eldonna May; 9 am – Ed White, Polly Ledyard, Allen Ledyard, Helen Santiz; 11:15 am – Margaret Torp, Al Torp, Deb Miller

LECTORS: 9 am – Julia Oliver; 11:15 am – Martha Williams; 4:30 pm – Ray Graves

PRAYERS: 9 am – Joe Swickard; 11:15 am – Chuck Furchak

ACOLYTES: 8 am – April Minetola; 9 am – Robert Whitaker, Allison Blaine, Zachary Bowe; 11:15 am – Eric Lucander, Kate Gavagan, Christian Vallee-Smith

VERGERS: 9 am – David McCoy; 11:15 am – David Gerdis

GREETERS: 9 am – Elaine and David Yates; Peggy and Joe Maycock; 11:15 am – Carol Mengden and Bev Walsh; Anita and Ken McIntyre; 4:30 pm – Karyn Weir; Carol and Gil Gove; Mary Herring and Tim Bledsoe

USHERS: 9 am – Nancy Kominiarek, Peggy Beadle, Peggy Woodhouse, Jeff vonSchwarz, Bruce Birgbauer (Head Usher); 11:15 am – David Jones (Head Usher)

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: 10:15 am – Lisa Flores (Leader), Helen Santiz (Helper)

FLOWER ARRANGERS: Ann Eatherly, Candy Sweeny

VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY: Joe Katulic

MONDAY MORNING COUNTERS: Sue Harper, Marion Maurer

The Very Rev. Dr. David Dieter serves as Card Angel in March. Card Angels send greetings to parishioners on the anniversary of a loved one's death and to those who are in need of comfort or encouragement.

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